

NEWS OF SPORT.

MAY BE HITCH ON THE RULES GOVERNING FIGHT.

Britt and Nelson Arguing Over Regulations of the Break—Is Britt Afraid?—National League Meeting—Hockey a British Game.

THE RING.

Hitch Over Fight Rules.
A dispute as to how the coming contest between Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson at San Francisco on Dec. 20 is to be fought has arisen. When the men signed articles they agreed to meet under strict Marquis of Queensberry rules. This code, if properly interpreted, calls for the rivals to punch with one arm free in clinches. The referee can only separate them when they are both locked. Now Britt wants to have the contest decided on a clean break. Nelson will not consent to this, and the question has to be settled one way or the other very shortly. If the hitch is not adjusted the match, in all probability will fall through.

In the majority of Britt's contests he has never lodged a kick over the way the battle was fought. Any reasonable arrangement was satisfactory to him, and his change of front now is surprising. His friends say that he is more at home under straight Queensberry rules, and they cannot understand why he should want a change now unless he is afraid of the fighting Dane.

Nelson is very confident over the outcome of the mill. He is sure that he will defeat Britt and is willing to bet \$5,000 on his chances. "I figure now that Britt will be a warm favorite at 7 to 5 on," said Nelson, and if this is the case I will wager all the money I can gather at this price. Should the price be even money it will make no difference. My coin will go down just the same." Nelson is working hard. So is Britt, and if they keep up their present course there is no chance of either being out of trim unless one of them should become stale. Eddie Santry is directing Nelson's training and acting as Nelson's sparring partner. Billy Roache, formerly of this city, will act as referee. Eddie Graney had first choice, but he has declined to act.

Nelson has original methods of training. He indulges in stunts that no other pugilist would ever dream of undertaking. The remarkable thing about the Dane is that he does not believe in routine work. He mixes up his work so that there is no chance of it tiring him and never does the same thing at the same time on two

days unless by accident. Nelson believes in plenty of sleep. He takes road runs, boxes, goes through gymnasium exercises and all that, but only does so when the spirit moves him. Nelson likes wrestling. But he does not go at it in the orthodox way. Without a word of warning Nelson throws his arms around his victim and it is a case of do your best or go down. It is only when he gains a fall that the bout comes to an end. These peculiar methods seem to suit the Dane. He thrives on them, and that is all any one could ask.

HOCKEY.

History of the Game.
It may be interesting to note that hockey is originally a British game, although the sport is not played as much across the waters as in America. This game is also called "hokey" and "hokey" apparently from hook, in allusion to the hooked stick with which the game is played. In the early days in England the ordinary cricket ball painted white was used.

The old winter game of hockey, or shinty, is the basis of the modern game of ice hockey, but the modern game is more scientific than its English or Scotch predecessors. The old game was played on more or less frozen ground, and the players carried more about action than rules, and in the beginning no restriction existed in the number on each side, the shape or proportions of the sticks, the size or material of the ball, the size of the playing space, or even the manner in making a goal.

Order was brought out of chaos, between 1881 and 1884, by the McGill University team and the Victorias, of Montreal, and the clubs co-operating with them. In 1887 the Hockey Association of Canada was formed, and the game entered on a new career. Since then the various local associations have been formed.

Clubs Amalgamate.
The Trojans of Fredericton and the Crescents of Marysville have amalgamated their hockey teams, and will put a strong team on the ice this year under the name of the Trojans. This should prove a very strong combination as both teams were

composed of first class players. It is understood that the team will be selected from the following:
Goal—Fullerton and Finnamore.
Point—H. Babbitt, Smith, Frank Staples.
Cover point—Kain Johnson.
Centre—Coleman, Robinson, Allen, Rover—McManamin, Frank Hughes.
Wings—Demison, Rowan, Black, W. Babbitt, George Burden, Dick Tibbits and others.

