SEASON OF 1916 UNEVENTFUL IN BOXING, AND ITS AWARD TO RING HISTORY AMOUNTS TO NIL

Willard and Welsh Have Contributed Little and Those in Charge of Game Have Driven It Backward as Far as They Could

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We mass life through all the tides of time
Where valor holds review
Crowns only this—to send his humble rhyme
Across the seas to you.

Where once again the winter drift rides down
Across your plains of red,
And Christmas snows have once more placed their crown
Above your deathless dead.

Where, striking through for country and for home
With valiant blow for blow,
Each young Marcellus builds a grander Rome
Then all the ages know.

Though Homer lived to sing your mighty heart
Above the drawn fire's roll,
Most words are there to fell in minor part
The glory of your soul!

You who have proved that life is king of death,
That honor is no wraith,
You who are giving to the final breath
The fullness of your faith.

Once more the mantle of a Christmas snow
Drifts deep above each grave,
Blicker than night against the deathless glow
Above your fallen brave.

Once more the moon of winter sends its gleam
Where, paladin and pawn,
Each bears sabrenr of Valor holds his dream
Beyond the last white dawn.

Where each gale sings its requiem today
By spur and plain and farm,
And gentler winds kneel down at dusk to pray
Along the Meuse and Marne.

Through all the gray-ghost shadows that have crept
Where braver words belong,
A humble singer asks that you accept
The tribute of a song

1916 in the Ring

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN may have started thrills in a number of directions, b t its award to ring history has amounted to less than nothing.

In the course of the year Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, has drifted through one ten-round match; briefly, he has put in exactly thirty minutes of his time defending his title.

Welsh, the lightweight champion, has taken no risks of any sort. The whole year, in all weights, has been given over to the ten-round, coin-collecting art, with only a scattered few meetings worthy of even passing attention. Those in charge of the game, fighters and promoters, have driven it as far backward as they could, and by the end of another year, unless a big change occurs, their wreckage will be about complete.

West Supreme in Golf

The East wrested the tennis championship from the West this closing season, but in golf the Atlantic seaboard was repulsed with considerable slaughter, with both the amateur and open titles planted in Illinois. Chicago is no longer winning baseball pennants or football titles, but her place as a golfing stronghold has become fixed, with Evans and Gardner on picket duty. If Oulmet is returned and Travers can find time for play the East-West melee next summer will be a nectarine full of juice.

Hughey Jennings's Tigers last season averaged more than four runs to the game. Yet he had only one pitcher able to win more than eighteen games, despite this backing.

The answer is fairly simple. Outside of Coveleskie, the neat Tiger regular ranked thirty-seventh in effectiveness. Among the leading thirty-six pitchers of the league Detroit had one.

"What change has Ty Cobb to last twenty seasons in the big league?" queries an exchange. At the end of twelve years Ty is batting .371, two points above his grand average for the full distance. Figure the rest out for yourself.

What Is Courage

"You have written," observes a noncombatant, "many times about courage. But what, after all, is courage?"

Courage of the right sort is a blend. It is the patience to develop skill, the will to go on against whatever odds, the determination to fight on through and the power that comes from knowing one might be beaten but not broken. And this is only a starter.

BUSINESS METHODS FOR COLLEGE GAMES

Details for 1917 Football Plans Are Already Arranged—Who Will Lead Teams

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — The businesslike methods which have been adopted in the handling of the big college football teams are shown by the rapid manner in which the managers and others connected with the elevens are preparing for the season of 1917, still nine months away. Hardly had the sound of the referee's whistle died away on the final game of the year before the election of captains and the announcements of the playing schedules for the next fall were made public.

In this connection it is interesting to note that as close to fifty football leaders elected for next season the preference runs to linemen over backfield players at a ratio of about two to one. In the accompanying list of 1917 captains it will be seen that thirty have been selected from the line and sixteen from among backfield men. Yale's near-end is the popular choice, with tackles a close second and guards third, while there is yet to be a center named as leader. Among the backfield players the halfbacks have held well, with quarters and fullbacks about evenly divided.

The list of the leading college and university eleven teams with the captains and their positions on the 1917 teams, is as follows:

Army, Jones, tackle; Navy, Fisher, end; New York University, Cann, halfback; Lehigh, Halford, halfback; University of Chicago, Swanberg, quarterback; Northwestern, Driscoll, halfback; University of Rochester, Ogden, end; Rutgers, Marshall, tackle; Stevens, Marshall, tackle; Wesleyan, Boswell, end; Michigan Agricultural College, Vandervoort, guard; Williams, Clifford, end; Colby, Perry, end; Rensselaer Poly, Robertson, end; Dartmouth, Dugmoscit, end; Pennsylvania, Miller, end; Syracuse, Dumoe, end; Boston St. Mary's College, Drury, halfback; Georgetown University, Sullivan, halfback; Colgate University, [illegible], halfback; Indiana University, Rathaway, halfback; University of Virginia, Ward, center; Notre Dame, Phelan, quarterback; Harvard, Wheeler, tackle; Amherst, Washburn, end.

