

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

BASE BALL.

A GREAT YEAR.

Seven teams have a chance for the Eastern League pennant," declared President Harry L. Taylor of Buffalo on Newark.

"Toronto alone is out of the race, it seems to me, but there is a club that really has an excuse for crying 'third luck.' Do you know that Barrow's team has lost twenty-nine games by one run this season? As president of the Eastern League, it would not be good policy for me to say which team looks best for the pennant.

"I look upon these things with an impartial eye, though I am a Buffalo man. As I have said, it is a great race between the first seven clubs. When there is a difference of only one game between the leaders and the seventh place team any one of those clubs may win out.

Buffalo is going fine. The team is hitting well and playing aggressive ball. Jersey City, Baltimore and Newark all put up a good fight, while Rochester, Montreal and Providence will also be heard from. Financially this is one of the best seasons the Eastern League has ever had. The first division teams are drawing better than ever, but the real improvement is in Rochester. There have been times in recent years when that city did not turn out more than a few hundred, but now the attendances at the games run up to thousands.

"Trouble with umpires? Well that is an annual affair. I saw an article in one of the circuit papers the other day to the effect that my main fault as paying no heed to the complaints of managers against umpires. If I did that we would have no umpires at all, not would the National and American Leagues if Harry Pullman and Ban Johnson should listen to all these tales of woe. I look at those things with an impartial eye, while it is no more than natural that an individual manager would see only the poor decisions that effect his team.

"You can't get umpires that can suit all hands every day, and you can't get men for this league with ten or fifteen years of experience. If they stick to the game that long they are gobbled up by the major leagues. The stuff I have selected with due consideration and I believe the men are still competent and faithful."

LEAVES DIAMOND FOR PRIESTHOOD.

From a professional ball player to the priesthood. That is what John Hoey, of the Boston Americans, intends to do.

Even if Hoey makes good this season—and he has started off in good shape—he intends to quit baseball in the fall to begin his studies for the priesthood in the Brighton Seminary. When he signed with the Collins team last month he told his friends that he would play but one year.

Many young men have begun their professional careers intending to quit in a year or two but only a few have been able to retire. They love the game and once in it they stick until they hear the bell that tells them they have begun to go back in their playing.

Will Hoey be able to do it? asks his friends. Baseball has a powerful hold on the players. Will Hoey become so attached to the game that he will keep it or will he quit the diamond? Time alone will tell.

THE RING.

O'BRIEN CAN'T LOSE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia papers are still wondering why it was that New York writers declared Sam Berger a winner over Jack O'Brien, while they (the Quaker pen men) saw O'Brien win handily.

That is quite funny when you come to think of it.

What a chance an outsider has to beat Tack O'Brien in Phil!

To hear of O'Brien losing over there would be about as surprising as a shipwreck in a subway. There never was a time when Jack wasn't a winner over there, no matter how badly he was beaten. If ever there was a loyal town it's Philadelphia. Two bad Rockefeller didn't come from there—they'd say he was the squarrest thing that ever pulled on a pair of socks.

O'Brien has pulled off some awful deals in his career and as one sport said last night: "He's so crooked that he can hide behind a corkscrew" till in Philadelphia John's record is as pure as "Queen Lilly Soap" and he's the personification of honesty.

Berger, without any question beat O'Brien to a standstill. He outboxed and outpunched and outgeneraled the Quaker.

The New York writers said this, and it was exactly what happened.

There was not a round of the six that belonged to O'Brien and he hugged in the last to save himself from being walloped. I'm not making it strong a bit when I say that Berger beat him to a standstill. He did, and O'Brien's features would prove it if you could have seen them. He was, as David Harum says "Done up so brown that in places he was burnt."

Philadelphia papers the next morning said: "O'Brien wins handily. Others said: 'Berger sticks limit with O'Brien, but is outpointed.'"

Still another says that O'Brien could have put him out any time, and that he was merely fooling with Sam.

The home papers usually do stand by its native son. After the Jeffries Munroe fight the Butte Banner said: "Jim Jeffries knocked out Jack Munroe with a lucky punch last night. Munroe was leading by three lengths before the finish came."

After the McGovern Palmer the London Gazette said: "Pedlar Palmer lost in one round to Gerry McGovern yesterday. McGovern hit our boy when he wasn't looking."

After the McCoy-Placke fight, the Holland Eagle said: "Herr Placke lost his fight with Kid McCoy through over-confidence. He had McCoy on the ropes, but while stopping to expostulate upon his unholstered mit, was hit on the head with a bottle. The referee said it was fair."

Fitzsimmons had O'Brien groggy and almost, out near the close of their six-round battle over there, and then the police suddenly jumped in saving "Jack" from the flogging and keeping his "Lost" column clear.

