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CITY LEAGUERS TO MEET THIS EVENING

County League's Re-organization Tomorrow - Both Bodies Optimistic.

This evening the City Hockey League will hold its third meeting of the season and the lists of players for the different teams will be presented and passed upon by the executive.

President Charles Taylor has had a busy time organizing his crowd this year but he has jumped right into the game with both feet and as a result the league is on a better basis than has been the case for some time.

This evening's meeting is called for eight o'clock and should see the teams all straightened away and the senior section in good working order.

County Affairs.

It is hard to forecast just what will turn up in county hockey as yet. The interest is as great as ever but the unseasonable weather makes ice so uncertain that little can be done for some time.

Verona won the senior title last year and Sydenham the junior. Those Sydenham juniors will be good again this year and many of the other teams will show up much better.

Jim Delehanty Appointed.

James Delehanty, former major leaguer, has been signed as an umpire in the American Association. He is the third brother of the famous Cleveland family of ball players, and himself one of the batting heroes of the Detroit-Pittsburg World Series of 1909.

Delehanty joined the Detroit Americans as a second baseman in August, 1909. He had previously played with Cincinnati, St. Louis and Boston in the National League.

He left the major league in 1912, and later played with the Minneapolis Club of the American Association. His last playing days were as a member of the Beaumont Club of the Texas League in 1916.

Likes the Sulkies.

The Boston Globe, commenting on the meeting of the Grand Circuit stewards to arrange dates for next year, says:

"There are some keen minds who believe the future of harness-horse racing is on the half-mile courses. The public is growing to like the sport on the two-lap ring, being largely educated by the excellent racing it enjoys at the fairs."

"One does not have to be a pessimist to feel that before many years the Grand Circuit is going to be hard put to arrange a chain of present length made up of mile courses, and this appears to be an opportune time to safeguard the future by taking in some half-mile rings."

Fiji is Mecca for Golf.

Golfing in the Fiji Islands is ideal, according to tourists who have been there, for the reason that it is almost impossible to lose a ball. Like most of the rest of the landscape, the golf links are largely covered with a sensitive plant which shrivels at a touch. Having pulled, sliced or topped his ball, the player merely has to follow it along the line of shrivelled plants to its resting place.

Many a man has been ruined because at one time his credit was good.

Several New Managers For Central Ontario

Baseball gossip going the rounds of the Central Ontario League has it that new faces will be seen guiding the playing activities of some of the teams. Howard Williamson, better known on the circuit as "Tubby," has announced his retirement as head of the Lindsay Greybirds, owing to business reasons, and the Scouglites are reported as scouting a well known Toronto amateur for manager. J. J. Solomon, who has been the guiding hand of the Peterboro team since the organization of the league, is considering leaving the coaching lines for a job as "umps," and if Jackie, as he is known to Central League fans, could stand the razzing as good as he is able to hand it out to officials, "calling them" would be acres high for the lift locker. Walter Gerow, who has played Belleville to more than one championship, is considering opening the exit in favor of new blood, with Eddie Thomas, of hockey fame, as his successor. The Quinte city has also changed the personnel of its representative on the league's executive, Newton Thompson replacing Bob Adams. In this position N. T. will have a hard man to follow, as the retiring member's ability as an executive officer was highly appreciated by the Central Ontario League.

POLITICS TO RULE THE BOXING GAME?

Said That Tammany Interests Trying It in New York.

While it is not believed that boxing in New York is going to be killed off, it is certain that if grasping politicians do not keep their hands off it, it won't be long before it is written to the sport here. There has been no secrecy as to the way politicians have been cutting in, blocking big matches and protesting when they have not been getting the lion's share from certain bouts. It is quite generally known that there would have been a Wills and Dempsey bout here last summer if it had not been for politicians. Certain Tammany powers wanted to promote that million-dollar affair themselves, but found out that the time was not ripe to pull it off.

When the Dempsey and Firpo contest was staged at the Polo grounds those same tampering politicians, left out in the cold, made a lot of trouble for the promoters of several other bouts that had been in prospect. New York boxing writers know that the same politicians "horner in" and spoiled a chance to bring about a contest between Harry Greb and Mike McGuire.

Those are the things, together with crooked gamblers and independent officials, which have served to put the sport "in bad" locally. It will be necessary to take the game out of politics, suppress the sure-thing contingent, and get a brand-new set of judges to give the sport a chance to survive here. Politicians have been striving for some time to get control of the situation throughout the State. Private interests, however, survived and obtained a foothold by obtaining leases on Madison Square Garden, and other such places, which have been a thorn in the side of the element that would wreck the sport rather than to have those same private interests continue their domination.

The New York Athletic Commission is soon to be revolutionized. William Muldoon is retiring as Chairman of the board, and Deputy Commissioner Dwyer will have finished his tenure of office at the end of this week. Several other changes are anticipated and Governor Smith will have to fill the vacancies.

McGill to Play Philadelphia.

During their Christmas week itinerary the McGill University of Montreal basketball team will play at Philadelphia. They are to play two games with the team of the University of Pennsylvania, one against the Military Academy team at West Point, and one against the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn. During their trip they will be specially entertained.

What sweetness is left in life if you take away friendship?

FROM THE OUTSIDE--LOOKING IN.

