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GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

As a rule when an unusual number of great minds meet something significant is the result. It would seem that such will be the case among the League baseball magnates next week. It is hard to believe that all presidents, managers and secretaries of League clubs are going to Washington on a mere trip of pleasure. Of course the inauguration of the country's President is to take place, but it is singular that all the baseball officials named should be simultaneously making sacrifices to witness it. Heretofore there has not been such an unanimous opinion among the baseball magnates regarding a visit to Washington, no matter what has been going on. At any rate, it is reasonable to say that something more that the schedule will be dealt with at the league meeting. Should it transpire than nothing outside the schedule will be dealt with, it will be a very great surprise to many people, and it will not be because there are not other things of the most pressing and of the gravest importance to deal with. Indeed, it is some time since the authorities and the manipulators of the destinies of the league had such vital questions to deal with as they have now. If they are not dealt with at present they will only develop into a more aggravated form, and, in the meantime, give rise to a troublesome amount of dissatisfaction and unpleasantness.

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A Very Important Question.

Anybody in the least versed in base ball affairs need not be told that whatever question refers to the fixing of players' salaries is of the greatest importance. Macauley's proverbial schoolboy would know all about that. But the salary question is now facing the League in a way that has not been known before, and whether the League deals with it on Tuesday or not, the fact of the existence and significance of the question will not be altered one jot. The new feature of the salary difficulty is the existence of an agreement between players and officials to the effect that no player shall be served by a League club for the "next season" for a salary less than that which the club paid him during the season immediately previous. This is a very definite and clear declaration. So clear is it that at first sight it would appear impossible for any club to accept its requirements. We all know, of course, that Denny, Glasscock, Jim Whitney and Sowders have been asked to play for less next season than they received last year. Naturally, and apparently, logically enough, they claim the efforts to reduce their salaries are directly contrary to the spirit and letter of the Brotherhood contract just quoted from above. As a result it has been positively stated that Attorney Blackhurst, in behalf of the Players' Brotherhood, will go into court with the case in question against the League.

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The Magnates' Plea.

This, then, is a question of sufficient importance to demand the most careful attention on the part of the magnates. The latter, however, have a very specious argument or excuse in their favor. They claim that every dollar above $2,000 paid to a player last year was not as "salary," but on account of some personal considerations connected with the player or players. It would be presumptuous at the present moment to say by what name a court would call the extra amount. The matter will, doubtlessly, be tested, or we'll have no brotherhood shortly. I venture to say, however, that no court will decide that the money received by each player in addition to the limit of $2,000 was a gift. It seems to me that some form have been compensation for services rendered. I presume that almost the entire case of the League will rest on this claim, that is, the claim that not more than $2,000 was paid to any player last year as money earned as such. However, if this is so it may be that another difficulty will eventually crop up. It is reasonable to expect that according to the classification plan some players will be reduced in salary at some time or other. This will certainly be in opposition to the provisions of the brotherhood contract. From whatever standpoint we look at the question it would seem that the brotherhood contract has developed into a much greater stumbling block for the League magnates than they at first expected. None of us can well shut our eyes to the fact that no matter how or in what name extra money was paid players last year it was tacitly understood to be salary. The League authorities may have overlooked this fact when they agreed to the brotherhood contract.

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May All Want a Change.

Regarding my opinions of the classification scheme I have nothing to change or alter from that I expressed when the plan was first adopted. At that time I expressed my doubts about its practicability. These doubts were assailed by many very able writers, but I venture to say that there are more "doubters" to-day than ever. Every day seems to add greater proof that any method of classification which relegates the comprehensive duties and powers of classifying to one man, and also countenances to some extent a system of espionage, cannot be expected to be a success. The first principles of the system are not sound and as a result the superstructure cannot be safe. We have all been recently informed that Messrs. Ward, Spalding, Williamson and others of the Australian party are even more than doubtful about this classification plan. Altogether there is good reason to say that the magnates have plenty of important matters to deal with on Tuesday if they choose to tackle them.

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About the Pugilists.

