



The Song of the "Krag."

It ain't a reaper's death song  
That sings the death of grain,  
And speaks of peace and joy's increase—  
It's a gentle, like the rain,  
It sings of grief, it sings of pain,  
And sings of the death of men,  
Whose eagle eyes, turned to the skies,  
See things beyond our ken.  
It's a song of the rifle  
That's heard in a battle  
Of men as they die in the sun,  
Of men as they die in the sun,  
Of men who die for the sake of the flag,  
A wild, wild song of the crackle of lead,  
It ain't no whisp'ring song of love,  
That stags the heart's delight,  
And tells of life with pleasure rife,  
And sees no sorrow's night,  
It sings of strife and red-hot fight—  
While fingers beat the wooden floor,  
Whose strident grasp holds in its clasp  
Green turf that's tramped with red.  
When darkness steals the glare of day,  
And drums o'er his domain,  
Towers in the night, there in the light,  
The Krag sings its refrain,  
It sings in sun, it sings in rain,  
It sings "God save the flag!"  
And nations hear with wonderment  
The Tanker's strident roar.  
It's a song of the rifle  
That's heard in a battle  
Of men as they swear in the sun,  
Of men as they die in the sun,  
Of men who die for the sake of the flag,  
A wild, wild song of the crackle of lead.  
—Wesley W. K. Hamilton, company L, Third  
United States Infantry, Balling, P. L., in Cin-  
cinnati Commercial-Tribune.

BASEBALLDOM IS UPSET

Rival Leagues Preparing to Do Battle in the East and Middle West—With the Fighters.

The professional baseball outlook here remains practically unchanged, excepting that proposals for ground facilities are assuming more definite shape, and as two desirable locations for playing fields are being considered, the matter will soon be settled. It is good hard rustling means success in baseball, then Manager "Ted" Sullivan should have a first-class team representing the Northwestern league in Portland. Mr. Sullivan is indefatigable, and should his plans fail to connect, the fault will lie with the public, who are supporters of ball, and not with the management.

The National League in the East is in a peck of trouble. Public support last season seemed to wane. Syndicate ball, collisions between managers, some rowdiness, caused a falling off in the attendance. The unwieldy and lopsided 12-team league was another detriment. Too much disparity between the quality of the teams has caused Louisville and Cleveland to be dropped for the coming season. The American Association, headed by Quin, of Milwaukee, and Anson, of Chicago, intends to play teams in the Eastern cities now under league control.

Will Fight the League. This association will fight the National League in every way possible. It will recognize in no way the rules regarding the reserving of players—in fact, it follows pretty much the plans of the old Brotherhood Association, formed in the early '90s, to fight the League. Right in line with this disaffection comes Sam Johnson, of the old Western league, who has formed what will be known as the American League, embracing some of the stronger of the old Western League cities, such as Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit and Cincinnati.

The National League, which paid but little attention to the rumors of war until quite recently, has been rudely awakened from its lethargy and is showing a bold front. To meet the opponents at the same time, neither money nor pains will be spared. Its first move in the fight, judging from press reports, is to form an opposition association, directly under league control, to play in the same cities, on the same dates, with the American Association rebels. With so many leagues in the field, the result is sure to be injurious to the national game. However, it is to be hoped that all this preliminary skirmishing may prove merely a sham battle, to attract and keep up interest in the public mind during the off season.

Jeffries-Corbett Contest. Among the boxing fraternity, the next great battle of importance will be the heavy-weight championship bout between the present champion, James J. Jeffries, and the ex-champion, James J. Corbett. Since both these famed fighters are Californians, unusual interest on the coast is a result. Corbett, at his best, is a shifty, fast ring general, but the great question

is whether Corbett is now in, or can get to, his best form by March 15. Jeffries is a young, strong, massive fighter, who has shown that he can stand an immense amount of hard punching from harder hitters than Corbett ever was, so, naturally, the result is now considered as in Jeffries' favor. There is a strong probability of the contest taking place in San Francisco, as the National Club, according to present indications, is hanging up the heaviest purse.

