

# The Sportlight

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**At the Edge of What Might Be**  
"What," you ask, "are we to do with the shadow drifting by? How are we to see it through, Shall we come to live or die?" Let the answer, hit or miss, Come from the fields of fun and fame, Where the echo ends with this: Play the game out—play the game!

It may be that night will grow Darker still, where no stars gleam; These are minor things to know Where we hold the old, brave dream; Where no one may heed the score, Save that it is swept of shame As the ancient echoes roar "Play the game out—play the game."

Jim Thorpe, the noted Redman, could break through any line he faced. But busting his way through Dave Robertson, George Burns and Benny Kauff is another affair. "Darcy has exceptional speed in breaking away." Something the coast guardsmen and revenue cutters of Australia discovered several months ago.

**Leading Overt Acts**  
The Red Sox in Brooklyn, 1916.  
Cluck Evans at Minkahda and Merion.  
Miss Willard's price for a ten-round bout.  
Sale vs. Princeton and Harvard.

**Fed Revivals**  
Last season there was no keener discussion along the Fan firing line than the almost daily debate upon the comparative merits of Benny Kauff and Eddie Roush.

These two were both Fed stars, lifted over to the Giants. When it came to a final choice in the Mathewson-Cincinnati deal McGraw finally decided to let Roush go and retain Benny under the New York flag. Whereat the rebuttal developed great intensity as to which would prove the better man.

Last season Roush finished with a slight margin at bat—287, against 264. As an outfielder there was no great choice, for both did first class work. This season the test will be a keener one, as Roush will start as a Red regular, where last year he spent the first two months upon reserve work. While Roush, Kauff and Magee, leading Fed stars, all failed to bat as high up as 270. Hal Chase, well below both Magee and Kauff with the Feds, led the league at bat. From which figures you can prove anything you may care to prove.

Another Fed star who jolted the dope badly was Claude Cooper, who barely managed to eke on an average of .192 in 54 games. It may be that Fed talent needed a season in which to readjust the situation, of which 1917 should furnish ample proof.

**Offense and Defence**  
Those engaged in the subtle task of arranging the 1917 dope for the two major leagues should not make the common mistake of giving main attention to the attack. Pitching is undoubtedly the leading factor. Last season Detroit made 120 more hits and scored 120 more runs than the Red Sox were able to garner. The Tigers had a far stronger wallop when it came to offensive play. Yet they finished nearly 30 points behind the Tiger team. The Red Sox were second in team batting, but tied for last place in the vital segment known as the Standing of the Clubs.

Any lingering doubt as to where Grover Cleveland Alexander belongs in the present array of pitchers in either big league—the widest margin that any pitcher has shown for a considerable span of time. If Congress insists upon collecting enough money to meet current and coming expenses, why not put a tax of 10 per cent. upon what Willard asks for a ten-round fight?

**Beating the Game**  
He strove to be contented with a humble toiler's lot, But when he saw a rich man in his auto he forgot; And when he passed a restaurant where lavish livers dined The dreadful pains of poverty just preyed upon his mind. —Exchange.

He tried to be contented with a daily poet's pay, But when he met the butcher or the grocer on his way, Or bumped into his landlord or his tailor anywhere— The dreadful pains of poetry were doubly hard to bear.

A suggestion to build up and promote the boxing game—put the entire smear under the absolute control of John Lawrence Sullivan and give the Old Boy power to go the limit. At the end of the first two months they will either be boxers or bums, and he won't care which.

## WELLY'S CORNER

"Bill" Martin, who played shortstop for Syracuse last season, has been sold to the Bridgeport team of the Eastern League. He stood second in fielding. Martin figured with Boston Braves and later on the Rochester team of the International League. He is a Georgetown University product. Hitting slumps have worked against him.

One improvement a State boxing bill would make in ring sport would be the elimination of boxers who fail to keep their contracts. There are too many eleventh-hour cancellations. Harrisburg fight patrons had another disappointment this week. Frankie Erne helped out. The change was not wholly satisfactory.

Les Darcy is certainly in bad with United States enthusiasts. He is scheduled to meet Dillon in Madison Square Garden Monday night. There was some talk about preventing the fight on the charge that Darcy left Australia to get away from military duty.

Slow-ball pitchers are passing out along with the spit-ball artists. Nap Rucker, Jean Dubue, Jack Warhop and Al Demee are on the list of twirlers who retired from the game. There are few youngsters who show any signs of filling the shoes of these puzzling pill-heavers.

