



The Sporting World

Hockey, Basketball, Curling, Bowling.



The Other Side of Goderich Tale Clinton's Version of the Story

Clinton, Feb. 1.—Clinton News-Record: The attendance at the hockey match a week ago Friday evening was only equalled by the capacity of the rink. Had there been room there would, no doubt, have been a couple of hundred more spectators.

The game was all contested and close, with the odds much in favor of the local team, when Wiggins, of Goderich, for being warned off the ice for foul play, abused and assaulted the referee. This was a signal for the Goderich rowdies, and about 150 of them crowded on the ice, and for half an hour pandemonium reigned. These rowdies—drunken rowdies rather—attacked the policeman with sticks. Chief Wheatley was surrounded and knocked down and so badly cut, and bruised that he has since been confined to his home. The attack upon him had every appearance of being premeditated, which makes it all the worse. It was a disgraceful scene, and another such incident will kill hockey in this district. It is up to Goderich to clear its team of the rough element and teach its rowdies that booze and bullying are not countenanced by decent people.

What Rowdies Can Do.

Clinton News-Record: Chief Wheatley, who was assaulted by a number of rowdies from Goderich on Friday evening last, is still confined to his home as the result of injuries he received. It is up to the authorities to see that officers of law are protected in the discharge of their duty—and that the aforesaid rowdies get their desserts.

"Y" Win First From the Barracks

Thirty-nine goals to 33 was the score of the long-looked-for basketball battle between the Y. M. C. A. and the Barracks teams at the armories on Saturday, and the former won. At half-time the "Y's" led by 19 to 17.

A slippery floor made many plays go awry, but the game was interesting and well contested, nevertheless.

The second contest will take place at the armories next Saturday. The line-ups were as follows:

Barracks.....Y. M. C. A.
Dunkley.....Forward.....Harvey
Gilmore.....Forward.....Skinner
Oakley.....Center.....Strauch
Hymmen.....Guard.....Wood
Davidson.....Guard.....Brook

How Jim Jeffries Reached the Top

The record of the retired heavy-weight champion of the world, James J. Jeffries, is not a long one, but is nevertheless excellent in point of worthy opponents and quick results.

The big Californian was never defeated in the prize ring, the nearest he ever came to losing being when he failed to stop Jack Munroe in a four-round exhibition at Butte, Mont.

Later he made the minor look like a skat.

Jeffries' record follows:

Year	Opponent	Result	Location
1896	Heavyweight	Color, white	
July 2	Dan Long	K	San Francisco, Cal.
1897			
April 9	T. Van Buskirk	K	San Francisco, Cal.
May 19	Henry Baker	K	San Francisco, Cal.
July 17	Gus Ruhlin	D	San Francisco, Cal.
Nov. 30	Joe Choyinski	D	San Francisco, Cal.
1898			
Feb. 23	Joe Goddard	W	Los Angeles, Cal.
March 22	Peter Jackson	W	San Francisco, Cal.
April 22	Peter Evered	W	San Francisco, Cal.
May 6	Tom Sharkey	W	San Francisco, Cal.
Aug. 5	Bob Armstrong	W	New York
1899			
June 3	Robert Fitzsimmons	K	Coney Island
Nov. 3	Tom Sharkey	W	Coney Island
1900			
April 6	Jack Finnegan	K	Detroit, Mich.
May 11	Jim Corbett	K	Coney Island
1901			
Sept. 17	Frank Griffith	W	Los Angeles, Cal.
Sept. 24	Joe Kennedy	W	Los Angeles, Cal.
Nov. 15	Gus Ruhlin	D	San Francisco, Cal.
1902			
July 25	Bob Fitzsimmons	K	San Francisco
1903			
Aug. 14	Jim Corbett	K	San Francisco
Dec. 19	Jack Munroe	*	Butte, Mont.
1904			
Aug. 26	Jack Munroe	K	San Francisco

SPECIAL MEETING EASTERN LEAGUE

Sale of Montreal Franchise Arranged for By President McCaffery.

