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Doings on the Gridiron, the Track and Also the Cinder Path.

THAT BASE BALL IMBROGLIO

Will the National Game Be Able to Stand Another Civil War—Collegians and Their Kicking Over Foot Ball Dates.

By the United Press.

Washington, Oct. 26.

Many people are wondering these days what is going to happen next in base ball circles The developments of last week did not create much of a stir to outward appearances, but beneath the surface there is a feeling of unrest. Previous to the Philadelphia meeting, which gave birth to the new American Association the National league magnates were doing the most of the worrying, for they did not know what financial, managerial, or playing strength the new organization would be able to command. The fact that they did not exhibit anything certain in either respect, and the undoubted defection of Al Johnson, the prime mover and principle loser of the Brotherhood movement, in the opinion of the Post, gives the National league people the vantage ground.

The regular fall meeting of the big league magnates will be held at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, Nov. 14 and 15, and until that time the promoters of the new association will be kept on the anxious seat, wondering what action the parent body will take. Many of the players will also be kept wondering and speculating. They do not want to run any chance of blacklist by going to the league's newest rival, and this is what is going to make it difficulty for the new body to line up for a playing season in the latter part of next April. That is the point which has been discussed with most frequency by the players since early in September. When a few of them were found together it was almost a certainty that they were discussing next season's prospects, and the chances for getting an increase in pay from either the National League club to which they belong, by reason of the promised opposition, or from some club of the new formation. Toward the end of the playing season quite a number were satisfied that it would be safer to remain under the National league blanket, and voluntarily affixed their signatures to contracts for 1895. Among these were all of the Chicago players, all but two of the Philadelphias, all but four or five of the Pittsburgs and others which might be picked at random from the other clubs.

Desertion from the League.

To offset this the organizers of the new association had the promises of nearly all the Boston men, a few of the Baltimore, one or two of the St. Louis Browns and the Pittsburgs, two of the Philadelphias, and some few others scattered here and there. The promises from the players were that they would not sign with the clubs to which they were under reservation until after the new body took shape, the understanding being that the new association would give them substantial increase in salaries if everything came right.

If the new association really means business the managers of the new clubs will make an effort to sign the players who have held off. In fact, it is reported that John J. Moore, who will be identified with the new club in New York, has been in Boston several days trying to get the signatures of Hugh Duffy, Tommy McCarthy and Herman Long to contracts for his team.

These players admit that they have been offered large salaries, and express preference to play in New York, but have not yet made up their minds to sign. Al Buckenberger says he is confident he can secure at least four of last season's Pittsburg club as the nucleus for the new club to be located there, and Fred Pfeffer thinks he will have no trouble in placing a good club in Chicago if he can first induce Amos Rusie to go in with him. Pfeffer would himself play on second and manage and captain the team, so there would be two stars as a starter for the Windy City club. The Philadelphia men are talking of making Billy Sharsig, of old Athletic club fame, manager of the team there, counting on his popularity in that city to help the club in a financial way, but from all accounts they have not succeeded in coming to terms yet with Lave Cross and Billy Hamilton, the only Phillies who refused to sign with the Reach and Rogers people. Billy Barnie will no doubt have charge of the team in his own town, Brooklyn, but it does not appear that he has engaged anything in the shape of playing talent up to date.

The Washington Organizers.

If Messrs. Hewett and Scanlon have signed men for the team they are to place here they are keeping very quiet about it. They decline to talk about their plans at present. Michael Scanlon was seen on his return from the Philadelphia meeting, but excused himself from saying anything about base ball except on one point. He was emphatic in saying that he did not believe in making war on the National league, and rather than countenance contract breaking by players would withdraw from the business.

It was generally hoped among followers of the game that the organization of the new body would mean a return to the conditions in existence prior to the Brotherhood revolt, when there were two big base ball organizations which respected contracts made by clubs on either side, when there were big salaries for all the players, and the interest in the game in all parts of the country was aroused to such an extent that all the clubs were making money. Unfortunately, however, the new organization has not made a start which invites peace, and the inevitable clash over the player question will come early and last long. This will mean harm to both organizations and the possible destruction of one.

