

ROUGH HOUSE POLO PLAYED

In Second City League Game
Last Night, Teams
Mix It.

HAAS STARS IN FIRST

GRAY'S TAKE LEAD IN LEAGUE
RACE BY TRIMMING CARMANS
—GREEKS WIN FROM THE
SMITHS.

STANDING OF POLO LEAGUE
Won Lost Pct.
Grays... 2 0 1,000
Carmans... 1 1 .500
Greeks... 1 1 .500
Smiths... 0 2 .000

The second series of games in the city polo league were played last evening at the coliseum; the first game going to the Greeks 4 to 1, the Smiths being the losers; and the second to the Grays, the Carmans losing 4 to 1. Both games were featured by the rough tactics indulged in. Especially was this true of the second game. During the evening the management announced that the fast amateur Elwood team would play the Carmans on next Monday evening at the coliseum.

Haas, center for the Greeks was the star in the first game. He was able to assist by Fetzer, half back, and as a result Snavely the goal tend, had but 12 stops. Geyer the goal tend for the Smiths was in good form and stood a bombardment of 23 stops. Lineup and summary:

Greeks	Smiths
Bayer, Allison	Karns
First Rush	
Henley	Marine
Second Rush	Graham
Haas	Center
Fetzer	Reese
Half Back	
Snavely	Geyer
Goal	
Rushes—Bayer 2; Allison 3; Karns 2; Goals—Henley 2; Allison 1; Bayer 1; Karns 1. Fouls—Karns, Allison and Fetzer. Stops—Geyer 23; Snavely 12.	

Second Game.
The second game appeared at one time as though it would develop into a frantic affair, but Referee Williams finally agreed in pacifying the angered Grays and play was resumed, but not, however, until after Manager Nolan had ordered his men off the floor. The cause of the action was the rough blocking of Newman, center for the Carmans. However, the Grays were able to weather the storm of assaults.

Nolan's goal from the spot in '05, which was the first of the game was the feature. Lineup and summary:

Carmans	Grays
Sharp	Nolan
First Rush	
Bulla	Clark
Second Rush	
Newman	Jones
Center	
Karns	Oesting
Lancaster	Kromer
Goal	
Rushes—Sharp 4; Nolan 4. Stops—Lancaster 25; Kromer 8. Goals—Nolan 1; Clark 3; Sharp 1. Fouls—Jones, Newman and Bulla. Referee—Williams. Attendance—250.	

JAPAN TAKES UP BASEBALL.

National Professional League is to Be Organized on Island.

Japan will within a few months have professional baseball, with at least one league in full swing. C. F. Gibbs, a well known sportsman of Tokyo, is interested in the project of putting a professional league into the towns of Nippon, and he has sent to Seattle for copies of players' contracts.

The teams are to be all Japanese, though American capital will probably be interested in the promotion. Tokyo will be the first city in which a team will be placed. Ultimately it is planned to have a great national league for Japan.

Though amateur baseball is getting to be a craze in the islands, baseball men have felt that professional ball was four or five years away. It has come sooner than expected even by the most hopeful. Japan is the first foreign country to organize professional baseball as it is organized in the United States, but from the interest taken it is prophesied that it will be immensely profitable for the promoters.

PENN'S ATHLETIC CARNIVALS.

Many important events scheduled for next spring on Franklin Field.

The fifteenth annual relay races of the University of Pennsylvania will be held on Franklin field, Philadelphia, April 24, 1909, and are expected to be the greatest in the history of the games, as some of the teams from the Pacific coast are to enter this year. The middle states scholastic track and field championships will be held May 15, and these games will draw the best of the eastern and middle west scholastic talent. It has been proposed to Manager Frank B. Ellis that a medley race, in which a sprinter, quarter and half as well as a miler runner compose a team, be put on the programme. The management is considering the matter, and if the colleges show enough interest it will be added to the list of events. The race was one of the features of the Olympic games and proved most interesting.

GOTCH VS. "HACK."

Two Famous Heavyweight
Wrestlers May Meet in March.

LONDON—WILL GET CONTEST.

At Recent Meeting the Two Mai
Gladiators Agreed to Second Match.
Arrangements Being Made For
Bout—Europe Full of Wrestlers.

By THOMAS F. CLARK.

The announcement that Frank Gotch, the world's champion heavyweight wrestler, and George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," are to meet again on the mat has caused a stir in wrestling circles both in this country and abroad.

Recently a number of newspaper men attended a meeting in London called by Hackenschmidt for the purpose of discussing the proposed match. It was proposed that a committee of



HACKENSCHMIDT EXECUTING HIS FAMOUS
LOCK HOLD.

newspaper men should arrange the details of the encounter, which will probably take place some time next March. Gotch did not attend the meeting, but later, however, Hackenschmidt and the champion met. Both cordially agreed to let bygones be bygones, and Gotch intimated his willingness to let the newspaper men's committee settle the details of the match.

Gotch's victory over the supposedly invincible "Russian Lion" last April started the English speaking in the wrestling world. Hack's reputation and his ability as a wrestler were known the world over. He had been the pride of Europe for years and had beaten so many high class wrestlers that his match with Gotch was considered only a little more than an exercise gallop for him.

