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SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

Class A Magnates Still Sore at Result of Chicago envention.

BAN JOHNSON'S CONTROL IS COMPLETE

His Reason for Turning Down Grillo Was that the Latter Had Written Criticisms of the Big Man's Course.

Content? Not much they're not content. The magnates of the Class A leagues do not like the experience they underwent at Chicago, when the microbes of the National association ran all over them, any better now that they have had time to think it over. While the drafting rule for which they made their fight has been enacted into law by the National commission, and will govern proceedings until changed, the Class A men feel that the interests of their leagues are jeopardised by having them under control of a ody made up to suit Ban Johnson and Garry Herrmann. It is a dangerous condition, but nothing can be done until the next session of the minors, when the little fellows may have had a light shown them on the question. Base ball politics moves slowly, and just now the eyes of some of the men who have votes are blinded by the glitter of the halo that surrounds the heads of some of the big league magnates. After these little fellows have become more accustomed to gazing on the effulgent forms that now evertop them they may be able to descry the sinister features that menace them and be willing to take some further steps for self-protection. Class A teams are most in danger from the big leagues, for the great bulk of the graduation is from their ranks. The little fellows have to give up their players to Class A. Isn't it more to the advantage of the microbes to be on good terms with the men with whom they have to deal, and whose interests are in a measure their interests, rather than to be tied up with a bunch whose interests are opposed to all minor leagues? All the minors can do for the big leagues is to graduate players. A close organization among the minor eagues might be made of value, but an organization in which one end is opposed to the other will always be weak and of little service. And that is just what Ban Johnson wants. It suits his purpose to have no opposition, and just at present he has none

Ban Johnson explains that he did not object to J. Ed Grillo on a personal basis, but because Grillo had criticised the great Ban while writing base ball for a Cincinnati newspaper. Here is what Mr. John-

It is not a personal matter between Grillo and myself, by any means. The trouble started a year ago when the minors were asking for a new draft tule and Grillo was one of the most bitter writers at the time in condemning the American league for the attitude we felt forced to take

forced to take.
Tebeau, Griffiths, and Stallings were s bitter against the American league that they were ready to do most anything and the conduct of Griffiths was such during

the conduct of Griffiths was such during the summer that the national commission felt that for the good of base ball he had to be put out of the game.

We talked this matter over then and the minors agreed that only men who were acceptable in every way would be put on the national board again. When Grillo was elected he was not agreeable to me and to several others. It was found out that he was one of the men who wanted the Class A leagues' organization continued for a purpose inimical to base ball and his conduct altogether was such that he was not fitted for the place on that national board, which should be made up of men who are willing to decide cases on their merits and not for personal purposes.

Chairman Herrmann made the minors promise last summer that no man would be named on that board but what would be perfectly agreeable to every member of the national commission. Grillo resigned. The draft rules were all accepted before

the national commission. Grillo resigned. The draft rules were all accepted before he resigned. Now Herrmann, the real owner of the Toledo club, has ordered Grillo, the president of the club, to withdraw the club from the Class A organiza-

If Ed Grillo earns martyrdom for having spoken what was in his mind in way of criticism concerning Ban Johnson, what port of a crown do you suppose awaits Joe Vila for the fulsome flattery with which he has beslavered the mighty Ban during the last two or three years?

Tim Murnane shouts gleefully over the 'harmony" that prevailed at Chicago. the session was harmonious, for it landed Tim and his dinky little New England league away up in the high place where he will always have a chance to vote just as Johnson wants him to, and be hig a man as though he were a real magnate. Kavanagh of the Southern league thinks the Class A association has done its work and ought to be dissolved. Kavanagh thought so a year ago, when the Class A teams were making the fight against the drafting law that amounted to a raid. The American association is divided, four and four, and the Watkins-Grillo end of the struggle is in favor of disbanding. This is principally for the reason that the Tebeau-Havenor end of the dispute is in favor of keeping up the organisation. Much work remains to be done by the Class A teams, for one of the greatest abuses of the draft system has not yet been done away with, and that is the 'waiving of claim" clause. Under existing conditions a player once drafted by a big league team does not revert to the team from which he was taken in event of the drafting team releasing him until after all the other teams in the big league have waived claim on him. This means that the team that developed the player may never get him back, even though the big league team doesn't want him.

