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Saratoga Racing Association Card—Gossip From the Track.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9.—The stabling quarters at Pimlico were inadequate to accommodate the large number of racers that have arrived to participate in the racing meeting of the Saratoga Racing Association, which will begin Monday. A large number have been quartered at other stables. Francis Trevelyan has been appointed Jockey Club steward. The betting will be conducted on the old bookmaking plan, and $100 a day will be charged for the privilege. Some of the layers of odds complain that this is too much, considering the patronage the meeting is likely to receive. Nevertheless, there will probably be enough bookmakers on hand to accommodate all who desire to speculate. The entries:

First race, ⅝ mile—Pitfall 100, Ameer, Trinculo 108, Hatton 105, Addie, Fatal 99, Merry Duke 102, Pontiear, Juanita, Phoebus, Fannie B. 100, Lady McCann 90, The Sage 97, Thurston 105, Tom Harding 99.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Nestor, Beatrice III., Ha Ha, Royal H., Mildred D., Beau Ideal 108, Chester 111.

Third race, one mile—McKee, Ina 109, Van Brunt, The Swain, Sun Up 112.

Fourth race, ⅝ mile—Septuor, Fifield, Emotional, Protest 97, Intermission, Roundsman 108, Predicament 100, Florrie, Marsian 103, Wishard 100.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—The Swain 93, Phoebus, Sue Kittie 90, Maurice 107, Lochinvar 102, Golden Gate 96, Candelabra 102, Doggett 105, Marshall 108, Little Tom 99, Defender 88.

St. Louis results: A sloppy track made the going uncertain. Public favorites lost straight through the card. Four outsiders and a second choice took first money.

First race, 5 furlongs—Johnny McHale 1, Bridget 2, Little Grove 3. Time 1.04.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Lansman 1, La Salle 2, Philetta 3. Time 1.34⅘.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Sandowne 1, Linda 2, Simmons 3. Time 1.31¾.

Fourth race, 1½ miles—Blue Banner 1, Billy McKenzie 2, Young Arion 3. Time 2.45.

Fifth race, 1 mile—Loudon 1, Redskin 2, J.P.B. 3. Time 1.47.

Alexander Island results—First race, 4½ furlongs—Red Cross, 8 to 1, 1; Fluellen, out, place, 2; Blondy's Victim 3. Time .57¼.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Cockade, 1; Redowa, 7 to 5, place, 2; Ballison 3. Time 1.24¼.

Third race, 4 furlongs—Crescent, 2 to 1, 1; Hands Off, even, 2; Wellman 3. Time .51¼.

Fourth race, 1 mile—King Paul, 15 to 1, 1; Ahearn out, place, 2; Valkyrie 3. Time 1.47½.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Laprentice, 40 to 1, 1; Jersey, 6 to 5, place, 2; Samaritan 3. Time 1.03¾.

Sixth race, 6½ furlongs—Tom Brophy, 6 to 1, 1; Devisee, 6 to 1, place, 2; Duke of Fife 3. Time 1.23¼.

St. Asaph entries—First race, 6½ furlongs—Jilson, Potash 110, Ceremony, Cockade, Horcas I., Siberia, Pattie, Mohawk 107.

Second race, ½ mile—Misery, Hippen, Courtney, Glengarry, Dauphne, Pomona Belle, Marksman, Tubal, Cain Jr. 122.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Blizzard, Fagin, Grampian 106, Lady May 101, Galety 97, Leporello 94, Rodney 80.

Fourth race, 4½ furlongs—Bennings, Svengall 98, Torresdale 97, Genesee I., Bob, Cadet 95, Tyreanna 94, Mall Pinkerton 92, Lady Qatson 91.

Fifth race, 6½ furlongs—Devisee, Fidget, Foxglove, Frank Fuller 105, Psyche, George Hawkes, Mattie Chune, Tancred, Samaritan 102.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Airplant, Harry M. 112, Lotion 107, Ohearn, Renaissance 104, Valkyrie, Siva 99.

Turf Talk.

Riley Grannan, it is said, is going to England to board the lion in his den and fight the English betting ring.

The winnings on the English turf of the horses owned by the Prince of Wales amounted to £7870 during the past season. This is better than the Prince has ever done at racing before. His betting gains were also large.

