

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

FOOTBALL.

THE GAME CONDEMNED.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—An unqualified condemnation of the game of football as it is played by the American colleges and schools, is contained in the annual report of President Chas. W. Eliot to the board of overseers of Harvard College, made public last night. In support of his position, President Eliot gives these reasons:

"Football causes an unreasonable number of serious injuries and deaths violation of the rules of the game are highly profitable and are constantly perpetrated; much play escaped notice because it cannot be detected opportunities are offered for several players combined to violently attack one player; there are no such thing as generosity between combatants; acts of brutality are constantly committed; as a spectacle, football is more brutalizing than prizefighting, cockfighting or bullfighting; the game sets up the wrong kind of hero, the man who uses his strength brutally disregarding the injuries he may suffer or inflict on others."

In conclusion the report says: "Intercollegiate and interscholastic football ought to be prohibited until a reasonable game has been formulated and thoroughly exemplified in the practice of individual institutions. It is childish to suppose that the athletic authorities, which have permitted football to become a brutal cheating, demoralizing game, can be trusted to reform it."

ATHLETIC.

SCHOOL BOY BREAKS RECORD.

New York, Feb. 5.—Two indoor world's running records were broken Saturday night at the Irish American Athletic Club games in Madison Square Gardens, both new marks being set in the four mile relay handicap. This event, which the Irish Athletic Club won, after giving 150 yards to their opponents, was a one sided contest from start to finish. The winning team was made up of J. P. Sullivan, George V. Bonhag, Harvey W. Cohn, and Melvin W. Shaphard, each running one mile in the order named.

A week ago this same track, Shephard, who hails from the Brown Preparatory School of Philadelphia, made an indoor record of 4:25 1-5, but Saturday night he romped home in the final mile of the relay in 4:22 4-5 the total time being 17:58, which beats Cornell's record of 18:21 by 23 seconds.

In the one mile intercollegiate relay race Yale won, with Cornell second and the University of Pennsylvania third, the time being 0:31 4-5. The one mile intercollegiate scratch race proved to be an easy win for the Brooklyn city team, the New York and Philadelphia teams finishing second and third respectively, time 3:34 3-5.

The last event—a ten mile scratch race, was won by W. G. Frank of the Irish American A. C., who led from start to finish. He was almost a fifth of a mile ahead at the finish. Time, 56:57 4-5.

MORE FAST RUNNING.

Baltimore, Feb. 5.—Three records were broken at the indoor games of Johns Hopkins University Saturday night. Baker of Swarthmore, ran the mile in 4:36 2-5, and the half in 2:04, while Joseph Hill, Johns Hopkins, made the 100 yards hurdles in 11 1-5.

THE RING.

AMONG THE BOXERS.

Jeffries recently snubbed Marvin Hart in Los Angeles in such a manner that the sports began to talk fight between them. It was at a mill at a local club that Hart stepped into the ring to be introduced. As he got out of the enclosure he met Jeffries face to face, but the big boiler-maker turned away without a sign of recognition. Jeffries is said to have a grievance against Hart because of the latter's comments reflecting upon the retired champion's honesty of purpose as referee of the Root-Hart battle at Reno last summer.

Tom O'Rourke wants to secure a fight between Jack O'Brien and Palmer, the English heavyweight, for a \$10,000 purse, and has offered to hang up \$15,000 if the men will agree to box at his Tuxedo club. O'Brien said yesterday that he would fight Ryan in May, and would then take on Ruhlin if the Palmer mill falls through.

