

BASEBALL

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Gossip and Comment

Inside of a month horseracing about New York will be back where it was before Governor Hughes erupted.

A large force of workmen is busy at the Hamilton Jockey Club track, getting the plant in readiness for the opening of the summer meet.

The following editorial is from the London Free Press:

The Hamilton Conference, among other excesses, condemns very strongly the Marathon contests, which have become such a craze.

Why the long distance run was put on the Greek programme, at all, in the modern Olympic games, has been a marvel to most people.

Who the original Marathon runner was and what happened is only in part historical. It is in controversy among university professors.

The Athenians of to-day have put the fabled long distance run in their programme as a world attraction to add romance to it.

English papers to hand tell of the marvellous enthusiasm and the great pleasure displayed on the occasion of the King's Derby victory.

Some of the critics say that Sir Martin was not crowded, but simply crossed his legs and fell, while others declare that the colt slipped on the wet grass.

According to critics, Turf Star was the best two-year-old at the Woodbine; Direct, Rod McKenzie's colt, the best three-year-old.

From Toronto World: They're off at Dufferin Park, and fair-minded lovers of the thoroughbreds who formed a portion of the crowd on opening day must coincide with the edict of the Canadian Racing Association.

"In the first innings," said Mr. Faneleigh, "after Wild Bill Donnelly had moved the first Tiger down and killed Swartz with three sizzers, he went up with four bad ones."

"Stop right there, Hiram!" interrupted Mrs. Faneleigh. "Not another word of that murderous, stealing game before the children! And if you ever spend another 50 cents on baseball I'll put your whole monthly allowance in the foreign missionary collection!"

Steps have been taken at Welland to cancel the liquor license granted to the Fort Erie Jockey Club on the grounds that the parties to whom it was granted were not named, and it is granted in an enclosure to which an admission fee is charged.

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BUSY IS IN FINE FORM.

Garth Colt Beat Flying Squirrel Again.

Toronto Lost to Montreal, 4-2.

Results at Ladies' Golf Tournament.

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From the Scrap Heap

In an undeserved slap delivered to Billy Delaney in reference to the claim that Delaney developed two heavy weight champions, a tyro in pugilism says:

"My knowledge runs along the line that the champions were champs before Billy got to them. They were down-and-outers when he got through with them."

Was Jim Jeffries a champion when he first landed in New York in 1897? asks the New York Press. People who saw his poor showing against Bob Armstrong at the Lenox A. C. thought he looked like anything but a champion, and when Jeff, making the excuse of an injured thumb the basis for not meeting the prince of easy marks, Steve O'Brien, the people yelled with derision.

The "champion" was so chastised by his poor performance that he packed his grip, gave Delaney the slip and hiked back to "Frisco."

But Delaney had faith in his ability to develop the big boiler-maker and he went after Jeff. He succeeded in installing some courage into Jeffries, coached him along till he was more skilful with his hands and finally induced the big fellow to come east again.

There is much question as to whether Fitz fought on his merits, yet Delaney brought his man up to that point, and thus enabled him to go forward to great achievements. It may be that Jeffries eventually would have become a champion without the intervention or assistance of Delaney, but no fair-minded man will deny to Delaney the credit for developing the champion and giving him a chance for his final development.

As to Jim Corbett, it is true that his cleverness was developed in the Olympic A. C., of which he was a sparring instructor, but it was the mastery hand of Delaney that brought Gentleman Jim up to the championship notch.

It is a pity that the knowledge possessed by Delaney's critic runs along similar lines, he should send it to the repair shop.

Al Kaufman, the third heavyweight, that Delaney has pointed for the championship, is the least promising of all, but he may astonish the doubters at that. When he tries to get into the ring with Fitz, the boiler-maker was a 5 to 1 shot, and yet he won. It may be that Johnson will make Kaufman look like a novice and then again Al may get that deadly right across to the jaw.

The betting would be in favor of Johnson, for he is as big as Kaufman and much cleverer and speedier. It is evident that Johnson has no confidence in his ability to knock out Kaufman or he would consent to a 45-round fight, as desired by the youngster.

