

THE SPORTING WORLD

Roy Kitchings a Heavy Hitter

The following item from The Atlanta Georgian will be read with interest by Charlotte fans: "Roy Kitchings will leave March 1st to join the Charlotte baseball club for spring practice. Kitchings has been playing with amateur clubs in Atlanta for a good many years. He played with the strong Carter & Gillespie club last season which won the City League pennant. His hitting average last year was .350 and fielding .950. "Kitchings is at present employed by the Western Electric Company, where he has been all winter."

EXPECTING TROUBLE.

Canada Will Try to Enter Indian Runners Who are Under Ban at Olympic Games and Americans are Determined to Fight the Move.

According to The New York Times there is likely to be a merry athletic war when the Olympic games are held in London next summer. Reports from Canada are to the effect that the Dominion will appropriate \$30,000 to send a team to the world's meet, and among the athletes on the Canadian team will be Tom Longboat, the Indian long-distance runner, who is under the ban of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

James E. Sullivan, president of the A. A. U., refused to say yesterday what his association would do if Longboat is allowed to compete in the Olympic games.

"We will cross that bridge when we come to it," said Mr. Sullivan, rather facetiously.

Other men close to the A. A. U. powers that be were more communicative. One said there was no doubt that the American athletes would be prohibited from competing in any race in which Longboat appeared as a starter. This would include the Marathon, the greatest contest at the Olympiad, but the English committee will have a tough task to straighten out this tangle," said another of the wise ones. "They are bound to offend either America or Canada."

It is not likely the American association will go so far as to withdraw the whole Yankee team, although that would be the right thing to do under the A. A. U. rules. America will undoubtedly protest Longboat as a professional, and may be able to secure the proof of it before next summer.

TO DECIDE TUESDAY ON LEAGUE

Meeting of Representatives of Various Towns at Wilson to Take Action on a Six or Eight-Club League.

Special to The Observer. Raleigh, Feb. 26.—There is very great enthusiasm about baseball here and to the east of Raleigh, and it seems that what is known as the Central and Eastern Baseball League is to be a very popular thing indeed. A letter from Winston to-day says that a team there is a certainty and that very great interest is exhibited by the people. The places which put up the best forfeit will of course come in. It is said by some persons that a six-team league is the best, but there may be eight clubs. If Wilmington comes in, then Fayetteville or Henderson will also be expected to join. A week from next Tuesday there is to be a meeting at Wilson of representatives of the various points in order to form a league. The prospect is uncomparably good for excellent ball this year.

ASHENBACH'S WAY.

How He Gets His Men to Put Forth Their Best Efforts.

This week's Sporting Life has a cut of Ed Ashenbach, who managed the Charlotte club in 1902. This year he will manage the Johnston team of the Tri-State League. He has signed a number of players and is going after the pennant in his usual vigorous manner. Ed is a fighter—every inch of him—and the players around him must keep on the go. He hates dragging play, and the little things worry him. While in Charlotte some one admonished him for using harsh language to his men, and he replied: "This Y. M. C. A. talk don't go in baseball. Imagine me saying: 'Brother B—, you seem a little careless to-day; won't you please try a little harder?' Now wouldn't that jar you? The only way I can get the players to hustle is to yell out something like this: 'Hey, you blankety-blank blab, what're y'alls doin' matter wid y'ar? Git in de game!'"

National Commission Begins Investigation.

New York, Feb. 26.—The National baseball commission began to-day its work of investigating the cases of several players who are under the ban of certain clubs to their services. After hearing a number of disputed cases between clubs and players, the commission adjourned until to-morrow.

Pitcher Wilhelm, for whom Brooklyn paid \$1,000 to Birmingham, goes to Brooklyn, while the Birmingham club was fined \$150 for violating the rules and Wilhelm is to get \$350 of the draft money.

Pitcher Lanford Visits Davidson. Davidson, Feb. 26.—A visitor on the hill this week that attracted a good deal of attention and was the recipient of a warm and hearty welcome was Lanford, last year's star pitcher, who afterwards won a place on the Washington Americans. Lanford, after attending the sophomore banquet at the college, came up with the fellows for a brief visit. It was at first reported that he would remain here for some time and assist Coach Stouch in training the pitchers, but this rumor seems to have been premature at least.

Covenanters Win Game. In an interesting game of baseball yesterday afternoon on the grounds of the south graded school, the Covenanters won from Tryon Street by the score of 12 to 5. The game was snappy until the sixth inning, when the Covenanters found the ball and began making use of it. The features of the game were the batting of Colt for Tryon Street and the good all-around playing of Pharr for the Covenanters.