It is an open question whether Henry of Navarre's one mile and three-quarters in the Municipal Handicap, with 130 pounds up, which he ran in 3.02, is as good a performance as Checkmate's race in the Grand Prize of Saratoga, 15 years ago. When six years old, he, carrying 124 pounds, ran the distance in 3.01¼. Checkmate had two years the advantage of age, but the training tracks, etc., are greatly improved since Checkmate's great performance.

Calls Dunraven Names.

New York, Nov. 10.—C. Oliver Iselin was interviewed by a New York Herald reporter yesterday as to the statements contained in the summary of The London Field's four-column article, sent out by the United Press Friday night. Mr. Iselin said he would wait for the full report before making an extended reply, as the summary might not be perfectly accurate. The correspondent asked Mr. Iselin: "What would your reply be to any man who would formulate such charges against you?"

"My reply would be that he was not only a damned liar, but a blackguard."

"And if Lord Dunraven has made, or does make, such charges, those characterizations would apply to him?"

"I say," Mr. Iselin responded, "that any man"—and he emphasized the "any"—"who would charge me with such conduct is a damned liar and a blackguard. And in saying that I want it understood that I am fully responsible for what I say. A man who makes such statements against me attacks me and my honor, and must accept the consequences. Wait till I get the London paper, and then I will make my statement."

Defender's Measurement.

London, Nov. 9.—The Pall Mall Gazette, referring to Lord Dunraven's statement relative to the contest for the America's Cup, given out on Friday, says: "Lord Dunraven's allegation that the Cup Committee knew of his charge that there had been foul play in the measurement of the Defender, and made no attempt to verify it, is a most serious accusation. If the committee had investigated and found that Lord Dunraven was wrong, they could have declined to race with him again with perfect propriety, not to say that they could have horsewhipped him with equal propriety. But they did not take any action in the matter. If the Defender's ballast was doctored it must be certain that a number of persons knew it."

Touched a Weak Spot.

—New York, Nov. 9.—There is great indignation among the members of the New York Yacht Club over Lord Dunraven's statement, published this morning. The members generally cannot find terms strong enough to express their contempt of Lord Dunraven and his latest action. There is talk of demanding the resignation of His Lordship from the New York Yacht Club.

Garsmen Leave Austin.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 10.—The double-scull championship match between Jake Gaudaur and James Rogers against Bubear and Haines, arranged yesterday, was called off last night, owing to the fact that Mayor McDonald positively refused to permit the race to come off on Sunday. It is presumed he took his cue from Governor Culbersun. Gaudaur and the other oarsmen left last night for their homes.

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VARSITY LANDS THE CUP,

REFREE BAYLY TELLS HOW QUEEN'S SCORE WAS KEPT DOWN.

The Closing Match in the Final Round for the Ontario Rugby Union Championship—A Struggle in the Mud at Kingston Results in Favor of the Home Kickers by Only 5 Points. 12 to 7.

Never was a final championship game, played under more unfavorable circumstances as regards weather than was the match on Saturday. A leaden sky, pouring rain, a gale of wind, and ankle-deep mud, on which the dumped sawdust had little more effect than so much blotting paper, greeted the teams. Touch and goal lines were six or eight inches wide, and in places as the game went on the trampled mud refused to retain any mark at all, making all fine work an impossibility. Fortunately, no play requiring close decisions occurred.

The crowd seemed to work up a great deal of enthusiasm over what, at least, was a mere struggle in the mud, relieved occasionally by good kicks and semi-occasionally by ground-gaining runs.

The day was one on which good football was impossible. Both teams claimed that the weather had injuriously affected their chances. Varsity contended that Hobbs' passing and Counsell's punting would have won the match, as it had assisted to win the week before at Rosedale, and the wing charging, which contributed so largely to the 17-point majority in the same contest, was rendered impossible by the wet ground. Queen's, on the other hand, held that, on a muddy day, scoring is necessarily extremely slow, and a five-point victory in the mud was equal to a far greater win in dry weather. Like other speculative questions, no one can determine the answer correctly, but this much is sure, no team that ever wore shoe leather on a Canadian field could have beaten Varsity on Saturday by more than a few points.

