

MONEY STAL TALKS, BUT IT TAKES A LOT OF IT TO MAKE NOISE IN BASEBALL THESE DAYS

WEALTHY BACKERS OF CUBS REALIZE THE NATIONAL GAME IS BIG BUSINESS PROPOSITION

Syndicate of Sportsmen, Owners of Chicago Nationals, Have Awakened to Necessity of Spending Freely to Strengthen Team

ONE year ago a number of wealthy sportsmen of Chicago were anxious to break into baseball. Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federal League Club, showed them the way and they agreed to subscribe to stock in the Chicago Cubs...

Fred Mitchell Entirely in Charge

THEY have had the whole winter to think things over and have agreed that Fred Mitchell, the new manager, should have entire charge of the team. They also have told Mitchell that their unlimited capital is at his disposal.

Money Cannot Buy Pennants

IT IS one thing to be free with the money, as a manager's chance to strengthen a team is improved fifty per cent; but generosity is no guarantee that the ball players purchased will make good.

Success of Mitchell Is Predicted

NATIONAL LEAGUE players and men who played with and against Mitchell in the International League expressed confidence that the former Boston coach would make good at the time he was appointed manager of the Cubs.

Football "Wagger" Not Taken Seriously

AT a meeting of the Philadelphia football officials at Hotel Walton last month, a self-styled "wagger" horned in with a suggestion that the fees of football officials be greatly reduced next fall.

No Cut of Officials' Fees in the East

PERHAPS the western colleges will reduce the fees and no doubt officials will be in the game as of yore. It is just as easy to get a \$25 man as it is a \$100 one.

Hollenback Disfavors Reduction of Fees

BILL HOLLENBACK is one coach who is dead against cutting the officials. He did not like the work of a few of his "small price" officials last fall, and he favors raising the fee instead of cutting it.

Eastern League Is Off Once More

LAST night marked the opening of the second season of the Eastern Basketball League. If the second heat is as successful as the first, the entire campaign last night. Trenton opposed De Nerl in the up-State Jersey cage, while the penultimate Jasper team played in the Reading Armory.

Doolin's Managerial Jobs Slip By

ONE week ago Charley Doolin had so many positions offered him that he put off accepting one until he could learn just what inducement would be offered for each.

Gould Makes Big Strides in Racquet Game

THE great racquet players of the East are worried. The reason for the worry is that Jay Gould, the greatest court tennis player in the world, has taken up the game and will be ready to meet any of the stars in a short time.

