

PHILMONT COUNTRY CLUB BOYS WILL GET THRIFT STAMPS AS GIFTS AT REGULAR XMAS FEAST

Parents Pay \$950 of the \$1400 Obtained by Judge Rogers When He Auctioned Smoke Fund Fight Seats to the Fans

Hundred boys are going to have the time of their young lives in the Old York road section next Thursday afternoon. Three of the big feasts in that section are going to give them the annual candle dinner...

PHILMONT will feed about 200 boys, but this year, instead of the boys getting money, each boy will receive a thrift stamp...

Many Boys Will Receive Cash Prizes

AT OLD YORK ROAD the boys will get money, as the club has found from past experience that the boys do not squander the money...

THE Philadelphia Cricket Club will give the Christmas feast as usual on January 2, with 200 youngsters as the guests...

Golfers Show Fight Fans the Way

MOST of the 5000 persons who thronged the smoke-laden Olympia Club last Wednesday night are not aware of the fact that the great majority of the buyers of the tickets auctioned by Judge Joseph P. Rogers are golfers...

The second was Morris Roney. He has been a member of the Philmont Country Club since its inception and at one time he played some very fine golf...

Judge Rogers was apparently conscience-stricken at this point, so he selected a few others who do not golf. But he could not keep away from the followers of the royal and ancient game and his eyes lighted on Sam Juhn...

THE man who got it was none other than Jack Murphy, a son of the late Michael Murphy, one of the richest and finest of our Philadelphia citizens...

The Hook a Great Shot in Fighting and Golf

THERE is not much similarity between golf and pugilism. One of the most important things in golf is the stance. Unless you get a good stance you cannot make any kind of a golf shot...

THE fight followers are a study worth while. The men who pay the big money are content to sit quietly in their seats and watch the bouts. But the rest of the crowd, the chaps in the smoke-filled galleries...

REPORT from Washington, Pa., brings the information that Sol Metzger, the popular W. and J. coach, has taken over a new contract. Sol Metzger, the popular W. and J. coach, has taken over a new contract...

A GOLFER IS A NATURALLY TRAINED SOLDIER



GRANTLAND RICE PICKS MATTY AS THE GREATEST PITCHING FIND IN THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL

Charley Radbourne, of Providence, the Second Selection, While the Two Reigning Stars Are Alexander and Johnson

FROM the reign of A. G. Spalding, back around 1875, to the present reign of Grover Cleveland Alexander and Walter Johnson, the mighty parade of brilliant pitchers almost would extend around the world...

Among the old-timers who have won the vote for second choice went to Charley Radbourne, the Providence star who achieved undying fame by winning eighteen consecutive games within a space of twenty-five days, a record that has never been approached...

Mathewson's place at the top is almost unchallenged. He had everything a pitcher could want. As a youngster he beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, then champions, seven times in succession...

But there never has been another who had more brains or as fine control as Mathewson. He was not only a collector of victories, but he constantly was warning up to have others under fire...

THE two stars of the present-day school are Alexander and Johnson. Both are great pitchers. But neither has achieved a fame equal to Mathewson's. Those who have starred only two or three years are not counted at all, as standing here holds a place with rank and file...

THE two most important games today are the West Philadelphia High School-Girard College game, at Girard College in the afternoon, and the Brown Prep-Penn Fresh contest at Weightman Hall as a preliminary to the Penn Varsity-Muhlenberg College game...

PEDAGOGY IS DEFEATED

Followers of scholastic sport in this city have no kick coming in regard to the attractions offered them by the many schools in this city and vicinity. Although the football season, the most thrilling in years, has been over only a little more than two weeks, the basketball season is now on in full swing...

THE season for both squads. The Brown Prep squad has been practicing for several weeks, under the supervision of "Duke" Fowler, the former Central High School star. The team at the North Broad street institution is rated to be the best that has ever represented the school in the past, and the crowd expects to see the members of the fully expect to hand the Penn yearlings a setback in their 1918 debut...

WEST Philadelphia will open its season this afternoon with prospects for a successful season. The members of the five selected the varsity team at yesterday's practice and will take the floor as follows: Merz and Lacy, forwards; Moore, center; Fowler and Bucher, guards...

THE team to oppose the Girard boys is composed of experienced players. "Dutch" Adams, a veteran and one of the best schoolboy pivot men in the city, will play for Philadelphia. His score last season, and Manfrotto, the star of the second team, will take care of the forward positions, while Captain Clark and French are expected to take...

