

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

## SPORTING GOSSIP OF LOCAL INTEREST

**Fight Fans Expect Great Battle  
Between Welch and  
Nelson.**

**UMPIRE'S MANY TROUBLES.**

**Most Thankless and Least Desirable Job  
—Wonderful Green Filly in Daugh-  
ter of Directum Kelly.**

With the Corbett-Britt fight a thing of the past, local fight fans will now give their undivided attention to the program arranged for them by S. J. Kelly of the Shamrock club—the contest between "Battling" Nelson of Chicago and "Slider" Welch of San Francisco. The high rating of the two men; the fact that they are so evenly matched in record, and have never even seen each other before coming to this city, has created a great deal of interest among fight devotees of Salt Lake, and if the Salt Palace theater is not crowded to its utmost capacity on the night of April 6 it will be strange indeed. The management has gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to get these two recognized top notches in the lightweight division of the game here, and has guaranteed them a purse of \$500, with the prize of 50 per cent of the gate receipts. Transportation was sent to each of the principals, and for their trainers and managers. Both have got down to steady training for their bout, and who ever is defeated, he will not be in good condition for the contest. Both have made enviable records in the squared circle and each has sublime confidence of winning this contest. Whoever wins, the victor will be a feather in his cap, and will undoubtedly be regarded as the most important battle of his career up to April 6, 1904.

The fighters will weigh in at 133 pounds. The bout is for 20 rounds a decision, under straight Marquis of Queensbury rules, the winner to take 75 and the loser 25 per cent of the gate receipts, or of the \$500 guarantee—whichever they elect. The probabilities are that William Bean will referee the contest, and he can be counted upon to do the "square thing" by both boxers. The management states that two good preliminaries have been arranged for the evening's program, and that the fight fans will be sure to have an entertainment which they will not soon forget.

"Nobody who has not been through the mill can realize the tribulations of a professional baseball umpire," said a member of that long suffering clan the other day. "Of all jobs on the face of the broad earth it is the most thankless and the least desirable. In the first place the umpire has got to keep by himself a good deal during the playing season. His is a lonely and isolated existence a good part of the time. He can't afford to associate with ball players, because if he got friendly with any of the players it might create talk or influence his decisions unconsciously.

"So the umpire holds aloof almost entirely from the players, stays at different hotels from them and travels by different roads. I've seen umpires who had my wife with them at a hotel, that I would not want to pass a group of ball players who might be standing near, lest one of them should say something insulting to me as we passed and there would be a good deal of trouble. It is a lonely and isolated existence a good part of the time. He can't afford to associate with ball players, because if he got friendly with any of the players it might create talk or influence his decisions unconsciously.

"As for the players, well, you know how they are miserable for an umpire. They are always ready to roast him, and seldom, if ever, have a kind word for him. I believe some of the players would like to encourage the umpire once in a while if it wouldn't seem so strange to them. On the other hand, there are players who, when you umpire your best game, are sore because you didn't give them a chance to kick. Managers and owners also have their growl at you, and it is very unpleasant, after a game, when you are dressing all alone, feeling that you are the most forlorn creature on earth, to have the home manager send you a note saying that his hirelings that you were rotten, that he is much displeased with you and will have you transferred to some other town, a threat which he doesn't make good, nor that league presidents stick up for their umpires.

"The umpires will make mistakes, of course. They know it and feel worse over the mistake than anybody else. Sometimes, too, an umpire gets careless or lazy and doesn't get around the bases the decisions as he should. Then a little roasting does him good and puts him on his mettle. But there's no use in hounding a man. Poor Blind Snyder, is the way a Philadelphia paper referred to Charley Snyder every day of a whole season."

Reports from Pleasanton, Cal., where Monroe Salisbury is directing the training of a big drive of young trotters from James Butler's East View farm near Tarrytown, indicate that Directum Kelly, 2:05 1/2, is to be represented on the turf this season by several sensational performers. A green three-year-old filly by him worked a half in 1:05, finishing the last quarter at a 2:08 clip, a few days ago, and others in the string at Pleasanton are showing extraordinary promise, says the New York Herald.