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Another abuse, and one that ranks along with this waiving of claim injustice, is the fact that a player once drafted is spoiled for service in a minor league by the very fact that he was given a chance. He gets a taste of big league pay, and thinks he ought to have it, no matter where he plays. Generally this is more than the minor manager can possibly afford to give, and the result is he has a discontented player on his staff every time he takes back a the Class A organization, for unless these kept up until the drafting rule will be on ster for a try-out, and if he makes good the minors, a discontented, disappointed and his disposition turned into that of a eighteen of them will be kept for the liighfor the minors have to stand the expense are it is almost impossible for officials and the trouble. It is to bring about a see what is going on and that much of the

Class A organization should be main-

The keynore to the whole college ath-

letic situation was sounded by the writer who suggested that too small a percentage of students are able to take part in college Cornell university has said that athletics sprung. keep up the discipline of the schools and make courts and trials and policemen unnecessary. If this is the case with only exercise than by mischief or rowdyism.

team work for that institution. An effort will be made to lower the colors of Yost, batting. The games pleased everybody. Stagg and Dr. Williams, surely a hard While there was a slump in batting on flirt a little on the salary question and this about half that number the year before they did with good results. Although it is No, it is not the foul strike rule that is that each will have a substantial raise hitters, but it is the efficiency of the of birds and other game, and requesting in salary, King to receive \$5,000 and Holt's pitchers, and the National league had withfigure not given. The team lost by four points to Chicago last fall after having Patrons of the national game are as en- a purpose, were passed at the annual meetoutplayed the Maroons, and lost to Michi- thusiastic over skillful pitching as good ing of the New York Zoological society. gan by one straight touchdown and a batting, and because a man who is known Bills for such a law will be introduced in fluke. They realize that they will have to to be a reliable batsman has two strikes the legislature of thirteen states this winpractically build an entirely new team, but still they have great hopes from the material on hand.

The question of a coach for the University

of Nebraska is still in the air and the applicants are still presenting their claims for recognition at the hands of the athletic board. A coach at a university such as the great University of Nebraska has a much true that he had difficulty in selecting the easier time than did the coaches ten years ago, when foot ball in the west was in its infancy. Then the coaches not only had to develop foot ball players from entirely green men, but they also had to look after nanagement of all kinds, as well as the that, but they had to play and captain the team as well. Such was the condition when Frank Crawford, the Omaha attorney, was oach of the Nebraska team. Crawford had team and coach at Baker university, Kansas, when he was elected coach of the Nebraska team. Since that time all is changed A faculty advisory board looks after the financial end, a trainer tends to the injuries of the players and looks after their physical welfare, plenty of material is on the field from which to choose a team and there is plenty of money with which to buy sweaters and uniforms, something which was lacking in the olden times. Herrnstein seems to be the favorite for the position among the students, but the press reports say that each fraternity has a candidate which the members of that "frat" are working for. run in that fashlon, but it is stamped out in nearly all the larger colleges and a man can make a team on his merits.

