THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BE A GREAT ONE IN LOCAL GOLFDOM-OTHER SPORTS NEWS

BIG YEAR PREDICTED FOR GOLF IN PHILADELPHIA

Everything in Readiness for the Opening of Prosperous Season on the Greens and Fairways

T begins to look like golf. Decidedly. The birds really twitter in the trees. Fairways have already become verdant. Folks, unabashed, with rusty clubs inverted in a bag, mount trains all-aboard for

ed in a bag, mount trains all-aboard for the country and for golf, with no thought of rushing the season.

This will be the big year for Philadelphia golf. Everybody admits it. The paramount (more big league stuff) reason for this is the public links at Cobb's Creek. The opening of the new links will depend mostly on the weather and what progress the turf makes. But it won't be May I and propably not June I.

May I, and probably not June I.
"We have built something for Philadelphia to be proud of," said Jesse T. Vodges
today. As chief engineer of the Fairmount Park Commission he has had in charge the construction of the links. There is no use of ruining the new course opening it to the public before the turf fairly knitted and the new seed taken

A trudge over the new links reveals it to be one of the best in this city and it will be far superior to the public courses in New York, Chicago and other of the In New York, Chicago and other of the large cities. The official distances in yards of the holes, as decided today, follow: 462, 250, 380, 150, 400, 380, 425, 355, 387, 205, 512, 130, 543, 159, 315, 286, 443 and 380. The par for the course will be 71.

But it will be a cold moon that will shine down on the first score of 71 made The course includes several holes will prove to be the sportlest in the We pause to prophesy that the average run of golfer that essays his hand at the new course will get as far as the third hole, and then, bing! Long pause, with much oratory addressed to the trees, the water, the rocks and other difficulties in the order in which they will present themselves.

The cut of the country is about the only hazard. It twists, it humps, it dips and it breaks out in many rills. It will be a tough round for the beginner. "That was the idea," said Superintend-

ent of Links Hunter today. "The only way to develop a good golfer is to give him difficult shots. By the time people have gotten so they can play all the shots on this course they will be able to give a good account of themselves on Perhaps then Philadelphia will

Plans Indefinite

No very definite plans have been made as yet as to the running of the course, according to Robert W. Leslie, chairman of the committee of amateurs in charge of the course and president of the Philadelphia Golf Association. Lockers will be rented at a sum which has not yet been fixed, and it is probable that those holding lockers will be given precedent over the others in the matter of starting. It is doubtful if players without bags of clubs will be permitted to play. Bags will likely be placed in line on the first tee and players allowed to start in order of arrival.

Lockers can be reserved by applying to the Park Commission. There will be about 450 for men and 112 for women. Work was begun today in setting them up in the clubhouse. Beautiful modern structures that any club might be proud of have been built from the old original build-ings. The building for the fair sex inings. The building for the fair sex includes a wide veranda, with a part includes a wide veranda with a wide veranda with a wide veranda with a part includes a wide veranda with a wide veranda with a wide ver marched out today with the seeder and began the work of seeding the entire fairway. This will fill in the bare spots

he greens are in splendid condition.

How many recruits the new course will

Anoth this year is the garnering at championship to be held at Merion. Names of international fame | early. Join the throng.

P. R. T. LEAGUE OPENS

spects of major league grandeur.

Cumberland, Callowhill, Luzerne,

with four teams. The forming of both leagues into one this season has made the

circuit one of the biggest ever represented

Big Leaguers to Assist Amateurs

Dave Hickman, of Dodgers, Released

BRONKLYN, April 44 — Dave He any an out-ider, has been reseased by the Dedgew to be-en Haven Cub of the Empire's Learn. It the second receive tryidig for the out-off to-line to be library became by Thiseles. Entry-lact use the Brit.

Tuesdays and Fridays.

in this city.

1916 SEASON TOMORROW

will show their wares here during that September week. People who never saw a golf ball will go to see them because everybody else will. They will be prop-erly impressed and will try their hand. erly impressed and will try their hand. Once bitten by the bug-that's all. Thou-

Once bitten by the bug—that's all. Thousands of regular players will be inspired to greater deeds.

