

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
FROM OVER THE COUNTRY  
FOR THE SPORT FAN.

# THE SPORT REALM

BOXING, WRESTLING, GOLF  
TRAP AND FIELD  
AQUATIC SPORTS, ETC.

## TWENTY-FIVE CENT BASEBALL IS PAST

### High Cost of Living Affects National Pastime Say League Owners

CHICAGO, April 1.—Twenty-five cent baseball in the American Association is no more. The high cost of the national game will be ushered in with the opening of the 1920 campaign.

President Hickey has just announced that with the start of the pennant race April 14 the prices of all seats in every park in the league will be slightly raised to meet the mounting cost of operations and the higher salaries paid baseball players.

The fan who last season paid thirty cent, war tax included, for a favorite spot in the bleachers, will be obliged to lay down fifty cents this season. This includes the war tax. The price of grand stand seats will be advanced from 60 to 75 cents, war tax included. But there is solace for the fan who sits in the reserved seats. The price will remain the same, 85 cents. The price of box seats, however, will be fixed by each individual club.

President Hickey, in his statement announcing the increase, declared that a readjustment of the prices of admission was absolutely necessary to assure success of the game. He declared that operating expenses since the organization of the American Association nineteen years ago had doubled and in some instances were three times as high, whereas the price of admission had remained the same.

AKRON, Ohio April 1.—Jim Thorpe the noted Indian athlete, has signed a contract to play with the Akron club in the International League. Thorpe, who was the Boston Nationals last year was purchased by Akron.

St. Louis, Mo., April 1.—The St. Louis Americans will admit boys under fourteen years of age to the Pavilion—the 75-cent seats—for 25 cents. This was announced following receipt of word from other team owners in the league that no objection would be made to arrangement.

TOOLEDO, O.—Roger Bresnahan is making strenuous efforts to get his ball players together in time for the start of the American Association season April 14. The telegraph wires are being kept busy by the manager.

BLOOMINGTON Ind., Mordecai Brown, for years a star pitcher for the Chicago Cubs, admits the old "zip" isn't there but believes his pitching arm still is strong enough to hold off the batters in the Three-I League the coming season.

Boxing Tournament Arranged  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY Cal., April 1.—Tournaments have been arranged for Stanford boxers by Coach Joe Murphy with the University of Southern California and with Santa Clara University. The exact dates have not been determined.

SEATTLE Wash. April 1.—University of California freshman crew will row against the University of Washington first year shell when the Washington, California and Stanford University varsity oarsmen meet on Lake Washington here May 22, according to word from Berkeley.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The San Francisco Y. W. C. A., has been granted an American Red Cross Life Saving Corps charter, the first, it is said, awarded on the Pacific coast.

Farm Act for Veterans, Valid  
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 31.—Validity of the land settlement act, passed by the 1919 legislature to provide farms for soldiers, was upheld by the supreme court today in an op-

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inion written by Judge Emmett N. Parker and concurred in by Judges Tolman, Bridges, Mitchell, main and Fullerton. Chief Justice O. R. Holcomb in a separate opinion concurs in the conclusion reaches in the majority opinion. Judges Mackintosh and Mount dissent.

Constitutionality of the act was attacked by State Auditor C. W. Clusen, who refused to issue warrants for payment of land purchased by the land settlement board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act.

## PRIZE FIGHTING LOSES POPULARITY

### Dead Letter Law Against Matches is Revived and Ban is Enforced

MANILA, P. I., April 1.—By A. P.—Prize fighting which flourished in the city of Manila and a few of the provinces outside the city, for many years, was brought to a sudden stand-

still last Decem'ber, by those opposed to the sport. Although a law, placed on the statute books by a Philippine commission more than fifteen years ago, prohibited prizefights, it was considered a dead letter soon after its enactment and was not enforced until just before the holidays opponents of the ring sport formally brought the matter to the attention of the authorities in the city of Manila. Since that time no bouts have been staged, except on property directly controlled by the United States government.

Promoters and followers of the sport, however, hope to revive boxing and were almost successful in bringing about a repeal of the law at the recent session of the legislation.

Women Organize Rifle Club  
SEATTLE, Wash., April 1.—Women rifle marksmen of the University of Washington have organized a club. All girls enrolled in the small arm classes of the university were admitted to membership.

The new club expects to challenge the University of Oregon and University of California women shots to matches.

Unique Contest is Playep  
DEL MONTE, Cal., April 1.—Golf "heretics" have just concluded their annual "Bletherin" contest here.

The "Bletherin" is primarily a cure for nerves.

The conditions of the competition are that the players and spectators can dance, yell, sing and do anything except actually touch the player or his ball. It was first tried at Del Monte last season.

## Today's Calendar of Sports

Wrestling  
Metropolitan A. A. U. championships, at New York City.  
Stanislaus Zhyzsko vs John Freberg, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Boxing  
Willie Ryan vs Joe Daly, 10 rounds at Johnson City, N. Y.

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