NEW ORLEANS RACES

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—Blagg, 4 to 1, won the New Orleans handicap to-day at City Park. The race was worth about \$1,700 to the winner. Jack Atkin, which was expected to start, did not go to the barrier on account of the heavy weight imposed on him, 190 pounds. Weather clear; track good.

First race, 3 furlongs: Serenade, 8 to 5; won; Sister Olla, 15 to 1, second; Alania, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:30.5. Second race, 2 furlongs: Handicap: Dapple Gold, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:30.5. Fourth race, 6 furlongs: The Orleans handicap: Blagg, 6 to 1; won; John Carroll, 8 to 1, second; Conroy K., 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:30.5. Fifth race, 2 furlongs: selling: Hades, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:30.5. Sixth race, 2 furlongs: selling: Dapple Gold, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:30.5. Seventh race, mile and a sixteenth: selling: Miss Mazoni, 10 to 1, won; Dabria, 6 to 5, second; Apt, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:32.1.

AMERICA'S GREATEST TWIRLER.

Combie Mack Hates to See Waddell on the Diamond—His Power Rests Entirely on His Mighty Left Arm. A Philadelphia sport writer has the following to say about Rube Waddell, who goes to St. Louis this season: "With all the Reuben has done to add to the woes of his manager, he leaves a good friend behind him in Mr. Waddell. 'Honestly, I hate to see him go,' was the admission the lean leader made. 'He's done enough things to drive me distracted, but along with that there was plenty that was good too. "When Rube was behaving he would do anything for me, and work as often as I asked him and throw off his arm in the effort to win. He landed us the pennant in 1902, and his work in the early half of 1905 put us in such a commanding position that the bank was able to bring home that flag. "I don't think Rube is all in. I wouldn't be surprised to see him do fine work. Certainly I hope so, and I think I will be glad to see him help me give our club. I hope that the big fellow will never need aid from me, but if that day comes, I promise that he won't ask in vain. "In the middle of 1902, he pitched the local American league team on the rocks. It is violating no confidence to tell this. The ruling of the umpire was that he had pitched. Mr. Dugelby, Lajoie and Flick had hopelessly broken up Mack's team. It was bumping along in the second division, losing money and apparently having no prospect of getting out of the hole. "Then the manager made one of those strokes for which he is famous. He had known Waddell for several years. The big fellow had made his debut in Franklin, Pa., going to Homestead and Detroit in 1898, Columbus and Cleveland in 1899, Pittsburgh and Milwaukee in 1900, the Chicago Nationals in 1901, from which team he jumped to the Los Angeles outlaw team. "Combie Mack hated to see Waddell on the diamond, but he brought him back home with him. "Waddell's debut at Baltimore, making his first game, but coming to Philadelphia and making his local debut, he cut loose the first of a long series of marvelous exhibitions of pitching. "Mack's work was the opposing team and in the nine innings only twenty-seven men batted. Two made hits, but both were caught stealing. "Launched as a hero by this game, Rube pitched the rest of the season of wonderful victories. If he started the game he had the other team helpless from the go-off. If another pitcher was being hit, the instant Rube went in the opposing club fell on its face. "In the half season he was with the club in 1902, Waddell won twenty-three games and lost eight; 1903, won twenty and lost sixteen; 1904, won twenty-five and lost nineteen; 1905, won twenty-seven and lost ten, leading the league; 1906, won sixteen and lost seven; 1907, won nineteen and lost thirteen. "In 1903 Waddell established the strikeout record for one season; he fanned 301 in his thirty-eight games, a mark never even approached. "Included in his contests were many wonderful games. He pitched three extra-inning games in Boston that year, seventeen, eighteen and twenty games in the course of the season. "Every season he made the strikeout record, and the announcement of his name to pitch a Sunday game in St. Louis of Chicago was a strong enough inducement to draw a crowd near the 25,000 mark. "No player who ever belonged to a local club fluctuated so much in popularity as Rube. He was mobbed at the rail stations and cheered on the streets; again he was hissed and hooted, and many supporters of the Athletics and other clubs would perform some notable feat that would put him back in favor. "Last season he was useless in the early part of the season. In the latter part of the year he worked magnificently. Then he had a slump, and when finally he got back in form his support was so poor that no matter how well he worked he could not win. "Waddell has none of this. His power rests entirely in the speed he gets from his phenomenal arm and the muscles of his shoulder and back. No one has ever seen a pitcher ever whipped, but his prowess doesn't stop there. The portion north of that is a barren waste so far as baseball brains go. "Being a Yankee doesn't understand how to say 'No,' and it is doubtful if he will ever learn. His deeply sworn good resolves ever melt before the invitations of some bartender. "But there has also been a gentle side with the big fellow. The ele-