The National league people, having just worked past the evil effects of the Brotherhood war, are in no mood to deal friendly with a prospective rival, and the association must certainly be aware that they cannot go ahead and hope to be successful without trenching on the big league's reserve list. This will start the trouble. The league will certainly fight to retain the players on their reserve list, and there will be many legal battles, as there were in 1890, to disgust the followers of the game.

The Challenge.

The association threw down the gage of battle at the Philadelphia meeting when they declared that they would not respect the league club reservations. This will force the league magnates at their meeting in New York next month to take a decided stand. There can be no doubt but they will resolve to blacklist players who desert their ranks. Then if the association people have the financial backing which they claim the bars will be let down and a number of players will be able to work their salaries up to the $3,500 to $5,000 notches. Few clubs can afford to pay many men such salaries without great loss to their exchequers, and after one of the organizations goes to the wall, because the backers of the clubs are heartily sick of losing money, a fresh start will have to be made by the successful body, and the only result of the whole squabble will have been that the great American game has been set backward ten years or more by the very people who should try to build up and advance it.

BATTERS AND RUNNERS.

Records of Heavy Hitters of the League and Leading Base Stealers.

By the United Press.

New York, Oct. 26.—During the nineteen years that the National league has been in existence, there has been some very hard batting, but Duffy's percentage this season is a record breaker. Previously, the best percentage was .403, made by Ross Barnes, in 1876, the first year of the league. The list of champion batsmen of the league is as follows:

1876—Barnes, Chicago	.403
1877—White, Boston	.385
1878—Dalrymple, Milwaukee	.356
1879—Anson, Chicago	.407
1880—Gore, Chicago	.365
1881—Anson, Chicago	.399
1882—Brouthers, Buffalo	.367
1883—Brouthers, Buffalo	.371
1884—O'Rourke, Buffalo	.350
1885—Connor, New York	.371
1886—Kelly, Chicago	.388
1887—Maul, Philadelphia	.343
1888—Anson, Chicago	.343
1889—Brouthers, Boston	.313
1890—Tebeau, Chicago	.342
1891—Hamilton, Philadelphia	.338
1892—Brouthers, Brooklyn	.335
1893—Stenzel, Pittsburg	.409
1894—Duffy, Boston	.434

There was some lively scurrying around the bases on the league circuit during the season just closed, and Hamilton with 101 to his credit, leads the league. John Ward was at the top of the column last season with seventy-two bases to his credit. Hamilton's performance is, therefore, a remarkable good one. Burke, Fuller and Doyle have made a creditable showing. The following figures show the work of the leading base stealers:

Players.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	Sacrifice Hits.	Runs
Hamilton	132	101	7	197
Lange	113	71	6	88
Wilmot	134	81	13	173
McGraw	124	61	14	151
Brown	130	62	15	122
Latham	131	60	14	121
Stenzel	132	57	11	149
Doyle	106	44	1	94
F. Ward	97	39	6	97
Duffy	125	48	10	160
Dahlen	122	46	10	152
Donovan	133	48	27	148
Daly	124	44	4	137
Griffin	108	36	3	124
Burke	138	46	13	126
Fuller	94	31	0	82
Bannan	128	42	8	129
Kelley	129	42	14	147
G. Tebeau	102	33	11	76
McCarthy	127	40	9	117
Burkett	125	35	8	141
Holliday	124	34	4	126
Dowd	124	33	6	85
McGarr	128	34	3	93
E. Smith	126	33	19	128
Davis	122	31	8	112
C. S. Abbey	130	33	12	55
Jennings	128	32	15	137
Van Haltren	139	34	13	139
Brouthers	128	30	14	138
Brodie	129	38	21	135
J. Ward	138	30	23	101

BLACKLIST IS READY.

