

Some Comments on the Proposed New Rules Relating to Expenses of Amateur Athletes.

GOOD FEATURES POINTED OUT. The Great Necessity of Drawing a Tight Line Between Amateurism and Professionalism.

SPY SYSTEM IN BASEBALL AFFAIRS. Merits of the Local Club to Secure Players—Reply About Fugitives.

There is no denying the fact that the public is now taking a greater interest in amateur athletics than has ever been the case in this country, and while this is true it may also be admitted that there is not enough prominence given to amateurism by many whose duty it is daily to tell the people about the sporting affairs...

The Good of the Suspensions. But the suspensions after all have turned out well in nothing more than they have prompted a very wise and a revision that is likely to have good results. My readers will remember that some time ago in discussing this question...

The Proposed Spy System. As a rule there is nothing more detestable nowadays to the public generally than anything that encourages or fosters the spy; he who goes sneaking round as meek as a lamb and apparently as confiding and as friendly as a brother...

The Question of Expenses. The most important phase of this proposed new legislation is that relating to the question of paying the training expenses of amateur athletes. As I have more than once pointed out this is a very, very old matter, and has been the theme of many a warm controversy.

More About the Spies. I only hope that President Thurman was speaking without authority of his fellow members of the board. Mr. Thurman has already displayed his innocence—I'll not say ignorance—already on baseball matters, and his parish-church-sermon method of unfolding his spy and of keeping tabs on these specimens of human depravity...

Ought to Make It General. The foregoing rules leave little or no room for doubt as to what is legitimate expense and my sincerest hope that the A. A. U. will adopt them. It remains with that body to say whether or not this talent of sustaining a clandestine professionalism under cover of "paying expenses" shall be abolished and abolished only among bicyclists but all kinds of athletes...

point I quote a few words very well said by C. P. Matthews. He says: "As I stated in my report forms a basis upon which the A. A. U. can build in regulating the expenses of the other athletes, it has already, at its last meeting, accepted the system of prizes therein prescribed. That portion relating to expenses being the most important and intricate, could not intelligently be passed upon in a moment, and was laid over till the meeting of the Board of Managers to be held in Boston February 14. I believe, if not all of us, believe that the interests of amateur sports, particularly in the case of clubs located at a distance from others, require that certain expenses (to be fixed hereafter) should be allowed to athletes in case of club games, as well as the championships. Otherwise, many clubs would not only their own athletes at games given by such clubs...

The Local Amateur Association. There was nothing significant in the executive of the A. A. U. deferring action on the application of membership of the Allegheny Athletic Association. It was only what could be expected from the board, and it is now transacting business in the dark. No organization is taken under its protecting wing except such organization can read its title extremely clearly and the very fact that action on the application was deferred until inquiries concerning the local association could be made, is a strong reason for the desirability of an association becoming part of the A. A. U. The latter is not made up of any and every club...

Donoghue and Manhattan. While dealing with the question of amateurs and expenses, I cannot refrain from giving the opinion of our English author on Donoghue the skater, and the Manhattan Club. It shows that the British are also taking notice of this expensive business. The authority says: "Another of the endless solutions of the puzzle, when an amateur is not an amateur—much more to amend than it is to say when an amateur is an amateur—is offered, so it is reported, by the one, and only Joe Donoghue, champion skater of and from America. According to information from the other side, J. occupies in the world of amateurism a position as not so popular nor yet so exciting as they used to be. I am not sorry for it. Jim Hall is coming to fight Fitzsimmons. Jim is a good man, stand 5 feet 11 1/2 inches in height and fights at 130 pounds. There are conflicting reports as to whether he has beaten Sullivan, but he has defeated Owen Sullivan twice and others say that Sullivan has beaten him. Jim Hall and Sullivan are rated the superiors of Fitzsimmons. Nobody has been able to challenge Fitzsimmons, but one of these days Pat will get a man."

The French Mission. The French Mission of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will hold a service to-day in Rev. Dr. Purves' First Presbyterian Church, of Wood street, Pittsburgh, from 4 to 5 o'clock. The whole service will be in French as usual. The choir composed of members of West-End University Glee Club will be under the direction of Carl Better who will play the organ. Rev. J. Launitz will preach the sermon, and for the convenience of the congregation French tracts and tracts and hymn books will be supplied.

The Postal Telegraph and Cable. John W. Mackay is Elected One of the Board of Directors. MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—At the annual meeting of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company held yesterday John W. Mackay was elected director in place of Hector de Castro, resigned, and the following board of directors was elected: John W. Mackay, Jr., George S. Coe, W. C. Van Horn, John W. Mackay, Albert B. Chandler, Charles R. Hosmer, James W. Ellisworth, William H. Baker, Edward C. Platt, John A. Stewart and George G. Ward.

They Give Their Reasons. Below are given ten reasons why Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best: 1. It will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment. 2. It does not suppress a cough or cold, but loosens and relieves it. 3. It relieves the lungs, which is of great importance in treating a cold. 4. It is the only remedy that will cause the expulsion of mucus from the air cells of the lungs. 5. It renders the mucus less tenacious and easier to expectorate. 6. It freely used as soon as the first symptoms appear, it will cure a severe cold in a single day. 7. It will prevent croup and avert all danger and anxiety arising from that dreaded disease. 8. It has cured thousands of cases of croup, and careful inquiry fails to discover a single case in which it has ever failed. 9. It contains no opium, no chloroform, no morphia, nor any other injurious substance. There is not the least danger in giving it to children. 10. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts in perfect harmony with nature and aids nature in relieving the lungs, and freeing the system of morbid matter, accumulated by cause of the cold. 50 cents per bottle.

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down considerably. Now, this proves to me just what I have argued more than once. I have contended that after this first flush of excitement passes from the magnates, things, as far as salaries are concerned, will assume their old way, that is, good players will get good salaries, and so on. Why is John M. Ward to receive such a big salary? Simply because, as a player and as an attraction, his services are in demand, even at this singular period of baseball history. It will be just the same all players who are in demand. Good teams cannot be gotten together under present conditions without it. By notwithstanding the year's gross amount expressed against the sales system recently by the League, I know that other players can have by financial inducements to play with certain clubs. All this proves what I am contending for, so that, after all, the players have not reached a period of melancholy that is to be permanent. I am not going to say that salaries in the past were not too high, but I do say that a ball player has a right to all that he can get for his services. But what I chiefly contend is that any concerted effort on the part of the National League to limit salaries will likely fail because of the desire of the magnates to each have the best players. This desire might not exist so strongly as at present were all the baseball players equally divided. But as things are at present it does exist, and it exists in a potent form. I will not be surprised if even before this season is out there will be some very heavy bidding for players who are above the average in ability.

Affairs of the Local Club. No matter how we look at the baseball situation, there is always a black cloud overshadowing Pittsburgh. While our hands may not be raised against every man, every man hand seems to be raised against us. In short, it appears to me that we are not the people. During the week there has been an abundance of talk about first-class players we will get and first-class players we will not get. It may not be safe to say that nobody knows who we will get outside of the players that are already signed. It is impossible for Messrs. O'Neill and Hanlon to work harder and more faithfully than they are doing. I don't think I am cherishing to know that President O'Neill is certain of having a great ball team in 1901. I don't think I would regret it, because his good work here would be of interest to the curious to know that one of the reasons for action on the application being deferred was because a copy of the rules and by-laws of the association was not forwarded to the A. A. U.

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