The story of Directum Kelly's career will always be one of the brightest pages of harness racing history, and to breeders who are guided by those time-tried maxims, "Like begets like" and "Breed to the winner," it is particularly gratifying to know that the unbeaten four-year-old of 1893—winner of eight straight races against aged horses on Grand Circuit tracks—now gives promise of making a record in the stud even greater than that of his own great sire, Direct, 2:05 1/2.

The line from which Directum Kelly springs has held the center of the stage in harness racing ever since Dexter's day, now nearly 40 years. Few if any other sires have done so well in the one year three such stars as Jay Eye Bee, 2:10; Phallus, 2:13 1/2; and Direct,

2:17, the great trio of trotters by Dexter's full brother, Dictator, that swept the circuit 20 years ago. Dictator, in turn, got Direct, 2:05 1/2, and Directum, 2:05, the champions of the next generation, and now Direct is giving us such speed prodigies as the unbeaten Direct, 2:04 1/2, and Directum Kelly, 2:05 1/2. Directly, 2:07 1/2, as a two-year-old; Bonnie Direct, 2:05 1/2, as a green four-year-old, and Prince Direct, 2:07, who shares with Direct Hall the championship team record of 2:05 1/2.

Champions in a steady stream seem to spring from this Dexter branch of the Habletonian family, and the records show that each succeeding generation is more prolific of extreme speed than the one before. Direct, the sire of Directum Kelly, now has to his credit in the 2:10 list a larger percentage of standard performers than any other trotting bred sire, living or dead, and only one other stallion of his age has as many performers in the 2:13 list.

**SALT LAKE'S BALL TEAM.**  
Summary of Players Signed Show Pretty Strong Bunch of Men.

Local fans have been comparing the line-up of the Salt Lake baseball team since its announcement this week, with the line up for last year, and are doing some careful calculating on this team's chances in the race for the pennant.

The team appears, upon a rigid examination, to be superior, in some respects, to the team that bore the name of the town last season.

Hansen, the catcher, is generally conceded to be a better man than any shotstopper who held up his "mitts" last season to stop the "hot" ones. Anderson and Shea, of course did good work, but it is thought that Hansen will outclass them. When hitting is considered, Hansen is head and shoulders above either of them.

Essick will be a good addition to the corps that will hold forth in the pitcher's box, and with Wiggs, Tozer and Quick, in addition, the home team's battery should be hard to beat, and should show even greater strength than last year.

"Slats" Davis will hold down first base in as good a manner as he did last season, and the team will be, therefore, as strong in that position as ever.

By placing either Flynn or Miller, the players from Ohio, on second, the locals will probably be a little weaker than last year, as they can hardly be expected to come up to Donahue's record.

One of these men, with Donovan, the other "Buckeye," and Bruette, will be given a chance on third and short. Two of these men will undoubtedly make good, and will make the team a great deal stronger than the combination that held down these position last year.

Weed, at outfield, is said to be the strongest man in that position in the entire league. His record for batting last season, was far and away ahead of any record made in similar positions on the Salt Lake team for the same period. "Paw" Gimlin will be in the middle field, and will outclass the others. He is a good man to use his head, and is a straight, powerful hitter.

Max Muller will fill the left field, and will be a better man than any who held down that position last season. He is not so good a hitter, however, as Flannery or "Tacks" Parrott, so that the position will about balance with last season.

This summary shows plainly that the Salt Lake team will have a far better chance for the pennant than last year. The local fans are, therefore, greatly encouraged over the outlook.

**SALT LAKE IS FAMOUS.**  
Developed Wonderful Sprinting Ability On Montana Sheep Ranch.

Manager Joe Cantillon of the Milwaukee club claims to have signed the coming champion baseball runner of the world. The player's name is Williams, and he has been tried by one or two minor leagues, including the Three Is. It seems that Williams, despairing of becoming a ball player, hired out to a Montana ranchman to tend sheep. On being put to work the first day he was given a pony and told to take a flock of sheep out to a grazing patch, keep them rounded up, protect them from straying or being attacked by wolves, and return with them at 5:30 o'clock. Williams, however, declined the use of the pony because he could not ride well, and he claimed he could not run fast enough to keep the sheep from straying, in spite of the overseer's protests and warnings. When the rest of the herd returned that night Williams did not appear, and it was not until 9 o'clock that he brought his flock to headquarters. He was taken to task at once by the overseer with: "I told you better than try to round up those sheep without a pony."

