

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

A Peep Into the World of Base Ball, Racing, Golf Bowling and Athletic Sports Generally.

FOOTBALL.

NOT THE ONLY ONE.

Don't let us forget in our denunciation of the brutality of football that there are other dangerous branches of sport that each year claim a share of the promising men of the country. Twenty-one football players forfeited their lives to the grid-iron game this season. Baseball killed eleven. Boxing claimed six. Nine jockeys lost their lives on the track. Football is not the only offender when it comes to dangerous sport.

Yet it is about the only form of athletic sport that is pounced upon by the press, the pulpit, professor, president and women's conventions. Thus far no victims have been claimed by golf, basketball, mumble-peg or puss-in-the-corner, but it is doubtful if 28,000 people could shiver through two hours and shout themselves hoarse over any one of these games if they killed a player every three seconds.

HOCKEY.

PUCKERINGS.

The Columbia College team of York will make a Christmas holiday trip including a visit to Queen's at Kingston.

Mr. Frank Hurst, of Kingston, Que., formerly of Alliston, has been elected president of the Lower Ottawa Hockey League.

"The many changes of residence of the hockey players just prior to the hockey season may not have any special significance, but it looks bad, and if the Manitoba League is desirous of checking the spread of professionalism there does not seem to be any surer method than of establishing a residence limit, as in the Ontario Hockey Association."—Winnipeg Telegram.

The Toronto Varsity players are looking forward to a trip to Pittsburgh this winter. Although definite arrangements have not been completed it is more than likely that the trip will be made.

The schedules will be revised and passed on at the meeting of the O. H. A. Executive tomorrow night at Toronto. This will be one of the most important things to be taken up.

Hockey is experiencing a big boom in Detroit and only the absence of a fit rink in which to play the game prevents the Canadian winter pastime from occupying the centre of the stage this season of the year.

THE TURF.

RULES TO BE REVISED.

The biennial congress of the National Trotting association will be held in New York next February. That this congress will be asked to amend the rules of harness racing in such a way as to afford better safeguards for the accuracy of records made against time now seems certain, judging from some of the comments heard at Madison Square Garden, New York, last week concerning the recent performances against time last season.

As the rules now stand, or as they have been interpreted in the past, it is impossible for the owner of a horse to arrange a trotting meeting which is to all intents and purposes a private affair and in the presence of a handful of spectators and give authenticity to a performance which savors of a private trial.

The notorious affair at Wichita, Kan., in which an attempt to give Creesus, 2:02½, a record of 1:59½, almost succeeded and would have succeeded but for the searching investigation set on foot by W. H. Knight, secretary of the American Trotting Association, is regarded as proof enough that the rules on the books need strengthening.

As the rules now stand, records against time must be made at a regular meeting, which is defined as a "meeting advertised in at least one newspaper in the vicinity not less than one week before the commencement of said meeting, and at which meeting no less than two public races are advertised for each day." A public race is "any contest between horses for a premium, purse, stake or wager, or involving admission fees, on any course and in the presence of judges and timers."

The way in which the sponsors for Dan Patch's performance carried out the provisions of the rules was to arrange two dummy races. In each of which there were two starters, in one of which 3:00 was not beaten, while in the other a horse with a record of 2:08½ won in 2:59. To time these races and the trial of Dan Patch, a trainer's assistant, a man who takes care of the Memphis track and another unknown to fame in the horse world were selected. The names of the judges were those of men likewise unknown to circuit followers.

Under these conditions and circumstances the performance of Dan Patch was made. Whether the affair was a regular meeting, within the meaning of the rules or only a colorable semblance of a bona fide meeting, turf courts alone could decide, and as nobody seems likely to protest the performance and test the question of regularity, the record of 1:58 will probably stand.

THE RING.

FITZ AND O'BRIEN FIT.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Fitzsimmons is thoroughly satisfied with his condition, on matter what other people think. During his training he has subjected himself to unusual tests, and the result meets his ap-

proval. At one time he ran three miles paced by an electric car. When Philadelphia Jack O'Brien steps into the ring with Fitz he will have behind him Spider Kelly as chief second and adviser. Those who visited O'Brien's training camp yesterday noted that the Philadelphia boy was in great shape. After he finished his work for the afternoon, which consisted mostly of bag punching and a few rounds of easy sparring with Gorman, Jimmy Anthony and Swanson, he stepped on a scale and tipped the beam at exactly 154 pounds. O'Brien says this is about the weight he will be when he goes in the ring.

Besides his gymnasium work, O'Brien did seven miles of road work in the morning and diversions about the beach. He says he will only do such work from now on as is necessary to keep him in shape. He is supremely confident of victory.

SPORTING NOTES.

Whalen, the San Francisco pitcher, secured by the New York Americans, had 15 shut outs to his credit.

