

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 scheduled 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 season 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 well-defined scheme to reduce the league to eight clubs. A twelve-club league has been found to be too unwieldy, 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 reference to it, the matter was laid over until the February convocation. No league clubs will be allowed to play exhibition games during the coming season, as was made known by President Hart, of Chicago, to prevent them playing such games before and after the season, was negated. At a special meeting of the board of directors the Cincinnati club was ordered to refund a fine of \$5 to the 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, N. 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 mingling with the magnates at the New York meeting, and attracting general attention because they neither drink nor smoke.

The Eastern and Atlantic League tangle has been straightened out to some extent by the exchange of franchises. 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 Saturday.

First race, 6 furlongs—Horton 1, Casdale 2, Olinthus 3. Time, 1:16 1/2.

Second race, 1 mile—Prince Blazes 1, Tom Calvert 2, Eldad 3. Time, 1:46.

Third race, hurdle, handicap, over five hurdles, 1 1/4 miles—Granger 1, Major 2, William O.B. 3. Time, 2:10.

Fourth race, Hobart stakes, 1 mile—Napamox 1, San Venado 2, Morellito 3. Time, 2:11 1/2.

Fifth race, 1 1/16 miles—Morinel 1, Imp. Mistral II 2, Don Quixote 3. Time, 1:52 1/2.

Sixth race, 5 furlongs—Jinks 1, Rey Hooker 2, Earl Islington 3. Time, 1:03 1/2.

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. Summary:

First race, 6 furlongs—Opaque 1, Sim W. 2, Digge 3. Time, 1:15 1/2.

Second race, 1 mile—Proctor 1, Applejack 2, Annie Taylor 3. Time, 1:38 1/2.

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PHILADELPHIA SOLD FOR \$125,000.

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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.

Next came the arguments over the amendments proposed by the committee, when the following ones were recommended: 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 recognizing suspensions for professionalism.

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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 Britannias, the intermediate champions, have 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 beat Detroit on Friday by three stones.

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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 as manager and captain of the Syracuse Stars, which was very successful.

Ed Dunkhorst, who meets Joe Choynecki 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 held its annual meeting on Dec. 18, 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, James H. Chalmers; vice-president, David Steinhoff; secretary, Edward J. Shaw; treasurer, John K. Morris. Below will be seen some of the individual scores respectively made:

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London, Dec. 17.—Newspapers here announce that Lieut. Harrington, the British military representative in Abyssinia, recently communicated to the Negus Menelik a photographic message of friendship from Queen Victoria. The negus was delighted, and ordered that an artillery salute be fired in honor of her majesty.

BARON ROTHSCHILD DEAD.

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 occurred during a visit to the baron's was a lavish host, and entertained the Queen in 1890. His death was sudden. It was supposed he was only suffering from a severe cold.

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 government. 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, the Duke of Portland, died in the trial of this celebrated case will be held in the House of Lords next March.

Goulder says he has been offered £500 by Mrs. Druce to go to England and testify. She also promises to reward him liberally should he 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, 1841, was a subject of discussion 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 escaped 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, insurance companies refuse to issue policies to unvaccinated people.

SOCIETY THEATRICALS.

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

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, which ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. I bought a bottle and gave great relief."

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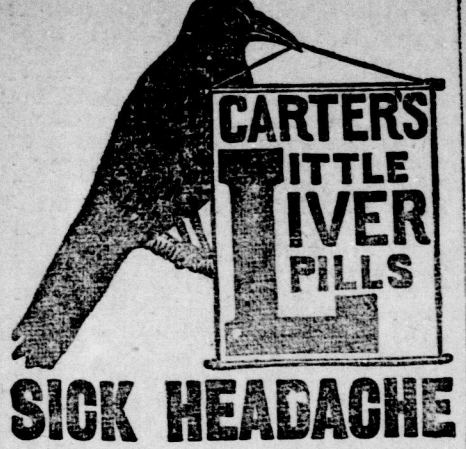
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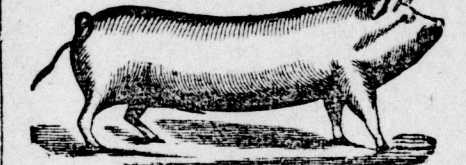
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