If there is going to be a real fight and not a talking match between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Jack Palmer, the English heavyweight champion, it will take place in this country after all, probably at Tom O'Rourke's Tuxedo club. O'Rourke has already offered \$20,000 for the mill, which has been practically accepted by O'Brien. Charley Mitchell who is acting on behalf of O'Rourke on the other side, will have Palmer under his wing in a few days, it is said, and together they will set sail for this country so that the proposed fight can take place some time in May or June. But before the articles are signed it may be well for O'Rourke to see this so called English champion tried out, for rumor has it that he is a big, awkward, ungainly fellow, who knows very little about the boxing game and is very liable to look out for a soft spot if he gets a couple of stiff wallops on the jaw or any vulnerable point. The fact that O'Brien, when he was visiting England, could not drag Palmer into the ring with the aid of a team of oxen should convince O'Rourke that the Briton may not be such a

powerful drawing card here after all. Ring followers have been often disappointed by the showing of pugilists from the other side, and for that reason it is safe to say that Palmer will have to show the public what he can really do before the meeting with O'Brien will attract big gate receipts.

Abe Attell, the featherweight champion, of paragon among ring "birds" Harris, 20 rounds at 122 pounds ringside, for \$5000 a side and a purse to be rung up by O'Rourke's club. Harris in reply says that he would not be able to do himself justice if compelled to make the weight at three ringside, but wants to scale at three o'clock in the afternoon. The matter may be compromised by appointing six o'clock as the weighing in time. If these boys meet a rattling fight should result, as they are the cleverest boxers in the world in the featherweight class and have been talking of a mill for some time past.

CURLING.

ETHICS OF THE GAME.

At the Heather Curling Club, Montreal, Saturday afternoon, Mr. C. A. Hutchinson, who is a veteran curler, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on curling.

"Conduct on the Ice," was the subject on which Mr. Hutchinson spoke. He said that there were only hard rules to master and it was not hard to learn the game. The rules used here are the same as those of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland. There is a branch of that club here. It is known as the Canadian branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. The rules of the old country club, however, have to be amended and added to in order to suit the conditions here. For instance, the rules with regard to granite stones and open air rinks would not be suitable for iron stones and covered rinks as used here.

A rule made by the Canadian branch was that no player was to throw a stone before the beginning of the match, that is, when playing for some prize or trophy such as the Gordon medal or the Jubilee trophy. Then, again, a stone that upsets after being thrown by a player must be removed from the ice.

Mr. Hutchinson spoke of the particularly cordial relations which existed between the Canadian branch and the old country club.

As regards the game, it commenced by tossing up to see which rink should lead. The game should be in charge of the skip, with whom no player should interfere. Sweeping, which is done with besoms in the old country, is conducted in a different manner than it is with brooms here. The players should sweep when and how the skip wishes. Probably the best way to sweep was in the direction that the stone was travelling and not back and forth. This, however, was a matter in which a player should use his own discretion.

The players should stay on the ice while playing. In conclusion, Mr. Hutchinson said that it was very important not to criticize the skip, as it often caused serious results.

ACQUATIC.

THE HENLEY CHARGES.

New York, Feb. 5.—A special cable from London to The New York Herald says:

Rowing enthusiasts, and, indeed, all sportsmen, are very much upset by the accusations of foul play at Henley regatta, which has been recently appearing in some of the United States papers. On this The Tribune says:

"The mischief makers could not have touched us on a more tender spot, for, apart from our pride in the British traditions of fair play, there is no greater sport in the absolute purity of which we all believe so unhesitatingly as in that of rowing, which is entirely kept up by amateurs."

"Why is the University boat race a national institution? As a spectacle alone it is hardly worth mention. A close game of ping pong is more momentarily thrilling."

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CITY COUNCIL.

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intendent of the lighting station, had used 120 tons more coal between January 1st and May 1st, 1905, than was used for the same period in 1904. The cost of this coal was about \$700. He would like Ald McGinn to explain how this had occurred. He contended that the department was now being economically managed, the lights were kept burning longer hours, and the citizens were well satisfied with the service. In regard to the Wheelock engine, he said it had been allowed to rust from the city's own neglect, and therefore they would have no right to ask the Gas Company to make good the expense incurred in repairing it. He contended that the service was more satisfactory now than it ever was and the citizens were getting better value for their money. He would like Ald McGinn to explain why more coal had been used during the first four months in 1905 than during the same period in 1904.

