WEST SIDE CLUB SHOULD NOT HAVE THE NATIONAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT AGAIN

PHILADELPHIA SHOULD MAKE BID FOR NATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT THIS SUMMER

West Side Tennis Club, of New York, Again Seeks Championship Meet, Despite Alleged Promise to Stage Event Yearly in Other Cities

THE governors of the West Side Tennis Club have formally announced their intention to bid for the all-comers' championship of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, and this is likely to precipitate a lively oncounter for the honor of staging the feature event of the tennis season. sanctmeatnent will come as a surprise to racquet wielders throughout the East, as it presses a movement to establish Forest Hills, Long Island, as the permanext home for the national tournament, which is contrary to the specific understanding which led to depriving Newport, R. L. of its season's attraction, and threatens to lay the foundation for a return to the conditions that brought about a wordy warfare just two years ago and came dangerously near causing a split in the National Association tennis ranks. This appoundment is of vital im-Cortance to Philadelphia tennis enthusiasts, and it behooves them to take up the guntlet thrown down by President Julian S. Myrick's organization and inaugurate a campaign looking to the staging of the competition for the all-comers' crown on the courts of one of the leading local tennis clubs. In this campaign Philadelphia is entitled to and will probably receive the support of the majority of the tennis clubs outside of the metropolis.

Hard Fight to Beat Newport

WHEN the West Side Club forces, hended by Karl H. Behr, Julian S. Myrick and others, began the fight against Newport two years ago the outlook for a time was none too promising. Newport was regarded as the logical home for the "Na-Uonals," and as there had been little complaint regarding the method of conducting the championship tournament at the Rhode Island social center there was a strong sentiment against any change. The New Yorkers in advancing their pleafor a change of base for future title tournaments loudly protested against a permanent home for the men's championship, and suggested as a balt for support that the tournament should be staged on different courts annually. It was pointed out that the open and amateur golf championships were decided in different sections of the country each year, and that the national regatta and other amateur championship contests are awarded to different clubs and never staged two consecutive years by the same organization. This argument won a number of votes and robbed Newport of its chief attraction. Delegates to the annual meeting were led to expect that Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh and other tennis centers would in turn receive the big tennis plum. The West Side Club spent many thousands of dollars for stands and by general consent it was agreed to favor the Forest Hills organization for a second year, in order to enable the club to wipe out the heavy expense of building those stands, although this was virtually covered by the contests for the Davis Cup, which were decided on the West Side Club courts. But now the New Yorkers are seeking the event again, which will hardly meet with the views of the national delegates.

Philadelphia Is Ideal Place to Hold Tournament

PHILADELPHIA is represented on the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association by A. L. Hoskins, vice president of the organization, and Craig Biddle, a delegate-at-large. When tennis was in its Infancy the Philadelphia Cricket Club promoted the first woman's national championship tournament, and since that time the event has been held/annually on the courts at Wissahickon Heights. In order to stimulate interest in the sport the Merion Cricket Club invited the collegians to hold their championship tourney on Its courts at Haverford, and has entertained the racquet representatives of the leading eastern universities each year since that of the original invitation. The present national champion, R. Norris Williams, 2d, is a Philadelphian, and many of the players in the coveted "twenty" leaders represent this city. In addition, there are more tennis clubs in and around Philadelphia than any other city in the United States, and for these and numberless other reasons the all-comers' tournament should be decided in this city next year. New York has received its reward for helping the sport and in all fairness some other city should be selected for 1917. No other city can offer facilities equal to Philadelphia.

Forty Grass Courts at Merion

THE Merion Club has forty grass courts, and other clubs in the vicinity of this city can closely approach this number. Railroad facilities are adequate and the geographical location ideal. With all these advantages there is no logical reason why Philadelphia should not be selected for the amateur championship when the delegates meet in annual conclave at New York next February. All local differences should be forgotten in the movement to bring the big tournament to this city. Clubs should instruct their delegates to begin at once a missionary campaign to secure votes, and a general appeal to tennis players throughout the United States should be made along the broad lines of justice, fairness and recognition for past services. The West Side Club should be compelled to live up to its original plea for a "movable championship tournament" and return the support given it two years ago by Philadelphia delegates to the national convention.