Toronto, Jan. 1. — President J. J. McCaffery, of the Toronto ball club, has returned from Montreal, where he assisted in the disposal of the Montreal franchise to local parties.

The leading spirit among the Montreal interests is William Strachan, a wealthy soap manufacturer, and it is proposed to form a company, with a capital of \$25,000.

A special meeting of the Eastern League will be held in New York next Wednesday to ratify the sale of the franchise, which Montreal people have agreed to take over. Jersey City, which has purchased Jimmy Casey from Brooklyn, will be asked to relinquish him so that he may become manager of the Montreal club.

The league may talk of the schedule for the coming season.

Arthur Irwin Coach.

Arthur A. Irwin has signed a contract to coach the University of Pennsylvania baseball team this year. Mr. Irwin has been negotiating with the Pennsylvania management for about a month. Senator Francis A. McIlhenny, chairman of the baseball committee, representing Pennsylvania. All that is necessary to make Mr. Irwin coach at Penn is the ratification of the contract by the faculty athletic committee, which has a general supervision of all Red and Blue athletics.

Major-General Head, who was the Australian officer attached to the Japanese army during the war with Russia, saw some amusing shop signs in Tokyo—"Head-over an egg" and "Extract of Poultry" over an egg seller's, and "Ladies Furnishings" over an "Upstairs" in front of a drapers. He had a memorable twenty-four hours' railway journey in a compartment crammed with forty men, women and children. He made a resolution not to fall asleep, but he woke up in the morning, to find that a patient little Japanese lady had been supporting his head on her shoulder.

PACKEY'S PUNCH LACKS POWER

Eastern Ring Followers Say He Is Not of Championship Material.

Detroit, Feb. 1. — That Packey McFarland, the Chicago lightweight, is not a powerful hitter, was the opinion of eastern ring followers, who saw him in a six-round battle with Young Loughrey, at Philadelphia on Tuesday evening. McFarland demonstrated pretty clearly that he possessed unusual cleverness and in that particularity he outclassed his opponent rather easily. But the experts said that if McFarland had been able to hit with the power of Gans or Nelson he would have put Loughrey to sleep before the limit of the bout was reached. It was a fast fight from start to finish, and on several occasions it looked as if McFarland would score a knockout, but at these critical points the Chicago boxer weakened perceptibly. Loughrey was down for the count in the second and third rounds and went to his knees a couple of times in other rounds, but he always came back in good physical condition, and at the end was swapping punches with his clever antagonist.

In fact, when the bout ended Loughrey jumped out of the ring and ran to his dressing-room, apparently as fresh as when he started the mill. McFarland when he failed to stop Bert Keyes in Boston in a 12-round contest a couple of weeks ago also created the impression among eastern ring sharps that he was not a hard puncher, but was merely a scientific boxer with a cool head. Because of this apparent defect, therefore, it is not generally believed that McFarland is made of real championship material. Both Keyes and Loughrey are second-rate fighters, who would probably be easy marks for Gans, McFarland came east with a great reputation, but so far, the sports say, that he has not lived up to it.

While a Chaffley, England, laborer was in the act of yawning a wasp entered his mouth and stung his tongue.

PLATE ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 2

The Race for His Majesty's
Guineas Will Be Run
May 23.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—The Ontario Jockey Club yesterday announced the conditions of four stakes, to close March 2. The King's Plate is for this year, the Breeders' and Maple Leaf stakes for last year, and the Stanley Produce stakes for 1911. The events are:

King's Plate, estimated value \$5,000; for Province-bred maidens; a mile and a quarter; to be run May 23, 1908.

Breeders' stakes, \$1,000 added; for Dominion-bred and owned three-year-olds, a mile and a furlong; to be run at the spring meeting, 1909.

The Maple Leaf Stakes, \$1,000 added; for three-year-old fillies, bred and owned in Canada; a mile and a sixteenth; to be run at the spring meeting, 1909.

