

JUDGMENTS

THEY say this is a commercial age and a money-mad country. If so, the youth of the nation will seek these life callings offering greatest financial returns. Then why do not more American youths go into athletics?

What sphere of endeavor offers a shorter road to prosperity? Another orange grove and is contemplating the erection of a large hotel in Los Angeles.

Two big Indian teams are coming into Nebraska to transact a little business—Carlin at Lincoln and Haskell at Omaha.

One of the most remarkable base ball records made last season, or any other season, was that of Lave Cross, the oldtimer, as manager of the Shamokin team in Pennsylvania.

If the match which Gotsch and Hackenreichmidt are said to have signed for over in London comes off, and such a thing as a Hack victory should be the result, London and New York will not hear the belching of a lot of croakers like America heard when Gotsch twisted the tail of the overrated Russian Lion at Chicago.

John Gansel has joined the "passing throng." The old Reds' manager has been slid down the great incline into the minor league place below to which all great ball players must one day go unless they do what Cy Young says he will do when he passes that point where he is not fast enough for the majors—retire.

"Eberfield is a great ball player with a peculiar disposition that minimizes his value as a player." That's the most succinct statement of a great truth that we have run across in many a day. And while it bolts the rank-and-file kid down to a nicety, it applies with equal force to certain other celebrities, such as Hal Chase.

Garry Herrmann, the Cincinnati fat man, says the "bolters" will get a hearing. Well, one thing to the good, both O'Brien and Powers has been sworn that it's peace and not war they're seeking. Sure, let's hear their case.

Comiskey and Ban Johnson have had their annual knee-and-make-up affair and now have hit the trail to the moose woods. Whoever happens there we'll have to take on hearsay, as there'll be no witnesses.

Battling Nelson advises Packer McFarland to beat Joe Gans so he will be a good drawing card. Might go out and learn to box to be can make a good prize fighter.

Ducky Holmes is now counting on having Furehner for next season. Why not? No big league riot over him yet.

Foot ball for another week and then around the stove for the base ball boys in their annual winter doze.

Missing the pennant and Pullman's scalp both looks like hard lines for Bre'r Mugsy.

Kansas may skin us on foot ball, but Nebraska can wallop 'em on corn.

WAR TALK NOW DYING OUT

Eastern League and American Association Big Bluff Fails. BOLTING IS NOT POPULAR

Two Leagues Which Walked Out of Recent Meeting Have Not Money Enough to Really Pull Away.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The wise men in base ball do not believe that war is coming. The Eastern league and American association want recognition of their two organizations as a class by themselves.

Major league base ball plans are expensive things nowadays, and the Eastern league and American association know it very well. They won't really pull away from the National Association of Minor Leagues. They are just making a strong bluff in order to get some concession in the way of drafting players both by the National and American leagues, and by the two bolting associations from the minor bodies.

NEW RULES FOR BIG CUP RACE

Restricted Cars Only in the Vanderbilt Cup Event in Future.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The Vanderbilt cup race hereafter will be a race for restricted cars and not a race for engines of unlimited power within a certain weight limitation. The bore will be restricted in future, probably to 120 millimeters, the limit fixed by the International congress, and the stroke may be limited as well.

The first intimation that such a decision had been reached was received through Frank Webb, vice chairman of the Vanderbilt cup committee, at the celebration of the locomobile's victory at Bridgeport. In addressing the assemblage there, Chairman Webb stated that the locomobile No. 18 had won its last race, and would be ineligible for future contests for the cup. He then stated that a restriction of bore would be a condition of the race in future and probably a restriction in stroke, and that in all probability the bore would be made to conform with the international regulations recently adopted—120 millimeters. He expressed the wish that the Locomobile company would build three racing cars of the new dimension, and not only enter them in the Vanderbilt cup race, but also for the grand prix of the Automobile club of France.

The suggestion that the Bridgeport concern become a competitor abroad was received with general favor, and there was some talk of Bridgeport citizens organizing a syndicate to build three cars and send them abroad. George Robertson expressed

Portugal, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary and Egypt. Motoring is growing in popularity in California, India. Word received from the American Consul at Manila, Mich. sel, shows that 567 drivers' tickets were issued up to March 21, 1908, as compared with 284 on the same date last year.

A western agent has adopted a novel scheme for demonstrating at night the workings of a motor car. The car is placed under the hood several electric lights and the motor can be seen in full operation through the headlights of the motor.

The route as mapped out for the annual New Year's day endurance run of the Quaker City Motor club of Philadelphia will prove a most interesting one.

RACING ALIVE IN THE WEST

East Looks Westward for Its Winter's Racing Sport. PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON RACING

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Not a few horsemen have expressed the opinion that for the season of 1909 the hunters and amateur sportsmen will play an important part in keeping the interest in racing alive. These little amateur meetings have grown to importance with all the lovers of the horse, and while many of them are still practically family affairs, whenever the public has been invited the response has been ready and the interests in that branch of the sport has constantly grown.

