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## FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

MURCH'S, YORK CO.

March 14. — The lumbermen in this section are rushing their logs to the river bank as fast as they can just now. Frank Gunter of your city, is nearly through. He finished hauling from his yards last Saturday, but has two or three hundred to haul from the edge of the woods to the bank, having hauled them there when the fields were bare last January.

Charles A. Gunter has over 600 pieces on the yards yet, to haul. He is intending to get help enough to finish this week, and will have about 2,000 pieces.

Frank Gunter has nearly 3,000 pieces. Ludlow Cliff and Lumuel A. Cliff finished last Saturday. James and Nelson Cliff are nearly through hauling their logs and hemlock bark. Murray Murch finished with his logs last Saturday. Alexander McNally is through with his also. All of the above parties, except the Gunters, hauled their logs in at McNally's ferry. There is more lumber about the ferry than there has been for years.

It has been a fine winter for the farmers to get logs off their farms, although the first of the season was bad, owing to no frost in the ground. Then the want of snow was against hauling, but, on the whole, the winter has been good.

J. H. Murch Reid received a letter from his son, Frank, last week. They had not heard from him since early last fall. He is with Green Bros. & Burden, of Nelson, B. C., and has been with them the last two years. They are carrying on land surveying in B. C. He says they have been at or near Fort George all winter, working, camping out most of the time, sometimes without a tent. The thermometer is below zero about all the time and sometimes as low as 70 degrees below, but they do not mind it. All enjoy good health. When he wrote they were down at Quessnel, which is about 250 miles from the nearest railroad, but is reached by a four horse stage line. They were going back to Fort George and expected to be in that vicinity about all summer. They were taking their supplies in with dog teams. (The Greens are from North End, St. John, N. B., and Burden is Fred Burden, brother of George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P. They all attended the University of New Brunswick about the same time.)

The travelling is about equally divided between wheels and runners. Not very good with either up here just now.

We are sorry to know we are going to lose Murray Hagerman, who sold his farm last fall to Harvey Ingraham, and intends leaving this spring. He now talks of buying a farm in the southern part of Maine. He says he has got tired of waiting for a

railroad here and twenty-five or thirty miles is too far to haul farm produce to market. Had there been a railroad he would never have sold out.

John Scribner is also selling off his stock and etc., intending to move to Fredericton soon.

Most of the men who have been at work in the lumber woods at the head of the river and over in Maine, also on the Tobique, have returned. They report a good working winter in most of the camps.

Rex Brown, who spent the winter on the Tobique with his team, returned a few days ago.

The people all about here are very anxious about the St. John Valley R. R. There was another meeting in the Bear Island Hall re the matter last week.

BLOOMFIELD.

March 14.—I thought I would drop you a line and give you an account of the splendid meetings that Mr. Nelson W. Brown is holding in the interests of the "Old Age Annuity Act." The first meeting, held in the parish of Stanley, was held at Haysville, on Monday night, March 7th, in the beautiful Presbyterian church, which is a credit to the people of that section of the parish of Stanley.

The next one was at Bloomfield Ridge on the 8th, in the beautiful Vinor church. There was a very large audience present and the beautiful edifice was packed to the doors. A vote of thanks was moved by D.A. Smith, and seconded by Adam Cowie and carried unanimously. The very best of order prevailed at both Haysville and Bloomfield.

The next meeting was in the Orange Hall at Williamsburg. About 200 were present. The organ was presided over by Mrs. Dennison. Mr. A. C. Currey, from Curriehurg, acted as chairman, and a splendid chairman he makes, and to meet him is to meet him as a gentleman and to know him as a gentleman; to be acquainted with him is to love him.

Thursday, March 10th, a meeting was held at Cross Creek. Ladies and gentlemen from the surrounding country came in by all kinds of conveyances, and the young men brought in their best girls in dandy cutters, with 2.40 horses. All the prominent business men attended, and several from Stanley Village. The very best of order prevailed.