John Willie stuck a right into O'Brien front a foot in their fight at Philadelphia, but there was a yell and the blow was called foul. O'Brien was picked up from the floor and given a long rest. He fought the rest of the battle in good style. The papers there said he won hands down. Can you beat it?

One more kick, please. Mr. Berger who recently outboxed O'Brien announces that he will rest up two or three months before fighting again. It was a terrible strain for him to fight a six-round battle with a little fellow. There are a few gentlemen—namely, Kaufmann, Rubin and Johnson, who are really anxious to meet Mr. Berger but they will have to wait until Sam gets rested.

Berger is like the ball player who gets to first base and is afraid to try for another base for fear that he will lose the bag he is on. Outboxing O'Brien in a limited bout is nothing wonderful. Samuel old kid, Kick in with a few more and let's see whether you are a corner or not.

McGOVERN IS NUTTY.

South Norwalk, Conn., July 24.—

A wreck physically and mentally, his clothes in tatters and smirched with mud, Terry McGovern, once the pride of Brooklyn and the champion featherweight pugilist of the world, landed in South Norwalk at eight o'clock last evening in search of a sanitarium, where he could get "pulled together," as Terry put it. McGovern's realization of his need of a sanitarium was about the only sane notion that he had in his head.

"I'm Terry McGovern. Don't you know me? I'm not what I used to be, but I can trim the best of them," Terry said to Conductor Arthur Morrison.

"Do you know that they said at the sanitarium the last time I was there? Why, they said I was crazy, ha, ha."

McGovern could give no coherent account of how he came to South Norwalk. He kept saying that he was going to the sanitarium to get "pulled together," and "braced up."

He got off the car at the Stamford line and set out for the sanitarium.

THE TURF.

SADDLE AND SULKY.

Joekeys McIntyre and Garner were thrown at Salem on Friday and the former had his collar bone broken.

Windsor's big trotting meeting opens tomorrow. The 2.08 and 2.24 trots and 2.09 pace are on the card for the first day.

The Salem meeting closed on Saturday. It was a "frost" and the fall meeting which was announced has been abandoned.

Land of Clover, the famous steeple chaser, was run into by an automobile and killed while his owner was riding him along a country road at Manchester, Mass.

Col. Sewall's three-year-old Jimmy Maher, broke a leg while working at Fort Erie on Saturday and was destroyed. That was the only piece of ill-fortune for Trainer Gates' stable on that day. Ballycastle when schooling through the field, unseated "Red" Lee and the boy had his collar-bone broken.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AUTOMOBILE NEWS.

With fifteen American cars entered for the Vanderbilt race, and the rule being absolute that the first five to finish in the eliminating trial will be picked for the race, the preliminary contest promises to be about as great an affair as the final. Perhaps it will be even more so to those who want to make a choice between the various makes of American cars.

Individual memberships in the Automobile Association are costing in at a lively rate these days and the office of Secretary Gorham in the Metropolitan building, at Madison Ave., and 23rd street, New York, present a busy scene. The same old terms for individuals \$2 a year and no initiation fee, prevail.

A novice who tries to start his car with the brakes on is like a caged animal who hurls himself against the bars, yet many try to do it.

It is essential that the tops of accumulator cells be kept clean and free from accumulations of every description as they tend to produce short circuits between the terminals and destroy the life of the charge.

Those who drive at moderate pace may like to witness other race, but those who try to excel in speed are apt to excel in speed are apt to fill the coroner's need.

A squeak that is continually heard while the car is running but is absent when the car is at rest with only the motor running, is very apt to be caused by the springs. The remedy grease between the leaves of the springs, after jacking up the car and prying the leaves apart.

ACQUATIC.

CHAMPION GREER TO ROW.

Frank B. Greer, of the Boston Athletic Association, amateur champion single sculler of America, who recently had an operation on his wrist, has had the stitches removed.

The operation was pronounced a success, and the champion will now be able to settle down to hard work with the injured member in bandages. The operation was made necessary owing to a most peculiar accident which happened to the champion while he was working at the business.

Greer was wrestling with one of the clerks in his department when he threw his arm quickly across his opponent's shoulder and the lower part of his wrist hit with much force on several pencils in the vest pocket of his opponent. Several of them entered the wrist and broke off. Care was immediately given and it was supposed that all the particles of wood and pencil lead had been removed. After the wound had healed and Greer started in easy rowing he suffered considerable pain.

An examination showed that a piece of pencil, nearly half an inch long had been left in the wound. It is hardly likely that Greer will be at his best for the annual regatta on August 10 and 11, at which time he must defend his title of champion.

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