ment of sympathy has not been left out. When player or spectators is hurt, Rube is the first to help. "Even his worst detractors on the Atlanta side, the imprudent ones, the help he gets. Hoffman when the latter was hit on the head by the pitched ball that nearly ended his career. "The accident happened in Boston. The ambulance had been sent for, but was slow in arriving. A group of frightened players stood around the unconscious Denny, and a kneeling doctor said that he might not live to reach the hospital. "Suddenly Waddell acted. Seeing the need of haste, he gently lifted Hoffman's arm, and threw it over his shoulder, actually ran, despite his burden, all the way across the field, put the injured fellow player in a carriage and hurried to the hospital. Then, all night, he sat up with Denny and put on his face the ice that lessened the ravages of his suffering. "With all his faults, which will be missed at Columbia Park, as one of the landmarks connected with the winning of the first pennant that came to this city in fifteen years, and the fact that the Browns some day will pitch the southpaw against us, the ground won't be big enough to hold the crowd that will watch him try to beat his old comrades.

BI-CYCLE'S HEYDAY.

The Scorching Who Used to Be Arrived at the Automobile is Now New York Sun. "Every once in a while," he said, "when I hear of an automobilist who rested for going too fast, I think of the days when the scorching bicyclist used to get into trouble. "Those fellows, you remember, who had the wheel with the hub, the gears and the low frames and the rams horn handle bars, who used to dash madly down the crowded cycle paths on Sundays particularly with reckless disregard of property rights and lives of other people. "That was in the heyday of the bicycle, when every hotel had to have an L. A. W. sign to make it popular with the cyclists. "Every so often, when I get off into the country on a walking tour, I see one of those signs painted on the wall of a hotel or see an ancient bicyclist leaning against a tree trunk, which calls up those old days. "It seems a great while ago now, but really it's not so long ago. Perhaps a dozen years, perhaps less. "I can remember in other things that mark the decline of the bicycle, but none perhaps more than the falling off of interest in the road races. "In the old days an enormous crowd watched the Irvington-Milburn road race of twenty-five miles. It was what is called by some persons a classic, and upward of 80,000 persons saw some of those races. "I can remember in my home town a five mile race, which was an annual affair, that was one of the greatest athletic events you can imagine. One year it was won by a boy who worked for a laundry and I besought my father to buy me the laundry we sent our wash to, so that I might have a legitimate excuse for visiting that place to see that hero and to admire him."

A Gun Club Organized at Durham.

Special to The Observer. Durham, Feb. 26.—There was a meeting of the local sports at which the members of the Durham Gun Club were organized. Between twenty and thirty members joined at the first meeting. Mr. George L. Lyon was elected president and Mr. W. H. Overton was named as secretary and treasurer. A range is to be secured and there will be weekly shoots, beginning the first Thursday in April.

Determined to Have a Winning Team.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 26.—The management of the Winston-Salem Athletic Association is gratified with the interest being manifested by the lovers of the game in the efforts to secure a team of star ball players. Those behind the association are determined to put a winning team in this field.

WOUND AROUND SHAFING.

A Cotton Mill Operative Has a Narrow Escape from a Fatal Injury. —Durham Cotton Split Up in a Gubernatorial Election. An Aged Citizen Very Ill—Creditors of Bankruptcy Case in Agony. Special to The Observer. Durham, Feb. 26.—News reaches here of a distressing accident at Longworth Cotton Mill, two miles from Roxboro, yesterday afternoon. A man by the name of Joe Duncan was attempting to put a belt on a moving shafting when his shirt sleeve was caught by a set screw and he was quickly wound up to the shafting, his right arm being wound about the shafting and his bones broken in three places. There is no doubt but that his body would have been whirled about the shafting but for the fact that his feet became entangled in a stack of wire and he escaped. The machinery was quickly stopped and the unfortunate man was attended by two physicians. They say that he has taken new life under the care of the physicians. A letter from Roxboro to your correspondent states that there is no doubt but that he would have met instant death but for the intervention of the wires in the prompness with which the machinery was stopped. "A. Max, formerly of this city, who is now in North Carolina, has sold to J. W. Jacobson a tract of 122 acres of land in Patterson township, this county, for which the consideration is named at \$3,000. The deed was sent here to be recorded to-day. "H. A. Reams, one of Durham's old citizens and pioneer tobaccoists, is reported as being quite ill. He has been for several days suffering from severe grip attack and other troubles. "William R. Purnell, a distant relative of Judge Purnell, is quite ill at his home in the western part of the city. This evening it was stated that his recovery was doubtful. "Regarding the gubernatorial fight it looks as if Durham will have a delegation that will be decidedly split. No man can boast that he has all of Durham's strength, not at this time. Kitchin and Horne men look every way to be in the majority, and then there are Craig men who come in to speak for their champion. Horne men swear that the Johnston county man will give the State a better government than any other man needed, but by a quiet, conservative administration. On the other hand the Craig and Kitchin supporters declare that what the party needs and will need is a man who can champion the rights and claims of his party in debate, even if pitted against such men as Judge Bynum or Col. Harry Skinner. "An adjourned meeting of the creditors of the New York Stock Company was held in a room in the postoffice building to-day, Mr. Victor H. Boyd, secretary, presiding. The creditors were all represented, either in person or by counsel. The hearing lasted all day.

