

# News of Sport.

## FLORIDA TO BECOME MECCA OF AMERICAN SPORTSMEN.

**Big Project on Foot to Hold Mammoth Sporting Carnival There During Winter Months---To Include All Branches of Professional and Amateur Sport.**

### THE PIT.

#### Cocking Main.

Plaistow, N. H., Dec. 26:—One of the most sensational raids ever made in Southern New Hampshire, was accomplished here today when officers interrupted a cocking main and arrested 22 of a part of 23 men. One man escaped but a warrant has been issued for his arrest. Five birds, one of them dead, were also taken.

### ATHLETIC.

#### Sporting Project.

A mammoth sporting project to take place yearly in Florida, is under way, backed by well-known millionaire sportsmen of New York. The proposition is to organize a syndicate of wealthy men interested in various branches of sport, and several such men have already given it their warm endorsement. The plan is to embrace all classes of sport, from automobile and horse racing to boxing, trap shooting, foot racing, cycling, golf, tennis, coarsing, boat-racing, baseball polo and every sport in which gentlemen engage, both amateur and professional. The plans, roughly outlined, provide for an international sporting carnival of at least 90 days' duration, from Dec. 1 to March 1. The plans include the laying out of suitable grounds either at Ormond or Palm Beach. At either place fine facilities can be obtained, including plenty of water for boating, and the Ormond-Daytona beach provides an ideal place for horse racing, automobile and athletic sports. Such a proposition on broad lines taking care of national as well as international championships at a time of the year when outdoor sport is dead in the North would attract much attention, and the entire freedom from the authorities would make Florida the Mecca of all sport lovers. Another meeting of those interested will shortly be held in New York, when their representative, who is now looking over the ground, returns from the South.

Havana, Cuba, will also be taken into consideration as a possible place for the proposed Monte Carlo of America, although it is feared that the

difficulty in hotel accommodations would interfere with its being established there. If the syndicate plans do not miscarry, arrangements will be made for the first annual meeting a year hence, as it will take all of the time to perfect the plans and an international carnival cannot be given until next winter. At the proper time the governing bodies of sport will be asked to take an active interest in the big enterprise.

### THE TURF.

#### A Sydney Horse.

The following is taken from the Christmas number of "The Trotter and Pacer," a magazine devoted to the horse racing sport, which is published in New York:

"When a man buys a lottery ticket and draws a big cash prize he is usually disappointed—got more than he expected—and when, Ald. J. C. Larder, of Sydney, Cape Breton (Sydney is known as the 'Iron City of the East') sent his money away out west and got a horse, that with six weeks' training started to race and proved himself a race horse of equality, he must have been both surprised and pleased.

"The horse to which I allude is Banito, record 2:19, in his first season's racing, and although I did not meet him always under the most auspicious circumstances, the horse compelled my admiration by his good work on the half mile tracks of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

"At Charlottetown, P.E.I., Banito, started in the 2:30 class September 28, and won in three straight heats, all being between 2:24 and 2:25. The next day he started in the 2:25 class and it was again a three heat race, with Banito the victor, the first heat in 2:21, and the others in slower time with the winner not cut at any time.

"It was at Sussex, N. B., that Banito went his best and made his record. The track was not fast and the day was cold. It was a big field of horses that scored down for the word, all out to win, but Banito simply would not be denied. Fraser, his driver, laid him up the first heat apparently, and Pearl Edison won in 2:20. This is very creditable for the third in 2:19, and the fourth in 2:23, by Spalding's Abdullah, son of

horse to race on Oct. 5 with air as cold as it was on that day. At Moncton he again suffered by reason of a collision and was behind the money.

"Banito is a handsome horse. He is 15.2, yet so stoutly made that he weighs close to 1,050. He has been a half in a race in 5:06, officially timed, and will land in 2:15 on the half mile tracks of the provinces next season with any degree of luck attending his career.

"The breeding of Banito is good, in fact it leaves little to be desired. He was gotten by Dunton Wilkes, 7608, son of George Wilkes whose dam was Kate, Jr., by Brown Dick, son of Imp Margrave, second dam Kate Smith (dam of John R., 2:23), by Spalding's Abdullah, son of Abdullah J. The Dam of Banito was Doneta, dam of Fonseca, 2:27, and Doneta is now in the great brood mare list."

### About Cresceus.

In connection with the Wichita affair, which has recently been adjusted by the American Trotting Association, regret has been expressed by many that Cresceus should have been mixed up in such an unfortunate affair, the meaning being that the fame of the great trotter has been tarnished by the occurrence. So far as we can see the fame of Cresceus is just as bright and glorious as ever. His illustrious career as a great trotter remains just as resplendent with crowning deeds. In the minds of all those who love a fast, game, consistent race horse, the fame of Cresceus will live forever. It ought to. We believe it will.—The American Sportsman.)

### Horse Notes.

Sidney Dillon cost Sterling B. Holt \$9000 last month, but Mr. Holt has since refused an offer of \$15,000 for him.

A. C. Penneck of Cleveland, who bought Carrie Bel (2:14) at the Old Glory sale, will convert her to the pace.

Theo Allen is wintering at Savannah with a small but choice string owned by Dr. J. C. McCoy of Kirkwood, Del.

Harry Stinson denies the report that he has offered \$20,000 for Grace Bond (2:09), for Cruikston farm, Galt, Ont.

It is now stated that Katherine A. (2:11) was not purchased for Louis Winans of Brighton, Eng., as was reported.

For sentimental reasons Belle Hamlin (2:12) will be retained at Village farm and not be sent to the dispersed sale.

James Brady has opened a public stable at Macop, Ga. He has five horses now and expects half a dozen more later on.

