

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

BASE BALL.

BATTING AVERAGES ANNOUNCED

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Only 18 points separate the highest and the lowest team fielding averages of the American League for the past season. Cleveland was second with .964; St. Louis, Detroit and Philadelphia tied for third place, with .967; Boston and New York tied for sixth place with averages of .953, and Washington was eighth with .950. Of the Detroit individual players, Barrett, of the Detroit outfield, and Donahue, pitcher for Cleveland, had perfect records, their average being 1.000 each. Both men, however, played in a comparatively small number of games. Barrett playing in 18 and Donahue in 20.

Of the first basemen the best showing was made by Carr, of Cleveland, with an average of .991. Lajoie, also of Cleveland, who led the league in hitting, headed the second basemen with the same average as was made by Carr on first base. Lowe, of Detroit, led the third basemen with .981, and Davis of Chicago was first among the shortstops, with an average of .943. Barrett, of Detroit, led the outfielders with a perfect record of 1.000, and Donahue, of Cleveland had a like standing among the pitchers.

Schreckengost, of Cleveland, led the catchers, with a per centage of .984. Waddell, of Philadelphia, made the 93rd showing among the pitchers in the per centage of games won with an average of .780.

FOOTBALL.

WILL PLAY FOOTBALL ON ICE.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 12.—Ice football is to be played this winter by teams representing Minneapolis and St. Paul. Short skates will be worn, to admit of punting. The game will be played just as on the ground, except that in tackling the man with the ball it will be sufficient to touch him. The Twin City Skating Association is organizing teams.

TEAM'S TRIUMPHAL TOUR.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—New Zealand defeated Chelsea Saturday afternoon by 24 points to 9. The colonial team is making a strong effort to score a thousand points before the close of their tour, and as they are now past the eight hundred mark they appear to have a fair chance of succeeding. So far they have not been defeated.

BOWLING.

At the Queen Hotel Bowling alleys yesterday Robert Anderson put on a score of 134 points with the candle pins, breaking all records for the season. In the evening Charles McLaughlin an employee of the Queen Hotel, put on a candle pin score of 120.

THE TURF.

MAINE'S FASTEST MARE.

Louise G. 2.08½ Has the Championship Mark.

The bay pacing mare Louise G. 2.08½, is the fastest mare ever bred in Maine, an animal of such amiability of disposition, combined with great intelligence, gameness and consistency as a race horse, as to win and retain the admiration of every one who has followed her career, from the time she first came before the public as a two-year-old up to the close of the past season. As Frank Trott of the Boston Globe said, in a recent issue of that paper: "Had the opportunity been given her she would have had a record surely as fast as 2.05."

Louise G. (first named Nellora) was not an early foal, but was born June 12, 1897, and was bred by J. W. Thompson, of Canton, whose name was somewhat familiar to the breeders of New England a few years ago, as a writer on the subject of the Maine horse. Her sire was the well-known stallion Alcayone, 2.20½, by Alcayone, 2.27, and her dam Louvicka (also bred by Mr. Thompson) was by Constellation, a son of Almont, that was formerly owned by the late Gen. W. S. Tilton, of Togus, second dam, Fanchon (bred by B. F. Fairbanks of Winthrop) and passed through Tilton's hands to Mr. Thompson.

Fanchon afterwards produced the gray mare Belya Sorceress, by The Ser, a mare that took a record of 2.26½ at 13 years of age in the fifth heat of a race which she won at South Paris the past season. Fanchon was by Gideon, the gray son of Hambletonian 10, Susan, the third dam of Louise G., was by Winthrop Morrill, an intensely inbred Morgan of the old school. Gideon was an inbred Messenger. On this foundation came the Almont and Alcayone crosses in their order, and the result Louise G., 2.08½.

Louise G. had remarkable speed at both the pace and trot from her birth, but was developed conservatively by William Gregg of Andover, Me., who had entire charge of her during her career in Maine, and on whose farm, "The Pines," she was foaled. His first appearance in public was at the Maine State Fair in 1899, where, as a two-year-old, she was shown an exhibition quarter in 23 seconds. The speed with which she covered the last eighth, and her eagerness to go on, demonstrated that she could cover the distance in 21½ seconds. Nothing further was with her that season.

