MONTGOMERY COUNTY

LEAGUE OPENS MAY 6

R. W. Maxwell, Sports Editor of the Evening Ledger,

President of Circuit

Robert W. Maxwell, sports editor of the Evenino Lebore, is now a baseball The magnates of the Montgomery Cour

The magnates of the Montgomery County League met and decided that the bigger the president the bigger the league, hence their obvious and proper selection of an official head.

The others to be associated with Maxwell in conducting the intricate affairs of this organization will be Charles E. Price, Bethayres, vice president; Charles A. B. Hetzel. Fort Washington, secretary; John Hauser, Glonside, treasurer.

Hetzel. Fort Washington, secretary: John Hauser, Glenside, treasurer,
President Maxwell has decided that Saturday, May 6, is a perfect day on which to open the league. September 15 is the date of closing.

Maxwell, who is well known throughout the country as a football official and

writer, is also an expert on the well-known national pastime. He will conduct the af-airs of the lengue along lines of organized baseball although the organization will remain independent of National Commis-

The town is to be represented in the cir-cuit are: Ambler, La Mott, Willow Grove, Glenside, Jenkintown, North Wales, Fort

Lipton Hopes to Sail in 1917 LONDON. March 14.—Sir Thomas Lipton, a letter to the vice commodore of the Es-tacht Club, states that he hopes to sail the America's Cup races next year.

Braves Sign Ed Ruelbach

control.

Washington and Bethayres

## ATHLETICS DOWN TO WORK IN JACKSONVILLE—OTHER NEWS OF THE SPORTS

### LEONARD BEATS ROBIDEAU IN FURIOUS BATTLE AT OLYMPIA; "SHORT TIMING" IS CHARGED

Billy Gibson Says Last Round Is 15 Seconds Shy and Young Riot Is Staged

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

YOUNG sized riot was put on as an added attraction to the show at the apla A. A., last night, after Benny



and even Frank O'Brien, the referee, looked at the time-keeper. The round seemed to have been

on Says Round Was Short Billy Gibson, who was holding a watch d keeping time—unofficially, of course— filly declared that the round was cut

locally declared that the round was cut that 15 seconds and his boy, Benny Leonard robbet of a knockout.
"It was a short round, and I can prove it" he shouted. "This is no way to treat is out-of-town boxer. Why, the round had 15 seconds to go, look at my watch!" And he exposed a timepiece which showed exactly 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

Jack Hanlon, manager of Sam Robi-Jack Hanlon, manager of Sam Robi-deat, rushed across the ring. He was highly indignant and even his silk shirt

"Yer crazy when you pull that short-round stuff," he shouted back. "The round was an even three minutes and I have 1100 to \$50 that you don't know what you are talking about. A newspaper man was siting next to the timekeeper and he says that everything was on the level. I

dare you to bet me!"

Then Reddy Weigmore, clad in his mow-white make-up, sailor collar, tie and everything, shooed them from the ring and the mob scene fell flat.

But It Was Exciting!

special the round was short and then spain, perhaps it was not. As stated show, it seemed short, but it must be remembered that there were large parcels of excitement every second and the time was lost track of. The spectators were intensely interested and were disappointed. Perhaps the round was short and ther tonsely interested and were disappointed when the session ended. It would have been the same had the round lasted five

Despite the riot act, Mr. Leonard whaled the tar out of the former sailor, who

short changing, or rather short timing was alleged to have been done. A left hook to the jaw staggered Robi-deau and Benny sailed in to finish him. In precisely the same manner that he finished Jimmy Murphy two weeks ago. A couple of hard rights sent Sam against the ropes and Robideau frantically waved his arms and fell into a clinch. Benny fore himself loose, sent home another ter-rific right-hand smash and Sam bent over, both feet on the floor, but also resting or his hands. He seemed to be ready to topple over on his side when the bell ended