Merion is making big preparations for the event. The course was officially opened up on Friday and 200 golfers turned out for their initial trick. Because of the late winter the course has not yet reached the firmness of summer, and winter rules are in vogue. Four new greens have been built, the 3d, 8th, 8th and 17th. They were ployed up and remodeled.

have been built, the 3d, 8th, 8th and 17th. They were plowed up and remodeled. They will be ready, with the grace of the weather, in a short time. Every effort in being made to put the course in even more championship form than it now is.

Two new tournaments of an entirely novel nature have been placed on the official local schedule, according to Francis B. Warner, secretary of the Golf Association. One is the novice tournament to be staged at St. David's for those having a greater handicap than 10. This to be staged at St. David's for those having a greater handicap than 10. This opens up tournament day to the great hoi polici of "duffers." Since one of the prime requisites for entering the expert class is to be able to make a shot with some one looking on, this tournament is liable to have fine results. At Philmont there will be for the first them. there will be, for the first time in Phila-delphia, a "sanctioned" mixed foursome.

More Improvements

Huntingdon Valley has not allowed herself to be ousted from the Big Four class. Tees have been set back and built to that 400 yards can be added to the course at the whim of the Greens Com-

"Perfectly beautiful," is the way Cameron Buxton, golf star of the club, de-scribed the course today. "I have never seen it looking better. We have lifted out a few more of the mistakes made at first, and the other changes we are making will keep H. V. C. C. right up at the top." He said the course was ready for all comers.

The heavy rain of last week was like dollars to all the greenskeepers. It was just what was needed and made unnecessary many artificial restorers contemplated to hustle things.

The Philadelphia Cricket Club is in fine shape. All the alterations started last season will be pushed this year to put the course in the front rank. They are not, however, interfering with early season play.

The most extensive changes at any of the clubs is that going forward at North Hills. The dreams that have been gath-ering for years burst over the course, and 13 new holes are being built. One new hole was built last year, so that only four of the original holes of the course will remain.

Eleventh Hole

The most charming from an artistic, but not from a "duffer's" point of view, is the new eleventh. A pond is being built to right, and trees, etc., to left make the path necessary one which will flitter with nary a waver to an opening in the guich where has been laid out a beautiful green.

The hole is a triumph, and the breast of Dan Miller, new pro at the club, heaves with no little pride as he gazes upon it. Ten thousand dollars is being spent on the course. This follows the line of other

veloped so many stars that the Shriners have engaged him to buck up their game. He has started in with a rush. The origand help greatly to knit the new turf. Inal "pool table" greens will be discarded for the large and sporty greens he has How many recruits the new course will now under cultivation. Fine sod has add to the army of golf veterans, estimated at 25,000, now studying golf in this removed in a short time. The ninth hole city in the light of a religion, it is difficult in a been remodeled, the seventh entirely cult to say, but link moguls think the resodded and the first hole has been re-number will be legion. Sodded from tee to green. None of the wison given for the golf boom local clubs have sat placidly and allowed the new season to come in unheralded. Large hordes crowd the links even this

DAVIS-THAYER PAIRED IN TENNIS DOUBLES

Twelve Teams Are Represented To Play Johnson and Tilden in in Trolleymen's Base-Cynwyd Exhibition Next ball Circuit Wednesday

Tombrrow will be the day for local trolleymen, as it is the occasion of the opening of the P. R. T. Baseball League. Next Wednesday Cynwyd Club holds its annual tennis dinner and this year they are going to hold exhibition tennis matches that afternoon between four of Philadelphia's leading players. Willis E. Davis, Philadelphia Indoor The usual ceremonies with President Johnson, of the circuit, throwing out the first ball will give the opening all the

Champion, and holder of the California title, coupled with Alexander D. Thayer, Pennsylvania State Doubles Champion, will meet Wallace F. Johnson; the other members of the State Doubles Champions, Three games are listed. Jackson crosses bats with the Belmont nine; Woodland travels to the Northeast High grounds to battle with Ridge, while the Callowhillers meet Folsom, at Darby. Games are to be played twice weekly, the leading players of Cynwyd Club, and William T. Tilden, Jr., Philadelphia Cham-pion, in a double match, which will be unique for two reasons. Twelve teams-Allegheny, Jackson, Woodland, Belmont, Ridge Avenue, Fol-

First the State Doubles Champions will be played against each other instead of together, and secondly, it will be the first som, Cumberland, Callowhill, Luzerne, Germantown, Frankford and Richmond, representative teams from the different meeting this year of Davis and Johnson.