Ald McGinn said that if Ald Mitchell had the slightest knowledge of electricity he would not ask such a question. He (McGinn) was in a position to prove that the street lights at the present time were not up to the required standard of 1200 candle power. When he was in charge the lights were kept up to the full limit.

The report of the superintendent was then adopted.

ROADS AND STREETS.

Ald. Everett read a lengthy report from the roadmaster which was adopted and ordered to be published in the city accounts. The alderman also submitted the following report on the state of his department, which was adopted.

"As it has been reported that the money assessed for roads and streets for the year of 1905 has been spent without giving our citizens anything to show for it, I wish to present a few comparative statements for the past few years from which our citizens can judge for themselves."

I find the amounts assessed and balances to be as follows:—

Assessed for Roads and Sts	Dr Bal at end of year	Cr Bal at end of year
1900 7000	1102.51	
1901 6800	413.65	
1902 4600		\$ 37.06
1903 6500		208.75
1904 5500		320.02
1905 3900		1524.56
		1644.56

From this it is seen that, though the assessment for 1905 is very much lower than for the preceding years, yet the balance to the credit of the Department is very much higher than has heretofore been known. I might say that a substantial part of this balance comes from 1904, and it was

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because of its existence that the assessment for 1905 was placed so low.

As to the work done. Early in the season we decided that any road work of a permanent nature should be done in those parts of the city where it would not be torn up by sewerage which we felt would soon be introduced. This plan was carried out, and nearly 1200 tons of broken stone were used in macadamizing a much used piece of road above old government house, and that part of York street near the Shoe Factory was given over 150 tons of unbroken stone from the alms house field and then finished with broken stone.

A considerable quantity of broken stone was also used on the road near the Lower Mills. In all upwards of 1400 tons of broken stone were used in 1905, being more than the combined amounts for 1903 and 1904.

Turning to the Public Works Department, we find that with a much smaller assessment than either of the three previous years, we have a credit balance of 503.16 whilst the amount of asphalt used, was more, and the number of square yards of side walks recoated much greater than for the preceding years.

Any person who will compare the

monies expended and the labor performed by these departments during the past few years must see that the comparison is very favorable to 1905, and I feel that the road master is to be congratulated upon having been able to accomplish so much for the city.

Yours very truly,

W. E. EVERETT, Chairman Roads and Streets Committee.

A report from the Wilnot Park board dealing with the work accomplished last season, was read by the city clerk and ordered to be published. The financial statement of the park showed receipts amounting to \$440.68, and expenses of \$319.25, leaving a balance of \$121.42.

RECIPROCITY IN POLES.

Ald. McGinn, from the fire committee which was appointed to negotiate with the gas light company in regard to the rental of poles, submitted a report. It recommended that the council give the Gas company free use of poles belonging to the city, in consideration of the company allowing the city the free use of their poles for the purposes of the fire alarm system.

In reply to Ald. Chestnut, Ald. Mc-

Ginn said that the city were using about 135 of the Gas company's poles while the company used about fifteen of the poles belonging to the city. The committee thought it desirable that no additional poles should be erected about the streets if it could be avoided.

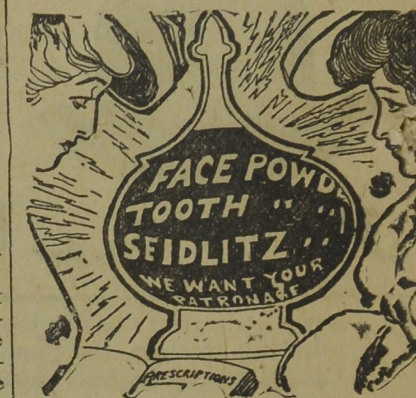
Ald. McGinn moved that the report be adopted and that an arrangement be made with the Gas company for one year on the lines suggested by the committee. Passed. A report from the water committee

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