Readers of these reviews will not be surprised to learn that Jake Kilrain intends to be in Eng and early this month. It is not difficult to perceive the reason for his going there—British pounds and shillings. Of course he might not to be harshly dealt with on this account. There is, however, one or two important features connected with Kilrain's going away. In the first place it means what I have all along been contending, viz: that boxing is taking a terrific "header" throughout the United States, and its prospects for some time to come are very dismal. It also means that there is an apparent boom in sparring in England. On this point, however, I have my doubts. There is at present and has been for some time a very strong feeling in England against public boxing exhibitions. If Kilrain, Smith, Mitchell and other prominent men were to indulge in a series of public contests, that is contests "for blood," they would be speedily vetoed. The facts of the case, however, seem to be that Mitchell has secured a series of Music Hall engagements for himself and Kilrain. It may be also stated that arrangements for a boxing contest have been made between Smith and Kilrain, at any rate it is easy for the trio to do a very profitable business before next spring comes and goes. I don't think for a moment that Kilrain is going to England thinking that he has an easy task on hand to defeat Sullivan should they fight. It is more reasonable to think that Kilrain is of opinion that there will be no battle at all between them. I am of this opinion. We may expect to hear of a good contest between Joe Lannon and Jack Ashton on the 19th inst., at Providence. They are to box 15 rounds. Ashton ought to be able to hold his own, at least against Lannon. The former is Lannon's superior as a boxer, but a very powerful young fellow. There is rather contest ahead, however, concerning which there will be much conjecture. I refer to the proposed fight between Ike Weir and Frank Murphy. Providing these little fellows are in good condition, and both determined for victory, the contest will be one of the best seen for a long time.

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A Letter From the West.

A few days ago I received a letter from a reader of THE DISPATCH who resides in Cook county, Illinois. I first met the writer of the letter in 1869, and he has taken an active interest in sporting matters for many years. His letter was a long one, and was almost entirely devoted to the McAuliffe-Myer affair, or at least THE DISPATCH criticism of it. There is not space to reproduce here the entire letter, but in fairness to the writer, who is an out and out Myer man, give to the public the most vital part of it. My friend says: "While your opinion of the fight (McAuliffe-Myer fight) as written in THE DISPATCH was correct to a very great extent, I don't think you treated Myer fairly. I was at the fight, and Myer's only object was to keep out of McAuliffe's way. He ought to have credit for succeeding in doing this. I don't mean to say that you have said anything about Myer that is not true, but if you knew him you would not deal so pointedly with his faults as a fighter." The letter goes on to say that neither Myer or McAuliffe are real first-class men, and winds up by pointing out how the sporting department of a newspaper ought to be run.

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The Western Man Answered.

To a very great extent I am glad to take the opportunity of saying a few words regarding the criticisms or opinions stated in these columns from time to time. It has ever been the policy of THE DISPATCH to fairly consider all suggestions and opinions forwarded by its readers. The letter above quoted is a fair sample of many that reach the office. However, I am glad that our friend in Cook county, Illinois, deems my opinion of the McAuliffe-Myer affair a correct one, and that the only fault he has to find is that I should have made so much of Myer's faults. He also refers to Myer's "keeping away" tactics, and intimates that I did not give him credit for them. Certainly I did, and I now say that, doubtless, Mr. Myer could have kept out of the way for a year, providing he could secure his meals and sleep. But certainly this is not pugilism; were it such the champion sprinters might easily be champion pugilists. The letter also refers to speaking too plain, and advises something like a milk and water lotion. The time for this hazy and carrying-water-on-both-shoulders kind of policy is past. Most assuredly the day has come when an intelligent public denies that we call a spade a spade; a fighter a fighter; a novice a novice and a coward a coward. It is only those who are conscious that they have very grave faults as public performers to hide who are complainers of this frank and fair policy. However, I am extremely glad to know that as a matter of truth and judgement my criticism of the McAuliffe-Myer contest was, in the estimation of one of Myer's friends, correct.

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Galvin's Training Methods.

