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The din by cheering and yelling of members and delegates at the last Democratic National Convention had nothing on that which greeted the ears of those who visited the opening of Baltimore's fifth annual poultry exhibition under the auspices of the Maryland Poultry and Pigeon Association in the Fifth Regiment Armory yesterday. The doors of the spacious building were thrown open to the public promptly at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after those in charge of the big affair had worked hard and faithfully until the wee hours in their efforts to bring order out of chaos. The time appointed for the opening found everything symmetrically arranged and thousands of the feathery tribe in proper places, ready to receive the inspection and admiration of the crowds who visited the display.

There was the peep, peep, peep of the little chick just emerging from his crusty shell in one corner of the hall as it tottered about in its incubator realm, while over in another corner of the room was the mammoth old bronze turkey gobbler with his 30-odd pounds of good Christmas eating, and not far away could be heard the quack, quack, quack of the gorgeous display of ducks and geese.

Upon entering the armory one is suddenly impressed with the perfect harmony and arrangement of the thousands of coops containing the 5,000 representatives of feathered aristocracy. The huge military building has been practically converted into a mammoth hennery during a night, and if one fails to realize this fact he is soon made to understand just where he is by the various sounds which greet his ears and which are so familiar about the barnyard, all of which go to make up the more realistic scenes of down on the farm. The chicken reigns supreme so far as numbers are concerned, there being over 4,000 of this tribe. Then comes sprinkles of ducks, turkeys, guineas, pigeons, and even the proud peacock is there, occupying a picturesque cage at one end of the building. They are all there—every species known to the feathery kingdom in these parts, and the best way to get an idea of the mammoth proportions of the affair is to go and see for yourself.

Pheasants Popular.

As usual, the Golden pheasant plays a conspicuous part in the fancy part of the exhibit, and is the center of attraction on all sides. The most unique exhibit which adorns the hall is what appears to be about 15 square feet of tropical scenery, picked right up in Florida and transplanted in the center of the big armory. It consists of a moss-covered floor, interspersed with little patches of sand and pebbles. There are several small pine trees, old moss-covered logs, ferns, water plants, and in the center is a running stream. The exhibit is inclosed with wire screen and there are ten or a dozen beautiful specimens of the Golden pheasant roaming about in the inclosure, very much unconcerned and apparently as much at home as when in their wild state. The exhibit is the object of much admiration, and the way the gorgeous cock-pheasants and their less pretentious mates peep in and out of the low-lying underbrush and shrubbery makes a picture of happy bird life hard to equal. The ladies were particularly attracted by this pretty exhibit and looked with envious eyes upon the magnificent plumage of the birds.

Another exhibit which attracted much attention was that of the Dunrobin Farm of Red Bank, N. J., with a fine flock of Buff and White Orpingtons and Orpington ducks, also the Blue Orpingtons. Practically all the entries of this class are its exhibit. Felix Agnus Leser, son of Judge Oscar Leser, has an attractive exhibit of White Muscovy ducks from his range at Stevenson, Md. There are several coops of them, and much favorable comment was passed on them. An exhibit of Buff Orpington ducks, said to be the largest ever shown in the United States in a poultry show, is receiving much attention.

The Mayor's Hope.

Mayor James H. Preston has a fine collection of the above breed in the show, and they compare very favorably with those of probably a wider reputation. The Sunswick Farm, of South Plainfield, N. J., has a fine collection of these birds, as well as F. G. Strickler, of Helen, York county, Pa., who has several fine birds on the floor. The famous pair of Cayuga ducks belonging to Clarence W. King, of Romulous, N. Y., and which won prizes all over the country, are also on exhibit, and their owner claims they are without a peer in America, standing as they do nearly two feet in height and weighing in the teens. Numerous other water fowl are on exhibition.

A large flock of Chinese Silkies, with their silklike feathers and their purple combs, looking as though they had the chills, cavorted around in a large cage at one extreme end of the hall. They are the objects of much admiration. The right side of the Armory is devoted to the chicken exhibit, and among them will be found the old reliable Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Dominiques, Black Java, Orpingtons, Cochins, Dorkings, Brahmas, Langshans, Leghorns, Minorcas, Houdans, Polish, Hamburgs, game, Silkies, Cornish, bantams, frizzles and many other species. When one sees all this fine array of blooded poultry all in a bunch, as it appears on the immense floor of the hall, one understands why the price of eggs and dressed fowl is so high.

A couple of ladies, walking up and down the long avenues of coops, admiring every specimen of the feathery tribe and envying many of the pretty birds their glistening feathers for use on their hats, were seen to halt in front of a large cage of White Frizzles, whose feathers were unusually crimped and curled, looking objects of pity.

