MANDATE OF THE MAGNATES

The U. S. Nationals Decide on a Twelve-Club League.

Andes Won the \$2,000 Derby Stakes at New Orleans.

Annual Meeting of the Canadian Rugby Union-Turf Events-Other Sporting Matters.

BASEBALL.

A TWELVE-CLUB LEAGUE.

New York, Dec. 19 .- After a series of sessions, the baseball magnates representing the twelve clubs in the National League concluded their annual meeting on Saturday night, and adjourned to meet again on the last Tuesday of February, which is the date of the schedule meeting. It was decided that a twelve-club schedule, calling for 154 games, should be arranged for next season. While the instructions to the secretary and Mr. Whitehead ostensibly indicate that the playing schedule has been arranged, and that the league will consist of twelve clubs during the seacon of '99, there are many persons who claim to have an inside knowledge of the state of affairs who believe that underlying all this there is a welldefined scheme to reduce the league to eight clubs. A twelve-olub league has been found to be too unwieldly, and it is the consensus of opinion that an eight-club league is essential for numerous reasons.

The Philadelphia gate receipts controversy was taken up again Saturday, but as there was no chance of a unanimous vote being cast in deference to it, the matter was laid over until the February conclave. No league clubs will be allowed to play exhibitio games during the coming season, and a motion made by President Hart, of Chicago, to prevent them playing such games before and after the season, was nega-At a special meeting of the pard of directors the Cincinnati club was ordered to refund a fine of \$25 to Catcher Peitz. After the meeting of the league had been concluded the new board of arbitrators met and took action on a number of appeals.

The petition of the Eastern League

for territorial rights for the Newark, J., club was opposed by President E. G. Burrow, of the Atlantic League. The petition was refused, and the Newark club was instructed that it must remain in the Atlantic League.

GROUNDERS. Manager Tom Burns, of the Chicago team, and Outfielder Billy Keeler, of Baltimore-Brooklyn, have been minging with the magnates at the New York meeting, and attracting general ittention because they neither drink por smoke.

The Eastern and Atlantic League tangle has been straightened out to some extent by the exchange of fran-chises, Hartford taking a berth in the Eastern League, while Wilkesbarre will fill the place made vacant by Hartford in the Atlantic League.

TURF RESULTS AT INGLESIDE. San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Weather clear, track heavy at Ingleside Satur-

First race, 6 furlongs-Horton 1, Casdale 2. Olinthus 3. Time, 1:161/2 Second race, 1 mile—Prince Blazes 1, Tom Calvert 2, Elidad 3. Time, 1:46. Third race, hurdle, handicap, over five hurdles, 1½ miles—Granger 1, Major 6. 2, William O'B. 3. Time, 2:10.

Fourth race, Hobart stakes, 1 mile-Napamax 1, San Venado 2, Morellito 3. Time, 2:111/4. Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles-Morinel 1,

Imp. Mistral II. 2, Don Quixote 3. Time, Sixth race, 5 furlongs—Jinks 1, Rey Hooker 2, Earl Islington 3. Time, 1:03%.

THE SOUTHERN DERBY. New Orleans, Dec. 19 .- The preliminary Derby handicap at 6 furlongs, and valued at \$2,000, was the star number

of Saturday's card and the richest prize of the meeting thus far. Its starters made the best field of 2-year-olds that ever faced a starter here, and yet the race was far from satisfactory. James Arthur's Andes, to whom the talent refused to concede a chance, though the stable commission shortened his price from 7 to 5, landed the money. Sum-First race, 6 furlongs-Opaque 1, Sim

W. 2, Diggs 3. Time, 1:15½. Second race, selling, 7 furlongs—Protus 1, Applejack 2, Annie Taylor 8. Time, 1:381/2. Third race, 11/4 miles-Milwaukee 1,

Rockwood 2, The Winner 3. Time, Fourth race, preliminary Derby, 6 furlongs-Andes 1, Frank Bell 2, Freak

Time, 1:15%. Fifth race, 11/4 miles, selling-Double Dummy 1, Egbart 2, Babe Fields 3. Time, 2:131/2. PHI SOLD FOR \$1,250.

Chicago, Dec. 19.-C. W. Marks, of Joe Patchen fame, bought Phenol (2:07%), at the Spal-Newgass sale on Friday, for \$1,250, paying the highest price of the day, and adding another to his great string of pacers. Shadeland

Norwood (2:1314) was purchased by W. G. Long, of Pittsburg, for \$800. FOOTBALL.

MEETING OF THE C. R. U. Toronto, Dec. 19.-The annual meet-



ing of the Canadian Rugby Union was held here Saturday afternoon, at which President Edward Bayly presided. President John Inkster, of the I. R.

U., claimed the intermediate champion-ship for 'Varsity's second team, but this was not allowed, as they had refused to play off on a certain date. The Britannias of Montreal were unanimously intermediate champions.