The game was an uninteresting wallow in the mire almost from the start, and during the last 35 minutes of the second half Varsity did not attempt to win, but only to hold down the score of their opponents. They accomplished their purpose well under the extremely able captaincy of Macdougall, an ex-Ottawa College man, who took charge of the team when Barr was forced to retire.

"Drop on the ball!" "Take your time!" "Form scrimmage close!" were his constant commands, and Queen's utter inability to roll up a score during the last 10 minutes in the gathering darkness, with a rushing quarter-back, who kept his feet best of any man on the field, show the wisdom of Macdougall's directions and the accuracy with which they were carried out. Had the match been the only one in the series the result might have been different, but theorizing on that subject is idle.

The score shows the play fairly well, although Varsity's last rouge, in the first half, ought to have been a try, and Mr. Rae's run, which started the scoring in the second half, was lucky rather than brilliant.

The game was not unduly rough, and the accident which deprived Varsity of the services of their captain was purely accidental. EDWARD BAYLY.

Queen's 12, Varsity 7.

Kingston, Nov. 9.—About 1200 paid admission to see Queen's and Varsity play the deciding match for the Ontario Rugby championship to-day. The Queen's students cheered Varsity as their bus drove into the grounds, and a large number of the team and prominent football followers came down to the British-American, which Varsity made their headquarters, in the evening, and fraternized with the champions. The grounds were kept clear during the match, and the crowd was orderly and good-natured. The chief of police complained bitterly that the referee, whom he had sworn to protect, had escaped him, and driven away like an ordinary individual. The teams and officials were as follows:

Queen's—Wilson, back; Curtis, Scott, McRae, half-backs; Fox, quarter; Baker, Kennedy, McManus, scrimmage; Horsey, Gildersleeve, McLennan, McSammon, Moffat, Webster, Ross, wings.

Varsity—Belanger, back; Kingston, Counsell, Hargraft, half-backs; Hobbs, quarter; Mallock, Barwish, McCallum, scrimmage; Bradley, McKenzie, Elliott, Caldwell, Moss, Macdougall, Barr, wings.

Referee—Mr. Edward Bayly. Umpire—Mr. Walter Ulick. Touch judges—Messrs. Mowat and Barber. Goal judges—Messrs. Burstal and Gunn.

Varsity won the toss and elected to take the wind, which was blowing almost directly from the north goal. Captain Curtis kicked off, and the kick was promptly returned. Kennedy secured the leather, but was brought to earth near Queen's 25-yard line. After a series of scrimmages Varsity broke through for a dribble, and Scott by a timely kick into touch-in-goal from the field of play, gave Varsity two points. Score, 2—0.

After Curtis had kicked out, play became pretty general, for 10 minutes, scrimmaging being, as was to be expected, on wet ground, the order of the day. Gradually Varsity worked the ball to within 15 yards of the Queen's goal line, and Elliott, picking it up from a broken scrimmage, passed to Macdougall, who dodged pretty nicely through the broken mass of Queen's and obtained a try, which was not converted. Varsity 6, Queen's 0.

Curtis again kicked out, and the catcher was brought to earth 30 yards from Queen's goal line. Fumbles by Varsity halves and strong rushing on the part of their opponents worked the ball to the former's 25-yard line, but a long punt by Hargraft relieved.

Touch-line work and scrambling scrimmages brought the ball close to the goal line, and it was dribbled across; two blue-jerseyed players dropped on it, but the wet and greasy pigskin proved elusive, and, squeezing from their too-eager hands, was rouged by McRae, bringing the score to 7—0 in favor of the visitors.

Hard, close work followed the kick-out, and from this time forward little of interest occurred.

Barr was struck on the head by an opponent's knee and forced to retire. Mackenzie took his place, and played well. Varsity felt their captain's loss evenly. At half-time the score stood 7—0 in favor favor of Varsity.

Varsity kicked off in the second, and played hard and well for about 15 minutes. Then the wind, which had increased slightly during the second half, and was now blowing a living gale, began to tell, and Queen's forced the leather to the Varsity 25. From a scrimmage the ball was passed to McAlke, who made a dash across, while most of the Toronto men seemed stuck in the mud, and grounded the pigskin six inches over the goal line. The try was converted into a goal, and the score stood 7—6, still in Varsity's favor.