A Startled Lady.

"Well, I do declare, Margaret," remarked this startled lady, "I have heard of them manicuring the nails of parrots and of combing and curling the hair of poodle dogs and such foolish things, but I declare, I never heard of any one curling the feathers on a chicken, and how the poor thing must have suffered. Now, there's a case for the S. P. C. A.," and away they went making further comments on what they thought to be henpecked chickens. There's the German Naked Necks, owned and exhibited by Marshall H. Winebrenner, of Walkersville, Md., which look for all the world like they had had their heads and necks poked into boiling water and all the feathers taken off. Still, they seem just as happy and contented as the majestic old Brahmas, and take their meals with just as much relish despite the sympathy they constantly get.

The freaks are not all in the chicken ...e either, for there's the hooknosed ...on, which almost defies comparison; ...and he resembles what ... from a cross between a ...and a window shutter. He's ...re, while the little top-...all persons afflicted with St. ...e. There is in one corner of th... ...all a Japanese pavilion, filled wi... ...sorts of potted and growing pla... ...ric-a-brac and other oriental curio... ...s and designs, and it's here that ... will find the aquariums, where species ...f the piscatorial tribe may be viewed ... large glass tanks, showing the size and ...ultimate growth of many pretty specimens. These are placed on exhibition by Ernest Gill, of Govans. The Maryland Agricultural College booth, with its valuable information to poultry dealers, is very much in evidence this year, as it was during the last poultry show, and Roy H. Watts, poultryman of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, will give illustrated lectures each afternoon and evening during the show at 5 and 8:30 o'clock.

A Point of Honor.

That Baltimore has made its place in the big poultry shows of the East is evidenced from the fact that, simultaneous with this meeting, there is being held in Madison Square Garden, New York, a state poultry show. When many exhibitors leave that vicinity and show to exhibit here it can be seen we are to be respected. It was at first feared that conflict in dates with the Gotham show, considered one of the most important in the United States, might interfere with the success and popularity of the Maryland show; but, from the number of out-of-state entries and the thousands of valuable birds exhibited at the armory, it is highly gratifying to those in charge to know that many of the best-known fanciers and breeders in the country prefer to come here to place their favorites on exhibition and have them judged in Baltimore.

AWARDS OF RIBBONS

Result of First Day's Work of the Judges at Poultry Show.

Judging the great flock of barnyard fowl at the annual Poultry Show began soon after the doors of the large hall had been thrown open to the public and many classes finished during the afternoon. The judges' task was not as small as some think for they awarded ribbons close to the 2,000 mark yesterday. Local exhibitors carried many of the blue ribbons off, both in the chicken and waterfowl classes, while the pigeon fanciers are holding their own against the out-of-town show birds.

Felix Agnus Leser and Louis B. Schram have several coops of waterfowl on exhibition and carried off several ribbons. Foremost among the women exhibitors in this department of the great show is Mrs. Bertha M. Tyson, who has a great show of colored Muscovy ducks. Mrs. F. Littlefield also has several good specimens of the waterfowl on exhibition.

Among the awards yesterday were:

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds.—Cocks—William C. Gorsuch, first; Mrs. A. W. Pleasants, second; M. C. Richardson, third; Fairfax Farm, fourth; Mrs. A. W. Pleasants, fifth; Fairfax Farm, sixth. Hens—Fairfax Farm, first; J. Edwin Griffith, second; Fairfax Farm, third; William M. Gorsuch, fourth; J. Edwin Griffith, fifth; M. C. Richardson, Jr., sixth. Cockerels—William Gorsuch, first; Fairfax Farm, second; Mrs. A. W. Pleasants, third and fourth; J. Edwin Griffith, fifth and sixth.

American Dominique.—Cocks—Peach Grove Poultry Farm, first. Hens—Peach Grove Poultry Farm, first. Cockerels—Peach Grove Poultry Farm, first. Pullets—Peach Grove Poultry Farm, first.

Black Javas.—Cocks—Mrs. J. Osbelt, first; Mrs. W. P. Masten, second; J. C. Kriner Company, third. Hens—Steuben Farm, first; John C. Kriner & Co., second; Mrs. W. P. Masten, third; Mrs. W. P. Masten, fourth. Cockerels—Mrs. W. P. Masten. Pullets—Mrs. W. P. Masten, first and second.