An echo of the rugby season comes back in the remark of a Toronto man who says that he does not know what the Queen's University Dology ends like but it starts—"Round the corner."

Now they're all excited because the fans threw a few eggs at Jerry Lafamme in Hamilton the other night. That's pretty easy for him. They throw through bottles in Montreal.

Johat and Dennenay are leading the N. H. L. in scoring with Jack Adams and Corbeau next in line. St. Pats. sure miss Babe Dyde in the tally column.

President Haddock and his conferees will confer with the O.H.A. officials after all, it is announced. That's very nice of them. It should be a good thing for hockey generally, though.

Varsity seniors have left on their United States hockey jaunt and Queen's will be leaving on Monday next if the schedule works out on time. Queen's basketeers will also be across the border next week.

Jeffries says he's going to manage Firpo. Rickard says he is not going to manage the Argentine. We'll keep out of it. Rickard has too much money to be argued with and we'd hate to disagree with Jeffries even at this late date.

When Wladek Zbysko, the Polish heavy-weight wrestler, is demanding a divorce on the grounds that his wife is cruel—well, some of the bachelors can hardly be blamed for being careful.

BRITON'S ATTEMPT AT COMEBACK A FAILURE

The other night old Jack Britton essayed a role that many have tried with failure. Britton attempted to stage a ring "comeback." He was beaten by Frankie Schoell, of Buffalo.

"Comebacks" in the roped arena meet with less success than in any other sport activity. Now and then, some pug turns the trick, but it is the exception to the general rule. Corbett, Fitz, Jeffries, Willard, Gans, Nelson, Wolgast, all tried it in vain. Stanley Ketchel was one of the few to accomplish such a feat. "Ketch" lost his middleweight title to Billy Papke on a kayo. Two months later he won it back again, handing the "Illinois Thunderbolt" a dose of his own medicine. But they seldom come back!

Chick's First "Oner."

Charles "Chick" Evans, Chicago, who has been a champion golf player for many years, gave himself a Christmas present in the form of membership in the Hole-in-One Club, when for the first time in the thousands of holes he has played, he made an ace on the fourth hole of the Edgewater Golf Club course. He had two witnesses. The shot was 190 yards.

To Revive Wrestling.

Professional wrestling will be revived at Madison Square Garden, New York, Jan. 3rd, when Joe Stet. cher, Stanislaus Zbysko, Dueto Gardini and other stars are slated to appear in bouts. Strangler Lewis heavy-weight champion, probably will defend his title at the Garden in a match several weeks later.

Try the other fellow's way when you have made a failure of your own.

NATIONAL BATTING HONORS GO TO HORNSBY AND CAREY

Rogers Hornsby, the great infielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, with an average of .384, was the leading batsman in the National League last season, according to the official figures announced by President Heydler. Zach Wheat, veteran outfielder of the Dodgers, is second among the regulars with an average of .375.

Hornsby has now led his league four consecutive seasons. This equals the organization's record, created by Hans Wagner of the Pirates, from 1906 to 1910, inclusive.

After thirteen years on the paths, Max Carey, veteran outfielder of the Pirates, stole 51 bases. During his 13 years of long service Carey has a total of 553 stolen bags to his credit.

Rookies Sent to Texas League.

The Philadelphia Americans began cutting down on the crop of players for next season by sending five rookies to the Shreveport Club of the Texas League, which is managed by Ira Thomas, former Athletic star catcher. The players are: Pitcher Ozmer, who played last season with the Marlinsburg Club of the Blue Ridge League; Pitcher Shilling and Outfielder Sperling, who were in the New England circuit; Outfielder French, who was with the Athletics last season, and Catcher Rowland, who did duty most of the season in the Athletics "bull pen."

The players are under option, and can be recalled at any time.

We may cheerfully permit ourselves to be excelled in those things which are bestowed on mankind by nature or fortune, but not in those which men can secure for themselves by their own efforts.

GIANTS' MANAGER NOT A POOR LOSER

McGraw Took Defeat in Diamond Classic With Good Spirit.

When Manager John McGraw of the defeated Giants announced to the four winds that "the better club won," he displayed a spirit of sportsmanship which was rare, indeed. Nobody felt the painful collapse of a shaky pitching staff any keener than the boss of the National League champions, yet he did not utter any alibi in this connection. On the other hand, he walked up to Artie Nehf in the Giants' clubhouse to shake the hand of the pitcher who appeared to go just as far as he could before breaking.

"That's the first time I ever saw 'the old man' take defeat in any important game with such patience," one of his regulars told me on the following day. "Poor Nehf was feeling terribly as he reached the clubhouse. So were all of us players. But McGraw who often tears into us throughout the regular season for work that smacks of stupidity, was not sharing the looks of his players when he entered the clubhouse. He consoled Nehf.

"Mac's resignation was quite unusual under the striking circumstances. Here was a woeful collapse of pitching just at a time when victory was in our grasp—a victory which would have necessitated a seventh battle, yet he didn't storm or fuss a bit.

"Not so long ago in Pittsburg we lost a game to the Pirates amid scenes which Pittsburgers won't forget. We went into the ninth inning with the score 4 to 0 in our favor. Before that game was over I thought my ears would split with the screaming. If you could have heard McGraw after we lost that game! What a going over we got for dropping that battle in the ninth!"

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