Princeton is after Penn's scalp in the next basketball game. The Tigers and Yale are tie for first place in the Intercollegiate race and Princeton must travel a pace to beat the New Haven lads in the present race.

### Local Infielder to Leave Sunday For Training Orders



### Blue Ridge League Lands "Ike McCord and Others"

Harry, "Ike" McCord, a seasoned infielder, last year with the Raleigh Club of the Carolina League, has been signed by the Hagerstown Baseball Club, Blue Ridge League, for the 1917 season. He will report in April. "Buck" Rowe, who managed one of the teams in the Georgia State League last summer, has signed a contract to play with Hanover, during the coming season. Rowe formerly attended Gettysburg College and was a star in the outfield of Coach Plank's aggregation. Elmer Eckhardt, who played with Drew Institute and who is highly recommended by Monte Cross, has also come to terms with the Hanover Raiders.

**WORK ON RIFLE RANGE**  
The site along the Conodoguinet creek, recently purchased by the Harrisburg Rifle Club, will be converted into a rifle range in a short time. Work in laying out the range will be started within the next week. The charter which was granted the club recently, was received and a copy of the letter will be mailed to Washington for approval.

"Red" Crane has his grip packed and will leave for Washington, D. C., Sunday. It is probable he will remain at the National Capital until after the inauguration before going South with the Washington Americans. The local boy is in good condition. He has trained indoors all winter and will be ready to show speed from the start, when the training season starts. Crane is a fast infielder. He was in-

## KILBANE TO BOX DRONEY AT YORK

It Will Be Kilbane's First Appearance in State Outside of Philadelphia

What should be one of the best boxing matches staged in this section of the state will take place on Monday night, March 12, at York, when Johnny Kilbane, world's champion feather-weight, will box Tim Droney, of Lancaster. The bout has caused consider-

able talk in boxing circles in this city, and it is altogether likely that Harrisburg will be well represented at the show.

Joe Barrett, a former Baltimore promoter, but now conducting shows at York, has been giving the York fans excellent shows this season and deserves a great deal of credit for arranging the bout with Kilbane and Droney.

**Kilbane's First Appearance**  
This will be the first time Kilbane has appeared in the ring in this state with the exception of Philadelphia. The bout stands far above any which has been staged in this section for a decade and should be magnet enough to fill the Orpheum Theater.

The semi-final bout will be between Johnnie Wolgast, who made such an excellent showing here on Wednesday night when he completely outclassed

Kid Albert, and Johnnie Gill. Gill is York's best welterweight, and is out to trim Wolgast, who has been making like a novice. Three fast preliminary bouts have been arranged.

York's best bantam-weight, Dick Gotwalt, will tackle Jack Wolpert, Lancaster's best, in the third bout. Gotwalt and Wolpert met several weeks ago and went a fast draw. Young Siler, Gill's boxing partner, will exchange wallops with Harry Norris, another fast York boxer. The other bout will be between two young giants, Jack Witzell, Baltimore, and Ray Lutz, a former western fighter, but now living in York. Both are six feet, three inches tall and weigh over 200 pounds.

**WHITE TO GUARD PRESIDENT**  
Harry C. White, head of the White Detective Agency, will attend the in-

auguration ceremonies at Washington as a special agent. He will leave for the capital today to help guard the President.

### Globe Right-Posture Tossers Were Victorious

The Globe Right-Posture basketball teams ran amuck yesterday and captured two contests. The first team defeated the Salem L. C. five by a score of 56 to 10 and the second team trimmed the Second E., combination of the Central High School, by a score of 25 to 16. The summary:

Globe 1, Salem L. A. C. 10; Holland, f. Eckles, f. Miller, f. Page, f.

Fortna, c. Smith, g. Moore, g. (Houston) Field goals, Holland, 6; Miller, 12; Fortna, 3; Smith, 3; Page, Fous, Holland, 10; Smith, 1; Moore, 1; Page, 1; Foland 2.

Globe, No. 2 Sykes, f. Houston, f. Baldosser, c. Meek, g. (Smith) Krebs, g. (Beson)

Section E. Weigle, f. Armstrong, f. Slothower, c. Ferrin, g. (Smith) (Carmates)

Field goals, Sykes, 3; Huston, Baldosser, Smith, Weigle, Armstrong, Slothower, Fous, Meek, 10; Huston, 1; Weigle, 2; Armstrong, 4; Slothower, 4.

