

# The noble red man never knew, when roaming in the woods, His race would have a foot ball crew delivering the goods.



Judgments

RE the minors at last going to take matters in their own hands and have a little to say about how their own business is to be run? One might in-fer from resolutions at the recen-National association meeting that they intended to do just that little thing. In the first place the little fellows turned down every request or demand Davy Fultz of the Players' fraternity made, which is the same as throwing down the gauntlet to permitting the National Commission to interfere in their affairs, which is the same as slipping the majors a mild warning. The minors have been getting it in the neck for the last twenty years. The last three years they have been getting it good. The entire profits of all the minors in the country in the last three years wouldn't have Dayy, in the second place they open-ly declared themselves as opposed to permitting the National Commission

entire profits of all the minors in the country in the last three years wouldn't biy a week's supply of cigarets for a Mexican track layer. And the boys who have been footing the tills are getting somewhat pained, they've reached the point where they won't stand for much more and anybody who makes additional demands on them isn't likely to be joyfully received. Fultz has said he will not submit to the turn down the minors gave him at their New Orleans meeting. And as Fultz generally means what him at their New Orleans meeting.
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he says it probably means the Players' fraternity will put up a battle, it
may even go so far as to call the
threatened strike. But it is just as
probable that the minors will fight
back to the limit, even closing their
parks if they have to.

The minor leagues make up a powerful organization and if they ever decide to get together and fight shoulder
to shoulder as they should they'll become more of dictators instead of
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subjects in the realm of professional base ball.

Doc Stewart, having been unfortunate in his first year at Nebraska, is going to come in for a lot of criticism because the Cornhuskers dropped two games this fall. But how any person who took one slant at that Nebraska backfield could put the blame on Stewart is a mystery to the blame on Stewart is a mystery to us. Creighton had a backfield that had the Cornhusker chargers beat to death. Nobody but a miracle man fould have made a scoring machine out of those Husker backs. Next year four mighty good backfield men, Kellogg, Day, Schellenberg and Mc-Mahon, graduate from the freshmen Mahon, graduate from the freshmen to the varsity. Stewart should be able to mold a great eleven out of his present material and these men. If he fails then Stewart will have to shoulder the blame. But he shouldn't be made to shoulder it this year, he didn't have an even chance. Next year he'll have more than an even chance, so let's reserve judgment, on the new Cornhusker mentor for another twelve months.

Some big trades are going to be pulled off in the big leagues this year. Miller Huggins has been given orders to swap his entire club, Weeghman has announced that he will get a lot of new men for the Cubs, McGraw is after a player or two, Brooklyn wants a catcher and shortstop, the White Sox want a third sacker, the Browns need some new men, and so does practically every other club with the possible exception of the Red Sox. We were treated to some juicy trades the possible exception of the Red Sox. We were treated to some juicy trades and purchases last year and the year before, when such stars as Collins, Speaker, McCarty, Herzog, Zimmerman, Doyle, Mathewson and others changed locations, but they'll look like bush league deals in comparison to those that are likely to come up this winter.

The much dicussed strike of the players sounds like a lot of Mexican bunk to us. The base ball player of the present day is much like the prize lighter. His first/interest is the coin he gets. Shut up the parks a few days and suspend the payment of salaries and hear the noise the players will make. If the magnates merely say, "let 'em strike," and then make good, it won't be long before the players will come to time.

The major leagues have a lot of The major leagues have a lot of differences to settle this year. If they are wise they will make their settlements quietly and cut out the nauseating publicity that has attended them in the past. Scraps between the magnates ordinarily give the fan a pain. And in these days of the H. C. L. it isn't wise to give the fan, who pays the freight, any illness.

Base ball men might just as well begin to lay their plans for the re-distribution of territory. Interest in the game will continue to lag until some changes are made. Eventually the redistribution must come, so why

Well, the foot ball season's over; ring on the basket ball and the wrestlers.

# **MILLION-DOLLAR BALL PARK TALKED**

Owners of New York Americans Confer with Ban Johnson About Plant.