Pennsylvania paid her football coaches \$5408.25, and the training table expenses for the season were \$4823.08.

Catcher Jack Slattery of Ontario, will doubtless prefer to go to St. Louis next season than return to the Tri-State League.

Fredrick Colson, who was a failure as a rowing coach at Harvard, has been re-engaged as assistant coach to the "old man" at Cornell.

"Bosky" Reiter suggests the compulsory use of headgear and no time taken out of the general ensemble of proposed changes in football.

Pitcher Lindaman, who will get a trial from the Boston Nationals in the spring, made a very fine showing with Jersey City last season. Shorn of this pitcher and Clarkson, Manager Murray will have to hustle for new men.

Cornelius Vanderbilt will be elected commodore of the New York Yacht Club at the general meeting of that organization which takes place next Thursday. Henry Walters will be re-elected vice-commodore and Seymour E. Husted, jr., will be rear commodore.

A special race between Lucky Baldwin's Cruzados and Garnett Ferguson's Bearcatcher, two of the speediest horses on the coast tracks, for a purse of \$1500, will take place tomorrow at the Ingleside track, San Francisco. The distance will be 5½ furlongs, and the horses will carry a weight of 112 pounds each.

Dave Brain, the new third baseman of the Boston Nationals, has seen service in Des Moines, Buffalo, St. Louis and Pittsburgh. He batted for 147 last season, played in 123 games, went 465 times at bat, made 42 runs, 115 hits with a total of 170 making 21 doubles, 11 triples and 4 homers, 12 sacrifice hits and stealing 12 bases.

The Ballston cup, which for the last four or five years has been the opening day's steeplechase of the Saratoga season, will be discontinued and the Saratoga steeplechase will take its place. The Saratoga will be run at the Ballston cup distance, about two miles, and will have \$5000 in added money, an increase of \$3000 above the value of the old event.

Jack Foster of The New York Herald, says that baseball men are still debating earnestly whether Pittsburgh or Boston got the better of the deal by which Willis is to go to the former. There can be no denying that Boston got the better third baseman in Brain over Wolverton and has the latter to trade. Then there is no doubt of Howard's ability.

Although it has a time honored claim on the dates, the Philadelphia Horse Show Association is out with the early announcement that its 1906 show will be held at Wissahickon Heights during Decoration day week. It will be on the 15th annual show.

At the recent meeting A. J. Casatt, Rudolph Ellis, J. W. Cooke, S. P. Houston and Robert E. Strachan were elected directors for the full term of three years, and H. P. McKean for the unexpired term caused by the death of B. Frank Clyde. Capt. John C. Groome was re-elected president and Col. Edward Morrell and Charles E. Etting, vice-presidents. Francis Bond, treasurer, and J. Jarden, jr., secretary. The big horse show in New England on Decoration Day is the annual fixture of the Grafton County Club, which has become a great sporting event under the able personal management of Harry W. Smith.

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MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Dec. 18.—At the last regular meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 23, P. A. B., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Cameron A. McInnis; W. M. Gordan Hovey, D. M.; Samuel White, Chap.; Fred Gamble, Rec.-Sec'y; Chas. McLean, Fin.-Sec'y; Norman Cochrane, Tres.; William Boyce, D. of C.; Wesley Capins, I. G.; Harry Stephenson, O. G.; Wm. Gray, Trustee for three years. Committee:—Howard Dunbar, foreman; Wm. Cain, Miah Osbourne,

IMMIGRATION'S TIDE HAS TURNED CANADIAN-WARDS.

Mr. W. T. R. Preston Says it will Total Two Hundred Thousand Next Year.

"One hundred and fifty thousand immigrants were sent to Canada through our office during the past year, and we expect to bring the market up to 200,000 during the next twelve months."

This was the statement made to the Montreal Herald by Mr. W. T. R. Preston, commissioner of emigration for Canada at London, England.

"Of this number 60,000 were from Great Britain. Thousands of American settlers entered Canada during last year, and we expect that the exodus to our country from the big republic will be even greater in 1906."

"It is our desire to bring the figure up to 250,000, but whether we can do that depends largely on the course to be adopted by certain continental countries, notably Austria and Hungary. As matters now stand we cannot do the work through booking agents nor in the regular way, for if we do so we should buck up against their laws."

"However, I have been negotiating with the authorities of Austria and Hungary for two months, and I am confident that very soon the restrictions that now exist will be removed. In that event Hungary will send thousands of settlers to Canada, where she has been sending mere hundreds."

"The Hungarians are thrifty, sober and industrious; they marry young and raise large families, and they farm intelligently. Recently I drove through that country, and inquired carefully into the habits of the people, and into the state of their farms. It was no uncommon sight to see all the members of a farmer's family out in the fields, just as soon as the grain began to sprout, busily picking out weeds. Their farms are beautifully clean, and they are not abused. They have been tilled for centuries, but they have been conserved from generation to generation, and are still models."