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Begins To-morrow, Saturday Morning at 9 O'clock

## \$30,000 Stock of Men's and Boys' High Grade Suits, Overcoats, Furnishings and Hats Must Be Sold Regardless of Cost or Profit

The Hub has an established reputation of many years' standing of supplying only high grade, dependable merchandise. It is merchandise of such a character that will be offered to you, beginning to-morrow at the **BIGGEST BARGAIN PRICES EVER HEARD OF.**

Don't let anything keep you from attending this great Re-Organization Sale—it's an event that should command the attention of every man and boy to supply present as well as future needs. **THE SAVINGS ARE BIG.** You'll only fully appreciate the following low prices when you realize that they are made in the face of a daily increasing market. Here's the story of savings:—

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- GROUP NO. 1 95 Men's and Young Men's Suits (many extra sizes)—\$15, \$18, \$20, \$25 Suits go at **\$9.75**
- GROUP NO. 2 105 Men's and Young Men's Suits always \$18, \$20, \$25 values, go at **\$12.75**  
MANY EXTRA SIZES
- GROUP NO. 3 96 Men's and Young Men's Suits, regularly \$20, \$22.50, \$25 and \$30, go at **\$14.75**  
MANY EXTRA SIZES
- GROUP NO. 4 102 Men's and Young Men's, originally \$25, \$30 and \$35, go at **\$16.75**  
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21 Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits formerly \$25, \$30 and \$35 Special at **\$18.75**

### The Hub's Men's and Young Men's Overcoats

- GROUP NO. 1 24 Men's and Young Men's Overcoats, regularly \$15 to \$17 values, go at **\$9.75**
- GROUP NO. 2 33 Men's and Young Men's Overcoats, formerly \$18 to \$22.50 to go at **\$12.75**
- GROUP NO. 3 23 Men's and Young Men's Overcoats, originally \$20 and \$25, will go at **\$16.75**
- GROUP NO. 4 46 Men's and Young Men's Overcoats, exceptional values at \$25 to \$45, go at **\$18.75**

One Lot of 135 Pairs of Men's Odd Trousers, heretofore \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00, at **\$1.85**

### Men's Raincoats 1/2 Off

- \$15.00 Raincoats (only 7) . . . \$7.50
- \$10.00 Raincoats (only 26) . . . \$5.00
- \$5.00 Raincoats (only 7) . . . \$2.50

### White and Fancy Vests 1/2 Off

- \$1.50 White Vests (only 12) . . . 75c
- \$3.00 Fancy Vests (only 6) . . . \$1.50
- \$4.00 Fancy Vests (only 43) . . . \$2.00

### Shirts

- Men's and Boys' 50c Shirts are . . . 31c
- Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirts are . . . 67c
- Men's \$1.50 and \$2.00 Shirts are . . . 97c
- Men's \$2.50 and \$3 Shirts are . . . \$1.85
- Men's \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 Shirts are . . . \$2.85

88 Pairs Men's Overall, worth 85c. Special at **63c**

107 Pairs of Men's Overall, regularly \$1. Special at **74c**

### Men's Sweaters

- Men's \$2.50 Sweaters go at . . . \$1.00
- Men's \$3.50 Sweaters go at . . . \$1.59
- Men's \$5.00 Sweaters go at . . . \$3.45
- Men's \$6.50 Sweaters go at . . . \$4.45
- Men's \$7.50 Sweaters go at . . . \$5.45

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 Flannelette Night Shirts at . . . 79c  
One lot Men's \$1.50 and \$2 Gloves, (slightly soiled), at . . . 69c  
One lot Men's 25c Suspenders at 18c

### Neckwear

- Men's 25c Neckwear at . . . 12c
- Men's 50c and 65c Neckwear at . . . 35c
- Men's \$1 and \$1.50 Neckwear at . . . 69c
- Men's \$1.50 and \$2 Knitted Ties, 95c

### Hosiery

- Men's 25c Hose at . . . 18c
- Men's 50c Hose at . . . 36c
- Men's \$1.00 Hose at . . . 69c

### Winter Underwear

- Men's \$1.00 Underwear at . . . 73c
- Men's \$1.50 Underwear at . . . \$1.05
- Men's \$2 and \$2.50 Underwear at . . . \$1.45

### Men's Flannel Shirts

- \$1.25 Flannel Shirts are . . . 75c
- \$1.50 Flannel Shirts are . . . 89c
- \$2.00 Flannel Shirts are . . . \$1.39

One lot of Boys' Sweaters, worth \$1.50 and \$2.00, at **79c**

One lot of Men's and Boys' 50c Flannelette Night Shirts. Special **25c**

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