HOLD OPTIONS ON LAND

New York, Dec. 2.-As a result of several preliminary caucuses now be-ing held by base hall magnates of the American and National leagues an of-

league owners have resented the use of the Polo grounds by the Yanks and it is known that the Giant management has hinted that the National league would prefer to have the historic old grounds all to themselves.

Captain Huston and Colonel Ruppert have been in the position of a visitor who feels that he has overstayed his time. They also have discovered that the close proximity and friendliness of the two clubs have had a dampening effect on the local riva dampening effect on the local riv-alry between the Yanks and Giants. Last fall there was so little interest displayed in a series of games be-tween the two clubs that the idea was abandoned.

Too Friendly.

Captain Huston declares that if the two clubs had been playing on sepa-rate grounds a Giant-Yank series would have drawn almost as well as

a world's series.

The Boston American league club came in for a lot of criticism last fall for transferring their games with Brooklyn to Braves field in Boston on account of its large seating capacity. It took away the American league atmosphere, even if the players did show a lot of it in their playing.

That will not occur again.
In fact it has become very evident that the harmonious co-operation of the two leagues has robbed the game of a lot of its fire. Hereafter they will go it alone.

Talk With Johnson. Several weeks ago Captain Huston and Colonel Ruppert realized that the quicker they get a park of their own the better it will be for their ball club, and they are on the job. Both of them are now in French Lick Springs con-ferring with President Johnson on the question of a proper location for the big million-dollar park. The question to be decided is whether the grounds shall be located on Manhattan island or in Queens. Options are held on property at the other end of the Queensboro bridge and on two plots on the island. There is a chance for them to locate at the eastern foot of Forty-second street—in the gas house

### Mathewson is Not Worrying, He Says

be strong.
"In Chase and Groh I have the two best infielders of the National league for the wings. If we have the luck to uncover-a first class shortstop the Reds will have to take the dust of few rivals."

### Wealth of Fighters Bob Up in Welter Division

New York, Dec. 2.—Never was there such a wealth of welters. That ill-favored class has suddenly burst orth in splendor with no less than a forth in splendor with ho less than a half dozen topnotch contenders that haven't been rivalled in the last fifteen years. Look: Britton. M&Farland, Ritchie, Ted Lewis, Badoud, Bartfield, O'Dowd, Griffiths, Gilmore, Mile Glover. Duffy, Marty Cross (Leach Cross' brother), and others. And only a short time ago the welterweight division was so unopoular that Packie vision was so unpopular that Packie McFarland, who was unquestionably the best welter in the game, refused to claim or accept the title.

Needs a New Team.

All that Coach Yost of Michigan will have to do next year is to develop a new foot ball team. Johnny Maubettech, the Walverines of 1916, is through

OMAHA COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM-The "Bookkeepers" made a good record for themselves as an ambitious, scrappy lot during the season. In the picture they are: Front, Oscar Weinstein. Second row, left to right—George Bernstein, E. Rokusek, Julius Gerelick, Frank Ross, Milton Morearty, Captain Wade Reeves, Fred Morledge. Third row, left to right Kinsley, Albert Card, Charles Conkiser, Coach James Drummond, William Dewey, Perry Shirley and Robert Moore.



# TENNIS HAS THREE MILLION PLAYERS

Once Ridiculed as "Ladies Game," Strenuous Pastime Wins Many Men's Favor.

BUILD COURTS CITIES

New York, Dec. 2 .- Tennis, the same sport that was ridiculed as being too much of a ladies' game a few years ago is now rapidly approaching base ball as a national pastime. This season, figures Fred Alexander, the former national champion, more than 3,000,000 men, women and children played tennis in the United States. The game has taken such a hold on the sport-loving public that great tennis centers like New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco have sprung up and the game is spreading like a prairie fire to every section of the country.

Tennis was so popular this year that most of the leading cities established municipal courts, while hundreds of private clubs installed lighting systems so that their members could play tennis at night.