From then to the call of time, the game was merely a close struggle, in which Varsity played entirely on the defensive, risking nothing that they could avoid.

Queen's, after several unsuccessful attempts to carry the ball over the line, contented themselves with punting over for rouges. Six single-point scores brought Queen's up to 12, and at the call of time the score stood, Queen's 12, Varsity 7.

The usual cheers, and the mud-caked contestants drove to town, Queen's satisfied at having won the game, and Varsity congratulating themselves on having at last won the cup, which at least twice before was almost within their grasp.

Initial Victory for T.C.S. Over U.C.C.

The annual match between Upper Canada College and Trinity College School took place at Port Hope on Saturday afternoon. It was pretty generally conceded that the blue and white would come out on top, as the wearers of these colors had handily defeated the Ridley College, who had previously disposed of T.C.S. But reckoning on form is sometimes dangerous, as the result of Saturday's game proved. On a sodden field, and in a drenching rain, the teams lined up at 3 o'clock, as follows:

Upper Canada College—Back, M. Anderson; half-backs, E. P. Brown, N. C. Rolph and W. R. Morrison; quarter, H. M. Ansley; scrimmage, W. S. G. McTavish, G. E. Labatt and J. S. Henry; wings, W. C. Petherbridge, V. R. Bilton, R. H. Parmenter, Z. G. Lash, G. T. Tompkins, B. C. Ansley and H. H. Lynch.

T. C. S.—Back, A. D. Strathy; half-backs, H. S. Macgregor, R. D. Harvey, P. E. Henderson; quarter, H. L. Palmer; scrimmage, H. Thorne, H. B. Walsh, E. G. Hampson; wings, P. F. Dumoulin, W. A. Baldwin, F. D. McFie, J. M. Syer, C. E. Duggan, R. E. Macgregor and A. E. Galna.

Captain Parmenter won the toss and kicked with the wind. The ball travelled merrily for a few minutes, the U.C.C. half-backs showing their kicking powers, and Strathy his powers at full-back. A free kick for the College brought the ball to Trinity's 25, and a moment later Strathy rouged, and the first point was scored. The play now became fast and furious. The College halves showed that they possessed excellent combination, but the state of the ground and the ball prevented it from coming into effect. The school was given a series of free kicks for off-side plays on the part of the college, and this seemed to dishearten them. However, Morrison, Rolph and Brown kept up a fusillade of long kicks, which Strathy coolly received and admirably returned. At last the school gained their first point, a rouge, owing to a fumble by Rolph, thus making the score even. This completed Trinity's scoring in the first half, while the college added two more points by rouges. At half-time it was anyone's game; both teams seemed fresh and ready for more, and the second half opened with a vim that promised well for both teams. At first the play was very open, McFie and Harvey distinguishing themselves for the home team, while Rolph and Anderson played markedly well for the visitors. The college gave way before their opponents' forward line, and Anderson had to rouge. U.C.C. 3, T.C.S. 2. Labatt's kick was promptly returned by Harvey, scoring a touch-in-goal. U.C.C. 3, T.C.S. 3. After much open play and kicking, the game centred near Trinity's 25, and then came a desperate struggle, neither side making any permanent gain till Parmenter broke through the phalanx and got over. Rolph missed a very easy goal. U.C.C. 7, T.C.S. 3. The play continued very open, keeping the back divisions well employed. Harvey, who was surpassing himself, made a splendid run, but was magnificently tackled by Anderson just at the line; but Trinity's wings were right up, and once more Anderson wisely rouged. U.C.C. 7, T.C.S. 4. Excitement ran high, as time was nearly up. Trinity made their effort, broke through, dribbling, and got a try, which was made a goal. U.C.C. 7, T.C.S. 10. So the score remained when time was called, and T.C.S. had scored their first football victory over U.C.C. The result was a surprise to all who have followed the record of the teams. Certainly the school deserves credit for the game that her boys played, and football should now thrive there and receive a fresh impetus from this victory. Mr. Glen Osler of Toronto acted as referee, and Mr. Patterson, also of Toronto, as umpire.

