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PUG WENT THROUGH THE FLOOR.

How a Fight in Rochester Was Suddenly Stopped—Baty Would Have Won.

Rochester, Jan. 1.—If there hadn't been a weak board in the floor of the ring in which Jack McDonough and Jack Baty met last night at the quarters of the West Side Central Athletic Club there's no telling what would have happened to the white man. Baty went through the floor in the sixth round, when he had things going his way, and was so badly injured in the accident that he was unable to continue the fight, and Tommy Dixon, who was acting as referee, announced his decision to be a draw.

Both Baty and McDonough appeared to be in good trim when they stripped for the battle. The white man had the advantage of height by at least two inches, and weighed probably six or eight pounds more than his dusky opponent, but developments proved that these handicaps were not to hold Baty back for an instant.

It was near the close of the sixth round that the accident came which ended the proceedings, and at that time things were going the way of the Buffalo man with a rush. To judge by his apparent condition, McDonough would not have lasted more than three rounds. In the fourth and fifth rounds he took severe punishment, and, while he made a little better showing in the sixth, there was not sufficient improvement to indicate that he could make a lasting rally.

Baty put up altogether too fast a fight for his opponent. The six rounds that were fought were about the liveliest six rounds that ever were contested in this section, and almost compensated the spectators for the long wait. It was a style of fighting to which McDonough was unaccustomed, and he showed the effects of it as early as the third round. From that point his fighting, and even his defensive work, gradually lost effectiveness, until in the sixth round his steam was all gone, and even if he had had the opening he could hardly have damaged the Buffalo man much.

Baty kept going without the sign of a let-up. He had McDonough in his own corner a good part of the time after the second round. He refused to allow McDonough even to run away from him to gain time and gather himself together, but kept at him incessantly. The accident robbed him of a certain victory, and the best he got was a draw. This was the proper decision, as Referee Dixon announced before the men shook hands that in case both were on their feet at the end of the 20th round that the decision should be a draw.

When Baty broke through the floor his left leg went into the hole almost up to where it joined the body. He had made a spring at McDonough, and had landed with all of his weight upon his left leg. Earlier in the fight he had cracked the board, and when he struck the spot again through he went. It was found necessary to pry up another board before the imprisoned leg could be released. Then it was found that the colored man's hip had been wrenched and that he would be unable to continue the fight. He was helped to his corner, being unable to bear his weight upon the injured leg.

IN THE ROPED ARENA.

Shadow Maber's preliminary work consists of long walks, and since the match was arranged he has taken daily tramps of from five to fifteen miles. Prof. Bosworth does his training at the T.A.C., and, being in fair shape from sparring with the members, had a start on the clever Australian.

Kid McCoy's victory over Bill Doherty was hailed with delight by a number of his friends in this city. McCoy, upon his arrival here, will be matched against Dan Creedon or Joe Choynski. The latter says he is willing to go to England to fight him.

At Prof. Popp's Academy, No. 20 Adelaide-street west, to-night there will be an eight-round go between Bill Porter and Ed. Welsh. Danny Kelly of Chicago and Prof. Joe Popp will spar four rounds. Sparring by the following men: Billy Olcott, Jim Smith, Jim Popp, Arthur Stemner, Mike Burns, Archie Woods, Billy Bittle, Fred Vanuch, Billy Thompson, P. Mann, Jim McGee, Wilby-Popp, Jack Ryan, Archie McDonald and others.

THE MACE-SCHOLES CONTEST.

The Mace-Scholes contest, which takes place at the Princess Theatre on Friday evening next, will be one of the athletic events of the year. Both men have been at the top notch in their time, and the younger generation can depend on seeing a scientific exhibition that will be both interesting and instructing. Dick Collier, who is with the Mace party, and is a champion in his class in England, will have a four-round go with R. N. Harrison of this city, and something lively can be looked for. Hanley, who has won two bouts here, will spar four rounds with Prof. Jim Lovett.

BANGING AT BIRDS.

Trap Shooters Have a Busy New Year's Day—Wilton Wins the Program Event at the Woodbine.

