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BASEBALL YESTERDAY

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NATIONAL LEAGUE. Cincinnati, Sept. 27.—Each club won a game in the double-header between Cincinnati and St. Louis this afternoon.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Detroit, Sept. 27.—Detroit went to the front in the American League today by beating Philadelphia in their final meeting.

PENNANT RACE WARMS UP. Leaders in Both Leagues Bunched For the Home Stretch—Championships Will Be in Doubt Until the Last Games Are Played.

NATIONAL. New York ... Won. Lost. Pct. Chicago ... Philadelphia ... Pittsburgh ...

AMERICAN. Detroit ... Won. Lost. Pct. Cleveland ... Chicago ... Philadelphia ...

Only a casual glance at these figures is needed to show that at the present moment in both leagues it is anybody's race, and probably until the last game is played next week the decision, as to which two clubs shall have the honor of unfurling the banners emblematic of superiority and of playing each other for the world's championship will remain in doubt.

The world's series which the pennant winners will play, immediately after the regular season, means much to the men financially for they get a goodly share of the receipts of the championship play.

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specialty was the quarterback run, the smallest opening sufficing for him. Last fall he was greatly handicapped by Virginia's weak ends, who allowed the opposing tacklers to swoop upon him before he could get well under way.

"Honaker will also be missed on the diamond. He was an all-around baseball player, a good fielder and a timely hitter."

IN THE FIELD OF FANDOM. The following items are taken from Sporting Life.

If LeJolie's Cleveland team wins the American League pennant this year Cleveland baseball enthusiasts, headed by Charles F. Salen, county clerk, and aided by John D. Rockefeller, expect to hand Napoleon Lajoie \$1,000 and provide \$500 for each of the other eight players who take part in the game that brings the much-coveted pennant to Cleveland.

Dave Altizer, utility man, is about to blossom forth as a plutocrat. Dave threatens to annex sufficient dollars to live like a king in sunny California one long, pleasant dream. No "ham and" for him, but terrapin lunch. Some time ago Altizer had a hunch and proceeded to work out a swell design in post cards. It shows a face of William Jennings Bryan on one side, which, if held to the light, will display the White House, Washington, on the other.

The letting out of Al Orth, by the New York Americans to manage the Lynchburg, Va., team, marks the passing from the limelight of the big leagues of a most striking example to young ball players of what clean living and high character mean to a player when he feels his time has come to make room for young blood.

From the time Orth left Lynchburg thirteen years ago to join the Philadelphia Nationals, he has never let public applause turn his head, nor the bright lights of a big city lure him away from the habits he had formed as a lad, in a small town. The smiling one has ever been the quintessence of modesty.

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BANKERS MEET THIS WEEK

VITAL TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED. Denver Will Welcome More Than Three Thousand Delegates to the Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 27.—More than three thousand bankers representing all classes of financial institutions and every State in the Union, will assemble here this week at the thirty-fourth annual convention of the American Bankers' Association.

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THE MERRY WIDOW

The Times-Dispatch of Richmond, Va., under date of September 25th, gave the following account of the performance of "The Merry Widow" which will be presented here for two nights, beginning Friday, with a special matinee Saturday.

For four years "The Merry Widow" under various fetching names and in many parts of the world, has held the playing public in the thrall of her amorous eyes—From Vienna to New York, by way of Paris and London, she has traveled, but not until last night did she deign to cast her enchantment over the good people of Richmond town.

With a success which was instantaneous and overwhelming, the merry lady, by a mere glance of the eye, followed by many other inviting glances, took the house by storm, from the bald-headed and ancient heads on the front row to the small gallery god in the high loft.

Those who had seen the opera in New Amsterdam, surrounded by the magic of the Great White Way, wagged wise heads and rather cried down a "mere road company," but happily their tears were as nothing, for the performance last night lacked nothing that New York gave. The principals were excellent artists, the orchestra most satisfactory, the scenery and costumes superb, and the chorus so good looking and shapely that many a merry widow would have thought twice before surrounding herself with so much beauty.

There is no financial inducement, His only reward is in the glory of his fellow students. If baseball is the national game, football is distinctly the game of the college. No other branch or department of life can lay any

claim to it whatsoever. And therein lies one of the secrets of its strong hold upon its supporters.