On Friday night Mr. Brown spoke at Stanley Village and as was expected, he had a very large meeting.

At all the meetings Mr. Brown was treated with the greatest courtesy, and invited to come back and call whenever he could.

His meetings averaged about 200

## NEWS OF SPORT

### WHO ARE THE REAL CHAMPS, WHO ARE NOT?

A correspondent asks the sporting editor of The New York Press, who are the champion boxers of the world in each class, and why, and who are the American boxing champions, and why.

It is a touch question for anyone to answer, but Charley Mathison, the sporting editor of The Press, hands out some new dope on several title claimants.

He says that Jack Johnson and Sam Langford are the only two clearly defined champions of the world. Johnson in the heavyweight class because of his defeat of Burns, and Langford in the middleweight class because Ketchel can no longer make 158 pounds, and no American middleweight will meet him and he has defeated Tiger Smith, the English middleweight champion.

It would be interesting to see Langford trained down to 158 pounds and be left with a full complement of legs and arms. Sam hasn't been a middleweight for these many years.

It is announced that the Dixie Kid won the American welter title from Joe Walcott in 1904. That is news. The Dixie Kid did win on a foul on 20 rounds at San Francisco in 1904, and later boxed a 20-round draw with Joe, but nobody ever gave him the welter title, and the fights were at catch weights, anyway.

When you come right down to cases, Honey Melody won the welter title from Walcott in a battle at weight, and nobody has defeated Melody at 142 pounds, talk as they please. Melody is still able to box at that weight, and none of the welter weight claimants can do it. Honey has the best claim on the title today.

The Press won't allow Ad Wolgast, the lightweight championship of the world, on the ground that although Nelson won the world's title from Gans, Britt, who had defeated Jabez White, the English title holder, won a decision over Nelson the last time they met. So that Nelson couldn't hold the world's title. That is a quibble. If Gans ever held the world's title, Nelson won it from him, and the title has now passed to Wolgast.

Mathieson is right when he says that Abe Attell is only the American featherweight champion. As a matter of fact, he holds that title only by newspaper courtesy. Terry McGovern was never defeated at 122 pounds. Attell has yet to defeat Jem Driscoll, the English champion.

Also, he is long-headed in his dope on the bantamweight situation. He says that Jimmy Walsh is the bantam champion of America, but not of the world, because Digger Stanley is the recognized champion of England, and while Wolgast has defeated Stanley it was before Stanley came into the British title.

LARRY BUYS A FARM.

Cleveland, March 15.—Ex-manager Nap Lajoie has become a land owner in Louisiana, buying 30 acres of choice market garden property about two miles from Alexandria at \$75 an acre. Flick, Bemis and Bradley also inspected the same section and one or more of them may decide to buy before they leave the Naps' training camp.

The land is located on what is known as the "Horseshoe" and is adjacent to two or three of the famous sugar and cotton plantations of the state.

San Francisco, March 15.—Promoter Coffroth last night signed Abe Attel and Jem Driscoll of England to fight 25 rounds at Colma on the afternoon of July 2nd. The weight will be 126 pounds. Coffroth counts on getting a large crowd of visitors who will be in the city to see the Jeffries-Johnson battle on July 4.

or 225 all through Stanley, and the people believe it is one of the best schemes for old age, that was ever enacted by the parliament of Canada.

ONE INTERESTED.

MIDDLE HAYNESVILLE.

March 9.—We are having some fine springlike weather, and the lumbermen are rushing to get their hauling all done before the snow leaves for good.

Mr. Edward Whitehead, who has been laid up for upwards of three months with a sore hand, finds it rapidly improving.

Mr. Walter N. Reynolds returned from the lumber woods a few days ago. He is on the sick list, but his many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Rev. J. H. Puddington held service in the Union church here on Sunday last, at 3.30 p. m.

Messrs. George and John Brawn made a trip to Fredericton last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Della B. Jones, who just returned from Millville, has gone to Burr's Corner with her sister, Mrs.