Baker to Offer Alex Satisfactory Contract

THE first Philly contract will be sent to Grover Cleveland Alexander, according to President Baker and Manager Moran. They both contend that Alexander will be very well satisfied with the terms and anticipate no trouble in getting the wonderful hurler in line. Rumors were floating about during the world's series that "Alex" was going to hold out for a fabulous salary, so Baker and Moran know Just about what the star hurler expects. When they say that the Nebraskan will be satisfied with the terms of the new contract they do it knowing Alexander's idea of a satisfactory contract. While on this subject it might be well to remark that President Baker has not been shouting about cutting down salaries as has been intimated. Baker says that he believes several Philly players have been drawing more than they are worth, but that as a team the Phils have earned their semimonthly pay checks. Some will be cut, while others are to be given an increase, according to Baker,

Braves' Players Unite to Oppose Haughton

IF BAKER has any intention of slashing salaries he must be given credit for being shrewd enough to keep it to himself. He probably will not find it difficult to get the stars in line and the others are likely to follow, whereas Percy Haughten, who publicly announced that he would cut his salary list \$25,000, is going to find that by the time the contracts are sent out all of his players will have communicated. It is said that the Braves intend to stick together and have agreed that no player shall sign until all are satisfied. Many of the men expect a slight cut and will be satisfied with it, but Stallings's men do not believe that such a wholesale slashing of salaries is warranted. While it generally was understood that the magnates intended to cut salaries, Haughton's open declaration, stating the amount he intended to cut his salary list, did not make much of a hit with his fellow magnates. Ban Johnson tactfully stated that he looked for a salary reduction, but that this question was entirely up to the owners, and none of the American League magnates openly has stated that he intended to cut the players.

No More Twenty-five Cent Ball at Forbes Field

BARNEY DREYFUSS was one of the National League magnates who did not believe it would be good policy to raise the prices at this time. The National League recommended that all owners take this step, so Dreyfuss was first in line. As soon as he returned to Pittsburgh Barney announced that there would be no more Iwenty-five-cent seats at Forbes Field. Aside from Ebbets, Dreyfuss is the erriy real baseball man connected with the old league, and he thoroughly is disgusted with the way things are going. The hasty action of Dreyfuss would lead one to believe that he had decided to sell his club to the Pittsburgh syndicate, and is alding it by taking this action now. The fans will not be able to blame the new owners for the raise in prices if Dreyfuss takes it upon himself to make the more now. There was no necessity for making this announcement at the present time, as it gives the fans too long to stir up their resentment. Ribbets made the serious mistake of talking tro soon last fall, and regrets it.

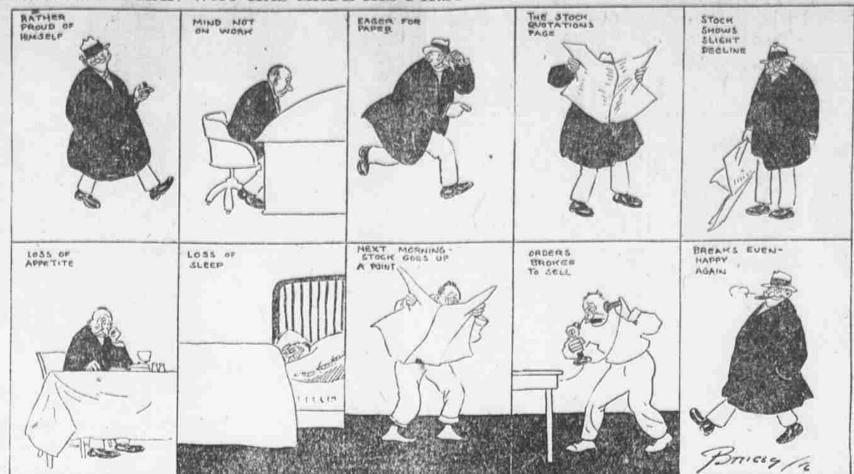
Rowland and Rush Get Another Chance

PTER having been "canned" by virtually every sports critic and follower of athletics, two of the most prominent figures in sportdom have been appointed to their old positions again next season. The men referred to are Clarence Rowand manager of the Chicago White Sox, and John Harland Rush, coach of the Princeton varsity eleven. Rowland tried to pilot the all-star White Sox cast to a mont for two years, and was pronounced a failure by every one but Owner Combiney, while Rush's fallure in 1915 and again last fall placed him in a similar position. This year both men were given wonderful material at the start of the awin, and one must admit that the White Sox and Tigers looked worse at the the ecason than when Rowland and Rush started training. There are tions in every athletic team that the public never hears about, but to our way of thinking both Rowland and Rush are going to have another chance because at finir wonderful personality.