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interest in the mill that 4,000 fight fans will be at the ringside. Extremely wise individuals who make a business of studying pugilistic form seem to think that Ketchel will be lucky if O'Brien does not outpoint him easily. They figure out that for six rounds O'Brien is the fastest boxer in the world. Philadelphia Jack made the negro Johnson look like a selling plater in that length of time and yet Johnson is admitted to be high up in the science of the ring.

Ketchel took much rest at Woodlawn today and said that he was just one day off. He also predicted that he would stop O'Brien in quick time for the reason that he would be faster in his attack and also weigh more than in the previous rounds with a decided edge. His work at the King of Prussia Inn, just outside of Philadelphia. He declared that he was never in better form and that he expected to outpoint Ketchel without ease. But Jack admitted that he would not indulge in close range fighting and said that he would keep away from his opponent's wonderful blows as long as he had a pair of legs. In short O'Brien intends to give the usual imitation of a dancing master, with dazzling blows shooting out with great rapidity.

Ketchel declares that he will go after the shifty Quaker with so much speed that the latter, unless he is very quick, will be out of harm's way. Ketchel is positive that he can take all of O'Brien's blows without being seriously hurt and that he can score a clean knockout by landing one or two smashes on the right spot.

Tommy Quill, of Braxton, outboxed Jimmy Gardner, Lowell, claimant of the welterweight championship, in ten out of twelve rounds at the Army Athletic Association last night.

Jimmy Hewitt, of Toronto, manager of Billy Bell, the featherweight champion boxer of Ireland, is in the city today trying to arrange a bout with Albert Edwards, the local mid artist. Bell is matched with Abe Attal, his manager says.

From the Buffalo Enquirer: Last week in Brantford, Ont., a "prizefight" of twenty-five rounds was advertised between Charlie Neary, of Milwaukee, and Tommy Murphy, of Buffalo. Tommy, who no one in Brantford knew, gathered in several hundred dollars from the gullible Canadians, and then the day before the fight (?) was to take place, eloped with the funds. It is just such tricks as this by crooks which kill legitimate boxing. There is no "Tommy Murphy" in the world, and Charlie Neary is not fighting against any Canadian towns. No "twenty-five-round prizefight" would be allowed in any Canadian town, and any one who fell for that line of dope in one sense ought to be trimmed. It is a good bet that if some prominent, honest Brantford man had advertised a legitimate boxing bout of ten rounds with Neary, he wouldn't have taken in enough money to pay his printing bill, but as soon as a stranger shows up, one who is not a stranger, and with crook spelling itself all over his face, turns up, they all go down in their pockets and hand out their money so fast that it is impossible for the crook to keep track of the same.

It would be a mighty good thing for Canadians and for Americans who are taking of the border as well to have nothing to do with these travelling promoters, and stick to the men in their towns who they know to be all right.

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FIRST ROUND

In Hamilton Trophy at Ladies' Golf Tournament.

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Miss L. Harvey won from Mrs. Smyth. Miss Dick won from Miss Morrison. Miss O'Glen won from Miss H. Morrison.

Mrs. Stikeman won from Mrs. Bostwick. Mrs. Burns won from Miss Bristol. Mrs. Rowe won from Miss Grantham. Miss F. Harvey won from Miss Wanzel.

Miss Nesbitt won from Miss Fellows. In the first round in the consolation event the results were: Miss McPherson won from Miss Dawson. Miss McDonald won from Miss Balfour. Miss F. Howell won from Miss Lavier. Miss O. Howell won from Miss Sanderson.

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An interesting event will take place at Midland, Ont., on June 19, when it is proposed by the Atlantic Combine, an up-to-date organization for raising pigeons for pools and prizes, to release about 2,000 to 3,000 birds at that point. These comprise 200 to 400 lofts, that will compete in the contest, and the birds will be shipped from Portland, Maine, Boston, Mass., New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other points in the United States. The liberation will be effected between 5 and 6 a. m., as near the earlier hour as possible, so as to give all birds an opportunity to reach their lofts by night (in some cases 500 miles distant). In the event of unfavorable weather it will be necessary to hold the birds for the first favorable day. Unfavorable weather would be rain or fog, brisk south, southeast or southwest winds.

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