### COX BUYS DOVER TRACK

Walter Cox made two purchases last week, the Dover, N.H., track and the pacer. Lady Isle, 2:12½. The latter he secured from her breeder, Dr. J. H. Gaines, Newport farm, Newport, Vt. and the former from William Cobb, Spring Mills, N.Y.

The Lady Isle was the crack pacer of the north country races last season and is by Island Wilkes Jr. 2:06½ out of Lizzie Wilkes, 2:08½. Good judges who have seen her race say she is an extremely high class mare and will be useful down the big line.

The New Hampshire reinsman is not going to branch out as a race track manager, but he considers the Dover course an ideal one for training purposes, and to make sure of having it for years to come bought it. He extends an invitation to his brother trainers to locate there, offering them stable room free.

Dover should be the popular spring training ground of the east. The track is very early, dries out quickly after a rain, the footing is safe and is kept in first-class condition. The roads nearby are excellent while the water and air cannot be excelled in New England.

Kalamazoo announces its early closing program which is to open the grand circuit. The \$10,000 purse is for 2:11 trotters, the 2:13 pacers have a \$5000 purse, the 2:15 trotters and 2:09 pacers \$3000, the 2:09 trotters and 2:16 pacers \$2000. These events will be raced under the three in five system, all races end in any event at the fifth heat.

### BASEBALL NOTES

Clarke Griffith will shift Mike Mitchell to centre field to aid his batting. The "Old Fox" says the sun-field interferes with the big fellow's hitting. This is all right for Mike, but how about his luckless successor? Then too, Mike Kelly, Willie Keeler, Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner, all sun-field players, have won batting championships.

Bill Bradley has come back in his old-time form, according to despatches received from the Alexandria camp of the Molly Maguires.

Phil Cooney, the little shortstop whom Manager McGuire secured from the Portland, Ore., club, bids fair to beat out Simon Nichols, for the regular berth on the Cleveland infield.

Tom Madden, the outfielder secured by Stallings from Utica is reported to be a ringer for Willie Keeler in appearance and action.

Cy Seymour is footsore already. Cy is surely getting into the hard luck class; when he isn't laid-off he's laid-up.

Veteran George Davis will manage the Des Moines club this year.

John Ganzel says Fred Mitchell the one time indifferent pitcher of the Boston Americans now turned catcher, will be the star backstop of the American league this year.

Kling's case comes up for final settlement this week, and the indications are the peerless catcher will be left in the cold.

There are five candidates for backstop on the Brooklyn team. Bergen, Erwin and Miller will undoubtedly be retained and the other two shortly disposed of.

Lou Criger is full of ginger, but has not been at the Springs long enough to be in shape.

Harry Lumley of the Brooklyn is sick in bed with fever. He went out into the night air after taking a bath and is sick in consequence.

A portable airship shed has been added to the equipment of the German army.

Will Burtt.

Mr. Stanley Hallett of Springfield, spent Sunday in this place.

Singing parties are the order of the day or rather the night. We think we can boast of as much talent in that line as any of our neighboring localities.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wiggins spent Sunday last with their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hawkins, at Burr's Corner.

Messrs. Arthur and Charles Tucker spent Sunday at home.

Mr. George McDonald has returned from the lumber woods and is rushing his new house along to completion.

Mrs. A. W. Price, who had the misfortune to fall down cellar a few days ago, is improving nicely.

Our school is progressing nicely under the skillful management of Miss Della V. Francis, of Scotch Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones and family of Woodstock, are spending a few days here with Mr. Jones' mother.

Hooking rugs is the topic among the fair sex at present.