Robideau Not Knocked Out Now, to save arguments, time and much cuble, allow us to state that Robideau

was NOT knocked out. And, regarding the alleged shortage of time, we are in no position to give an opinion either way. Billy Gibson says he lost 20 seconds. The official timekeeper of the club says the round lasted three minutes. Take your pick, and allow the Clympia A. A. to ex-If any explanation is due

plain, if any explanation is due,
But this should not detract from Leonsud's performance last night. Benny again
showed that he is the logical contender for
the lightweight crown and has all of the
sarmarks of a champion. He is a 1916
model of Abe Attell. He never loses his
head, is thinking all of the time and
naver misses an opportunity to shoot his
haymaker across. He has met sluggers of
the Murphy and Robideau type, clever
mes like Johnny Dundee and has beaten
them at their ow., game. He is entitled
to recognition and should be Freddy
Welsh's next opponent, if Ferdinand can
be induced to ente the ring without first be induced to ente the ring without first being presented with the United States Treasury.

Beany does not look like a pugilist. We have said this before, but an encore is not at all out of place. To quote Watton Magill—you don't know him, but we'll quote him anyway—"he looks more like a tallor or an automobile salesman than a suy who knocks the blocks off other a guy who knocks the blocks off other guys for a living."

But to return to the final act. Robideau made a very creditable showing and gave Leonard a hard battle until he began to duck too many of those left hooks with back too many of those left hooks with his chin. In the first three rounds, he had Benny worried and kept after the New Yorker from bell to bell. He Haded many telling blows, but Leonard was too clever to allow him to follow up his advantage.

In the fourth round, Benny discovered that Sam could be hit easily with a left hook, and Sam was handed a choice assertment. He began to weaken and at the end of the session was very tired.

Benny Gets Into Trouble

The fifth round almost proved to be the indoing of our gallant sailor. Benny showered about a dozen left hooks on hobideau's chin and Sam was ready to take the high dive. He was wabbly, carening from aide to side, but just as same and coursester severe. some and courageous as ever. He knew be was in bad shape, but he fought back harder than ever. Near the end, when tarder than ever. Near the end, when all hope seemed lost, Sam let go a wild Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Benny Leonard defeated Sam Robideau, Eddle May won from Buck Flem-ing, Abe Rabacoff beat George Blackburn, Young Weinert outfought Stanley Kethel, Frankle Clark bested Whitey Fitzgeraid, Charley Leonard knocked out Frankle Kline in the first.

NEW YORK—Johnny Ertle won from Young Zulu Kid, Eddie Wallace defeated Kid Taplor, Carey Phalen outpointed Tem-my Houck, Tommy Toubney beat Willie CINCINNATI-George Chancy outpunched Pater Haley,

Parsy Haley,

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Young Britt
drew with Fatsy Brannigan.

LANCASTER—Lee Houck defeated K. O.
Suillyan, Willie Franklin knocked out Rid
Kirk in the first. Tommy Doran shaded
Young Attell, Kild Smith defeated Sammy
Kantz, Young McGinnis drew with Hen
Rittenhouse.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y .- Jimmy Coffey defeated Johnny Marto. defeated Johnny Marto.

COLUMBUS—Johnny Griffiths won from Willie Beecher. MEMPHIS - Gus Christy and George Chip drew. BUFFALO-Jack Britton defeated K. O. Brennan.

wing and caught Benny on the Jaw Benny almost toppled over, but he clinched and adopted defensive tactics

clinched and adopted detection in the current the bell.

Then came the sixth, with all of its trimmings. Robideau was all in, ready to drop, when an excited second began throwing water on him, which is against the rules.

Brother Charles Performs

Before the bout, Benny was the busiest ittle person in the place. He witnessed little person in the place. He witnessed the three bouts preceding the windup and assisted Brother Charles when he placed a typical Leonardian wallop on one Frankle Cline's chin 'and allowed him to sleep peacefully after one minute and twenty seconds of the first stanza. Charles, let it be said, is some walloper, and appeared in an extra bout just to show all of those present how good he is. Charles also is SOME demonstrator. SOME demonstrator.

One of the largest crowds of the season attended the show, which was good from beginning to end Long before the doors opened flocks c fight fans gathered before the clubhouse and the police were called to keep them in line. Thousands were unable to get in, but those who did were treated with good stuff to the end. The crowd was estimated at 6000

#### BORRELL-M'CARRON GO WILL DECIDE LAURELS

Winner of 15-Round Match Tonight to Be Middleweight Champion of State

Middleweight champion of Pennsylvania will be added to the moniker of the win-ner of the Jack McCarron-Joe Borrell 15round match, scheduled in Norristown to-night. Both men claimed the State title ever since a sensational 10-round bout at Tamaqua recently. However, the better ougilistically, will be decided tonight definitely.

