

JUDGMENTS

IT MAY be true, as we are informed, that the Western league is going to be a slow-mule race this year, but frankly we don't believe it. Anyway, too early for that much wisdom to be placed on exhibition.

Two interesting exchanges of players were made last week. One was the Cubs' purchase of Beaumont and the other the exchange by Cincinnati to St. Louis of ...

You have Cy Young's word for it that the spit ball has seen its last season. The Grand Old Man of the box, in his forty-fourth year and about his twenty-fifth as a premier pitcher, ought to be entitled to make a regular, if not a special, favor of the spit ball as a back number.

We are told there is good ground for hoping that George Graham will be absolved for his guilty role this season. He will be strong enough to take his place regularly and he does not care to be easy that after his two disastrous experiences with that knee.

Manager Jack Holland is a fairly busy boy these days, building a new Western league team and a new park at the same time. Jack is doing both with such vigor and getting such wholesome support from his friends in St. Joe that nobody is doubting his ultimate success.

If the National league race of 1910 isn't the fiercest it has been in many years, then we miss our guess. The Cubs, in all probability will give the Pirates the closest and they have ever had, for the Cubs are filling up every suggestion of a hole with first-class material.

Beaumont makes about the fourth player Pittsburgh has thrown away and the Cubs have pitched up—Pfeiffer, Hoffman, Archer, the others. And they're not so bad.

It might be stated in passing that C. Mathewson has signed a contract to pitch for New York.

It's less than sixty days now till the first game at Vinton park. Doesn't that help some?

In the meantime the Jeff-Jack bunch are keeping mighty quiet about it.

This doesn't seem to have been a good thing for the holdout.

There's no Bourke is for the state of Iowa?

HANDBOOK BETTING GROWS

New System Has Crippled the Pool Room Industry.

HASN'T CHECKED SMALL BETTING

Veteran Gambler Says Anti-Bookmaking Law Has Increased Speculation Among the Picking Classes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—"Running pool rooms in the big town is a dead letter, said a veteran gambler at a cosy table the other night. There's no money in 'em 'cause the coppers won't stand for 'em, and, besides, the handbook guys have cornered the business. You can't keep a room for regular book players going a week before the sleuths get wise and you get the word to close down. But the handbook fellers are never stopped because it's hard to get them with the goods.

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"The hand book guys, therefore, have benefited by the new law, for these fellows are now betting from the street beyond their means at the tracks are now betting with them. There's no racing going on in this vicinity now, is there? It isn't necessary. The winter tracks at Jacksonville, Tampa, Juarez and Oakland are all running and they pray for every day when they can bet on the horse tracks, for the law will take them on horses at any of the tracks up to a certain time before the races are called and they settle on the quotations appearing in print the next day.

"Do the hand book men watch? Some of the cheap screw run out naturally, but the rest are smart. They don't bet on the street and settle when they're hard hit, 'cause they know in the long run that the people who are betting with them are not as smart as the big professionals at the tracks. Where do these hand books operate? Almost anywhere. You can get a bet down in cigar stores, saloons, hotels, in the cheap restaurants and hotels if you're known. But you've got to be introduced by some responsible guy always. The streets are popular with some of these players, especially in the neighborhood of a bulletin board where the results of the races are posted as soon as they're run. There's a hard task to find a private hard matter to get the evidence. They just whisper the name of a horse to the hand book feller and he walks away a few yards to jot it down. If cash is bet it is rolled up in a little ball and shoved into the bookmaker's overcoat pocket. It's done so fast you hardly think the sleuth can get an idea of what is going on.

Change Base of Operations. "Another thing. The handbook men never operate in the same place more than two days in succession. They shift around in a certain neighborhood always giving the tip where they can be found, so that in case somebody makes a dick to the coppers it's a hard task to find a private. Governor Hughes hasn't stopped betting on horse races at all. He's handed a wallop to the tracks which has made them suffer heavy losses. But his new law has simply spread the betting game all over town. If the tracks could do business on the old lines again and the field enclosures were reopened very few of the old guard would go back to bet at a head 'cause the handbooks have got their trade permanently.

"The coppers know all about the hand-book business, but they can't stop it. It would take 10,000 sleuths to run up all the handbook men in town and then legal evidence would be lacking. After that there would be the same old game in some new places under temporary restrictions until the flurry ended. It's different with the rooms. Once a room is planted and business gets good the cops can catch up a patrol wagon and arrest everybody. If protection is paid it's such a heavy tariff that a room can't live. The patronage while it lasts consists of wise players who bet big money and are hard to beat, but the soft money of idlers doesn't come. Glidden and name of the handbooks has gone the way of other soft snags and I don't believe it'll ever come back as far as this burg is concerned."

Coffroth After Fighters. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—It looks certain now that Jim Driscoll, the English pugilist, will get the preference over Owen Moran for a fight with Abe Attell in San Francisco for the featherweight championship of the world.

Jimmy Coffroth, who is at present in England, has decided to match either Driscoll or Moran against Attell for a battle on February 22 but as Moran lost a decision to Matty Baldwin recently the indication is that Attell will decline to fight Moran and take on Driscoll.

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BLUE SERGE SUIT SALE

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Open Break Ball is New to Pool Players

Agitation to Change the Rules So as to Help the Game Along. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—As the ball-line revolutionized billiards, so will the proposed "open break" work a great improvement in the game of continuous pool according to Thomas Heuston, who has been practicing here for his title match with Jerome Keogh. Heuston is exhibiting the new style of break in his daily exhibitions at Doyle's and is trying to induce the rule-makers to write it into code for championship play.

Experts who have experimented with it say that Heuston's idea is entirely practicable, that it would make the game more spectacular in that much safety play would be eliminated, that it would permit long runs without the safety pauses, and that among expert players it could be easily manipulated. It is Heuston's belief that the open break will not only improve the game for spectators, but would result in the establishment of averages that would indicate relative abilities of players as in new the case in billiards.

TENTH ANNUAL BILLIARD MEET

Tournament Committee Decides on April for Contest. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the tournament committee of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players, held here, arrangements were made for holding the tenth annual tournament for the Class A national amateur championship during next April. An invitation will be sent to clubs requesting them to apply for a sanction to hold this tournament. These applications must be in the hands of the committee not later than March 1, when the location of the contest will be fixed at the general meeting of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players.

GLIDDEN TOUR IS A FIXTURE

Contest Board Decides to Give Race Again This Year. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—All doubts as to holding an automobile tour for the Glidden trophy this year were recently set at rest at a meeting of the contest board of the American Automobile association. It was decided to retain the prize offered by Mr. Glidden and to name the winner of the national contest for the Glidden trophy.

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