If anybody knows correctly about getting into good condition, Jimmy Galvin ought to know. He has had more practical experience than probably anybody else in the baseball profession and his opinions, right or wrong, demand attention. The other day Jimmy said to me on this question: "When I went to St. Louis at the close of last season I found that almost all the ball players there had made arrangements to take daily exercise in the gymnasium. I was asked to join the party, but I said, 'Galvin's not in with it.' A long experience has taught me to know that it is one of the worst things a ball player can do to continue hard, physical exercise through the winter. This particularly refers to a pitcher. What he wants is rest. I don't mean absolute rest, of course. He can have a little exercise now and again to keep his system all right. A few months' idleness will not injure the muscles, at least I have found this to be the case. A man may gain flesh and his wind become impaired, but this can be remedied in a very short time. When hard work is resumed the muscles are all the better for the rest. A continuous strain exhausts and weakens them. I never use my arm in heavy exercise during the winter; if I did, I'm convinced that I would not have the power in it to-day that I have. Most certainly I recommend a good rest for players of all kinds."

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Advice That Should be Taken.

Without doubt Galvin's advice will be valuable to many young ball players who not only physically, but mentally, distress themselves during the winter months. They are anxious to keep in a condition as "fine as silk," and this anxiety in some cases is so strong that the nervous system becomes affected. The notion that the process of keeping oneself down to weight from year's end to year's end by the most strenuous physical exercise has misled and is still misleading many good athetes. Speaking on this point the other day a friend of mine who has interested himself in training methods for more than 30 years said: "Take Dominick McCaffrey for instance. The amount of physical exercise that he has performed during the last 12 months is more an abuse of his system than anything else. Of course circumstances have forced him to keep in excellent condition all the time; but, oh! it is ruinous. If he is matched to fight Dempsey he shouldn't fight before June, and he should in the meantime take a good rest." I could multiply these illustrations with dozens of others relating to sprinters, boat rowers, etc. Sufficient, however, has been said to prove that Galvin's opinion is worth considering.

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About the Amateur Boxers.

I was not surprised to learn that the East End Gymnasium had decided to prohibit any more boxing contests at its rooms. Boxing has during recent months taken a violent header downward, and goodness only knows when its popularity will be regained. It is, however, a pity that amateur boxing should suffer because of anything connected with professionalism. Boxing is just as much a feature on the card of physical exercises as anything else. When pupils of other branches are encouraged by public exhibitions to show how proficient they have become it seems singular that the student of boxing should not be allowed to display his activity of hands, head and legs. No matter what any of us may condemn, the fact remains that at all athletic entertainments or assaults-at-arms a boxing contest is always the most attractive feature. I fail to see why anybody objects to boxing and yet favors wrestling or fencing. Speaking of the East End Gymnasium reminds me that it is progressing wonderfully. Its roll of membership is increasing, and its finances are in good condition. Among its members are the most prominent young men of Pittsburg and the East End. President Barber tells me that it is the intention of the directors to make it a thorough going school for physical development. Altogether its success is assured.

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Pedestrian Contests.

There can be no doubt whatever about the boom in long distance pedestrian contests this winter. There is scarcely a town or city in Ohio or Pennsylvania where a contest has not been arranged or talked of. At least there are two or three per week going on somewhere, and, as in everything else, the demand for pedestrians attracts the supply. The latter is, therefore, greater to-day than it ever was, and the prospects are that there will still be more pedestrians than ever before this year ends. It is amusing, however, to note how these contests are named. The general title of them, not only on placards but in many newspapers that I could mention, is: "A six-day go-as-you-please walking match." How a man can be limited to walking and yet go as he pleases is a conundrum that I won't essay to answer. The title is just as ridiculous as talking about a foot race sculling match. However, the pedestrian contest arranged to take place in this city, commencing in the second week of April, promises to be a very great affair. I am informed that Manager Harry Davis has invited George Noremac to come here and train, so that the latter with his long and excellent experience can assist in making the arrangements for the event complete. The venture, doubtless, is a big one, as the expenses will run up to the thousands. Mr. Davis, however, has acted so fairly and honestly in the past that in the projected enterprise he has the good wishes of all the prominent pedestrians in the country.