That little fighting machine, Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has clinched his claim to championship honors, at any weight from 117 to 122 pounds, by defeating George Dixon, and, more recently, Santory, of Chicago, considered to be one of the best in the 122-pound class. McGovern's fights have all been of the short-order variety, as he is a powerful little chap and trained faithfully and will make the force of a pile-driver. His strong point is roughing it and mixing it up with his opponent, his short-range jolts on the ribs soon completing his work.

Evans-Jost Bout. A contest that is stirring up a great deal of interest, at present, locally, is the Evans-Jost contest, billed for this coming week. Just is a pupil of Evans, and so apt has become, that in their first meeting, a few weeks ago, he wrestled the middle-weight championship of the Northwest from his teacher. Since that time, Evans has trained faithfully and will make the fight for his life to regain his lost laurels in the limited 20 rounds at his disposal. It will be a hard bout, and it looks like anybody's fight.

The Oregonian is in receipt of the following "dell" from Nick Long, manager for "Jimmy" Anthony, the famous little Australian: "Seeing an item in the Evening Bulletin, of San Francisco, relative to 'Jimmy' Fishery, the well-known Portland pugilist, being desirous of meeting 'Jimmy' Anthony, of San Francisco, I wish to state, in reply, that I am willing to match Anthony against Fishery, or any other bantam in the country. Anthony won on January 5, defeated Micky Welch, in 12 rounds, before the Seattle A. C., is also willing to give the latter a return match. If a Seattle, Tacoma or Portland club will give a purse...

"I am also willing to match 'Cockey' Boyle, who has met Oscar Gardner, Dave Sullivan and others, to box any man in Portland at 125 feet 10 inches. My other star boxer, Jack O'Brien, who meets 'Young Peter Jackson' on February 14, before the National Club, of San Francisco, is also willing to box any 120-pound man in America. Nick Long is the sporting editor of the National Review, of San Francisco, so any communication from aspiring local men will be promptly attended to.

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No Trouble at All. Athletic Gentlemen—Certainly, here you are.—The King.

ump, by second division of intermediates; horizontal bar, and rings, by the first division of intermediates; ladder and parallel, by first division juniors; buck and pole, by fourth division juniors; first position, mat work, high diving and somersault, by the intermediates; comic games and races, and, finally, a game of basketball. The youngsters are taking an unusual interest in the work, and their exhibition promises to be an interesting one.

Return Game of Basketball. The return game of basketball between the Turner women team and that of the Y. M. C. A. women's annex, will be held in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, on the evening of February 8. The first game was won by the Turners, after a pretty contest, and the Y. M. C. A. team has been practicing and getting in some new material, and another close game may be anticipated.

Annual Meeting and Election of Eight members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday evening next.

GIVES THE REASONS WHY. Pife, Sr., Explains Why Pife, Jr., Did Not Beat Columbia. W. Pife, Sr., father of W. Pife, Jr., the designer of the Shamrock, has given to the yachting papers of England his opin-

ion of the reason that the Shamrock was so badly beaten by the Columbia. He says, to begin with, that the Shamrock was screwed up too tight, and then he finds fault with the steel boom which was carried by the gunwale. He says that it sagged, and in the sagging affected the set of the mainsail to such an extent that the yacht refused to do the windward work for which she was designed. In proof of this, he quotes the magnificent windward qualities of Emperor William's Meteor, which raced in English waters last summer and swamped all competitors. The Meteor carried a solid wooden boom, with no sprit and a gild, which kept the mainsail setting like a board.

"TED" SULLIVAN GOSSIP. Discourses of the Northwest and the Baseball Situation. "Ted" Sullivan, the well-known writer on baseball topics in the Chicago Tribune, has been on the coast during several weeks last past, in the interest of the formation of a Northwestern professional baseball league. While his propositions and ideas have found favor with the players and managers of the game at Portland and the other cities of this section of the country, nearly all having professed a willingness to embark in the carrying through of the enterprise, in the difficulty of procuring suitable grounds on which to play in this city. The other day, Mr. Sullivan got to talking about his trip to the Northwest, and was rather warm in his praise of our big slice of Uncle Sam's domains and the people he found here. Incidentally, he alluded to the purpose of his visit.