There was to have been a meeting at Fredericton last night to name delegates to the New Brunswick Hockey league, which meets in this city Thursday evening at the Royal Hotel.

SKATING.

Dalton vs. Logan.
It is stated that Ned Dalton and Logan, two well known skaters, will probably meet at Fredericton on New Year's night. It is known that Logan has challenged Dalton for a race in the Arctic Rink, Fredericton.

Great Speed.
Norval Bappte's now at Winnipeg special forte is on the smaller tracks and he is probably without an equal to-day on an indoor rink. He announces his willingness to meet Nelson or any other skater on any rink in the country where suitable arrangements can be made. With a wind behind him and on a straight-away course, Bappte a few years ago made three records on Lake Minnetonka, but owing to the conditions under which they are made they would not, of course, be accepted as official. There are 28 1-5 for the quarter; 100 2-5 for the half, and 2.08 for the mile.

CURLING.

St. Andrew's Club.
The St. Andrew's Curling Club last evening elected the following members: H. H. McLean, Hon. H. A. McKeown, George McAvity, W. R. Miles, E. M. Shadbolt, J. Russell, Jr., H. A. Doherty, A. A. Chaisson, E. G. Spencer, H. W. Barker, A. E. Cowie, E. A. Earle and A. P. Hazen.

YACHTING.

Smoking Concert.
At a meeting of the executive of the R. K. Y. C. last evening seven members were elected, as follows: Geo. Dick, F. C. Beatey, R. R. Rogers, V. W. Johnson, F. P. Lawson, W. J. Starr and J. G. Taylor. Final arrangements were made for smoking concert, which is to be held in the club rooms in Germain street next Thursday. An excellent programme has been prepared, and will fully maintain the members' reputation as first class entertainers.

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BASEBALL.
Pennant Present.

New York, Dec. 13.—Harry C. Pulliam was unanimously re-elected president, secretary and treasurer of the National League of professional baseball clubs, at the annual meeting of the league held here today. The present board of directors, composed of John T. Brush, A. H. Soden, John Hart and "Barney" Dreyfuss, was also elected.

John T. Brush, president of the New York club was formally presented with the pennant for 1905 for the New York club.

The total amount received for paid admissions during the season was \$1,932,682. It was also reported that the league is now out of debt.

New Rules.
The American League Rules Committee suggests that next season only a ball passing between the hip and shoulder will be a strike. Some players suggest that the first two fouls be passed, and after that fouls shall be called strikes up to two strikes. The rules committee however will go to the conference with the National League unimpaired. In consequence of the M. P. A. A.

relinquishing its jurisdiction over base ball the Moncton A. A. A. will probably affiliate with that Association again.

Leaving Montreal.
Detroit, December 14.—An Indianapolis special says that Edward G. Barrow, formerly manager of the Detroit Baseball Club, and at one time manager of the Toronto club, and still later of Montreal, will have one-third interest in the Indianapolis club next season and also the manager of the team. Mr. Barrow, who is there at present, admits that negotiations to this end are on. He says that satisfactory arrangements have been made for his release from Montreal. Nothing is known in Montreal about the rumour.

FOOTBALL.
Cambridge Wins.

London, Dec. 13.—The foot ball match between Oxford and Cambridge under Rugby rules, took place today at the Queen's Club, Cambridge, won by 3 goals to nothing.

THE TURF.
Horse Notes.

W. W. Douse, Charlottetown, has taken Mike Dempsey by Elmo, Tricie by Island Chief, and six others to Gardner, Me., to be disposed of.

Representing a criticism of Driver Geo. M. McPherson's handling of the pacer Angus Pointer, 2,043, owner J. McPherson writes:—"I will bet anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000 that no other driver on earth outside of George McPherson can take Angus Pointer and duplicate in 1905 his campaign of 1904. If he was messed about by men with rustic ideas it ought to be easy money for an up-to-date Grand Circuit driver."

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SEAMEN'S MISSION.
S. L. Gorbell has sent the following to the Times:
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