Nick Young's Broad Hint to Popular Players of the League.

By the United Press.

Washington, Oct. 26.—President Nick Young, of the National Base Ball league, does not intend to call a special meeting to consider the new base ball association. He says: "The members of the league do not want any more base ball wars, but they stand ready to defend their hard earned interest against what appears to be nothing more than a band of base ball speculators. The situation has been thoroughly surveyed, and we know every man, his social and financial standing, supposed to be directly or indirectly interested in the new association. The impression prevails, after looking over the field that the league, rather than become involved in another struggle, similar to that with the Brotherhood, will go down into its pockets and buy out the rival organization. They will be sadly disappointed if they are entertaining any such idea. The league has a well balanced compact organization, and the market is stocked with desirable players.

"There is one thing that can be stated with all frankness, and that is the league does not intend to enter into a competitive contest of dollars for the services of popular players in the league. If they are disposed to place their loyalty to the parent organization on the auction block, they are at liberty to do so. If they deliberately violate the terms of the National agreement and desert the league they must understand that they place themselves on the black list, so far as the league is concerned, for all time to come. New players are being developed every year, and there is no longer a players' trust to dictate the policy of the league."

In this connection Mr. Young called attention to the number of excellent young players developed in the league during the last year and to contracts already signed with promising players of smaller leagues for the next season. He explained his absence from headquarters last week by stating that he went into seclusion temporarily to figure out and promulgate the official averages for the season just closed.

The fall meeting of the league will be called for Nov. 14 and will be held in New York. The pennant will be formally awarded to the Baltimore club and the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer of the league will be submitted. The showing promises to be satisfactory from a financial standpoint and a general rounding up of the league's business affairs will indicate a fairly prosperous season in spite of the hard times. Any questions arising as to the rumored changes in the membership of the league will probably be deferred until the spring meeting of the next championship season.

FRANK SELEE'S TALK.

He Says Duffy, McCarthy and Long Will Stay in Boston.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—Frank Selee, manager of the Boston League ball team, in an interview here said: "You can say for me that I will bet a new suit of clothes that Duffy, McCarthy and Long do not play with the Association next season. Why, it is simply ridiculous to think of it. Two of these men have invested $5,000 in business in Boston, and why should they want to play in New York? Then again, if they must make a change there is not a club in the league which would not offer them a good advance over their present salary, and it stands to reason they would sooner play with a recognized successful organization than take chances with a new one.

"No, no, they are too level-headed for that, and you can also say that they will get what they demanded from the Boston club and they are entitled to it. There are no harder working players in the profession today than they, and they are stars of the first magnitude; so much so, in fact, that I would be in favor of giving them all that business can afford. There will be more old faces on the Boston team next year than most people imagine."

IN THE FIELD TO STAY.

Quinn, of Milwaukee, Says the New Base Ball Association Is No Bluff.

By the United Press.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 26.—H. D. Quinn, who is furnishing the backing for the Milwaukee club in the new base ball association, has returned from Philadelphia.

The association is not a bluff, Mr. Quinn says; neither is his talk about putting a club in Milwaukee. He says he has several players on the string already but he intends to keep his plans to himself until all arrangements have been made. This, he states, will not be until the contracts of the association are printed.

PITTSBURG OUT OF IT.

Projectors of Pittsburg Association Club Decide to Leave That City.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Oct. 26.—The American Association club will not locate at Pittsburg. A. C. Buckenberger and L. De Roy, who have been looking after the club's interest in Pittsburg, have retired from further activity in the project, and notified those who were willing to give the concern financial backing that as suitable grounds could not be obtained in would not only be useless but unprofitable to continue the venture.

Buckenberger did not seek a conference with the Pittsburg Traction officials, feeling that it would result in any but favorable terms. Buckenberger says that he told the other members of the association that it would be hard to put a club in Pittsburg, so that they will not be surprised at the action of himself or associates.

BASE BALL BREVITIES.