Omaha is to have the honor of holding the Pransmississippi Golf tournament next sumner, as the executive committee of the club has decided to accept the invitation of the Omaha Field club, and the tournament will be held during the latter part of June. The old course will not be in readiness for the tournament, but the great event of the west will be held on the old links. The goats have browsed off all the roughness from the new course, but the greens, although graded, would not be in condition for the ournament. Secretary Heyward G. Leavitt will take pride in the Omaha meet and will pegin work right away to make it one of the big successes of the year. Omaha has many golfers who can hold their own with most of the players of the country, being completely outclassed by but few. This was demonstrated last season in the events in the middle west in which Omaha was represented. Sprague Abbott was looked upon as a winner for a time, but he fell down at the finish. E. H. Sprague, Stockton Heth. Ed Boyer, the winner of the state championship last year; Guy Thomas, Dick Kimball and the other local cracks may be relied upon to uphold Omaha's end in the tournament in good shape. They will have the slight advantage of being used to the links, although many of the best players of this city are members of the Country club alone, still the interchange of games which was inaugurated last season has given the players a chance to play on both courses.

Under the ruling of President Eliot of Harvard, unless spring games are played this year to demonstrate the wisdom of changes which may be made in the rules, Harvard will have no foot ball team in the field this fall. The board of overseers at Harvard were not satisfied with having Harvard's representative put on the rules committee by the reform board, but insists that the old board of governors, which was self-constituted, but which had itself accredited by the various colleges, have nothing to do with the changing of the rules. This is practically insisting on the part of Harvard that Walter Camp and the other deans of the game back out and let some new bloods frame a game which will be satisfactory to all concerned, if possible. It is believed that the combined wisdom major discard. Here is lots of work for of the sixty-eight colleges which are represented on the reform committee would points are settled, they will always have have wisdom enough to frame some rules more or less trouble. The fight must be which would pass muster, but Harvard has the idea, and rightly, too, that the old comsuch a basis that the big leagues will mittee is so wedded to the old game that draft only such players as they want, and its members would not consent to enough will keep them when they get them. At changes to make the game any different present it amounts only to taking a young- from what it is now. The game as it is now played is almost an American game he may be kept or farmed. If he doesn't and is played nowhere else in the world as make good, he is thrown back to some of it is here. In no other country is there as much interest taken in foot ball as in the man, his ambition checked, his pride hurt, United States, with the possible exception of England. The question is whether the ball player for salary only. Consider Clark American public and the American col-Griffiths' present squad of forty-three, for leges want the game changed until it is and bear in mind that not over similar to basket ball or croquet. The roughness of the game is one of its strong landers during the coming summer, and you features. It is a contest of man against may get an idea of the dangers of the man, and may the best combination of men ituation. Griffith will turn out twenty- win. Would \$6,000 people turn out to see a five disappointed players from his one team basket ball game? In base ball the inthis season. Other teams in the big Pague dividual efforts of a player are more eviwill contribute each its share, and the dent than in foot ball, but the rules can total amount of harm done by the indis- be so changed that it will give the Eckoriminate draft may be imagined. If a ersalis and Benders and other sprinters draft were a sale outright, the majors more of a chance to break into the open would exercise far more care in the pro- and make the game spectacular. Harvard cess. As it is they don't care a oleayune, claims that with the men lined up as they

except that officials should be more efficient and numerous.

Ice skating at Cut-Off lake and Manawa has had to take a back seat to the more is being built. With these improvements will cut your duties to the bone. That is sports as they are now played in American exciting pastime of ice yachting, and the it is expected that last year's records will one of the certainties of the future." colleges. In a university of 3,000 students splendid weather of December and this be broken by many feet, bringing the jumps about fifty play foot ball, another small year, to date, has been a great boon to above the loo-foot mark. There is danger squad rows, another trains for the field this sport. During the past week the in connection with ski jumping, but as yet day events and another tries for the base warmer weather has been a sort of a set- no accidents have ever marred the pleasure ball team, many being members of two or back, but it has given the boat owners of an Ishpeming meet. Usually thousands more squads. Only those who have a an opportunity to overhaul their boats in of people throng the hillside to watch the specialty in some line are thus able to anticipation of the colder weather which skiers on the perilous flight. get the exercise which the right kind is coming, that is, if the ice man is to of sports would give. Some scheme should get in his work before summer. The whole be evolved by which a larger percentage lawn in front of the Manawa boathouse is should be originated in which fifty could times. Match races will soon be the order

comment that I heard was made as to the began so well, but they wished to 200 to 300 and over last year, against not officially announced, it is understood chiefly responsible for the absence of good out question the champion in Mathewson. prohibiting the use of the weapon for such called on him because of fouls, I cannot see why the foul strike rule should be dent Johnson of the American league at the kill 100 birds a year there will be 1.800.000 of the two leagues in New York, and would then announce his staff of umpires. The National league executive said it was unproper men to officiate as umpires.