Her first race as a four-year-old was at Readville, Mass., July 24,

1901. She had suffered from an attack of the distemper that prevailed very extensively that season and had not fully recovered. She won the race, the 2.25 pace, taking a record of 2.12½, which she lowered to 2.08½ at Dover, N. H., Sept. 25, the same season, retiring with the title of champion four-year-old pacing filly for the year. In 1902 and 1903 she again helped make turf history in New England, beating many of the crack campaigners like Effie Powers and Terrill S., and incidentally beating every Maine bred animal that she raced against.

THE RING.

FACTS ABOUT O'BRIEN-FITZ FIGHT.

Principals—Bob Fitzsimmons, New York, and Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia. Title Involved—Advised as being for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Inducements offered—\$20,000 purse guaranteed, with privilege of 60 per cent. of gross receipts.

Battle Ground—Mechanics Pavilion San Francisco, California.

Date of Contest—Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th.

Referee—Edward Graney, San Francisco.

How Money will be Divided.—Seventy-five to winner and twenty-five to loser.

Club giving Fight—Yosemite Valley Club.

Promoter—James W. Goffroth, San Francisco.

Age of Fighters—Fitzsimmons 44, and O'Brien 27.

Weight—Fitzsimmons about 168, O'Brien, about 170.

Fitzsimmons started in training on Monday, Nov. 20th. O'Brien continued training after his fight with Kaufmann. Fitzsimmons is working at Croll's Garden in Alameda, Calif. O'Brien is preparing at Ocean Beach Tavern.

Fitzsimmons' assistants are Al Kaufmann, Harry Foley Billy Bates.

O'Brien is being trained by Spider Kelly and he boxes with all comers.

CORBETT REFUSES TO FIGHT MCCOY.

New York, Dec. 11.—"Kid" McCoy last night sent a challenge to James J. Corbett for a fight, the terms of which are to be arranged later, it being understood that a new club in Delaware, formed by Tom O'Rourke, will offer a purse of \$20,000. In his letter to Corbett McCoy says he has posted \$5,000 with a local newspaper as a guarantee of good faith.

McCoy says he is induced again to enter the ring only because of the unsatisfactory termination of his former fight with Corbett. He declares that under no consideration will he talk of a match with any other man than Corbett.

James J. Corbett, when asked last night concerning the challenge, said:

"McCoy made a great blunder in asking me to fight. I am an actor, and my ambition is to become a great actor. I have a five-year contract, and I would not think of breaking it. My fighting days are over. I have no fighting game. I made a mistake and got all the money that was coming to me out of prize-fighting."

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WIND UP OR INVESTIGATE?

York County Loan Between Scylla and Charybdis.

Toronto Globe: Hon. Mr. Foy held a consultation yesterday evening with the legal representative of a number of York County Loan & Savings Company shareholders, who into the company's affairs. Later, desire a government investigation Mr. Foy left the city for a day's absence on private business. On his return tomorrow the question will be taken up for consideration. The Attorney General, who up to last night had heard nothing as to the reported holders to Hon. Mr. Hendrie for a government investigation, stated that he would be pleased to receive from anyone substantial information that would be of assistance to the government in the matter.

Substantial information in variety is likely to be forthcoming, as rumors of shareholders' meetings being held all over the country are reaching the city, and several groups of the 70,000 persons involved have already taken action.

A letter embodying the views of a meeting of shareholders held last Saturday was forwarded to the Attorney General yesterday, by Messrs. E. H. Randall and S. J. White, chairman and secretary, respectively. An investigation is requested under the terms of the loan corporation's act, as amended last session of the legislature. It appeared, the letter stated that the funds of the company had been used by the directors to exploit and purchase and invest in real property, bonds, debentures and stock in other companies, and expenditures made in unwarranted ways. They requested that no security for costs be required of them, as they represented only a small number of the 70,000 shareholders interested, who were chiefly workmen. They were also anxious for an investigation in view of the winding-up order applied for by Brampton shareholders. The meeting believed a winding-up would be a mistake at the present moment.