McCarron arrived in Philadelphia today from Allentown and announced he was never in better shape for a match. Borrell also gave out a statement this morning, through his manager, Johnny Burns, that he is in fit fettle for a gruelling con-test. When asked the probable result of the match each was confident that the bout would last the limited 15 rounds, and that t'e other would be felled for the ten

As St. Paul promoters are anxious to prove their Mike Gibbons is the best middleweight in the world without a doubt, the matchmakers probably will keep the wires burning awaiting the result of the bout. It also is probable the winner tonight will get an offer to box winner tonight will get an offer to box Gibbons in the second bout of a series to Paul man meets Jeff Smith Friday

night. The opening bout between Joe Schel-The opening bout between Joe Schel-lenger, of Norristown, and Texas Kid, of Texas, will be for six rounds, and the semiwind-up, for 10 rounds, between Joe Hunting, of Tioga, and Sol O'Donnell, of

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

The Nelson trio—brother boxers—promis develop into three of the leading flat flin in this city. Al, the cldest, weighs 122 pou while R. O. is a 115-pounder and Wally the beam at 110.

Johnny Mayo vs. Preston Brown is wind-up to Fred Douglas first of a serie home talent' shows to be staged at Douglas Club Wednesday nights, beginning week. Four other well-matched bouts carded.

The veteran Grover Hayes, who has been fouring the West for some time, is in Tulsa. Okia, He will clash with Sajlor Kirk in a 15-round set-to in that city Friday night.

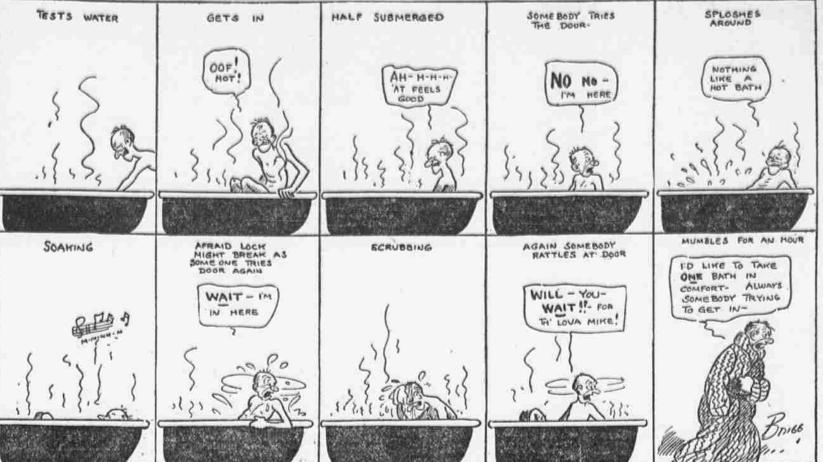
Battling Lahn's manager has posted a \$1000 forfeit with a New York sports writer to bind a match with Johnny Ertle. Still Mike McNulty keeps shady. Any time McNulty passes up a match for the Kewpie he is doubtful whether the St. Paul lad can win. Ertle never goes to the post unless McNulty is positive the party of the second part has slim chances of being the victor.

Mike Gibbons will make an attempt to strengthen his claim to the middleweight championship on Friday night, when he meets Jeff Smith of Bayonne, N. J., who has an informational reputation. They will collide at the Capitol City A. A., of St. Paul.

Billy Gibson, of New York, is planning to stage a contest between the featherweight champion of the world, Johnny Kilbane, and Eddie Campi, the clever youngster from Cali-fornia.

Joe Azevedo has been matched to tackle Matt Wells, the Englishman, for 10 rounds in New London, Conn., on March 22.

Eddie Murphy, the veteran Boston boxer, has been matched to meet Walter Mohr in Hoston, Friday night.



