

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE.

AMERICAN TEAM IN NEW YORK

Fans All Over the Country Interested in the Movement.

BALL GROUNDS SECURED.

Leagues' Field is Well Located Off Manhattan Island but Transportation is Good—Across River.

Ever since Ben Johnson made the startling announcement that the American League would have a team in New York during the season of 1903, speculation has been rife all over the country as to where the team would be located, so far as the grounds were concerned. National League magnates and their friends scoffed at the idea. First they said a team could not be maintained there and next they argued that the young organization would not be able to secure suitable grounds. Many arguments were advanced against the proposition. But in spite of all that has been said, Ben Johnson insisted that the Americans would do just as announced early in the game. All kinds of pressure was brought to bear on him to divulge the location of the grounds, but he steadily refused, saying: "When the proper time comes we will announce the location of the grounds." His refusal to talk only caused a titter among the opposition. A Salt Lake who was in New York recently heard considerable about the matter and was led to believe that the American had gone too far to turn back, and that Johnson knew what he was talking about. Of course he did. Now comes the announcement that a field has been secured and the location is given out.

According to the Record-Herald, it has been practically settled that the American League grounds will be located at Jerome avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street in the Bronx. The grounds are on the east bank of the Harlem river, just across from the polo grounds, and nearly twice the size of the New York Polo grounds.

The American League magnates held a short session and adjourned until Monday. Henry Killien, the Milwaukee owner of the Boston club, said tonight that the grounds were positively secured and Johnson could give out the information if he saw fit. This Johnson refused to do, saying wait until Monday, when he could give out a complete statement of the facts connected with the deal.

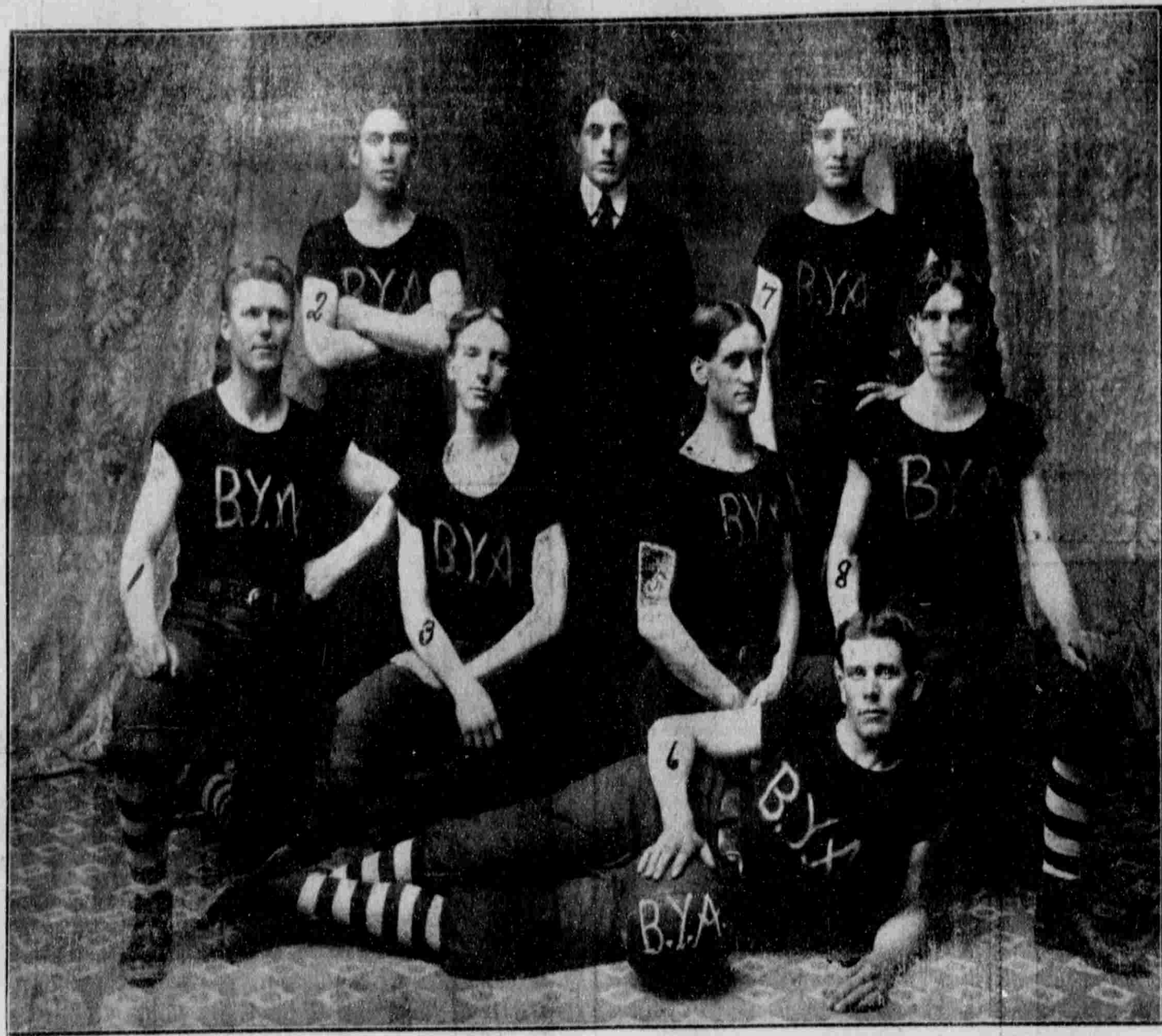
Several American League men took a look at the new grounds and chose them in preference to the grounds on this side of the river, subject to the will of the local politicians.