S. C. White Orpingtons.—Cocks—Louis Lee Haggin, second; Dr. B. W. Shirey, third; Kennedey's Poultry Farm, fourth; W. Edwin Griffith, fifth. Hens—Aldrich Poultry Farm, first; Louis Lee Haggin, second; Dr. B. W. Shirey, third; Louis Lee Haggin, fourth; Dunrobin Farm, fifth. Cockerels—Dunrobin Farm, first; Aldrich Poultry Farm, second; Louis Lee Haggin, third; Dunrobin Farm, fourth; Joseph W. Shirey, Jr., fifth.

White Dorkings.—Cocks—Stuben Farm. Red Caps.—Cockerel—S. H. Jones. Light Brahmas.—Cocks—Minch Brothers, first; Burton Procter, second; F. W. Davis, third; Stuben Farm, fourth; F. Schumacher, fifth. Hens—Burton Procter, first and second; Elm Poultry Yards, third; Minch Brothers, fourth; Burton Procter, fifth. Cockerels—F. Schumacher, first; F. W. Davis, second and third; F. Schumacher, fourth; Minch Brothers, fifth.

Pullets—John F. Biset, first; William K. Grogg, second; F. W. Davis, third; F. Schumacher, fourth and fifth.

Black Langshans.—Cocks—R. B. Johnson, first; Norman Rice, second; Carroll Menefee, third; Charles S. Eggleston, fourth; Mrs. F. Littlefield, fifth. Hens—H. J. Reitz, first; William Lauterbach, second and third; H. J. Reitz, fourth; W. F. Presgrave, fifth. Cockerels—Mrs. F. Littlefield, first; W. F. Presgrave, second; H. J. Reitz, third; George T. Brown, fourth; Charles S. Eggleston, fifth. Pullets—H. J. Reitz, first and second; W. F. Presgrave, third; Elm Poultry Yards, fourth; William Lauterbach, fifth.

White Langshan.—Cocks—Stuben Farm, first; J. C. Kriner & Co., second. Cockerels—Stuben Farm. Pullets—Stuben Farm.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—Cocks—N. G. Sechrist, first; Mrs. Wm. R. Bowers, second; John Kramme, third. Hens—E. R. Terry, first; Mrs. Wm. R. Bowers, second; John Kramme, third. Pullets—Mrs. Wm. R. Bowers, first; E. N. Terry, second; John Kramme, third; John W. Poole, fourth and fifth. Cockerels—Mrs. Wm. R. Bowers, first; E. N. Terry, second; N. G. Sechrist, third; John Kramme, fourth; John W. Poole, fifth.

R. C. White Leghorns—Cocks—Theodore Endicott, Jr., first; Spring Water Poultry Farm, second; Joseph A. Albrecht, third; Gillighan Farm, fourth; T. C. O'Byrnes, fifth; Elm Poultry Yards, sixth; Hetzel Bros., seventh; Spring Water Poultry Farm, eighth; Mrs. Karl Kallenbach, ninth; E. L. Buddington, tenth. Hens—Theodore Endicott, Jr., first; Dunrobin Farm, second; C. J. Eitmiller, third; Dunrobin Farm, fouth; T. C. O'Byrnes, fifth; Caw Law Poultry Farm, sixth; Frank C. Wood, seventh; Caw Law Poultry Farm, eighth; Maryland Squab Company, ninth and tenth. Cockerels—C. B. Crogman, first, second and third; W. F. Lantz, fourth; Thedore Endicott, fifth; White House Poultry Farm, sixth; C. B. Krogman, seventh; E. L. Buddington, eighth; Maryland Squab Company, ninth and tenth. Pullets—Spring Water Poultry Farm, first; Theodore Endicott, second; Caw Law Poultry Farm, third; Theodore Endicott, fourth; Maryland Squab Company, fifth; Mrs. Karl Kallenbach, sixth; Gilligan Farm, seventh; C. B. Krogman, eighth; C. J. Eitmiller, ninth and tenth.

Single-Comb Buff Leghorns.—Cocks—C. C. Sauter, first; J. R. Eiser, second; Bea-Mar Farm, third; J. R. Eiser, fourth; H. Spaulding, fifth. Hens—C. C. Sauter, first; Dunrobin Farm, second; H. Spaulding, third; J. R. Eiser, fourth; Bea-Mar Farm, fifth. Cockerels—C. C. Sauter, first; J. R. Eiser, second and third; Bea-Mar Farm, fourth and fifth. Pullets—W. N. Watson, first; Dunrobin Farm, second; Bea-Mar Farm, third; J. R. Eiser, fourth and fifth.