"The disposition of the shareholders represented by us is that of desiring full information, not of blocking the proposed sale of assets, if that seems wise ultimately," is one passage in the letter.

A decision is requested before Friday, when the motion for winding-up will come up.

"The confidence of the public has been forfeited, and without the support of its shareholders the company cannot live." This is the claim that is made by C. J. Parsons of Brampton, who petitioned for the winding-up of the York County Loan & Savings Company at Osgood Hall yesterday.

The petition is accompanied by affidavits from several shareholders. Nellie Grant Dewar, who was employed in Brampton as the company's collector, swears that she had been convinced for six months that the company had been unable to pay its depositors. On one occasion she went down to draw money for Mary O'Neill and hung around the office all day before they would pay her. She had sent in many applications for withdrawals, but the company had not even answered her letters. Mr. Parsons, in his declaration, says that the proposed agreement with the Dominion Permanent is calculated to defraud and defeat creditors of the York County Loan. He says that the company exceeded the power of its charter in speculative ventures, mercantile, manufacturing and industrial investments. The withdrawals last year, he says, were \$1,414,755 and this year they were much greater. He alleges that the Dominion Permanent has been backing up the York County Loan with funds, because it wanted to get the assets on a long term of years at a low rate of interest.

The motion is returnable in Chambers, Dec. 15th.

Mr. C. J. Parsons also filed a writ yesterday on behalf of himself and all the shareholders of the York County Loan for an injunction restraining the company from completing their agreement of Nov. 22nd and for an order cancelling the same.

Big Immigration Figures.

Washington, Dec. 13.—In present the annual report of the Bureau of Immigration, Commissioner General Sargent refers to the magnitude and gravity of the problems presented by the growth of the alien population of the United States.

"These problems," he declares, "loom so largely in the prospect of our country that it may be said, without giving just cause to charge exaggeration, that all other questions of public economy relating to things rather human beings, shrink into comparative insignificance."

The total alien arrivals reported for the year 1,026,459, represents an increase over the preceding year of 213,619. Of the increased arrivals Austria-Hungary sent 98,537 over its quota of 1904; Russia, 39,756; Italy, 28,183, and the United Kingdom, 49,544. This increase from the last mentioned country is somewhat offset by the decreases from Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.

Notwithstanding the increase from Italy, that country, says the Commissioner, may be regarded as having probably reached the high-water mark. From this showing he ventures the prediction that the chief sources of future increases in immigration will be Russia and Austria-Hungary. He does not lose sight of the increased number of immigrants from European Turkey, a field which though practically inexhaustible, he says, is virgin to the activities of the transportation agent.

The importance of a proper understanding of the contract labor law is dwelt upon in the report. No feature of the immigration law, declares Mr. Sargent, has proved so difficult of enforcement as that which was passed for the protection of labor in this country from unfair competition by aliens. The chief obstacle in the way of such enforcement he attributes to the erroneous impression that it is a measure wrung from Congress against its will by the power of organized labor, "exactingly all it could obtain, rather than seeking simple justice."

"Perhaps labor itself," he says, "is not altogether free from blame for this false public impression, and thus unconsciously has played into the hands of those interests which find it to their account to alienate public sympathy by encouraging such a view."

COUGHERS, HAWKERS, SPITTERS

Public execration is against the common law, against the laws of health also. When the throat tickles, that's the time you need "Catarrhazone"; it soothes away the irritation, cuts out the phlegm and cures the tight feeling. You'll quickly cure that catarrh and throat trouble with Catarrhazone. It positively prevents new attacks forever and for all time to come. Don't take our word for it, try Catarrhazone yourself. Once used you'll be delighted with its pleasant and helpful influence.

A MONSTER STEAMSHIP.

New York, Dec. 12.—The first trans-Atlantic turbine steamer ever to come to this port, the giant new Carmania, of the Cunard line, arrived at her dock yesterday. All the way across the Atlantic the Carmania encountered unusually severe weather and, when only a few miles outside the harbor, she was obliged to lay to and let the storm blow itself out before attempting to enter. During the night the wind decreased in force and with daylight the Carmania turned her nose shoreward and came up through the circuitous channel.