If exhibition singles are played before
the doubles, it will be the odd match in
the series between Davis and Johnson,
each having won one match last season in carbarns scattered around Philadelphia, comprise the league.

More than 180 players are trying for permanent berths on the teams, and from what material is around the representa-tive strength of each club is fully 25 per sent, strenger than last year. the Inter club. This is Cynwyd's blg tennis year, and to open the season with such a match as Johnson and Davis are sure to play is a fitting beginning for this progressive club's expansion in the tennis world.

The P. R. T. League was organized last year with eight teams. Later, four more clubs got interested in the national game, which resulted in the formation of another league. The leagues were designated: Class A, with eight clubs, and Class B, with four teams. The forming of both BUSH SCHEDULED TO FACE RED SOX TODAY

Athletics Play Champions at Shibe Park-Phils in New York

The club winning the championship will It is Crowell's turn to work against the Red Sox in the final game of the series this afternoon, but it is likely that Joe Bush will go back at the world's champions today, with Crowell starting the series against Washington tomorrow. Crowell was very effective against the Senators last season, and as his curve ball in not breaking as well as it will later on. Mack prefers to send "Bullet Joe" against the six left-handed clubbers.

The Mackmen will face another southbe rewarded with a handsome trophy. In-dividual prizes have been donated by President Johnson for the best pitcher, for the best bateman and for the player who has the best base-stealing average. Allegheny, winners of last year, are out to repeat. Danny Johnson, whose twirling was the meinstay, is still with the Allies, and in recent practice he has all the cunning of old.

The Mackmen will face another south-paw this afternoon. If "Dutch" Leonard is not in shape to go to the mound, "Babe" Ruth, who has beaten the Ath-letica twice this sesson, will try to re-neat.

INDIANAPOLIS. Ind., April 29.—Tom O ones, secretary of the National America. Las and content in a secretary of the National America. Las anounced the appointment of an advisory council of the president of the assanization, itsistement of the assanization, itsistement of the assanization. It is a secretary of the and includes a millionarie sportman at the appointment of the association. It is obtained to president of the association. It is obtained to president of the association in its obtained to president of the American Learner and the appointment of the American Learner of the appointment of the American Content of the Content of the American Content of the Co peat.
This Pirtis piny their final game in New York this afternoon. Alexander the Great will try to make it six straight victories. He is likely to have a hard battle, as Jeff Tearsau will oppose him. Tesreau is in wonderful shape. He shut the Phils out in the only game the champions have lost

Stalljon Meddler Dies in France Meddier, Charance H. Machay's great racing allian, died on Vickey last at the American persaman's stud to Normandy, according to and received restorder. He was 25 years with

PENN ALL SET FOR THE RELAYS END OF WEEK

Red and Blue Will Be Strongly Represented in All of the Many Events

GREAT ENTRY LIST

By TED MEREDITH

Captain Penn Track Team. to culminate with the classic relay carnival on Franklin Field, where some of the best athletes the world has ever seen will show themselves to advantage as finished products. Then, again, one can see the future greats in the rough, for this event attracts every large prep school in the East and Middle West, who send their best here to try to win their

The interest this meet creates is not so amazing when you stop to consider how many schools and colleges are represented. The big interest is without a doubt on the The big interest is without a doubt on the championship relays. It is a rare occurrence for one college to win more than one of these events, and I can only remember once when a college won all three championship relays. That was in 1910, when Mike Murphy had three chambiochim terms one two and four miles. pionship teams, one, two and four mile

