

# COQUETTING WITH BECKLEY

## Nimick Again Tempting the First Baseman to Abandon the Players.

## The National League People Determined Upon Having Clash- ing Dates.

## Sullivan to Box Jim Corbett—Bill- iard Games and Other Sports.

### TEMPTING BECKLEY.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 1.—*Special Telegram.*—Vice President Palmer O'Neill to-night made a determined effort to induce Jake Beck- ley, the big first baseman and two times deserter, to return to the Pittsburgh Na- tional League Club. He first offered him \$4,300 to play first base and captain the team for the season, but Beckley declined. He was admonished that at 12 to-night he would be blackballed if he didn't return, and then Mr. O'Neill offered \$5,000 for the season. Beckley wavered, but recovered himself in time to say he had already made a fool of himself and could not afford to repeat the experiment. There are some players' League people who fear he will make the leap to-morrow.

### THE SCHEDULE CONFLICT.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 1.—President Frank De H. Robinson, of the Cleveland club, says to- night that if the brotherhood changes its schedules the league will also change, in order to compel the two organizations to conflict. He says there will be a fight to a finish if the league is compelled to change its schedule twenty times to meet brotherhood competition.

### GIANTS BEATEN.

RICHMOND, Va., April 1.—*Special Telegram.*—The Boston and New York Players' League teams played here to-day and the Giants were badly beaten. Score:

Boston.....2 6 2 0 0 0 2 0-12  
New York.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0-1

### SLOSSON IN CHICAGO.

George Slosson arrived from New York yes- terday evening, a circumstance that served to at once stir up an unwonted measure of activity in billiard circles. He played a practice game in the Brunswick billiard-room soon after his arrival, and a big crowd was there to witness it. His great rival, Schaefer, was at the same time engaged in a game with Billy Canton, and another big assemblage of people saw his fine exhibition of skill. Schaefer played the best game, but Slosson was just off the cars and could hardly be expected to be in condition to make any great display. The score at Schaefer's was as follows:

Schaefer—1, 0, 23, 0, 22, 38, 34, 6, 41, 7, 62, 81, 19, 2, 16, 0, 21, 0, 0, 28, 32, 66—500. Average, 22 16-22.

Canton—0, 6, 29, 0, 2, 1, 9, 2, 28, 13, 47, 1, 4, 9, 7, 0, 22, 10, 38, 8, 14—250. Average, 11 4-11.

Slosson had a good amateur player for an op- ponent, and the score of the game was as fol- lows:

Slosson—25, 0, 1, 62, 1, 0, 15, 4, 4, 1, 18, 1, 13, 2, 14, 0, 25, 0, 5, 39, 0, 156, 17, 11, 0, 23, 3, 22, 17, 2, 5, 1, 13—510. Average, 14 10-35.

Cool—0, 1, 1, 4, 1, 4, 0, 7, 0, 0, 3, 2, 2, 2, 10, 0, 2, 0, 2, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 2, 11, 1, 0, 0—62. Average, 1 34-35.

Slosson is stopping at the Auditorium. He will do his practice work at the Brunswick, and will play there this afternoon and to-night with Hatley for a trial horse.

Last night Dick Roche authorized the issuance of a challenge in behalf of Schaefer that may bring about a big match with Slosson after the near- by tournament is over. He offers to back Schaefer against Slosson in a five nights' match at any style of billiards except cushion caroms, and will wager \$5,000 to \$4,000 that Schaefer wins. He also offers to back Schaefer against Slosson in a similar match at cushion caroms for \$5,000 a side or any reasonable part of it. This is a chance for a great match that Slosson should accept if he thinks he can beat Schaefer.

### SULLIVAN TO BOX CORBETT.

NEW YORK, April 1.—*Special Telegram.*—It is practically settled that John J. Sullivan and James J. Corbett will fight four rounds within three weeks. Corbett is in this city, and in reply to a question of Sullivan's friends said he was perfectly willing to box four rounds with the champion, provided the Olympic Club, of San Francisco, by whom he has been engaged, has no objection. They telegraphed to-day and Corbett confidently expects that permission will be given. The contest is to be with gloves near New York City.

### THE UNION BALL CLUB.

The Chicago Union Base-ball Association, at their meeting Monday night, elected the follow- ing officers: President, W. A. Jones; Vice Pres- idents, F. Scott and H. Elby; Secretary, W. G. Smith; Treasurer, Tamas Jones. The associ- ation will, during the season of 1890, try to maintain in Chicago a colored base-ball aggre- gation that can hold its own against any other organization throughout the country; also one that the citizens of Chicago may well be proud of. The team will not play this season, as they did in former years, as strictly amateurs, but will play as semi-professionals in towns on Sun- days, and during the week in exhibition games through the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

Negotiations are already being carried on with managers of the different Interstate League clubs for spring exhibition games. The associ- ation will try to secure suitable grounds on the South Side for the home games. F. C. Le- land has been appointed manager and has signed some of the best colored players now before the public. So far he has signed fifteen men, and from this number expects to pick a team of players that will not only hold up the honors the team held the past two seasons as champion colored team of the West but a team that can dispute honors with the celebrated East r. cracks (the Cuban Giants) as the col- ored champions of the world.