"I tell you candidly that those are the people that we need for our great northwest. If they come out here, their frugal, industrious habits will, in twenty years, make them the richest farmers in Canada."

"Residents of the older provinces have strong prejudices against foreigners, but were they to know these Hungarians intimately their prejudice-

es would disappear. What I have said about the Hungarians applies also to the people of every country in Europe. They will all make model settlers. We make it our business to see that the emigrants have trades or callings that they can follow up. We have persuaded many young Englishmen not to come out here because they have not been trained to farms, nor to make their own livings by their hands or brains. Some of these people come out here and write letters to the English press—letters that are full of lies and misleading statements against Canada. When we can, we get after these chaps and make it hot for them. There are only a few of these grumblers, but this few can make a lot of noise. It is peculiar that the grumblers are all English. I do not know or remember having heard of a Scotchman, Irishman or Welshman kicking about Canada or his reception here."

"The trouble with the emigrants from the continent is that they simply sail for America—they have never heard of Canada, and so the majority of them land in the states. Were we permitted by the governments to carry on our work as we do in Great Britain, we would soon have a flood of valuable settlers coming into this country."

"I had a chat not long ago with Michael Davitt and he agreeably surprised me by telling me that he had recognized the fertility of the possibilities of Canada thirteen or fourteen years ago, when he first visited this country. He said that he met Rev. Dr. Potts and remarked to the famous Methodist divine that 'You people of Canada have, in your forests, streams, prairies and mountains, the finest heritage in the world.' Mr. Davitt certainly has a lively admiration for Canada."

Mr. Preston has been out from London a couple of weeks and has been busily engaged in attending to departmental affairs. Nominally, he makes his headquarters in Ottawa, but he is making constant visits to St. John, Halifax, Montreal and Toronto. He was this city today conferring with the C. P. R. officials on immigration matters. Mr. Preston is in splendid health. He expects to return to England this winter.

Cloves White, Bert Brown, The officers will be installed next month. The Prentice Boys are to entertain their friends at Orange Hall this evening.

Amethyst Lodge, No. 17, Daughters of Rebekah, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—Mrs. Chas. Fimmimore, N. P.; Miss A. Steekney, V. G.; Mrs. Samuel Hallett, Rec.-Sec'y; Miss Nancy Arnold, Treas. The officers will be installed by Mrs. Thomas McDowell, D. D., in the first meeting in January.

There seems to be a great deal of fun going the rounds at present in reference to a pair of curling stones. It appears that a certain well known curler sold his old stones to a friend, intending to import a new pair for himself. After he sold the old ones he went to the rink to get them but they had already gone. Some of the boys had hidden them in a barn near Sandyville and Claude thinking they were in another man's barn, he with two others, searched the premises, but of course in vain. In the meantime the owner had a warrant issued for the man whose barn the stones really were in and Policeman Barker went to Sandyville and found them in the hay loft, poor Claude did not know what to do. After the stones had been returned to the rightful owner, they were stolen again and it looks now as if the affair will be sifted out in the courts. The prospects are that our rink will be opened tomorrow night, as the ice is in excellent condition and the new lights are in first class order.

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JEWESS PRESIDED AT COURT THAT SHOT SOLDIERS.

Constantinople, Dec. 16, via Philadelphia.—Advices from Odessa say the Russian army there is still nominally loyal, but it is manifestly unreliable. Many revolutionists of Odessa are departing into the interior to spread the propaganda. The rapid growth of this movement is recognized as a menace of the most serious nature.

In Sebastopol the disorders are believed to have passed their worst stage, although the immediate future may tell another story. It appears that many of the mutineers were forced into the attitude of revolt by threats of death at the hands of their comrades.

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and the floor and walls of the room were spattered with their blood. In the attic above the trial chamber were found their bullet-pierced bodies.

It is asserted that the soldiers gladly surrendered to the authorities and returned to their allegiance. What ships are still at Sebastopol have been deprived of their small arms and the breech-blocks have been removed from the guns.

Conditions at Odessa are growing worse from day to day. The revolutionists are in the minority, but the rest of the population is so cowed by the violent element that its numerical strength is no factor in the situation. The danger of an economic crisis is increasingly serious. Thousands of all classes of the people are without employment. Fifty thousand persons of the upper classes have left the city, while 15,000 servants, left without work, have been forced to join the revolution-

ists. Throughout the Caucasus the situation is extremely acute, owing to local conditions not related to the general revolutionary movement. Additional Russian warships have been hurriedly ordered to Batoum. Practically the entire Caucasus is in a state of civil war. Tartars, Armenians and Georgians are all rising against Russia with arms.

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