McDowall's shoot at the Woodbine yesterday was well attended, both live and artificial bird events having many entries. Messrs. Wilton and Gooch divided first and second, and Messrs. Briggs, Tymon and McGill third, fourth and fifth money in the pigeon match. Some excellent shooting was done by Messrs. Fleming, Alexander and Thompson in the target matches. The scores:

Shoot No. 1; 10 pigeons; entry, $10; purse divided, $6, $5, $4, $3, $2—G Wilton 9, G Gooch 9, G Briggs 8, A J Tymon 8, G McGill 8, A Hume 7, H Moore 6, G Pears 5, F Roberts 6, W Brown 6, D Alexander 5, H Wilson 4, J Devaney 4, J Dauforth 3.

Shoot No. 2; 5 bluerocks—Fleming 4, Thompson 4, A Hume 4, McDuff 3, Harrison 3, Granger 3, Peacock 3, Jackson 3, Moore 3.

Shoot No. 3—Thompson 5, Hume 5, W Moore 5, Fleming 4, C Moore 4, Peacock 3, Harrison 3, McDuff 3.

Shoot No. 4.—Fleming 4, Thompson 4, Alexander 4, Hume 3, Peacock 3, Jackson 3, Moore 3, McDuff 3, Wilson 3. The tie was won by Fleming, Thompson second and Alexander third.

The regular Saturday shoot will be held this afternoon at the Woodbine grounds. The matches will be at sparrows and targets for turkeys and geese.

TEAM SHOOTING AT NORWAY.

The grounds of the Woodruff House, Norway, saw an exciting pigeon shoot yesterday between R. Roberts and T. Everest on one side and J. Fogg and F. Schmidt on the other. The final score stood, out of eight birds a side: F. Roberts 5, T. Everest 4; total 9. J. Fogg 6, F. Schmidt 6; total 12.

Arthur Irwin, the ex-manager of the New York team, says the report circulated that he was signed to manage one of the Western teams is untrue. Irwin has received five offers from baseball clubs in the West, but he has not as yet decided which one he will accept. When Irwin was released as manager of the New York team President Freedman said at the time Mr. Irwin had taken a vacation for three weeks. Irwin has had a long vacation.—Philadelphia Sporting Life.

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT WON

President Dr. Lesslie's Side Beaten by Only Three Shots.

They Played in the Morning and the Score Was 84 to 81—President Clemes and Vice-President Fraser of Parkdale Meet in Their Annual Match and the Result is a Tie—Curlers Are Behind Schedule Time.

New Year's is a favorite day for the curlers, and yesterday the bad weather could not keep them all off the ice. They are now a long way behind schedule time, and, instead of preparing for the Tankard primaries, are finishing up their club matches between the two chief officers. The Torontos and Parkdale played on the first of the year, while Queen City got through part of their match. The Torontos had to confine their play to the morning, when six rinks on Vice-President Sweny's side won from President Lesslie's rinks by 3 shots. The score:

President.	Vice-President.
W D Wilson,	Dr McLaren,
A G Hodgetts,	Victor Armstrong,
A E Plummer,	Major Cosby,
Dr Lesslie, skip....17	Col Sweny, sk....14
R G Muntz,	G G S Lindsey,
K H Cameron,	W J M Taylor,
H A King,	C E Ryerson,
A H Barnes, skip...14	J L Capreol, sk..16
E Brown,	R M Donald,
H C Scholfield,	H O'Reilly,
H J Bethune,	G H Muntz,
F O Cayley, skip....15	H A Drummond, s.14
A B Whitehead,	E M Lake,
F Blaikie,	A D McArthur,
J Paton,	Dr D G Gordon,
J M Gordon, skip.... 9	H Hanna, skip..17
D Henderson,	E Warwick,
G Gouinlock,	Harton Walker,
W A Hargreaves,	J H Jones,
T Edmunds, skip...13	J S Russell, sk...11
R J Mahoney,	Jas Tennant,
Jas Ince,	Hon A M Ross,
C J Leonard,	W W Belding,
R K Sproule, sk....13	A F Webster, sk..12
Total..........81	Total 84