Frank Moran Probably Through as Topnotcher

THANK MORAN, considered by fistic experts as the luckiest heavyweight ever Successful with the boxing game, was unhered into the down-and-out class when falled to heat the fast elipping flumboat Smith. A twenty-round draw with the skendown fack Johnson in Paris paved the way for a fortune for Moran. He ed to this country and was heralded as the most logical man to dethrone William, who had in the meantime beaten Johnson. Moran beat a few second a for which he was pule an epormous sum, but then Willard outclassed him The defeat at the hands of Willard did not hurt Moran's drawing the lie felled to keep in condition for his succeeding fights, and soon hit renearly grade. The content with Arrith was scheduled an Maran's consequences, but he falled and probably is through as a topostriar, it he

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DOBSON FIVE IS SHOWING SPEED

Splendid Teamwork Developed by Quintet in Industrial Basketball League

OTHER NEWS OF CAGE

By SPICK HALL

While all of the terms in the Industrial League are not showing the form that was expected at the beginning of the season, the flashy work of the J. & J. Pohson five inslicates that that quintet is one which could compete with the best in Philadelphia. All of the regulars who now wear the colors of the Debese are high-grade performers. of the regulars who now wear the colors of the Dobson are high-grade performers, and, what is more to the point, they have played long enough to become perfectly accustomed to each other. The result be that a brand of teamwork is evident in the games Dobson plays that would do credit to an Eastern League club. The team is composed of Lees, Homewood, Moorehead, West and Kindon.

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Last night Dobson continued its winning streak by completely smothering the Barrett quintet. The ultimate count was 47 to 17. There was not a time, from the opening tap until the finish, that Barrett team had a look-in, so deftly did the winners carry the ball up the floor and block all efforts of their opponents to make a raily. Barrett made but four field goals during the forty minutes of play, Honsal, McDonough, Granpner and Kelbey each getting one. In striking contrast to this performance, the Dobson team caged seventeen field goals. Homewood lead the attack with an even half dozen.

The other game in the industrial League ast night resulted in a victory for the Midvale five over Disson. Throughout the contest each team always had a chance to win, until the final minutes, when Midvale

win, until the final minutes, when Midvale scored enough points to breeze in a winner by the score of 25 to 23. Kirnstein fell down badly in his foul shooting, getting but four out of seventeen shots. If he had been up to form the Disston would easily

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The Jasper management was not justified but perfectly right in their contention last night at the special meeting of the Eastern League in blocking the deal for the transfer of the De Neri team to Allentown before the end of the first season. It would certainly not be the proper thing for the two seasons to overlap, and that is what would have occurred if W. H. Myers, the new owner of the De Neri franchise, had been allowed to play the remainder of the

new owner of the De Neri Franchise, had been allowed to play the remainder of the schedule out in Allentown on Tuesday nights instead of Saturday.

The last game played by Jasper during the first half of the season is scheduled with De Neri at Musical Fund Hall, Janwith he see, at historical pind rial, Jan-uary 6. If the games had been trans-ferred to Alientown, that contest, which might be the deciding one for the pennant, would have been played January 9, one day after the beginning of the second sea-

According to the statement of the Jasper officials, they did not object to playing in Allentown any more than at Musical Fund Hall; it was simply a case of not wanting to play one game of a first season after the second had begun. The remainder of De Neri's home schedule, therefore, will be played in its old cage at Musical Fund Hall.

Big Game Tonight

Leadership in the Eastern League de ends on the result of the game this evepends on the result of the game this evening in the Camden Armory, where Henry's Jerseymen meet the Jasper five. Both teams are in a more or less crippled condition through the loss of a star player each. Roy Steele will not be in the Camden line-up and Harry Hough, the veteran, who has been doing such excellent work all season for the Jewels, will also be out of the same.

The Camden five will line up with Creeley playing forward in place of Steele, along with Jackie Adams. Diegan and Jimmy Brown will be pitted against Barney Sedran and McGregor, the forwards whom Manager Kennedy will depend upon. Camden's forwards will be guarded by Fox and Pritadonan.

A good battle is expected to develop be-A good battle is expected to develop between the opposing centers, boin and Kerr. A great deal will depend on the way in which the Camden veteran and the Jasper novice play such other this evening. If Doin is able to outplay his man in a decialive mainer the game should easily go to Camden and put them in the lead for the first Eastern League pennant. On the other hand, if Kerr is able to master his opponent Jasper has a fine chance to win and virtually put Camden out of the running for the flag.

THE SECOND SEASON of the Eastern League opens on January 8, when De Neri plays in the Trenton Armory. On the fol-lowing might Camden will open with De Neri at Allentown.