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Minnehaha in Demand.

CYNTHIANA, KY., March 2.—Kentucky breeders are beginning to give more attention to obtaining the blood of the famous Minnehaha, which so far leads the line of trotting dams. Mr. James Miller, of Sunnyside Stock Farm, Paris, Ky., in partnership with Mr. W. H. Wilson, of this place, has bought from Governor Mariam, of Minnesota, the stallion San Gabriel, 5 years old, by Sultan, out of Minnehaha. The price paid is $6,500. The colt will be shipped by express from St. Paul to-morrow.

New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The attendance at the races to-day was good. Rain was falling heavily and the track was sloppy.

First race, half mile—Myorna won in 58¾. Cleo Martin second, Joe Wynne third.

Second race, four and half furlongs—Jim D won in 1:05. Barney Lee second, Annawan third.

Third race, five-eighths of a mile—Superior won in 1:11. Golightly second, Lord Grosvenor third.

Fourth race, six and a half furlongs—Pritchett won in 1:35, Doubt second, Roche third.

Priddy Declines to Enter.

Peter Priddy received two offers yesterday to enter pedestrian contests. One was from Parkersburg, W. Va., to take part in the proposed 50-mile race at that place. The other was from Worcester, Mass., to enter the ten-mile race there on the 23d inst. Priddy states that he is in no condition to run at present and, therefore, declines to enter either of the contests named.

Ridge's Challenge.

The backers of Joe Ridge have deposited $50 forfeit for Ridge to fight either Shea, of Wheeling, or Tommy Hogan, of this city, for $250 a side, under either Queensberry or London prize ring rules.

Their Match Off.

BOSTON, March 2.—The third match for the world's featherweight championship between Frank Murphy and Ike Weir, made last Wednesday, has collapsed.

JIM HART'S VIEWS.

An Interesting Talk With President Spalding's Representative

ABOUT THE LEAGUE'S TROUBLES.

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THE GAUDAUR-O'CONNOR RACE TO-DAY.

A Lively Fox Hunt Yesterday at Findlay and a Dozen Captured.

Jim Hart, the American agent of Spalding's baseball teams, was in the city yesterday arranging for the visit of the teams to this city. He has fixed on April 16 as the date for the contest here between the teams. Mr. Hart was in really a loquacious mood last evening, and during a long conversation with the writer he said many interesting things. He talked frankly about the League difficulties regarding the brotherhood contract, the salary question and Spalding's great trip. Regarding the latter he told a very interesting story explanatory of how Spalding finally resolved to travel round the world. He said:

"I always knew that Mr. Spalding had a great desire to make the 'world trip,' but I never knew how he finally resolved to do so until Mr. Parry and I were returning from 'Frisco after the players had sailed for Australia. S. Stanford Parry is the Liverpool, England, agent of the Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He is a very aristocratic man and was in 'Frisco when Mr. Spalding gave the big banquet. He sat next me

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and when all the players and guests were assembled, he remarked to me: 'Why don't the players attend?' 'Why,' I said, 'the players are all here. There are the All-Americans and there are the Chicagos.' They were all in full evening costume, and Mr. Parry had expected to see a party of professionals with much of the rough about them. When we were traveling East, he said to me: 'Mr. Hart, had I received Mr. Spalding's invitation in England I would have made excuses so as not to attend. I had no idea of the very gentlemanly appearance of these athletes, and I am now willing and eager to do all in my power to assist Mr. Spalding in England or any other European country.' As a result Mr. Spalding secured Mr. Parry as his European agent, and Mr. Parry's influence prompted the Marylebone Cricket Club to extend an invitation to Mr. Spalding and his players to visit England. That caused Mr. Spalding to decide on a trip round the world.

"The trip was a financial success all through Australia, but after leaving that country the expenses have been great and the receipts small. Mr. Spalding will, undoubtedly, be considerably out of pocket, but he is willing to stand it. He didn't expect to make any money, and his trip has advertised the national game."

NATIONAL LEAGUE AFFAIRS.