Stanley Produce Stakes, \$1,500 added; for foals of 1908, by subscription \$5 each for mares covered in 1907; a mile and a quarter; to be run at the spring or autumn meeting of 1911, as the Ontario Jockey Club may direct.

As it costs only \$5 to make a nomination for any of these valuable events, the response to the club's offerings by breeders and owners should be a generous one.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

O. H. A.—Intermediate.
Dunnville 3, Port Colborne 5.
E. C. H. A.
Ottawa 14, Montreal 7.

THE TANKARD FINALS

Tuesday Night Set for Finals of the Series.

Toronto, Feb. 3. — Tuesday at 9 o'clock is the time set for the finals in the Ontario tankard series. The district winners and runners-up are as follows:

Group 1—Lindsay and Newmarket.
Group 2—Paris and Niagara Falls.
Group 3—Orillia and Collingwood.
Group 4—Caledonia and Owen Sound.
Group 5—Caledonia and Owen Sound.
Group 6—Sarnia and Windsor.
Group 7—Plattsburgh and St. Marys.
Group 8—Southampton and Durham.

NEIL BADLY BEATEN

His Second Throw Up Sponge in His Fifth With Attell.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Abe Attell, of Chicago, champion featherweight pugilist of America, last night gave Frankie Neil, of this city, such an unmerciful beating that the latter's seconds, fearing serious injury, entered the ring in the thirteenth round and threw up the sponge as a token of defeat.

In the first six rounds Neil scarcely landed a blow, while Attell peppered Neil with left and right jolts and uppercuts. Only in the seventh and eighth did Neil fight Attell to any advantage.

Neil protested against the action of his seconds in throwing up the sponge.

THE PRO LEAGUE GOES UP SPOUT

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—The Upper Ottawa Valley Hockey League, made up of Renfrew, Arnprior, and Pembroke, is no more. The cancellation of last night's game with Pembroke means the disbandment of the organization, which has been in existence for a number of years.

One season and a half of high-priced hockey is all it could stand. Renfrew, who was the champion, has lost all its leads, with three victories and no losses. What the next movement will be is unknown. There is a likelihood of Ottawa Victorias arranging a series with Renfrew. Renfrew will probably stick together and play exhibition games for the rest of the season.

TREE LIFE.

Brazilian coconut palms live from 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years. Wallan's oak near Paisley, Scotland, is known to be more than 700 years old, and there are eight olive trees on the island of Olives, near Jerusalem, which are known to have been flourishing in 1009. The yews at Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, were old trees when in 1132 the abbey was built, and a redwood in Mariposa Grove, California, is a magnificent centennial. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be more than 5,000 years old, and the deciduous cypress at Chapultepec is considered to be of a still greater age. Humboldt said that the Dracena Draco at Orotava, on Tenerife, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the earth.—Dundee Advertiser.

Sporting Notes

Harry Ardagh, the former St. George hockey goal-tender, is now picking oranges in California, and inspecting "Lucky" Baldwin's new race track. Harry reports that the oranges and the track are both round and beautiful.

J. B. Hay, who recently resigned the sporting editorship of the Toronto News, will open up in business in Peterboro shortly. He will conduct a high-class bowling club in the old "opry house," and Peterboro can rely upon getting something real good from Joe.

Frank D. Woodworth, formerly of the Toronto Mail and Empire, is now attached to the sporting department of the Brooklyn Eagle. He has charge of the bowling department, and will represent the Eagle at the Cincinnati, Rochester, and Toronto tournaments.

Negroes of Pittsburgh have plans nearly completed for the organization of a national negro baseball league, to be known as the Colored National League.

It is to be an eight club league, with teams in the following cities: Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Cleveland.