There were 620 home runs made in the league the past season, the biggest number in its history. Duffy leads the list with 17.

The Western league had eight men in its ranks the past season with a batting average of .300 or over, and 95 that had an average of .300 or over.

An interesting test of the relative strength of the two sections of the league is seen in the fact that the eastern clubs won 268 games from the western clubs the past season, and lost to them only 158.

The Boston club has signed Catcher Warner of the Wilkes-Barre club for next season. Warner is 30 years old, married, and is of steady habits. He caught nearly all the games for Wilkes-Barre the past season.

YALE'S LATEST OFFER.

Wants Princeton to Have a Game with Pennsy Nov. 24.

By the United Press.

New York, Oct. 26.—The Yale-Princeton game will probably be played on Saturday, Dec. 1. It can be stated on good authority that Yale has agreed upon this date, instead of Dec. 5, as they first proposed, and has also submitted a proposition to Princeton, which, however, will not be accepted. Yale's idea is that the three big college teams, including her own, should be on an equal footing, and has accordingly suggested to Princeton that if the Tigers will consent to play the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, Nov. 24, the same day that Yale plays Harvard at Springfield, Yale will play Princeton on Thanksgiving Day, otherwise the game can be played on Dec. 1.

By this means Yale figures that both Princeton and Pennsylvania will be put in the same position that Yale is in now. That is, that the Tigers and the Quakers would both have a hard game five days before they met Yale and Harvard respectively on Thanksgiving Day; but as the Princeton-Pennsylvania game has already been arranged for Nov. 10 at Trenton, Yale's suggestion, though a good one, comes a little late. So that it is practically settled that Yale and Princeton will meet on Dc. 1.

The one remaining hitch between the big universities seems to be over the location of the grounds. Yale has shifted from a desire to go to Eastern park, Brooklyn, and now shows a preference for Berkeley Oval. Princeton, however, still sticks out for Manhattan field.

FOOTBALL FACTS.

Cornell will play Harvard in New York next Saturday.

Lee Jones has been elected captain of the Yale Freshmen Foot Ball team.

Warner, captain of the Cornell Foot Ball eleven, is 24 years old and weighs 215 pounds.

Crowdes and Riggs are having a hot canvass for center on the Princeton team. Riggs will likely win out.

The American Association of Professional Foot Ball clubs closed the season on Oct. 20, thus avoiding a conflict with the college foot ball games.

So many of the players of Stevens 'Varsity Foot Ball team have already been injured this season that the eleven has been forced to disband and declare off all games scheduled.

An effort is being made to arrange a game of foot ball between the University of Pennsylvania eleven and some minor college, to take place on the Riverton Athletic club grounds.

George F. Sanford, who has been a prominent figure at Yale for six years past, has left that university for good, and it is reported that he will enter upon a business career in New York.

The college foot ball teams have finally realized the importance of a kicking game. The new rules are responsible for the change, and there is nothing more exciting for the spectators in general than to see the ball go sailing through space.

The Baltimore Professional League Foot Ball team wrote Secretary Pickard, of the Western Pennsylvania, Association league, asking for a series of three games with the Pittsburgs, of that league. The secretary declined to give them any encouragement, until after the close of the local league's season.

Pennsylvania is using a kick-off that is worth two of the tricks Yale tried early in the season. Hickok kicked twice out of bounds. This gave Yale's opponents the ball in midfield and they were forced to kick. Thereby Yale secured the ball, but near her own goal. The new play is better. Brooks kicks over his opponent's goal line and they touch in goal. This gives them the ball and they have to put it in play on their twenty-five yard line by a kick. Pennsylvania thereby gets the ball and gets it much nearer her opponent's goal than in case of the Yale kick-off. Of course it takes a great kicker like Brooks to make this play, and then it won't always work, for it's a long kick that will send a foot ball from midfield over the goal line at a heighth that men stationed on the line cannot reach.—Philadelphia Press.

INDOOR WHEEL MEET.