MOVIE OF A MAN TAKING A BATH

#### KING LAMENESS HOLDS FORTH IN CAMP OF ATHLETIC TEAM

Youngsters Are Stiff Today After Strenuous Drill by Mack and Thomas—Jack Nabors Looks Good for This Season

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

league, where the work and strain will not

infield would be forced to play fairly

Manager Mack made a rule that none

The battle between the three south

aws for the two regular positions is be-coming keen, and they take every op-portunity to cut loose while warming up with another portsider. It is a toss-up as to who looks best. Ray was leading, but Mellinger and Bressler are coming strong.

The great improvement of Jack Nabors, the lanky Georgian, is the talk of the Mack camp. Nabors has an unusual

when he joined the team last summer.

wont't break his own rules.

strong.

Nabors Improves

today and Mack is experimenting Schang very much as Moran did

be too much for him.

into left field oftener.

Luderous last year.

Catchers at Bat

gives the latter the edge for this season, but the former should be the best catcher JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 14. THERE was a surprising number of stiff arms and lame backs in the Mack camp when the squad assembled for morning practice today. Manager Mack allowed the men to cut loose yesterday, believing that the sweltering weather would be good for them, but last night it was a trifle chilly and muscles stiffened

A pick-up game was played yesterday afternoon, with the battery men switched about. The object of the game was to give the twirlers an opportunity to handle the ball a great deal. Manager Mack believes that this should improve the fielding very much. No attention was paid to the score and the men changed places often. They received some excellent fielding practice, which is one department Mack knows must be strengthened. This idea was right in line with the new system he proposes using in schooling the battery men of his new machine.

The writer has been in many training camps, but never saw a pitching staff given such attention as Mack and Ira Thomas are giving the present corps. Nothing escapes the attention of either and many weakenesses in deliveries and other faults which apparently do not amounted to uch have caused Connie and Ira to change completely the style of a twirler. Several will be slow rounding into form

a result, but when they are ready for ity they will not fail through lack of

Morrisette Is Stiff

One of those who reported rather lame today was Morrisette, who apparently was in such good shape that he had entirely escaped the early season ailments. Morrisette attributes his lameness to his attempts to stop grounders and tag runners at third base in the practice game but his arm and shoulder are also lame. The only hurler in the entire squad

who has not been affected is Crowell, and he looks better every day. Today he was called to the centre of the diamond to pitch for Mack's special benefit. After the big collegian had burned them over with great speed for 15 minutes, Mack was all smiles, as it is apparent that the strained arm which caused Crowell to de-part for home long before the 1915 sea-son closed is as strong as ever.

Of the catchers, Wally Schang and oung Bill Meyers have not been troubled with lame arms, but Perkins is still weak, while Bill Murphy is in bad shape. Man-ager Mack said today that he expected great things of Murphy, but that it would be impossible for the youngster to show anything until his arm and shoulder were in better shape. If Perkins is strong enough for two sessions a day from now on, Murphy will be allowed to take

There never was a more interesting training camp. It will be almost impossible to tell just who is fit for major league duty for a week at least, but there is a noticeable improvement in many there is a noticeable improvement in many and a gradual falling off in others. As Manager Mack agrees, the pitching problem will gradually solve itself to a certain extent after the men have been shown just what is expected. It will be a case of the survival of the fittest and Counie anticipates little frouble in making his final selection of hurlers.

He said this morning that he did not Intend to carry more than three catchers, as he wants to hold 10 pitchers for at least a month after the season opens. With Catcher Meyers showing wonderful With Catcher Meyers showing wonderful form for this time of the year, it looks yeary much as if Perkins and Murphy will fight it out for the other position. Perkins is light and Murphy is smart, which

t the maximum amount of speed out his pitches. "The curve ball he used was of the back-lot variety and no one had shown him what to do with it or his fast ball. I was first attracted to the youngster because of his wonderful natural fast ball, It did not break as much as it will before the summer is over, but it surely had something on it.