RESULTS IN THE "PRO" LEAGUES

Montreal, Feb. 3.—The Montrealers were no match for Ottawa on Saturday night, and lost 14 to 7. Ottawa led by 5 to 2 at half-time. The lineup:

Montreal	Ottawa
Goal.....Finlay	Goal.....Finlay
Defender.....Taylor	Defender.....Taylor
Defender.....Westwick	Defender.....Westwick
Defender.....Walsh	Defender.....Walsh
Defender.....Harrison	Defender.....Harrison
Defender.....Phillips	Defender.....Phillips
Referee, R. Bowie	Referee, R. Bowie

No Game at Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 3.—Owing to the non-arrival of trains from Montreal yesterday, due to the storm, the scheduled hockey match between Quebec and the Shamrocks did not take place.

Brantford Defeated.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Brantford Pro's were defeated here on Saturday at the Mutual street rink by 19 to 7. The lineup:

Toronto.....Goal.....Mickus
.....Defender.....Brown
.....Defender.....Young
.....Defender.....Lalonde
.....Defender.....Morrison
.....Defender.....Ward
.....Defender.....Ridpath
.....Referee, F. C. Waghorne.

SPORTING TALK OF INTEREST

New York, Feb. 2.—A novel complaint has been made to the stewards at Oakland by Emil Herz, the well-known turf operator and former owner of Montgomery, winner of the Burns Handicap. Herz says that James Blute, trainer of R. E. Carman's big stables, has been giving him misleading information. Last Saturday, according to Herz, Blute told him that Carman's Mark Anthony II. was a "real hot" at the last evening of the day, and that this tip caused Herz to wager \$1,800 on the horse. But Herz tells the stewards that he afterward learned that Carman instead of backing Mark Anthony II. was practically left at the barrier, only to run up into third place, this handicap evidently making it impossible for the Carman horse to overtake Deutschland, who won the race.

Herz also states that he had laid his plans to bet heavily on Montgomery to win the Burns Handicap, but that Blute told him to stay off and bet on Carman's Rifleman, as the latter could not lose.

Herz admits that he followed Blute's advice in the matter against his own judgment and asks the stewards to conduct a rigid investigation. In other words Herz takes exception to the fact that Blute "touted" him off two winners, a practice that many well-known trainers have unconsciously indulged in. It has often been said that trainers know less about their own horses than anybody else. There are countless instances to show that big bettors, in asking for information from supposedly competent racehorse handlers, have been misled. In some cases the trainers have purposely handed out false information, but as a rule the tips have been based upon supposed judgment. If Herz can show that there was anything wrong with the running of the two Carman horses the stewards may take some action, but if it is merely a case of mistaken judgment the protest will probably be overruled.

Herz went broke here last year, presumably because he followed the information handed to him by Frank Brown, his trainer, but he made no kick. Carman has been betting heavily on the Coast this winter and has had more than ordinary success. He was a big winner on the local tracks in 1907. Blute, who was once in the employ of George Gould, did not attract attention as a trainer until several years ago, when he caused a mild sensation by his ability to transform cheap selling platters into stake winners. In spite of many queries as to his method he has managed to keep it a secret. Local turf speculators who heard of the story yesterday said that

PERSISTENCE OF RUSSIAN POLICE.

The persistence with which the Russian police follow up a revolutionist is illustrated in the case of Nicholas Tschelakovsky, who, a short time ago, was arrested at St. Petersburg. Tschelakovsky was the founder of the first revolutionary circle in St. Petersburg, during the reign of Alexander II. He was arrested in 1895 and was to have been sent to Siberia, but he escaped and went to England, where he lived for ever since, aiding the patriots as well as he could from such a distance. Some months ago he visited the United States in the interest of the patriotic movement in Russia. After his return to England he became convinced that it was his duty to return to Russia to work for the cause. He entered the Russian border, but he was taken into custody. It is feared that he will now either be put to death or exiled to Siberia. The old patriot's misfortune has excited pity for him among all friends of liberty.—Leslie's Weekly.

SOME TALES OF THE DRIVERS

Geers and Other Famous
Trainers Noted for
Sobriety, Etc.

Buffalo, Feb. 2.—If there is one place more than another where the drinking of hard and spirituous liquors does not "go" that place is the trotting turf. Sobriety all the year round is the watchword, and so far as the trainers and drivers are concerned they are, practically to a man, prohibitionists.