Some of the Celebrated Riders Who Will Take Prominent Part.

By the United Press.

New York, Oct. 26.—The International Indoor Bicycle tournament for both amateurs and professionals will begin at the Madison Square garden on November 27, and will continue a week under the auspices of the Metropolitan Association of Cycling clubs of New York and New Jersey. Champion A. A. Zimmerman, Harry C. Wheeler, Lucien Lovet, champion short distance riders of France; Arthur Linton and M. Huret, also French champions; A. C. Edward, champion of England, and Alex. Verheyen, the German champion, are among the pofessionals slated to appear.

The class B riders will probably be Titus, Sanger, Johnson, Bliss, Bald, MacDonald, the Murphy brothers, Taxis and Tyler.

TO SUCCEED RAYMOND.

Gideon Boomed for That Place, But Thought He Will Not Accept it.

By the United Press.

New York, Oct. 26.—The decision of Chairman Raymond, of the League of American Wheelmen racing board, to retire from office next February, will leave the organization in a quandary as to who will succeed him. George D. Gideon, the Pennsylvania member of the board, is regarded as the man best fitted for the office, but it is claimed that he will not accept it. The league legislators, in looking around for a man to take charge of the racing interests in the event of Gideon's refusal, claimed that Henry W. Robinson, of Massachusetts, would fill the bill.

Chairman Raymond intends to remove to Chicago and the Western men announce that he is the candidate for the League of American Wheelmen presidency.

WORK OF GREAT WHEELMEN.

Comparisons Between Johnson, Sanger, Tyler, Bliss and Titus.

By the United Press.

New York, Oct. 26.—Throughout the racing season the crack class B riders were ambitious to end the season with a record of 100 victories to their credit. To show how the leading events were distributed among the men it is necessary to compare their work through the season. Early in the year it was predicted that Zimmerman's position as champion would be filled by either Sanger or Johnson.

Johnson defeated Sanger thirteen times during the year, and Sanger beat Johnson in eleven races. Johnson won in all 62 races during the year. He defeated Bald in 15 races; Tyler 8 times and Titus 15 times. He failed to beat young Bliss, while the latter defeated Johnson five times.

Walter Sanger has 125 victories to his credit. In addition to beating Johnson 11 times, he defeated Bliss 7 times; Tyler, 18; Titus, 21, and Bald, 30 times.

Harry Tyler has 57 victories to his credit, defeating Sanger and Johnson 8 times, Bliss 3 times; Bald, 17 times, and Titus 7 times.

Bliss closed the season with 38 wins to his record. He beat Johnson 5 times; Sanger and Bald 7 times and Titus 8 times. He has no victories over Tyler to his credit.

Titus has 55 victories to his credit, dafeating Messrs. Johnson, Bliss and Sanger 3 times each; Bald, 19 times, and Tyler 3 times.

The comparison shows the men to be very evenly matched, with an almost equal number of victories and losses to their credit.

WHIRS OF WHEELMEN.

Niagara Falls is the next candidate in the race for the national meet in 1895.

Ground was broken on Monday for the club house of the Asbury Park Wheelmen.

Sanger is considering a proposition to try the one hour record and the intermediate marks above four miles.

At the two hundred race meets held in this country during the past season the prizes offered aggregate $200,000 in value.

The allotment of spaces for the first national exhibit of cycles, accessories and sundries, to be held in Madison Square garden, January 19th to 26th, have been made. Already eighty-four firms have made application.

The Californian, Wells, who recently broke Johnson's half mile world record at Sacramento, doing the distance in 0:53 3-5, weighs 190 pounds in training, and 203 when out of form. He is the biggest fast man on the path.

The foreign professional bicycle riders who will come to this country next month with Zimmerman are Lucien Louvet, Arthur Linton and M. Huret, French champions; A. C. Edwards, England's best rider, and A. Verhegen, German champion.