KRAMER PREDICTS WIN OVER O'DOWD

Billy Says He Will Take Champion's Measure at National Tonight

IF confidence counts for anything, Billy Kramer, the blond hair, freckled Milwaukeean, has it over Mike O'Dowd like a tent. Billy meets Mike the Champ in the wind-up at the National tonight and is confident that he will come through with flying colors...

Boxed Two Years Ago "I was just a kid at the time," explained Billy, "and I know I have improved. O'Dowd wasn't much at that time and he appears to be just as soft today. I am glad I have been given an opportunity to show against the champion and from now on you will see me at the top of the heap. This is the first chance I have had to make lots of money and I will take advantage of it."

PHIL Glassman is in again. "You gotta hand it to me," said Phil Glassman confidentially, "because I am the luckiest guy in the country. I have the only REAL lightweight in the business tonight and he is being appreciated. I am blindfolded to see how he always gets a run for his money."

COACH Jourdet expects his Pennsylvania basketball team to defeat the Muhlenberg quintet with ease in the annual clash on the Weightman Hall court tonight. It will be the second contest of the season for the Red and Blue and the last home game before the Christmas holidays...

THE Varsity lineup for tonight follows: Penn forward, Muhlenberg seven, forward, forward, Lenox Davis, guard, guard, Klecker, Martin, guard, guard, Nollis, Referee, Cartwright.

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THE old-fashioned, Adam Ryan, will be utilized at the smoke shop next Monday night. The old-fashioned, Adam Ryan, will be utilized at the smoke shop next Monday night. He has been accepted and he will be one of the new recruits at a meeting of the sports editors in the Hotel Waldorf yesterday official action was taken and the following card agreed upon: Battling Leonard vs. Battling Murray. Joe Lynch vs. Guskin Lewis. Young Joe Borrell vs. Pat Doyle. Frankie Conway vs. Joe Mendell. Joe Jeannette vs. Gus Christell. John Timmer vs. Buck Fleming. Irish Patrick Cline vs. Joe Walsh. Willie Jackson vs. Bobby Reynolds. Lew Tandler vs. Jack Russo. Frank Collins vs. Young McGovern. Pete Herman vs. Benny Valzer. Mike O'Dowd vs. Eddie Revolve (pending). Benny Leonard vs. Freddy Kelly.

THE three world's champions and all of the other headliners in the fight world are on the card, and they will appear in four-round bouts. There will be no exhibition. Every battle will be hard fought. The following references were given: Pop O'Brien, Adam Ryan, Gus Grimsom, Eddie Holland, Sergeant Ketchum, Jack McGuigan, Herman Taylor, Bobby Gunniss, Billy Rocca, Bob Maxwell, Dick Kain and Freddy Welsh, ex-lightweight champion.

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CONNIE RAISES ANTE AND GOES BAKER ONE BETTER; SELLS HIS STAR BATTERY AND OUTFIELDER

Result Is That Only Two Major League Clubs in Philadelphia Are Weakened and Race Will Be Close to See Which Is Worst

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. FIFTY-FIFTY is the unwritten law among all good sports. It is the watchword in the athletic world, and developments in the last three days have proved it is the sweetest little law that ever was unwritten. For example, gaze upon the following:

On last Tuesday eve Baker, of the Phils, proceeded to out-Connie Connie of the As, by attaching the rattling tinware to our Alex and our Killefer and shoving them to Chicago. That must have been a severe blow to Connie, for up to that time he had held the wrecking championship of our city. But Connie is not the guy to crawl into a hole when some one puts it over on him. He sought retirement, fell into deep thought and figured out a way to regain the championship. Baker had swapped only a pitcher and a catcher for a bale of coin and the problem suddenly became less intricate. He would raise the ante! So Connie, of the As, out-Bakered Baker, of the Phils, by giving the gate to Joe Bush, Wally Schang and Amos Strunk. The trio went to the Rawston Red Sox and the deal was well upholstered with legal tender. It is said that some 60,000 iron men changed hands and all hands were satisfied.

Outside of that there was no baseball news this week. Connie's commercial coup did not get by without much suffering on the part of the Phils. This is indeed fortunate, for Connie's fans are not strong enough to stand any violent shocks. After Alexander and Killefer were sold the people of Philadelphia were ready to act rational if the traction question was settled or if Mayor Smith announced that the City Hall was put in lock. Everything goes in these turbulent days.

