

PHILADELPHIA RACQUET PLAYERS HAVE GREAT CHANCE TO CAPTURE NATIONAL TITLE

O'KEEFE-TENDLER FIASCO OPENS EYES OF PUBLIC; BETTER BOUTS ASSURED

Investigation to Be Made by Director Wilson, and Supporters of Game Will Be Protected Against Unsatisfactory Performances

WHEN Eddie O'Keefe and Lew Tandler, the "hittless wonders," put on their six-round fiasco at the Olympia Athletic Club Monday night, they boosted the boxing game in Philadelphia. It is true that they put up a miserable exhibition, and most of the audience left in disgust before the bout was half over...

Vila Declares Baseball Is Topheavy Joe Vila, the veteran baseball writer of the New York Evening Sun, who always has been a loyal champion of Organized Ball and its magnates, agrees heartily with the Evening Ledger that baseball is becoming topheavy.

Forced to Pay Exorbitant Salaries Under the caption of "Frenzied Finance in Baseball" Vila says in part: "If some of the baseball magnates and fight promoters don't curb themselves they will run into bankruptcy proceedings. The magnates, having squelched the Federal League, seem to have an idea that the national game is due for such a great boom it is safe to spend record-breaking sums for over-rated players."

Although the late Andrew Freedman bought 51 per cent. of the Giants' stock in 1895 for \$49,000, H. N. Hempstead recently offered to sell 62 per cent. of the stock to the Gaffney-Davis-Sinclair combination for \$1,400,000.

Moguls Make Mistake in Suppositions "On top of this comes the news that C. W. Somers probably will remain in control of the Cleveland club because nobody will fork over \$500,000. The American League, therefore, must finance Somers with \$100,000 to tide his club over until 1917.

Seaton's Purchase a Big Surprise The purchasing of Tom Seaton by Joe Tinker, new manager of the Cubs, came as a surprise to local fans, who had been led to believe that the former Philly twirler had thrown his arm out.

President Johnson is quoted as favoring another representative on the National Commission, preferring a ball player of the Sam Crawford type.

Can one blame a wonderful pitcher like Fred Toney for refusing to sign a contract calling for \$4000 a year, when Joe Gedeon, a minor leaguer, who is yet to prove himself of major league calibre, gets a three-year contract calling for \$18,000...

Philadelphia is well represented in the racquets tournament which is scheduled to begin today in Boston. Wear and Brooks, of the Philadelphia Racquet Club, have a splendid chance to win the national doubles.

Frank Baker is still in the Yankee limo-glare. The latest report gives J. Franklin a salary of \$7500. This figure, according to the revised salaries which must follow baseball peace, is almost double Baker's present value.

NO MATTER WHEN YOU GO AWAY YOU'LL MISS A LOT OF FUN

Comic strip with four panels. Panel 1: "I'VE BEEN IN THIS BURG NOW FOR TWENTY YEARS AND IT'S GETTING ON MY NERVES. I'M GOING TO BELIEVE THIS AWFUL MONOTONY!" Panel 2: "I THINK I'LL TAKE THE FIRST TRAIN FOR THE SOUTH AND GET AWAY FROM MYSELF!" Panel 3: "A CHANGE IS COMING OVER OUR HEADS! WE'VE GOT TO GO!" Panel 4: "THIS IS MORE LIKE IT. SOMETHING IS GOING ON. I'LL GET MY AWFUL BULL FOR THE BOYS UP HOME!"

LOCAL RACQUETS NEW FAVORITES FOR THE TITLE

Brooke and Wear Look to Be "Best Bet" for Doubles Championship STARTS TOMORROW From a local point of view the draw for the national doubles racquet championship, which begins at the Tennis and Racquet Club, Boston, tomorrow, is an excellent one.

PRELIMINARY ROUND. P. D. Haughton and J. W. Cutler vs. N. H. Cabot and R. W. Johnson. H. C. Clark and J. G. H. Brooks vs. G. H. Brooks and J. W. Wear.