Montreal Turns the Tables on McGill.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 9.—Montreal defeated McGill at football this afternoon by 13 to 2, the score standing, for Montreal, 2 tries, 4 rouges and 1 touch-in-goal, to 2 rouges for McGill. The match was played in a regular downpour of rain; but, despite the unfavorable weather, the players got in some fine work, and an excellent match was the result. The teams were:

Montreal (13)—A. Hamilton, back; H. Macdougall, R. Macdougall, Savage, half-backs; C. Jack, quarter; J. A. Lyle, Brown, Baptiste, scrimmage; Armstrong, Pressich, Godwin, Branch, E. James, Geo. James, Massey, wings.

McGill (2)—Brunelle, full; Molson, Trenholme, Drinkwater, half-backs; Leveque, quarter; Kay, Howard, Grace, scrimmage; Tees, Hill, Arthur, Winn, Schwartz, Alley, Turner, wings.

Montreal, as a result of to-day's match, will be the team to play Ottawa City next Saturday, and the winner of that match will have to play off in the east with Varsity of Toronto for the championship.

Football Kicks.

The Gore Vales will practice Tuesday night by electric light on the old Upper Canada College grounds, from 6 till 10 o'clock. Every playing member is requested to attend to get practice for next Saturday, when they will battle with the Riversides for the championship of the Toronto Association Football League. The match is to take place on the Royal Canadian grounds at the Old Fort at 3 o'clock, rain or shine.

The Kensington Association Football Club would like to arrange a match with any club outside the city for Thanksgiving Day, average weight 115 pounds. Address L. Kenney, 153 Huron-street.

Capt. Barr was not seriously injured, although semi-unconscious for a short time, and will be on tdor the annual match with Trinity this week.

Officer Timmerman, who is enjoying a few holidays, kindly performed Officer Kennedy's duty last night, in order that he might secure a good rest and be in condition to play to-day.—Kingston News.

Knox and Varsity are now tied for first place in Section A of the intercollegiate Association League. The Dentals have a clear lead in Section B.

Halifax, Nov. 10.—Notwithstanding the pouring rain yesterday, over 1000 persons went a mile out of town to see the Wanderers and Dalhousie College play the final match in the football championship series. The match resulted in a draw, thereby giving the Wanderers the championship, as they had already defeated the collegians once, and the United Service twice. Dalhousie defeated the United Service twice, and were beaten by the Wanderers once.

Bald Beaten Twice.

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 9.—The closing day of the National Circuit bicycle races here were witnessed by 6000 people. Summaries:

One-third mile, class B—Jarvis 1, Eddie Bald 2, C. M. Murphy 3. Time .43 2-5. Just as they crossed the tape Murphy's wheel was forced against Wells, both men being thrown heavily. They were badly cut.

One mile, open handicap, class B—J. M. Campbell, Spokane, 85 yards, 1; W. M. Randall, Rochester, 100 yards, 2; Tony Delmar, San Jose, 115 yards, 3. Time 2.18 3-5.

Five-mile national championship—C. M. Murphy 1, E. C. Bald 2, Tom Cooper 3. Time 11.01 1-5.

Bicycle Briefs.

Royal Canadian Bicycle Club wheelmen will have an oyster supper on Wednesday evening, when each member of the winning trophy team will be presented with a group picture of the 10 men.

Weinig, the professional rider, well known here, writes to a Buffalo friend that the boys are enjoying the days at Louisville very much, and in a short time the "pros" will compete at Nashville in the six-day bicycle race, riding two hours each night. From there they will go to New Orleans to race, and then to the coast.

Granite Lawn Tennis Club's Annual.

The Granite Lawn Tennis Club's annual meeting was held in the club rooms, Church-street. The secretary's report showed a satisfactory season's work. The following officers were elected for 1896:

Hon. president, D. R. Wilkie; president, F. D. Benjamin; vice-president, G. H. Meldrum; captain, G. S. Crawford; sec.-treas., F. G. Anderson; committee, J. A. Meldrum, S. R. Forde, C. H. Badenach; club representative, G. F. Anderson.