Washington and Jefferson, McCreight, halfback; Princeton, Wilson, end; Colgate, Westbrook, tackle; Brown, Parnum, guard; Lafayette, Weldon, halfback; Gallaudet, Wenger, guard; Manhattan, Morrissey, end; Holy Cross, Lynch, guard; Wabash, Hanner, tackle; Columbia, Dorian, halfback.

Cornell, Shiverick, quarterback; Drainus, Grossman, tackle; Illinois College, Thibaud, guard; Illinois University, Kraft, end; Muskingum, Gibson, end; Penn State, Higgins, end; West Virginia, Hite, halfback; Tennessee, Lowe, guard; Hamilton, Schwartz, fullback; Georgetown, Wall, fullback.

Bowling News

Bowlers who are sure to hit the head of No. 1 pin can share in the distribution of turkeys at the Keystone Alleys today, as Manager Moss will conduct the annual event, in order to have the pins count in the total score it is necessary to knock down the head pin.

Adelphia rolled well against Northwestern, winning all three games. They began with 972, in which McCorkell contributed 210 and Lamb 207. In their second game Adelphia rolled [illegible]

Y. Beck, of Oak Lane, compiled 211 in his second game.

Shields showed a return to form, having scored of 191, 195 and 202 for Southwestern against Hartram.

Spartan and Underdown No. 2 were the only quintets to stick to Duck night, outside in Artisan section 1 series last night.

Knights of Columbus League games last night on Costa Alleys resulted in San Domingo taking two to San Salvador, St. Leo Council winning two from Pinsole, Columbus winning two from De Soto and Philadelphia forfeiting all three to Santa Maria through inability to present more than three men. Shedd, of San Salvador, rolled 213 in his first game; Dalton, of Columbus, rolled 204 in the second contest, and Lodge, of Columbus, knocked down 207 in his first game.

Eddleston, of Travelers, of Insurance League, rolled 97 in his first game, 142 in his second and concluded with 208.

In Insurance League, People's won three games from Reliance; Mather & Co. three from Travelers; Camden, two from Roosters and Aetna, two from Trans-Mutual.

Roosters rolled high score, 889, in the second game, in which Ayers registered a 201 score. Camden won the deciding game, aided by 196's in his handicap allowance.

The second game between Aetna and Trans-Mutual resulted in a tie score of 718 apiece, Aetna winning the roll-off.

Bullock, of Chemical, got 202 in his second game against B. S. White squad. Chemical rolled 836 in their second game. This was the best single game score of the night, and was equaled in the first game. Eckman, with 18 pins handicap allowance, rolled against Smith's Frozen Co. team.

Dunn averaged 206 1-3 pins in his three games with Liberty Bell.

Dick Harte Suffering From Boil

NORTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—Richard Harte, of Philadelphia, Brown's assistant football coach, was in the Wheaton Infirmary this afternoon suffering from a boil on his right ear. He was sent to the infirmary yesterday and the boil was lanced by Dr. [illegible], physician of the varsity team. Doctor [illegible] announced that his patient was doing well and would be ready to leave the hospital in time to join the team for the Christmas holidays. The sole reason that he was sent to the infirmary was danger of blood poisoning, and that the team's manager, Doctor Nichols, decided to take no chances of the virgin catcher's bursting into becoming infected.

Rally Wins for Pulaski

The School of Pulaski defeated West Philadelphia in the Public Schools Athletic League by a score of 14 to 12 in a game played yesterday afternoon. The game was [illegible]

Evening Ledger Decisions on Ring Bouts Last Night

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Mike O'Dowd knocked out Jack Toland in the second.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Charlie Weinert knocked out Jack Kendall in the second.

Jones Defeats Cullen

Frank Jones, representing Philadelphia in the three-cushion billiard league, won his game last night against Frank Cullen, of Buffalo, by the score of 50 to 41. Jones's victory was due to his fast start and strong finish. Midway in the game his playing was erratic. Cullen showed consistent form throughout, and at times his playing was loudly applauded, but the sudden bursts of speed by Jones were too much for the visitor to overcome. The game was run out in thirty-three innings.

Racing in Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Fla., and Peoria, Ill., have made tentative applications for Grand Circuit dates, according to Secretary Kline in an official notice that has reached Philadelphia. Peoria's application for dates has likewise been sent in, and Readville will also make another effort to revive light harness racing, all of which should be cheering news to the owners and breeders of trotters and pacers.