At Parkdale—

The Parkdale Curling Club played their annual match, president v. vice-president, yesterday afternoon, the result being a tie at 28 points each. President Clemes gave his opponent a terrible drubbing on the first rink, else there would be no need of a play-off, as Jones and Harris had good majorities over their opponents. To-day they play it over again if the ice is in condition, otherwise the sides will meet when the weather permits. The score:

President—	Vice-President—
M P Clemes,	J Turpin,
J W St John,	A McMillan,
J W Isaacs,	Dr Lynd,
J F Clemes, sk.....15	A Fraser, sk 3
W Martin,	W Edmonson,
G Schofield,	J E Lancey,
J A Pearson,	J Aird,
C Wingfield, sk..... 7	A F Jones, sk.....12
J Rogers,	R E Gibson,
R Forbes,	C Henderson,
J Millar,	W Beith,
J B Perry, sk...... 6	A D Harris, sk....13
Total............28	Total 28

GALT GRANITE SKIPS.

Galt, Jan. 1.—Both the Galt and Galt Granite Curling Clubs held meetings at the rink last night. The Granites chose Messrs. C. Turnbull and J. Spaulding as their tankard skips. The matter of accepting invitations to attend the Detroit and Lindsay bonspiels was left to a committee to report on Tuesday. The Galts left the matter of choice of tankard skip to the Management Committee, and have decided to send a couple of rinks to the Detroit bonspiel next week.

CURLING IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—For the district curling championship, the Winnipeg Thistles and Granites had a battle royal to-day. The Thistles won by 23 points.

MONTREAL AGAIN IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—To-morrow night the champion Montreal hockeyists play a match with the Winnipeg team, which team is quite as strong as the Vics of Winnipeg, whom Montreal defeated. A great game is looked for.

BUFFALO OLYMPICS WIN.

Niagara Falls, Jan. 1.—The hockey season opened here this evening with a game between the Olympics of Buffalo and the local team, the latter winning by a score of 9—2. The Olympics are considered to be the best hockey players in Buffalo. The ice was not in the best of condition, but it would have taken more than good ice to make the visiting team win.

NIAGARA HOCKEYISTS WIN.

Niagara, Jan. 1.—An exhibition game of hockey was played here before a large crowd of spectators this evening between the Y.M.C.A. team of St. Catharines, of No. 2 sub-division of the Eastern League, and Niagara-on-the-Lake, of No. 1 sub-division. The home team were easy winners by a score of 7 to 1.

The teams were as follows:

St. Catharines (1)—Goal, Howell; point, Merritt; cover, McGuire; forwards, McVitty, King, Long, Clifford.

Niagara-on-the-Lake (7)—Goal, Reid; point, Campbell; cover, Hartley; forwards, Bishop, Doritty, Sherlock, Clark.

Referee—McClelland.

WHITBY BEATS TORONTO VICTORIAS.

Whitby, Jan. 1.—One of the most keenly contested hockey matches ever played here was that on Barnes' Rink this afternoon between the Victorias of Toronto and the Whitby Hockey Club, in which the honors were won by the home team. Hundreds turned out to see the initial match of the season.

Tremendous applause greeted the victorious players as they made each goal, as well as generous recognition being awarded to the skilful and gentlemanly way in which the visitors carried on the contest. The Whitby team was handicapped in the absence of Barnes, Rooke and last year's goalkeeper, whose places were taken by three juniors. At half-time the score stood 7—3, and at the finish these figures had been increased to 11—5.

Whitby's first match in the Midland Hockey Association League will be played on the home rink here, probably next Friday.

