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IMPROVEMENT AT BENNINGS

THE ATTENDANCE INCREASED AND THE RACING BETTER.

WAR BONNET WINS THE VIRGINIA HURDLE RACE —A DEAD HEAT IN THE FIRST—AN AUTOMATIC STARTER TESTED.

Washington, April 22.—The fourth day at Bennings was in some respects a great improvement on the preceding days. The temperature was delightful, there was a perceptible increase in the attendance and no small degree of enthusiasm was manifested. The card was light, but the races were up to the average. The programme included three short races, a mile handicap and the feature of the day, the Virginia Hurdle Race, one and a half miles, over six hurdles, in which old Judge Morrow, winner of the Brooklyn Handicap and veteran of many battles, carried top weight and came in third, owing, probably, to the mishap which befell April Fool, who went down at the fifth hurdle. His jockey soon caught him and rode in after the finish, neither seeming to have been injured in the fall.

In this race Mars Chan, winner of the steeplechase on the opening day, followed War Bonnet at the finish.

The Clark automatic starter was utilized in the first race and appeared to give great satisfaction, the horses getting off in good style with little delay. The favorites held their own well, Buckrene getting the first race, though not until after he ran off a dead heat with Volley, another favorite. The mile handicap was a surprise. There were only two entries, Daly's Hurlingham and Bradley's Clarus. The odds on them were alike, and after the start Hurlingham had a good lead, increased it and kept it up until almost at the last sixteenth, when Clarus forged ahead, overtook him and came in about a length ahead. Summaries:

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs.
Buckrene, 124 lb, even ..... (Clerico) *
Volley, 107, even ..... (Keefe) *
Will Elliott, 24, 20 to 1 ..... (Ballard) 3
Time—1:17 2-5.
Grellan also ran.

*Dead heat
Run off—Buckrene, 124 (Clerico), 8 to 5, 1; Volley, 107 (Keefe), 7 to 5, 2. Time—1:18 3-5.

SECOND RACE—Four furlongs.
Buddha, 111 lb, 6 to 5 ..... (Littlefield) 1
Arbuckle, 108, 7 to 5 ..... (Clerico) 2
Aunt Sally, 108, 6 to 1 ..... (O'Leary) 3
Time—0:50 1-5.
Eidolin also ran.

THIRD RACE—Five furlongs.
Septour, 106 lb, 5 to 1 ..... (Doggett) 1
Tenderness, 90, 5 to 1 ..... (O'Leary) 2
Silk, 108, 6 to 1 ..... (Sims) 3
Time—1:02 1-5.
Factotum, Edna May and Sir John also ran.

FOURTH RACE—One mile.
Clarus, 100 lb, 4 to 5 ..... (Powers) 1
Hurlingham, 110, 4 to 5 ..... (Keefe) 2
Time—1:47 2-5.

FIFTH RACE—One mile and a half, over six hurdles.
War Bonnet, 155 lb, 4 to 5 ..... (Persse) 1
Mars Chan, 162, 6 to 1 ..... (Taliman) 2
Judge Morrow, 173, 5 to 2 ..... (English) 3
Time—3:00 2-5.
April Fool also ran.

Following are the entries for to-morrow:

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs.
Pay or Play ..... 134 | *Ting 121
Merry Monarch ..... 134 | *Salvia 119
The Rage ..... 131 | Lancer 118
Halton ..... 128 | Jefferson Nicio 116

* Each claim ten pounds for apprentices and boys never having ridden a winner.

SECOND RACE—Three years old. One mile.
Palmerston ..... 110 | Chebar 100
Premier 110

THIRD RACE—MOUNT VERNON STAKES—Two-year old fillies. Half mile.
Successful ..... 117 | Winged Foot 112
Fidena ..... 112 | Euphemia L. 112
Kittie B H ..... 112 | Florian 112
May Vic 112

FOURTH RACE—Handicap. One mile and 100 yards.
Augusta Belle ..... 106 | Golden Gate 100
Chugnut ..... 103 | Eno 95

FIFTH RACE—One mile.
Sir Dixon, Jr. ..... 116 | Will Elliott 107
Ed. Kearney ..... 110 | Tom Moore 106
Prig ..... 110 | Augusta Belle 105
Mirage ..... 108 | *Tomoka 85

* Five pounds deducted for apprentices.

The weights for the Army and Navy Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, at a mile, to be run as the third race on Saturday, April 25, are as follows:

Dorian ..... 126 | Patrol 102
Buckrene ..... 113 | Roundsman 102
Palaemon ..... 111 | Sir Dixon, Jr. 100
Captain T. ..... 110 | Hanwell 99
Doggett ..... 109 | Sue Kittie 97
Tinge ..... 109 | Intermission 96
Hawarden ..... 108 | Premier 96
Augusta Belle ..... 104 | Pitfall 95
Clarus ..... 104 | War Bonnet 99

HINTS AS TO TURF AFFAIRS.