Single Comb Black Minorcas—Cocks—Hilldorfer Minorca Farm, first; A. C. Eyler, second; Ed. Kress, third; Hilldorfer Minorca Farm, fourth; N. Edward Kirk, fifth. Hens—N. Edward Kirk, first; Hilldorfer Minorca Farm, second; New York and New Jersey Poultry Farms, third and fourth; Brish Bros., fifth. Cockerels—Hilldorfer Minorca Farms; first and second; Raymond Moreland, third; Brish Bros., fourth; Ed Kress, fifth. Pullets—Hilldorfer Minorca Farm, first; N. Ed Kirk, second; Greenbury Poultry Farm, third; S. H. Fox, fourth; Hilldorfer Minorca Farm, fifth.

Black Spanish Cocks—J. C. Kriner & Co., first. Hen—J. C. Kriner & Co. Cockerel—L. H. Jones.

Houdans—Cocks—A. C. Metcalfe, first; I. O. Fry, second; A. C. Metcalfe, third; I. O. Fry, fourth; Mrs. W. L. Spencer, fifth. Hens—A. C. Metcalfe, first, second and third; I. O. Fry, fourth; Mrs. W. L. Spencer, fifth and sixth. Cockerels—George Giugnet, first; A. C. Metcalfe, second; I. O. Fry, third and fourth; George Guigney, fifth. Pullets—A. X. Metcalfe, first and second; I. O. Fry, third; Mrs. W. L. Spencer, fourth.

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NOT A SINGLE CHOICE WINS AT MEXICO COURSE.

OUTSIDERS HAVE AN INNING

Winners in Majority of Events on Card Accorded But Little Public Support—Jim Busey Annexes the Handicap After a Hard Battle With Lady Panchita—Goldfinn Gets a Close Verdict—The Summary.

Juarez, December 31.—Not one favorite scored this afternoon, and the winners in the majority of the events were accorded little public support.

The handicap at seven furlongs went to Jim Basey, but his work was cut out for him, as he met sturdy opposition in Lady Panchita. The latter took a commanding lead at the start and showed dazzling speed throughout. In the final sixteenth Jim Basey came from the rear and caught the leader at the paddock gate. The two raced like a team to the wire and the stronger ride of Steele won for Jim Basey by a scant nose.

The finish of the fifth race resulted in another close contest, when Goldfinn managed to get up in time to snatch the race from J. B. Robinson by a narrow margin.

Summary of Events.

First Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Percy Henderson, 8 to 1, won; Gay, 3 to 1, second; Mary Emily, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:07. Royal Dolly, Jack Ellis, Rosey Posey, Chanticler, Clint Tucker, Deerfoot, Palma and Mike Molette also ran.

Second Race—Mile. Love Day, 3 to 1, won; Little Marchmont, 4 to 1, second; Sleepland, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:40. El Pato, Ymin, M. Cambon, Barney Oldfield, Swede Sam, Zoroaster, Colonel, Judge Walton and Lescar also ran.

Third Race—Five and one-half furlongs. Rogon, 7 to 2, won; Frank G. Homan, 7 to 10, second; Toy Boy, even, third. Time, 1:07 3-5. Gift, Abihu, Charles Goetz, Burning Bush, Commendation, Fair Louise, Ramsey, Faneuil Hall and Boca Grande also ran.

Fourth race—Seven furlongs. Jim Basey, 5 to 2, won; Lady Panchita, 8 to 5, second; Kootenay, 1 to 6, third. Time, 1:26. Upright also ran.

Fifth race—Six furlongs. Goldfin, 8 to 5, won; J. B. Robinson, 1 to 2, second; Florence Roberts, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1.13 4-5. Milt Jones, Dougherty, Ocean Queen and Senior also ran.

Sixth race—Mile. Gold of Ophir, 6 to 1, won; Rio Brazos, 4 to 5, second; Puck, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1.40. Masalo, Mycenae, Duncraggin and Handy also ran.

Card for Today.

FIRST RACE—Purse; two-year-old fillies; five furlongs.

Ida Lavinia	112	Stella Ward	112
Aunt Mammie	112	Alabama Bam	112
Tip Dawdell	112	Irish Ann	112
Yip Haya	112	Panhacapi	112
Solid Bay	112		

SECOND RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Loving Mose	82	Prince Conrad	102
Iwalani	98	Helen Scott	103
Auto Girl	100	Lookout	105
Buss	100	Louis Descognets	105

THIRD RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Holabird	90	Celico	105
Mary Emily	100	Quick Trip	105
Hazel O.	100	Hidden Hand	100
Ferrona	100	Quid Nunc	107
Just Red	102	Dan Norton	113
Balronia	103		

FOURTH RACE—Ano Nuevo Handicap; three-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth.