CAPRON'S STEADY WORK.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean tells how Joe Capron won out in the last billiard game: Capron defeated Maggioli by a score of 260 to 297 in an exciting game, which ended the Bensinger-Siler shortstop tournament at Bensinger Hall last evening. Every seat was occupied and many were standing up. The close finish kept the crowd at a high pitch of excitement. Every successful shot made toward the close of the game brought out a storm of applause. The crowd were in sympathy with the New Orleans man while the last shots were counted off, and it was only overanxiety that stopped Maggioli within three points of first place and first money. Maggioli made a beautiful spurt towards the latter part of the evening, after Capron's steady work had apparently secured a safe lead. The thirty-first innings counted him 32, while the thirty-third netted him 53 and landed him within ten of the needed 300. Capron had 15 to go and found the balls widely scattered in the thirty-seventh innings. A couple of three-cushion shots drew them together and slowly and accurately with single cushion and draw shots he ran ten and out.

Maggioli's work of the evening before when he defeated Capron in 14 innings, with the best average of the tournament (21 6-14) marked him as favorite in last night's game. His average in the final game was 7 37-38, and illustrates the change of form an expert is subject to, especially where overconfidence or anxiety is liable to work so much harm.

Capron won the first place and money by steady, hard work throughout the game. His play was mostly open table work, rarely nursing the balls for more than half a dozen shots. He appeared to prefer the difficult three-cushion carom, and scored most of his high runs after Maggioli had left the balls apparently safe.

In the other game, Sutton's high run of 110 practically settled the game, in spite of Matthews' excellent runs of 61 and 66. The first money was $200, second $125, third $75 and fourth $50.

THOUSANDS AT THE RACES

Big Holiday Crowd at New Orleans—Songer Lands His Usual Winner, a Favorite.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Six thousand people saw three favorites win to-day. First race, 6 furlongs—If, 99 (Songer), 2 to 1, 1; Mollie B, 103 (Beauchamp), 15 to 1, 2; Lizzetta, 107 (Ross), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.10. Marquise, Sauterne, R. Q. Ban, Sir John, Rob Roy II., Paskola, Miss Rowell also ran.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Alvin W, 101 (Walker), 9 to 5, 1; Maxime Elliott, 102 (Hiscox), 9 to 2, 2; Jack Hayes, 99 (Turner), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.18¾. Hill Billy, Henrica, Pat Morrissey, Prince Arthur also ran.

Third race, 1¼ miles—Linnette, 101 (Morse), 4 to 1, 1; Chugnut, 93 (Wilhite), 3 to 1, 2; Farmer Leigh, 97 (Hirsch), 8 to 1, 3. Time 2.17¼. Candy, Pirate, Parp, Proverb also ran.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles—Scribe, 105 (Tuberville), 11 to 5, 1; Grayling, 110 (Scherer), 5 to 2, 2; Ray H, 106 (Morse), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.54¾. Elyria, Fred Craft, Glen Albyn, Parmesan, Sister Estella, Olymena also ran.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—High Test, 110 (Scherer), 1 to 2, 1; Pearson, 104 (Morse), 20 to 1, 2; Old Ham, 86 (Dean), 30 to 1, 3. Time 1.19¾. Necedah, Terrault, Gluck, Incommode, Flora Ballard, Bramblenet also ran.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Princess Bonnie, 89 (Burns), 6 to 1, 1; Rosny, 91 (Turner), 6 to 1, 2; Loyal Prince, 108 (Scott), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.20¼. Eleanor Mc, Laura Davis, Alto June, Novera, Renaud also ran.

GOOD RACES AT BARKSDALE.

Barksdale Race Track, Jan. 1.—There was a large attendance at the races here this afternoon. The fields were about evenly matched, the track dry, and good sport was seen. Summaries:

First race, 4½ furlongs—Hurlingham, 6 to 1, 1; Estelle J., 2 to 1 place, 2; Rama, 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.00.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Lawrence P., 6 to 5, 1; One Chance, 8 to 5 place, 2; Sedgwick, 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.20.

Third race, 6½ furlongs—Corn Cob, 4 to 5, 1; Metropolis, 15 to 1 place, 2; Telipse, 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.28.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs—Meadows, 9 to 5, 1; Con Lucy, 7 to 2 place, 2; Fagin, 1 to 2, 3. Time 1.05.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—His Grace, 6 to 5, 1; Harris, 7 to 10 place, 2; Plenty, 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.20.