Have You Used Clinchfield Coal?

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NEWS OF THE UPPER CAPE FEAR

Delayed Celebrations of the Natal Day of Washington—Captain McAdams' Friends Propose His Name for Mayor.

Fayetteville, Feb. 26.—Washington's birthday, having fallen on Saturday, was celebrated at the graded school on the 24th inst., with appropriate services, consisting of patriotic songs, essays and addresses, and the celebration was also made the occasion of several eloquent tributes to General Lee. Mr. Leslie G. Bullard read an appreciative sketch of the life of Washington, and Miss Margaret Broadfoot, in a striking essay, dwelt upon the exemplary life and brilliant career of Lee. Rev. I. W. Hughes paid high tribute to both of these great patriots of the South, and Mr. James W. Atkinson, a gallant Confederate, read a stirring address on the school in behalf of himself and other veterans of the county, an excellent and handsomely framed portrait of General Lee. Mr. Atkinson's offering was graciously accepted for the school by Professor Jones, the superintendent, with appropriate expressions of appreciation. "Rapid progress is being made on the Colored Normal Schools' new buildings. The slate roof has been put on, and in a few weeks the building will be completed. "Company F (the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry) yesterday celebrated Washington's birthday, Saturday, the 22d, having been inconvenient for the purpose. The exercises consisted of a parade, target shooting and a banquet. The friends of Captain N. H. McGeachy, of this city, have sent out to the commissioned officers of the Second Captain Cohen, of Goldsboro, a letter signed by J. G. Hollingsworth, major; E. R. MacKetha, first lieutenant, and A. R. Williams, second lieutenant, of Company F. The letter is as follows: "Second Capt. N. G. G. will propose the name of Capt. N. H. McGeachy, commanding Company F (Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry) for promotion to the rank of Major G. B. Sellers, resigned. Captain McGeachy is an efficient and experienced officer, having been connected with the State militia since 1857. He resides in Fayetteville and has been a member of the assembly point for the battalion, and is known personally to almost every officer and man in it. His promotion to the rank of Major will be the approval of the battalion, and we trust that you will co-operate with us in electing him. "Circular letters are also out supporting Captain Cohen, of Goldsboro, and Captain Rodman, of Washington, N. C.

EAGLES SECURE NEW QUARTERS

The Winston-Salem Aerie Outgrows Old Building—An Association of Tobacco Auctioneers Proposed—Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 26.—With but two dissenting votes the Winston-Salem Aerie, No. 733, Fraternal Order of Eagles last night decided to secure larger and more desirable quarters, and the proposition of Messrs. Brown and Carter tendering the aerie the lease of the second floor of the building on the corner of Main and Fourth streets, was accepted. The aerie will move into its new quarters as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the building. The new quarters will be handsomely furnished. "There is a movement on foot to organize a Tri-State Association of Tobacco Auctioneers, composed of North and South Carolina and Virginia. It is practically certain that the North Carolina auctioneers will form an association, and it is very probable that South Carolina and Virginia will come in. "Col. G. E. Webb, of this city, editor of The Southern Tobacco Journal, is one of the leaders of the movement, and to him has been left the arrangements for the meeting. Colonel Webb stated to-day that he would probably call a meeting to be held in May. He will extend an invitation to the auctioneers to meet in this city, but as a majority of them live in the eastern part of the State it is thought that they will prefer either Durham or Raleigh as the place of first meeting. "At a recent meeting of the directors of the Piedmont Park Association it was decided to change the name of the county fair association to the Piedmont Fair Association and take in the following counties: Davie, Davidson, Stokes, Surry, Rockingham, Wilkes and Ashe. The object of the change in the name is to make the fair a greater institution than it has ever been. "A meeting of the secretaries of the fair associations in the North Carolina circuit will probably be held here one day this week at which a number of matters of importance will be discussed and acted upon.