Lord Marshall	95	Flying Feet	106
Crackerbox	95	Irish Gentleman	110
Loween	100	Injury	112
General Marchmont	102	G. M. Miller	123
Meadow	106	Meridian	125

FIFTH RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and up; four furlongs.

Gimli	100	Pipe Vision	108
Tommy McGee	105	Serenade	108
Falcada	106	Cantem	110
Lee Harrison II	105	Angelus	110

SIXTH RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and up; mile and an eighth.

Sister Florence	96	Silver Grain	112
Baby Doll	101	Balcliff	112
Console	103	Shorty Northcut	112
Orpeth	107		

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ELMENDORF HORSES TO GO

Breeding of Trotters to Be Discontinued at Haggin Farm.

Lexington, Ky., December 31.—The prospects for a big sale at the next event of the Kentucky Sales Company in this city are exceedingly bright in point of number and quality of the horses that are going to pass through the auctions at Tattersall's.

Advanced consignments, either received and now being tabulated, or promised, indicate that the different departments will be well filled, while there will be many that can be considered as the stars of the sale.

One of the most interesting consignments was announced today from the Elmendorf farm of James B. Haggin, who has decided to dispose of every trotting-bred horse owned by him. He has also announced that the breeding of light-harness horses will be discontinued in the future, so that this sale is an absolute dispersal and will bring before the buying public every trotting horse at the famous farm.

The consignment will contain about 40 head of stallions, mares and youngsters, the latter well engaged in stakes and all bred on approved lines. Many promising trotters and pacers now in the stables of local trainers will also go to this sale, which promises to be one of the best held under the management of the company.

MAY LOSE HIS STANDING

Charles Brickley Is Said to Have Made Money Out of His Fame.

New York, December 31.—The same ruling which barred Paul Withington, the sensational Harvard athlete, from participation in amateur contests may make Charley Brickley, the star football player and all-around athlete, ineligible to compete in varsity contests. This question is worrying the Harvard athletic authorities. Brickley, who has been working his way through college, has taken money for a number of jobs which were more or less indirectly connected with his football ability, and he has also acted as correspondent for newspapers. In addition he has accepted a position from a firm of tailors in New York, which some people declare was obtained through his record as an athlete. This, according to the ruling of the Amateur Athletic Union in Withington's case, is professionalism. Meanwhile Brickley holds the unique position of being in danger of disbarment from the gridiron and also of losing the captaincy the coming year.

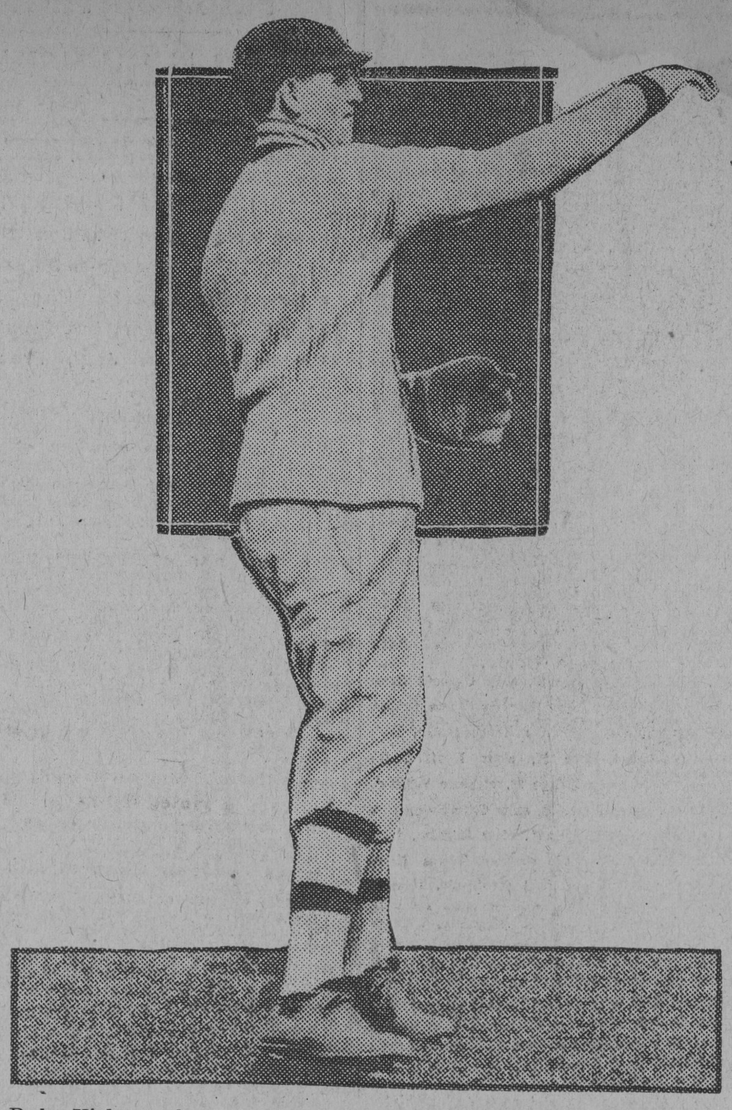
BIG SOCCER TEST TODAY

Series for Local Championship Begins at Sparrows Point.