Speaking of the National League affairs, Mr. Hart said: "Of course there are apparent troubles looming on the reserve rule question. I have always been in favor of dealing with that rule in the most liberal way, but, on the other hand, a liberality of this kind has prompted the alarming increase of salaries. Those players who are now disposed to go into court because they claim that the League is trying to reduce their salaries contrary to the provisions of the brotherhood contract will come out at the worst end. No contract would serve as a guideboard to bring more of the blood together. I think mares by Mambrino King should "nick" with Louis Napoleon's son Jerome Eddy, 2:16¼, as Fisk's Mambrino Chief's sire was grandsire of Mambrino King, and his dam, by thoroughbred Birmingham, was granddam of King. If the Montagues and Capulets of the breeding court would sink jealousies and recognize the good in each other's keeping, the days of a 2:08¾ mile limit would be more quickly numbered.

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Mr. Eck refused to put a dollar up on a sick woman, but deposited $100 forfeit for Armaindo to ride Stanley from a quarter of a mile to 144 hours; or Eck offered to bet O'Brien $500 that Stanley could not beat the best records made by Armaindo. Mr. Eck has received no reply from O'Brien to these offers.

The Mets May Reorganize.

A large number of the old Metropolitan club players of this city were at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday afternoon, and as many, if not all, of them are not under engagement for next season, they decided to reorganize the old Indians and play on their own hook. A meeting looking toward such a move will be held at 21 Park Row on Wednesday next. The make-up of the team as it has been suggested is as follows: Holbert, c.; Lynch, p.; Charley Jones, 1st b.; Troy, 2d b.; Nelson, 3d b.; Kennedy, l. f.; Roseman, c. f.; Burdock, r. f.; Sam Crane and Hankinson, substitutes. Three of the players are willing to put up $20,000 to back the team, while outside parties have already offered to put up from $10,000 to $15,000. It looks very much as though the team would make it a go, and there is no reason in the world why they should not play good ball, and they will, too.—*New York Sun.*

Sporting Notes.

EX-MANAGER MITSEL, of the Newark club, has retired from the baseball business.

JAMES F. LARKINS wants to fight either Ike Weir or Frank Murphy at 122 pounds.

MESSRS. ROBB AND RAMSEY—The game of golf was exhaustively dealt with in last Sunday's DISPATCH.

PITTSBURG will tender the baseball tourists a few extra attentions, as well as New York and Philadelphia.—*N. Y. Sun.*

CHARLES MOTH, defeated Bert Scheller in a five bout catch-as-catch-can match at Columbus Friday night. The stakes were $250 a side.

WHEELER C. WICKOFF, President of the American Association, was in Brooklyn on Friday instructing Ferguson, Holland and Gaffney, the Association umpires, as to their duties next season.

BERT WILSON, of Washington, Iowa, who pitched for the Fremont, Ohio, club last year, and finished the season with the Milwaukee's, has been signed to manage and pitch for the Mansfield team this year.

MANAGER BARNIE has returned from New York. He says he had a talk with John Kelly, who said he would not umpire for any organization next year. John says he can't afford to neglect his hotel business.

NEW HAVEN has signed as outfielders John Galligan, of last year's Buffalos and with the Portlands in 1886; Charles Brady, of the Portland and Allentown teams, and James W. Walsh, of last year's Toledo team.

PRESIDENT BRUSH, of Indianapolis, has written Glasscock, stating that under no circumstances will he give him over $2,500 for next season, and if he can't play for that money he has the privilege of quitting the business.

M. M. BROWN, a well-known mine owner of Deadwood, Col., has posted $500 and issued the following challenge, which he desires published: "I hereby challenge any man in America in a fight to a finish, with skin gloves, for $3,000 a side, in behalf of Peter Jackson."

PARSON NICHOLSON, who will play with the Cleveland Club this season, is at his home in Bellaire practicing what would benefit a great many ball players. Tom is attending Sunday school and church regularly, and will on Wednesday evening be confirmed by Bishop Vincent in the Episcopal Church at Bellaire.

The Latest.

