

BASE BALL

and Other Sports

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SPORTING SIDELIGHTS.

Regardless of who's elected, there is one consolation for the sporting editor, interest in the sporting page will again be resumed.

If the election had been a few days further off, the sporting page would have been forced to go out of business or be cluttered with the 'has beans,' which is the worst of the two.

The crowds around the Tucker building pharmacy for the past few days reminded the writer of the middle of baseball season.

Say, real confidentially, what did you think of Crozier's picture yesterday? Hasn't he the real baseball countenance? Too bad, girls, that he's married. But fret not, there's Hoffman, Dawson, Reid, Brandon, and a few others who are still pulling in single harness.

NOTICE—This is mandatory. You must not speak of Mr. Percy Dawson as "Kid" any more. He is making a brave effort to grow a nice crop of sideburns now, and from all reports he is having marvelous success in his agricultural pursuits. He shall hereafter be known as Mr. Dawson, or "whiskers" if you insist.

Forget your defeat, or your friend's defeat, or the defeat of the cause that you loved, and read the sporting page of The Evening Times. Politics is not half so interesting as a good game of baseball.

Pap Harris, Frank Thompson and "Runt" Ross were the gentlemen who were responsible for that marvelous feat—an earned run—off the mighty southpaw Coveleski yesterday.

Wonder how Trinity is going to claim the state championship now? But I forgot they are claim experts. They will be coming forward with some far-fetched claim at the end of the season. Look out for it.

Said a twenty-third grandson of cousin Daniel Webster, "I guess that wallop of old Ross was an opportune one at the vacillating moment."

It's all over now, boys, but the shouting. You'll have to read the sporting news for something interesting.

The following notice is for the especial benefit of those who intend spending the summer in Gotham: You can get a box at the Polo Grounds for the season for \$300. This includes admission to the park for four persons at every game. As a special bait, the management offers a metal name plate for the holder. In the newly arranged stands 166 boxes are provided. At the Phillies grounds there are seven seats in each box and each outfit for the season costs only \$250.

Says the Wilmington Morning Star: Manager Gwaltney has received signed contracts from the following players, seven of which will be remembered with pride as our old boys, true and tried: Dick Smith, manager and third baseman; Kite, catcher; Levy, Wyson, Barr, Wilson, pitchers; Fox, first base; Snare, second; McGehan, short; Doak, Jays, Strense, Riley and Hines, outfielders. Another catcher has also been signed but his name is withheld for various reasons.

The new names on the roster are: Barr, Wilson, Fox, Sharpie, McGehan, Riley, Hines and Strense. Barr is a big fellow from Philadelphia, and Manager Smith thinks he will be a star in this league. Red Wilson is a Wilmington boy. He left Wilmington two years ago, since which time he has been playing in fast semi-professional company and he ought to make good with a heady man like Kite to catch and coach him. Strense, continues the Star, is an extra hard hitter and fast fielder. Fox is another Philadelphia boy, and as Smith says, is a fast fielder and hard hitter. Of Sharpie and McGehan, the Star says that "this pair will do the Gold Dust Twins act at second and short as it was done by Sharp and Rath last year." Nothing is said of Hines and Riley except that three good hitters will be gotten out of the five candidates for the outfield positions. Hoey, thanks to the good judgment of Mr. Gwaltney, has been released.

The Sailors throw the gauntlet down to the Tobaccoists when they say that "the bunch of ball players named are calculated to make most any team live hard, and Wilson had better look out when the Sailors roll into the Tobacco town on May, the 17th to play the opening game." The Wilmington team will report may the 15th get down to team work at once. A number of improvements

are to be made at the park including a change in the entrance to the grandstand, etc. The approach to the ball park from the street cars will also be improved and patrons of the games will not be compelled to pull through sand shoe deep.

Raleigh seems to be pulling for the young ones this time. Crozier's latest addition is Rowe, who is catching for Elon College. Rowe was recommended by Hoffman, Elon's coach, and showed up pretty well down at Wake Forest in a recent game. But hasn't Raleigh had enough experience with youngsters? —Winston-Salem Journal.

