LOCAL SPORTS AND SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

BACK TO HARD WORK AT UTAH 'VARSITY

Team Meets Montana Aggies One Week From Next Saturday—Hard Game Looked For.

Back to hard work now is the decision of the coach and captain at the university. The men have been given a rest since their strenuous game in the mud with the soldiers on Saturday. But now they will have to slide into the begrimed, grotty suits and get down to hard work again in preparation for the coming game with the Montana Aggies a week from next Saturday.

Not much is known about the Bozeman team except that they are a husky lot and will probably outweigh Utah at least a pounds to the man. This, however, does not frighten the U men providing they can meet them on a dry field. With one fast back field and moderately heavy but fast line, the locals are willing to take a chance at any team in the west and believe that it can show them that Coach Maddock still has the coveted "punch" when it comes to coaching. The team was not able to work a single one of the "spread" plays last Saturday, but still the public could see from some of the end runs, and wide formations, even in the mud, that the team should be able to do something on a dry field.

Capt. Green says: "We have offered either Denver or the Colorado Miners a $100 guarantee for a game here this fall and would be willing to make it a general for any Colorado school were we not prevented from playing the University of Colorado. Colorado College or the Colorado Aggies on account of the major conference entered into by them last spring, which prevents freshmen playing on their team. We have this year about five freshmen on our team."

BASKETBALL GAMES: IDAHO CHAMPIONSHIP

The fine indoor game of basketball is being played in Idaho and there is a great deal of interest in the race started for the championship among the high schools. The first game in the series was played Saturday at Rexburg between the girls' team of Pocatello and the Ricks academy, the former winning by a score of 9 to 5. The schedule provides for games in the eastern and western parts of the state and the winners in each division will then meet to play for the championship of the state.

WALTER CAMP HEARD FROM.

A letter from Walter Camp, the noted football expert, received in this city today, says relative to his proposed visit to Salt Lake: "I do hope some time to get out there where I can see my friends; but they keep me pretty busy here. Perhaps when every day is Sunday I shall be able to arrange it, at any rate I am looking forward to it." Mr. Camp lives in New Haven, Conn., where he is general manager of a large manufacturing concern.

LAST SEASON WAS A MONEY MAKER

In so far as the major leagues and the big minor organizations are concerned, the season of 1909 was perhaps the greatest financial success of baseball in history. For the obscure brush circuits it was just the reverse. Arthur Irwin, chief scout of the highlanders, who went through the highways and byways of the lesser chanels of baseball as thoroughly as a politician sifts the past of a rival, has something interesting to say upon the situation:

"Baseball," says Irwin, "has reached such a commercial state that every little hamlet and village is clamoring to get professional representation. The result is that leagues have been formed in territory too sparsely settled or too unconcerned to support their clubs. The wealthier club owners of these little towns corral the best talent and show up the rest of their company in a manner which breeds discontent among the weaker representatives.

"Take Chattanooga, for instance, in the South Atlantic league. This Tennessee town broke into the circuit last spring and in the first few weeks nearly disrupted the league by so far outclassing the rest that the pennant was assured almost before the season started. The president saved a smash by declaring a new race in the middle of the season.

"The Central league, a class B organization, had the most stormy season of its career. The circuit was continually shifted. The interest become so dead in Grand Rapids that the city fathers passed a law prohibiting play in the city limits. And a couple of seasons back Grand Rapids was by far the best town in the Central. Only a few towns, like Atlanta, Memphis and New Orleans, made money in the Southern.

"New Orleans made its greatest profits through the sale of players. The Western and American association, as well as the Eastern, had banner seasons because the races in all three were close to the very last. If you sift the thing down you will find that the majority of the lesser minor league managers who made any money were those that developed talent for sale to the big leagues. The chief trouble with minor leagues at present seems in adjusting territory properly. Many of the smaller circuits, especially of the middle west, are beaten at the start by too great mileage. The little leagues that are making most money for investment are those compact organizations that afford trolley jumps from one town to the other and where the salary limit is too low to prevent a corner on talent."

