

SEASONABLE SPORTS.

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

FOOTBALL.

PROBABLE M'GILL LINE UP.

A rather weak team on paper, McGill College will have this season one of the snappiest aggregations of Rugbyists that ever made things hustle on the campus, and their meeting with their old rivals of Toronto Varsity of Saturday should furnish any amount of excitement for the Montreal enthusiasts.

Almost four weeks' training has put the McGillites in splendid fettle. Practice games on the field have been held almost every day, and there have been also frequent evening sessions in the gymnasium with "Pud" Hamilton to teach them a few things in the signalling line.

Only four of last year's seniors are on the team this year. Stitt, of the scrimmage; Pare and Winslow, outside wings; and Cox, quarter back.

Billy Lea, of the 1905 team, is also back to his old position, and the others are all new comers to the McGill senior line out, though, it is rather strange to notice, not one of them is a freshman, this being probably the first year in which a Freshman could not make the team.

The wing line is one of the fastest and most aggressive the college has ever had, while the back division is also coming up fast.

Last night's arrangement for signal practice gives the following dope for the line-up against Toronto Varsity on Saturday afternoon:

Full back—Carruthers.
Right back—Black.
Centre half—Roy Hastings.
Left half—Smith.
Quarter back—Charlie Cox.
Scrimmage—Renaud Stitt, Bates.
Inside wings—Lea and Galbraith.
Middle wings—Wallace and Cassils.
Outside wings—Pare and Winslow.
(Billy Lea referred to above is W. S. Lea, late of this city.)

THE TURF.

FARM HORSE WINNERS.

Major Mallow, the pacer that recently won three races in one week at Columbus, Ohio, gaining a record of 2:06 1/4 in a race, was until last year the family buggy horse on the farm of his breeder, L. C. Mallow, near Washington Court House, Ohio. Mrs. Mallow used him to take butter

and eggs to town, and although he was well bred no one then dreamed that he would ever be a country fair pacer, let alone a grand circuit winner. Mr. Mallow bought him from his father for \$100 and having discovered that he could pass anything on the roads, trained him and started him on a half-mile track in Ohio, where he gained a record of 2:16 1/4 last season, winning several races.

An Illinois farmer, John Crabtree, by name, is the owner of two pacers campaigning in the west, and this season they make Major Mallow good as he is, look like small potatoes. These pacers are Hedgewood Boy and Lady Maud C., full brother and sister, by Chitwood, son of Nutwood, our Goretta by Norris, 2:22 1/4, son of Ansel, 2:20. Mr. Crabtree, who hails from Hillsboro, Ill., is credited in Wallace's year book as being the breeder of both, but horsemen who should know say that he bought them at a country auction, paying \$150 for Hedgewood Boy when he was a weanling and \$270 for his full sister, one year older. Be this as it may, he raised both, trained them himself and when not using them on the farm for his spring ploughing campaign they were in the minor circuits. Dick McMahon, a Chicago trainer, introduced them into the Grand Circuit society at the recent Columbus meeting, where Hedgewood Boy defeated Leland Onward and other high class horses in straight heats, reeling off his miles in 2:06 1/4, 2:06 1/4 and 2:04 1/4 in a way that caused every one to stare. Two or three days later the mare started in a big field of fast sidewheelers from the stables of Geers, Andrews, De Ryder and other Grand Circuit celebrities, and she duplicated the feat of her full brother by winning in straight heats; time, 2:07 1/4, 2:07 1/4, 2:06 1/4.

Horsemen are now saying that no one ever saw such a pair of young pacers as Hedgewood Boy and Lady Maud C. The stallion has yet to meet defeat, having won twelve races in succession. McMahon apparently believes both of them to be champions, for with Citation, 2:03 1/4, in his stable, the Chicago trainer has entered the Illinois farm horses in the 2:00 class to race against Angus Pointer, 2:01 1/4; Audubon Boy, 1:59 1/4, and other stars in Lexington, next Saturday.

MODERN DIPLOMACY.

Diplomacy in these days of easy travel and rapid communication is quite different in its methods from what it was in the low old past. The result is to lighten considerably the duties of ambassadors in the more weighty affairs of state, while the risk of mistakes and misunderstanding is obviated. The change has come about gradually, but to King Edward the credit is due for having brought it into general vogue as the most simple, direct and practical way of reaching mutually satisfactory agreements between governments.

