

OUT-DOOR SPORTS!

ROWING AND ATHLETICS.

A happy New Year to all the clubs. Fred Brackett entertained a large number of Tuft's College men on Tuesday evening at the C. A. club-house.

Cash, the great Princeton foot-ball player, who regards Washington as his home, was visiting in the city last week.

The C. A. C.'s will give their third fortnightly reunion in which athletic sports predominate, on next Saturday evening.

Richard Wallace, the famous strong oar of the Columbia Boat Club, was visiting his relatives in this city last week.

Ordway and King gave the few visitors who were at Capitol Park in the snow storm on Christmas Day a good example of what first-class half-backs are like.

Mr. James Durant, of the Anapolans, is now devoting much of his time to working up a new style of steel roofing, but next summer will stir up a revival in the old club.

The reason why Jimmy Green, of the C. A. C., did not put in an appearance at the last athletic meeting has been satisfactorily explained to his friends and clubmates.

George Carter, of the C. A. C., is regarded as one of the quickest and cleanest sparrers in amateur circles, and his friends are very anxious to have him enter in one of the Union meetings.

Mr. J. S. McCoy, of the Potomacs, was presented with a valuable pair of opera glasses by the students of Georgetown College last week for his good work on their foot-ball team. McCoy is in the medical branch of the institution.

Charley Mindelleff, one of the best men the Potomac Athletic Club ever possessed, who has been abroad for several seasons studying at Heidelberg, Germany, has returned to the city. He looks well, and was royally received by his old associates.

The Potomac Athletic Club are making their house pleasant quarters these winter evenings, and naturally the members are congregating there in great numbers. The house has proven the best outlay the organization ever undertook, as it is building the club up in members and placing it on a good financial footing.

The Potomacs at their next meeting will consider the subject of the National Amateur regatta, and in all probability the club will adopt measures asking for concurrence from the other clubs. If they start the ball it is very probable that the other clubs will join in. This is the proper way to do, and we hope the clubs will all come together.

A late acquisition to the Columbia Athletic Club is Mr. W. G. Foster, a noted foot-ball player, whose services have been eagerly sought by Yale and Princeton for the past year. He played with Lehigh, however, and made a great record, upholding the one made at the Chester Military Academy. He comes to Washington to enter the journalistic ranks.

The High School team defeated the Athletics, of Capitol Hill, on Christmas Day at Capitol Park by a score of 10 to 4. The game was stubbornly contested, and only by the display of more skill in tackling and interfering did the High School boys manage to squeeze in their victory. Good work on the part of Smart, McRoberts, Johnson, and Swan, conspicuously pointed for the H. S., while Brock made the score by a brilliant play for the Athletics. Mr. Ralph Lee was umpire and Mr. Welsh was referee.

One of the most important subjects that will engage the attention of the C. A. C. at the coming annual meeting will be the propositions that the board of governors have submitted. One is to increase the membership to 1,500, which number they believe would increase the revenues to a figure to meet the necessary indebtedness, and the other is to increase the monthly dues from \$2.50 to \$3. This last proposition does not meet with much favor. The governors, in submitting the propositions, state that they have fully examined into the matters, and have come to the conclusion that it is necessary for the club to take favorable action.

The annual election of directors of the Columbia Athletic Club takes place on the evening of January 14, and the members are indulging in considerable speculation in regard to the affair. The terms of office of President Hood, Vice President Zeverly, Secretary Perry, Treasurer Thompson, Capt. Stinemetz, Lieuts. Ryan and Smith, and the following governors, Messrs. Dorsey Brown, W. B. Hibbs, Alexander Grant, John H. Haswell, J. A. Goldborough, and Theo. J. Pickett, will expire, so it will be seen there are lots of places to fill. Largely through the efforts of these gentlemen the C. A. C. has been made one of the leading organizations in America, and the members who have the best interests of the club at heart are fearful that a number of them will decline a re-nomination. President Hood will not run again, as his business will not allow him to give so much time to the club as he would like. Who his successor will be is hard to conjecture. Many names are mentioned for the position. Commissioner Roosevelt, of the Civil Service Commission, is named, while others are Messrs. Alex. Grant, W. A. Gordon, and Vice President Zeverly, all of whom would make good officers.

BASE BALL.