"The big ones were easy," said Williams. "The little ones were no trouble, but those little runts kept me hustling to keep them with the rest."

Knowing there were no lambs in the flock, the overseer was puzzled, and asked: "What are you talking about? They are all the same size."

"Not for a minute," retorted Williams, "there's a bunch of little ones, and I had to leave a lot more out in the brush because I couldn't catch 'em."

The overseer decided to investigate and found that the ballplayer had rounded up 40 or 50 Jackrabbits with his flock.

This man Williams is none other than Henry Williams, brother of Jim Williams, former champion heavy-weight boxer of Utah, and now one of Salt Lake's finest under Chief "Billy" Lynch.

The Jackrabbit "round up" occurred several years ago, when Jim was doing a little boxing. The story was first told by Jim recently, but he was reluctant in admitting that "Brother Henry" was the famous runner.

**A LONG AUTO RIDE.**  
Chaffeurs Are Planning Trip From Denver to Salt Lake.

Chaffeurs of Colorado are planning a great endurance race to take place some time this summer—if summer ever comes—between Colorado and Utah auto drivers. The race will be over the summit of the Rocky mountains, with Denver as the starting point and Salt Lake the terminus. Local automobilists have received an invitation to participate in the race, and the event will most likely take place. The project was first suggested by G. A. Walgren of the Motor Field of Denver, and he has received the hearty support of Denver motorists. Walgren has decided to give prizes for the race and expects there will be a long list of competitors. A race of this kind would be extremely interesting, although it would be tiresome. The trip could no doubt be made, as bicyclists have gone over the route many times.

**Death Rate in New York and Chicago**  
During November and December, 1903, one fifth of the deaths in New York and Chicago were from pneumonia.

Henry and Tar not only stops the cough but heats and strengthens the lungs and has been recently, but he was reluctant in admitting that "Brother Henry" was the famous runner.



**FAMOUS SCHOOL ATHLETES.**  
Members of the track team of the Latter-day Saints' University. The above is a group of all-round athletes, who are expected to distinguish themselves in the coming track events between schools of the State. Jos. Stanton and Jos. Smith are standing, Sidney Christy and Othniel Lund are reclining and Willard Bean, the instructor is in the center.

## LEADING TURFMAN OF THE WORLD.

Probably the most prominent figure in the light harness world today is C. K. G. Billings, the owner of Lou Dillon, queen of the trotting turf. Mr. Billings is one of the many millionaires whose special hobby is harness horses, though only in the last few years has he allowed his tendencies in this direction free play. One of his first purchases that turned out well was Minerva, a gray mare that he drove in 2:15 1/2. Then came others in rapid succession.

His first real star, however, was Jumpus. With this horse Mr. Billings established an amateur record of 2:05 for a pacer to a wagon, and the horse with a mile in 2:03 1/2 to a wagon.

With Frank, Jennie K, and others, Mr. Billings held his own among the amateurs, but it was not until he came out with Lucile in 1899 that he really held the foremost position among amateur drivers of trotters. Her mile with the Chicago man in the wagon in 2:07 was far and away the best by a trotter to a wagon with an amateur driver. Mr. Billings also got the record for pacers to wagon, an amateur up, when he drove Free Bond in 2:04 1/2. No other man had two such performances with horses from his own stable to his credit.

With Ontario and Captor the Chicago man won a lot of races. Franker also helping in the regard, and then over his own magnificent track at Memphis Mr. Billings again lowered the world's record for pacers, this time to 2:01 1/2 with Little Boy. In the matter of heavy harness horses Mr. Billings is also prominent each year in the horse show ring in Chicago and in New York.