Now, when a matter of particular importance requires settlement, all the portance requires settlement, all the old system of interviews between ministers and ambassadors and lengthy correspondence is set aside, and the sovereigns, or their ministers, arrange personal meetings whereat the subject is discussed without intermediaries and an understanding arrived at without unnecessary delay, and in a manner that precludes misapprehension on either side. Thus, the circle of entente cordial was completed by King Edward with a celerity impossible under the old system.

In this way, too, the Czar and the Kaiser have met and reconciled their differences, and, at the present moment, Mr. Root, the United States Secretary of State, is in Mexico settling affairs with President Diaz, while his colleague, Mr. Taft, is in Japan on a similar mission. Mr. Root's success in his tour of the South American republic proved the superiority of the new method of diplomacy and it is confidently anticipated that equally happy results will follow from his and Mr. Taft's personal exertions in direct communication with the governments they are visiting.

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HIS GREATEST HIT.

The Batter Was Home All Right, but the Run Didn't Count.

"Talking of home plates, that reminds me," began Brick Morse, "of the greatest hit I ever made. It was back at the recreation grounds in San Francisco, final game of the series with Stanford, score 3 to 2 against us.

"Remember the way that angle of the fence came in at center field? There was one of those wooden dragons used to smooth off the infield. It had been left tilted up against that corner of the fence, supposedly out of the way.

"I missed the first ball up, let three bad ones pass, had a rotten high one called on me, and it looked all off for yours truly. The next one came easy. I just shut my eyes and swung with all my might. I felt my hands sting on the bat. I went to first! Second! Three thousand people were yelling like maniacs. 'Oh, you Brick! Home run, home run!' I tagged third and went for the plate. 'Slide! You gotta slide!' sounded in a roar like an express train crossing a trestle. Something struck me a terrible smash on the left side of the head. 'Out!' yelled the umpire. 'Hit by his own batted ball!' My big hit had gone to the center fence, struck the seat on that smoother—sent was mounted on old spiral bed spring—and the ball had rebounded clear back to the plate!"

"How near were you to home, Clinton?" inquired a listener.

"Oh, I was home all right. When I came to my fingers were touching the corner of the—"

"Plate?"

"Nope. The bureau."

SINKING FUNDS.

They Originated in a Scheme Devised by Lord Stanhope.

The general public has no idea of the meaning of "sinking fund." The term had its origin in a scheme devised by Lord Stanhope in 1716 whereby certain taxes on the South Sea (Bubble) and general funds were made perpetual, and it was enacted that the surplus should be annually invested and applied to the discharge of the national debt. By means of it between the years 1716 and 1733 the sum of \$52,240,000 of the debt was actually discharged. So rich became the sinking fund that it excited the cupidity of parliament, and the grafters laid violent hands on it, diverting it to other purposes, so that in the succeeding twenty-five years only \$42,500,000 more had been paid off.

The fund got into a condition so wretched that it did little in time of peace and nothing in time of war to discharge the national debt. Dr. Price persuaded William Pitt to adopt his plan of investing \$5,000,000 every year at compound interest until with the accumulations the sum amounted to \$20,000,000, when it was to be invested at simple interest only, leaving the amount of interest annually redeemed at the disposal of parliament. Dr. Price said: "Let a state be supposed to run in debt \$10,000,000 a year, for which it pays interest at 4 per cent. In seventy years a debt of \$700,000,000 would be incurred. But an appropriation of \$2,000,000 a year employed as a sinking fund at compound interest would at the end of this time leave the nation beforehand \$30,000,000."

The Dread of Death.

Granted that it is the will of God that we shall remain on earth and live our appointed lives there, it is essential that mankind should feel the dread of death. Without that dread the world could hardly remain peopled. The dread of death is to the soul what the law of gravity is to the body. It anchors us to the earth. Without that dread to weigh us down and keep us to the globe half mankind would be driven by curiosity, by the love of change, by the dread of ennui, by what Bacon calls "niceness and satiety," to push open the closed door and see what is beyond. Children and a few very happy and easily pleased people might perhaps say they would not explore farther and that they were perfectly content with things as they are.

His Business.

A passing stranger was attracted by frightful screams coming from a little house not far from the road. Hurriedly tying his horse, he ran to the house and found that a little boy had swallowed a quarter, and his mother, not knowing what to do, had become frantic. The stranger caught the little fellow by his heels and, holding him up, gave a few shakes, whereupon the quarter soon dropped to the floor.

"Well, mister," said the grateful mother, "you certainly knowed how to get it out. Air you a doctor?"