### FROOD SCORES BUT IS GIVEN NO BOQUETS

In Saturday's game for the Stanley Cup between Berlin and the Montreal Wanderers Claude Oren Frood tallied one of Berlin's goals. He was penalized twice. The Montreal fans however did not take to his playing and the press comment is decidedly unfavorable to the Berlin team. The Montreal Star says:—

"It was quite evident that Wanderers did not hold to any high opinion of their opponents. In this they were justified by the results. The Berlin team showed nothing to indicate that their players possess any knowledge of inside hockey. They played, or rather attempted to play, a three man combination which looked nice enough, but failed in effect. It would have been even worse had the Wanderer defence been playing up to standard, but they were not and that enabled the Berlin attack to slam a few undeserved pucks at Riley Hern and compelled the satirical expert to get in the road of a dozen pokes that ought to have been blocked off before the player got into effective shooting range.

DUMART THE PICK.

"Berlin men have speed and some stick handling ability, but they are deficient in the finer points of the game and when they presented their efforts before the Wanderer team it was like a tenderfoot bucking a brace game. Against the veteran line the challenges were helpless. The pick of the team were the goal tend Lehman; the point, Seibert, and Dumart, the centre. The latter has a bald spot, but his work gave indication that it was not due to age. He is a lanky chap and showed some idea of how to meet the Wanderer men, but his fellows did not have the ability to help him along very far."

TAIT OF TORONTO.

New York, March 15.—John Tait, the crack middle-distance runner of Toronto, romped away from George Bonhag of the Irish-American Athletic Club, in a special one and a half mile match race at the annual games of the New York Athletic Club at Madison Square Garden tonight. Tait won by thirty yards in the record time of 6.52. The former American in-door amateur record for the distance was 6.57, held by Bonhag.

BILL MCKINNON.

Boston, March 15.—Bill McKinnon, the well-known heavyweight boxer, whose former home is Mount Stewart (P. E. I.), will probably never enter the ring again. McKinnon was badly hurt by a plank which fell sixty feet from a new building on him yesterday. Today his eyesight is affected and he is practically a nervous wreck.

### HOOF BEATS

Bell Kuser, 2.08, is dead.

Fantasy, 5.06 has a filly by Allie-wood, 2.09½.

Johnny Dickerson wants saddle pads and arm numbers to have letters instead of numbers.

Mona Wilkes, 2.03½ will be bred to Major C, 2.04.

Bay Star, 2.08, has a filly at foal by McKinley, 2.11½.

Baron Alcyone, winner of the handi cap at Readville last summer, is in Amos Rathbun's stable.

Theodore Waite of South Boston will have his good Online pacer on Wilkes, 2.19½, raced on the mile tracks this summer.

Lou Dillon, 1.58½ has a colt at her side by John A. McKerron, 2.04½.

John E. Madden has placed an order with Charles Cary Rumsey, a noted sculptor of New York, for a model of a statue of Nancy Hanks, 2.04, that will be erected in an equine graveyard that Madden will establish at Hamburg Place and later deed the plot to the city of Lexington and provide maintenance fund for its preservation for years to come.

The noted mares Hamburg Belle, 2.01½, Imp, Ida Pickwick and others that have died will be buried in a semicircle, but for the former champion trotter has been reserved the place of honor when she passes away.

HIS FIRST TRAIN RIDE.

During the early hours of Sunday morning a long and lank native boarded Frisco train No. 104 for his first ride on the cars, his destination being Kansas City. He was decidedly nervous, but was determined not to show it, and attempted to cultivate an air of familiarity with his surroundings. He sought a position in the middle of the chair car, placed his grip on the floor and braced himself against the side of one of the plush chairs.

"Won't you have a seat, sir?" asked the porter.

"Nope," the young man answered, "Dad outs m' hair an' I shave m' self."

A ten-year old clove tree will produce about twenty pounds of cloves a year.

### WHARF PROPERTY IN HALIFAX

(Special to The Mail.)

Halifax, N. S., March 15.—Carrying at one time a four thousand dollar mortgage, the Market wharf property was today withdrawn from sale in consequence of the highest bid for the property being only \$11,000. Years ago the wharf was the best known water front property in Halifax.

ANOTHER THEORY.

Perhaps, after all, the high cost of living is all due to the fire-insurance rates. Mr. Lodge's committee should not fail to look into this possibility.

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