J. Wade McGowan, the Pittsburg candidate for vice-consul of the Pennsylvania division, League of American Wheelmen, and at present the honored occupant of that position, is receiving encouragement from every part of the state on his candidacy.

The announced withdrawal from the racing board of the League of American Wheelmen of its chairman, Howard E. Raymond, is regretted by the wheelmen of the country. Mr. Raymond has become a partner in a cycle manufactory, and in a letter to the members of the league he explains his withdrawal.

George W. Wolfe, who claims to have broken the Chicago-New York record recently, is alleged to have ridden on a train between Valparaiso and Fort Wayne on the evening of October 1. W. S. Daniels, of Plymouth, Ind., claims to have seen Wolfe on the train, and says he stands ready to prove his statement.

Wheelmen who are endeavoring to defeat J. W. McGowin, of Pittsburg, for the vice-consulship of the Pennsylvania division, have executed a sharp move by mailing to all members of the division copies of a ballot which is apparently the official ticket, but which contains the name of Thomas Keenan in place of J. W. McGowin.

Zimmerman and Wheeler are now in Italy. They have made plans to sail for home from Genoa on November 1, on the Augusta Victoria. Manager Troy, who sailed for France on Saturday to make arrangements for the appearance of the foreign cracks at the Thanksgiving week cycling carnival in Madison Square garden, may return with them.

An enthusiast with a strong liking for figures has calculated that Sanger's percentage for the season, reckoned on the basis of races won and lost, is .683, which places him at the head of the list, Johnson coming next with .565. Cabanne ranks third with .457, and then in the order of merit are: Bald with .433, Bliss with .423, Charles Murphy with .400, Titus with .377, and Tyler with .348.

W. J. Goodwin, a Coventry rider who has been but little heard of, has taken the good slice of twenty-four minutes off the Birmingham to London and back record. The distance is 208 miles, and the course is very hilly throughout. At no part can the surface be called fast, either. Yet Goodwin accomplished the double journey in 12:39:00. He broke the Midland twelve hour record (193 miles) by four miles during the course of his jaunt.

NOTES OF THE TURF.

"Lucky" Baldwin has refused to match Rey El Santa Anita with Henry of Navarre.

The board of appeals of the American Trotting association will meet in Chicago on Dec. 1.

Barney Owens, proprietor of the East Suffolk half-mile track, will give $650 for two days' racing, Nov. 5 and 6.

Charles Fleischman, the Cincinnati millionaire, lost $2,000 on the Henrietta's failure to win at East St. Louis on Monday.

Horsemen are wondering why W. C. (Father Bill) Daly is permitted to race his mare Lizzie at the Washington, D. C., track.

Henry of Navarre pulled up lame after his work at Oakley the other day and will not be able to start in the handicap next Saturday.

The Jockey club of Vienna has bought Baron Hirsch's English race horse Matchbox for stud purposes. The price was £18,000. Matchbox is a bay 3-year-old, by St. Simon, out of Match Girl. He has run well in several big races in England this year.

Whatever may be the result of the vote on the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting betting on race tracks, racing will continue in this state. At two tracks at least, Coney Island and Brooklyn, the management have decided to hold their regular meeting. John A. Morris says there will be no meeting at Morris park in case the amendment carries.

NOTES OF THE RING.

A fight has been arranged at Montreal between Martin Costello and Luke Lucy, middle weight of Troy, N. Y., to take place within two weeks.

Jack Everhardt, the New Orleans boxer, claims the title of lightweight champion from Stanton Abbott, and will defend the title against any 133-pounder.

Frank McLain, the "Cuban Wonder," is reported to have left Philadelphia for Mahanoy city, where he is matched to fight ten rounds, October 28, for a $250 purse.

Police stopped both fights at Fountain theatre, Cincinnati, Saturday, in the first round. The first fight was given Van Heest, the second to Connelly, of Ithaca.

"Jim' Daly, the ex-sparring partner of "Jim" Corbett, and "Jack" Slavin have signed articles to fight fifteen rounds for a purse of $1,500. The bout will take place in Buffalo on Nov. 6.