The new grounds are owned by the Astor estate and are leased for a long term of years. They are but a stone's throw from the polo grounds and can be reached by elevated and surface roads and with the subway, which will soon be completed.

It will be an easy matter to level off the grounds and get to work on the new stands long ago planned.

Andrew Freedman, Tim Sullivan and Jim Kennedy have worked night and day to block the entrance of the Americans, but all obstacles were brushed away by Johnson, and the grounds picked out by the league directors are out of reach of the Manhattan Island push.

Jim Kennedy, the fighting promoter, was around the Fifth Avenue the other day blowing off cheap gas to the effect that the Americans could not do business in New York unless they "saw him." Johnson refused from the start to stand for Kennedy and will land the Americans with flying colors, while the New York



THE BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY BASKET BALL TEAM.

The personnel of the team is as follows: (1) Kirkham, captain; (2) Beck, (3) Pierce, (central figure) Richmond, manager; (5) Webb, (6) Knudsen, (7) Dority, (8) Adams. The team was organized early in the year and has played six games, winning three and losing three. The following is a list of the engagements of the team since its organization: One with the L. D. S. U. team and one with the B. Y. College team, in both of which the Provo boys were victorious. Next followed two games with the Weber Stake Academy team, which were won by the Provo team, and a second game played with the B. Y. College was also in favor of the B. Y. A. The second game played with the L. D. S. U. last Saturday, was a victory for the L. D. S. The B. Y. A. team expects to play the L. D. S. in Salt Lake on the 21st, although all the arrangements have not yet been made.

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"All this has been done and now they adopt a 'four strike rule' that often retires a good batter before he has had a chance to hit the ball. How many crack batters have been forced to take their seat on the bench on three foul strikes, whereas had they been given the opportunity to get a good swipe at the ball the result of the game might have been changed?"

"No. Comy is against the foul strike from first to last, and I am against it because Comiskey is. Because the great leader has been a wonderful success ever since he started in, and he does not make many failures. There must be something to it when he opposes it as strongly as he did in this instance."

The First Home Run.

As this week brings to light the first of the spring poets, the following lyric is printed in evidence:

A ball,
A bat,
A base,
A man,
And on the seats an anxious fan.
A curve,
A lurch,
A lunge,
A miss—
Like maddened geese, the bleachers hiss.

A crash,
A streak,
A dot,
A speck—
Ten thousand voices going to wreck.
At first—
Then second—
Then third—
A run!
Ecstatic shrieks—the game is won—

ACHIEVED A THOUSAND.

L. D. S. U. Baseball Team Has Won Two Championships.

Beginning with the present playing season the L. D. S. U. basketball team, in company with its opponents, began work with a percentage of 1,000 to its credit, and having won all contests participated in it finishes the season's achievements with the perfect credit mark still opposite its name on the official tally sheet. The championships have fallen to the lot of these players—one in the city league and one in the state league. Among the contests that have been played some of the games may be selected as having been gamely fought and in which the opponents of the L. D. S. U. have proven to be worthy of the best effort of the champions, but the Salt Lake boys have put up an invincible front throughout the entire season and tenaciously held not only the first place, but to a percentage without discount. The record is an enviable one and is the source of much well deserved congratulation from admirers of the game and the manner of its playing by the L. D. S. U. boys.

M'CHESNEY'S NEW OWNER.

Smathers Will Become a Power on the Thoroughbred Turf.

E. E. Smathers' purchase of the great horse M'Chesney marks the entrance of another wealthy plunger into the thoroughbred racing game, and promises additional interest to the "sport of kings" on both western and eastern tracks this year.

