

SCHOOLBOYS OPEN 1916 CAGE SEASON TODAY—OTHER NEWS OF THE SPORTS WORLD

SIDELIGHTS ON TOM SHEVLIN CARRY UNENDING INTEREST

Late Yale Hero Endeavored to Get Mike Murphy Taken on Eli Faculty—Was Arrested Here for Speeding

By GRANTLAND RICE

SINCE Tom Shevlin had such a vivid soul and possessed such a vital spark...

the same spirit; that the other fellow is a useful good, but you are the best in the world.

An Invulnerable End

"The scrum team in 1906 was the best Yale ever had, for in those days the substitutes used on it, as well as ineligible and star freshmen, yet it was a red letter day when we gained two yards around his end in practice, and we lost more ground by far in trying him than we ever gained, despite our plotting and planning.

High Brow Staggered

"At one time Tom tried to get Mike Murphy taken on the Yale faculty, but was informed when he appeared before the board to press Murphy's cause that there would probably be some opposition to him.

"Tom was always a very high stand student indeed and never flunked an examination. I don't believe he ever took a drink in his life.

"Many remarks were attributed, unfortunately, to Tom which he never made; the worst, perhaps, of these was what he was supposed to have said in his freshman year: 'Look at me now and think what I'll be when I'm a senior.'

"He was a wonderfully fast skater, a fine baseball player and a remarkable boxer, but concentrated on football and hammer-throwing at college.

"His tremendous self-assurance and confidence served two purposes—it made him greater, just as it makes Ty Cobb, and it made every man on it, which answer staggered some of the high brows severely.

GOLFERS PRACTICE THE INDOOR GAME ON STORE COURSES

Three Big Department Stores Start Winter Season of Training for Approaching and Putting

There isn't any bonny heather, nor are there any lusty lungees at the ball, but indoor golf furnishes just the same inspiration for causing and much of the fascination that the outdoor game affords.

The winter drive on the game started yesterday afternoon at Gimbel's, and the big crowd, both hitting the ball and on the links, gave another sample of how popular the game of golf is getting to be here.

Wanamaker's will open a course tomorrow. At Sneltenburg's there is a golf school, but no course. Other department stores are taking up the matter of indoor golf, and it is expected that in the near future the courses will be swamped with players.

The course at Gimbel's is more than 100 feet in length. At one end, behind the "punch bowl" eighth hole is a high wire screen, but otherwise the course is uninclosed save by a low rail so that it often happens that a salesgirl jumps frantically for a counter when she sees a golf ball rolling along the floor at her feet and she thinks at first she is face to face with a mouse.

There are nine holes. The ball must be put through all the jumps and paces imaginable. There are water, sand, grooves, "trees," lakes, camel backs and every other kind of a hazard to throw the ball away from the hole. One of the difficulties of the course is that one gets too absorbed in the shots. Yesterday one of the fair golfers suffered no little embarrassment when she fell headlong over one of the pyramids.

Missed puts called for silent movements of the lips, accompanied by a mean look, except in one case where one of the male golfers jumped on his stick and shook his fist at the ball with a guttural flow of words which left little to the imagination.

"See, he ain't got the ball's eye on it," said a man-boy, thereby adding much to the care-free air of the golfer at the bat. In a few days the heavy traffic over the courses will commence.

C. H. S. PLAYERS IN POOR SHAPE FOR HARD GAMES

Coach Usliton's Squad Idle While Other Teams Worked

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Today's Basketball Games

Northeast High at West Philadelphia High.

Central High School at Southern High.

Trade School at Darby High School.

Temple Prep at Vineland High School.

With the High School League basketball series upon them the Central High School basketball players find themselves in comparatively poor physical shape as a result of failing to indulge in a single practice throughout the holiday season.

The game with Southern High, always a hard struggle, may or may not be played today, pending final arrangements regarding the hall for this initial league contest, but whether Central wins or not, the team will be handicapped and sooner or later may feel the effects of not having kept in trim over such a long period.

While Southern, Northeast and West Philadelphia were practicing, Central High was idle.

Jim Usliton, coach of the Central players, claims that it is not his fault that the men were unable to work. He said: "No hall was secured by the Basketball Committee for us to use. The Central High School gymnasium was closed and the men could not play there. Yesterday I took the men to the 'gym,' but Doctor O'Brien, physical director, refused to allow us to use the floor for practice. What else could we do?"

Chestnut Hill Academy students are interested in the selection of the football coach at Penn, and wonder whether Mike Bonne will be selected.

It's the old, old story in the High School Basketball League! They never seem to know just where the games are going to be played.

Northeast High School's athletes, now attending Germantown High, seem to be popular with the Mathew boys.

Dusen, of the Southern High School basketball squad, is in line for the position of forward on the first team.

West Philadelphia High School will lose a number of sterling athletes next month when the February class graduates, and among them will be Buiritt, the star field goal thrower.

Kerrigan, of the Northeast High School basketball team, has been showing up so well in the recent practice.

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When Central meets the Southern High School basketball team this afternoon, Bloomfield will be at forward for the Crimson and Gold.

DE NERI QUINTET TROUNCES TRENTON

Rush in Last Few Minutes of Play Gives Dudley's Men Game

Standing of the Clubs

Schedule for Tomorrow

TRENTON, Jan. 4.—Trenton made every effort to defeat De Neri in an Eastern League contest here last night, but failed.

The locals started out like sure winners and during the early minutes piled up a comfortable lead.

To help fill out the hole at guard during the enforced absence of Alfy McWilliams, the Greystock Eastern League club yesterday signed "Big Bill" Herron, who last year played with Camden.