THE NECESSITY OF WATCHING CERTAIN RASCALS.

Horse owners and trainers are not as keenly alive to their own interests and the interests of the turf in general as the best friends of racing would like to have them. In the past the associations sent men around to solicit entries for the races. Owners and trainers did almost as they pleased, and rested contentedly upon the fact that the Guttenburg and Gloucester racetracks were open to receive them should any racing official dare to offend them on the so-called "big" tracks. When horse owners and trainers fail to enter their horses for liberal purses in these times the responsibility for serious damage to racing rests upon their shoulders.

The Jockey Club should not make the slightest concession to owners who refuse to enter their horses unless races are so "conditioned" that it appears to these owners that horses owned by them have certain races at their mercy. This is the time for firmness and determination on the part of the Jockey Club.

In the list of licensed jockeys for 1896 the names of several jockeys who have been tainted by suspicion, on account of peculiar riding in races last year and in California in recent months, may be found by anybody who cares enough about the purity of the turf to recall some of the incidents associated with certain performances. The Jockey Club should not hesitate in giving certain well-known jockeys some very emphatic warnings before the racing season begins in this State. Moreover, jockeys who have been suspected of pulling their mounts or of association with unscrupulous agents of men who lay against what are technically called "dead ones" on the turf should be kept under surveillance, both night and day. The slightest deviation from the path of rectitude or any exhibition of suspiciously peculiar riding should be met by instantaneous revocation of licenses. It should not be an extremely difficult task to find out who the agents or go-betweens who corrupt both trainers and jockeys are and with whom they associate. Men of that stamp should not be allowed to enter the racetracks. This is the time to relieve the turf of the elements that have hampered and injured the sport for years.

When money is scarce and racegoers, like everybody else, are compelled to save every penny, it is not at all likely (no matter how much they love the sport of racing) that they will tamely submit to losing their money through maliciously stupid and sometimes criminal mistakes of jockeys, who escape by giving the stewards a flimsy explanation about "pockets," "cut-offs" and other things that may or may not have happened in the progress of a race. When the racing begins at Morris Park there should be no half-way measures taken to enforce the rules of racing as laid down by the Jockey Club.

The work of the horses at the tracks goes merrily on, although no really startling trials have taken place as yet.

There are some sporadic cases of mouth disease at the Long Island tracks. The outbreak of "pink-eye" at Holmdel and Brookdale is likely to give the horses in that neighborhood another setback. Fortunately, the disease is of a mild type, and nothing serious is likely to result from its effects.

The Board of Governors of the Turf and Field Club held a meeting at No. 173 Fifth-ave, yesterday afternoon. Only routine business was transacted.

SMALL PRICES FOR BLOODED STOCK.

Lexington, Ky., April 22 (Special).—Blooded stock sold for small prices here to-day. An order from the Circuit Court restraining the sale of Colonel Treacy's horses left only ninety-three to be disposed of, and those brought only $10,680. The best price was for a bay gelding, three years old, by Rumor, dam by General Washington, which went to "Mike" Bowerman, Lexington, for $1,100.

NINE RUNS IN ONE INNING.

PHILADELPHIA'S RECORD IN THE SECOND GAME AT THE POLO GROUNDS.

THE VISITORS FIND AN EASY MARK IN SEYMOUR'S DELIVERY — ENTHUSIASTS THOROUGHLY DISCOURAGED AT THE HOME TEAM'S POOR SHOWING.

GAMES YESTERDAY.

Philadelphia 14, New-York 5.	Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 4.
Brooklyn 12, Washington 8.	Pittsburg 8, Louisville 3.
Chicago 9, St. Louis 4.	Baltimore 9, Boston 1.

There was another game of baseball at the Polo Grounds yesterday, but, like the opening game, it was not much of a contest. The New-York and Philadelphia teams took part in the procession, and when the "cake walk" was over the men from Pennsylvania were so far ahead that it would have required a Bridgeport searchlight of wondrous power to have found where the local representatives "were at." The attendance was naturally small, after the dismal exhibition on Tuesday, and the few people who went to the Harlem Hollow for the second time, left there for home at the close of the game thoroughly disgusted.

Some portion of the attendance had been deceived by the apologists of the club into believing that the result of the game on Tuesday was only ill luck. They are not likely to be deceived again. Everybody at the Polo Grounds seems to be utterly demoralized, from the leading officials of the club down to the ground-keepers. The team will start on its Western trip next week, to be gone about a month, and many people are wondering what will be left of the aggregation when it gets back.