CY SEYMOUR'S CHECKERED WORK

Cy Seymour, of the New York Giants, has had one of the most checkered seasons that have come to his lot while he has been connected with professional baseball.

First of all, he reported to the team in Texas for spring training after a disagreement with the club in Gotham. He had not been in Texas more than long enough to taste the spring water than he became involved in trouble with the manager, owing to the quarrel which he forced upon Arlie Latham.

McGraw suspended him for what he had done. Seymour decided that he would show McGraw that he could be a well behaved young man and a valuable member of the team. He remained in Texas at his own expense. When the Giants started for the east he returned with them. He paid his fare from city to city, and accompanied the players, although McGraw would not put him regularly on the team. As the Giants neared the east, and Seymour still conducted himself in the most exemplary manner, McGraw became lenient and gave him a chance now and then.

The players returned to New York and the season began. Seymour did not draw a regular berth at once, for the manager wished to try out his fielders and see what the new comers might be able to do for him. At last the time came when it looked as if there would have to be a little more batting and a little more accurate fielding, and Seymour was given a chance.

On the very first day on which he took the field he raced headlong into Murray in his eagerness to make a catch in the outfield, and was so badly injured that he did not get back to the game for a long time.

When he did return he began to bat, and he kept on batting to the season's close. His work in the latter part of the season was one of the good features of the Giants' play, for the batting which he injected into the game went a long way to help the Giants beat their strong rivals.

McGraw was sincerely sympathetic when Cy was injured, as he always had a warm spot in his heart for him. Prior to the injury he felt that he was only measuring out discipline as it was deserved. He did not believe that it would be advisable to permit Seymour to impose on the team and management, and now that it is all over it is not far from right to imagine that Seymour is better for it.

He certainly threw his heart into his work after he was able to get back on the field, and he was not careless and reckless, as he was toward the close of last season, when he was so sure that the Giants had the championship won that he broke over club rules when his services were most needed.

SHORTER SCHEDULE FOR THE TWO MAJOR LEAGUES

Chicago, Nov. 3.—B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, favors a shorter schedule for the two major leagues instead of lengthening the list of games, as proposed by Charles W. Murphy of the Chicago National league team. The American league executive said yesterday that he would favor a schedule of 140 games in the place of the 154 game series that was played last year.

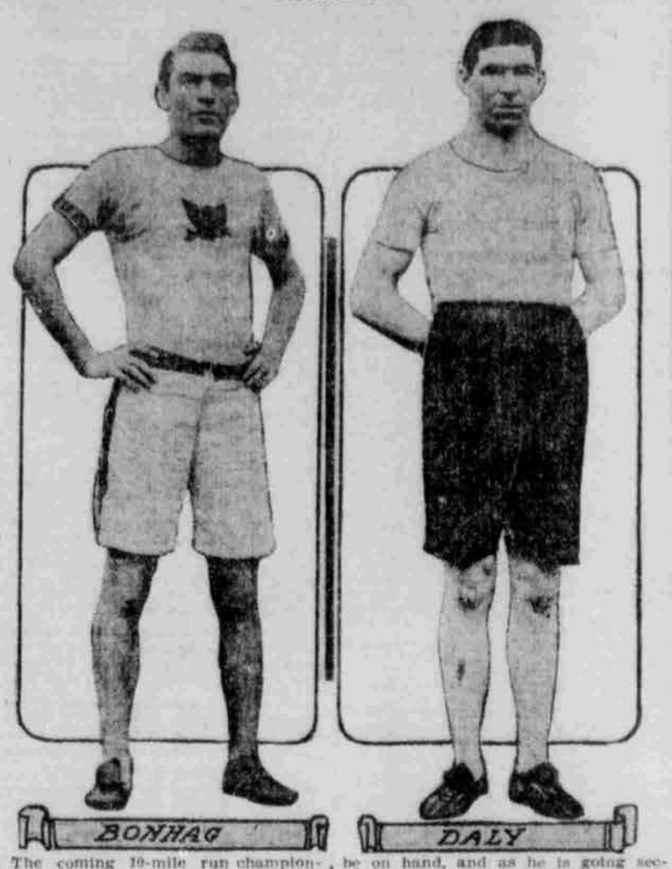
President Johnson says that the short schedule would not work a hardship on the club owners, except perhaps those whose teams were "way up in the race."