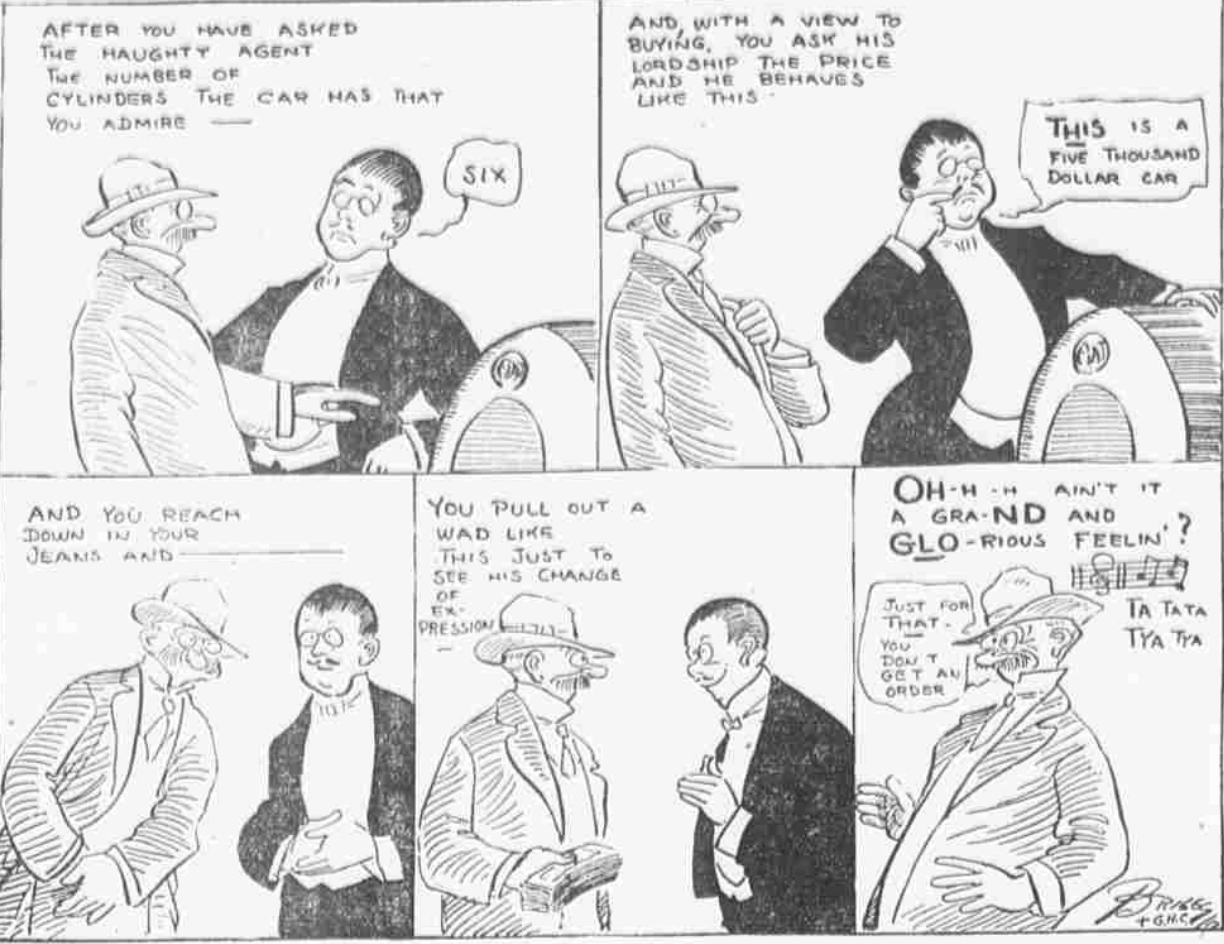
Ski Jumping Popular in New England

SKI jumping, always a great winter sport in the West, is becoming popular in New England. This sport never has been taken seriously in this vicinity because of the lack of heavy snowstorms.

Darcy Starts on Stage

MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE AT BRIDGEPORT TONIGHT—In Philadelphia Jan. 17. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Les Darcy is scheduled to start his theatrical career tonight at Bridgeport, Conn., and the company which has been built around him expects to be out for about fifteen weeks.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



MEALEY WALLOPS ARTIE TO SLEEP

Drops Strawhacker for the Count in Second Round of Bout at Olympia

TILLMAN BEATS FLEMING

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Jack Hanlon, matchmaker of the Olympia A. A., rushed down to the ring at the end of the first round of the semi-final last night to have a few words with Bobby Gunnis, manager of Johnny Mealey.

Johnny Mealey followed instructions. He left his corner for the second round and started in like a regular boxer.

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Johnny Tillman won from Bob Fleming, Johnny Mealey knocked out Artie Strawhacker, second round.

NEW YORK—Frankie Corbett defeated Freddie Kelly, first round. McLaughlin defeated Eddie Williams from his fiancée Paul Edwards, K. O. Eggers out of Wagon.

BALTIMORE—Dick Leadman and Al Shubert scored fifteen rounds.

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JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Battling Kopin drew with Joe Weiling.

Scraps About Scappers

Seldom has a boxer got more than one round in a championship, yet Pete Herman of New Orleans will have his third opportunity tonight to annex the bantam crown now resting on Kid Williams's brow.

Twice before has Herman endeavored to topple Williams from his pinnacle and failed. Tonight's set-to in New Orleans will be their second twenty-rounder, with the result of the match resting in the delicate hands of the referee.

After Williams knocked out Johnny Coulton and was headed the bantam king, the Kid visited New Orleans and won from Peter Herman.

Les Hogg is the latest challenger of Les Darcy. The Lancaster has been the prizefighter for some time.

Several good matches are scheduled in New York this week. Tom Cowley and Fred Patton will meet in the Camden Armory.

Dick Curley has turned down an offer from a Columbus promoter to fight the lightweight title.

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DOBSON TOPPING INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Games Scheduled Tonight on Court of Quaker City Athletic Club

OTHER NEWS OF CAGE

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE STANDING

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING

TOMORROW NIGHT'S SCHEDULE

By SPICK HALL

The Dobson team holds dominion over all the clubs in the Industrial League and unless a complete upset occurs this quintet is likely to be out in front when the final whistle blows to close the 1916-17 season.

Even if the Fairbanks five win tonight at the Quaker City A. C., Dobson would still hold a half-game lead over Standard.

Reading and De Nerl were winners in the opening games of the second series in the Eastern League basketball race which started last night.

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CHANGES IN BASEBALL RULES SHOULD BE MADE TO PLEASE FANS; SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE

Improvement of Attack, That Is, to Ease Matters for the Batter, Would Be Big Feature Appreciated by Public

NO ONE can say just yet what changes in behalf of the attack the rule makers of baseball will announce.

Baseball, in the main, is played for the money the fan deposits at the box office. Nine fans out of ten expect an attack that consists of hard hitting and daring base running as the most pleasing feature of the game.

In the last few years the attack, in place of advancing, has fallen badly away, until the defense indubitably controls the game today.

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FRANCIS OUMET VICTIM OF GOLFER'S SNOBBERY

Woodland Golf Club Makes Last Statement in Amateur Question Before Meeting

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 9.—Francis Oumet, former open and amateur golf champion of the United States and the storm center of the controversy which closed last week at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association in New York on Friday, was the victim of the snobbery of the controlling element of the club, according to the Woodland Golf Club, which Oumet is a member.

A statement to this effect was made today, asserting that the amateur golf rule which has been passed at the club meeting, was framed through the influence of G. Herbert Windeler, a former official of the national body, and was intended solely for Oumet and no other.

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