After wrestling for one hour and forty-five minutes without either one gaining a fall Hackenschmidt deliberately quit after many appeals to the referee, claiming that the American was not wrestling, but trying to injure him for life. Hackenschmidt is unquestionably a wonderful wrestler, and that he will be a favorite over Gotch when they meet in London there can be no question.

Gotch is now at the zenith of his powers and will make a tremendous effort to win decisively over the Russian this time, and his struggle will be watched with interest all over the world. He has been wrestling professionally nine years, and he was champion of America at the catch-as-catch-can style nearly five years, but last April he gained more honors and added more to his reputation in two hours of his match with Hackenschmidt than in nine years of his wrestling career.

An American athlete who recently returned from Europe tells some interesting things about the wrestling situation there.

"Europe is so full of wrestling狂 just now," he says, "that even the great Hackenschmidt is becoming a forgotten back number. Hack has nearly dropped out of sight. He is afraid of his life when anybody mentions Padouby. Ivan Padouby stands six feet six inches in his socks and weighs 330 pounds. He is perfectly built, not fat, and with the greatest pair of shoulders I ever saw. His arms are as thick as an ordinary wrestler's body. I saw him wrestle, and nobody has a chance with him. Gotch will get a shock when he bumps into that bunch. He'd last about a minute with Padouby. Zbyesco is a joke, but there are dozens of real giants who could beat Gotch. About 280 pounds is the fashionable weight for wrestlers over there. No wonder Mahmut, the Turk, skipped over to America to look for work. He was like a kid in that crowd. The Swiss wrestlers all over France and Germany are the class of the lot. There's one big Turk in London now who is about Padouby's weight. Oh, Frank will feel like a lightweight when he stacks up against those fellows!"

A GOOD PROGRAM.

The Christmas entertainment of the Third M. E. church Fairview, will be held this evening. The Sunday school has charge and have prepared a very good program. Invitations are extended to all friends to attend the exercises.

TESTIMONY FOR HAINS OFFERED

Stranger States He Has
Knowledge of Operation
On Mrs. Hains.

DEFENSE SCORES TODAY.

HACK DRIVER IDENTIFIES AC-
CUSED BUT CONTRADICTS HIM-
SELF ON CROSS EXAMINATION
—CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 24.—Attorney McIntyre announced this morning that he has received a letter from a stranger named West, who offers to give testimony concerning money raised by Annis to pay for an operation he is alleged to have had performed on Mrs. Claudia Hains. McIntyre considers him an important witness. Martin Skura, a hack driver, who surprised the prosecution yesterday by being unable to identify Jenkins Hains as the man he hauled to Bay-side Yacht club on the day of the shooting, testified today that he now remembers the defendant and heard the latter remark, "We have got him now." Skura became embarrassed on cross examination and contradicted himself repeatedly. McIntyre asked the court to commit Skura for perjury. The court took the matter under consideration.

MEET AND PLAN CORN SCHOOL

Interested Growers Hold Ses-
sion Last Night.

The committee of citizens of Center township met last evening with J. S. Helms, and considered business pertaining to the corn school, to be held in conjunction with the corn school, the first week in February. The exhibits shown at this time will be used by Prof. Christie of Purdue university, as subject matter for his lectures for the improvement of corn, at the corn school sessions.

A HONGKONG TYPHOON.

Doors and Windows Smashed in by
the Fury of the Gale.

Boom! Boom! Boom! The signal had changed to the ominous red-green-red, and the three dynamite bombs were the warning that the typhoon was upon us. No need to hurry the servants now—every one was only too anxious to assist. The wind was tearing round the house, seemingly in all directions, but strongest from the north, and the noise of it was louder than thunder. One outside room, more exposed than the rest, seemed to be its especial butt. We stayed there for a moment to listen to the raging of the storm, but even the stoutest heart could not sleep in that pandemonium of sound. It was well sheltered and barred, but it was incredible that it stood in that tornado of wind. The doors creaked and groaned with the strain, and the windows clattered with a shriller note, while outside it seemed as though all the winds of all the ages were let loose for destruction. In the center of the house, though the noise was less, one could feel the building rocking on its foundations and hardly dared speculate how much the heavy rains had weakened them. Every moment we expected the roof would go.

Crash! The upper part of an inner glass door had blown in. There was a stampede for that part of the house, for the wind must be kept out at all costs. Sofa cushions, sheets, blankets from the beds, all were requisitioned to stuff the broken panes. We had hardly finished before there was a terrible noise in the basement and such a shouting in Chinese that one could hear the boys above the din of the storm. It was the door of the cook's room which had burst its hinges and bolts, and once the wind had found an entry it made the most of its opportunity. Twenty-seven panes of glass clattered to the ground in the basement before they could get the door wedged back into place with great difficulty. But there was little time to think of the servants, for we had our own troubles upstairs.