All the latest styles in spring overcoats and suits just received at our stores. Spring overcoats in famous auburn meltons and imported thibet ($10) ten dollars, many of them silk-lined; also, 120 styles of men's suitings in cassimeres, cheviots and worsteds at $10. The nobblest styles in the city and the most superb goods can now be found at the P. C. C. C., cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House.

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POINTERS TO BREEDERS.

Interesting Opinions About the Speed of Trotting Horses.

Speed seems to run in grooves, or its course may be compared to a river. In some instances it ceases to flow on, being retarded by the stones and driftwood of prejudice or lost opportunities, but when they are removed its strength and swiftness are displayed in their fullness.

Take that mine of maternal speed, the Harry Clay mare Hattie Wood, for example. In 1864 she produced Idol; in 1865 Gazelle, 2:21; in 1868 Louis Napoleon, by Volunteer, and in 1867 Victor von Bismarck, brother to Idol and Gazelle, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. I've seen Gazelle perform and noticed that she was inclined to pace, but when the weight on her forefeet did its perfect work she started off on a trot at a high flight of speed and scored 2:21 at Prospect Park in 1872.

Louis Napoleon was handled for speed and showed fast as a 4-year-old, but went amiss and was taken to Owosso, Mich., in 1872, when Dewey & Stewart gave his powers of speed-transmission fair scope. Three of his 2:30 performers are from daughters of Fisk's Mambrino Chief, which should serve as a guideboard to bring more of the blood together. I think mares by Mambrino King should "nick" with Louis Napoleon's son Jerome Eddy, 2:16¼, as Fisk's Mambrino Chief's sire was grandsire of Mambrino King, and his dam, by thoroughbred Birmingham, was granddam of King. If the Montagues and Capulets of the breeding court would sink jealousies and recognize the good in each other's keeping, the days of a 2:08¾ mile limit would be more quickly numbered.

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How O'Brien Failed to Match Lottie Stanley Against Armaindo.

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Mr. Eck refused to put a dollar up on a sick woman, but deposited $100 forfeit for Armaindo to ride Stanley from a quarter of a mile to 144 hours; or Eck offered to bet O'Brien $500 that Stanley could not beat the best records made by Armaindo. Mr. Eck has received no reply from O'Brien to these offers.

The Mets May Reorganize.

A large number of the old Metropolitan club players of this city were at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday afternoon, and as many, if not all, of them are not under engagement for next season, they decided to reorganize the old Indians and play on their own hook. A meeting looking toward such a move will be held at 21 Park Row on Wednesday next. The make-up of the team as it has been suggested is as follows: Holbert, c.; Lynch, p.; Charley Jones, 1st b.; Troy, 2d b.; Nelson, 3d b.; Kennedy, l. f.; Roseman, c. f.; Burdock, r. f.; Sam Crane and Hankinson, substitutes. Three of the players are willing to put up $20,000 to back the team, while outside parties have already offered to put up from $10,000 to $15,000. It looks very much as though the team would make it a go, and there is no reason in the world why they should not play good ball, and they will, too.—*New York Sun.*

Sporting Notes.

EX-MANAGER MITSEL, of the Newark club, has retired from the baseball business.

JAMES F. LARKINS wants to fight either Ike Weir or Frank Murphy at 122 pounds.

MESSRS. ROBB AND RAMSEY—The game of golf was exhaustively dealt with in last Sunday's DISPATCH.

PITTSBURG will tender the baseball tourists a few extra attentions, as well as New York and Philadelphia.—*N. Y. Sun.*

CHARLES MOTH, defeated Bert Scheller in a five bout catch-as-catch-can match at Columbus Friday night. The stakes were $250 a side.

WHEELER C. WICKOFF, President of the American Association, was in Brooklyn on Friday instructing Ferguson, Holland and Gaffney, the Association umpires, as to their duties next season.

BERT WILSON, of Washington, Iowa, who pitched for the Fremont, Ohio, club last year, and finished the season with the Milwaukee's, has been signed to manage and pitch for the Mansfield team this year.

MANAGER BARNIE has returned from New York. He says he had a talk with John Kelly, who said he would not umpire for any organization next year. John says he can't afford to neglect his hotel business.