The average game in the major league after Sept. 20, according to President Johnson, barely pays expenses.

MILITARY RIDING CONTESTS IN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 3.—The American officers who will compete at the Madison Square Garden horse show against the British entries on horseback riding, will all come from Fort Riley, Kansas. Lieut. Gordon Johnston of the Second cavalry, has arrived here with 14 horses. The British officers and their mounts arrived several days ago. Besides Lieut. Johnston, the officers who will represent the United States, are: First Lieut. G. M. Lee, Seventh cavalry; First Lieut. Eben Swift, Jr., Eleventh cavalry; First Lieut. J. S. Martin, Fourteenth cavalry, and Second Lieut. J. C. Montgomery, Seventh cavalry.

TWO LEADING CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL TEN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.



The coming 10-mile run championship which is to be held at Celtic park, New York, Nov. 6, promises to be the most sensational amateur distance race held in many years. Nearly all the crack distance runners of the country are entered, and it is expected that the majority of them will start. John Daly, the old war horse of the Irish-American club of New York, who won the title in 1907, will be on hand, and as he is going seconds faster than any of the distance men at present it looks as if he might romp home with the title. Daly will not have an easy time, however. George Bonhag is fast getting into the shape that made him famous. Bonhag holds practically all records from two to eight miles indoors, and he will endeavor to add the 10-mile to his long string.

MEXICAN TRACK NEARLY COMPLETED

El Paso, Nov. 2.—The work on the new race track at Juarez (Mexico), just across the Rio Grande river, where a hundred-day meeting will be conducted, commencing Dec. 1, is in such an advanced state of completion that Secy. Lyman H. Davis announced today that, commencing on Nov. 15, he would be ready to receive the horses. There are exactly 600 stalls on the grounds, and judging by the applications for stabling room that are pouring in, all of these will have an occupant long before opening day rolls around.

The list of stake entries exceed 400 in number. The time for filing stake entries expired on October and it is now a matter of regret that the time limit was not made at a later date, owing to the large number of entries received after the closing date.

Owing to the fact the stables constructed of wood do not wear well in this climate, the builders have hit upon the novel idea of using adobe in the construction of the stalls. This material is much more serviceable than wood and will last for years. No flooring will be placed in the stalls, as the dry climate does not make this necessary. The roofs of the stalls will be constructed of red tiles, giving the buildings a picturesque finish.

In the construction of the grand stand and other buildings on the grounds several novel ideas have been incorporated. All the buildings are of the mission style of architecture, and the only material used being reinforced concrete and steel. The grand stand has reached that stage of completion to afford one a fairly good idea as to the beauty of the structure when fully completed in the course of two weeks.

The work of grading the track, which is a mile and an eighth, has received the finishing touches.

AFTER MICHIGAN.

Minneapolis, Nov. 2.—People up here were pleased with the overwhelming victory of Michigan over Syracuse by a 43 to 0 count. There is an intensely bitter feeling here toward the Wolverines, owing to the much disputed game of 1903, which resulted in a 6 to 6 tie. Minnesota people who witnessed that memorable struggle assert the Gophers should have been the victors, while Michigan adherents claim the opposite. There are not a few who believe that Michigan already is beaten, owing to Minnesota's showing Saturday. If the Gophers are successful in winning from Wisconsin and Michigan, they will have a clear claim to the western title by virtue of having defeated the strongest elevens in this section.