"Conshohocken Bill" is one of the biggest men in the game and while he has not played this season is in fairly good shape from his work in the iron mills of Conshohocken.

The local opening of the Intercollegiate Basketball League season will be held at Weightsman Hall next Saturday evening.

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CUBS MAY BE SOLD TO WEEGHMAN TODAY

Chief Boss Will Talk Over Deal With Taft in Cincinnati. League Meeting Postponed

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The sale of the Chicago Cubs by C. P. Taft to Charles Weeghman, principal backer of the Chicago Federal League, is expected tonight.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, but Taft returned from a vacation on his ranch at Corpus Christi, Tex., sooner than he had expected, and desires to have the matter settled at once.

The only business of importance scheduled for today is the election of the chairman and secretary of the National Commission. Garry Herrmann is to be re-elected chairman, while John E. Bruce will be retained as secretary, according to a message attending the meeting.

At the meeting here various matters that have to do with the readjustment of baseball affairs to conform with the recent treaty of peace were discussed informally, and other than the announcement that the date and place of the committee meeting had been fixed no news of a definite character came from the meeting room.

Tigers Let Out Jim McGuire

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 4.—Jim McGuire, veteran pitcher, who for several years has been employed by the Detroit baseball club as scout and coach, has been released by President Navin. His place will be taken by "Hilly" Sullivan, former catcher and coaching manager of the Chicago Americans, who recently signed a Detroit contract.

Chase Still in the Running

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Hal Chase, the first baseman who left the Chicago Americans in mid-season to join the Buffalo Federals, will find no better fate against him by owner Comiskey of the White Sox, who says that Manager Rowland was free to sign any player from the Federal League whom he could get.

Managers defeated St. Edwards in a well-played American League game at the Quaker City Athletic Club's Hall last night by 32 to 21.

In the second game, Madonna defeated American Braves by the score of 30 to 29.

AN AMATEUR IS AN AMATEUR WHEN HE IS ONE—THAT'S ALL

This Sums Up Finding of the Sports Governing B dies, Who Gathered Together in New York City

By KRITIC

PERHAPS much was accomplished by the delegates attending the daily conferences of the various sport governing bodies in New York last week—but if so it is not evident. In fact the conclaves were disappointing, individually and collectively, to the Sporting Citizen, if not to the representative persons who took part.

It was with infinite glee that the Sporting Citizen read that the assembling bodies would settle the pesky amateur problem by the throat and throttle it forever and a day. After laboriously wading through the advance dope he formulated the idea that the "summer baseball question" would be sewed in a bag and sunk to the bottom of the Big Pond.

Bitter was the awakening. The delegates came, they saw—and then they departed. Much talking was done and a new amateur code adopted. As codes go, their code... We perpetrate our criticism for the same reasons that we would question the wisdom of a physician who administers a dose of pain to a patient dying with brain fever.

The humble paragrapher does not wish to speak unkindly of the delegates or their code. We perpetrate our criticism for the same reasons that we would question the wisdom of a physician who administers a dose of pain to a patient dying with brain fever.

For countless years the Sporting Citizen has been trying to find an answer for the question: "When is an amateur not an amateur?" It has been "all at sea."

Now, instead of being on terra firma, where he was led to believe he would be after the meetings in New York, he is "up in the air."

There is only one way to reform the amateur code. It has to be done with a club. Basically, the existing code is all wrong, and the evils of the present system can never be eliminated until the foundation is corrected.

Because a man is sufficiently accomplished in baseball to get real money for playing the game is no reason for barring him from his class in tennis and golf. For ourselves we claim a certain proficiency in billiards, but because of our excessive bulk we would be a woeful failure over the hurdles.

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It is evident that the amateur should not be asked to compete with the professional in the same branch of sport, but it savors of the ridiculous to make Jim Thorpe surrender his track laurels because he received \$3.99 or thereabouts for playing baseball in a little North Carolina hamlet.

An exception should be made in the case of the college baseball player who picks up a stray bit of gelt on the diamond during the summer. It is hard to find a reason why a youth should not be permitted to defend his alma mater simply because he gets board and lodging (which he probably needs) for upholding the diamond dignity of the Centerville Mountain House.

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Build an amateur code on such a foundation and then enforce it. We understand that Harry Legore, George Brickley, Abel Kiviat and Harry J. Smith are among those present at the amateur conference.

According to the story, which was not turned over to the police for business reasons and in an effort to avoid publicity, Fulton walked into a Chicago cafe for a drink of buttermilk. (Fred can't get away from his buttermilk habit, he just gets on buttermilk, but nothing stronger.)

While imbibing Fulton heard strange cries from the back room. It aroused his suspicion, and as an excuse to hang round to see what was going on he ordered another buttermilk. "Inching this, he was about to leave the place when the cry was repeated, this time in a muffled tone. This was too much for the cleaning-farmer boy. He did not go to see harm done to an innocent party while he was in the neighborhood.

Fulton caught sight of a score or more of rowdies trying to kidnap a young girl. She couldn't have been more than 20, he says. She was bound and gagged and her captors were endeavoring to torture her into telling the hiding place of the family jewels. This she refused to do.

Fulton made a dash for the villains, and they pulled revolvers and "billes" and attempted to fight back. The young heavyweight would not be denied, however. He struck mighty and whenever his fist landed a man hit the floor. Finally 15 were stretched out in the room, the rest jumping through windows to make their escape.

This story, Fulton untied the girl, carried her to her limousine awaiting without and proceeded downtown, where he went through his usual work-out at a gymnasium, boxing four rounds.

P. S.—This happened at a moving picture studio, where Fulton is being featured in a three-reel drama, entitled "From Farmer Boy to Challenger for the Heavyweight Championship of the World." It was a part of the sketch, you know.