Alexander declares that tennis has developed quicker than any other sport in this country, even including hase ball. He gives three reasons for this—a wonderful form of exercise, cheapness and a game that resisted. 3,000,000 men, women and children

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Sudden Popularity. "The sudden popularity of tennis surprises us all," said Alexander, who as a player and expert ranks with the topnotchers. "Now we have variations that attract in ous championships that attract in-terest from thousands of youths, addi-tional tournaments for even young schoolboys and many meets for women, whose members greatly in-creased this year. The sport is no longer restricted to a few spots like Newport and Longwood, but is scattered all over the land. Philadel-

the game, and that seemed to please the younger players, the kind who delight in taking strenuous exercise. "McLoughlin was looked up to as

"McLoughlin was looked up to as a model for hundreds of youngsters who have been starring on the courts the last few years. They not only played a dashing game like McLoughlin, but actually improved on the Comet's style, a development that is making our leaders some of the greatest racquet wielders in the world."

Alexander explains that tennis is really only beginning to get big.

### Quincy Owner Puts His Whole Team on the Block

Oscar Shannon, owner of the Quincy franchise, in the "III" league, has offered his entire team for sale. The players include Manager John Castle, Pitchers Higbee, Cummings, Young, Heizer, Bierman and Kuep-per; Catchers Tyree, Lingle, Kuhn and Boelzle, and Fielders Foley, Gol-vin, Turner, Boyle, Sherer and Trainer.

### Hawkeye Basket Shooters to Have Extensive Schedule

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)— Hawkeye basket tossers have come together immediately at the close of the foot ball season and are taking their first workouts on the gymnasium floor daily under the direction of Coach M. A. Kent. About twenty men are out for the squad, all of them candidates who either had experience last year or who played with the reserves or freshmen.

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As the saying goes each year,
"Prospects for a winning basket ball
five at lowa City this season are very
bright." The Hawkeyes make no complaint of the outlook, however. Captain Bannick, without doubt the best
player in the state today, is out for
forward again and is assured of a position. He has been showing up brilliantly in the first practices. Von
Lackum and Schiff, guards last year,
are also available and can be kept off
the five only by the appearance of the five only by the appearance of

some phenomenal opposition.
Two games with Ames, two with
Cornell and one other remain to be arranged before the Iowa schedule is complete. Director Kellogg, however, announces the following games for the

year:

December 13—State Teachers at Iowa
City.

December 19—Lombard at Iowa City.
January 6—Chicago at Chicago.
January 12—Indians at Iowa City.
January 17—Indians at Ilowa City.
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January 19—Purdue at Lafayette.
January 12—Northwestern at Evanton.
February 12—Chicago at Iowa City.
March 19—Minnesota at Iowa City.
March 19—Northwestern at Iowa City.
March 10—Northwestern at Iowa City.

### Dobie's Eleven to Tackle Dartmouth In East Next Year

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### Bigbee Keeps in Shape By Chopping Down Trees

John Carson Bighee, the rising young Kuep-Kuhn his father's farm out in Oregon and writes that he intends keeping in condition by chopping down trees and indulging in other "light" exercise.

# WILLARD FLIRTING WITH QUICK DEATH

Jess Laying Himself Open by Taking Life Easy and Working Very Little.

TWO FIGHTS, THREE YEARS

New York, Dec. 2.-How long can Jess Willard remain out of the ring and still retain his reputation of be-ing invincible? During the last three ing invincible? During the last three years Willard has taken part in two houts, one with Jack Johnson and the other the ten-round affair with Frank Moran. That is not nearly enough work to keep a fighting man in shape to do his best work.

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It is a rule with few exceptions that when a boxer retires for as long as a year he loyes 50 per cent of his form. Jack Johnson was no exception to this rule, although Johnson was a natural boxer who needed less practice than the average gloveman. Willard is strictly a manufactured boxer. He is not by nature a fighting man and it was only by laborious practice that he acquired whatever amount of ability he possessed.