Entries in Every Event

Most of the big colleges do not send teams unless they feel that they can win in the event in which they run. At Pennsylvania we cannot do this. Being the host, we have to enter teams in every event, no matter what our chances might be. This is a big job for any coach, to pick three relay teams and try and make a showing in each race. Often one team is hurt in order to better our showing in another race. This year our two-mile team has suffered because, by the loss of Don Lippincott, we needed quarter-milers. Consequently, our four-mile team is sacrificed to bolster up the two-mile team. It is a hard job for a coach. If you take a man from one squad, that squad feels they personally are being sacrificed, and if you don't, the other squad is sore. A track coach must have great diplomatic

But in spite of this Pennsylvania will be represented with two good relay teams this year. Every one knows of the mile team, and Saturday the two-mile quartet was picked, which will be Scudder, Dorsey, Pope and Berry. I don't think this team can beat Yale, but it will be a strong contender for second place in this race. Our four-mile team will not be ex-pected to do much. It is made up of mostly two-milers, and the distance is too short for them.

Lockwood May Run

Joe Lockwood comes out of the hor pital today, but is very weak from his siege in bed since last Thursday. The doctors who have had Lockwood under care have deelded that his trouble was ptomaine poison and not appendicitis, as was first believed. Just how much this will affect Lockwood's running is bard will affect to the wood's running is bard. will affect Lockwood's running is hard to say, but we are hoping that he will regain his strength by Saturday enough to run on the mile team. It seems out of the question to have him run, but we will try to get him around in shape.

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Doctor Orton's second meet on Saturday proved very successful in bringing out the best in the men, and in spite of the poor condition of the track the times were very good. Scudder ran a two-minute half mile on the heavy track, which shows him to be a very good halfmiler. The track was easily two seconds slow, and he had at least another second in him when he finished. He had no difficulty in winning the race.

Our high jumpers also gave a very good account of themselves. Thibault and Crane both cleared five feet nine inches from a very soggy take-off with ease, while Butckhotz and Turner got over five feet eight inches, The rest of this week's work will be

very easy in order to give the men a good rest for Friday and Saturday's com-They are all in the best shape petition. now and need only a little loosening up

Robertson Will Aid Penn

Penn will be greatly benefited by the coaching of Lawson Robertson, the for-mer Irish-American instructor, who has been engaged to assist Dr. George Orton. Robertson is regarded as one of the best cinder-path instructors in the country, and the Red and Blue squad is bound to im-prove. If he makes good, the chances are that he will be one of the leading candi-dates for the position next year, although Nate Cartmell and Art Smith are pushing

him hard. Smalley, the Central High athlete, is likely to spring a surprise if he enters the broad jump Friday. This youngster leaped 22 feet 8 inches in the Hill School mest Saturday, which is considered very good for this time of the year.

Wright Makes Good

Joe Wright, the Penn coach, has made cod. The Red and Blue victory over good. The Red and Blue victory over Yale on the Schuyikili Saturday is at-tributed to his methods, which at first met with little favor among the aquatic met with little favor among the aquatic authorities. The strenuous program, forcing the men to appear on the river twice a day, has been successful, and now the students are looking forward to a long string of victories. For the first time in years there are rosy prospects of winning the Poughkeepsie regatta. The crews will row against Annapolis next Saturday, but little work is to be done. Wright gave the men a vacation today and they will report tomorrow for a fight drill.

Fred Vreeland probably will be seen on

Fred Vreeland probably will be seen on the baseball team in a few days. He has been declared eligible by the faculty after two years of hard work to remove a few conditions, and Roy Thomas has wel-comed him with open arms. Vreeland also is a good football player, and will be a big asset to the team next fail.

HIBS PLAY BETHLEHEM IN CUP SOCCER MATCH

Three Other Big Games Are Scheduled Here Today

The Hibernians tackled Bethlehem, the The Hibernams tackied petnienom, the National Cup champions, at Potter's Grounds, Front street and Eris avenue, in the American League this morning.

The Veterans, champions of the second division of the Allied League, have arranged to meet North American Lace, at 3d street and Lehigh avenue, in an exhibition rame.

hibition game.
The following are the games: American League.

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Exhibition Match.

Veterans vs. North American Luce, at 54 treet and Lehigh avenue.