Speaking of Mr. Billings and his great mare, Lou Dillon, the American Sportsman says:

"While the stable of the wealthy New York enthusiast contained a great galaxy of equine stars, in the purchase of the chestnut mare Lou Dillon. Mr. Billings secured a trotter whose wonderful achievements during 1903 have earned for her the title of World's champion several times over and added to the great fame and prominence already enjoyed by her popular owner."

## BIG LEAGUES HAVE SOME FAST PLAYERS

American and National Organizations Are in Splendid Shape For Season.

## THERE ARE A FEW NEW FACES.

New York Clubs of Both Leagues Are Strong This Year and Stand Good Chance to Win.

That Ban Johnson is certainly a wise one in baseballdom is clearly manifested in the evenly balanced teams he has got together to compose the American League. Most of the players in the eight clubs were landed weeks before the conflict begins for the pennant of 1904. Johnson's method should teach smaller leagues, or rather their managers, a valuable lesson, viz: begin early and get the best players available even if it is necessary to pay a little more for them. Ban's idea is that "the public will pay the freight" and who can say he is not right? Has not the success of the organization demonstrated this to an absolute certainty?

There will not be so many new faces in the American as there will be in the National, and in the latter the changes are not so many. Boston will show some changes in the line-up. Some of the infield stars of last year are still

was a distinct feature of last year's baseball. The New York club looks strong in every department. Bill Dahlen at short is a wonderful player when doing his best. The infield is the same as last year's with this exception. The Giants were always strong in hard-hitting catchers and this year have three corking backstops in Warner, Bowerman and Brennehan. The outfield shows one change in the middle garden where McCormick, a highly recommended youngster from the Jersey City club of the Van Halten, who plays on the coast. McCormick is touted as a splendid stickler, and a dangerous man on the bases as well as a first class fielder. The pitchers McGraw relies on for this season's work are McGinnity, Matthewson, Dummy Taylor, and Wiltse, with a resurrected find in Nops, a promising youngster in Ames and a minor league graduate in Mulligan.

Brooklyn is something of an unknown quantity. Seale's bunch is a promising lot. Boston looks out of the fight, and the Phillies figure nowhere.

**LAWSON WINS GOLD STAKE.**  
Thousands Witness Match Race Between Salt Lake and Taylor.

The American bicycle riders in Australia are displaying wonderful form, or were doing so at last accounts, particularly Iver Lawson, Floyd McFarland and Major Taylor.

Australian papers contain full reports of the various events decided at Melbourne. A crowd of 15,000 people witnessed the match race at three distances between Major Taylor and Iver Lawson. The three distances were at half-mile, one mile and another half-mile. Enthusiasm ran high and reminded Australians of the appearance and defeat of Zimmerman several years ago on the same track. Major Taylor won the half-mile unopposed in 1:50. He also won the mile paced race by half a length in 2:30 1/2.

A mile scratch race was taken by Iver Lawson, with Floyd McFarland second and T. H. Scheps third.

A critic in the Australasian says: "The match between Lawson and Taylor on Monday evening provided a class

fastest mile—Lou Dillon, ch. m., by Sidney Dillon, 2:00.

Fastest First Heat—Lou Dillon, ch. m., by Sidney Dillon, 2:04 1/2.

Fastest Second Heat—Lou Dillon, ch. m., by Sidney Dillon, 2:04 1/2.

Fastest Two-heat Race—Lou Dillon, ch. m., by Sidney Dillon, 2:04 1/2.

Fastest Four-heat Race—The Monk, b. g., by Chalmers, 2:12 1/2.

Fastest Mile by a Team—The Monk and Equity, 2:08.

**PACERS.**

Fastest Mile—By Little Boy, b. g., by Kenton, 2:01 1/2.

Fastest Mile by a Stallion—Fred S. Wedgewood, m. s., by Fred S. Wilkes, 2:05 1/2.

Fastest Half-mile heat—Greenline, b. g., by Online, 2:08.

Fastest Third Heat—Greenline, b. g., by Online, 2:08.