The question of grounds is still agitating the directors of our new club, the Nationals, and they are working very hard to secure an available site adjacent to lines of street-cars. President Bennett, of the Nationals, yesterday stated to the HERALD representative that he understood the committee in charge of the matter were anxious to secure the grounds at North Capitol and M streets, and the only objection was the fact that right in one corner of the grounds a house stood that interfered with the arrangement of the diamond, grand stands, etc. This would be a splendid place to locate, as it brought them within easy reach of the Columbia line, while the electric road passed almost at the gate. In other affairs there was nothing virtually new, as the club was anxiously awaiting the meeting of the American Association, in order to get a perfect title, as it were, to membership. President Bennett says there is no doubt that the National Club will be in the Association.

There is nothing new in the base-ball world at present, nor will there be anything until after the bustle of the holiday season is over. The American Association meets in January and then the question of retirement of the clubs to make room for other cities, especially Washington, will be finally determined on. Until then everything is but based on rumors. President Thurman, of the American Association, does not believe in much talk, but in action, hence the scarcity of news.

Last Foot-Ball of the Season.

The final games of foot-ball of the season were played on Christmas in the snow storm. The first game took place in the morning, the opposing teams being the Columbia Athletics and another styled "All Washington." The "All Washingtons" was composed of such players as Phil King, of Princeton; Porter and Ordway, of Lehigh; O'Donnell and Fleming, of Georgetown College; Ryan, of the Kendalls; King, Wirt, Dickerson, and Pickett, of C. A. C., and Weaver, of Washington. The spectators saw one of the prettiest games of the year, as the various plays were executed with a dash never seen here before. The playing of the "All Washingtons" was superior to the Columbias,

and they finally won by a close score of 4 to 4. This was grand work for a picked team to accomplish, and they deserve great credit for their victory. The work of Phil King and Porter was excellent, while Fleming, of Georgetown, also put in some good work. The Columbias have no reason to feel put out by the defeat, as two-thirds of the opposing team are members of their own organization. It was a spirited contest, and the admirers of foot-ball who failed to see it missed the best game of the year. Mr. Charles H. Boynton refereed the game, while Mr. R. K. Tyler was umpire.

Music and Athletics.

A very pleasant musical and athletic exhibition took place on Friday evening at the Potomac Athletic club-house. The musical portion of the programme was under the charge of Messrs. J. B. Cilley and J. G. Traylor. A portion of the Georgetown Amateur Orchestra, composed of Messrs. Finckel, father and son; Professor Bumgardner, J. B. Cilley, and George Sheriff, rendered some classical music, while there were vocal solos by Messrs. Traylor and Bryan Huyek. The athletic exhibition consisted of a spirited fencing combat with foils between Will Norton and F. A. Randall, a sparring match between J. H. Boyle and Will Norton, wrestling between Edward Baler and Charles Walroth, and a scrum between Messrs. Baker and Baler. All these events were very enjoyable. The event of the evening was an exhibition of the science of self-defense by Dr. Emil Von Lindgren, formerly of the Potomacs, and that clever little gentleman, Mr. George Carter, of the C. A. C. The exhibition was one of the finest ever seen in the District. It was a scientific exhibition from the start, with snap, vim, and dash added to give it the color of what good sparring really is like. There were among the guests prominent business men and representatives of Yale, Harvard, and Princeton colleges.

Horse Races Yesterday.

GLoucester, N. J., Dec. 27.—The races today resulted as follows: First race—Six and one-half furlongs. Armour won, Amos second. Time, 1:25. Second race—Three-quarters of a mile. Pestilence won, Bob Arthur second. Time, 1:18. Third race—Seven and one-half furlongs. Tappanhook won, Algebra gelding second. Time, 1:39. Fourth race—1-16 miles. Elkton won, Lady Pulsifer second. Time, 1:53. Fifth race—1-16 miles. Mikado won, Philander second. Time, 2:14.

RACE TRACK, GUTTENBURG, Dec. 27.—A gang of Italians began yesterday to clear the snow off the track. The work was finished by noon today. The card was originally a fairly heavy one, but was reduced to a moderate one. Seven furlongs. Facial B. won, Ballston second. Time, 1:31. Second race—Six and a half furlongs. Vardee won, Capulin second. Time, 1:22. Third race—Five and a half furlongs. Chancellor won, Express second. Time, 1:03. Fourth race—One mile. Tipstaff won, Blue Jeans second. Time, 1:43. Fifth race—Five furlongs. Peril won, Fernwood second. Time, 1:21. Sixth race—Seven furlongs. Neptunus won, Gen. Boulanger second. Time, 1:30.