It is reported that Horace Leeds is to meet three men at the Southwark club on Saturday night, October 27. If Leeds could be induced to allow John H. Clark to be one of the three a great bout would result.

Orville Barklay and Thomas Murphy, 139-pound boxers; John Collings and George Smith; Bob Redding and John H. Clark; young Jack Burke and young Gallagher, will furnish the attractions at the American Athletic club next Saturday evening.

The Olympic club of New Orleans, has offered a purse of $3,000 for a finish fight between "Steve" O'Donnell, the sparring partner of "Jim" Corbett, and "Jim" Hall, the Australian middle weight. If the match is made, it will take place during Mardi Gras festivities in February.

A dispatch from Boston states that the Kentucky Rosebud has $1,000 to back him against any 139-pound man in the United States. Paddy McBride had $100 forfeit at The Record office for a week to make a match with "the Bud" for $1,000. Paddy is still ready, and Benny Peterson will also give the Rosebud an argument for about $500.

The Olympic club, of New Orleans, has decided to offer a $2,500 purse for a finish fight between "Billy" Plimmer, the bantam weight champion, and "Charley" Kelly, of New York, the contest to take place in February. If Plimmer refuses to fight Kelly the Olympic club agrees to hang up a purse of the same value for a meeting between the New Yorker and "Jimmy" Barry, of Chicago.

It is not generally known that Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons saw her husband "trim" Mr. Creedon at New Orleans last month. It is probably the first case on record of a woman witnessing a heavy weight championship battle. Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Scholl, wife of the president of the Olympic Athletic club, saw the contest from a nook in which they were completely concealed The champion's wife became so excited that she could not tell who had won until she was informed at the close of the battle.

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.

Steps will be taken at Newport to form an American Golf association.

Lasker, the chess player, is seriously ill in London. He has therefore cancelled all his present engagements for games.

At the annual fall games of Princeton college R. C. Kumler, '95, made a new Princeton record for the broad jump. The distance is 22 feet 5 inches.

James Mahan, of Fitchburg, Mass., the champion quarter-mile sprinter of the United States, lies in a hospital at Chicago with a bullet deeply imbedded in his left breast and his left arm broken. While making his way to Chicago, he was set on by tramps, who not only robbed, but tried their best to kill him.

Arrangements have been made by a representative of Austin, Tex., with Teemer and Gaudaur to row a single scull race in that city next January for the championship of America and a purse of $2,000, which will be hung up by the citizens. It is expected to get Peterson, the oarsman, to participate, in which event each contestant wil put up $1,000 to be added to the purse.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Concise Answers to the Interesting Questions of Curious People.

From the Baltimore American.

Question:—1. Was there not a battle in the last century, in which the troops politely called on each other to fire first? Did not Napoleon have a publisher shot?

Answer: 1. There is a tradition to the effect that at the battle of Fontenoy, in France, the English officers took off their hats to their French enemies arrayed in line of battle before them. Two French officers rode forward and also took off their hats, returning the salute. Thereupon Lord Charles Hay exclaimed, "Gentlemen of the French guard, fire," and then the answer of Count d'Auteroche came: "Fire yourselves, gentlemen of England. We never fire first." The English troops were under the Duke of Cumberland, and the French troops under Marshal Saxe. The latter was at the time suffering from an acute attack of dropsy, and when exhausted from riding on horseback, had to be drawn in an osier carriage. The French won the battle at the last moment. 2. Scott, the novelist, told this story at a banquet of litterati, in proposing a toast to Napoleon, because the latter had once shot a publisher, the incarnate and ideal foe of writers, according to tradition. John Philip Palm, a Bavarian, is said to have suffered from Bonaparte's anger. He issued from his press at Nurenburg, a pamphlet, "Germany in Her Greatest Degradation," in 1806, just after the French had occupied the principality. He attacked the troops, their management, and assailed the emperor particularly. His shafts at the Corsican took the form of a supposed dialogue between Bonaparte and "Echo," in which the ending words in each sentence of the emperor formed a phrase damaging to him. Napoleon ordained him arrested and confined at Anspach. Later he was courtmartialed and shot.