His First Visit. "I left Chicago," said he, "on December 23, on the Great Northern, for my first trip to the Pacific coast, and, after passing through the snowdrifts of Minnesota, the cattle ranches of Dakota, sheep ranges of Montana, log camps of Washington, mining and lumber regions of Oregon, and the three-card monte men of Idaho, I landed in Portland. After one month's stay in the Pacific Northwest, I am deeply impressed with the vast resources of this corner of the great American union, resources that are destined to make it one of the richest sections within the confines of the country.

"While the national game of baseball, with which I have been quite long identified, follows the flag, both being a symbol and a cause, I notice that the flag is a little ahead of the game in some parts of the coast." It is not that the love of baseball has left the hearts of the people far from its wonted place, but that the magnetism of some enthusiast or visionary of the sport. A country that has no national outdoor game is on the way to the British decadence, and that is surely not the situation here.

On Dion's Cricket Field. "The Duke of Wellington wisely remarked, that the battle of Waterloo was won on the cricket field of Eton. An Englishman who would say that in regard to the national game of cricket would be an anomaly; there are very few of them who will lie over the desks in their dingy offices to develop a humped back, in the mad chase for a few shillings and pence, and to the sacrifice of health and lung space. I was born and brought up on American soil, and I love every star and stripe of my flag, but I must give credit to the British people for their love of their national game, which makes them a hale, hearty and sturdy people. With a dense population of 3,000,000 people in England, covering less square miles than Montana, Pennsylvania and New York, or even one county in the state of Texas, yet, in the heart of London, where real estate is priceless, there are two great cricket fields—Kennington oval and 'Lord's'—and for government or city authorities to interfere with them would be considered a desecration.

Ripe for Baseball. "On the other hand, in some American cities, with a superabundance of uncultured land, grounds for ball-playing are hard to get, especially on account of the real estate speculation. What I have observed in the cities of Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and even the British Columbia towns, Victoria and Vancouver, indicates that they are ripe for professional baseball. Here, the thing is to give them what they want in that direction, and in that connection I wish to say that the first time the Associated Press dispatches carry to the Eastern newspapers the results of baseball contests in a regular league between Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Spokane, then will the people of the Middle West and far East begin to realize the real importance of this great section of the country. In its sports and games, Easterners are not behind us. With all respect and kindness to the other cities, I am satisfied that, with a nice, clean team, playing snappy ball, the patronage of the Portland public would be equal to the best that could be found anywhere. I should greatly like to see a professional baseball league established in the Northwest on a first-class basis."

AFTER CUPS AND STAKES. American Owners Make Many Entries in English Turf Events. The 19 leading spring events on the English turf have received 30 nominations from the owners of American-bred horses. Sly Fox has been nominated for each and all of them. Mr. Dwyer disposed of this horse last fall, after many disappointments, but his new owner must have formed a good opinion of his abilities, not only for his speed, but also as a jumper. However, and he is entered in races from one mile up to two miles and a quarter.

Mr. McDonald has strengthened his string in England by shipping over A. N. B. the last of the season's horses. In the East as the May stakes at Brooklyn, the Larchmont stakes and Ramapo handicap at Morris Park. This colt is entered in the London Cup at Alexander Park. Last year J. H. McDonald had some rather hard luck with Rosselaar, who was tantalizingly close at the finish of several good handicaps. Nevertheless he was a good breed-winner, as he landed over \$500 in stakes. The season's Pickering, of Newmarket will have the handling of this gentleman's string.

Messrs. Daniel and Farrell have also shipped to England, and among their lot is the good colt Switmas, that won such races as the Kearney stakes and Citizen and Merchants' handicap at Saratoga last fall. The stable must think well of him, as he is entered in the Jubilee stakes of \$50,000 that this year will be run over one and one-fourth miles for the first time.