The new owner of the wonderful son of McDuff-Manola has for several years been known as the greatest plunger on the tracks where harness racing is fostered, and once thoroughly interested in the runners he is likely to enter into this branch of the sport on a scale which will overshadow or at least rival the pace set by the Gates-Drake combination last season.

Smathers has already announced that he will allow M'Chesney to keep all his western stake engagements up to the time of the big Saratoga meeting, and during the early part of the present season at least the big chestnut 4-year-old will remain in the hands of "Boots" Durand.

The horse has grown to be a popular idol on western tracks, and great things are expected of him in the stakes and handicaps about Chicago this summer. The all-important question to turfmen generally, however, is as to his ability as compared with that of Hermies the acknowledged champion 3-year-old of the east last year.

Smathers states that he did not purchase the horse with the express purpose of getting a match with Hermies, but that he will be willing to entertain that or any similar proposition if it will test the speed and courage of his new purchase.

BOXING MATCH IS POSTPONED

Gibbs and McCarthy Will Probably Meet March 23rd.

OTHER BOUTS IN SIGHT.

Position of Eugene Thompson With Reference to Match With Jack Christy.

Owing to the postponement of the match between Jerry McCarthy and Jack Dunn at Butte from the 10th to the 12th, the bout between the Wolverine pet and young Gibbs, which was to have been pulled off here on the 15th, the match has been postponed until about the 23rd, and may not take place until a later date. During the week Manager McGinnis of the Lake Athletic club received a letter from Gus Marlon, manager for Gibbs, in which he states that the 15th was too soon to pull off the contest, as his man would require a little more time to get in shape. He suggested that the bout go over until the 23rd. The officials of agreement between the two men have not as yet been signed. The matter is still in the air, but it is likely that the arrangements will be completed within a few days. Manager McGinnis has several other good matches on the string and hopes to be able to give several good entertainments before the warm weather comes.

When Terry McGovern passed through Cheyenne on his way to the coast to fight Young Corbett, he was seen by all the prominent sporting men of the town. The former "foulie" did not impress them favorably, but the articles have not been sent to them to sign, but it is likely that the arrangements will be completed within a few days. Manager McGinnis has several other good matches on the string and hopes to be able to give several good entertainments before the warm weather comes.

I saw Terry for 30 minutes this morning, and take as a quiet thing from me that he will get it hung in his again if Corbett is in condition. Terry fears Corbett. One can see it in his eyes. He appears to be going to his death against his will—being so far from home. He smiled only once during the entire interview, and that was when he told him that Corbett was very knocked by his home people and was picked to win. He said he could not understand this feeling toward the champion here in his home country.

Terry's condition summed up in a few words looked to me to be about as follows: Weight about 132 pounds—last had was about his weight, he passed. Looks like he expected to pass tonight and had been overworked. His face is drawn and his eyes are dull expression. To the layman he appears to have suffered long from over-exhaustion or loss of appetite. He looks and arms appear to be pale and none of the symptoms of fatigue are present. In other words, Terry is self down by overtraining and needs constantly in condition.

Maybury and Cain had nothing to say. Humphreys did not appear to be the least bit confident of Terry's winning. He said Corbett is a dangerous man—whether in or out of condition, that Terry would have to be as fit as a fiddle to hang it out to the champion. "Corbett is a little brute for punishment," is the way Humphreys expressed it. And it will take a lot of time to put him out. Terry is willing to put him out. Terry is willing to put him out. Terry is willing to put him out.

I have been a McGovern man for several months owing to the above



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room for them. We will assure you that this will be the banner bargain week of the sale, as we will use every effort by Price Cutting to clear the bunch out this week. Read a few of the prices and remember there are plenty of goods and plenty of sizes.

We will continue to sell any pair of Ladies' or Men's \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 or \$6.00 shoes in the store at—

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We have just received 180 pairs of Men's \$5.00 patent leather shoes and 200 pairs of Men's \$5.00 sample shoes which will be included at—

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Also several hundred pairs of Krippendorf-Dittmann's Ladies' shoes. Some with French heels.

We will again display great strength at—

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About 300 pairs of Ladies' \$3.00 and \$3.50 good style patent leather shoes. About 80 pairs of Krippendorf-Dittmann's \$3.00 shoes. 26 pairs of \$3.50 French heel shoes and 600 pairs of Men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 shoes in good styles and all sizes. A genuine snap.



There is something a man seldom buys but expects someone in the course of his life to make him a present of, and that is, a man's slipper. We have you some tempting prices on them.

The best ones made regular \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, 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