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In the World of Sport

BASEBALL BRIEFS.

In addition to Charlie Ebbert's resolution for doing away with the spit ball the National League at its winter meeting will consider several changes in the rules. For one thing some of the club owners want to modify the foul strike rule, so that either the first or second foul will not be a strike. They think it will help batting and add to action in the game. The matter of increasing the legal distance for fair territory in the outfield also will be considered.

In addition to a new major league record for fungo hitting, made by Patsy Schneider, at the Cincinnati Club's field meet on October 1st, two other records were tied. Max Carey tied Hans Lobert's record of 13 4-5 seconds circling the bases and Heinie Groh equalled the bunt and run to first mark of three and one-fifth seconds, claimed by several players. The best long distance throw was made by Jimmie Smith, who flung the ball 368 feet and eight inches, far short of the record.

Records show that second base has been the position major league managers have worried over most of the shifts there than at any other position. A year or so ago it was first base that there was trouble in filling satisfactorily, and before that it was behind the bat. Possibly next year the managers will be fretting about third basemen. It looks that way now.

Boston has 20 major league baseball champions to its credit. Four National Association ('72 to '75, inclusive), nine National League ('77, '78, '82, '91, '92, '93, '97, '98, 1914), five American League (1903, 1904, 1912, 1915, 1916), one Brotherhood League (1890), and one American Association (1891). Chicago comes next with 13, three in the American League and ten in the National.

HE WOULDN'T FIGHT.

Before Such a Small Rugby Crowd at Ottawa. According to Malcolm Brice, of Ottawa, the 20th Battalion Rugby team's flying wing is not only a pretty fair kind of boxer, but also a good deal of a wag.

He was just good enough to win the heavyweight championship of the British army and navy recently and has figured in many title tournaments. Last Saturday during the game at Lansdowne Park, "Mike" Rodden, of Queen's crew peevish at Smith, and wanted to engage him in a battle. Joe looked up at the handful of people in the stand and said: "Go to blazes. I never fought before such a small house in my life."

Some Score.

The football season of 1916 in the United States will be memorable in at least one respect; it has seen a record score, viz., Oklahoma Central Normal 183, Oklahoma Methodist University 0. In all twenty-seven touchdowns were made, or practically one touchdown every two-and-a-half minutes of the game.

AMERICANS TO COMPETE

Three to Make the Trip to the Philippines.

When the tennis championship of the Orient is played at the Manila Tennis Club in January, team of two players from the Atlantic seaboard will be entered in the lists against the formidable rivals from the Far East and perhaps some from California. George A. H. Church, of Tenafly, N.J., one of the most successful players during the past season, and Harold A. Throckmorton, of Elizabeth, holder of the national junior championship as well as the New Jersey State title, are the two who will try conclusions in the tournament in the Philippines. The men will leave for the east about November 23rd, and will sail from Vancouver on the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Russia on November 30th. They will go to the Philippines by way of Japan, but will do no playing in the land of Nippon on the way out. On the return trip, however, they will probably compete in the first tournament for the championship of Japan and will also probably play in the tournament at Honolulu.

Such a trip marks an innovation for eastern players. No one from the Atlantic seaboard has ever made the long trip to the Philippines for the sake of playing in the Far East championship. The only representatives in the past have been drawn from California, and a number of men from the Golden Gate have taken part in the event. In 1913, Wm. M. Johnston, the national singles champion of a year ago, was the winner of the championship of the Orient, and last year two of the Californians competed, Clarence J. Griffin, and Ward Dawson. Both of these men fell before the superior play of the Nipponese, Ichiza Kumagae. Kumagae is, therefore, the present title holder and it is practically certain that he will defend his title against the pilgrims from the east.

READY AT DEVONSHIRE.

Second Meeting Will Open on October Twenty-eighth.

At a meeting of the directors of the Western Racing Association, who operate Devonshire Park at Windsor, all arrangements for the holding of the second meeting, which opens on Saturday, October 28, were completed at the Montreal offices yesterday. There will be one or two changes in the officials for this meeting. Grant Hugh Brown, who is acting as manager, was on a visit to Montreal to attend the meeting, and stated that there would be a better class of horses at Devonshire Park than at any of the independent tracks in Canada this season. Applications have been received from several owners now racing at Latford for stabling, they stating that they will ship to Windsor the end of the month. This, with the number now at Windsor, will furnish plenty of excellent racing material to select fields from. The plant has been completely finished and is the equal of either of the other courses at Windsor. The mutual plant will be increased in size, which will afford greater accommodation for the public. The book has been distributed among the horsemen and shows no purse of a less value than \$500, while the handicaps have an added value of \$700 and \$800.

