

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

When I think of the base ball and cricket games on the C. and A. club's programme, and the nice cool awning which adorns that grand stand, I rejoice to live. Just think of it! The Colbys, Bates college, Bowdoin, Longwoods, Portland (Me.) amateurs, Socials, Maine Central Institute, Wanderers, Garrison and the Irish cricketers. All these clubs are in correspondence with our boys for games.

I understand also that Moncton baseballists would like to face our batteries. Vice-President Nevins talks well, and a game will, I hope, be arranged.

"Talk of business!" said a member of the managing committee; "why, our minutes, last night, covered four pages of foolscap." The members will join with me in the assertion that we never had a more business-like or competent managing committee. It may be early in the season to pass judgment, but I like what I have seen of them.

The Maine Central Institute club wants dates on the 18th and 19th inst., but as the 19th and 20th suit the Nationals better, they have been notified to that effect.

Three hundred members in the C. and A. club and more to follow! Every one of them is proud of the organization. I would like to see the membership 1,000 and every man willing to pay to get through the gate. There were ten new members elected this week and Secretary Barker was re-elected field-captain for the month.

I thoroughly agree with the club's decision not to admit any more applications for junior membership this year. This is due to the boys and to the club. They have more time than the senior members and are apt to invade the grounds upon all occasions. A score of them can be accommodated, but a hundred make a crowd.

"Paint," in large letters, adorns the grand stand front at present. What with the paint and the blue and white awning and the additional wire, I can't see for the life of me why a woman couldn't take her knitting to a ball game!

Two of the Nationals, Whitenet and Thompson, will wear silk caps during the rest of the season. Charlie Leitch, with Thorne Bros., promised such a cap to the player who made the most runs in the opening game, and George and Sandy led the nine with an equal number, so that each had to have one. They are beauties—the caps, I mean!

The Colby University club will probably visit us on the 6th and 7th of July, and the Bates college boys have promised to come, on some date yet to be arranged. These are both good nines. The oldest inhabitant can't remember the time when the Colbys weren't champions of the Maine college league, and the Bates nine has always played a pretty stiff game.

I hope that the Nationals will win the games with the Maine Central Institute club, but I have an idea they won't do it without trying. Rogers, of the M. S. C's, says that the Pittsfield pitcher is about as good as any amateur in Maine—and Rogers knows.

I haven't time to write much about base ball this week. I'm too busy kicking myself because I can't arrange to go to Bangor with the boys.

Two more games in the Junior league series were played this week. Monday, the Clippers defeated the Lansdownes, 23 to 10, and on Wednesday the Thistles whipped the Franklins by 28 to 7.

Speaking as a friend, I would suggest to the defeated clubs that if they would transcribe the base hit and error columns, their scores would show up much better.

Seriously, though, there are good and promising players in all the Junior nines and I expect to see all of them do themselves credit before their season ends.

In the National league series, Detroit has won every game during the week, taking four straight from Washington and one from Philadelphia. Boston has won three and lost two, Chicago won four and lost one, and New York has won four and lost two.

The percentages, Thursday night, were: Chicago, 714; New York and Detroit each 628; Boston, 605; Philadelphia, 437; Pittsburg, 424; Indianapolis, 285; Washington, 257. The significant feature, as compared with last week, is that Boston has fallen from second place to fourth.

You can't sometimes most always tell what a day will bring fourth, as the scripture saith.

John McCoy, of St. Mary's, near Fredericton, N. B., purchased three young stallions in Kentucky, a few weeks ago, says *The Horseman*, but applying the arbiters of producing blood, none of them are entitled to take higher rank than Sir Charles, by Mambrino Charta, 2.30 1/4, dam Lady Messenger, dam of Crown Prince, 2.25. A disinterested local judge

informs us that the get of Sir Charles, mostly two, three and four-year-olds, are good gaited and level headed. His daughter, Maud C., foaled 1882, in good hands, ought to beat 2.30 this season; but such a lively gait is apt to make owner and driver giddy. Certain it is, that pacers from time-tried trotting bred families, or inheriting a generous share of thoroughbred blood, will last longer in a race than the mongrels of pacing pony organs, whose very appearance reveals that they are destitute of element of high character.

The boys of St. Mark's parish played their first cricket match last Saturday, on the Barrack grounds, against an eleven of the Leinster street school, and were victorious by 7 runs, after a rather close struggle. Murray's bowling proved of great service to his side. The very low scoring was in part due to the state of the ground.