Again Sherman Was Right

Of course, the war is responsible for the transactions and the principal battles were fought in Philadelphia. After looking over the casualty list we find that only two teams have suffered and the big league representatives are in shape to make a good showing against a gang of cripples. It will be interesting to watch the race next year as the teams limp through the season in an effort to determine which is the worst. At present it looks like the old fifty-fifty stuff. General Sherman was right, but he must have been thinking of baseball.

Connie knows how to dispose of his star players without making any fuss about it. He has had wide experience, having canned Eddie Collins, Chief Bender, Eddie Plank, Jack Barry, Jack Coombs, Jimmy Walsh and a couple of hundred others without turning a hair. He knows just how to go about it and has some consideration for the newspapers. Instead of holding the news until dead of night, he personally notified the Philadelphia afternoon papers in time to allow the tired working people to get an eye-ful on their homeward journey. Connie is very considerate and we thank him.

How Deal Affects the A's

But what does the deal mean to the A's? The answer is simple. It cannot affect the standing of the club in the pennant race. That would be impossible. Last year the A's finished eighth, and they can't beat that unless a couple of added starters are slipped in. There is no doubt, however, that the team will be weakened, especially in the outfield, for Strunk is about the finest fielder we have seen in many a day. This may sound strange, but he is every bit as good as Trip Speaker and not so very far away from Cobb. Amos has all kinds of speed, snarles fly balls in left and right fields in addition to his own territory in center and is a very good man with the stick. Last year he batted .251, which was below his usual average, but he can do better than that. He is a natural .300 hitter, and if the truth were known Connie was handed a big price for him.

Joe Bush was not a howling success last year and was in poor condition. He took part in thirty-seven games, twenty-eight of which were charged against him. He pitched 233 innings, had 191 runs scored against him and allowed the season with eleven victories and seventeen defeats. However, and be that as it may, Joseph is a good pitcher and will do some excellent work for the Red Sox next season.

Wally Schang is a great clean-up hitter and a wonderful utility man. He can play any position and field any time on the sacks. He batted .285 and is dangerous at all times. He will be a great help to Boston.

PHILADELPHIA has lost five of her best ball players in one week, and it's a cinch that the fans are raving at the amount of money that has been paid for the sale of the team. The loss of the five players is a blow to the club, but the fans are cheering for the team.

THE Philadelphia Athletic Association will be reorganized at its annual meeting Tuesday evening, and new officers will be elected. Beginning next Saturday, and continuing until the latter part of March, Keystone will schedule only the strongest teams in the city. The best teams in the American, Industrial, West Philadelphia or independent ranks are invited to play in the city. This is the best the Association can do to maintain its prestige.

CAMDEN will play the third game of the Jersey championship series at Trenton on Monday evening. The Phillies dropped the first clash on their home floor last Monday evening by a single point, score 28-27, but they came back on Wednesday and triumphed over the Skooters at Camden, 47-15. It was the worst showing up the club ever received since it started to play at the Armory, and the fans were not a bit pleased at the facing their favorites were landed.

OUTSIDERS wondered why the switch was made in the line-up Monday evening, when Bill Miller, a superior player, was benched. The answer is simple. It happened to be a Camden boy. Engle missed the train for Trenton on Monday and Miller played forward alongside of Skooters. It was his work that won for Camden and Trenton critics were loud in their praise of his performance.

HE was opposed to Billy Lloyd and banked his man and tossed in three field goals. He was the center of the Philadelphia club, and just managed to score once, while Lloyd registered on four occasions. There will possibly be another professional and amateur football game set up now that Deighan has left to join the aviation corps.

TWO Camp Meade 21st Regiment basketball team, composed of Philadelphia boys, will make their first appearance in this city when they play St. Columba American League team at Traynor Hall, 11th and Chestnut streets, on Saturday evening, December 22. The game will be called at 8:30 o'clock and dancing will continue from 9:30 to 12 o'clock.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Baltimore Monday Evening, December 17. Eddie Mack vs. Frank McKee. Al Nelson vs. Benny Valzer. Willie Jackson vs. Frankie Callahan. Mike O'Dowd vs. Billy Kramer. The Philadelphia Athletic Association will be reorganized at its annual meeting Tuesday evening, and new officers will be elected.