

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Gossip and Comment

Mr. A. H. Eckford, of High River, Alberta, will race a few horses on the prairie circuit this season. Harry McDonald, the wrestler, will take the good mare Aywater out there for him, and will train the horses. Mrs. Eckford was Miss Hendrie, of Hamilton, and will naturally take as much interest in the sport as does Mr. Eckford.

Tim O'Rourke picks Shrub to win the match race at New York to-night. St. Yves is a 7 to 1 favorite.

Charlie Conkle is threatened with rheumatism, and may have to retire from the wrestling game. He was attacked at Buffalo on Thursday, and was attended by three doctors. He wrestled at Oswego last night, however, and won his bout.

Sol Mintz is making good as a time-keeper. There are two things, at least, that Sol can do exceedingly well—keep time and keep secrets.

A Milwaukee baseball writer has embroiled the local golfers and baseball bugs in a fight over the ownership of the word "pill" as applied to the two games, baseball and golf. The golfers at a meeting sent an ultimatum to the unfortunate sporting writer who used the word "pill" in describing a game of baseball, demanding he forthwith discontinue the use of this word, except as applied to golf. The baseball fans claim the word may be applied to baseball. This angered the golfers, and now a state of armed neutrality exists pending the future conduct of the newspaper man.

Toronto Telegram: Will there be racing at Dufferin Park this spring? Will the O. J. C. finish enough cast-offs to make a little money the wise ones may lose a little money the Yankee bookies may have left them? These are questions that only the early June days can answer. But from here it looks likely that there will be something doing. There's a big Yankee invasion billed for this spring and enough of the undesirable element of the racing world will escape the immigration officers at the frontier to make trouble of some kind.

R. E. Walker, the successful South African Olympic runner, is continuing to cut records at home, and great interest will attach to his projected visit this summer to England, the United States and Canada. Walker has resisted offers to turn professional, one syndicate tempting him with \$52,500 and expenses for a three years' tour.

WOODSTOCK TEAM BEATEN.

The Woodstock basketball team was defeated in the local Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night by the Dundas, the score being 30 to 17. The officials were Ed. Buscombe, of Woodstock, and Thos. Ross, City. In the curtain raiser the Central School team defeated the Whirlwinds by a score of 22 to 16. Jack Deane was referee.

Jack Thoney's arm is now said to have gone back on him, which, with his physical disability, makes him a real subject for the hospital. He is quite unable to get into the game for Boston.

Engle, the Highlander's new fielder, won a home at once, likewise a pair of shoes. Any man who hits for seven bases in one game will not have to be a stick of dynamite with him in order to break into fast company.

J. W. Smiley, a native of Kentucky, and who gives his address as 121 John Street, was arrested in Toronto by Detectives Wallace and Tipton, on charges of fraud in the issuing of worthless cheques on the Royal Bank's Elk Lake branch, to W. E. Baldwin and J. D. Reason, insurance men of Toronto.



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SOME GOOD WRESTLING

Amateur Bouts in the Drill Hall.

Army M. C. Held a Tournament.

Conkle Defeated Kaiser at Oswego.

The first annual boxing and wrestling tournament under the auspices of the Army Medical Corps took place in the old drill hall last night. The bouts, it was announced, were under C. A. A. U. sanction, and were for the city amateur championships. A fair sized crowd was present, and some good sport, particularly in the wrestling line, was seen. Hamilton, Toronto, Brantford and Dundas were the places represented in the tourney. Hamilton did well in the mat events, winning five of them, but the Toronto lads made the best showing with the mits. The biggest surprise to the wrestling fans was the defeat of Sam Zeller in the heavyweight wrestling class by Albert Brown, of Brantford. The visitor scored a fall in two and a half minutes. Zeller was hurt and he quit. A limit of fifteen minutes was placed on all the mat events. In the 125-pound wrestling class Chic Sheridan and Jack Berlinghoff were to have met. Sheridan appeared in the ring well oiled, and Berlinghoff made a protest. The referee ordered Sheridan to have the oil removed, and he declined. Berlinghoff was then given the decision. Berlinghoff was anxious to wrestle, and he was added to the 135-pound class, meeting Theo Demis, a Greek. He scored two falls in rapid succession.