FITZHERBERT WINS ELECTION HANDICAP

Aqueduct, Nov. 2.—Cheered by 5,000 persons, Fitzherbert, favorite at 4 to 5, easily won the election day handicap of $2,000 here today.

He was ridden by Dugan, who had his first mount of the meeting. Fitzherbert carried 129 pounds. Olambala was played to beat him. Dugan beat the barrier with Fitzherbert and sent him right along to make the pace and soon had a lead of two lengths. At the far turn Dugan took him back a little and Arasee raced up to within a half length of the leader. As the field swung into the stretch Fitzgerald drew away and won easily by two lengths.

Impudent, with Dugan up, won the Beldame handicap for two-year-old fillies by two lengths.

First race, six furlongs—Seymour Beuttier, 2 to 1, won; Intervene, 9 to 2, second; Black Sheep, 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:14 3-5.

Second race, one mile—Blackford, 3 to 10, won; Siskin, 5 to 1, second; Norbitt, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:41.

Third race, five furlongs—Imprudent, 7 to 1 won; Cherryola, 3 to 1, second; Responseful, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:01 3-5.

Fourth race, the election day handicap, value $2,000, mile and an eighth—Fitzherbert, 4 to 5, won; Olambala, 8 to 5 second; Arazee, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:53.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Dandy Dixon, 8 to 1, won; County Fair, 8 to 1, second; Royal Captive, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:48 4-5.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—Petronius, 2 to 1, won; Tempter, 5 to 2, second; Dixie Dixon, 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:28 2-5.

JIM JEFFRIES IS A HARD WORKER

New York, Nov. 2.—Jim Jeffries is working hard for Johnson, make no mistake about that. When he arrived from California, after he had decided to take up the white man's cause, he was fat and dimpled. Those dimples have disappeared entirely. There has come a great change in Jeff's physical makeup. The clothes he wore that day have been packed deep down in his big trunk and they will not see the light of day until such time as Jeff is ready to take up a life of ease and comfort. There is a suggestion of the hollows that made his a great, strong fighting face in the old Harbin Springs days.

Jeff is a tremendous worker at all times. He never shirked his training labors and no man has ever been able to follow him along the mountain trails; neither horse nor man. They'd miss him at times in Harbin after the night meal. It wasn't that Jeff had taken to his bed. He had slipped into the old barn by a back door and there they found him many and many a time in the dark, tugging might and main at his heavy leather bag. He liked work, and best of all, he liked to be in the best possible shape.

Jeff in condition was invincible, and no one knew it better than J. J. J. All that enthusiasm characterizes the work he is doing daily at Cooper's gymnasium in this city. He never misses a morning, and he never missed the hour or so of fast work behind the scenes of every theater he has worked in since the day he started in the Wigwam at San Francisco. Jeffries looks good. It is hard to think he may not be the same old grizzly of the prize ring. A lot of the black, shaggy hair that once graced his massive head has disappeared. He isn't waspish about the waist, as he once was, but otherwise there seems to be little change, and it is safe to predict that after three months of right smart work Jim Jeffries will look as formidable as ever he did. But the wind—yea, boy!

The wind!

If Jim Jeffries is sent hurtling to the floor by the black demon it will be because Jim Jeffries blew up. They all look great when they try to come back. Kid Lavigne, Frank Erne, Oscar Gardner, Jack O'Brien, Tom Sharkey—any of them you name at random—looked as good as ever when they attempted a new start. One thing did for all of them. The wind wasn't there. Jeff didn't have any too much of it when we saw him at work at Blaney's on his arrival from the coast. It looked as though he never would recover that greatest of all fighting essentials.

The work that Jeffries has been doing since then has in a great measure eliminated all trace of labored breathing. Jeff will have to have his wind intact if he figures to thrash Lil Abtha. As matters stand, Jim is the one taking the risk. Johnson was never better. Jim is an unknown quantity right now. His best friends would like to see him try his hand on fellows like Flynn, Kaufman and that crew before risking ignominious defeat at the hands of the black. Jeff says: "No." He says the wind will be all O. K., and he is the doctor.