Six American horses are down to try for the City and Suburban handicap, run at Epsom Downs, and it may be that the victory of Farcie in 1877 will be duplicated. Foxhall, a 3-year-old, ran second to Bend Or in 1881, which caused him

to be heavily bought for the Grand Prix de Paris, which he won. One of Oliver Longland's importations, Montauk, by Strathmore-Spinaway, has the honor of being the first American-bred horse to be entered for the Grand National steeple-chase, over four and one-half miles of country, with 35 obstacles.

HIS MARVELOUS SKILL. Pillsbury Has No Equal as an Exhibition Chess Performer. "Harry N. Pillsbury, the great chess player," says the Chicago Tribune, "has been in Chicago taking a rest of a few days after a continuous series of engagements for over two months. His tour has been productive of a great many brilliant games, particularly in his marvelous blindfold performances. His success everywhere has been almost uniform. He has played a greater number of games (from 12 to 15 blindfolded) than on his last year's tour, and notwithstanding the increased number of boards, his record shows a greater percentage of wins. As an exhibition player, he certainly has no equal in the world today.

Pillsbury's memory is remarkable. After an absence of 10 days in Ohio and Michigan, he was asked to set up the positions of the men in several of the games left unfinished during his blindfolded absence here. As soon as the number of the board was mentioned, he immediately proceeded to do so, although he had not thought about them since he had left here."

TAKE BACK SEATS. Old-Time Jockeys Forced to Give Up Riding. With the decline of the old school of riding and the advent of the lightweight, many of the old-time jockeys who, a few years ago, were in the zenith of fame, have been compelled to seek other means of making a livelihood. Jimmie McLaughlin is a well-known trainer. Ed Feaks and the Haywards, father and son, are also trainers. "Snapper" Garrison is in the insurance business; Ballard is a turf

adviser; Day, the English boy who gained sudden fame by riding W. L. Scott's entry horse to victory in the Futurity, is a stable hand in Baltimore. Willie Ham and Johnny Lennie have a stable of their own, and are racing their string at New Orleans; Marty Bergen rides an occasional race, and has a thoroughbred or two of his own; Walter Wyburn is riding mule races in a sporting drama; Charley Omsler, crippled by a fall from a horse he was riding, is earning a precarious living on the race-track; George Taylor is in the West training; and Hans Murphy, the greatest judge of pace the turf has ever seen, is also dead. This will probably be the last year in the saddle for Fred Tarr (the honest Dutchman) and of Lonnie Clayton, increasing the list of those who have abandoned the saddle.

BOSTON COACHES IN DEMAND. Hub's Baseball Team Supplying Yale, Harvard and Other Colleges. Nichols, the great Boston pitcher, will coach the Yale baseball team this spring. Captain S. B. Camp and catcher C. E. Sullivan, of the Yale team, met Nichols in Boston recently and a deal was completed, according to the reports. "Nick" will go to New Haven for four weeks, commencing some time after March 15.

Nichols will give most of his time to the batteries, but will have an eye out for the players and the coaches' care and give the collegians a few points about training. Usually the ideal training table of the professional player contains about everything good to eat. Nichols declined an invitation to take charge of the squad at the training table. "That is a part of the game that I don't care to tackle," said "Nick."

With Lewis at Harvard and Nichols at Yale, the best of Boston players will be unusually interested in the success of the two colleges. Fred Tenny is already at Brown, Bill Clarke is booked for Princeton, "Whack" is at St. Louis, and Captain Hugh Duffy will soon take charge of the Boston college boys, so that Manager Seale will no doubt put off his Southern trip to the last moment.

TRACK ATHLETES HANDICAPPED. Induction Delays Preparation for Western College Meets. Candidates for the track teams at all the various Middle Western colleges are at work training for the spring dual meets and the Western intercollegiate championships, says the Chicago Tribune, but not a word has been heard as yet from the Intercollegiate Association. Last spring the association recommended the abolition of the mile walk and the substitution of some other event, the mile run being suggested. It is a matter of considerable importance to the track men to know whether the walk will be retained, or whether the two-mile run or some other event will be substituted. "Nick" will go to New Haven for four weeks, commencing some time after March 15.