Fastest Three-heat Race by a Gelding—Greenline, b. g., by Online, second and third heats, 2:09 1/2; 2:07 1/2; 2:08.

unassigned, according to last reports. Boston was the pennant winner last year and hopes to capture the "rag" again this season. Collins is working hard to get together a winning bunch, and he thinks he has about succeeded.

According to advices from the east, Detroit is in fine shape and every position is looked after by a star.

Cincinnati has a promising bunch of players, and is likely to make a strong bid for a first-division place, though his aggregation does not look like a pennant probability. In fact, it is hard to pick a winner in the American league.

The New York Highlanders look like a bunch that will be hard to beat, but Clark Griffith could not get all there was in his men out of them last year. No great change will be noticed in the faces; most of them will be familiar to fans who followed the American league last season. Tom Hughes, the ex-Bostonian, was traded for Jesse Taubert, who was a trouble-maker, according to Griffith, and the change may help the team work of the New York Americans a bit.

Cleveland, with LaJola, Bernhard, Hickman, Bradley and other stars is a fast-fielding and hard-batting aggregation that bids fair to make its mark in the first division play and is a pennant probability. Gehrman, who is accused of having kept Cleveland from winning last year is out of the team now, being replaced by a younger man, Turner.

**THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
With reference to the National League a New York dispatch says:

Lighting from the present complexion of the eight clubs which compose the National league, a closer and more exciting pennant race will come off this season than the one-sided affair which resulted last year in Pittsburgh's third consecutive victory.

This year the Pirates are considerably weaker as to pitchers, while several other clubs, notably the New York Giants, and the Chicago are present with stronger line-ups than those with which they opened the season previous.

The Cincinnati Reds, which have year after year failed to deliver the expected goods in spite of a formidable-looking battle array, have braced up their infield considerably and during the past winter have secured one infielder who is generally conceded to be about the most promising graduate of the minor leagues in Second Baseman Miller Huggins, whose work with the champion St. Paul club of the American association

of contest of which we have had little or none. It was a fight between two champion sprinters, and while it might have attracted a larger crowd on the continent, no more enthusiastic gathering could be wished for. With few exceptions the spectators understood the finessing positions, and then for certain advantages, of which Taylor was a fine exhibition.

"Seemingly, without McFarland, Lawson fails. This was exemplified in the final of the scratch mile, in which Lawson was piloted through by the big rider, and won, although that coming champion, Scheps, pushed them very closely, the three men finishing almost on the line."

At the national fete sports held previous to the match race the greatest interest centered in the meeting of Taylor and Lawson, and with the aid of McFarland, the latter beat the colored man twice. The final heat in the Gold stake at one mile resulted as follows:

Iver Lawson, 20 points, won.  
Major Taylor, 25 points, second.

Iver Lawson won the 10-mile event, with Floyd McFarland second, and Major Taylor third. The time was 2:53 1/2, the last mile being covered in 1:54 1/2. According to many of the Australian papers several of the defeats of Major Taylor were due to the fact that the American riders all worked together to aid Lawson and beat Taylor.

## SCHOOL BALL LEAGUE.

High School Team Manager Trying to Organize One.

If there is not a school baseball league of the state it will not be the fault of Manager Hintz of the High school team. He is interested in the matter and is now trying to stir up the teams of other schools and get them to organize into a league. He has already been assured the support of the L. D. S. U. and R. Y. U. An most interesting season could be enjoyed by the ballplayers of the various schools if they would get together, organize and adopt a satisfactory schedule. The High school nine is day and they will have a strong line up when the season opens.

## Women's Kidneys.

Women are more often afflicted with kidney disorders than men, but although the symptoms of disease peculiar to the sex, while in reality the kidneys are diseased. Nervousness, headache, pain in the back, or signs of kidney trouble that must not be ignored, or a serious malady will result. Foley's Kidney Cure has cured the trouble of thousands of weak, nervous, broken down women. It stops irregularities and strengthens the urinary organs. It purifies the blood and builds up the whole system. F. J. Hill Drug Co.

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