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American Cup.

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Hall Park, State road and Unruh street, Tacony. Referse, George Toung.

Interleague Match.

Pick of Allied League vs. pick of United
League, at Match, and Lehigh avenue.

Referse Fat Gunn: Linesmen, James Steele
and Irrine Carr.

Cuban Team Leads Giants JERSSY CITY April 24.—After only nings had been played rain stopped the sieven the Gloria and the Cuteria one was a to I in favor was a to



FIRMIN CASSIGNOL French billiard champion in New York last night following an operation Thursday.

F. CASSIGNOL, FRENCH STAR BILLIARDIST, DIES IN N. Y.

Undergoes Operation Thursday, but Does Not Recover Despite Rally

NEW YORK, April 24.—Firmin Cassignol, the French billiard expert, who came to this country last winter, died last night at a private hospital. Ever since his arrival here Cassignol has been ill, and it has been a marvel to those who knew of his condition that he could

who knew of his condition that he could play with such wonderful skill.

The trouble became acute about a week ago, when he was touring the West with Weiker Cochran. He came immediately to New York determined to go to France, but was persuaded to have an operation performed been. an operation performed here. He was operated upon Thursday afternoon and railled so well that there was confidence of his recovery. Friday, however, he had a sinking

spell and, though he railled, there was a recurrence yesterday morning and he gradually sank and died at 7:30 last

The French billiardist was 47 years old, having been born in Villa Sadary, France, in 1869. He is survived by a brother and two sons, now in France. Record for Week in

Major League Ball

The week's record in each lengue of games played, won and lost, with runs hits, errors, men left on bases and runs scored by opponents, including the games of Saturday, April 22, is as follows: NATIONAL LEAGUE

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Won, Lost, Pet, 714 Win. Lose. .750 .625 .636 .045 .600 .636 .545 .556 .583 .500 .500 .545 .485 .444 .500 .400 .375 .333 .222 NATIONAL LEAGUE. Nal. LEAUUR.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE NATIONAL LEAGUE Philadelphia at New York—Partly clouds, Brooklyn at Boston—Rain, St. Louis at Cincinnati—Cloudy, Pittsburgh at Chicago—Cloudy.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. New York at Washington—Clear, Boston at Philadelphia—Clear, Cleveland at St. Louis—Clear, Chicago at Detroit—Cloudy, YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Chicago, 3; Detroit, 2. Cleveland, 14; St. Logis, 2. Other clubs not scheduled. NATIONAL LEAGUE. Chicago, 3; Pittsburgh, 6 St. Louis, 2; Cincinnati, 1. Other clubs not scheduled

BINGLES AND BUNGLES

Eddie Plank held Cleveland to two hits in seven innings and fanued seven men on Saturday. The grand old veteran shows no stand of slowing down and apparently is just as good as he was ten years ago, so far as special control of slowing down and apparently is just as good as he was ten years ago, so far as special control of the second o



CATHOLIC HIGH PLAYS N. E. NINE IN LEAGUE GAME

Purple and Gold, Interscholastic Leaders, Face Hard Contest

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic High plays Northeast High tomorrow afternoon in an Interscholastic League baseball game, and from present League baseball game, and from present indications will have to play better ball than was the case when the team visited Hightstown for the game with Peddle Imstitute last Saturday if the Purple and Gold hope to retain first place in the eague.

Northeast is stepping along at a lively pace and may well be feared. This is only one of the imposint league games on the rester for temorrow. Germantown High meets Frankford, and if the records of the two teams to date may be used for comparison, then Germantown should for comparison, then Germantown should win easily. Trades School plays West Philadelphia

at the Kingsessing grounds, while the Central High and South Philadelphia High teams line up in a game on the South Philadelphia diamond. The scholastic schedule for tomorrow INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.
Catholic High at Northeast High.
Germantown High at Frankford High.
Central High at South Philadelphia.
Trades School at West Philadelphia.
OTHER CONTESTS.
Friends' Central at Northestewn High.
Cheltenham High at St. Luke's School.
Brown Preparatory at La Salle College.
Chester High at Darby High.
Rryn Athyn at Germantown Friends'.
Camden High at Haddonfield High.
Haverford High at Ridley Park High.
Media High at Swarthmore High.
Haddon Heights at Collingswood High.