SPENCER'S RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

It Takes on New Life Under the New Secretaries—A. D. D. Never Closed. Special to The Observer. Spencer, Feb. 26.—The Southern Railway department of the Young Men's Christian Association at Spencer has taken new life under the leadership of the new general secretary, Mr. B. F. Stevenson, who came here from Oakdale, Tenn., a few weeks ago, and the organization is rapidly taking on a rightful place in the religious and social life of the town. The building, which is kept open twenty-four hours in the day, is constantly crowded with young men who enjoy the exceptional privileges offered in the way of games, baths, reading rooms, rest rooms, etc. Mr. K. R. Hartsfield, formerly of Charlotte, is the lay assistant secretary and cares for the building and its patrons in a most acceptable manner. The night secretary, Mr. J. H. Williams, who came to Spencer from Wilmington, is no less popular and efficient and is to be found on duty at all hours of the night. "Mr. W. H. Burton, under whose management the handsome \$30,000 building was erected, has been chairman of the managing board since the organization was first organized into existence ten years ago; and all the while Capt. M. A. Shank has served as treasurer. As an evidence of their faithful management the association is now in excellent financial condition. Mr. J. N. Payne, formerly of Danville, Va., has charge of the Y. M. C. A. restaurant and has built up a large patronage among all classes of railroad men who are served at all hours day or night. The lodging rooms in the building, which are well furnished, heated and lighted, are in great demand and always filled. "The Sunday afternoon meetings are largely attended and very popular on account of the fact that good music and entertaining speakers are always in evidence. "At a recent meeting of the committee of management Mr. H. W. Holt, one of Spencer's pioneer citizens and a well-known locomotive engineer between this place and Seima, was elected chairman of the body. His first official act was to appoint the standing committees for the ensuing year.

MILLS AND MARKETS

SOUTHERN MILLS CREDITORS.

Receiver Cone Makes Statement Showing Approximately \$40,000 Earnings in Eleven Months. Special to The Observer. Bessemer City, Feb. 26.—A called meeting of the creditors of the Southern Cotton Mills was held here to-day at the call of Receiver Ceasar Cone and the following statement was submitted: ASSETS. Plant—Taken over by receiver \$81,610.33 Earned by receiver " 38,961.26 \$120,571.59 LIABILITIES. Mill accounts payable \$7,411.31 Sundry " 1,178.17 \$8,589.48 DEDUCTIONS. Think incorrect \$48.37 Bank balance 418.37 Pany account 26,338.50 43,245.36 \$27,965.10

The statement shows earnings by the receiver of \$38,961.26 and a net indebtedness, after deducting quick assets, of \$26,338.50. "A creditors' committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Logg, of Roxboro; John Blue, of Aberdeen; L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia; Burton Craige, of Salisbury; and George Stephens, of Charlotte. Mr. Stephens was made chairman and the committee was instructed to receive any proposition looking to a re-organization of the property and make recommendation to the creditors at a meeting to be called at an early date. "A resolution was passed requesting the court to continue the receivership until the creditors decide upon some definite action.

Georgia Cotton Mills to Reduce Wages 10 Per Cent.

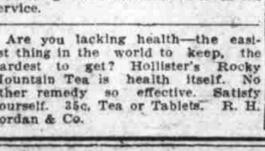
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia Industrial Association, representing the cotton mills of the State, it was unanimously decided to make a reduction of 10 per cent in wages of operatives, effective March 1st next. It was also agreed that curtailment of two days a week or more where necessary, shall be put into effect. "The curtailment and reduction in wages, it is said, are made necessary by the depressed condition of the textile industry. "General Stoessel Prefers to Live. St. Petersburg Dispatch, 25th. Lieutenant General Stoessel, who on February 20th was sentenced to death for the surrender of Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese has petitioned Emperor Nicholas for a full pardon. The court recommended that the death sentence be commuted to 10 years imprisonment in a fortress and that the general be excluded from the service.

MURDER TRIAL COMES UP IN GASTON

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Feb. 26.—The case against John and Will Cloninger, charged with the murder of John Mauney at High Shoals last August, will be called for trial in Superior Court at Dallas in the morning.

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