The championship cup was presented to Mr. Anderson. The hon. president also presented him, as winner of the championship, with a very handsome pair of field glasses. Supper was provided by Mr Geo. Kerr, the president, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

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CIRCUIT RACES FOR THE L.Y.R.A.

Lake Yachtsmen Abolish the Rendezvous and Return to the Old System of Competition.

Oswego, Nov. 9.—The annual meeting of the Lake Yacht Racing Association was held here to-day, the following delegates present:

A. E. Jarvis, Toronto, commodore; A. R. Boswell and Frank Grey of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto; E. H. Ambrose of the R.Y.C. and Victoria Yacht Club of Hamilton; J. E. Burroughs, Thos. Pritchard and William Wood of the Rochester Yacht Club; Owen Martin of the Queen City Yacht Club of Toronto; Commodore J. T. Mott, J. E. McMurrich and A. H. Ames of Oswego Yacht Club.

A communication from the Cleveland Centennial Committee, inviting the association to join in a grand regatta at Cleveland next year, was referred to the Executive Committee. A communication from the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club of Hamilton, Ont., enclosing conditions offered by Hiram Walker & Sons, for a $500 cup, was received and made a matter of record. It was decided that, instead of holding the usual annual rendezvous, to return to the old system of making a lake circuit for next year, the races to begin about July 15. The following officers were elected:

President, A. E. Jarvis of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto; vice-president, J. E. Burroughs of Rochester; hon. sec., E. H. Ambrose of Hamilton; Executive Committee, Commodore J. T. Mott of Oswego, Commodore Whitcomb of Victoria Yacht Club of Hamilton, and Commodore Tyson of the Queen City Club of Toronto, with the officers of the association.

The delegates were entertained at a banquet at the City Club to-night.

College Girl Amazes in Bloomers.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Nov. 9.—The first field day for the various college girl athletes was held to-day in a drizzling rainstorm. The only spectators were the students and their guests, all outsiders being rigidly excluded. The 100 yards' dash was run off in trial heats, as follows: First heat, won by Miss Ward, '98; second by Miss Wilkinson, '98; third by Miss Thallon, '97. Final by Miss Elizabeth Vassar, '98, who also won a place in one of the other heats. In the running trials jump the winner was Miss Leslie Baker, distance 11 feet 5 inches.

The 120 yards' hurdle race was run in trial heats. The first heat was captured by Miss Edith Ward, who had a walkover. The second by Miss M. Johnston. Time 25 3-4 seconds, but it was unfinished.

In the running high jump there were four contestants. Miss Brownell won with a mark of 48 inches. Miss Baker scored 46 inches, Miss Vassar 45 inches, and Miss Spaulding 41 inches.

The summary showed 25 points for '97, 14 for '98 and 5 for '96. The prize flag will, therefore, go to '97.

The field day was purely a student affair. The girls wore divided skirts, quite full, and of a pleasing appearance, with sweaters, which showed by their color the class of wearer. Each girl who made a record will receive a medal. In the hurdle jumping contest the hurdles were 10 in number and were two and one-half feet high, and 12 yards apart. There were 10 contestants in the 100 yards and nine in the running broad jump, six in the 120-yard hurdle race, 10 in the running high jump, two in the 220-yard run, and 33 in the basket ball contest.

Toronto's Franchise in the Eastern.

Reading, Nov. 9.—William Abbott Witman returned from a visit to New York, where he had gone to hold a consultation with officials of the Eastern Baseball League regarding Reading's chances for coming a member of that organization. President Powers stated that he would like to see this city in his league, and should the membership be increased to 10 or should the Toronto franchise be offered for sale, Reading, he said, will have the first chance. Next week the league will hold a meeting, and Reading's application will receive attention.

Baseball Brevities.

Manager Chapman says that he has not disposed of the Toronto Club's franchise.

Umpire Tim Hurst is looking for the management of the Scranton Club if the latter remains in the Eastern League.

In addition to Lake, the Toronto catcher, Kansas City has drafted Pitcher Barnet of Syracuse, and Pitcher Callihan of Springfield.

The late Jack Dempsey, the ex-champion middleweight pugilist, was a general favorite, just as John L. Sullivan is to-day among the older players.

Pitcher Ned Crane is at present in Rochester. He says he will pitch for Rochester next season, and will make it a special point to beat Buffalo early and often.