St. Mark's Boys' Association.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
H. Sauton, c. Gerow..... 0	b. Williams..... 0
F. Keator, b. Williams..... 0	c. Swann..... 4
H. Waterbury, b. Wil..... 0	
D. Murray, b. Gerow..... 2	c. H. Gerow..... 2
E. Manning, b. Williams..... 0	b. Williams..... 0
J. McKean, b. Gerow..... 3	b. Williams..... 1
J. Allison, b. Gerow..... 0	run out..... 2
W. Golding, c. Vroom..... 0	not out..... 3
C. Manning, b. Williams..... 0	c. H. Williams..... 0
H. Allison, not out..... 1	hit wicket..... 0
D. Waterbury, b. Wil..... 0	
Extras..... 0	c. H. Gerow..... 2
	Extras..... 3
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Leinster Street School.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
Vroom, c. H. Sauton..... 1	run out..... 0
Williams, b. Murray..... 0	c. H. Waterbury..... 1
Swann, b. Murray..... 0	b. Murray..... 0
Gerow, c. E. Manning..... 3	c. Murray..... 1
Armstrong, b. E. Man..... 0	
ning..... 0	b. Murray..... 0
Butcher, run out..... 1	c. H. McKean..... 2
Kee, b. Murray..... 0	b. McKean..... 0
Emery, b. Murray..... 0	c. Murray..... 0
Dunn, b. McKean..... 3	not out..... 0
Walker, c. H. Murray..... 0	c. E. Manning..... 0
Lewis, not out..... 1	b. Murray..... 4
Extras..... 1	Extras..... 2
	10

Yes, if scores are any indication of the nature of the ground, the boys do want a cricket field. Cannot something be done for them? The barrack square is no place for a game of any kind and any number of matches on such shin-scraping ground would disgust even a young enthusiast. I think some arrangements could be made to obtain better ground.

The cricketers are thawing and will have their first practice game this afternoon, weather permitting. Geo. Jones and W. B. Carvill will be captains and there won't be any trouble to find eleven.

The decision as to the number of the maritime team which will face the Irish cricketers has not been arrived at. I understand that the man who gets a place on that team will know how to play. St. John will have lots of representatives, of course, but the Garrison and Navy, and possibly Wanderers may be invited to send their best men to help down the strangers.

Base ball is not an unprofitable sport to the Boston triumvirate. The certificate of the Boston association's condition, filed the other day, shows assets of \$138,567, and liabilities of \$15,873, leaving a neat little balance of \$122,693 to the good. Who wouldn't own a base ball club?

Flanagan of the Worcesters made a wonderful record in a game at Lowell, last week. He was five times at the bat, made four runs and five hits with a total of fourteen, three being home runs. He had seventeen putouts and one assist on first base and played without an error.

Wallace Merrihew, of the Wilmington Bicycle club, on May 17, in a trial against time, succeeded in breaking the road record of John Fuller, of the Pennsylvania club, for ten miles, on the Lancaster pike, near Philadelphia. He started from Bryn Mawr at 5.49, accompanied by Frank Dampman, of the same club, and he succeeded in covering the distance in 1h. 15m. 28 1-5s.

Not every sportsman who goes abroad calculates upon the climate. English wheelmen say that our American climate is several seconds faster than theirs. The *Bicycling World* suggests that Rowe's unsuccessful record in England is due to this cause.

How do our foot ball enthusiasts agree with the *Sporting Life* in this:— Under the new intercollegiate foot ball rules rushers are not permitted to use their hands in any way. The importance of this provision can hardly be overestimated. Yale foot ball players assert that it will make the game so tame as to be utterly void of interest. If the Yale students will take a course in the French method of boxing with the feet, they may still be able to maintain the exciting features which so warmly recommend foot ball to the care of the ambulance service.

Wallace Ross is back again from Boston on the Harlem, and does not seem at all put out or fatigued over his defeat by George Hosmer, on Decoration day. W. Ruddock, of Harlem, has just completed a shell for him, which is one of the most perfect specimens of boat-building ever seen. The boat is built at Ross's dictation for racing only the coming season. Her dimensions are 31 1/2 feet long, 11 1/2 inches wide and 6 1/2 inches deep. Her weight when rigged with cold steel drawn pipe outriggers, Davis rowlock and Meyney slide, will be about 28 pounds.—*New York Sun*.

Base ball is a very ancient game. The Emperor Domitian occupied his leisure moments in catching flies. The muses also belonged to a nine. Noah was a base ballist. He was the first pitcher. He pitched the ark within and without. The game was called on account of the rain.—*St. Louis Republican*.

The Wimbledon team for 1888 will sail for England by the Sarnation on June 21. The places have all been filled, and the team will be constituted as follows, with Lieut. Vaughan of the 5th Royal Scots as waiting man; Commandant, Lt.-Col. C. McDonald, 66th Batt. Adj.; Capt. Joshua Wright, 43rd Batt.; Lt. E. A. Smith, St. John Rifle Co.; Sergt. S. Chase, Halifax, Gar. Art.; Lt. H. C. Chamberlin, 43rd Batt.; staff-Sergt. W. Ashall, 2nd Q. O. R. Rifles; Lt. C. K. Fiske, 63 Batt.; Lt. J. Dover, 78th Batt.; Private W. S. Dudgeon, 2nd Q. O. R. Rifles; Private D. Mitchell, 13th Batt.; Lieut. W. Mitchell, 32nd Batt.; Lieut. H. H. Gray, G. G. F. G.; Staff Sergt. A. Wilson, 33rd Batt.; Sergt. W. Short, G. G. F. G.; Sergt. J. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers; Gunner Campbell, Halifax Garrison Artillery; Private R. McAfee, 1st P. W. Rifles; Capt. G. R. McMicking, 44th Batt.; Sergt. H. Miner, 71st Batt.; Private J. H. Morris, 45th Batt.; and Gunner R. Wilson, Halifax Garrison Artillery.

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