

SOME SPORTS OF MIDWINTER

Plans of the Big League Magnates Seem Easy to Discern.

TWO EIGHT-CLUB CIRCUITS IN SIGHT

Weaker Cities Will Be Dropped from Twelve-Club Arrangement and Old National and American Re-Established as Near as Possible.

The meeting of the big league managers in New York during the last week has resulted in the commencement of a revolution that is likely to become widespread before it reaches a conclusion.

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Jimmy Slagle, the hard hitting center fielder of the Kansas City team, will not be a Pirate next season after all, for he figured in a deal with Washington in which he landed in the Capital City.

If the minor cities will agree to the sixteen-club plan it is expected that a new franchise agreement, to hold good for ten years, will be drawn up and signed by all interested.

One of the sensations connected with the league meeting was the announcement that John B. Day will succeed Andy Gouge as manager of the Giants.

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fact that the weather has prevented any extensive pursuit of quail and rabbits the game market during the last few weeks has never been so good as it is now.

The Dupont Gun club was to have held a special meeting in Billy Townsend's store last Tuesday evening, but the meeting was postponed.

The Douglas County Fish Protective association will hold a meeting at Ed Krug's house on next Tuesday evening.

Dorsey Burgess, Billy Townsend, Henry McDonald, Billy Brewer and Bill Hardie are at Columbus today in attendance at a shoot under the auspices of the local gun club.

According to a recent issue of the American Soldier of Manila, hunting is plentiful in the mountains not ten miles off the city of Manila.

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS Tom Sharkey's Chance to Square Himself Comes Next Month.

Thomas Sharkey, pugilist, will have a chance in the near future to demonstrate to the sporting public whether he has decided to enroll himself in the society of fakirs and shell men, or whom Corbett seems to be presiding chairman, or whether he is a gladiator on the square.

As a matter of fact, there are not a few of the sport who freely predict that the fight will never take place.

In view of the possible contingencies that may be rammed in the three weeks before the proposed fight takes place it would be a premature to say anything about the result of the proposed fight.

The second most important bit of news in the world of the scrappers is the reported fight between Red Robert Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan for the middleweight championship of the world.

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some uncertainty about the matter, which could be cleared up in another match between the two.

Two of the greatest boxers at their weight that the old country has ever produced met in London last week, when Billy Plimmer and Pedlar Palmer squared off on the resined platform.

The year 1898 has been the banner one for the greatest number of trotting and pacing horses that have, during the season, entered the magic circle of the 2:20 list.

The bout between "Mysterious" Billy Smith and Walcott something new and ago seemed to demonstrate more than anything else that the old Barbadoes wonder is slated for a trip to Harbenville.

A new star burst into brilliancy in the Nightweight firmament a week ago when Bobby Dobbs, the Kentucky Senegambian, received the decision over Dick Burgie of England in a London prize ring.

Mush has been said about the American horse that is being shipped to Europe, but few horsemen are aware that quite a number are being exported to South Africa.

WHEELING GOSSIP.

Madison Square Show, L. A. W. Political and Other Interesting Matters.

The six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden is a fruitful test for newspaper moralizing on the degeneracy of bicycling sport.

Tom O'Rourke made a surprising statement the other night when he declared that big Bob Armstrong, the colored pugilist, who met Jeffries in a ten-round bout at the Lenox club last summer, could whip any heavyweight in the world, bar Sharkey.

Joe Chynock, who has been declared to be lame, bald, blind and pretty nearly everything else except dead within the past few months, will be lined up against the big Ohio giant, Ruhlin, in the Lenox Athletic club on January 3.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Probable Modification of Rules of the National Trotting Association the Interesting Feature.

While most western ridersman travel around the tracks under the rules of the American Trotting association, they will be interested in the special meeting of the National Trotting association that will probably be called as a consequence of the recent meeting of the Board of Review of that body.

failed, or riding 355 consecutive centuries, beginning on January 1 next. Towner says that he shall not vary his route, but intends to ride from London to Brighton and back each day for a year.

CHESS.

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CHRISTMAS COTTOLONS.

Each Guest Must Send Anonymously a Gift to the Hostess. A Christmas cottolon, planned by a well known society woman, who is ever devising some new way of entertaining frequently invited guests, will be given on the night of December 26, relates the New York Herald.

As fast as the gifts arrive they will be placed each in a stocking, without any discrimination; indeed, so far as is possible, they will be "stockinged" still in their wrapping papers.

When all the stockings are mated as to numbers, though they are bound to be mismatched in color, the garters will be loosened, the contents withdrawn, inspected and compared and then used as favors for this particular cottolon, which will be danced at midnight.

Stockings and garters will be fastened with the clothespins, to the left sides of the cotton supper will be served and will consist of traditional Christmas dishes, dainties and drinks, and while, in the main, conventionalities will be observed, some merriment will be allowed and Christmas gypsies and jests will make the rounds of the table.

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