Sixth race, 4½ furlongs—Fassett, 4 to 1, 1; Syde, 2 to 5 place, 2; Criterion, 10 to 1, 3. Time 59 sec.

FIVE FAVORITES WON.

Ingleside Race Track, Jan. 1.—Five of the six favorites won to-day. First race, 6 furlongs—Libertine, 112 (Macklin), even, 1; Yankee Doodle, 109 (Doggett), 9 to 2, 2; Lady Diamond, 107 (Martin), 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.16¾.

Second race, mile—Perseus, 108 (Sloan), 9 to 10, 1; Peter II., 112 (Doggett), 4 to 1, 2; Earl Cochran, 104 (Martin), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.45.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Moylan, 103 (Murphy), 4 to 5, 1; Arapahoe, 101 (Martin), 13 to 5, 2; Patriarch, 101 (Thompson), 25 to 1, 3. Time 1.17.

Fourth race, mile—Lucky Dog, 102 (H. Martin), 4 to 1, 1; St. Lee, 110 (W. Martin), 4 to 1, 2; Aquinas, 102 (Slaughter), 3 to 2, 3. Time 1.43.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Greyhurst, 105 (Slaughter), 7 to 5, 1; George Palmer, 105 (Jones), 12 to 1, 2; Arrezzo, 110 (Gardner), 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.31½.

Sixth race, 1 1-16 miles—Red Glen, 106 (Sloan), 10 to 1, 1; Little Cripple, 106 (Jones), 3 to 1, 2; Minnie Cee, 94 (Record), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.58½.

HOT SPRINGS WANTS TO RACE.

The news comes from the West that Captain H. O. Price is endeavoring to form a syndicate of capitalists to invest $100,000 in a winter race track at Hot Springs. The plan is to race from December 15 to March 15. The project can hardly materialize, for every previous attempt to establish racing at Hot Springs has failed. In fact, at the last meeting it was a difficult matter to raise the purses which the horses had won. New Orleans seems to be about the only place where winter racing, after many failures, has at last secured a firm foothold.

UNCLE SAM'S NEW STARTER.

New York, Jan. 1.—Mr. Arthur M. Hunter will, in all likelihood, be the next official starter appointed by the Jockey Club to act at the big meetings in the vicinity of New York. So far as can be learned, the matter has not been ratified, and, as usual, the Jockey Club officials wisely keep their own counsels till the final decision is reached, but the selection is in every way probable.

It became known last fall, after the services of Mr. Thomas Flynn had been dispensed with, that the authorities were anxious to find some one of good social standing, by birth and association, capable of wielding the flag. The question was where such a man could be found who would be willing to assume the onerous and invidious duties of starter.

STARTERS OF THE PAST.

At sundry times in the history of American racing, gentlemen have acted as starters. The late Mr. John A. Morris handled the flag in the old days of Jerome Park, and at later times Captain J. H. Coster, Mr. J. G. K. Lawrence, Captain W. M. Connor, all now dead, have acted in a like capacity.

Mr. Arthur Hunter's name is scarcely less well known in connection with turf affairs than that of his father, Mr. John Hunter, though the latter is the veteran par excellence among all our prominent turfites, says The Journal. He it was that sold Kentucky to the late Mr. August Belmont for $40,000, a then unprecedented amount, but while this seems like ancient history, Mr. Hunter was a turfman of long experience when the transaction took place.

It was but natural, therefore, that the eldest son of such a man should take kindly to racing. He took to the riding end of the sport, and in the days when the gentleman jockey cut a much more effective figure than he does now, he was the best of them all in the pigskin. No professional could give him either seven pounds or one pound, whether on the flat or over the jumps.

Of recent years Mr. Hunter has not been seen in the saddle, and for several seasons he had apparently lost all interest in the sport. This year, however, he had a few horses in the hands of Matt Allen, including that useful horse, Sapelo, and the smart filly Trayline. He sold these horses last fall.