The men signed so far are George Franklin, pitcher, formerly of the Athletics, of Detroit, Mich.; F. L. Scott, who played shortstop for the Marquettes during the season '88 and '89; William C. Smith, p. of Wilmington, Ohio, club during the season of '88-'89; William Ferguson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, second base- man and catcher; K. Shields, of Atlanta, Ga., third baseman; L. Spears, of Peoria, shortstop; William S. Peterson, the reliable first baseman of last season Unions, who will again be found on the initial bag; A. Campbell, the heavy- hitting fielder, will be found in the left garden; W. H. Easkins, of last season's Unions, will again occupy second bag; Albert Braeta, of Detroit, comes well recommended as a third baseman; J. Campbell, pitcher, is now well known by past records in the pitcher's box; Al Hackley will occupy again this season his favorite position, center field. William Hutch- inson and G. Hubbard, two general all-round players, have been signed.

The manager would like to arrange a game with one of the City League clubs for Sunday, April 13, in one of the parks. Address  
F. C. LELAND, No. 468 State street.

### M'AULIFFE'S FIGHT WITH CARROLL.

The pilgrims who journeyed to San Francisco to witness the fight between Jack McAuliffe and Jimmy Carroll are now on their way eastward. Two of the number, Richard Roche and Jockey Billy Donahue, arrived in Chicago yesterday.

Mr. Roche gave a version of the fight that varies radically from the published reports of the affair. In the course of an informal con- versation last night he said: "In many re- spects it was the best fight that I have ever seen, but it never was an equal contest because McAuliffe always had the best of it. Carroll was as well trained and in as per- fect condition as he well could be, but McAuliffe was almost the reverse. He actually reduced eight and one-half pounds in one day while training, and lacked a great deal of being right when he entered the ring. In addition he hurt his right hand early in the fight—the same hand that he injured in his contest with Dally—and did his fighting after that with his left almost exclusively. Carroll's perfect condition enabled him to withstand con- stant punishment. Jack punched him when and where he pleased, but, despite all published reports to the contrary, Carroll did not hit him back squarely once during the last fourteen rounds. Carroll was badly punished and cut up, but McAuliffe did not have a mark to show after the fight was over outside of his injured hand. If it had been

a fight with skin-tight gloves I am satisfied that Carroll would not have lasted fifteen rounds." "McAuliffe is not anxious to fight any more," said Mr. Roche. "He intends to embark in book-making after his return to New York, and if he is successful may not enter the ring again. But I think he is the best man that I know in his class, and I stand ready to back him against any man living to fight at 133 pounds for \$5,000 or \$10,000 a side."

In a conversation with Lee Cheaney, bicker of Billy Meyer, yesterday Mr. Roche told the latter that he would back McAuliffe against Meyer for any sum from \$5,000 up, and if that did not suit would lay \$10,000 to \$9,000. No match was made, but something may come of the offer. Fighting in Texas is a great hobby with Cheaney, but Roche is strongly of the opinion that the fight should take place in the vicinity of New York.

"Jack came out here to fight Meyer," said he, "and went to California to fight Carroll. The next man that fights him should come to his section of the country. I will agree in advance to forfeit the stakes if the fight is not fairly conducted in every particular."

"I think well of Billy Meyer," said Roche. "He is emphatically a good man, but I think Jack is the best. I told Cheaney that he could win all the money he wants if Meyer could go to San Francisco and defeat Carroll, and I think that is the match for him to make if he wants one. If he prefers one with McAuliffe all that remains to be done is to put up a forfeit."

Mr. Roche goes East to-night. McAuliffe went from San Francisco to Portland, and will give sparring exhibitions as he comes this way. If they do not pan out well he is likely to go straight to New York at any time, possibly tak- ing in Chicago en route.

### SPORTING NOTES.

Ganzell has been made captain of the Boston league team.

The father of Catcher Owen Clarke, of the Boston players' team, died last week.

The Washington Jockey Club transported horses from New York to their track free of charge.

Columbia College has raised \$20,000 of the \$25,000 wanted for the proposed athletic grounds.

Neither Jimmy Manning or John Healy have signed with Kansas City. Both are holding off hoping that some major league club will purchase their release.

Another attempt will be made to start a Southern league. The cities proposed are Montgomery, Selma, Mobile, Chattanooga, At- lanta, Columbus, Ga., and New Orleans.

Pete McCoy is training at Clifton, Staten Is- land, under the care of Monte Lewis and Joe Prendergast, the heavy weight, for his fight with Johnny Reagan, which takes place at the Puritan Athletic Club on April 17.

The salary of the American Association's President and Secretary is \$1,800, and he has to give a bond of \$5,000. The salary of the Players' League's Secretary is \$3,200, and N. C. Young has \$4,000 for his services.

Negotiations for the match between Dampsey and Young Mitchell will probably be declared off. Mitchell has signified his willingness to fight LaBlinche at 156 pounds, and the Cali- fornia Athletic Club is trying to arrange the match.