Worse Than Was Thought. The dangers of bicycle riding, such as varicose veins, enlargement of the heart, a reversion back through evolution of the type of our simian ancestors, if not of spinal curvature, have all been pointed out. But now comes a Russian physician who declares that long rides on the wheel result in paralysis in the digits, owing to the sensibility and pressure of the interosseous and adductor pollicis. It is even worse than had been imagined.

BOWLERS AND BOWLING

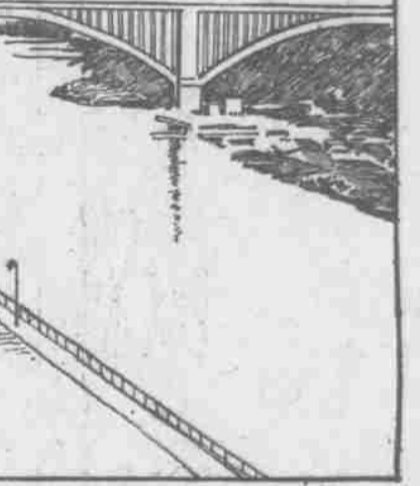
OFFICIAL RESULTS IN "BIG FOUR" CONTEST AT HAND.

Portland Team Preparing to Meet Seattle and Tacoma Bowlers on Washington Alleys.

The official scores of the "Big Four" contest have been received by Secretary Malory, but have not as yet been fully tabulated. The scores on pins have been figured out, and show that none of the teams did as well as was anticipated before the contest began. The Y. M. C. A. team leads on team totals by a large plurality, being nearly 60 pins ahead of Ililhee, the latter taking second place, The Dalles third, 400 below Ililhee, and Astoria last, 47 less than The Dalles. Every one of these teams should be good for a team average above 40, and it is the general opinion that they are very evenly matched.

Individual work is a much greater disappointment than that of the teams. It was confidently predicted that at least 10 of the contestants would be above 40, at the end of the contest, and the high man considerably above 40. This proved to be a wild guess, as the high man, Berger, of the Y. M. C. A., has but 47.7. This is the only score that can be ranked as an especially good one, and it is far ahead of anything made by any of the other bowlers. Kurtz, Barker, Marston, Baldwin and Whittlesay are above the 40 mark, but the rest are scattered considerably. Barker is entitled to second place, as Kurtz bowled but 12 games, and all on the home alleys. The detailed scores have not been completed yet, so it is at present impos-

COURSE SELECTED FOR NATIONAL ROWING REGATTA.



The national rowing regatta will be held at New York this year, and Gotham sportsmen interested in the event have decided on a course which will be a magnificent one from a spectacular point of view, and from the advantage it will afford to thousands to witness the races. The course is a mile and a half straightaway on the Harlem river, from above the Washington bridge to Highbridge. Skirting the river along the course its New York's managers are the finest of its kind in the world. The hills afford almost unlimited opportunities for spectators to watch the races.—New York Herald.

Y. M. C. A. has taken possession of the "Feldenhelm Big Four trophy," and will retain possession until the team is beaten. Permanent ownership is determined by three winnings, and the contest will be held annually. The contest has been a satisfactory one to the contestants, and all promise to do better work next season. The team totals and individual averages are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Total, Average. Rows include Y. M. C. A., Ililhee, The Dalles, and Astoria.

The highest four games team total of the "Big Four" contest was made by the Y. M. C. A. The highest individual was Berger, 47.7. Astoria's highest four games total was 305; lowest, 86; high four games, individual, Sovey, 181. Ililhee, four games

WORKING TRACK ATHLETES

TRAINER STAGG GETTING READY AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Hiding Hard, With Good Material, for Athletic Championship of the Middle West.