The Sons of St. George soccer team will meet the Thistles at Sparrows Point this afternoon in the first of a series of five games for the local championship. Both squads have been practicing daily during the past two weeks for the fray, and soccer enthusiasts look forward to one of the fastest battles of the season.

The managers of both teams have arranged to present their strongest possible line up, and some of the best players in the state will be seen in action. The contest will begin promptly at 2 o'clock.

SAYS HE HAS BEEN WRONGED



Rube Vickers, the tall Oriole hurler, claims that local management has done him an injustice by placing a stipulation in his contract calling for a salary cut should he fail to keep in condition.

HOLD MINSTRELS TODAY

Attractive Card to Be Presented at Central Y. M. C. A. Gym.

The gymnasium features of Central Y. M. C. A. open house this afternoon will be the best seen there in years. A well-balanced program has been arranged by Professor Cornelius and all performers are working hard to perfect their stunts.

Pal Moore, the popular deaf-mute of the association, will give an exhibition of club swinging. There will be a hot set-to when Messrs. Jay Farwell and C. F. Pennington, both pupils of Mons. DeLamotte, meet each other in an assault with the foils. George Broome and W. W. Abell will furnish some entertaining work in hand-balancing.

Probably the most interesting and exciting feature will be the volley-ball game between the Old Regulars, composed of the physical directors, and the Business Men's team. The Old Regulars will line up as follows: Professor Cornelius, Jay Farwell, W. W. Abell, Mons. DeLamotte, G. Broome and C. F. Pennington.

Following the exercises in the gym the Abell brothers and Captain Jordon, otherwise known as the Human Cork, will exhibit in the pool.

At night the track team will give a high-class minstrel show.

The program is as follows: Indian club drill, Phil Moore; class exercises on the elephant, senior class; fencing, Jay Farwell vs. C. F. Pennington; hand-balancing, G. Broome and W. W. Abell; pyramids, G. Broome, Mons. DeLamotte, W. W. Abell, Jay Farwell, Maurice Touchton, H. Callowhill, W. Springham, C. F. Pennington; volley-ball, Old Regulars vs. Business Men's Class; basket-ball, Centrals vs. picked team; pool exhibition; fancy diving and swiming strokes, W. W. Abell and brother; fancy floating, Captain Jordon.

CROCKER WINS IN FINAL

Victor Over C. L. Becker in Pinehurst Golf Tourney.

Pinehurst, N. C., December 31.—George H. Crocker, Brookline, Mass., defeated C. L. Becker, Woodland, Mass., in the final round today of the ninth annual Pinehurst holiday week golf tournament. Crocker won 5 to 1 and 6 to play.

In the consolation class J. M. Thompson, Springhaven, won from C. B. Hudson, New Suffolk, 5 up and 4 to play. Other winners were William A. Barber, Jr., Princeton, and William C. Freeman, Englewood, N. J.

Golf enthusiasts and their families gathered at a local hotel tonight at a New Year banquet, at which William C. Freeman was toastmaster. Covers were laid for 100.

Many of the players who participated in the tournament just ended will compete in the annual midwinter tourney which begins January 7.

Athenians Play Carlisles Today.

After a layoff of two weeks the Athenian Club will get back into the fray this afternoon and face the fast Carlisle Juniors at Patterson Park at 3 o'clock.

Very little has been heard of the Carlisles this season, but they have one of the fastest elevens in town. It will be a big thing for the Athenians to down the Juniors, especially after a layoff of two weeks. Manager Simpson is confident that the rest has done his charges some good, and expects them to give the Juniors a struggle.

Tri-K Club to Hold Practice.

The Tri-K Club basketball teams will practice at the Northwestern Gymnasium Thursday evening and all members are requested to be on hand at 8:20 o'clock. The Tri-K Club would like to arrange a game with the Cross Country Club. Address James O'Hare, 439 East Twenty-fifth street, or phone Mount Vernon 5212.

AMERICANS HANDICAPPED

Dr. Phillips Tells of Lack of Facilities on Finland.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, December 31.—The Society of Directors of Physical Education held their sixteenth annual meeting at Columbia University yesterday. Representatives of 30 colleges and universities in the East and Middle West were on hand and discussed the problems of properly administering physical education.