The following motion was unanimously carried: That the secretary be instructed to write to the secretary of the A. A. A. of C. stating that we thank them for their efforts in protecting the amateur ranks, but that we desire to say that their action, in declaring our president, Mr. Bayly, a professional, is an interference that we consider beyond their jurisdiction, seeing that some two years ago the C. R. U. refused to become members of the A. A. A. of C. This was followed by the reading of the treasurer's report, which shows the union to have a balance on hand of \$165. Mr. John Inkster, on behalf of the

Intercollegiate Union, withdrew from the Canadian Union. amendments proposed by the committee, when the following ones recommended in the executive range of the same of th adopted: The union will draw up a schedule not later than June of each year. The gate receipts, after all expenses have been paid, will be divided into five equal parts, two to each club and one to the union. That the C. R. U. enter into an agreement with all recognized associations in regard to the recognizing suspensions for profes-

sionalism. that now, according to the rules, a player who is expelled by any district union shall not be allowed to play in any of the other unions in afflication with the Canadian union, until his suspension be raised at a general meeting. The following amendments carried, so pension be raised at a general meeting of the Canadian union. Mr. Claxton's motion to amend the rules so that teams cannot use mass play carried. The election of officers resulted as

follows: President, J. F. Savage, Montreal; vice-president, A. B. Ford, Kingston; secretary-treasurer, O. J. Claxton, Montreal. It was resolved that the champion teams be presented with trophies. The itannias, the intermediate champions,

h 'e written, asking for money instead of a trophy, as this would go to buying photographs of the team. HOCKEY. The first game of hockey at Waterloo

this season was a match played Saturday between the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Berlin, and a seven from the Waterloo banks, the Molsons and the Commerce. The score ended 5 to 4 in favor of the Waterloo banks. CURLING.

Windsor rinks bear Detroit on Friday by three stones.

Thamesville and Ridgetown engaged in a friendly game the other night, two rinks a side, resulting in a victory for

Ridgetown, 27 to 20. FESTIC. At Toronto on Saturday, Jack Bennett, of McKeesport, Pa., and Eddie Connolly, of St. John, N. B., boxed a 15 round draw at catch weights before the Crescent Athletic Club. Most people thought Connolly had the better of it. In the preliminaries Andy Ward, of Sarnia, got a decision over Teanny Gallagher, of Houston, Texas, Danny Gallagher, of Houston, Texas, after six rounds of fighting.

It is reported at San Francisco that James G. Jeffries, the Los Angeles heavy-weight, has agreed to meet Jas. J. Corbett some time in February in that city.

NOTES OF SPORTS. J. Byron Scott, of New York, beat Alex. Taylor, of Chicago, 300 to 295, in the final game for the class B amateur

billiard championship. Lew Whistler has been engaged manager and captain of the Syracuse Stars. Whistler was very successful with his Springfield team last season. Ed Dunkhorst, who meets Joe Choyn-ski in Chicago tonight, has hands like a ham. No ready-made gloves could be procured to fit him, so a pair had to be made for the occasion.

TRIGGER. MELROSE RIFLE CLUB'S ANNUAL

REPORT. Melrose Rifle Club held its annual meeting on Dec. 13, the members taking an active interest in the proceedings. The financial condition of the club is sound, and the auditor's report was unanimously accepted. The board of officers elected were: President dent, James H. Challoner; vice-presi-David Steinhoff; secretary, Edward J. Shaw; treasurer, John K. Morris. Below will be seen some of individual scores respectively

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James Harrison			634
Jas. A. Clare	15 950		633
Jas. K. Morris	21 1,305	2,100	621
Jas. H. Challoner	24 1,456	2,400	606
Wm. Robinson	5 278	500	556
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Bert Robinson	4 126	400	219
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Death of Baron Ferdinand J. De Rothschild, M. P.

DLIGHTED.

London, Dec. 17.—Newspapers here announce that Lieut. Harrington, the British military representative Abyssinia, recently communicated to the Negus Menelik a phonographic message of friendship from Queen Victoria. The negus was delighted,

London, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, M.P., is dead. Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild was the second son of the late Baron Alphonse de Rothschild. He married his cousin Evelina, sister of the first Lord Rothschild. He was a member of parliament in the Unionist interest for Aylesbury. The late baron was an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales, the injury to whose knee oc-

A PROSCRIBED BOOK.

Paris, Dec. 17.-The committee supervising the purchase of books for public libraries have decided to buy 200 copies of "Army Against Nation," the author of which was prosecuted for attacking the army. An exciting debate took place in the Chamber of Deputies over the matter.

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS.

London, Dec. 17.-A special dispatch from Rock Island, Illinois, says F. W. Goulder, of that city, claims to be in possession of evidence that will substantiate the claims of Mrs. Annie Maria Druce, that her son is the rightful Duke of Portland. The trial of this celebrated case will be held in the House of Lords next March. Goulder says he ha been offered £500 by Mrs. Druce to to England and omises to reward testify. She also him liberally should she be victorious. Goulder says he was a nurse in the London Asylum in which Thomas C. Druce died, and that Druce was registered as Dr. Harper. He also claims to have information concerning Druce's domestic life.

THE PRINCE CONSORT'S DEATH. The anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, who died Dec. 14, 1861, was scrupulously observed on Wednesday. The memorial service at the Frogmore mausoleum was attended by the Queen, the Princes of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York and the entire royal family, each member placing a wreath on Prince Albert's sarcophagus.

TO AVOID VACCINATION. The new law enabling conscientious objectors to escape vaccination by making a statutory declaration, has been widely availed of throughout the country and is causing serious misgivings and strong protests from the press. Thousands of children have thus been exempted from vaccination. Sir Richard Thorne, the principal medical officer to the local government board, in his official report on vaccination during the past year, announces that one-third of the children in England and Wales have escaped vaccination. He concludes with remarking: "The country is being prepared for widespread epidemics of smallpox such as are unknown to the present generation." It is suggested, in order to counteract the anti-vaccinationists, that insurance companies refuse to issue policies to unvaccinated people. SOCIETY THEATRICALS.

Princess Louise (the Marchioness of Lorne) has promoted a matinee per-formance, to take place next Monday at the Strand Theater in aid of the East End Mothers' Home. In addition to the leading actors and actresses, the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Yarmouth and Lady Greville are billed to appear.

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