

DOGS IN THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS

FANS TALK UMPIRE

Jim McDonald Welcomed Back to Pacific Coast.

DOINGS OF SOME LIVE ONES

Jack King, Popular Starter, Who Pleases Every One—Foxy Ned Hanlon Seeking Boost by Reviving Old Dispute.

The return of Jim McDonald to a position of umpire in the Pacific Coast League is hailed with delight by his many friends all over the circuit. McDonald has not recently recovered from a severe illness, and the fans of Portland are prepared to give him a rousing welcome when he visits this city. "Honest" Jim McDonald has been before the public both as a player and official for 20 years, and it is safe to say that a more popular man on the diamond is not before the public today. For this was evidenced by the splendid benefit given him when he was seriously ill last winter, at which something over \$400 was raised. The money thus acquired served greatly toward giving the popular official the necessary medical treatment, which is responsible for his recovery.

Another instance of mob violence and rowdiness in connection with the game of baseball has come to light by the publication of a disgraceful affair that occurred at Decatur, Ill., recently, which runs as follows:

"James Anderson, Springfield's Chief of Police, probably saved the life of Umpire Milan, at the end of a ten-inning game at Decatur. Milan was assaulted by Tommy Thomas, a Decatur character, and knocked down, when two other men rushed upon the umpire. Milan escaped to the outside, followed by a mob, the members of which chased him around the omnibus that was waiting to haul the Springfield players from the park to their hotel, yelling 'Mob him' and 'Kill him'."

"Milan succeeded in getting inside the omnibus. Chief Anderson, attracted by the excitement, arrived in time to close the door before any members of the mob reached Milan, who was now without his hat or coat. Placing his back to the door, Chief Anderson, who had been in the public language he called individual members of the vicious crowd cowards, and invited any or all of them to make a further demonstration."

"In a short time Chief Anderson was surrounded by a score of Springfield friends who had gone to Decatur to witness the game, and their support toward the rowdies, who had made the trouble."

Manager Ned Hanlon, of the Brooklyn, is up in arms because of the assertion of a local baseball scribe that the credit of engineering and developing the hit-and-run play, which the Giants so successfully worked last year, belongs to John McGraw, instead of the regular member of that organization.

"The play was first introduced by me in the Baltimore Club in 1889, and Wilbur Robinson, the catcher, and Reitz, worked it successfully a number of times."

"Foxy Ned, who draws down a salary of \$10,000 a year for sitting on the bench and directing the efforts of an inferior team, is, as usual, bent on making a name for himself when it is not forthcoming he does it himself."

Jack King made a reputation for himself in the recent A. A. U. games that has extended to all parts of the country. King was the official starter of all the track events, and performed his work in such splendid style that Secretary Sullivan paid him the highest of compliments by saying that the local man was the best starter of foot-racing events he had seen in recent years. Trainer Mike Butler and Captain Lightbody, of the victorious Chicago team, also complimented the Portland man, as did Mr. Liggner, of Milwaukee, and the San Francisco contingent.

According to E. Newton Atherton, the well-known oarsman, skater and athlete, the attendance at the local A. A. U. meet was greater than at either the St. Louis, Buffalo or Chicago Expositions.

A Missouri couple recently entered the race for life. The lady's name was Mamie Beldame and the man's Adrian Sysonby. If they are not handicapped, the race ought to be a runaway, because the coincidence of the names being the same as the two best horses of the year should at least be mascot enough to help them along.

The recent defeat of the Vesper Boat Club in the race for the Grand Challenge cup at the Henley regatta and the numerous other defeats of American crews in the race for the big English prize has stirred oarsmen in the metropolitan district to such an extent that the New York Athletic Club may send an eight over to try for the cup next year. There is a strong feeling among the rowing element of the club that the Mercury Foot should be represented at next year's regatta, and at the next general meeting the matter will be brought up. It is thought that, with the pick of the American college oarsmen, the New York Athletic Club could send over a crew which would be the best that ever represented this country in the big English event.

St. Louis club has bought Bobby Ganley of Des Moines. It will be remembered that Ganley played right for Oakland last year and when he was right he played a swell game. At the beginning of this season Ganley and Delehanty were traded by Seattle for "Dusty" Miller, who proved that he belonged to the great army of "has-beens." Bobby has been making a great record for Des Moines, and St. Louis will find that he can deliver the goods.

Joe Gans' Home Troubles.

Joe Gans, champion lightweight prize-fighter of the world, has not only been elected a member of the alimony club by the courts of Baltimore, but the other day his wife, Maggie Gans, filed a cross bill denying Joe's charges of unfaithfulness, and in her suit against the champion makes the same charge against him, naming one Martha Davis, as co-respondent. At the same time the pugilist's spouse filed a suit for \$500 against the dark rival for the alienation of Joe's affections. Two letters, which prove these allegations, are in the possession of the wife, according to her statement.

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