Dr. Paul C. Phillips, secretary of the society, and director of physical education at Amherst College, caused a sensation at the afternoon session by declaring that the training facilities of the steamer Finland, on which the last Olympic team went to Stockholm, were quite different from what they were supposed to be and were quite inadequate. "It is a wonder that our athletes did as well as they did," said Dr. Phillips, "considering the fact that they were very poorly taken care of.

"In the first place, the Olympic committee should have sent a score or more assistant trainers to work under Mike Murphy, who found it a physical impossibility to work personally with a squad of 150 men. Facilities were bad for taking care of the men on shipboard and there was only one rubber, who charged 25 cents for each rub down. Many of the athletes said afterward that it was worth more than a quarter not to be rubbed down.

"There was no room for real practice on the ship and the swimming tank was almost a farce. The deck which was used for a track was hard and the motion of the ship made it practically impossible for the runners to maintain their stride."

BAKER STAR AT HOCKEY

Princeton's Victories Due to His Great All-around Playing.

Hobey Baker, the Philadelphia boy who is an all-around athlete, attending Princeton University, has been stirring the hockey world of late with his stunts on the ice. Every game Princeton has won this season has been due to Baker's excellent playing. He is easily the best hockey player that the Tigers ever turned out, and, in fact, one of the best the country ever saw.

When Hobey was playing football in the fall he was considered a fair halfback, and was chosen by many of the experts as the All-American halfback. He plays hockey, however, much better than he does football, and as a gymnast he also excels. Baker is one of those all-around boys who make good at most anything they tackle.

Entry Blanks for Auto Races.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 31.—Entry blanks for the big automobile road race, which will be held at the motordrome here on Memorial Day, will be sent to foreign factories in a few days. It is very likely that the next big contest will have a number of foreign drivers as entrants. Director Sedwick was abroad recently conferring with foreign makers and drivers, but as yet has made no further announcement of the result of his labors. It is understood, however, that he is well satisfied with the result of his trip.

Date of Ski Tourney Changed.

Stoughton, Wis., December 31.—The date of the national ski tournament, which was to have been held here on Saturday, has been changed to January 18. The events will be for amateurs and professionals.

DOINGS IN SPORTING WORLD TODAY

LOCAL EVENTS.

Thistle Soccer Club meets the Sons of St. George eleven in the first of a series of five games for the local championship at Sparrows Point at 2 P. M.

Annual minstrels of the Central Y. M. C. A. track team at the Central Y. M. C. A. Building.

Annual Poultry Show in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

Annual Farmers' shoot and luncheon at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club.

Trap shoots at the Arlington and Mount Washington Clubs.

Fox hunt at the Elkridge Hunt Club at 10 A. M.

Closed two-mile race of the Cross Country Club, starting from the club's headquarters, on Pennsylvania avenue, at 3:30 P. M.

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS.

Luther McCarty vs. Al Palzer, twenty rounds, for the white heavyweight championship at Vernon, Cal.

Tommy Murphy vs. Frankie Burns, twenty rounds, at San Francisco.

Jimmy Walsh vs. Willie Stanton, twelve rounds, at Boston.

Young McCartney vs. Al McCoy, six rounds, at Philadelphia.

Tommy Carey vs. Whitey Baker, six rounds, at Philadelphia.

Knockout Brennen vs. Kid Wagner, six rounds, at Philadelphia.

Young Mike Donovan vs. Fighting Kennedy, ten rounds, at New York.

Jess Westergard vs. Henry Ordemann, in a finish wrestling match at Kansas City.

Annual Poultry Show of the New York Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association in the Madison Square Garden.

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Secretary of Pirates Says Pe... vania Executive Has ... Aided Him, but Only ... Friendship and Influence—Out of Baseball on Inside o... Movement—Vickers Says H... Been Wronged.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 31. ... his return today from Cincinnati, ... he had a final conference yesterday ... Charles P. Taft, Secretary W. H. E... of the Pittsburgh Baseball Club, a... ted that his deal for the purchase o... Philadelphia Nationals is certain t... through and that there is no longer ... possibility of a hitch. This is the ... official utterance as to the status o... transaction, and is equivalent to an... nouncement of the consummation of ... sale. Mr. Locke says his option g... him the right to take over the club o... before Wednesday, January 15, and ... expects to close the deal well within ... time. A substantial sum has been ... to Mr. Taft to bind the sale, and the ... delay now results from the fact tha... strong minority interest is to be held ... Philadelphians, and it will take t... several days to put their end of ... transaction in shape. They too, have ... up a forfeit, but even if they fall d... the sale of the club will not be interfe... with, as another combination of men ... made Mr. Locke an offer for that end ... the stock and can produce its mo... within 48 hours.