The best boxing event of the night was between Crompton, Toronto, and J. Hammond, of the H. S. P. C. Crompton appeared to have an advantage in weight, but Hammond had a good left swing and jab, which he worked effectively. At the end of the third round the judges were undecided, and an extra round was ordered. Honors were even, and it was declared a draw.

Following is a summary of the events:

Wrestling.
105 pounds—C. Daniels, Hamilton, won from Chandler, Hamilton; first fall.
115 pounds—McDonald, Hamilton, got the decision over (arte, Hamilton; no falls.

135 pounds—Laing, Hamilton, won from Hendren, Toronto; two falls in seven minutes. Finmark, Toronto, won from Jacobs, Toronto; two falls in 14 minutes. Berlinghoff, Hamilton, won from Demis, Hamilton; two falls in five minutes.

145 pounds—Britton, Hamilton, won from Joe Newton, Hamilton; one fall in nine minutes.

Heavyweight—Brown, Brantford, won from Zeller, Hamilton; one fall in two and a half minutes.

Boxing.
105 pounds—Judge, Toronto, won from Chevalier, Hamilton, in the second round.

125 pounds—Charlie Christie, Toronto, got the decision over Larmer, Dundas; Western, Toronto, won from Wall, Hamilton, in the third round.

115 pounds—Needham, Hamilton, defeated Jones, Hamilton.

135 pounds—Crompton, Toronto, and Hammond, Hamilton, boxed four rounds, draw.

The officials were: Referee, Billy Carroll; umpires, L. Robinson and E. Chapman (Toronto); timer, Sol Mintz.

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CONKLE'S DECISION.
Oswego, April 24.—Charles Conkle, of Hamilton, Ont., was last night awarded the decision over Charles Kaiser, of Oswego.

BOXING IS NOT FIGHTING.
New York, April 26.—Magistrate Butts to-day discharged the men who had been brought before him under the section of the penal code which requires a magistrate to commit persons who are about to violate a law. The crucial point in the case, said the magistrate, was whether an admission fee was charged. The assessment of members he did not consider charging an admission fee. The

magistrate found that the club was properly chartered. This, he ruled, was to be a sporting contest, an exhibition of skill, and not cruel and inhuman punishment inflicted with almost bare knuckles, and no law would be violated.

HOT SHOT FOR JEFF.
New York, April 24.—Stanley Ketchel has practically decided to relinquish his claims to the middleweight championship of the world. He won the title when he knocked out Bill Papke in California last year and successfully defended it in the recent bout with Jack O'Brien. For the latter will Ketchel found it a hard task to make the middleweight limit of 158 pounds, and since then he has taken on so much weight that he is inclined to the belief that he can never reduce to that figure again. In fact, Ketchel, now that he is matched with Jack Johnson for a twenty-round bout at Colma next October, has started to build up.

Ketchel does not believe that Johnson will refuse to fight him and also forfeit \$5,000, which is in the hands of a stakeholder.

Ketchel says that he will collect the negro's \$5,000 if the latter fails to appear in the ring on Oct. 12, but that he sincerely hopes that Johnson will keep faith with him.

In addition to the Kelly-Papke fight on May 15, Coforth has arranged a number of star bouts for his Colma arena. Batting Nelson and Dick Hyland will meet in a 45-round bout there on May 25. Then Johnny Coulson and Monte Atwell will fight for the bantamweight championship of the world in 115 pounds on June 12. Nelson and McFarland are matched for 45 rounds on July 5.

Sam Langford has accepted an offer of a \$10,000 purse made by Promoter McCarey, of Los Angeles, for a ten-round bout with Ketchel, to be decided next July.

Langford says he will agree to any reasonable terms.