The wind suddenly veered round until the full force seemed to be coming from the southwest, and the front of the house began to feel it. The hall door was straining on its hinges, and we had to improvise struts and pile heavy furniture behind it to help its resistance to the wind. Then a rush upstairs, for a bathroom window had crushed in and the door was straining. Every moment the wind was increasing in fury, but the roof held. Between 3 and 4 the typhoon was at its height, and it is impossible to describe the sense of helplessness one feels in such a wild raging of the elements. Sleep was out of the question until the wind abated toward morning, and we rested a little, a tired, sorry looking household, encamped in the safest part of the house.—Nan Peacock in Leslie's Weekly.

Moral of the Garden.
Nothing teaches patience like a garden. You may go round and watch the opening bud from day to day, but it takes its own time, and you cannot urge it on faster than it will. If forced it is only torn to pieces. All the best results of a garden, like those of life, are slowly but regularly pre-

GOOD CHEER FOR THE POOR OF THIS CITY

Instead of Christmas being a day of sorrow and suffering for many of the poorer people of Richmond, it will be a day of sunshine and good cheer, for today and tomorrow these good people will be supplied with baskets of provisions and toys and clothing donated to the board of associated charities. Many hungry and poorly clad children were made happy today. The mothers and fathers who are the victims of circumstances and not their own actions, in many instances, were made to feel that life is probably worth living after all. The work of the associated charities this year has not been as broad as it was last Christmas, because of the fact that there is less suffering and hardship in the city.

BURNED TO DEATH IN A NEW YORK BLAZE

Four Others Were Seriously
Burned.

New York, Dec. 24.—A man named Frizzell was killed and four other persons seriously burned early this morning in a fire in a five story apartment house, 122 West 127th street. Many others were rescued by heroic work of firemen. Frizzell's body was found on the top floor. The loss on the building was \$15,000.

ROLL CALL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Meredith to Give Guests a
Treat.

For the first time in its history the Whitewater, Ind., lodge, F. and A. M., will hold a roll call meeting Saturday night. A short program has been arranged for the occasion and a banquet is to be served. Several Richmond men are members of this lodge and will be in attendance at the meeting.

REP. BABCOCK HAS WITHDRAWN

Abandons Candidacy for
House Leadership.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—Representative Babcock announced today his withdrawal as a candidate for republican house leader. He says he has no organization while other candidates are well organized.

ABSTRACT OF ALL TAXABLES

County auditor Coe's abstract of the total taxables in the county, completed yesterday show \$2,375,644 to be the value. The total mortgage reductions amount to \$945,160, leaving a new value of the taxables of \$1,430,484. The total taxes collected in 1908 amounted to \$706,480.04. Delinquent taxes carried forward amount to \$11,184.96. This makes the grand total of tax due the county \$716,665. From these figures the county's general fund, if all taxes were paid, would benefit to the extent of \$101,748.06.

POLICE RAID A BAD JOINT

It was a merry little party that Officers Bundy and McNally broke up at the home of "Moll" Lewis on South Fifth and A streets about eleven o'clock last night. As the result of the officers' visit, Josie Bond, "the most jailed woman in Indiana," was arrested along with "Jack" Driftmeyer and Sherman Jester. Moll was charged with keeping a house for lewd purposes while the Bond woman was charged with prostitution. Driftmeyer and Jester were each charged with associating in the city court, the Lewis woman, Driftmeyer and Jester were fined \$10 and costs and given ten days in jail and Josie Bond received a fine of \$10 and costs and thirty days in jail.

WANTS TO START HOBBY HORSE FACTORY

A Mendon, Michigan citizen desires to form a hobby horse company in this city and start in the manufacture of these toys, according to a letter from him to Secretary E. M. Haas of the Commercial club, received this morning. The Michigan citizen states in his communication to the club that he has patent rights for special and improved types of hobby horses, including those on rockers, those on wheels and propelled like a tricycle, etc.

Wonderful Effect.
Mr. Howard—Isn't it wonderful what force Niagara has? Mrs. Talk-
much—Marvelous! Do you know,
when I first saw it, for a full moment
I couldn't speak.—Brooklyn Life.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

New Y. M. C. A. Building, Dec. 27 to Jan. 1

Sunday, 27—10:30 A. M.—Special Sermons in Churches.

2:30 P. M.—Dedication in the Gymnasium.

Address, Dr. Stanley Coulter

4:00 P. M.—Inspection of Building.

Monday, 28—2:30 P. M.—Recreation for Women (all in-
vited.)

7:30 P. M.—Reception to Shop Men and
Secret Orders.

Address by E. L. Shuey.

Tuesday, 29—2:30 P. M.—Reception to boys of Richmond

6:00 P. M.—Boys' Membership Banquet.

7:30 P. M.—Reception to Men's Church Or-
ganizations and Pastors.

Address, Dr. Joshua Stansfield

Wednesday, 30—6:30 P. M.—Men's Banquet.

(Every man of Richmond is invited.

Number of tickets limited to the ca-
pacity of Gymnasium. Tickets on

sale at Association office, \$1.00 per

plate.)

Thursday, 31—9:00 A. M. to 10 P. M.—Open House, Every-
body invited.

Friday, January 1, 1909—Members' first privilege day.

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