

BASEBALL DERBY TO START TODAY

Hot Stove Circuit Breaks Up,
Championship Season
Formally Opens.

TO BE A BITTER STRUGGLE

WESTERN CLUBS OF AMERICAN
LEAGUE, ALSO THE NATIONAL
LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSO-
CIATION IN A GETAWAY.

Chicago, April 14.—All friendship ceases, and from this day and date there will be war to the death for nine innings or more here or elsewhere in our fair land every day that it does not rain (or snow) until the sides of October approach.

This is the end of the kidding season, the date when facts and results begin to take the place of puffs and bluffs, when a winter's pentup enthusiasm is supposed to boil over with a splash that can be heard from one end of the baseball map to the other, when the brilliantly touted "find" must begin to deliver the goods or accept transportation bushwhack, and the sturdy veteran must start playing "the game of his life" in earnest to keep pace with the giant forward strides of the great national pastime. The real battle for pennants will be on this afternoon when the National League, half of the American League and all of the American Association inaugurate their championship seasons.

Big Noise Starts Today.

The eastern half of the Ban Johnson circuit blew the lid off in a couple of cities on Monday, but the big noise does not happen until tomorrow. And, surely, now is the time for all good weather to come to the aid of the fans. Chicago is one of the four National League cities favored with an opening date, the others being Cincinnati, New York and Boston. The world's champion Cub will have as their opponents the St. Louis Cardinals, perked up from the last season by a brand new manager. Pittsburgh is assigned to open against the Reds. Brooklyn will tackle the Giants and Philadelphia is booked for Boston.

In the American League there will be opening in only two cities, by the White Sox in Detroit and by Cleveland in St. Louis. The edge already had been worn off in Philadelphia and Washington.

John E. Fromm has improved and added another barber in his shop at 608 Main street. Your patronage solicited.

A HILL CLIMBING TEST IS PLANNED

Many Automobile Concerns
Will Be Represented in
The Contest.

TEST ON BEELER'S HILL

THIS IS REGARDED AS THE
STEEPEST HILL IN THE VICIN-
ITY OF RICHMOND AND WILL
MEET THE DEMANDS.

The automobile agencies of this city are making arrangements with the different factories for a hill climbing contest during the month of May. This will be one of the most unique affairs ever pulled off in this city and will no doubt be witnessed by a large crowd.

The test will probably take place on Beeler's hill, south of the city. This hill is regarded as the steepest in this vicinity, by many autoists and is regarded as a very good test for the hill climbing powers of any machine. So far entries have been made by the following automobile firms: Overland, Stoddard-Detroit, Ford, Marion Flyer, Buick, Maxwell and Jackson. Each of these companies has promised to enter cars in the runabout and touring car classes. It is also probable that the local firms engaged in the manufacture of automobiles will be entered in the test climb.

TWO MORE DIVORCES HAVE BEEN FILED

One Plaintiff Woman, One is a
Man.

On the charge of cruel and inhuman treatment Jessie Eppes has entered suit for divorce from James Eppes in the Wayne circuit court. W. H. Kelley is attorney for the plaintiff.

William Hines claims Ellen, his wife, has deserted him and so sues to have the bonds of matrimony severed. He claims she left him without cause and in answer to the request of her parents who opposed the marriage.

CINCINNATI \$1.25 SUNDAY EX-
CURSION
Pennsylvania Lines, April 18. Train
leaves Richmond, 7 a. m. Train
arrives Cincinnati, 12:30 p. m.

TABLES ARE TURNED

Boston Trims Athletics and
New York Whips Wash-
ington Outfit.

PITCHER LAKE WAS STAR

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.
Won Lost Pct.

Philadelphia	1	1	.500
Washington	1	1	.500
Boston	1	1	.500
New York	1	1	.500
Detroit	0	0	.000
Cleveland	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000

Games Today.
Boston at Philadelphia.
New York at Washington.

At Philadelphia—
R. H. E.
Athletics 2 9 4
Boston 4 9 2
Batteries—Coombs and Lapp; Check and Spencer.
At Washington—
R. H. E.
Washington 0 6 4
New York 5 7 3
Batteries—Groom and Street; Lake and Kleinow.

DEMOCRATS WILL BE FROWNS UPON

Only Republicans to Be Per-
mitted to Vote at the
Primary.

STRINGENT RULE DRAFTED

COMMITTEE MET LAST EVENING
AND DECIDED THAT DEFEATED
CANDIDATES MUST SUPPORT
THE VICTORS.

That the republican nominees, chosen at the primary election May 3, must be supported by the unsuccessful candidates and that only republicans be permitted to vote at the nominating primary, were two important rulings of the city committee, which met last evening at the office of Dr. Ferling, chairman.

The committee felt that it was no more than due the successful candidates that they be supported by those whom they defeated. All candidates will be pledged to abide by this ruling when their assessments are paid. It is believed by the committee, that this action will do much in keeping the factions of the party together, and make possible the election of republican officials. In the past, it is stated, there have been a large number of democrats voting at republican primaries.

Voting Requirements.