"Finally I could not withstand the temptation to send him into a game. I felt sorry for the lad when the opposing team (it was Detroit, I think) started bunting on him. Nabors was tied into knots and if they had not taken pity on him they would have been beating out bunts yet. I knew then that there was absolutely nothing Nabors could do but throw the ball.

in time. If he recovers his health, it is hard to see how he can be beaten. Other-wise, he will need another year in a minor "Ira Thomas also felt that the youngster might be developed because of his ambition, so I turned him over to Ira. He is still a miserable fielder and he is going to be one of the main pupils in my The four catchers were given a batting , little school to perfect fielding among the

with Luderus last year. Like Ludy, Wally got into the habit of pulling the ball too much and hitting only to one field. Connie believes that Wally will be "You will be surprised when I tell you that I have never had a real good fielding staff of pitchers. You may believe that the staff consisting of Bender, Plank, a great hitter if he tries to push the ball Cosmbs, Morgen, Dygert and Krauss were good fielders, but that is wrong. They looked good because the other teams thought they were and did not try to pull anything. This staff is going to be far superior to any I have ever had, because they are going to be taught from the ground up. Not only would Schang worry the pitcher more by continually swinging at the ball late when he is batting left-handed, but the infield also would be up-set. Schang is remarkably fast and the ground up.

close to get him at first on alow bounders, while if they came in too close Wally's vicious drives would cut past them. The "I often wanted to get some of my veterans of the old staff out in the mornring to teach them how to field, because they did not know how to throw the ball to the bases or work with the basemen. I did not do it because they thought they were nearly letter-perfect and I came to the change, if Schang masters it, should improve his average as much as it did for The catchers batted particularly hard conclusion that it was too late and that the extra work would not be good for them. Also we had a wonderful club, which covered them up. in yesterday's practice, but it is dis-counted by the fact that the pitchers were not trying to put anything on the ball. Meyers, who has been the talk of

"Nabors was the greenest man I have ever handled. I have never seen one im-prove so much, and I have seen some comets who soon shot their bolt after a the came, certainly hits fast-ball pitch-ing finely, and his weakness must be a curve ball. Manager Mack cured "Stuffy" McInnis, "Rube" Oldring and Jack Barry of weakness on this particular style of pitching, and may be able to do the same for Meyers. If he can, he surely has a meteoric career. There is a great chance for the lad. If any one had told me last summer I would still have him I would have laughed. I often wonder why I held on to him, but I am glad I did. He is not going to be a great pitcher this season and may get to a certain point and never improve, but I don't think a youngster who can learn so fast is going to disapof the party should do any golfing while here, but he relented and gave Secretary Joe Ohl permission to golf during the afternoon for the rest of the week. Joe has been working hard and needs the vacation. Connie wishes he could go around the links a few times himself, but

#### HAUGHTON HEAD COACH

Harvard to Have Star Tutor on Staff Again

Again

CAMBRIDGE, Mass, March 14.—Provision of a staff of coaches for the Harvard University football team next fall was discussed at a meeting of the Athfetic Committee law sight, but no announcement was made, and the moderatood that Fers and the staff of the football of the Carry field be monthed to the football of the Carry f

Jackson Manager Corley Nine

Mack camp. Nabors has an unusual amount of natural ability, but no one expected the youngster to make such rapid strides. Philadelphians knew that Nabors was "green," but they scarcely realized that he was so bad that Manager Mack declares that in his long experience as a manager he never saw a youngster so inexperienced as Nabors was when he intend the team last summer. Jackson Manager Corley Nine

Corley Catholic Club, a strong hidder for
thistic aupremacy in South Philadelphia,
galo will be in the field the coming season
ith a first-class ball team. At a recent meetne of the club William Jackson was elected
innance of the nine, and he in desirous of
ooklos a heavy schedule. Toams desiring
ates are requested to write at once, as the
chedule is being filled rapidly. The Athletic
ommittee has elected Frank Quinn chaltman,
taymond Connelly secretary and Raymond
delirich manager of the Irack team. During
he last few weeks a new branch of the club
ras organized and is known as the Corley
ountry Club. The rapid development of the youngste The rapid development of the youngster has surprised Mack as much as anybody, and yesterday he asked Nabors how he came to change his swing and general delivery. The youngster replied that he had practiced a little all winter, as he was afraid he would not do unless he reported in good shape.