RACQUET CLUB WINS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP Germantown A Team, Last Year's Winner, Is Second in Standing The Racquet Club won the Interclub squash racquets championship by defeating Team B of the Merion Cricket Club at the Racquet Club yesterday by six matches to none.

Silver Foils Players Tie PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 27.—Mrs. A. C. Abern, of Montclair, and Miss Priscilla Beal, of Johnston, Pa., tied yesterday afternoon for first prize in a golf handicap competition...

RICE CAN ONLY SEE BOSTON RED SOX FOR 1916 SEASON

Great Pitching Staff and Trio of Outfielders Main Factor in Strength of Champions By GRANTLAND RICE There are more than many ways To teach a bloke to bat;

Lincoln is no longer over due in the way of pennant glory that her flag outbreak now may come at any moment. The Phillies closed up a six-year gap last fall by finally reaching the cinder. The first manager that wins a pennant for Cincinnati will be unanimously indorsed as the next Emperor of Germany.

What We'd Like to See for 1916 1. Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Browns fight out world series. 2. Ed Walsh to come back and win 40 ball games.

W. WILLCOX SEEKS HONORS IN THREE SPORT FIELDS

Harvard Football, Baseball and Track Man Expected to Emulate Mahan as All-round Star



W. WILLCOX, JR. but he lost out to the more experienced Watson. However, he now is a leading candidate for the position next fall.

HARVARD coaches believe they have another all-around athlete who is destined to be just as famous as Eddie Mahan, captain of the 1915 football team. He is W. Willcox, Jr., track star, football player and pitcher on the nine.

JENKINTOWN HAS REVISED ROSTER OF CAGE GAMES

Next Contest Tomorrow Night With Conshohocken High Five OTHER SCHOOL NEWS Jenkintown High School has a splendid squad of basketball players and they are making an excellent showing in the games with teams in the Old York road district.

January 28—Conshohocken High, at Conshohocken (night). February 1—Hastings High School, at Haverhill (night). February 2—Abington High School, at Jenkintown (night).

DE NERI RESERVES ANXIOUS TO PLAY FOR CITY TITLE

Young Musical Funders Believe They Are in Running for Honors BASKETBALL COMMENT The acquisition of big Ben Barriah and Patry Kilpatrick to the De Neri Reserves has prompted Manager Abe Radel to issue a challenge to all independent and minor league clubs to play a game or a series of games to determine the much-mooted championship of the city.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS. W. L. P. C. Greysock... 17 7 560 Trenton... 11 14 440 Camden... 13 15 560 Jasper... 9 10 369 De Neri at Jasper. The schedule of games for tomorrow follows: La Salle College at Darby High School.

Two field goals in the last few minutes of the final period gave the Reading team a victory over Camden last night in the Eastern League basketball series by a score of 39 to 28.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Bainbridge JACK KILBANE AND ALVIAN GEO. HACKBURN vs. WILHELM BAKER. WILHELM BAKER vs. JACK MALONE. Mickey Donnelly vs. Hobbs Reynolds.

Eye-Witness Describes Assassination of Lincoln

This fateful event, which astounded our country in 1865, is very interestingly recalled by Jeannie Gourlay (Mrs. Struthers), one of the four survivors of the comedy cast at Ford's Theatre, Washington, on the tragic night.

Comic strip with eight panels. Panel 1: "TOMMIS TELL ME, WHEN YOU MADE YOUR FIRST DEBUT, INTO THE PROFESSIONAL PUGILISTIK RING, WHAT DID YOU RECEIVE?" Panel 2: "WHAT DID I RECEIVE?" Panel 3: "I RECEIVED—A COUPLA' BLACK EYES, A SPLIT LIP, AND A SPRAINED NOSE." Panel 4: "BEHAVE YOURSELF—SELL UP! CANTHA SEE THE POSSIFER!"