The engagement of Jack Rowe as Buffalo's manager for economical reasons throws a capable and experienced manager upon the market in Charlie Morton.

President Powers of the Eastern League would like to hear from all players not under reservation, and desirous of joining the professional ranks. Send name, address, age, height, weight and past record to P. T. Powers, World building, New York City.

The Springfield Union asserts that Arthur Irwin never had any idea of buying the Toronto franchise, that all his talk to that effect was a ruse, and used as a lever to work up either a re-engagement at Philadelphia or an engagement at New York. As The Union man is well posted on Eastern League affairs, there may be something in his claims.

Athletic and General Notes.

An exhibition of a set of neumatic boxing gloves was given Thursday in the gymnasium of the Philadelphia Fencing and Sparring Club. The gloves are novel in construction, consisting of a rubber bag or bladder, covered with a soft, pliable leather. After being placed on the hands the gloves are inflated with aid by a tube back of the wristband. Every part of the hand is protected by an air cushion from two to three inches thick.

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Canoe Association is to be held at Rome, N.Y., to-day. The association comprises upward of 1000 members in the Eastern, Middle and Southern States and in Canada. The annual report of officers are to be received at this meeting, and the place of holding the next annual canoe meet will be determined.

An intimate friend of Bob Fitzsimmons says the fighter intends to go to England in a few months. He says: "It was the height of Bob's ambition to box Corbett. As there is no chance now to do this, he will go to England. At any rate, he said so to me. He thinks he can make a good deal of money over there. He has never been to England since he became so prominent as a boxer, and the British sports, no doubt, would like to get a line on the man who defeated Jim Hall, Peter Maher and Jack Dempsey. I think Bob will try to get on a match with some of the good men now in England."

The committee of the Elm Lacrosse Club's smoking concert, to be held Wednesday evening in Temperance Hall, will meet on Tuesday evening at their club rooms, Grand Opera House building, to make final arrangements. President Good of the Toronto Lacrosse League has kindly consented to present the medals to the second twelve of the Elms, champions of the Toronto Lacrosse League, on this occasion. A first-class program will be provided.

The Swankee Pedro Club are open to receive challenges. Address S. Rich, room 17, Richmond Chambers.

The first of the series of evenings at home of the National Yacht and Skiff Club will be held on Frida yevening, and the general monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

French Peas in glass bottles, 25c; usual price 50c. James Good & Co., 220 Yonge-street.

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THE AMATEUR STATUS OF AMERICAN ATHLETES.

President Curtis Submits an Address to Delegates—About Cash Benefits to Popular Performers—Abuses in Connection With Amateur Sport—Vexed Questions to Come Up at the Annual Meeting.

New York, Nov. 9.—A document of surpassing interest to genuine adherents of amateur sport, especially on track and field, has been prepared and issued by President W. B. Curtis of the Amateur Athletic Union, says The Sun to-day. The annual meeting of the latter body will be held at the Astor House Nov. 18, but instead of reserving his customary report until then the president wisely decided to furnish delegates with an outline of "several matters which must, be taken up at the meeting," in order that each legislator may have ample opportunity to master the details before attempting to adjudicate upon them.

The necessity of prompt and sweeping reform is pointed out in unmistakable terms. The unsound financial basis of the A.A.U., its several associations, and three-quarters of all its individual clubs, is analyzed in a fashion which leaves no room for doubt that the parent body can no longer fulfil its objects effectively on the present basis. In summing up on this point, the president submits the startling alternative that the A.A.U. must either dissolve or take immediate steps to provide a working income. He says:

"The Amateur Athletic Union is to-day bankrupt. If every dollar due to the treasurer should be cancelled to-morrow he would not have money enough to pay old debts, leaving since past due, to say nothing of current and future expenses. The report of the treasurer has not yet been filed, but it is well known that if all the annual dues, now payable in advance for the ensuing season, should be collected, he would not have more than $650 or $700. After these dues are collected no more are payable until this time next year, and meanwhile the current expenses of the A.A.U. will amount to about $1775. Besides this deficit of $1000, the A.A.U. has owed for two years, and still lowes, for record medals earned in 1893, $232, and for medals for individual excellence, earned in 1894, $300. These debts, past and future, total about $2300, which the treasurer will be called on to pay, and he has only $650 or $700 with which to pay.