"No, madam," replied the stranger, "I'm a collector of internal revenue."

—Philadelphia Ledger.

How to Remember History.

Teacher—With whom did Achilles fight at the battle of Troy?
Pupil—Philo.
Teacher—Wrong. Try again.
Pupil—"Nero."
Teacher—How do you know?
Pupil—"Then it must have been Hector. I knew it was one of our three dogs."—London Mail.

The Ones That Sold.

Father—Well, how does your husband succeed with his art? Does he sell any pictures? Daughter—I should think so! Why, there is not a single one left of those you gave us for a wedding present!

If you can't be careful of what you say, be careful to whom you say it.—Rolla New Era.

WHITE MEN WORK FOR BLACKS

Many extraordinary facts regarding the position of the natives in the Transvaal are given in a series of reports just issued by the Transvaal Land Owners' Association.

"It has become quite a common practice for white men to plough land for the natives. The latter pay the former so much an acre.

"A decided advance is noticeable among the natives as regards their method of cultivation. In former years most of their land was tilled by women who used the hoe, practically their only implement of agriculture—whereas at present it is quite common to see the men cultivating with ploughs either drawn by oxen or donkeys."

Another of the commissioners writes: "The rapid strides the natives are making towards civilization and the eagerness they display in endeavoring to learn to read and write have of late become very marked. I regret to have to say, but it appears to me that the native children, as regards education, are comparatively advancing more rapidly than the children of the poorer whites in the outlying districts."

"I find that on most of the staats visited a large number of boys are away at work. In fact, in some staats I found only the women and old men, all the younger men being away."

"From conversation with the natives," they all state their willingness to work, but as formerly stated in my report, object to being recruited, as they, without exception, all state that they have been cheated by labor agents so much an extent that they prefer to go and look for work by themselves, as then they will know exactly what work they will have to do and what the remuneration is to be."

Dealing with the native hut tax, the same writer says: "I note the government no longer charges a native anything more than two pounds extra for the second wife. By this I mean that a native with four wives pays the same as a native with two. Until recently this, of course, was different. He had to pay for every wife above one."

With regard to agriculture, it is pointed out that the first sowing of the winter crop of Kaffir corn has been destroyed by locusts, which has necessitated a late sowing of the second crop. Unfortunately, a number of the farmers of the Blywner class have been unable to purchase a second supply of seed.

Owing to the immunity from horse sickness by inoculation, mules are increasing, and now they are generally used for transport purposes, replacing donkeys, which were largely used after the war.

This season the game generally has increased. This is especially the case with koodoo, stinbuck, pheasant and guinea fowl. Wild dogs are increasing and complaints are constantly being made, more particularly from natives, of losses of goats and sheep killed by these animals.

HOW TO CURE A COLD.

The question of how to cure a cold without necessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested, for the quicker a cold is got rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., has as used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation of the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

FARM ARRANGEMENT.

In travelling over the country it seems that a great many farmers have shown an utter lack of judgment in the arrangement of their farm buildings and fields. This is a question that should require forethought, as the buildings if placed in an inconvenient and improper place cannot be changed without great waste of time and money. The main object to be considered is to arrange the fields that they may be reached as conveniently as possible from the barn. On some farms we notice the buildings at one corner of the farm. This is not a convenient arrangement, as it requires more lane fencing. It also makes the distance to and from the fields for both the workmen and the stock, the greatest possible.

A great mistake that many farmers have made is in having the wood lot at the farthest end of the farm from the buildings. A nice, shady woodlot near the barn where the stock can run, furnishes shade in summer and shelter in winter. Then, again, most if not all the fields can be entered from the wood lot, doing away "savage" and "treacherous" paths. Another universal arrangement is placing the house and barn off from the road. Nothing is gained by this, but much is lost. Here more lane fence is needed. The time lost in going to and from the road in the mar-

ket, for the mail, etc., is too great. Our city brother does not build his house "way off the street, but builds near enough so his lawn shows up to good advantage. The farmer is not limited for room, like the city man, and can easily have a beautiful, showy, well-kept lawn. But how often do we see a little pinched-up house-yard.

The buildings should invariably be arranged so that in entering the premises the house would be approached before reaching the barn, but the writer calls to mind some premises where it was necessary to drive through a pile of manure at the end of the barn before approaching the house. The farm that sells for the most money today is not always the one that is the most fertile, but is often the one that is arranged from a "stand point of convenience and possessing a general appearance of neatness and tidiness.

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