The appointment of Mr. Hunter would be another instance of our racing authorities falling into line with what the English Jockey Club has been doing of late years. After the death of Mr. McGeorge it was some time before a satisfactory solution of the problem was reached through the selection of Mr. Arthur Coventry in the spring of 1891. Mr. Coventy was in his day the best gentleman jockei in the United Kingdom, and it is not too high praise to say that he has done equally well as starter.

It is, however, only necessary to talk to some of the American racing men who have been campaigning their horses in England to form some idea of the excellence of his work. And this is anything but unnatural, for a man by his own experience in the saddle gets the intimate knowledge of the ways and tricks of jockeys at the post, while the voluntary selection of such a hazardous pastime as race-riding by one who is not driven to it by necessity presupposes the existence in him of those qualities of courage, decisiveness and quickness of eye that are essential to the success of a starter.

The history of the starting problem on our big metropolitan race courses for the last few years has been nothing but a continuous record of failure. One appointee was bad, the next worse, and so on, all down the line. The retirement of Mr. Flynn this year was shrouded in mystery, and his place was filled by Mr. C. H. Pettingill. The latter is a good starter, but at best it was doubtful whether he would be engaged for the coming season, as he has a certain amount of opposition to combat among those who hold the reins of authority.

The range of choice is anyhow small. In fact, it has come to this—that there is no one among the professional starters against whom either some reasonable objection cannot be raised, or who has not in some way become a persona non grata to the stewards.

SPORTING NOTES.

Efforts are making to arrange a relay race between teams representing Princeton, Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania, with the understanding that the race will be held at the University of Pennsylvania's indoor athletic meet, which takes place in February.

Parker of Rochester and Barber of Utica met before the Syracuse Athletic Association yesterday afternoon in a wrestling match. There was a side stake of $50 and a $50 purse. Parker had no difficulty in putting Barber on his back three times in succession, and won the money.

If the Board of Trade of New London, Conn., can accomplish it, there will be a big rowing regatta on the Thames River at that place in June, 1897. Over 400 circulars have been sent to colleges all over the country announcing the event as the Thames Regatta. It is to be patterned after the Henley Regatta.

AFTER THE C.W.A. RACE MEET

Chatham Tells Why She Should Get the Plum.

BUT THERE ARE OTHERS.

Representative J. F. Cairns Out in an Official Canvass.

Not Afraid of London and Brantford, Who Are Also in the Field—The Maple City Has a Good Track and All the Accommodation Necessary to Carry Out the Event.

The annual struggle for the C.W.A. meet has begun in earnest. The big bicycle event will, of course, go to the west, and Chatham, London and Brantford are after it, with the present chances in favor of the Maple City. Mr. J. F. Cairns of the Chatham Cycle Club was in town yesterday, and he says they will get it sure, although some of the C.W.A. magnates are pledged to one of their opponents. Their track is all that can be desired—a half-mile that has many seconds to its credit, good stands that will be enlarged and young men who are capable of conducting a meet in the most approved fashion.

In Mr. Cairns Chatham has an able representative. He is on a canvassing tour, and hopes to be able to report progress on returning home next week. To-day he will interview Secretary Donly at Simcoe, and set down the claims of his club.

Mr. Cairns is an old Association football man, and played with the Victoria University team before the Methodist College was removed from Cobourg. He also takes great interest in baseball, and was proud to say that the Chatham B.B.C. beat everything west of London last season. Percy Brown, who has Mr. Cairns in hand here, says that Chatham is the place for next year's meet, and he is already convinced that it will go there.

BIKE PROPELLED BY THE BREEZE.