Kindly cast your peepers over his record, contemporary.

The coon has come out in another line of dope. Notice his latest proposition to the boilermaker:

"I want to say one thing—that if Jeffries don't think a \$50,000 purse cut 60 and 40 per cent is all right, I will let him cut it 85 and 15 or 90 and 10 if he wants to. All I want if I lose is enough to pay my training expenses. But I won't lose. And I'm not going to ask anything unreasonable of any man."

"I don't care, either, where the fight takes place. Any place suits. Perhaps I would prefer San Francisco, but it doesn't make so much difference. England would do, and so would Australia. The only thing I hope is that I won't be bothered in New York with a lot of talkers who

think they want to fight me. If Jeffries doesn't want to fight until after present engagements, all right. That would be reasonable enough and would suit me. But we ought to be able to agree that we will meet."

It is funny how this guy is itching for a scrap. He'll get, there's no doubt about that, and he'll get it in the neck, too, when Jeff steps back in the ring. All comes to him who waits. The sooner it comes to this Johnson and the sooner his fly-trap is closed, the better for the sporting world. He is not satisfied with the title but must be continually reminding the suffering public that he is the proud possessor thereof.

But grant that he is on the square in his eagerness for a fray. Why doesn't he accept one of the half dozen or more challenges that have been hurled in his face of late?

Here is what Stanley Ketchel has to say or him:

"Of course I cannot talk. Talking isn't my business, and, besides, talking and matchmaking belong to managers and not to fighters. But you can be sure that whatever Britt says I will do. Would I like to meet Johnson? I certainly would. Do I think Britt would like the match? Certainly. But Britt will have to talk for both myself and himself."

Take it from me, this Johnson is a four-flusher, and when the time comes the ring will have to be flushed with water to carry off the blood and other stuff that Jeff's hard punches will draw from his system. Amen!

The Most Talked About Pitcher in the Country

A special to a Philadelphia paper a few days ago had the following to say of Coveleski, the great southpaw who was pitted against the Farmers yesterday:

Harry Coveleski has started out this season where he left off last—as the most talked about pitcher in the country. His feat last Friday in pitching an absolutely perfect game against Trinity College stands out as the best twirling performance of the season, and proves that Harry now has what he lacked a year ago—control. Coveleski has spoken of his feat against Trinity only once to my knowledge. This was after he had read Saturday morning's papers, when he said:

"Go whiz, but the papers are making a lot of talk about that game up at Durham." Then he suddenly switched the subject and remarked:

"I've got a brother up home who can pitch some. We call him Stanny. He will be with Lancaster this year. Perhaps he hasn't got the curves and the speed, and he's only eighteen years old. All that he wants is experience."

And perhaps young Stanny Coveleski won't be watched by all the league managers this year. For a young man only 22 years of age who has been so much talked about as Harry Coveleski has been during the past five and one-half months, the former breaker boy certainly bears his honors modestly. Always he is the first man in the squad to seek the hay" at night and the first out of it in the morning.

Early to Bed for Him.
At 9:30 every night Coveleski retires. He is sleeping in the room with Johnny Rudderham, the team's trainer. At 6 o'clock in the morning the pair get up, and if the weather is good they go off on a tramp until breakfast is ready at 8 o'clock.

Johnny doesn't pretend to know anything about pitching, but he is Coveleski's equal in the eating line. The pair are always the first in the dining room for every meal and the players at their table say the waitress has a standing order for each. It is:

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"Bring it in, and bring lots of it." The pair makes an ideal partnership. Neither does much talking, but each always has a good-natured grin on his face. When spoken to Coveleski's face breaks out into a laugh, as though he never had a care in the world.

Modesty comes natural to him. He is usually to be found in a far corner of the room reading a newspaper instead of standing up under a strong light with his chest thrown out where he can't be missed by persons passing by.

If Coveleski were to talk about his twirling feats he would undoubtedly give the credit to Charlie Dooin. Harry has implicit faith in his catcher and this battery promises to be one of the most talked of in the history of the game before the present season is over.

Coveleski always pitches the kind of ball that Dooin signals for. He has sense enough to know that Dooin has been in the game longer than he has and that Charlie's ideas are more certain to be right than his own.

