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Longer School Term for The Grades.

With this week's work the grades finish another year in the public schools; while the High School work continues for four weeks longer. The four weeks extra work in the High School add practically no expense to the borough taxes since the state appropriation largely covers the amount, due to a nine months course. To conform to the high standard of the High School, the grades must do nine months work in eight months. This is hardly fair to the scholars nor to the teachers, that nine months work must be done in eight months. It would appear to us, that the time should be here, to lengthen the term of the grade schools to nine months. The scholars are entitled to it, the teachers can do the required work better, and we believe the added expense would be no unusual burden. Try it.

California Land Laws.

State rights is to the front once more. California was on the verge of enacting a law, that Japanese could not own land within the state. This impending action stirred up war-like talk in Japan. President Wilson sent his versatile secretary Bryan across the continent to confer with the governor and legislature of California, so that international complications might be avoided. But the fact still remains, that state rights is a live and not a dead issue, and that every state has specific interests and duties which she must safe-guard, and conserve, and rights with which the national government can not interfere; can only advise and use her good offices. But she cannot enforce her wishes. Congressman Sisson may have been premature, but he was pre-eminently right and voiced the spirit of America when he said "that before we allow any foreign nation to dictate our land laws we should fight."

Memorial Day.

Last Memorial Day the citizens honored themselves in an unusual way as they honored the old soldiers of the Civil War when they provided a band for the occasion and furnished automobiles to convey the veterans to Union cemetery. There are not so many left as there were a year ago, their steps are more uncertain than they were then, their sight has become more dimmed, but their spirit is strong, their love for the stars and stripes has not waned, and their memory for the departed comrades is engraved upon their lives. Let the community join with them in observing Memorial Day—an old-fashioned one. Can we not have a regular celebration? Would it not be fitting to invite one of the prominent speakers of the county, state or nation to deliver an oration worthy of the occasion?

Of course our band will be out to furnish the music, and the drum corps will be ready to render splendid service. A year ago the owners of automobiles transported the boys in blue to the cemetery. Can that be done again? Last Memorial Day was a day that brought hundreds of people to Meyersdale, and all recognized the fact that the day had been fittingly observed by Meyersdale and community. Let us again make the occasion worthy the heritage we enjoy through the sacrifices of the soldiers of more than a generation ago.

Tariff Legislation.

More than four years ago the two great political parties in their platforms went before the country asking the support of their tickets, with the promise that a revision of the tariff would be made. The only understanding which the people had, was that the revision of the tariff meant but one thing viz: a reduction. William H. Taft, was elected president, the House and Senate were Republican and to the amazement of the nation the tariff revisionists instead of lowering the tariff, revised the tariff upward. That was one of the most remarkable and unusual spectacles presented to an intelligent and long suffering public. It was playing false with the people. Two years later when the congressional election was held, a great many political deaths occurred. The early indications of the wrath of an outraged public had been recorded. The signs were not wanting, that the time of reckoning was drawing nigh, and Joe Cannon, the idol of the people four years ago, together with scores of men of like mind with himself on this matter, were relegated to the back ground. Last fall the platforms again reiterated their former positions, the Democratic party taking advanced grounds on the tariff question. The nation accepted their promise, and no sooner had the new administration taken hold of guiding the nation's affairs, than steps were taken to fulfill the promises given during the presidential campaign. The work is going on, discussion is taking place, the battle is being fought and desperately on some of the schedules, free wool, sugar etc., but the indications are that the House will pass the bill, substantially as presented and that the Senate will not demand many changes. Whatever the merits or demerits of the bill may be, it is in answer to the demands of the unpurchased, and the struggling, yeomanry of the nation. It may cause some friction and even distress for business to adjust itself to a new tariff legislation, but industries that have made Millionaire bosses, and pauper laborers, corporations that appear strong enough to defy the nation's laws, should not any longer demand protection against the outside world, when they can sell sewing machines in Europe cheaper than they sell them at home, and farming implements cheaper in South America than they sell them to the farmers of Somerset county. Let a new tariff be tried, let a test be made, and then we will know if the poor man can fight more successfully the battle of life. High protection in the steel industry has produced the multi-millionaires from Carnegie, down the line. High protection in the sugar trust has produced the multi-millionaires from the Havermyers down the line, but what has it done for the masses? They are still in the ditches.

CAP ANSON'S GREAT RECORD

Stands Without Parallel in Annals of National Game—With Chicago Twenty-two Years.

In all the annals of baseball there is no playing record to surpass the one that The Grand Old Man of Baseball Adrian C. Anson made as a member of the Chicago National club.