EXTENSIVE CONSULAR FRAUDS.

Systematic Cheating—Guilty Parties to be Punished.

Acting on information from the Treasury Department to the effect that irregularities were suspected in the consular authentication of Canadian goods imported into the United States during the past twelve months, the Secretary of State recently determined on a thorough investigation of the United States Consular Service in the Dominion of Canada. He selected Dr. Sinclair, chief of the Consular Bureau of the State Department, for the purpose, and at his suggestion Special Agent Whitehead, of the Treasury Department, was detailed to assist him. These two gentlemen have just completed their investigation, and are now engaged in the preparation of their reports to the respective departments. While it is impossible to obtain an official statement to the effect, it is understood that extensive frauds were discovered in the shape of systematic undervaluation by consignors and in the wholesale collection of illegal fees by the consular officers. The amount of money involved in the transactions is said to be very large, but the exact sum cannot now be ascertained.

Secretary Windom and Assistant Secretary Spaulding, of the Treasury Department, and Assistant Secretary Wharton, of the State Department, were questioned on the subject last night, but each declined to commit himself in advance of the receipt of the official reports. It was admitted that irregularities were supposed to exist and that the consular system had been investigated. Secretary Windom said that if the charges were proved the guilty would be punished if there was any power in the law to do it. It is expected that the reports of both gentlemen connected with the investigation will be submitted next week.

"A MARE'S NEST." TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 27.—Col. Pope, American Consul here, brands the reported discovery of frauds upon the American Government by the consuls in Ontario as "a mare's nest." Frauds of the kind specified, he says, would be discovered almost immediately.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 27.—Consul General Toy, speaking of the alleged frauds perpetrated in Ontario by American consular agents, said that United States inspectors had been here recently and had hinted to him that their mission was to investigate irregularities. The Consul General said he knew nothing himself of any irregularities, and thought that if there had been any loss it would be light, as it would be impossible to practice a protracted fraud.

Wrecked by the President.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—According to charges made in court to-day the P. E. Stanley-Winston Company, a well-known real estate corporation, has been wrecked by the speculations of the president, P. E. Stanley. Bertram M. Winston, the treasurer, to-day applied for the appointment of a receiver for the concern and that the affairs of the corporation be wound up. Mr. Stanley is charged with misappropriating \$70,000. The wrecked corporation was organized September 20 of this year, succeeding the old firm of P. E. Stanley & Co., composed of Mr. Stanley and Dudley, and Bertram Winston, the sons of Hon. F. H. Winston, ex-United States Minister to Persia. The corporation was the same as the old company, only it was merged into a stock company, with a capital stock of \$50,000 of 500 shares. Stanley was elected president, Dudley was vice president, and Bertram Winston, secretary and treasurer.

Horrible Death of a "Live Wire."

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—Charles McDonnell, a lineman employed by the electric light company, was instantly killed last night by coming in contact with a live wire. He was working on the top of a pole and after receiving the shock he fell across the wires, his hand grasping the wire that killed him. In a moment the smell of burning flesh was distinguished, and before he could be taken down it became stronger, and a blue smoke arose from three places on the poor fellow's body, producing a scene which caused the crowd to turn away with horror. He leaves a wife and family.

The Turkish war budget has been approved after having increased the credit for fortifications by 500,000 francs.

TO MAKE SOME "GOOD"

A Company of Cowboys to go to Hostile Country. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 27.—Scotty L., well-known ranchman, living on the prairie, came to the city to-day to make arrangements to protect his own and G. Mellette's cattle, which are running near the Bad Lands. He says the hostiles have hundreds of range cattle in the Bad Lands, while they are quietly eating, while the troops stay around in camps on the outskirts guarding them while they eat. "That's how ranchmen are being benefited by the troops," he says, and adds that the troops are afraid to go into the Bad Lands for fear of being ambushed. He proposes to receive sanction to muster a regular company of cowboys which will go through the hostile country and regain the stolen cattle or make some "good Indians."