GRIFFIS TO RETIRE.

Veteran Hockey Star Decides to Hang Up His Skates.

SI Griffis, the veteran hockey star of the Vancouver Millionaires, has been seen in the Vancouver line-up this year when they take the ice against the other three teams in the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. Business has been so rushing with him this year that he finds it nearly impossible to spare any time to delight the hockey followers with his wild and heroic rushes down the ice, as he has done since the Vancouver club has been organized. Most of the Vancouver victories last year were directly due to the work of the veteran player, and the Seattle people will remember how, on January 5 last, "SI" got out of a sick bed, came on the ice and played a stellar game, scoring the deciding goal following one of his great rushes down the ice thirty seconds before the final whistle.

Anyone who thinks he is apt to yield to a desire to whistle or sing "Tessie" in Brooklyn should first leave instructions where to ship his remains.

WAR CLOUDS HOVER

OVER BIG LEAGUES

Proposed Transfer of Franchises May Precipitate Open Rupture.

Rumors were revived in New York yesterday that the American League franchise in Washington would be transferred to Brooklyn, the Senators using the Dodgers' field.

The owners of the Washington club are said to have become disgusted with the poor patronage there and want to shift to some other city, preferably Brooklyn, before the 1917 season begins.

The rumors have cropped up several times, but always were denied. If it happens it may mean the breaking of amicable relations between the two big leagues.

CARRIGAN TO BE BANKER.

In a Real Bank, and Not a Card Game.

Bill Carrigan who lately piloted the Red Sox to two successive world's championships, will become a banker. Not only that, but Bill is going to lead the financial league and be one of the moguls. In partnership with a few other stockholders of the First National bank of Auburn, Carrigan will assume control of the bank and be elected a director at the meeting next Monday.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have released First Baseman Wheeler Johnson to the Birmingham club as part of the deal for Pitcher Grimes.

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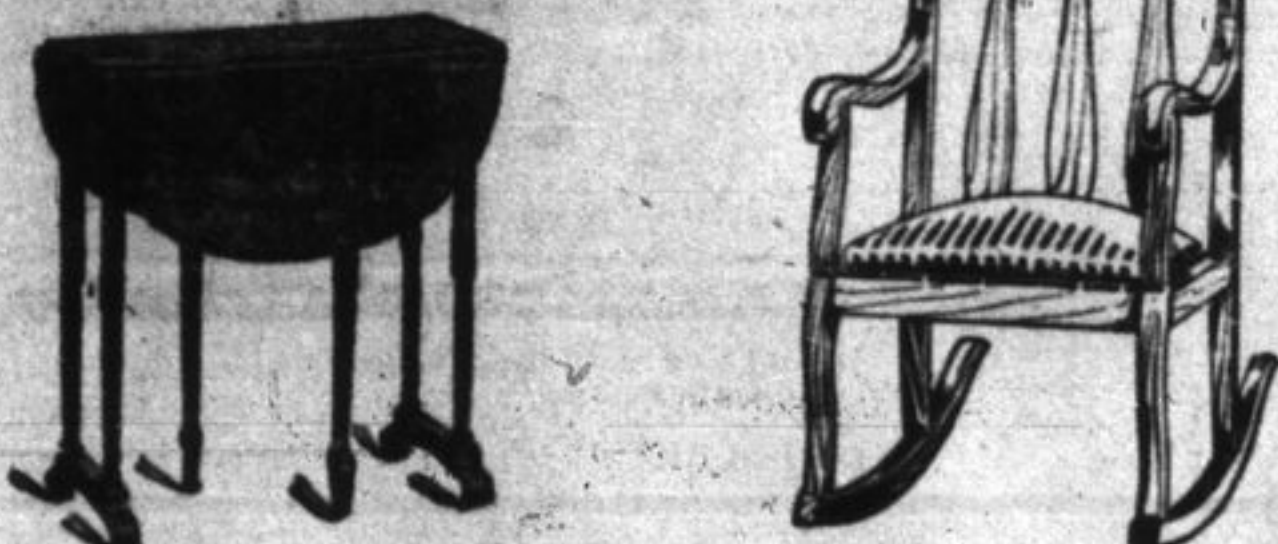
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