



A REVIEW of

In baseball, the week just ended has been remarkable for one thing, viz., the systematic and determined way a few people have argued for a bigger diamond and the pitcher in its center.

Now, let me point out one thing. The public does not want a bigger diamond. There is nothing to show that the public is tired of the present one.

I am still convinced that the national game has lost popularity by other causes than the playing rules. I maintain that the very inferior quality of the ball has had nothing to do with it.

There was a certain novelty about the 12-club league at the beginning of the season. That was a source of attraction for a time.

The second half of the season was a failure. This was contended for by the fact that there was something in the game itself that wore the public.

But those who have gone back to the old ball have done so because it is no longer too much for them to play.

It looks as if there will be a go between the two sides. It is to be hoped that the public is tired of good ball playing.

I cannot believe that the public wants a worse quality of baseball than we have and before anything is done to deteriorate the game the magnates should weigh the matter very carefully.

Our local magnates have held their annual meeting during the week and a very satisfactory one it was. True, there was a little loss of face in the way of the game.

Every day the prospects are getting brighter for a good local team for next year. Secretary Scandrett states that Farrell is all right and that means he will play next season.

Manager Buckenberger continues to secure pitchers and by the time that next spring comes he will have a very good staff.

Prospects of the County League. In two or three weeks' time there will be a meeting to discuss the proposed County Baseball League for next season.

Our local amateur athletes are all getting ready for the winter exercises and entertainments. It is likely that there will be some very interesting contests and sports this winter.

Secretary Pace of the Three A's tells me that the association will be run on a short and that it will be a great one.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS.

The Examinations Approaching—Pupils From the Parochial Schools—A New Office—Permanent Certificates—A List of Honor—The Guild—Christmas Money.

The approaching preliminary examination for admission to High School is the absorbing question of interest to the principals and their assistants just now.

We can now, with some certainty, say that there will be the presence of several classes from parochial schools.

The proposed race recalls many interesting things. When Homer first set foot in England, the aquatic glory of that country was just departing.

The Permanent Certificate Committee, comprising P. C. B. Woods, R. M. Carlo and the Misses Nannie Mackrell, M. A. Coleman and Miss MacKrell.

All application papers must be in complete on the first Saturday of the examination. Pupils who have not completed their papers on that day will not be admitted.

The following are the names of the pupils who stand first in the highest grammar school of the various ward schools for the month of November.

At the following were initiated members: Prof. H. W. Fisher, Prof. J. J. Jennings, Prof. A. C. McLean, and the Misses Frances Bessie, Emma C. Galley, and others.

Christmas With the Teachers. A question that is just now disturbing the social serenity of many a teacher's brow is whether they are to have a pay before Xmas this year.

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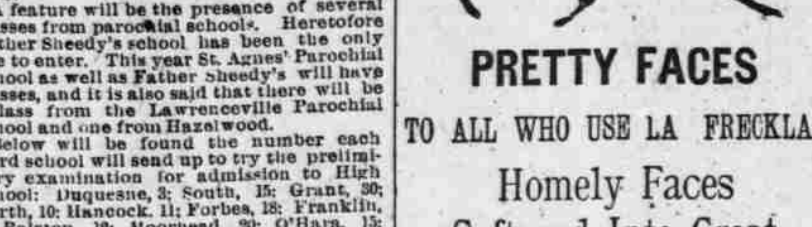
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