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—A News special from Creston, S. D., via Rapid City, S. D., by courier, says: "Things which a few days ago, under the policy of Gen. Brooke, tended to a cessation of all hostilities are to-day just the reverse. Late last night Gen. Carr received a telegram from Col. Sumner that the Indians from Hump's and Big Foot's camp, whom he was supposed to have held as prisoners, had escaped and were heading for the Bad Lands." At daylight Gen. Carr and six troops pulled out from here to intercept them or capture and destroy them, but so far no word has been received from the General. The Indians are still carrying on their depredations as usual, and are growing much bolder, having stolen three valuable horses and a head of cattle out of a corral last night at the ranch of a Mr. Burns, situated only ten miles from this camp on the Cheyenne River. Gen. Miles was heard to say in Rapid City to-day that he was tired of fooling with these Indians, though the best thing to be done was to attack them without any further delay.

DICKINSON, N. D., Dec. 27.—Lieut. Luydenham and Scout Spence, of Capt. Fountain's command of the Eighth Cavalry, have arrived here with despatches. They report that there was no foundation for the story that the command had been hemmed in by five hundred hostiles in the Cayote. Capt. Fountain had not, up to Christmas morning, been able to discover any trace of Indians, but had learned that Sitting Bull's followers are on their way to the Pine Ridge and Cherry Creek reservations. Stories about ranchmen murdered and property destroyed by the hostiles are also stated to be unfounded. As far as the military authorities here are aware not a shot has been exchanged between the Indians and troops. A general summary of the disposition of troops shows that the entire reservation is hemmed in by troops ready for the field, and fears of an outbreak in the spring are groundless.

SIX MEN SHOT.

Fatal Ending of a Fight Which Was Begun Christmas Evening.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The Times-Democrat, Lumberton, Miss., special says: "Daviston, a small town one-half a mile below here, was the scene of a fatal shooting affray this afternoon in which six men were shot, one being killed instantly and two others fatally wounded. The trouble originated from a fight at a party on Christmas evening, near Red Top, between four men, F. T. Favre, one Parker, Neal Strahan, and John Hickman, when Favre fired on the crowd, killing Parker and dangerously wounding the other two. Favre was arrested and placed in Ellisville jail for safe keeping by J. E. Cooke, justice of the peace of District No. 1. Justice of the Peace J. M. Smith, of District No. 2, was detached Deputy Sheriff W. W. Stackstill with the necessary papers to obtain Favre's release on \$800 bond. Sheriff Shivers, upon hearing of his release, summoned his deputies and came to Daviston on the local freight to rearrest Favre. Just as the train came to a halt the firing began. Favre was killed instantly and Sheriff J. M. Shivers was shot through the left lung with a Winchester ball and Deputy Sheriff T. B. White was shot in the left side with a pistol. The ball passed through and came out on the right side. Both the latter are announced mortally wounded. The two wounded sheriffs were brought to this place, where they are receiving the best attention."

Death of Gen. Stokes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Gen. James Hughes Stokes died at his home, No. 18 East Forty-second street, to-day after an illness of two weeks. He was born in Maryland, and was graduated from West Point in 1835. He was commissioned in the artillery. He fought through the Seminole War and was distinguished for his bravery in 1843. Capt. Stokes resigned and went into business in Illinois. On the outbreak of the Civil War he offered his services to the Governor of Illinois and was made a brigadier general of volunteers. At the close of the eleven years ago, to private life and lived, until eleven years ago, in Chicago. For seven years he has lived in this city. He leaves two sons, a daughter, and a widow, his second wife. The sons and daughters are living in Chicago.

Big Fees For Lobby Services.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—An interesting chapter in the affairs of the defunct Union Railway Company, of this city, was revealed to-day in the testimony of M. G. Harmon, one of the stockholders, given during the trial of the suit of the company's attorney for fees. Mr. Harmon said that stock to the value of \$300,000 had been issued by the company. Of this amount \$200,000 had been deposited with the American Loan and Trust Company, of Boston, as security. The local money of the company. This had been paid for only in the way of services rendered the company by securing the franchises, interesting property owners in the scheme, etc.

Southern Railroad Transfer.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 26.—At midnight tonight formal transfer will be made of the Western and Atlantic Railroad from the lease company, which has had it for twenty years, to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, the new lease company. Formal papers of transfer were signed to-day, Senator Brown, as president of the old lease company, turned it over to Governor Northen, he then transferring it to President Thomas, of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis.