The problem of track athletics is at present one of the most important questions before the college trainers. With long seasons before them, the matter of keeping a team of athletes who will compete in two or three events in a track meet in good condition and be ready for all emergencies has become a task which is even greater than that of the football trainer.

Not alone does the college team trainer have to contend with the task of getting the old men into shape, but the development and selection of men competent to fill the places of those who have left school, and the getting of those who can best stand the strain of a long track season, are causing considerable worry to the men who try to bring out athletes to most those of opposing colleges.

Therefore the training of college athletes has not begun until the first days of spring, when a little outdoor work was permitted. Now it is radically different. With the end of the Christmas vacation, there comes the announcement that all students who wish to try for the track team must report at a certain hour.

Indoor and Outdoor Work. Often the question has been raised throughout the college world: "Is the indoor man as good as an outdoor man, and can an indoor man equal his marks on the path?" In the Middle West this question has been answered often. Take the case of B. B. Smith, the crack mile runner of the "maroon" team last year. He made a record at the Notre Dame indoor meet which, at that time, was considered a wonderful indoor performance, and two months later he not only equaled his mark and lowered it on several occasions, but on several trials on Marshall field he gave every evidence of being able to break any indoor record for the event.

The development of a track team is one of the most interesting tasks before the trainer. The success of A. A. Stagg, of the University of Chicago, has created considerable interest among Western schools, many of which are pursuing the methods of the system which Stagg uses. Although the system is not his own, there are enough changes in the methods in use by him to disguise it and make it seem different from any that is in vogue at the present time at any of the colleges of the country.

With a comparatively small body of men to choose from, Stagg has undoubtedly the record for developing a team out of nothing. It is on this basis the university man has been given all the credit, starting out in January with a lot of men who take gymnasium work simply because they have to, and by the end of the year work within a week which takes off all the edge of the compulsory side of the work and gets the men interested in their task by holding trials now and then. Unconsciously, the men show the coach that they are ready for the end of the week (the coach has in his well-trained eye a future for each of his men).

Three or four classes make up about 50 men, all of whom are worked by the watchword of Stagg, "Every man for his own." Toward the end of the month he calls out his old men and has them work with the new men, with the result that the novices learn a few tricks and do not get a few points in their particular of their work.

Bringing Out Sprinters. So far of the lot of men who came out this year all but two were around 150 lbs. They are Captain Maloney, Fred Maloney, Horton, the Morgan Park athlete; Wellington, Dan Trude, of last year's relay team; Nelson, Kierstead, Pettit, and the man who can do it in less than 10 seconds. The freshman or novice who succeeds in making it in less time than 10 is already on his way to success.

For the other events, such as the field contests, the candidates are men who have the knack of doing these tricks, and their form and development are not taken into account by the coach till later in the season. Henschberger will undoubtedly give the most pointers in the pole vault. The shotputting men will be particularly busy this season with indoor meets, and if Stagg's scheme of holding a meet every Saturday carries through he will undoubtedly have the strongest team in an indoor season, and will stand a good chance for Western championship. Chicago Tribune.

Uncle Sam's Class in Yacht Designing. The above cartoon is from the Yachtsmen, of London, England, January 11, and is from the pencil of Mr. P. D. Marshall, of Copenhagen. Of the Yachtsman's remark: "The subject reveals itself at a glance, and the truthfulness of its treatment will be painfully obvious to us all. Mr. Marshall has given us no instructions as to naming the individuals in the foreground. Readers will, however, readily identify these gentlemen. The design on the blackboard is quite as authentic as any other drawing of the Columbia hitherto published."

nouncing the result of the Multnomah team tournament results is still unpaired, as Craft, Ball, Zeller and Farrell again won the medals Monday night. In fact exceedingly close contests with high total. Ideaman captured the high total for individuals, with 21 Craft scoring second with 20. Craft's 21 and Ideaman's 20 were the high single games. The "Rubbers" propose to win the medals this time for keeps, and it will surprise nobody if they succeed.

Magison won the monthly medal at the Y. M. C. A. last night, with 123. With any had won it twice, and made a close race for final ownership.