All is speculation at the various North Carolina colleges. At few if any, is the prospect encouraging. There is little likelihood that a great team will be developed, compared with the gridiron strength of past years. Indeed the increasing ramification of restrictive rules would almost preclude this.

Wake Forest for the first time in many years has a team in the field, which made a good showing against the usually formidable Carolina eleven on Saturday, the score being 17 to 0. The Baptists are much encouraged by this, as they have a right to be, and will work hard to put out a creditable aggregation. At Carolina, as usual, everything possible will be done with the material available and declared eligible by the faculty.

Great interest will here center in the University of Virginia game on Thanksgiving day, November 26, at Richmond, Va. This will be the first Virginia-Carolina game on Thanksgiving since that in 1905, when Carolina won 17 to 0.

Davidson and A. & M. will no doubt put out their usual dangerous teams. They will meet in Charlotte as they did last year and a battle royal is expected.

Warsaw Democrats Organize Club. Correspondence of The Observer. Warsaw, Sept. 26.—A fair representation of the Democrats of Warsaw and vicinity met in the opera house here last night and organized an enthusiastic Bryan-Kitchin club. At the request of the club, Mr. E. J. Hill, of Durham, who

chanced to be present, delivered an address on the issues of the day, which met with a hearty response in the hearts of his hearers. Mr. H. G. Williams, of Kenansville, Democratic nominee for presidential elector for the third district, was also present and addressed the club in his usual happy style.

Duplin Democracy is wide-awake, active and aggressive and expects to roll up big majorities for all candidates—county, State and national—in the coming election.

Manager Collins of the Charlotte Baseball team has signed the following new players for 1909: Jackson, Hugh Warner, James R. Riley and E. G. Wood.

Beginning of Season in the Colleges Slowly Supplanting Interest in Baseball, But the Local Fan Dies Hard. The interest of sports in now divided between the double pennant race in the two big leagues and the season-long companion sport of football. It is somewhat difficult for them to take their eyes off the favorite with which they have spent so many entrancing hours during the waning summer. From forms of habit their gaze strays first to the fine-tipped darts from the centers of the nation, at game with their terse opening sentences summarizing essential

features of the game. The writer of this note ten days since witnessed the same play performed by the New York-Boston company, the company that has made such a hit, the seats for each performance being put on sale, so it is said, weeks ahead. It is with pleasure that we say that the company playing here is, in our opinion, equal to the one mentioned above.

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Steamer Hatters to be Run Again on Old Route. Correspondence of The Observer. Washington, N. C., Sept. 26.—The steamer Hatters, which was formerly operated between this city and Beaufort and which has been chartered by the Pamlico line, an independent line recently organized in this city, upon her return to this port from Elizabeth City, will be again placed on the old route, also taking in a number of other places on lower Pamlico river. The return of the Hatters, which is a good passenger as well as freight steamer, will be hailed with delight both by the merchants and the traveling public generally. The officers and operators of the line are all local men and will doubtless make a success. Capt. J. W. Dixon is master, First Officer H. M. Bonner is business manager and A. Gilbert, chief engineer.

SPECIAL LOW RATES TO RALEIGH VIA SEABOARD ACCOUNT STATE FAIR OCTOBER 15TH-17TH, 1908. The Seaboard announces round trip rates from all points in North Carolina, including Portsmouth, Norfolk and Suffolk, Va., to Raleigh and return at very low rates round trip, turn at will, including admission coupon to Fair Grounds based on rates effective prior to July 1st, 1907. Tickets sold October 9th to 16th inclusive, with final limit October 19th. Round trip from principal points, including admission coupon to Fair Grounds, as follows: From Charlotte \$6.15, From Lincolnton 7.15, From Shelby 7.10, From Wadesboro 4.75, From Weldon 4.75, From Portsmouth-Norfolk 5.95, From Sanford 2.10, From Maxton 4.05, From Wilmington 5.05, From Richmond 5.05, From Oxford 2.40, From Henderson 2.20, From Hamlet 3.90. Low round trip per capita rates for military companies and brass bands in uniform. Twenty or more on one ticket will be sold on basis of one cent per mile in each direction, not including admission coupons to Fair Grounds, ticket to bear same

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George Damerel as "Prince Danilo" in Henry W. Savage's Production, "The Merry Widow."