NEW HAVEN has signed as outfielders John Galligan, of last year's Buffalos and with the Portlands in 1886; Charles Brady, of the Portland and Allentown teams, and James W. Walsh, of last year's Toledo team.

PRESIDENT BRUSH, of Indianapolis, has written Glasscock, stating that under no circumstances will he give him over $2,500 for next season, and if he can't play for that money he has the privilege of quitting the business.

M. M. BROWN, a well-known mine owner of Deadwood, Col., has posted $500 and issued the following challenge, which he desires published: "I hereby challenge any man in America in a fight to a finish, with skin gloves, for $3,000 a side, in behalf of Peter Jackson."

PARSON NICHOLSON, who will play with the Cleveland Club this season, is at his home in Bellaire practicing what would benefit a great many ball players. Tom is attending Sunday school and church regularly, and will on Wednesday evening be confirmed by Bishop Vincent in the Episcopal Church at Bellaire.

The Latest.

All the latest styles in spring overcoats and suits just received at our stores. Spring overcoats in famous auburn meltons and imported thibet ($10) ten dollars, many of them silk-lined; also, 120 styles of men's suitings in cassimeres, cheviots and worsteds at $10. The nobblest styles in the city and the most superb goods can now be found at the P. C. C. C., cor. Grant and Diamond sts., opp. the new Court House.

Extra—100 dozen men's fine hats at $1 25, in our hat department. Come at once.

P. C. C. C.

Minnehaha in Demand.

CYNTHIANA, KY., March 2.—Kentucky breeders are beginning to give more attention to obtaining the blood of the famous Minnehaha, which so far leads the line of trotting dams. Mr. James Miller, of Sunnyside Stock Farm, Paris, Ky., in partnership with Mr. W. H. Wilson, of this place, has bought from Governor Mariam, of Minnesota, the stallion San Gabriel, 5 years old, by Sultan, out of Minnehaha. The price paid is $6,500. The colt will be shipped by express from St. Paul to-morrow.

New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The attendance at the races to-day was good. Rain was falling heavily and the track was sloppy.

First race, half mile—Myorna won in 58¾. Cleo Martin second, Joe Wynne third.

Second race, four and half furlongs—Jim D won in 1:05. Barney Lee second, Annawan third.

Third race, five-eighths of a mile—Superior won in 1:11. Golightly second, Lord Grosvenor third.

Fourth race, six and a half furlongs—Pritchett won in 1:35, Doubt second, Roche third.

Priddy Declines to Enter.

Peter Priddy received two offers yesterday to enter pedestrian contests. One was from Parkersburg, W. Va., to take part in the proposed 50-mile race at that place. The other was from Worcester, Mass., to enter the ten-mile race there on the 23d inst. Priddy states that he is in no condition to run at present and, therefore, declines to enter either of the contests named.

Ridge's Challenge.

The backers of Joe Ridge have deposited $50 forfeit for Ridge to fight either Shea, of Wheeling, or Tommy Hogan, of this city, for $250 a side, under either Queensberry or London prize ring rules.

Their Match Off.

BOSTON, March 2.—The third match for the world's featherweight championship between Frank Murphy and Ike Weir, made last Wednesday, has collapsed.

THE COUNTY LEAGUE.

The Rules Committee to Meet—Five Umpires Wanted.

The Rules Committee of the Allegheny County Baseball League will meet at Al Pratt's office on Friday evening next to formulate rules and regulations for the guidance of the League. The Schedule Committee will meet as soon as the National League schedule has been published. It has already, however, been agreed that each club play two games on Decoration Day; two on the Fourth of July and two on Labor Day, September 2d. One representative from each club will comprise the Schedule Committee. The League Directors are now making efforts to secure five umpires.

Another Local Gun Club.

Another local gun club is to be organized early next week. The chief promoters of the organization are Charles S. Robb, Jr., and Fred Davison. The name of it will be the Allegheny Gun Club. Already 20 gentlemen have agreed to join it, and the number of members will be limited to 75. A six-months' lease of Exposition Park has been secured, and when that time expires the club will secure grounds on the Electric road.