M. Demange, a French inventor, has devised a plan by which he claims a cyclist may ride at a speed of from 12 to 15 miles an hour with no exertion at all, except that required in guiding the machine. He has a contrivance which in form is a sort of turbine arrangement, something like a hollowed out gourd, in "gores," and the "gores" turned a little on their axes. The turbine is placed on dual rods, attached vertically to the forward wheel of the bicycle. A bar projects from the centre of the handle bars outward, and to this is attached the top of the turbine. The turbine revolves on its axis and catches enough wind to give the forward wheel an additional impetus. No matter from what direction the wind blows the turbine catches it, and by attachment with the hub of the front wheel communicates some of the force of the wind to the wheel. The turbine practically neutralizes the effect of a beam wind. The rotary motion of the turbine works on rods which attach it to a ratchet wheel, which revolves about the hub of the front wheel. These rods work up and down like the piston rods of an engine, and in that way accelerate the motion greatly.

LAPS DIVIDE THE LEADERS.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The score in the six-day international bicycle race, at the close of the fifth day, stood: Waller 730.11, Maddox 730.9, Ashinger 730.2, Hunter 728.8, Lawson 728.6, Forster 727.1.

BICYCLE BRIEFS.

The Wanderers' smoker this evening promises the usual lively time for the members of this flourishing club.

A. L. Hachenberger, brother of the well-known professional cyclist, lowered the world's road record for 200 miles, at Denver, Col., on Thursday, riding it in 14 hours and 2 min.

The Cincinnati Bicycle Board of Trade has announced that an exposition of the products of bicycle manufacturers of the country in all branches will begin on Feb. 20 at Horticultural Hall and continue until Feb. 27.

By a unanimous vote of the Racing Board, sanction to exceed the prize limit was granted Chicago Cycle Racing Association by Chairman Gideon of the L.A.W. Racing Board. To-morrow Fred Gerlach will officially grant the promoters of the six-day race, which commences Feb. 21 at Tattersall's, sanction to hold the contest.

THE PHILLIES' TEAM.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—The team of cricketers to be known as the Gentlemen of Philadelphia, will visit England next year. With the experience of the failure in carrying out the last two trips to guide them the project thus far has been carried out in a thoroughly businesslike way by the Associated Cricket Club of Philadelphia.

Before any correspondence was entered into with the authorities on the other side a circular letter was sent to about 20 of the most prominent cricketers in Philadelphia, asking if they would go on the trip if selected to play. The replies received were so satisfactory that negotiations were immediately opened with C. W. Alcock, Secretary of the Surrey Club, and he has now made the preliminary arrangements for the visit.

The team will sail from this city on May 26, and will be selected from the following well-known players: G S Patterson, F H Bohlen, E W Clark, jr., W W Noble, H I Brown, F W Ralston and F H Clark of the Germantown C.C.; Crawford Coates, jr., J B King, A M Wood, E M Cregar and H H Brown of the Belmont C.C.; L Biddle of the Philadelphia Club, H P Bally of the Merion Club, D H Adams and J A Lester of Haverford College, and S Goodman of the University of Pennsylvania.

BASEBALL AT NIAGARA VARSITY.

The prospects for a strong team at Niagara University are very bright. Edward S. Luby, '99, has been elected manager and director of the team for next season. Mr. Luby is one of the most popular students at the university, and has the benefit of Jim O'Rourke's tuition, he hailing from Bridgeport.

Peter J. Higgins, secretary-treasurer of the University Athletic Association, has so far arranged games with the Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Scranton clubs of the Eastern League, also with Hornellsville, Corning and Cuban Giants. Just now he is negotiating with Cornell for a game.

"Jack" Barry, captain Niagara Varsity team of '96, will no doubt hold down Rochester's second bag in a style that will suit the Flour City patrons of the game.

"Tim" O'Brien will resume his law studies at Niagara University in the February session.

"Jim" O'Rourke will in all probability coach the Niagara Varsity team in the spring of the coming year.

BASEBALL BREVITIES.

The Pittsburg Club still has Joe Wright and Harry Davis as extra players.

Houston, Tex., tried ten short stops last season, and all were frosts. The Phillies' experience was pretty nearly as sorrowful.

The hint has been thrown out that Payne, formerly of Toronto, will give all the Brooklyn twirlers a brush for the title of premier.