The views of Phil King, as published in the current issue of the Illustrated and Outdoor News, are unusually interesting, the more so as there are few men better physical training of the team. Not only all qualified to speak on the subject. Phil King was not only one of the greatest players ever developed at Princeton, but since he was graduated he has acted as coach for Wisconsin, one of the strongest foot ball een coach of the University of Michigan universities in the west. His ideas and sug-

universities in the west. His ideas and suggestions follow:

I am heartily in favor of changing the distance to be gained to ten yards in three downs, providing some other rule is passed to prevent the widening of the line of defense, which would be the case should the above rule be adopted. Under the present rule an end run is a difficult play to put through. Make the distance greater and we would have a gradual lengthening of the defensive line, which would result in a see-saw kicking game. I am primarily against passing any rule that would require stated positions for the defensive team. This would add to the already onerous duties of the officials. Permitting the first man who receives the ball from the center to advance at any point in the line would have a tendency to keep the opposing team from spreading its line of defense, thereby making open play, such as end runs, long passes and double passes, easier of execution. Ten yards to be gained will certainly be a hard proposition for any team unless some other rule, such as above, is passed, which will give a team an opportunity of regaining the ball long enough to make a score.

Another means of opening the game will be to require the side having passession of the ball to keep seven men on the line of scrimmage at all times. This would prevent a massing of too many men at a given point. Another interesting change would be to allow forward passes behind the line of scrimmage only. This would add end running materially. Abolish the try at goal after a touchdown. This play is uninteresting, is an individual effort and often decides the result of the game. For example, the Pennsylvania-Cornell game of last Thanksgiving day and numerous others. Teams have been classed superior and championships won in this manner.

I would define more closely unnecessary roughness, and, in addition to disqualification, give a penalty distance against the offending side, although, after all, the rules of the passes and endorted sealed the offending side, although, after all, th

roughness, and, in addition to disqualifica-tion, give a penalty distance against the offending side, although, after all, the rules can be enforced properly by competent offi-cials. Do not add to the number of offi-cials, for there is already a scarcity of good ones. Enlarge the duties of the lines-man by making him also judge of all out-side plays in scrimmages. This will permit the unwire to watch more closely for holdpire to watch more closely for hold-

the umpire to watch more closely for hold-ing and unnecessary roughness.

Whatever changes the rules committee makes let it by all means simplify the rules and uniform the penalities. For at present it requires a constant study to memorize them, and I venture to state that not more than 25 per cent of the players are perfectly familiar with the requirements of the penal-

Alfred Vanderbilt has entered a 250-horse power automobile, by all odds the most powerful machine of its kind ever constructed, in various events to be decided at the Ormond-Daytona Beach carnival Mr. Vanderbilt's entry disclosed the fact that he is not only the owner but the builder of the new creation, which will be thoroughly American car, designed to compete with the high-power machines now in this country or enroute from France, Germany. Italy and England. Although several members of the Vanderbilt family have been prominently identified with automobiling, this is the first case on record that a Vanderbilt has built a car. W. K. Vanderbilt, the young man's relative, was one of the very first to take up the sport of racing high-powered cars in this country, and his mile record of 39 seconds. made at Ormond in 1904, was sensational at the time and for some time afterward. That record was made with a German Mercedes. All the Vanderbilt cars have been foreign and their successes have been credited to builders abroad. Alfred Gwynne's racing machine last year and the year before was a 90-horse power Flat, built in Italy. With Sartori driving it finished sev enth in the big cup race on Long Island last fall. The monster is to make a bid for American prestige in motor car building. There is no guarantee that 250-horse power can be controlled by the hand of man, but Mr. Vanderbilt believes it possible and is desirous of crediting the achievements to home industry. He has implicit confidence in Sartori, whom he has named as his driver. Sartori has shown his nerve and gameness on many occasion: and is well qualified to handle anything in the line of motors that may be entrusted