The maiden voyage of the big turbine was in every way successful. Despite the severe weather a fairly even speed was maintained throughout.

The size of the Carmania may be partially realized from the fact that 3,103 persons made the voyage. Of these 2,656 were passengers. She carries a crew of 450 men.

The Carmania is 618 feet in length, of 30,000 tons displacement and has eight decks. She has triple screws and made 19½ knots an hour on her builders' trial trip. She is a sister ship of the Caronia, which was launched less than a year ago, and which is equipped with the old style engines.

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Mr. Julian J. LeBlanc, Belle Cote, N.S., writes: "I was troubled with a bad cold and severe cough, which assumed such an attitude as to keep me confined to my house. I tried several remedies advertised but they were of no avail. As a last resort I tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and one bottle cured me completely."

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VANCOUVER'S MYSTERY.

How Did Thomas Jackson Come to His Death?

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 13.—In the grave of Thomas Jackson lies buried the only man who might be easily able to clear up the Melville street poisoning mystery, which is agitating this city even more than thoughts of Christmas. The coroner's jury has just declared that Jackson came to his death by being poisoned with strychnine by some person or persons at present unknown. Jackson, who was a prospector, died a few Sunday's ago after having taken a dose of Epsom salts in a glass of beer.

The inquest on his body, concluded after nearly a month spent in fruitless inquiry, has brought out the following facts:

When they were bought both beer and salts were harmless. After Jackson died all that was left of the articles mentioned was harmless. On the morning that he passed painfully away the man took nothing but the beer and salts. Nevertheless he died shortly afterwards of strychnine poisoning. Mrs. Jackson also partook of the beer and salts, but there is nothing to show positively that she swallowed any poison, though she was seriously ill at the time that her husband was poisoned and the doctors administered the stomach pump.

The Jackson family had just before the tragedy obtained undesirable notoriety because Mrs. Jones, mother of Mrs. Jackson, had been tried at the fall Assizes on the charge of stealing a receipt from Capt. Sprague, who claimed she owed him the money. Mrs. Jackson was a witness in the case, but Jackson was away prospecting at the time of the alleged stealing. The jury in the receipt case disagreed, and the matter has gone over to the next Assizes.

There is nothing to indicate that Jackson contemplated suicide, and the evidence at the inquest went to show that the family lived very happily together.

The inquest has not been of any help to the police, who confess that they have a hard nut to crack. They have to decide whether Jackson died by accident, was killed, or committed suicide, and they are much puzzled.

WENT TO SLEEP ON BELT.

Was Drawn into Wheel When Engine STARTED.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 13.—Levi Quirk, about 28 years old, met an awful death on the power works at noon. He was employed in the enginehouse at the stone crusher in the forebay of the Electrical Development Company of Ontario, and after lunch lay down to rest on the broad driving belt. It is supposed that he went to sleep. The engineer did not know he was on the belt, and when half-past twelve came he started the engine. Quirk was carried on the belt to the driving wheel and was terribly crushed between the belt and wheel. As the injuries were chiefly to the trunk, it is supposed he woke up just as he neared the wheel and he made a desperate effort to drop from the belt, but only succeeded in turning himself around before he was drawn under the wheel. He died in fifteen minutes of internal hemorrhage.

Quirk lived in Montreal. He came here two years ago with his brother John, who is employed at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

THREADING NEEDLES.

When it is dusk and the sewing machine needle becomes unthreaded, just before the last quarter of a yard is finished, just raise the needle to a threading position, slip a piece of white paper or cloth under the needle and see how easy you can thread

Dr. Colter, post office inspector, was at Moncton Tuesday investigating the case of a stolen mail bag from Moncton station. The bag, in question, was taken off the C. P. R. from Halifax Monday afternoon, and was to have been put on No. 1 express leaving for St. John at 6 o'clock. The bag had been cut open and the contents extracted. It is not known whether the bag contained letters or parcels of value.

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