"The dearth of money in the treasury of the A.A.U. has forced the oBard of Governors to retrench where retrenchment was unwise, and to abandon enterprises which should have been supported. At a meeting held Nov. 23, 1893, it was voted to pay no travelling expenses of members of board to that meeting, to discontinue the annual prizes for individual all-around excellence, and to stop giving more record medals, to ask the A.A.U. to so amend its constitution as to stop the payment of travelling expenses of members of the board, and to discontinue the following championship contests: Lacrosse, individual all-around, baseball, football, supplementary and swimming, except where such championships could be decided without loss or risk of loss to the A.A.U.

"This curtailing of expenditures and abandonment of worthy enterprises has gradually led the A.A.U. into a false position, and driven it to become a professional agent, begging from door to door. It was felt that some of these abandoned championships ought to be given, so the officers of the A.A.U. have been forced to go about, hat in hand, coaxing clubs to give these championship contests under jugglers' arrangements—the probable losses to be borne by the club, and the profit, if any should, by chance, accrue, to be shared with the A.A.U.

"Some clubs have been sufficiently public-spirited to hold a few of these championships under these lopsided conditions, while the other events have lapsed, including this year the baseball, football, lacrosse, supplementary, swimming and gymnastic championships. The ball games can be spared, but the supplementary, swimming and gymnastic championships should be maintained, and would have been but for the poverty of the A.A.U."

Outside the critical financial question, there are several points of vital interest to be submitted at the annual meeting. He says:

"The A.A.U. will be called upon to decide whether an amateur athlete may properly receive a purse of money as a testimonial. This point is not specifically defined by the amateur law, either in England or America. In December, 1893, the General Committee of the English Amateur Athletic Association approved a resolution brought up by the Southern Committee of the Southern Association, 'that they strongly deprecate the giving of purses of money to amateurs as testimonials, as it may open the door to malpractices.'"

This enquiry is inspired by the case of Bernard J. Wefers, the record-breaking sprinter, who beat the Britishers last September. When he returned to his home at Lawrence, Mass., with his international laurels still fresh on his brow, his local admirers presented him with a purse amounting to some hundreds of dollars as a testimonial. The incident attracted wide-spread comment, and English sporting critics have seized on it as an excuse to "roast!" American amateurism. Wefers has since been annexed by Georgetown University, and had the Intercollegiate Association consented to join hands with the A.A.U. last spring this would be one of the cases in which varsity men might be expected to use their diplomatic powers.

The cases of W. O. Hickok of Yale and C. W. Stage, Cleveland A.C., will have another airing. It will be remembered that both were protested at the annual championship meeting on Sept. 14. The charge against Hickok was simply competing at unregistered games in Harrisburg, Pa. The Atlantic Association rushed his case through, and declared him in good standing, with such promptitude that he was enabled to fill his subsequent important engagements. It now appears that the association went even further, and antedated the removal of the suspension some weeks. President Curtis says:

"No one desires to disturb the verdict in this case, but there are several officers and members of the A.A.U. who consider such a precedent bad and likely to cause trouble hereafter, and they therefore think it would be wise to forbid such antedating in future."

Stage was protested as being ineligible owing to the fact that he had officiated as a paid umpire of the Baseball League last year. His case was never tried, but the comparative delay is explained by the fact that the point in his case is a purely national question, while the Hickok case was clearly within the jurisdiction of the district in which his technical offence was committed. While on this subject the meeting will also be asked to decide the amateur standing of men who coach football teams and receive for such services living and travelling expenses and wages in cash, or any one or two of these forms of payment.

Among the other amateur problems submitted for solution will be the broad question of "abuses in connection with the amateur sport." This was turned over to special district committees last year, and no report has ever been filed. The question of furnishing athletes with free training and travelling expenses will also come up, nd in relation to this President Curtis says:

"If any delegate to the A.A.U. wishes to immortalize himself and earn the gratitude of the amateur athletic world, let him come to the annual meeting armed with a law regulating the payment of training and travelling expenses, which shall be in line with genuine amateur sentiment, which sh