The manner in which Coveleski bears his honors is shown by an incident here last Saturday. It is doubtful if any other athlete in the country was more talked of that day than the former breaker boy. On Friday Harry pitched a perfect game of ball. On Saturday he was chasing foul flies during the game between the Phillies and A. & M. College.

OPPOSED TO TEA TAX.
President is Opposed to Any Tax on Tea and to Countervailing Tax on Coffee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 29—The Hearst News Service is authorized to say that President Taft is opposed to any tax on tea, and to a countervailing tax on coffee and that he opposed to any tax directly affecting poor people or to any so-called breakfast table tax. The President has learned that an eight or nine cent tax on tea would only net about \$8,000,000 a year and he thinks this could easily be made up in some other direction. He prefers an income tax or a stamp tax to one taxing commodities.

John Barrett, the director of the Bureau of American republics, submitted to the president today data bearing on the attitude of South American countries with respect to the Payne tariff bill. He assured the president that no tax on coffee would cause Brazil to take off the export tax, as it is the principal revenue of the country and the government's finances depend on it. The great bulk of coffee shipped to the United States comes from Brazil.

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Five Hits and One Run Off Mighty Coveleskie

Maybe the expected happened yesterday afternoon on the A. and M. athletic field, when the Philadelphia nationals, under the leadership of the mighty Coveleski, defeated the farmers, but the unexpected happened also—the farmers tore off an earned run from the mighty southpaw's delivery. In the eighth inning Seifert fled out to Branford; Pap Harris followed with an infield hit; Bost followed the all thrice; Frank Thompson made his second hit of the game. Pap going to third on the hit; "Runt" Ross chose his wild and calmly walked to the plate and swiped out the prettiest hit to left field imaginable, scoring Pap. This earned run was the only run made off the Phillies by a North Carolina team.

The big leaguers scored in the first on a triple by Knabe, followed by another of the same character by Titus; in the fifth on a single by Grant and a home run by Thompson; in the sixth when McGee was hit by a pitched ball, followed by a single by Branford, a double steal by both, and another single by Dooin, both McGee and Branford scoring.

Although the teams are in an entirely separate and distinct class, the game was highly interesting and was greatly enjoyed by the fifteen hundred people present. Coveleski did not repeat his record made at Trinity. The A. and M. lads jumped on him for five

safeties, which was only three less than the Phillies got off "Runt."

Ross pitched a great game, considering the circumstances. He only allowed eight hits, one of which, as he said, was high enough to bring down rain and should have been handled with all ease. He forced five of the sluggers to satisfy themselves with a look at the sphere as it passed them and landed in Frank's big pit. And last but not least, he made the hit that brought in the only run that has been made off the Phillies by any North Carolina team. He was given very ragged support at times, while at other times the team played remarkably well behind him.

The Phillies played in real big league style and gave their twirler almost faultless support. Coveleski was touched up for five hits, and fanned ten of the farmers. Gess that's not so bad for college boys.

Mr. Puro, sewer fellow, was as bad as the city administration is said to be. The most notable thing about him was his apologies to the members of Philadelphia team, when he was forced to make an adverse decision. But the less said of him the better.

WITH THE BIG LEAGUERS

Macon, Ga., March 30.—Macon, with the assistance of Brockett and Austin, of the Highlanders, was simply outclassed by the Brooklyn National leaguers here yesterday. Score, Brooklyn 5, Macon 0.

Louisville, Ky., March 30.—The youngsters defeated Louisville again yesterday in a well played game, the locals being in the lead until the sixth inning. Score, Philadelphia 6, Louisville 4.

Little Rock, Ark., March 30.—Little Rock won from the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday in the ninth inning by Jack O'Connor's strategy, 4 to 3, before a small crowd.

Nashville, Tenn., March 30.—The world's champion cubs, with Carl Lundgren, were out yesterday to take the second game of their series from the Nashville team, champions of the Southern League. The cubs won the first game of the series by a score of 3 to 0 with Floyd Krob pitching.