Jerry Simpson to Succeed Ingalls.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—A special to the Times from Topeka, says: "Jerry Simpson, Farmers' Alliance Congressman-elect from the Seventh Kansas District, is becoming dangerous as a Senatorial candidate in the race for the seat made vacant by the expiration of Mr. Ingalls' term. The farmers' of the Seventh District have espoused his cause, and now the Third and Sixth District farmers have caught the contagion, and the 'Sockless Statesman' is developing a good-sized Senatorial boom."

A Colorado Bank Failure.

GREELEY, Col., Dec. 27.—The old banking firm of Hunter & West has failed through bad outside investments. Bank assets, \$137,500; liabilities, \$32,500.

CLARETS AND ENGLISH AND GERMAN WAFERS. Our Own Importation and Bottling. Cruse and Filis Freres, Barton & Guest. Madeiras, Sherries, Brandies, Rum, Irish and Scotch Whisky, Liqueurs and Cordials, Imported and Domestic Mineral Waters. Plum Puddings and Mince Meat, Candies, Nuts, Raisins, and Figs.

ENGLISH AND GERMAN WAFERS. Imported French Fruits Glace. Pistachio Nuts, Chinese Lichee Nuts, Walnut Meats, Pecan Meats, Florida Oranges, Mandarin Oranges, Tangerine Oranges, Fancy Pink Grapes, Lady Apples, Grape Fruit.

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A Wonderful Mexican Farm. Kansas City Times. "On one farm in Mexico I saw enough of the luxuries of life produced to make any man happy," remarked Mr. C. S. Wood, of El Paso, Tex., last night at the Midland. "The farm was not as large as some farms go in Mexico, but it was, to use a slang phrase, a 'stunner.' I don't think the mind of man could imagine a vegetable product that could not be produced on that farm. At any rate, I saw growing there coffee, sugar, rice, potatoes, rye, wheat, oats, corn, berries, cabbage, tomatoes, apples, bananas, cocoa, figs, cochenal, and a dozen other products. On the upper end of this farm you could find gold, silver, sapphires, onyx, and other precious stones. Some of these articles were not produced in quantities large enough to pay to market them, but they were all found there, and all at the service of the owner of the land. Oh, I suppose the farm contained ten or twenty thousand acres, but it extended through all temperatures and all elevations."

Round Trip Tickets to Boston via Pennsylvania Railroad. Commencing to-day, the 28th instant, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell round-trip tickets to Boston via Steamer Maryland Route, for either the day or night line, at \$12.50, valid for return within ten days. The day train with through parlor car leaves Washington at 8:30 A. M. daily, except Sunday, reaching Boston at 9 P. M. The night line, with through sleeping car leaves Washington at 3:15 P. M., reaching Boston at 6:30 A. M. daily. The convenient hours of arrival and departure, and the excellent through service of this line renders this route a most desirable one between Washington and Boston.

For the purest and best California wines go to the To-Kalon Wine Co., 614 Fourteenth street northwest.

DIED. HILL.—Saturday, December 27, at 11:35 P. M., Martha A., wife of George Hill, Jr. Notice of funeral hereafter.

Charles VI and Champagne. All the Year Round. It was in the reign of Charles VI of France that the fine qualities of champagne first approved themselves to the palates of men of taste, among whom we must reckon Wenceslas, King of Bohemia, who, visiting France for diplomatic purposes, took up his residence at Rheims in May, 1397. There he was induced to try the local vintage, and he found it so good that he devoted three hours daily, from 3 to 6, to getting drunk upon it. At length he was reluctantly compelled to turn his attention to business, but as soon as the treaty was signed—which he had come to France to negotiate—he expressed a strong desire to remain some short time longer in a city which had revealed to him a new pleasure in life. The short time extended to twelve months, so that he spent a year in waiting for the treaty, a year in discussing it, and a year in resting from his labors, and all three years he refreshed himself with "the glorious vintage of champagne."

Barkeepers' Superstitions. New York Star. One would hardly expect to find barkeepers the victims of superstition. I learned something the other day, however, which would seem to indicate that they are. One of the craft tells me that when a server of drinks reports for duty he will not, under any circumstances, permit the first man whom he serves to have trust for a drink. "I don't believe there is a barkeeper in the city," one of the fraternity tells me, "who does not believe that if he gives credit to his first customer of the day he will be pursued by ill-luck during his entire tour of duty."