Johnny Earp, the all-round champion of the Episcopal Academy, may represent the school as a member of the relay team in the University of Pennsylvania carnival. Fred Bache, Latta, Lippincott and McCollum are the fastest quarter milers at the school. Earp still has a chance to land a place on the team.

A number of dual track and field meets were held on Saturday and in the majority of cases the schools opened their seasons. West Phila-delphia High was too strong for Penn Charter School, The Williamson Trades School ath-letes defeated Northeast High. Norristown High just managed to win the meet with the Perklomen Seminary athletes at Pennsburg.

Lawrenceville School won the dual meet with Tome Institute, outclassing the Port Deposit boys. Stubbs, the Lawrenceville strong man, won both the shot-put and the hammer throw. Sweet, in winning the high jump, cleared the bamboo at 5 feet 7 is inches.

Hill School and Central High have been old and friendly rivals in all sports, but a break is not out of the question, following the action taken by Central High in leaving the field at the end of the lifth linking in the game with the Hillers. There were numerous disputes over decisions made by the umpire. Central High lost the dual track meet with fill School, 66 points to 33. Everatt, Smaller and Wester Gadd were leading point scorers or Central High. The Hill School team was well balanced and proved the stronger in the leid events.

Seattle Wins Bowling Tourney Seattle Wins Bowling Tourney

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Seattle, Wash.,
Athletic Club team won the annual ocean-toocean telegraphic bowling tournament with a
score of 3146. Thirteen five-man teams participated. The scores of the other teams follow;
Detroit A. C., 2835; Illinois A. C., Chicage,
2859; Minneapolis A. C., 2531; Coumbus A.,
C., 2823; Olympic Club, San Francisco, 2811;
Montreal A. A. A., 2777; Pittsburgh A. A.,
2763; New York A. C., 2721; Cleveland A. C.,
2688; Denver A. C., 2596; Crescent A. C.,
ilrockips, 2507, and Multonomah A. C., Pertland, Ore., 2399.

APRIL BASEBALL ATTENDANCE BEST FOR MANY, MANY YEARS

More Than 300,000 Fans See Opening Games in 16 Cities — Absence of Magee in Braves' Line-up to Be Big Handicap

By GRANTLAND RICE

Dreamers

Under an orchard tree today

away—
Of name and fame in the open fray—
Of a Road that leads to a walled-in town;
And over the meadows the roll of drims
And the call of the silver bugle comes. Under an April sky today
When the air is sweet with the breath of

Spring, There's a lad that dreams of the laureled of a crown that watts, where the world

at bay,
Is driven back by a God-made king—
And the yellow sunshine, drifting deep,
Is dim where the lights of his kingdom

auceep.

Worn in the toil and the strife today Where the rush and roar of the town goes by, There's a man that dreams of the fields

of an orchard tree in the Land of Play-Where a lad once looked to an April sky;
And over the city, faint and low,
A lost song drifts from the long ago.
There's a man that drags in a town

today

Of a Road that leads to the vanished wraith

Of an April dream from an old, old way,

Dim in the shadows that stand at bay,

Night-crowned by the mound of a buried

The faith of a lad who had one day dreamed

Of fame to come where the far lights gleamed.

Back With the Hip-Hip .

One has to drift back many years to find the April welcome that baseball has known this spring. Even the best of the old days have been surpassed clamor and eagerness of the 1916 fan. In several cities thousands were turned away. In the 16 openings that have taken place more than 300,000 registered at the turn-stiles, and several of these were on raw or threatening days.

Here are two samples; Cleveland turned away 8000 disappointed fanatics. In 1915 the Cubs opened at home with the Reds before 2400 folks. In 1916 they opened against the same club before 24,000. Quite a difference.