That there will be fine meetings at Oakland and Los Angeles is positive, as many high-class horses have been shipped from the east to the coast, and they will be followed by the better element of the turf patrons. At Oakland on the opening day there were 8,000 persons in the stands, which speaks well for the popularity of the sport, considering that the population of San Francisco, from which the attendance is drawn, is very little more than 500,000.

On high days and holidays at Los Angeles the gate shows an attendance of about 7,500, drawn from a population of less than 25,000. Horse racing is a great attraction in both the cities during the winter months and is appreciated by the masses and business men. It has been proved that a city like Los Angeles is benefited by the sport as it places large sums of money in circulation and lengthens the winter season to five months when before it was three.

There has been some opposition to racing in Los Angeles, as there always is when one element of the population is disinclined to sport, but the satisfactory results in business quarters have brought forth plenty of argument which offsets the opposition. The same condition exists in San Francisco where the association is encouraged to run a meeting of 150 days every winter and spring.

Even at this early date hundreds of turf patrons have left this city for California. One railroad company has been asked to carry more than 40 passengers whom they take directly to the racing centers. Should the sport in New York receive no encouragement during the winter months there is every probability that racing will be continued for a long period on the coast. In fact, with New York closed it would be the only practical racing center, unless there is favorable legislation in some of the states that have been closed for a year or two, like Missouri and Illinois.

In the east the chances of holding successful meetings are favorable. Many believe that Governor Hughes is satisfied with the present situation and that no further interference need be anticipated. There are others who have no confidence in the governor and believe that he will continue his crusade against the sport until the thoroughbred in this country is a thing of the past. This class is very much in the minority, however.

IOWA WILL LOSE GOOD MEN. Some of Best on Back Field Will Leave the Team. IOWA CITY, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—With the close of the local football season today, the question of next year's prospects comes to the fore. Iowa will lose some of the best men on the team including Captain Kirk, Seidel, Hastings, Stutsman, Perrins, Carberry and Collins. All of these men graduate, with the exception of Hastings, who is a member of a military academy. However, the star center has played his allotted three years and is not eligible next season.

That Iowa will have the best backfield in the nation is a foregone conclusion, according to present indications. With Wagner, quarterback; Murphy and Ehret, halves of this year's freshmen team as a nucleus Coach Catlin will have little trouble so far as speed and experience are concerned. Hull and Chase will fill an end and a tackle, and it is believed line men will be developed who will be an improvement over this year.

The Hawkeye back field has been minus speed and snap since the beginning of this season and it had no power to make up for the slowness. Murphy and Ehret are two of the fastest men ever to try for an Iowa eleven and both are shifty and not easily injured, being more matured than the average first year men. Ehret played at the State Normal before it was recognized as college within the eyes of the conference and Murphy is the former Ida Grove star and a brother of "Beany" Murphy, last year's halfback.

MISSOURI VALLEY BASKET BALL

Schedule of Games of Teams in New Association.

DES MOINES, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—In a meeting at Kansas City a Missouri Valley Basketball league was formed, six schools being made members, and Ames will be included in the Argies place a team in the field this season. The six teams are Kansas, Washington and Missouri on the north and Iowa, Nebraska and Drake on the south.

On account of the distance between the northern and southern divisions of the schools, it was decided that the three teams in each division should fight for the title in their division.

F. H. Ewerhardt of Washington was elected president of the association and Dr. Ray Clapp of Nebraska the secretary. Ames will play at Columbia Jan. 2, 5, 9, 12 and 15. Drake will play at Lincoln either February 10 or 11. Foreign games for Missouri follow: At Washington January 15, at Ames January 30, at Lincoln February 1, at Lawrence February 3. Other dates will be arranged later.

From Foot Ball to Base Ball. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—According to a base ball crank who traveled the south last season, Manager McGraw of the Giants in drafting Catcher Rapp from the Meridian team of the Cotton States league grabbed one of foot ball's brightest stars. Rapp, it is said, is no other than George Capron, the famous fullback of the University of Minnesota team of 1907.

Capron is back in school again this fall, but has been declared ineligible on account of his connection with professional base ball. Capron was the best fullback in the west last season on account of his marvelous ability as a punter and drop kicker. He was compared to Coy Yale, and many critics hailed him as the greatest kicker since the days of Horschberger, and that was several seasons ago. Capron's kicking ability may have attracted McGraw to him, but at any rate he had a fine season down south. It is just possible that he will not get a trial with the Giants, as there is some dispute over the title to him, caused by the assumed name.

New Grand Stand for Grinnell. GRINNELL, Ia., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—A contribution of \$5,000 has been made by a prominent Iowa college alumnus on the condition that a like amount be raised by the students and faculty, the total fund to be used in erecting a new grand stand and cement grand stand on Ward field. An adequate grand stand is a much needed improvement at Grinnell, Iowa and Drake now have concrete stands.

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