Begin with Geers, who may be taken, one way and another, as the foremost man in the business. Mr. Geers does not use liquor—never did. He was brought up by Godfearing parents, was naturally a quiet, shy boy, always looking to keep away from trouble, and yet if it came he could meet it—or at least be ready, as he demonstrated when a mere child by arming himself with a claspknife and going forth to pass a certain point at which, on previous occasions, a big dog had stamped him. Thinking the matter over the lad decided he was not to be bossed by a dog, no matter how big he was, and that led to his marching up to the scene of previous scares, knife in hand. His bravery cowed the dog.

The only time Geers deliberately ran into a man on the race track occurred right at the outset of his career, many years ago, and way down south. A local driver of the bullying sort had taken the youth all over the track during several heats of a race, and finally was notified that one more foul drive would result in a collision. The man persisted; into him went Geers' horse, sulky, and all, and there was a mixup and a tearing apart of sulkeys that made the crowd hold its breath. Geers was right, and he knew it, and it was the last time he had occasion to assert himself in that way. "I could race horses with Geers without any judges in the stand," a driver once said, which shows how he stands with his fellows.

Geers in the matter of appetite, has two weaknesses—mild cigars and ice cream. It would be hard to tell how many cigars he smokes during the long days of the training season, when he keeps sixty to eighty miles in the sulky before dawn and dark, and about the only time "Pop" really loosens up in conversation is in the evening after a few bowls of ice cream and a cigar have melted him. Geers will not work a horse on Sunday unless the animal's race comes so it is absolutely necessary to give it some "blow out" miles that day. He uses no coarse or profane language, "doggone" being his usual expletive when the occasion calls for emphasis, and in every way he is the most delightful companion to a man who loves horses that can be imagined.

The great drivers who preceded Geers were likewise total abstainers. Dobie, Turner, Hickok, and Splan being notable examples. Not one of them uses liquor. Splan and Hickok did not smoke, but it took a box of high-priced cigars every three days to keep Dobie going, and Turner liked a fragrant weed. He was frugal, however, even in his luxuries, and carried his economies into every branch of his business, with the result that his patrons benefited when the expense bills came around. Edwin Thorne, a Quaker of Dutchess County, N. Y., a man who had plenty of money, once told me that he had campaigned horses in the stables of all the prominent trainers of the day, and that it cost far less with Turner than with any other.

On the other hand, some trainers drive customers away by their excessive and foolish charges. I know of one man who found in the account rendered by an eminent reinsman an item calling for cash on account of the time spent by the driver "superintending the shoeing of ——" That, however, was the limit. It is usually conceded that in the shoeing department of a trotter's career the blacksmith is perfectly able to put down all that is coming to him, and for the benefit of the uninitiated it may be said the shoer's grand total shoe's charge for a set of plain shoes is \$5.

When it comes to the fancy work designed to correct faults of gait the prices soar, and I knew of one driver who was taxed \$15 by a gentleman wearing a leather apron for shoeing a trotter on the eve of an important race. Every prominent trainer takes along his own blacksmith, paying him by the month, and some of the nail drivers draw salaries during the summer akin to that of a prima donna.

LITERATURE AND LIFE.

We even number among our acquaintance certain average men and women who insist that the novel bores them. These persons—and there are many such—are not of those who entertain the popular fallacy that a thing is "literature" simply because it gets itself printed between book covers, and that the work of the reporter on the daily newspaper is beneath their respectful notice. With Balzac behind us, we ourselves are not ashamed to avow that the shabby drama of Broadway and the sorry romance of the "best seller" not infrequently pale

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

CITY LEAGUE HOCKEY TONIGHT. Western University and the Hermites start the fun, and the Waterloos and St. Johns conclude the bill of fare.

Owing to business outside the city, Archie McMahon will not referee tonight's contests. At the time of writing no one else had been selected.