Colonel North, the nitrate king, is said, on good authority, to pay Sherwood, the well- known trainer, \$25,000 a year as a retaining fee and \$15 a week for each horse, and, in ad- dition, 10 per cent on all stakes won by Mr. North's horses.

Pike Barnes says that Emperor of Norfolk is sure to stand training and racing this year. If "Pikey" is right the other cracks will have to stand from under sure. Perhaps we may see this imperial horse in some of the long dis- tance events at Washington Park next July.

The lawn tennis United States championship tournament will be held June 30 on the grounds of the Staten Island Cricket Club at Livingston. Several crack English players have signified in letters to Mr. H. W. Stocum, the present champion, their intention of en- tering.

Frank Conley, trainer of El Rio Rey, says: "So far as I can see, the colt is just as good as ever he was. He is galloping here every morn- ing, and is as full of run as at any time in his career. There is nothing the matter with El Rio Rey, as they'll find out before the season is many months old."

Representatives of the clubs forming the proposed South Side Commercial Base-ball League met at the Grand Pacific Hotel last night and had a very animated session. It was voted to exclude City League players from mem- bership in the teams of the various clubs. A. G. Spalding & Bros.' team filed their application for membership.

The Cricket Association held its annual meeting at the Pacific last evening and made minor changes in its constitution. A better season than usual was anticipated. The Spald- ing and Presidents' cups will be contested for, and clubs from Manitoba, Philadelphia, and England will play in Chicago in addition to the Detroit and Pittsburgh clubs, as usual.

Billy Donahue inspected the Stanford and Baldwin racers while in California. He has a high opinion of both Racine and Flambeau, and thinks they could win if they were sent East. Los Angeles, he says, is a splendid-looking mare, and is to have a special preparation for the Brooklyn handicap. Emperor of Norfolk, he thinks, will stand training, though his fore leg is plainly bowed.

Asked if he was about to arrange a glove fight with Dominick McCaffrey, Corbett said: "I fear McCaffrey has been talking. I have not spoken of the matter, but many people have asked me about it. I came East to see the country. Bar my New Orleans trip, this is the first time I have ever been away from home. My contract with the Olympic Athletic Club will not allow me to arrange a fight of any kind."

Rancocas, Kenwood, Dalseyrian, Defendant, Sam Love, Flambeau, Prince Howard, Sir William, Pilgrim, Paradise, and Nellie Looker colt at 118 pounds each; Guard 115, and Ur- banni, L. dy Agnes, and Eon Lassie, 113 each, are the entries for the Myers Hotel stakes for 3-year-olds, to be run at Guttenbourg to-mor- row. The finish should be between Rancocas, Kenwood, and Guard. If he is ready for a race, Rancocas should win.

Senator Stanford has finally decided to race his colt Flambeau, by Wildside-Flirt, in the East this year. The rest of his lot will not come East, but Flambeau has developed so that Californians believe him to be almost invinci- ble, and expect to see him beat all the horses of his age, three years, in the East. He got a record of 1:43 at a mile in Sacramento last fall, and defeated Mr. Rose's colt Rico easily each time they met, both being in the same stable. Flambeau will be trained by Matt Allen, who has charge of Senator Hearst's string, and also of Senator Stanford's fast filly, Gorgo, who races in Senator Hearst's colors, as Flambeau will in all probability.—*New York Times.*

### NO PRIZES.

From an article in the April Century, on "Suggestions for the Next World's Fair," by George Berger, Director General of the Paris Exhibition: "The question of recompense calls for a considerable simplification of the practice in former exhibitions. It is my deliberate opinion that there should be no more interna- tional juries to judge the products on exhibition and to award prizes. About all exhibitors of standing have already received premiums at one or other of the many universal exhibitions which have followed one another during the past forty years. The fear of not securing awards equal or superior to past successes, or of failing to be ranked as beyond competition owing to service as members of the jury, would have the effect of keeping away many producers without whose presence the United States ex- hibition would fall short of the brilliancy and the interest which ought by good right to char- acterize it. It is my judgment that the juries of admission to the exhibition, in the United States and in all the other countries taking part, should be so organized as to assure their action at once with great strict- ness and with perfect impartiality. The principle must then be established that the admission itself to exhibit is in the very be- ginning a recompense, or at least an acknowl- edgment of merit, to the exhibitor, who will afterward receive further recompense in the appreciation of his products by the public, as well as in the business which will accrue, and the orders that will come to him. I may add that the terms of the general report of the ex- hibition, which might be drawn up by an inter- national committee of men representing all specialties and taking the place of former juries, will place in their proper light any in- dustrial or artistic excellences to which the ad- miration of the public, founded, as it is, often on mere appearances, may not have rendered full justice. It is not practicable that future exhibitions should offer to manufacturers, artists, agriculturists, anything more than an opportunity to bring forward their works for comparison with those of their fellows in for- eign lands—a comparison platonic, indeed, in theory, but in practice full of instruction, of warning, and of revelation. I can not urge the American commissioners too strongly to weigh carefully my opinion in this, shaped as it is by experience. I advise, however, that a diploma of admission and a commemorative medal be awarded to every exhibitor."