Willard says the boxing he does every day during the circus season keeps him in good shape. But the thampion's circus boxing is strictly a joke. He merely goes two one-min-

champion's circus boxing is strictly a joke. He merely goes two one-minute rounds and lets his sparring mate do all the work at that. Gymnasium boxing has ruined every fighter who tried it for any length of time. It gets him in the habit of pulling his punches. Willard showed in his bout with Moran that it was beginning to get in its work. He fought Moran as though he were boxing a sparring partner instead of defending a championship. Instead of stopping his man. Willard merely boxed defensively when he should have been forcing the fight. He followed the tactics learned in the gymnasium, which are altogether different to those used in

New York, Dec. 2—Lawn tenns is to be played at the Ice Skating Palace, with Fred B. Alexander in charge of the arrangements; in fact, the idea originated with him. It is apparent that the players of this game must meet two big requirements. In the got his regular salary, reported to be spot a season, and two cuts of the world's series melon. That means approximately \$17,000 for working about twenty hours in two years, or \$850 every six minutets If you have tears to shed, this is not the spot.

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Some but the best of skaters could hope to play the game. It requires Michigan Gridiron Star

Leans Toward Aviation

John Maulbetsch, captain of the University of Michigan foot hall eleven, has become an enthusiastic aviator. He has made flights with part the feet play in making these very comparations and the part the feet play in making these strekes they are certain to come a aviator. He has made flights with part the feet play in making inese aviator. He has made flights with Don McKee of Saginaw, brother of "Red" McKee, the Detroit base ball club's cather, and seems anxious for the game was tried. But only one match was played. It caused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm ran light. At the time there was much high. At the time there was much talk about forming an ice tennis tournament, with regularly scheduled At the time there was much matches throughout the winter.

Has a Handicap.

filly Miske is a sweet battler and all that, but he's going to have a hard time getting publicity so long as the Gibbons family remains in St. Paul.

# **GOLF ASSOCIATION** FACES BIG TASKS

Reinstatement of Outlawed Multi - Millionaire Enthusiast Members May Lead to Interesting and Warm Debates.

THOSE MUNICIPAL LINKS IT GAVE HIM HIS HEALTH

Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.-There may be exciting moments next January at the meeting of the United States Golf association delegates. The decision of the Woodland Golf club to pursue the course mapped out some months ago and fight hard for the reinstate-ment of the members at present outthan a clear-cut decision which will show to the golfers all over the country the 1917 attitude of the new executive committee.

The whole question is far bigger than any committee or club, and it is

true spirit of democracy.

Some Suppositions.
Suppose that 100 clubs had had their favorite members debarred by the United States Golf association officials and were deprived of a discus-

ficials and were deprived of a discussion of the case.

Suppose, as happened in this case, there was a refusal on the part of the resident executive committeeman to meet and discuss together the merits of the situation and that repeated efforts on the part of the club officials failed to get the proper and courteous response expected concerning the notification of disbarment, etc. Would many golfers deny that a feeling of great disloyalty would creep into the hearts of the members of the hundred clubs on the ground that they had not the right sort of treatment by the men the right sort of treatment by the men elected on a national ticket for that

very purpose.

But as this happened to only one club there has not been the same feeling of sympathy because of the peculiar circumstances of the members in liar circumstances of the members in-volved. The officers of the United States Golf association must meet half way every time any club, whether ac-tive or associate, for the clearing up of any disagreement. In this case who would say that the Woodland club had received anywhere near a square deal.

A Hornet's Nest.

It is on that account and not for the personal sympathy accorded to Francis Ouimet and the others that the Woodland club has—it may surprise some of the officials to hear—heard from well over fifty clubs in the east tendering their belief in their strength of the other heard from the other heard from well over fifty clubs in the east tendering their belief in their strength as well, while action, and sympathy as well; while only five clubs—you would not fail to guess them without being told—have said that they believe the club was in the wrong.

And accompanying the letter from

one of the five clubs was a statement that it was only the majority part of the executive committee of the club which favored the United States Golf association action and that the club members were spokenly in favor of the Woodland club. Is it reasonable to presume that the official action or nonaction is right when it is so over-whelmingly vetoed by thinking men far from the immediate scene of ac-

If the men in authority think it is the amateur rule alone which has roused the golfers of the country they are much mistaken. For years there has been discontent over the distribution of official favors; there have been outspoken statements that the men in power did not have a democratic view the committee bring in another one. roused the golders of the country they are much mistaken. For years there has been discontent over the distribution of official favors; there have been outspoken statements that the men in power did not have a democratic view of the golding situation in the United States; there was at one time, almost decade are a serious set of differ-

outspoken statements that the men in power did not have a democratic view of the golfing situation in the United States; there was at one time, almost a decade ago, a serious set of differences between the east and west, which were happily blotted out for the time being.