Vollmer Wins Tank Title NEW HRUNSWICK, N. J., March 14.— erbert Vollmer, of the New York A. C., won as 500-yard Motropolitan swimming cham-onship in Rutsers' pool last night, but failed his announced intention to break the Amer-an record. His time was 6 minutes 23 2-5

"We drilled Nabors mighty hard last summer," says Mack, "I have never in my life seen a ballplayer as green as he was when he joined us. Ordinarily I would have passed him up at once, but he naturally interested me. I have had plenty of green ones, but he was the PALACE A. C., NORRISTOWN-TONIGHT

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#### FUN MAKERS GREAT AID TO BASEBALL PLAYERS AND CLUB

Rice Declares He Would Sign Altrock, Steve Evans or Schaefer if He Were

By GRANTLAND RICE

eferred to are Germany Schaefer, Nic Altrock and Steve Evans.

Strain Breakers

These are the three greatest latter day fun makers of baseball. Not that base-ball is a frivolous, frothy sort of sport. It isn't. It is a profession serious enough to take care of the livelihoods of over 19,000 men and to furnish recreation to over 15,000,000 men, women and children.

But it is the strain of the game, the tenseness of it at critical moments, that makes the presence of a fun maker or a strain breaker worth while.

McGraw's Foresight

No one has ever yet accused John J. McGraw of treating baseball in a flippant fashion, of regarding his game unimportant. Baseball to McGraw about the most serious occupation on earth. But, if you will recall the cir-cumstances, McGraw is one of the first managers to bring in fun-making help. He first had Arlie Latham, and later on, where almost any other manager in the world would have discarded Charlie Faust, McGraw saw strain-breaking possi-bilities in the tall Nut, and kept him with the club to the end of the campaign, as the finish that year had gotten upon the nerves of the club until some form of relaxation was needed.

How can humorists or fun makers such as Schaefer, Altrock or Evans help a pitcher throw, a batsman to bat or a fielder to catch a ball?

Very definitely.

Take a man like Schaefer. In the first

place, he keeps an eternal good humor. He has a buoyancy that rises above any of the small troubles that come along and a philosophy that keeps the larger troules to himself.

He is a rare mimic and is possessed of unusual wit. He has the faculty of getting a laugh—one of the rarest faculties in the universe. Three or four men on the club may be enmeshed in a bad hitting streak and through this develop a decided depression of the soul. They can't get their minds away from their batting trou-bles, and constant brooding over this only intensifies the fault

Intensifies the fault

Enter Schaefer, exuding an atmosphere of geniality and good humor. Some funny quip follows—some high-class piece of mimicry, and a laugh follows. In a few minutes the player has forgotten his worry for the time being, anyway, with his mind attracted to a lighter side of life. The result is sure to be beneficial and to be of great aid to the entire club.

Any detail which can make the morbid forget for a while the run of troubles



# ROSTON, March 14.—Pitcher Ed Ruelbach, or fermer Cub and Federal Leaguer, has been med by the Boston Braves.

Manager of a Team

If WE ever owned a ball club—which we won't—the first official act would be to sign one of three men, if they were available at the time. The three men over a home club defeat as any other takes baseball seriously, and is as sore over a home club defeat as any other. member of the squad. But he is merely wise enough to know that you can't win with your head down and your heart wrapped in crepe. An atmosphere of gloom is no place to start great enter-

prises.

An Evers temperament is a great aid to a ball club. But if every member of the squad was an Evers there would be an explosion big enough to blow up the grand stand in about twelve minutes. But one or two Schaefers mixed in yould settle the atmosphere and prevent

war.

The fun-maker on the ball field is no ew institution. In the old days the business of being a king was even more serious than it is now in normal times.

The king then was under a heavy strain, The king then was under a heavy strain, with eight or ten Feds planning to break up his league and unhorse him on sight. So, to keep from going stale, one of the first things a king did, according to the comic operas and poets, was to hire, rent or sublet a jester. It was the business of the jester to array himself in cap and bells and the rest of it and left in cap and bells and the rest of it and left in region or his and the rest of it and jerk japeries or bat out bon mots until the jaded monarch was holding his sides with merry laughter. Jester to the King was a considerable

job in the old days, and the Jester frequently was also the wisest and saddest man at court. It is no easy task to entice the guffaw at so much per guf.



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