FOR THE YOUNG AMATEURS

This day week will see the opening of the amateur baseball season in this city, and judging by the enthusiasm shown already the coming summer promises to be most pleasant for the young fans. The season will be well worth while with these leagues going.

While the opening ceremonies will not be on such elaborate scale as in the big leagues the scene that will be enacted will be imposing. Every baseball fan in the city will be out to root for their favorite team. The parades of the different teams to the baseball diamond will give one a faint idea of the opening of the big leagues. The meeting of the rival admirers of the teams causes much excitement. Then comes the "grand march," headed by a rube band and the mascot looking spick and span, the teams in their new uniforms, and the important looking and feeling umpire—this forms the impressive parade. Then a distinguished visitor makes a speech and pitches the first ball and then ump says "play," and everybody is happy.

These scenes will be seen in a small scale all over the city next Saturday. Every boy fan since the snow disappeared has availed himself of every opportunity to practice. On the street corners and in the vacant lots the boys have been doing light work with the baseball—working out their arms and wielding the willow.

The main drawback has been the weather, and while it has been considerably cooler than during previous springs, the players feel none the worse of it.

The games played this year will be more interesting than ever. The calibre of ball played is much better than many people imagine, and those who see the games will be surprised at the form of the lads. Last year the games were close and in some instances the teams were forced to play extra innings to decide supremacy, and this year there is no doubt, as the teams are more evenly balanced. What is wanted to make games interesting is rivalry, and the arguments put by the teams are certainly interesting. Nearly all the athletes in the city are taking part, representing them in these leagues, and every Saturday afternoon games are played in the different diamonds.

One of the greatest drawbacks to amateur baseball in this city is lack of play grounds. Recently there was enough room in the different parts of the city, but lately, through the increase in buildings, many of the favorite spots are no longer available, and promoters find much difficulty in securing grounds. "Fearman's" field, in the southeast part of the city satisfied the demands of scores of boys, and was a suitable place could hardly be found to train on, but the city officials interfered by covering the ground with stone, leaving only a small spot to play on. Cotter's field on the mountain has been secured for soccer, and the Mountain View Park is not yet available. There is a spot in the heart of Westview street, but unless some good-natured person fixes up diamonds that field will not do. The Victoria Park, in the west end, is a fine place, while in the north end, the city lot is large enough but needs considerable fixing up. In the east end Woodland Park is too small. The new Maple Leaf Park is going to lay out diamonds for two games each Saturday and these should attract large crowds. Mr. Robertson, the genial manager, completed arrangements with the executive of the Intermediate City League, and agreed to supply balls and officials for the games.

The teams that composed the Junior League last year will graduate into the Intermediate League. This step upwards will be watched with much interest by a large number. The Baysides and Keystones are the teams that are going to play in the Intermediate League. The Quicksteps, formerly of Junior City League, have disorganized and St. Patrick's will enter the Church League. The Alerts and Broadviews are well-known in this league, the former having won the pennant last year. The Barristers will have a colored pitcher. The 91st Highlanders are likely winners. Crown Point will be represented by the Maple Leafs. These teams should provide some classy ball at Maple Leaf Park.

In the Victoria Park League there will be a few changes. The Ascensions, champions of the Church League last year, have changed their name to the Senecas, and they will play in the Park League. The St. Georges have found a new name and hereafter will be known as the Wanderers. The Royal Canadians, Erskines and Victorias are the other teams in this league.

These teams are about even and it is certain that there will be some stiff arguments in these leagues and they all have a large number of followers. No doubt there will be some warm clashes. Once upon a time Coktown was a prominent figure in all the leagues, and there was an abundance of good material available, but things have changed.

Mr. DeCew, who has worked hard to promote the sport, is forming the church league. He is interesting all the church clubs in his scheme, and indications are that the church league will be strong. The trouble is in securing grounds, and there is a chance of the field at the head of Wentworth being secured. The league will be composed of six teams, as follows: Ascension, St. Patrick's, St. Thomas, Christ's Church and St. John's.

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