Differences out west seem to have come once more to the surface in no uncertain form and there has been a different attitude on the part of the officials in refusing every request for the abolishment of the stymic, a procedure ten times less important than it may seem, involving no greater courage than it did to keep the Schenectady putter and being a matter which need not be taken up with 5.

## **HOW BARNES GAVE** U. S. ROWING START

Spends Thousands of Dollars to Give Sport Boost.

New York, Dec. 2 .- Julius Barnes, called "The Father of American Rowing," has done more than any other man to popularize the aquatic sport in America, which has come forward with such leaps and bounds during the last fifteen years. And behind it

The whole question is far bigger than any committee or club, and it is to be hoped that steps will be taken in the meanwhile to have a harmonious gathering two months from now.

The question that has arisen between the Woodland Golf club and the officials of the United States Golf association has not a few complex elements, important to every club in the country whose members favor the true spirit of democracy. Barnes today is rated as a multi-millionaire. In the other days he was a poor boy, working his way along toward success, and traveling the long, hard road. And so he could not follow the advice of his physician, be-cause to guit work meant to abandon

iong, hard road. And so he could not follow the advice of his physician, because to quit work meant to abandon his means of livelihood.

And then it was that Julius Barnes took up rowing. In that darkest hour he saw a ray of light and it directed him to the water, to a boat and to a pair of oars. Every evening when his work was done he would take himself down to Old St. Louis bay and row up, and down until nightfall—and beyond.

The exertion at first, tired him very much. But in a little while he found that he could pull harder and faster—and not feel tired. Soon his cheeks filled out and began to bloom. His chest took on a bulge and muscles began to develop on his arms, his legs and on his body. In less than a year Julius Barnes, frail, wan and worked out, developed into a strong, husky youth, with clear eyes, clear skin and superb health. superb health.

Regains His Health.

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"It was rowing that did it for me—and nothing else," said Barnes.

"When I took up the sport I was in poor condition. Within a year I had regained all my lost health—and much more. And I have been a rowing enthusiast ever since."

A year or so after he took up rowing Barnes joined the first crew that ever represented Duluth. It was a remarkable quartet—one that swept its way to victory in almost every contest that it entered.

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Fifteen years or so ago, when Barnes was forced to abandon the sport as a regular pleasure to devote his time to his grain business in New York and Duluth, he decided to bobst the game whenever he could.

"Rowing probably saved my life," he once said. "I know what it did for me in upbuilding health. And so I felt that it was only right that I should open the way for other boys to grow strong and healthy through its medium."

Patron of Club.

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Barnes became the patron of the Woodland club. Is it reasonable to presume that the official action or nonaction is right when it is so overwhelmingly vetoed by thinking men far from the immediate scene of action who surely have not been haphazard in their choice.

The game of golf is too fine a sport to be immeasureably hurt by the concerted action of a few men who are sincere in their beliefs that they are managing for the best interest of the game. That is a point worth considering. To our more than 500,000 there are being added 30,000 or 35,000 news golfers each year.

Municipal Links.

What will be the new order when we have a million players or more in the country? Have many of you thought much about the new municipal championship won this year by Chicago from Hartford and played on arsman. The boys there begin row-ing at an early age, and when they

courage than it did to keep the Schenectady putter and being a matter which need not be taken up with St. Andrews at all, statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

Game Needs Men.

I submit that the game of golf needs men of conviction who are wise and prudent. I do not intend this article to take up the matter of the amateur question, but in this connection.

Woodland will bring the matter to a head at the annual meeting or before that time. They may not bave enough helping votes then, with only active clubs voting, but again they may. Time alone will tell. The apt remark of ex-Senator Cannon that "if the good things, are made as popular them we shall have good government," may fit this case.