A great throng of ski jumpers, some of whom will come from Scandinavia especially for the event, and many hundreds of spectators are expected at the big ski tournament to be held at Ishpeming, Mich., Washington's birthday, February The Ishperning Ski club, which will have charge of the meet, is already making preparations for the event. The expenses of the foreigners are guaranteed, and they will no doubt in addition carry off a number of prizes. The slide on which the ski jumping will take place is being improved

crowded center. Harvard does not mention was discovered last winter at the foot of tini tariff, and the day will come when any specific changes which might be good the trestle work leading into the valley of she will give us a preferential duty on our

Considerable agitation has arisen in the rank and file of New York bowlers in supof the students could take part in the filled with boats which were being over- port of the idea of taking the next meeting out-of-door healthful exercises. A game hauled and put in shape for the better of the American Bowling congress to the metropolis. Estimates as to the cost of proplay foot ball on a side and thus accom- of the day. Many different types of boat viding for the congress should it go to New modate many more students in the free are to be seen and on the day of the York range from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The latand open air. President Schurman of grand competitions many surprises will be ter amount seems more probable when it is considered that some extraordinarily large building would have to be procured, a small President H. C. Pulliam of the National fortune in prize money distributed and an League of Professional Base Ball clubs army of attendants employed. Charles H. the limited few taking part, how much does not believe that there will be any Ebbets, a bowling authority, especially stronger would be the influence for good material change in the playing rules from qualified to speak in this connection, seems if all the students were exercising all the those that prevailed during the last cham- to think that New York is better fitted than time? Some go on the principle that a pionship season. When asked whether the any other town in the country to hold the boy has so much animal spirits which he game could not be made more interesting affair. In speaking of the idea Mr. Ebbets must work off in some way and that it is by the elimination of the foul strike rule said: "I have been trying for years to far better for him to do it by athletic so as to produce a better exhibition of bring the grand national tournament to batting, he said: "I think it would be New York, but for one reason or another suicidal to change the foul strike rule." the project has always fallen through. Sev-Other universities are settling the coach For an example, we will take the world's eral of the smaller towns like Buffalo, Inquestion and Nebraska will soon be in championship series of last year. There dianapolis and Milwaukee have been line. Phil King and Eddie Holt, the was no very great exhibition of batting favored, but the metropolis has been over-Princeton combination which worked so in any of these games, but there was an looked. Many reasons are given for this, successfully last season for the University extraordinary display of pitching and ex- the principal one being that eastern and of Wisconsin, will again be found doing cellent fielding. Not a single unfavorable western bowling organizations have been at odds. Just lately an affiliation has been effected, and the time is ripe for New York to speak for the tourney of 1906 if it wants combination for a team to go against in the American league, the same cannot be it. There is no other city so well qualified one short season. These coaches were said of our organization. We had twenty- to entertain the visitors that such a meet eager to stay and finish the work which one batsmen with averages ranging about attracts, and the benefit to bowling in the metropolitan district would be very great.

Resolutions condemning the use of the so-called automatic shotgun in the hunting the New York legislature to pass a law ter. There are already about 18,000 of these destructive weapons in the United States, condemned in consequence." President and should each of them on an estimate Pulliam further said he would meet Presi- which the society considers conservative joint meeting of the schedule committees birds killed in the next twelve months. A game protective bureau has been established at 1269 Broadway for the purpose of pushing the agitation.