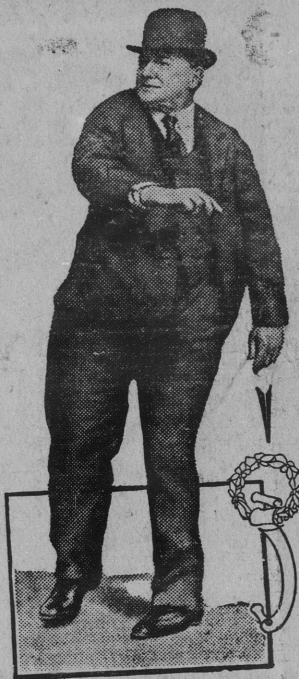
While the national sport was growing up from infancy and Chicago was establishing itself on the baseball map through the achievements of its mighty White Stockings, Anson was building for himself a record that challenges belief even in this day of diamond wonders.

To remain with a club for 22 long years is one thing of no little note to serve as manager and captain of the club in addition to playing a regular position for 21 of those 22 seasons is an even greater mark of distinction, and to be able to show at the close of that lengthy period the wonderful and grand batting average of .327 bespeaks a feat without a parallel in all the years of the nation's favorite sport.

Nowadays it means a mark of honor to a player to bat over 300 for even a single season, but how many of the modern stars will be able to keep it up for 22 seasons in succession, even though not bearing the additional burden of the management and captaincy. It is doubtful if Anson's record will ever be equaled. It certainly stands out at present in a class by itself, and as a mark for young players to shoot at.

Anson started out as a third baseman with Chicago in the first year of the National League, 1876, and played in the outfield in 1878, and it was not until 1879 that he went to the position in which he was to rank as one of the greatest stars.

During his 22 years of service with the Chicago Nationals Anson played in the remarkable total of 2,250 games, making the wonderful average of .327 in batting and .975 in fielding. In 8,947 times at bat he made 1,665 hits, and out of the great total of 22-



Cap Anson.

945 fielding chances, he missed only 596, the latter being the astonishingly small number of errors he made against 21,278 putouts and 1,071 assists.

Anson managed the Chicago club from 1887 to 1897 inclusive, but he was constantly at loggerheads with James A. Hart after the latter became president of the club in 1892, and in the fall of 1897 the Grand Old Man was released, closing a playing career at Chicago that is without an equal in all the baseball life of that city. Thomas Burns was made manager after the release of Anson.

Much Money in Racing.

The money subscribed to the Tattersall sweepstake of the Melbourne cup horse race in Australia in 1912 totaled \$875,000; on the Metropolitan race \$375,000, and the Caulfield cup, \$250,000. These are all important Australian horse races. The Tasmanian government reaps in stamp duties 8 pence in every \$5, in addition to a 5 per cent dividend tax on the prizes. On the 1912 race the Tasmanian government derived \$293,750, and Tattersall's nearly \$375,000 in commission, the total amount contributed by the public being \$3,375,000. This development has no connection with racing. In India and Australia only it reaches important proportions.

Basket Ball Violent Sport?

The athletic council at Sage college has decreed that the women students at Cornell cannot play basket ball with other colleges. Dr. Esther Parker, the woman's medical adviser, said that the nervous strain is too great. Basket ball is the most violent form of exercise, next to rowing, in the girls' college, she says, and she will permit the game between local classes only.

New Ice Mark for One Mile.

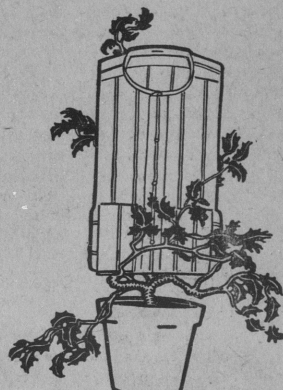
At Dufferin Park, Toronto, Royal Grattan, owned by J. E. Gray and driven by Nat Ray, won the first heat of the 2:30 pace in 2:13 1/4, reducing the world's record for a mile in a race on ice on a two-lap track by 1 1/2 seconds.

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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

LEGISLATURE IN LINE.

Popular demand has forced the Pennsylvania Legislature to take the first of the three important steps which must be taken before men and women are placed upon an equality at the election polls in the Keystone State. The Pennsylvania Senate on April 22 adopted the Rockwell resolution proposing to amend the constitution so that women may vote as well as men. This resolution had been adopted by the house decisively during February. It lies inactive until the next session of the Legislature in 1915. If adopted by that Legislature the resolution will be laid before the people in November, 1915.

WOMEN'S VOTES RECALL A JUDGE.

In San Francisco's first initiative, referendum and recall election Police Judge Weller was recalled. Women got up petitions against him because he did not exact heavier bail for assaults on women. The women's vote caused his recall.

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Insane Asylums.

The great Greek physicians had devoted much attention to insanity, and some of their precepts anticipated modern discoveries, but no lunatic asylum appears to have existed in antiquity. In the first period of the monastic life a refuge is said to have been opened for the insane at Jerusalem, but this appears to have been a solitary instance, arising from exigencies of a single class, and it may be said that no lunatic asylum existed in Christian Europe until about the time of the fifteenth century.



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