With Jack Stivetts and Klobedanz, the Beaneaters will have the hardest pair of hitting pitchers in the major league next season.

The National League's drafting period expired Thursday night. From now until Feb. 1 the minor leagues have a chance at each other according to classification.

Pittsburg has signed J. B. Donnelly, third baseman, and Jesse H. Tannehill, pitcher. President Kerr has drafted Catcher Leahy of the Springfield team, of the Eastern League. This will cost the Pittsburg Club $500.

Sandy Griffin has decided to give up playing regularly on the Scranton team and will manage from the bench, keeping in condition, however, by constant practice, so that he can go into the game in case of an emergency.

Scranton has already on the list Gunson, Berger and O'Neill, catchers; Harper, Brown, Gillon and Willner, pitchers; Massey and Schafer, first basemen; Bonner, second; Maguire, third; Moss, short stop, and Eagan, O'Brien and Meaney, fielders.

There is talk of establishing a new minor league, to be known as the Kansas State League. It will be made up of six cities, to be chosen from the following: Wichita, Leavenworth, Topeka, Coffeyville, Independence, Atchison, Emporia and Junction City. The Southeastern League, with clubs in South Carolina and Georgia, is also mentioned as a possibility.

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A MONTREAL SENSATION.

Ald. Romeo Prevost is Missing, and It is Said His Affairs are Much Involved.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—A sensation has been caused in civic circles by the sudden departure from the city of Ald. Romeo Prevost, one of the prominent members of the City Council. Ald. Prevost was elected at the last civic elections to represent the Centre Ward, the business ward of the city. He was an accountant, and was reported to be very wealthy. He had a large number of estates to look after. Ald. Prevost took a prominent part in civic affairs, but it had been noticed lately that he appeared somewhat strange. About a week ago it leaked out that he had attempted to commit suicide at a leading hotel, but was rescued in the nick of time. His whereabouts are at present unknown. His business, it is understood, is heavily involved.

A DRUNKEN FIEND.

Edward Clark, Locked Up at No. 1 Station, Assaults His Fellow Prisoners—He Ran Amuck.

Edward, alias John, Clark, who lives at 99 William-street, got a peach of a jag yesterday and ran amuck on Lombard-street, with his fists. He wanted to slug everybody in sight. P.C. Kerr attempted to arrest him, and did so, with some assistance. When Clark was put in the cells at No. 1 Station, there were some other prisoners there, helpless drunks. Clark attacked one, Thomas Radigan, and beat him so badly that he was taken to St. Michael's Hospital. After that Clark was handcuffed and tied up, so that he could not mingle with the other prisoners. When the station duty man took the suppers to the cells, he found another helpless drunk, named James Burns, with a couple of bad cuts on his forehead. It is supposed that Burns, in a maudlin way, attempted to talk to Clark, and in return got the boots. Burns was also taken to St. Michael's.

Proposed Cut in Wages.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Notices were posted to-day at the Homestead steel works of the Carnegie Company that a readjustment would be made in the wages of employes in the two open hearth mills, which will affect the tonnage men and probably amount to from 20 to 30 per cent. reduction in their wages. The workmen sent a committee to present protests to General Superintendent Schwab, who told them that he would lay the matter before the company's officials. Nearly 400 men are employed in this department, but the proposed change will not affect all of them.

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Five Shots Fired—Only Two Hit.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—M. J. Ryan, Chief of the Fire Department, was shot at five times this afternoon by Assistant Chief Frank Woods, two taking effect, one in the back and one in the right thigh. Woods had been reported for drunkenness and Mayor Mayo was in the act of writing the order of suspension when the shooting took place.

Diplomats Entertained.

Washington, Jan. 1.—According to custom, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Olney entertained the diplomatic corps at breakfast at their residence at noon to-day. About 150 were present.

Pingree Inaugurated.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 1.—The inauguration at noon to-day of Hazen S. Pingree as Governor of Michigan was not marked by any public ceremony.

R. C. Lehmann, who recently arrived in England from the United States, where he coached the Harvard boat crew, is suffering from influenza.