Racing for Franklin.

Franklin, Pa., horsemen have arranged for a trotting stake meeting to be held July 3 and 4. The entrance fee to each stake is $30, of which $10 is to accompany the nomination April 1, $10 to be paid May 15, and the balance the day before starting. The society adds $50 to each stake, and the purse and money will be divided in four parts—50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. Full particulars can be learned by addressing James B. Boriand, Secretary, Franklin, Pa.

McCaul to Nikirk.

A representative of Thomas McCaul, of Soho, called at this office last night and left the following challenge: "McCaul will fight Harry Nikirk, at 165 pounds, under any rules, for a stake or a purse. McCaul or his backers will meet Nikirk at THE DISPATCH office on Saturday evening next, at 8 o'clock, to make a match."

A Findlay Fox Hunt.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

FINDLAY, O., March 2.—In a fox hunt to-day in Marion township, participated in by about 400 men and boys, 20 foxes were chased and killed. Another hunt on a more extensive scale has been arranged for Saturday, March 16.

HIS FIRST VETO.

usual constitutional, which the rain would have made disagreeable. For company he took along Mrs. Russell Harrison and her husband and Mrs. McKee. This party did not return until nearly dinner time.

Mary McKee, the youngest of the babies, was under the weather last night and part of to-day, suffering from some infantile ailment. With this exception the children have remained in remarkably good health considering what they have passed through during the week, and the proportion of the time that they have been cooped up within the house.

IN A NEW FIELD.

The Incoming Administration to Engage in Journalism—Blaine and Harrison's Names Used to Boom a Weekly Paper.

If there is any foundation for a story that was told here to-day with considerable circumstantiality, and which was first published in THE DISPATCH, Russell Harrison is not the only one of the family who is, or is about to be interested in the newspaper business. It said that the recent transfer of the *Frank Leslie's Weekly* from Mrs. Leslie to Arkell is really a move to make the paper a semi-official organ of the administration, and that on the assurance of that purpose a large amount of stock in the company that will run the concern has been taken by James G. Blaine and Benjamin Harrison.

It is taken for granted that insofar that General Harrison is concerned the investment is small and made in the name of some other person, but it is alleged that Mr. Blaine has gone into the thing pretty deeply. These two, it is said, are the only men of politics who are to have any share in the scheme, a majority of the stock being retained by the Arkells. It is furthermore alleged, with every appearance of veracity, that up to the time that it became certain that Mr. Blaine would enter the Cabinet, he was down for the post of editor-in-chief of the paper, and that he will still have a practically supreme influence in dictating the policy of the paper politically.

The nominal editor, it is said, will be John Y. Foster, who holds the same place under Mrs. Leslie. For evidence of the truth of all this, everyone is invited to watch for the first issue of the paper under the new management, about May 1, and to see in it editorial articles signed by Mr. Blaine and other statesmen.

Good judges of Washington stories say that the one outlined above is a fairly creditable production, but that it is lacking in one essential characteristic of such tales, in that there may be a slight basis of truth for it. William J. Arkell has been doing a great deal of consulting with Mr. Blaine lately, and some with General Harrison, and it is very likely that he might get them to give him a small and inexpensive boost toward the notoriety that he desires his new weekly to attain soon after it comes into his hands.

Mr. Arkell would not mind sacrificing some shares of stock for such a bang-up advertisement as the name of Mr. Blaine after an article on the editorial page of his paper.

GORGEOUS BADGES

Presented by the Committee to Messrs. Harrison and Morton—Neat Heirlooms to Transmit to Their Children.

General Harrison and Mr. Morton were each the recipient this morning of an unusually gorgeous badge, which will entitle them to admission to anything that may be going on in the city on Monday next, from the swearing in of the new President, at the Capitol, to the ball, in the Pension office, in the evening. The badges were presented by the Inaugural Committee, and were similar to the affairs with which the members of that committee have decorated themselves, except that they were more expensively made. The badge consists of a gold plate, larger than a silver dollar, suspended from a bar.