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Question: In olden times, when Barnum's hotel was flourishing, I read frequently after Christmas that they had served watermelon for desert. How were the melons kept so long?

Answer: Some years ago a man in New Jersey varnished some watermelons, and, he claims, kept them in good condition until Christmas. He put one or two coats of varnish on them, of course, letting each one get dry before putting on another. He kept them in a cool place, but took care not to let them get frozen. It is said, however, by others who have tried this plan that a slight taste of the varnish was discovered, which was due, of course, to the liquid making its way through the rind. But the New Jersey man said his melons were as fresh at Christmas as in August, and that he did not detect any taste of the varnish. It is more than likely that the cold-storage warehouses, which can easily regulate the temperature so as to keep it at a proper degree above the freezing point, could keep the melons fresh, just as it was claimed could be done with them in Barnum's cool cellar. Many countrymen secure for themselves the same advantages of Barnum's cold storage by placing the melons carefully in the barn, covering them with fodder and leaving them undisturbed. It is not an unusual treat.

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Question: Who was Robert Browning's "Lost Leader" and who the "Fair Rosamond" of Tennyson?

Answer: Goethe and Southey have been made conspicuous by various persons as the supposed original of this poem of Browning's, because each during his lifetime had made radical changes in his views on government, and, therefore, fitted the part. But the poet, as his private correspondence shows, had Wordsworth in mind at the time he wrote the poem, but he says in this letter, written some years after the publication of the poem, that the character was merely suggestive, and that no attempt was made at a portrait. Jane Clifford was the "Fair Rosamond" in "The Dream of Fair Women." She was the daughter of Lord Clifford, and the favorite of Henry II. of England. He kept her concealed in a mythical labyrinth near Woodstock, but all to no purpose, for she is said to have been poisoned by Queen Eleanor in 1177. The story has been told frequently in prose and poetry. Samuel Davis published an historical poem about her melancholic fate in 1594. Swinburne wrote a drama entitled "Rosamond," Addison an opera, Scott refers to the story in his two novels, "The Talisman" and "Woodstock," and many ballads touching the same subject have achieved a place largely on account of the pretty story.

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Question: Can you give the proportion of clear days in England and the United States?

Answer: Not exactly as you state it; but Dr. Cronk, of the State Weather bureau, finds that in June, 1894, Baltimore had twice the sunshine of London, and in addition to London, only two other stations in England reported a greater number of hours of sunshine than two hundred. In the United States, moreover, only three stations had more sunshine in that month than Baltimore. The least sunshine at the record stations was given at Eastport, Me., and Portland, Ore. During May, 1894, the record of sunshine hours recorded at the stations is as follows: Baltimore, 285.5; Washington, 259.2; London, 163.5. During June of this year it was: Baltimore, 354.8; Washington, 328.3; St. Louis, 402.8; Santa Fe, 384.2; Tucson, 364.5; Eastport, 145.1; Portland, Ore., 163.3; London, England, 160.8; Guernsey, 209.2; Jersey, 201.5.

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Question: Inform me whether base ball is brain work or art.

Answer: It is largely brawn, and comparatively little brain, except in the exercise of judgment on the part of the players, with exception of the pitcher. He has to do "head work" largely; that is, exercise more than ordinary skill in the performance of his work, as in delivering deceptive balls to the latter. Base ball is, however, a scientific game, and, as such, requires generally more brain than the average out-door sport.

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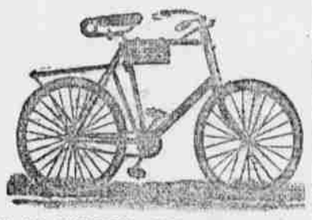
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