MITCHELL, CUBS' NEW MANAGER, SAYS PHILLIES WILL FINISH IN FRONT OF WONDERFUL GIANTS

By CHANDLER D. RECHTER

ALTHOUGH the dope indicates that Pat New York has a better hitting club, is perhaps a more sensational fielding team, and, taken man for man outclasses the philes in natural ability, barring the buttery men, but Philadelphia has Moran and uya a couple of players to fir weak spots. here are many wise baseball men who believe that the local feam will again be a prominent factor in the pennant struggle. A few hours after Fred Mitchell was ppointed manager of the Chicago Cuba a

umber of prominent batt players and cribes were engaged in a fauning bee in the lobby of the Waldhrf-Astoria. The the tobby of the Waldert-Astoria. The players gathered about to congratulate Mitchell, while the scribes wanted his views on "How to Win a Pennant," copyrighted by Hughey Fullerton. In the course of the discussion the new Cub manager was asked his opinion on the outlook for 1917. "Mitch" said that his knew no more about it Enan before he was appointed a manager, and nobody wanted his opinion then, but that if it would do the scribes any good he

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nant contender.
"Two men do not make a ball team, but
when a team has a pitcher like Alexander,
with a manager of the Moran type handling down this percentage before the race begins, and, believe me, it is some handican.

The Phillies are a much better ball team than they are credited with being. team than they are credited with being. There are few players on Moran's team that would not be individual stars on another team but they do not seem to be so alrong on the Phila because of the style of play Moran insists upon. At the same time they are playing the kind of ball that brings better results in the long run. "I often hear managers say that they cannot figure the Phila or are not worry-

cannot figure the Phils or are not worry nobody wanted his opinion then, but that if it would do the scribes any good he would predict that the Cubs would win the National League pennant, previded they would soon learn that the men making would soon learn that the men making these statements are kidding themselves. It is a mighty tough club to beat in a long grind. It has a wonderful leader on the Glants, and he gave his views as follows:

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pernant, and a remarkable pilot on the bench who gets everything possible out of

the team.

"I don't know jus- what material I have at Chicago, because it is necessary to play with a man or to be his hose for a time in order to appreciate his true value. I would like to find one pricher who could win thirty games. Then I could figure, as Moran does, to get sixty-five more victories from six or seven pitchers by working them against teams they are most effective against and when conditions are ideal.

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They called the Phillies a second division team last season, but he was up there fighting, and probably would have finished in front if Bancroft had not been hurt. You can all pick the Giants, and they should win if they get good pitching, but we know the Philis will have the necessary pitching, and that is the team that I want to beat out. The team that finishes ahead of the Phillies will win the pennant. That is my midwinter prediction and the only one I intend to make."

Mitchell got his first major league experience under Connie Mack, and does not hesitate to say that Connie can get more out of a ball team and can learn more of another team's system than any other teader in the game.

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NATIONAL GOLF

Pittsburgh Club Defies Blizzards, Expense and Protests to Land Amateur

LINKS BEING REMODELED

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

OARMONT COUNTRY CLUB, HULTON, Pa., Dec. 20 — Cocky, costly, courageous and continuous are the determined and visitent efforts of the Oakmont Country Club here to land the 1917 amateur golf championship of the United States.

Today Chairman W. C. ("Bill") Fowcas, Jr., of the green committee, feit that victory is assured when the matter of links for the event comes up before the U. S. G. A. In January. Furthermore, it was felt that throttled in the throats of metropolitian polycritics were the throes of the "New Yerk Bluea," Gotham scriben' latest mulici melody moan deploring the fact that all three national golf classics seem booked for Pennsylvania next year. Pennsylvania next year.

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In the teeth of proteats that the amateur was held in Pennsylvania this year and was therefore due in some other district mere remote than Pittsburgh in the season to come, the Oakmont committee has stock to its guns so lustily that it is now generally believed all over the country that the next amateur will be held here.

National districts

amateur will be held here.

National delegates to the New York meeting next month are being sounded by Calmont lobbyists. Their reports here are all favorable, so favorable, in fact, that considerably more than \$20,000 has been allotted by the Cakmont Club to the famodeling of the course, at the rate of more than \$1990 per hole.

Day in and day out "Bill" Fownes and Greenkeeper E. F. Leffler plot out the planting of new hazards to improve the course.

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like wide wounds.

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Tees are being set back, distances gauged Trees are being set back, distances gauged and the course made thoroughly moders, scientific and delightful to the expert. The course will make a fine setting for a cham-pionship, in the mind of every expert who

Warren Surprises by Cue Victory The seventeenth same of the Class B amateur seket tillfard tournament at Allinger's Academy has hight formshied a surprise for its soldience when Warren defeated Wilson, who on the tournament last year and had been nelected up to this game.

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