Mitchell Harrier Leader

Fred Mitchell, for some years prominent, first as a schoolboy and later as a collegian, in cross-country and track athletics, was chosen last night to lead the University of Pennsylvania's hopes in the hill and dale sport during the season of 1917. The selection took place at Kugler's, where the annual banquet, tendered the varsity members of the team by the University Cross-Country Club, took place.

Veteran Pugilist Under the Knife

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Billy Myer, noted as the "Streator Cyclone," who years ago fought Jack McAuliffe for the world's lightweight championship, is recovering from a serious operation, and his physicians say his chances for recovery are good. Myer also is well known to turf followers. He is engaged in business here.

ORDER ODD FELLOWS

The Grand Master Witnesses the Onward March of Mille Lodge

Mille Lodge, No. 1090, was honored on Thursday night last by a visit from Grand Master Perry A. Shaner, who came unofficially to witness the first degree, which was exemplified in ceremonial form, the full staff with a few exceptions being in harness. The six candidates who took the degree expressed their admiration for the manner in which it was exemplified. Among the visitors present were P. G. "Mat" Wiley, of Pittsburgh; S. M. Sargeant and Samuel L. King, of Consort Lodge, No. 188, Beverly, Mass.; Ericell Taylor, of Granville Center Lodge, No. 681, Granville Center, Pa., who made an eloquent address and recited a clever recitation; William Lloyd, of Northumberland, Pa. Owing to the sudden death of Brother Westfall, a number of the brothers were absent until a late hour, which shortened the course of business under the "good of the order." Second degree tonight in full form. Visitors cordially welcomed.

Merchants' Lodge, No. 283, put on the second degree in full form on last Friday evening before a fairly large audience. The work was capably handled by the junior degree team under the direction of Brother Walter Boehm. Brother Shaner, of Penn Township Lodge, at one of the "Flying Squadron," brought before the lodge in a very pleasing address several of the important features of the "get together" campaign as outlined by Grand Master Shaner, impressing upon the members the necessity of initiating new members, going after the delinquents, etc. Tomorrow evening the third degree will be put on in full form, requiring thirty-four brothers on the floor. One of the new features of this degree was introduced by Degree Master Morton. Some visitors will be present. December 29, the grand [illegible] officers will attend the meeting of Merchants' Lodge in a body. All brothers are requested to be present.

Kenderton Lodge, No. 209, on Tuesday evening received the report of Chairman J. Y. Loud, of the Lodge Activity Committee, that rapid strides are being made in the canvass now going on. The members of this committee are Robert J. Brown, F. L. Mesick, J. M. Lewis, W. H. Simmerman, George B. Tucker, J. W. Edwards, F. J. Hilliard and T. M. Wooderly. Brother Brunt, of the Active Odd Fellows' Association, reported on the subject to be held in February for the benefit of the Temple. The officers of Kenderton will distribute Christmas baskets to sick members and widows.

The degree team of Warren Lodge, under Noble Grand Vincent di Stefano, visited Cinnaminson Grand Vincent di Stefano, visited Cinnaminson Lodge, No. 201, of Palmyra, N. J., to witness the work of its degree team. The first degree was conferred on several candidates, after which a supper was tendered the Philadelphia degree team and visiting members from Virginia and New Mexico.

Nicetown Lodge, No. 848, held the Sunday service at the Odd Fellows' Home, the Rev. Samuel B. Williams, pastor of Nicetown Baptist Church, preached the sermon. The music included selections by Miss Harriet Blackwell, Mrs. Edward Stewart, John J. Jarrie, Mrs. John J. W. D. Stewart, John J. Jarrie, Mrs. John J. Jarrie. The accompanist was Prof. Sloss made a pleasant accompanist. President Sloss made an address.

The services next Sunday will be conducted by Emerald Lodge, No. 848, with the Rev. Dr. [illegible], pastor of St. John's M. E. Church, as speaker.

Grandmaster Brookhart was to have delivered an address at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, but was detained at the house of his father-in-law. Prevailing at the house of his father-in-law. The services were under the joint auspices of Philomathia Lodge, No. 10, Fox Chase, and Walker Lodge, No. 204, Mt. Airy. No. 204, and Walker Lodge, No. 204, Mt. Airy. The Sunbeams of Philadelphia dispensed the music. Grand Master Brookhart was unexpectedly called upon to address the Philomathia Lodge, of Fox Chase, on the subject of the Grand Lodge Welfare Fund. Brother Brookhart's address was very interesting and instructive. Brother Brookhart's address was very interesting and instructive. Brother Brookhart's address was very interesting and instructive