Yuma, Ariz., March 30.—The Chicago White Sox, now on their homeward trip, stopped here long enough to play the local team yesterday.

Columbus, Ga., March 30.—According to rumors which followed the Yankees over here, Cleveland has offered a big price for Kid Elberfeld, some quoting the price at \$10,000, and Stallings has turned the offer down. Stallings' combination yesterday beat the local team four to nothing.

McAlister, Okla., March 30.—The first team of the Giants left here today for Little Rock, after having passed the night on the railroad yards in this city. Yesterday's score: Giants 9; McAlister 8.

Reno, Nev., March 30.—The Sox Yankees defeated Reno and Fred Payne yesterday in one of the worst and most novel contests of the trip. The weather was cold and the wind blew so bitterly that good baseball was out of the question. The pitchers merely lobbed them and the batters swung at them to keep warm. More than 800 fans saw the game. Score: Sox 13; Reno 9.

Atlanta, Ga., March 30.—The Athletics' first squad arrived at noon from Mobile. The weather was fine for baseball and a goodly number saw the Athletics win, 3 to 0.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 30.—There came near being no baseball yesterday between members of the Pittsburg team. Sunday night night thieves broke into the club house and took a dozen new balls and as many gloves belonging to the players. After some hustling Clarke fixed up matters and the game was played. Score: Regulars 8; Yankees 1.

Augusta, Ga., March 30.—Just as a sort of parting remembrance, the Dove Regulars administered a 4 to 1 defeat to the Yankees yesterday afternoon in a five inning contest. The teams departed immediately after the game for Columbia, S. C.

DURANT IS CONFIRMED

Senate Confirms Appointment of Collector

Resolution Introduced That No Legislative Business Except Census Bill to Considered—Resolution as to 14th Amendment.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 29—The senate met today at noon. Senator Hale introduced a resolution providing that no legislative business except consideration of the census bill shall be transacted until further notice. This will not interfere with reports of committees or the introduction of bills or resolutions. The resolution went over until Thursday.

Senator Hale's motion that the senate adjourn on Thursday was adopted. Senator Bacon introduced a bill to establish a fish hatchery and fish culture station on the Georgia seacoast.

The senate today confirmed the nomination of Edward W. Durant, of collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C., in place of Dr. W. D. Crum, whose nomination failed in the last congress.

Senator Money introduced a resolution directing the attorney general to bring before the United States supreme court the validity of the 14th amendment of the constitution, on the ground that it was not adopted by a two-thirds vote in the two houses and ratified by three-fourths vote of the states. He asked that the resolution be laid on the table for consideration in the future, which was done.

Senator Bacon's resolution providing that hearings of the finance committee for examination of witnesses on the tariff bill shall be open to all members of committee went over until the next session on motion of Senator Hale.

About 200 nominations were con-

firmed by the senate today during an executive session of 15 minutes. Among them was Paul C. Long, postmaster at Taft, Mo. This office was created January 3, 1909.

The senate adjourned at 2:30 p. m.

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TO REDUCE REPRESENTATION.
Representative Bennett Introduced Bill to Reduce Representation of Southern States.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 29—Representative Bennett, of New York, has introduced in the house a bill to reduce the representation in the southern states, in proportion to the number of the negroes who are prevented from voting.

The Bennett bill would decrease the representation as follows: Alabama, from 9 to 5; Arkansas, 7 to 5; Florida, 3 to 2; Georgia, 11 to 5; Louisiana, 7 to 4; Mississippi, 8 to 3; North Carolina, 10 to 7; South Carolina, 7 to 3; Tennessee, 10 to 8; Texas, 16 to 13; and Virginia, 10 to 7.

It is not expected the bill will pass congress or that a serious attempt will be made to pass it. Should it pass, it is not likely President Taft would sanction it.

Fairbanks in California.
(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Redland, Cal., March 30—Charles W. Fairbanks, Mrs. Fairbanks and their daughter, Mrs. Timmons, of Indianapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fairbanks, of Pasadena, have arrived for a stay of a few days at the Casa Loma. Their plan is to visit the airbanks ranch which is to be the home of Fred Fairbanks, the portion of the year.

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