A rule adopted by the committee reads:

"All republicans who are legal voters or who at the general election in November will be legal voters, shall be entitled to vote in the precinct where they respectively reside. Persons who are not republicans shall not be allowed to vote upon any pretext, and inspectors, judges or sheriffs, shall not be bound by any particular test by which to determine the right of any person to vote, but may apply any and all reasonable tests which they deem proper to ascertain whether or not the party offering to vote is a republican and resides in the precinct, and are particularly enjoined to let no person vote at said election who is not a duly qualified voter under these rules of the precinct where he offers to vote, and is a bonified republican."

Payment of Assessments.
The assessments of the different candidates, which go to meet the expenses of the primary, must be paid to Chalmers Ferling by April 22. The expenses of the election will be rather heavy, according to Mr. Ferling.

The candidates will draw for places on the evening of April 22, at a meeting with the committee at the Pythian Temple. This is of much importance to the candidates. It is asserted that those who head the list for the offices for which they are candidates, benefit materially.

The committee created but one new voting precinct. This was in the Fourth ward. The plan to have two voting precincts in the Seventh ward was given up. In all wards but the Fourth and Fifth, there will be one voting precinct.

Only One Judge.

The committee has decided that there should be but one judge, instead of two, at each poll. The officials for each precinct, include one judge, one clerk, and one sheriff. The sheriff will act in the capacity of a judge, in case a dispute arises.

No reference was made to the city judgeship question. The action of council next Monday evening, at which time the office will either be abolished or continued, will not affect the committee's plan greatly.

Pietie Report.
She pouted, withdrawing her hand.
"I'll button it myself," she said.
"You'd never make a scrapper. You're
too awkward with the gloves."

"But see how neatly I can lace one on the mouth," he said, smiting the action to the word.

Then he heard her father approaching and displayed some marvelously clever and swift footwork.—New York Times.

GOLD MEDAL FROM FRENCH REPUBLIC

To Be Presented Soon to San
Francisco by Ambas-
sador Jusserand.

COMMEMORATES BIG QUAKE

FRENCH STATESMAN SAYS MED-
AL IS ALSO IN APPRECIATION
OF AMERICA'S GIFT OF THE
FRANKLIN INSIGNIA.

Washington, April 14.—Stanley Ketchel and Jack Johnson were today matched to fight twenty rounds October twenty-first, in California. A side bet of \$5,000 was posted. The winner is to take 65 per cent of the gate receipts.

AGED WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Anna Noverre died at home of her daughter last evening.

Mrs. Anna Noverre, aged 73, widow of the late Prof. John Noverre, violin teacher, died last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Schirmeyer, 224 North Seventeenth street, from diabetes. She had been ill for more than a year and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by her son, A. F. Noverre, and one daughter, Mrs. Schirmeyer.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 224 North Seventeenth street. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery. Rev. D. C. Huntington of St. Paul's Episcopal church of which she was a member, will officiate.

M. Jusserand, in a letter asking the offices of Secretary Knox in informing the San Francisco authorities of the instructions he has received, gave a brief history of the incidents and motives, which inspired his government in presenting the medal.

Medal to the French.

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"The words which I spoke thus spontaneously and under the influence of the emotion caused by that event, turned out to agree as exactly with the sentiment of my country that the government of the republic at once appropriated them as its own. In conformity with the wish, which I took the liberty to express, a medal is to be added to the series of those which have marked from time to time, ever since the earliest days of American independence, the persistence of the sympathies which arose at the very beginning between our two countries, from the medals which commemorated the epoch of the alliance and of freedom down to the one which a popular French subscription enabled to be struck on the tragic death of Lincoln, and to the one, finally, which the American republic offered to my country."

PARK PROJECT IS DROPPED BY CLUB

Y. M. B. C. Decides That the
Proposed Move Is Not
Advisable One.

DISCUSS BAND QUESTION

ALL EFFORTS TO CREATE MUNI-
CIPAL MUSICAL ORGANIZATION
NOT ABANDONED—SATURNALIA
PROSPERS.

All doubt as to whether the city of Richmond would dispose of the front part of Glen Miller park, known as the Maple Grove Cemetery, addition, through the agency of the Young Men's business club, was removed last evening, by the committee bringing in an adverse report. The action of the committee was not altogether unexpected, as it states in its report that one of the reasons for abandoning the proposition was that public opinion was against it.

Two other reasons were also specified; one that it is doubtful if the city could give a clear title to the property, and the other that there was a doubt whether the city could even sell the property if so desired. The committee having in charge the matter, which has been hanging fire since January, includes C. W. Merrill, chairman; P. J. Freeman and Wilfred Jessup.

May Units Bands.

The proposition of uniting the city band and the union band was again up for consideration. It is believed that the object of the club will be attained, although the band men have not as yet consented. It would be necessary to guarantee \$1,200 a year as the expense for maintenance of a band and orchestra and it is probable that the club will be sponsor for this amount. The committee will investigate the proposition, both as to the willingness of the merchants to contribute for the band expenses and the probability of the amalgamation of the two organizations. It will report at the next meeting.

Some discussion, relative to the Masked Saturnalia, to be given by the club Wednesday evening, April 21, was held. Prospects are that the fondest expectations of the club members will be realized. It was also reported that those working on the committee of the city were meeting with success.

JOHNSON MATCHED WITH S. KETCHEL

Fight Arranged to Be Held in
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