If he is wind-broken it looks like a fatal undertaking.

GAMBLING EVIL IN WORLD'S SERIES

Championship Almost Lost When Betting Men Got Abstein's Nerve During Great Diamond Struggle.

New York, Nov. 3.—A glaring evil of the world's series was the gambling on the games. Betting reached proportions many times greater than ever before and when the title is played for next year the chances are that the national commission will ask the aid of the police in the cities represented by the contesting teams to drive the gamblers out of town.

Thousands of dollars were bet openly in both Pittsburg and Detroit without the slightest effort on the part of the authorities to call a halt. Many "cheap sports" followed the Pirates to Detroit. Encouraged by the failure of the police to even make a bluff to stop betting, the gamblers opened handbooks in the lobbies of the principal hotels at Detroit and made bets without the slightest interference.

Had Pittsburg lost the series the club would have had no one to blame but the gamblers. The club has lost several valuable players in recent years through the gamblers, who have gotten after men like Bransfield, Beaumont and Ritchey and made it impossible for them to play their best game in that city. The officials of the Pirates have worked hard to down the evil, but it has not been suppressed entirely.

Some of these bettors have made life miserable for First Baseman Abstein during the closing weeks of the race, and they had the initial sacker "on the run" before the world's series started.

ABSTEIN LOSES HIS NERVE.

It is admitted by the Pirates that it was Abstein's work that played a big part in making them National league champions. Abstein appeared to be particularly fortunate in hitting the curves of the Chicago pitchers, and he won several games from the Cubs by his long drives. All this was forgotten when Abstein made a few errors, and the young man's nerves were shaken before the world's series started.

During the games with Detroit Abstein appeared to forget all that he knew about baseball. He ran the bases foolishly, made a number of costly errors, failed to hit well and disobeyed orders. In fact, his playing was worse than that of any other man on either team. The other Pirates, seeing that Abstein was the "goat" for the combination, kept up the cry against him, thus shifting some of the blame for their own bad playing.

Before the series was ended many of the Pirates shunned Abstein, and it was reported that he would be traded to some other team as speedily as possible.

The Pittsburg club has never been able to fill the job at first base since Bransfield played there, and "Kitty," it has been claimed, was driven off the team by the gamblers. If President Dreyfus and Manager Clarke want to get that hole at first base plugged up, and they most certainly do, they will have to wage a more vigorous crusade than ever against the gamblers. But the chap who gets the job of playing first base on the team will have the sympathy of all those conversant with the facts.

TOM McCAREY WANTS TO GET THE BIG FIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 3.—Tom McCarey, head of the Pacific Athletic club, is preparing to go to New York and bid for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. McCarey says he is prepared to offer $75,000 for the battle.

If his offer is accepted when the bids are opened, Dec. 1, the promoter will return and arrange to put the white and black champions on for 45 rounds at Vernon.

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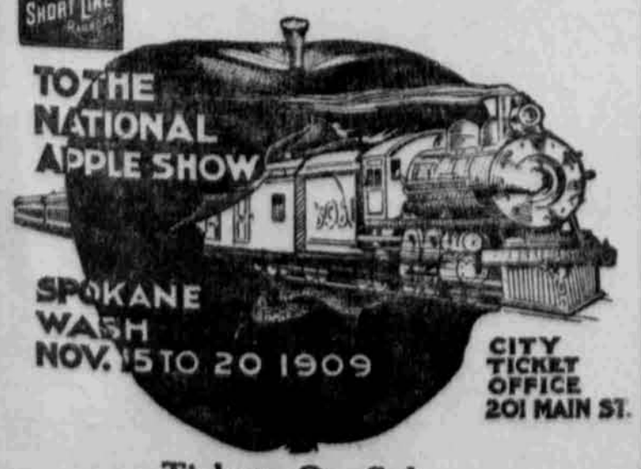

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