> LONDON, Jan. 20 .- Having tried unsucessfully three times to "lift" the America's cup, the international blue ribbon of the seas, in his next campaign against the New York Yacht club it is stated Sir Thomas Lipton will build a good, wholesome type of a boat which will be absolutely without freakish overhangs and other eccentric features. Plans for the new challenger have been seen by insiders, and those who "are in the know" desert that the new trophy hunter will be built for business.

Carpenter's Letter

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filled up by the middle or latter part of October. As the season goes on they charge a margin of a few cents a bushel to cover the risk of a possible nonshipment down the lakes, and this margin is sometimes increased to 10 cents a bushel if the wheat has to be held over. It actually costs between 7 and 8 cents to keep a bushel of wheat in the elevator from winter to the opening of navigation on the great lakes.

Canada's Big Flour Business. Many of the country elevators are owned by the milling companies. They are used for receiving, cleaning and shipping the

grain, and also for storing it over winter. Winnipeg is the chief milling center for the northwest, although there are other mills now building throughout the wheat belt and large mills have been constructed in the Rainy river country, 130 miles east VERMILLION, ALBERTA, CANADA of Winnipeg. One of these mills has a capacity of 5,000 barrels of flour per day, and it is now shipping its product to Great Britain, Australia, South Africa and Japan, as well as to all parts of Canada. The Ogilvie Milling company has an establishment at Winnipeg which grinds 3,000 barrels of flour a day, and altogether there are mills here which are turning out something like 14,000 barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. All of these mills are making money. Canada has a tariff which keeps out American flour, and its home consumption requires about 30,000,000 bushels of wheat per annum. The exports amount

to 2,000,000 or 2,000,000 barrels yearly. Within the last twelve months flour mills have been constructed in the west not far from the foothills of the Rockies to grind winter wheat for the Asiatic trade. There are mills at Calgary which will soon be producing 2,000 barrels per day, and others will be constructed as the area of winter wheat increases. Winter wheat flour is especially desired by the Japanese, and the region where it is being raised lies within about 1,000 miles of the Pacific coast.

Canada and American Flour.

The Canadians don't want American flour, and I find some of them object to our taking the Canadian wheat and manufacturing it in bond. I met at Montreal Mr. Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, which has some of the largest mills in Canada, and talked with him as to reciprocity. Said he: "I am opposed to having our wheat go into the United States to be ground for shipment abroad. I believe in high duties on American flour and would make you Americans come to Canada and build mills if you want to manufacture our wheat." "But, Mr. Meighen," said I, "would not Canada profit by reciprocity with Uncle

"No," was the reply. "We would rather have commercial war with the United States than commercial peace. If Uncle Sain would build a trade wall ninety-nine feet high across his northern boundary from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it would suit us down to the ground. We believe it is best for the North American continent and for the world that we should be opposed to each other as far as trade is concerned. We want a protective tariff high enough to force your people to establish branch factories here and make with Canadian labor such goods as we use. That is what is going on now and what will be done more and more in the future:"

England and Protection. "Your ideas are different from those of

your mother country, Mr. Meighen," said I. "She is for free trade." "That was so in the past," replied the Canadian miller, "but it is not so now. The English are beginning to understand

the situation, and they will soon retaliate against the United States agricultural imports in such a way as to force Uncle Sam to his knees. Our colonies are rapidly increasing in the production of breadstuffs. They furnished Great Britain one-third of her supply last year, and we have now enough wheat land to furnish the mother country and still flood the markets of the further correction of the abuse that the rough work is done under the cover of the at great cost. The ledge of rocks which world. We are giving England a preferen-

the steep hill is being blasted away so as wheat and flour. When that occurs there not to hinder the flight of the riders. The will be a howl from your grain farmers slight curve at the lower end of the course | which will reach Washington. Your conis being straightened, and a retaining wall grest will then revise the tariff, and you

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where angels fear to tread. Prograstination is the thief of time and tide wait for no man.

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