"The deal is certain to go throug... said Mr. Locke, "and I have carried ... my promise that not a man already ... baseball would be interested. There ... not a penny invested owned by any m... now interested in baseball apart fr... myself. Furthermore, we have not b... rowed a cent from or through any bas... ball man. The report that Gov. John ... Tener and John P. Harris are interest... is erroneous. Neither has any financ... interest in the venture. Governor Ten... has kindly aided me, but only with h... friendship and influence. He has us... his influence in Philadelphia to indu... residents of that city to go in on th... end of the deal, but he has been actuate... solely by a desire to see Philadelph... placed on the baseball map by Pennsy... vanians.

"My cousin, W. F. Baker, the forme... New York police commissioner, may ... many not figure as one of the buyers ... He has helped me, but whether he goe... in himself or not will depend upon de... velopments later in the week."

Mr. Locke declined to discuss the team ... management, but a hint that Charley ... Dooin will be retained was contained in ... his reply to a query when he said that ... Dooin's contract still had a year to run ... and that the Phillies might have fared ... better in the past if fewer changes had ... been made.

"The greatest injustice ever handed a ... ball player in the United States is being done to me in this city. I have had ... my character and reputation injured by ... charges brought against me despite the ... fact that my pitching since I came to ... Baltimore from the Athletics has been ... of such a caliber that I should be receiving the commendation of the baseball management. The greatest pitcher in minor league baseball should be more appreciated."

These utterances were hurled forth from the mouth of Rube Vickers, the veteran pitcher, when he heard the report this morning that when he received his 1913 contract from Jack Dunn tomorrow it would call for just half the amount he received last year, with the proviso, however, that the other be forthcoming should he keep in condition and win a certain per cent. of his games.

"I will leave it to the public of Baltimore," said Rube, "whether or not I have received a fair deal in this town.

"Not only has my character been blackened, but I was fined $400 for some offenses of which I was not guilty. Was I drunk in Rochester and did I 'lay down' on the club in the spring as was claimed in several of the newspapers and by the management? Ask any of the other members of the Baltimore Club and they will tell you that I was not drunk in Rochester or any other city. As for laying down on the club, that should not be dignified with an answer. I have played on teams from coast to coast and have never before been accused of not giving them my best services.

"I was not able to get going at the start last season. Working in two or three exhibition games before my arm was in good shape, I injured it, and for the first month could hardly pitch a ball. The fans should remember that the season before I worked in nearly 74 games, and I should have been nursed along more carefully the next spring. Four other dependable pitchers all went wrong, the cold weather on the first trip north forcing Dunn to call on his recruit pitchers.

"I have received salaries from $50 to $800 a month, and I have given each and every manager my best services. As I am the property of the Baltimore Club, if the manager wants my services, I am ready to do my best regardless of the salary. I haven't any ill feeling against Jack Dunn, but I do think personal matters should be kept out of the papers.

"Owing to the salary limit which has been passed in the International League, I expected to receive a cut in salary. What I do not like is the clause saying that I must keep in condition. I do not feel that I am of Rube Waddell type of player, who needs such a contract. The number of victories I have turned in for the Orioles should show the public whether I have kept in pitching condition or not."

New York, December 31.—Supreme Court Justice Bijur today signed an interlocutory decree of absolute divorce in favor of Mrs. Nellie H. Chase from Hal Chase, first baseman of the New York American League Baseball club. Mrs. Chase is awarded the custody of their son, Harold, Jr., and $1,200 a year alimony.

San Francisco, December 31.—Lost—One baseball manager. Finder will please communicate with J. Cal Ewing, owner of the San Francisco club.

Ewing has not heard from "Bill" Reidy, his manager, since December 1, and today he announced that if Reidy did not make his whereabouts known before January 15 Harry Walton, secretary of the club, would take charge.

Reidy's last word was that he was going to Cleveland, his home, and that he intended to look for new material on the way.

Cleveland, O., December 31.—"Bill" Reidy, manager of the San Francisco club, is spending the winter at his home here. He was about town yesterday and is said to have stated then that he will go to San Francisco about February 1.

Chance to Leave for East Jan. 4.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 31.—Frank Chance, formerly manager of the Chicago National League baseball club, today announced that he would leave his home at Glendora, Cal., on January 4 for Chicago. Chance expects to meet Frank H. Farrell, of the New York Americans, Janu...

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