MR. FRED BOLE, WHO RECENTLY PUT THE LONDONERS THROUGH GOOD PRACTICE, with the result that they have improved wonderfully in combination play, is as modest as his clever brother Davy.

"I haven't done much for the boys yet," he said this morning, "but if they want me to, I will stick out the season with them and do what I can to help them."

The elder Bole, like Davy, learned to play hockey where they turn 'em out—Winnipeg—and he knows the game to a dot. Under his coaching the improvement should be marked.

BILLY FULTON'S GALLANT RINK is becoming famous as barnstormers. Apparently it doesn't matter whether the games take place at home or out of town. The result is always the same—the locals win.

At the present rate of going the champions will have enough tinware stowed away by the time the season closes to start a boiler factory.

THE AMATEUR BOXING MOVEMENT IS STILL UNDER WAY and promises to be successful. There is apparently no reason in the world why the citizens of this city should not be accorded the same privileges of witnessing clean, harmless bouts, as well as those of Toronto, Hamilton and every other Canadian city.

Every prominent businessman in the city that has been approached, has expressed himself as being in favor of the movement.

Up-to-Date Bowling Dictionary

Split—What a bowler does when the pins do the same thing.

Poodle—A long-eared, brown-haired ball that prefers to roll in the gutter.

Double—Used when a bowler gets two bowling strikes, not baseball strikes.

Cleaning—Denoting the intended action of the bowler toward the dirty and smutty splits.

Turkey—Denoting three strikes, but shows that the bowler, instead of going out, is just coming in.

Spare—What the bowler mercifully does to the pins, although in his bowler's heart he wants to kill 'em all. Some of the pins are left up.

Strike—The exact antithesis of the meaning of the same word in the baseball language. In this instance it means that instead of missing the bowler hits everything he wants to hit.

Blow—What would bowlers do to spares, meaning that they miss the pins left standing. Corresponds to fizzle in golf, strike in baseball, fumble in football, unintentional feint in boxing, and unusual puntkicks in every other sport.

SCHEDULE OF WEEK'S O. H. A. GAMES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Port Perry at Toronto Rowing Club. Simcoe at Niagara Falls. Dunnville at Welland. Grimsby at St. Catharines.	Barrie at Gravelhurst. Victoria Harbor at Midland. Brantford at Paris.	Preston at Seaford. Lindsay at Brockville. Simcoe at Upper Canada.	Seaford at Preston. St. Michael's College at Parkdale, at 8 p.m. Island A. A. A. at Corticeil.	Stratford at Galt. Brockville at Lindsay. Dunnville at Niagara Falls. St. Catharines at Hamilton. Ingersoll at London.	Markham at Upper Canada. Kingston at Parkdale.

A REMINDER.

At home stations the private soldier's washing is usually done by the married soldiers' wives, who are expected to sew on missing buttons and do little repairs, for which a small sum is deducted from the private's pay.

Private McGinnis had a great deal of trouble with his laundress. Saturday after Saturday had his shirt come back with the neck button off or else hanging by a single thread. He had spoken to her on the subject, and she had promised to see after it, but still the button was not on properly.

He got out of patience one Sunday, when the missing button made him late for parade, and exclaimed, "Bad 'cess to the woman; I'll give her a hint this time, anyhow." He took the lid of his tin blacking box—about three inches in diameter—punched two holes in it with his fork, and then tied it on the neck of the shirt that was next to be washed.

Next Saturday, when his washing came back, the whole room gathered round him to see if she had taken the hint; she had—she had made a button-hole to fit it!—TIT-BITS.

At the express invitation of the Queen of Roumania, J. W. Lawson, a blind man, 30 years old, living in Leeds, England, is going to Bucharest to act as instructor in cabinetmaking in the settlement of the blind which the good queen is establishing there.

A South African newspaper contains descriptions of the successful 18,000-acre irrigated farm of Dr. Eduardo Saldanha. The plantation, on which is being planted thousands of tropical and temperate zone fruits, is situated on the banks of the Umbeluzi River, near the Swaziland railway.

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