Boston's Bad Luck
Fate struck at the Boston Braves last
season by removing Johnny Evers and
Bill James from a pennant cast. The
same unkempt Fate has taken another same unkempt Fate has taken another whack at Stallings' club sby removing Sherwood Magee for a month. Magee is a hard lifter and a fine outfielder, but there is consolation for the game in general—the Braves are the best club in the circuit and can stand the loss of a star better than any rival. So if any club had to be weakened it was for the good of the race that Boston should absorb the wallop. The one detail that might prevent a great National League race—one of the a great National League race-one of the greatest in years—would be a command ing lead by the Braves before July.

A contemporary says it is nothing short of foolishness to suggest that Willard will be too heavy to fight at the end of a year

or two. Not at all. Only dope out the situation for yourself. Willard fought Johnson in April, 1815, when he weighed 248 pounds. He came to New York late Where the April snow of the blooms drift in February to train for Moran. He then weighed, in his clothes, 272 pounds. This means stripped weight at about 261. The Grane and fame is the open fray—Of a Road that leads to a walled-in town; And over the meadous the roll of drims. weeks he had been able to prune away exactly 1½ pounds. Willard against Moran was 16 pounds heavier than he was against Johnson. He might be able to fight at 270, but this would be a lot of weight to carry for 20 roughs. Above 275 pounds the champion would be entirely too buiky to go the long route, although he might slip by to the terrement.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

though he might slip by in the ten-round

While constituents of Benny Kaufman ere confident 'Moon' will repeat his victory over Law Tendler in their bout at the Olympis tonight, still they are holding out for the short end of the betting, as in the first fray. Reports have leaked out from Lew's training quarters that he is all set to administer a knockout. This is possible, but not probable.

Southpaw slams will predominate in the final of Adam Ryan's initial show at the Ryan A. C. tomorrow night, Harry Smith and Young Jack Teland, both portside punchers and two of the hardest litters of their weight here, are prepared for a mauling mix each hoping to score a slam with sufficient steam to be credited with a kary

Georgie Decker is trying to consummate a match between Jimmy Murphy and Joe Welsh, at the Lincoin Ciub. The latter has been saxious for a crack at the West Philadel-phian all season, as he figures he can whip Joems. Hobby Gunnis, Weish's manager, has Johnny Mealy in shape for his go tonight at the Olympia against Mickey Donny.

Champion Fred Weish probably is in fer as bad a licking as recently given him by Benny Leonard. He will be pitted against Ever Hammer, the ever-hammering Chicago lightweight, who can fight and punch. Mil-waukee will be the scene of the affair.

Tonisht's the big or bad-night for one Johnny Coulon, former bantam champion. Jawn will endeavor to do what J. J. Jeffres falled in against Jack Johnson when he tries to "come back." Johnny Ritchie, a fough little fellow, who knows little about boxing, but as rugged as they come, will be the party of the second part in Kenosha.

Lewis Gets Offer From Oklahoma NEW YORK, April 24.—Red Sammy Me-Clintic, the Oklahoma promoter, who came here to sign Frank Moran to meet Carl Mor-ris in Tulsa on Memorial Day, sought out Strangier Lewis before starting for the West, McClintic made an offer to Lewis for three wrestling contests in Tulsa, winding up with Joe Stocher for the American title.



"Whoa, Phoebe!"

said the girl in the Cadillac car, as she and her escort overtook the singular person on the burro on a road near San Gabriel, Cal.

"Whither goest thou on thy sluggardly mount?" inquired the girl.

"Ah, children," he replied, "I am the Past Long ago I dwelt in you crumbling monastery. Every wenty-live years I return to the Present to see how the world is faing. Or each visit I find a new wonder. This time it is the-the-

"The automobile and this is a Cadillac," said the girl.

"Cadillac-I know him well," replied the monk. "A Frenchman by birth, a daring fellow, who founded Detroit in 1701."

"Just so," said he in the car. "It has eight cylinders. Best car on the road. The overlapping power-strokes give sweetness of action which is positively wonderful. It is the 'Standard of the World.' It was made it Detroit and named after La Mothe Cadillat."

"Well, Well," said the burro-rider in a soft, monkish voice,

"when I return to the Past I must tell La Mothe about this

great namesage of his which is setting the Present such a wondrous examply of speed, integrity and luxury."