It is reported that the officials of the National Trotting Association investigating the gray gelding, Gen. Shafter (2:16).

The new performers, Little Rube (2:14) and Oh Oh (2:11), dam by Kilbuck Tom.

### THE RING.

#### Old Jem Mace.

Jem Mace is the marvel of the prize ring. The veteran pugilist, although 74 years of age, has just

returned to England from South Africa, where he has been giving lessons in the "manly art." He had as pupils many wealthy gentlemen of sporting proclivities and prominent government officials, who considered it an honor to put up their "dukes" with the famous boxer of olden days.

Immediately on his arrival in England Mace announced that he was prepared to make a limited round contest with any middle-weight for the belt which Heenan and Sayers once fought for, and which is now in Mace's possession.

Heenan and Sayers fought their famous battle just before the civil war, and the whereabouts of the belt emblematic of the championship has long been in doubt Mace claims to have the original, and he ought to know.

Mace was the originator of many of the defensive tactics now used by many fighters of the present. Mace's physical condition at this late stage of his career is remarkable. This, too in face of the fact that enemies of athleticism continually say that competitive sport undermines the constitution and that athletes as a rule die young. Could there be a more strenuous life than the old English prize ring? Mace was of that school.

### Seiloff Won.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Otto Seiloff of Chicago won a decision last night over Charles Coffey of Brooklyn. They fought 10 rounds.

### CURLING.

#### St. Andrew's Curling Club.

The St. Andrew's Curling Club held their monthly meeting at their rink, Charlotte street, last evening. H. C. Tilley, H. B. Wilkinson, Hugh Aird, Geo. Murray, H. F. Rankine and J. A. Mavin, were elected members. The new corners match was arranged for, and other important business gone through with.

President T. H. Estabrooks presented to the club a handsome silver cup, to be played for annually, the winner to hold it for the year. The members of the winning rink will play off for the cup, but those who fail to win the cup will not go without some reward, for the vice president, William Barker last evening presented four medals to be played for in the same match.

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### Lady Curlers.

The lady curlers of St. Andrew's rink will open the season with a game tomorrow.

### SKATING.

#### Merritt Matched.

Thomas Wright of Eastport, Maine, and William Merritt, have been matched for a skating race in the near future. Merritt is well known in St. John as a speedy skater and should give a good account of himself. Wright, it is said, is swift and will give Merritt the go of his life. The race will take place at the Victoria rink.

### Handicap Race.

A big handicap race will take place New Year's night at the Victoria rink. Over twenty-five skaters will start.

### HOCKEY.

#### Canadian Team Wins.

New York, Dec. 26, 1904.—Canada's champion hockey players, representing the Quebec Hockey Club, scored a clever victory over the team of the New York Athletic Club in a rough game at the St. Nicholas rink Saturday night. The score was 7 goals to 3. The first half was marked by rough work on both sides, team work being sacrificed to individual effort. In consequence of the sharp defence on both sides no scoring was done in the first half.

### Sussex vs. Fredericton.

The Sussex Hockey Club's season will be here on January 4th to open the local hockey season with the Trojans. Mr. Hanson made this announcement last night and the game will be looked forward to with interest.—Fredericton Gleaner.

### FOOTBALL.

#### Football in Arizona.

An Arizona paper says:—What our reporter doesn't know about football would fill a bare loft. He doesn't know a fullback from a humpback; a quarter from a quarter-horse; or a right guard from the 7th cavalry, but he is handy at totting stretchers around a football game. At 2 o'clock dull, the clans had gathered at the old ball ground. All the boys were there encased in feather beds and other defences. There were two doctors, an ambulance, a stretcher, a gallon of arnica, all kinds of bandages and a Red Cross wagon and they needed them all.

Summed up in a nutshell football is about like this: The first thing is the kickoff, which doesn't amount to much. Then after that a fellow holds the ball between his legs, with a row of shaggy old boys behind him who stand with glittering eyes and fangs protruding, while somebody else counts any old way, till he comes to a certain number when the

ball is fired backward; someone catches it runs about six feet then just 21 men pile on him, jam him in his slats, twist him like a pretzel; and flatten him out till he isn't thicker than a tortilla; then they all fall off and holler: "Water, water, water; bring the doctor!" And they rub his leg and chunk him in the neck and bring him to, and lift him tenderly on a stretcher, and as they bear him away he lifts his only whole hand and waves it to his comrades and yells for Tombston or the 'varsity, as the case may be.

### MISS ISAACS' SUCCESS.

Miss Isaacs, daughter of A. Isaacs of this city, has won special distinction for her work in the Well school of Music in Halifax. In its account of a recent recital by the pupils the Halifax Recorder said:—

"In Miss Isaacs of St. John the school has a talented pupil, both in piano and elocution, and one who is soon destined to take a leading part in the work of the school."

In the same article the Recorder further says:—

"In elocution, which is so well directed by Miss Carde, the recital presented two pupils with marked ability in Misses Nellie Havill and Mildred Isaacs. The latter, who hails from the sister city of St. John, has exceptional talent, and we venture to state that no finer bit of elocution has been heard in recitals than the work done by this young lady last evening."

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### A FATAL COLLISION.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 27.—In a rear-end collision here tonight, between the Boston express and a local both going west, Conductor Holland, of the express, was killed and several others were badly injured. The express, heavily laden, left New Haven at 6:02 and crashed into the local near the depot.

It is estimated that Denver, Colorado, will be called upon to entertain between 20,000 and 30,000 people on the occasion of the seventh international convention of the Epworth League, which is to be held in the Queen City of the Plains, July 5-9, 1905. Extensive preparations are being made for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests.

At Boston yesterday Wm. P. Winn shot himself through the head with a 32 calibre revolver, dying instantly.



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