Meekin started in to pitch yesterday, but this once master of speed and curves was clearly out of condition, and as a result the Quaker City men piled up a total of nine runs in the third inning, and decided the result beyond dispute. It was a long-drawn-out contest, and it lost all interest before half the innings had been played. Meekin has never been the same pitcher since an unfortunate game at the Polo Grounds last year, when he was kept in the box when ill, and as a result was compelled to undergo a strain that incapacitated him for work for nearly a month. It was pointed out in these columns at the time that such treatment would in all probability lay the player up for a month, if it did not disable him for life.

With Rusie refusing to sign with the club, and the local management unable to secure Huyler Westervelt, the club is left with practically one pitcher who can be depended upon to do first-class work. The club has made every effort to secure Westervelt, who has refused to sign for more than a year, but without success. Westervelt has charge of the baseball department at A. G. Spalding's, in Nassau-st., and when seen yesterday afternoon said that he would refuse to play professionally again. He said, however, that he would go up to the grounds and help out the New-York Club occasionally, if his employers gave their permission. Westervelt would have a hard time of it trying to pitch for a "flabbergasted" team, and his real friends will advise him, if he needs their advice, to stick to his present employment.

The tabulated result of the game yesterday was as follows:

NEW-YORK.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e	PHILADELPHIA.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e
Gleason, 2b	4	1	1	3	5	1	Sullivan, cf	4	1	0	4	0	0
V. H'll'n, cf	3	1	1	3	0	0	Delehanty, lf	6	2	2	2	1	0
Conn't'n, ss	4	1	2	4	2	0	Thompson, rf	5	1	1	3	0	0
G. Davis, 3b	3	0	3	3	3	1	Brouthers, 1b	4	1	1	11	0	0
Tiernan, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	Grady, c	5	2	0	2	1	0
Stafford, lf	4	0	0	1	0	1	Cross, ss	4	3	1	2	1	0
H. Davis, 1b	4	0	0	9	0	0	Hallman, 2b	4	2	3	3	6	0
Meekin, p	1	0	0	0	2	0	Nash, 3b	3	2	2	0	1	0
Seymour, p	2	0	1	0	1	0	Taylor, p	4	0	1	0	3	0
Wilson, c	3	0	0	4	5	3							
Totals	32	3	8	27	18	6	Totals	39	14	11	27	13	0

New-York	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	—3
Philadelphia	0	0	9	2	0	2	0	0	1	—14

Earned runs—New-York 2, Philadelphia 4. Two-base hit—Nash. Three-base hits—Delehanty and Gleason. Home run—Nash. Stolen base—Sullivan. First base on errors—Philadelphia 3. Left on bases—New-York 5, Philadelphia 9. First base on balls—Off Taylor 2, off Meekin 2, off Seymour 7. Struck out—By Taylor 2, by Meekin 2, by Seymour 3. Hit by pitcher—By Meekin 1, by Seymour 1. Wild pitches—Seymour 2. Umpire—Hurst. Time of game—2:05.

BROOKLYN WINS AT WASHINGTON.

SO MUCH TIME SPENT IN WRANGLING THAT ONLY SIX INNINGS WERE PLAYED.

Washington, April 22.—To-day's game was loosely played on both sides, Brooklyn winning through better hitting and McJames's liberality with bases on balls. Captain Joyce was hit in the face with a pitched ball in the second inning, and was compelled to retire. Lush was sent to second, Rodgers being switched to third. A great deal of "kicking" was indulged in by both sides over Keefe's umpiring, and the wrangling was of such frequent occurrence that only six innings were played.

President Young, of the National League, said this evening that the protest of President Stucky, of Louisville, as to Umpire Weidman's work at Pittsburg yesterday would avail nothing. President Stucky wanted Weidman detailed elsewhere, but Mr. Young has decided not to change his schedule, as he has unlimited confidence in Mr. Weidman. Attendance, 2,200. Score:

WASHINGTON.	a	r	1b	po	a	e	BROOKLYN.	a	r	1b	po	a	e
Brown, cf	3	1	0	5	0	0	Griffin, cf	2	3	1	3	0	0
Joyce, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	McCarthy, lf	3	2	2	1	1	1
Abbey, rf	4	1	1	1	1	1	Anderson, rf	4	3	3	2	0	0
Selbach, lf	3	2	1	0	0	0	LaChance, 1b	4	0	0	7	1	0
Cartw't, 1b	5	1	2	3	2	0	Shindle, 3b	4	0	2	0	1	0
McGuire, c	4	0	2	4	1	0	Corcoran, ss	4	1	2	2	3	2
Rodg's, 2-3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	Bonner, 2b	3	1	0	1	1	1
DeM'nv'e, ss	4	1	1	4	2	1	Grim, c	4	0	1	2	0	1
McJames, p	4	1	0	1	1	1	Harper, p	3	2	2	0	0	0
Lush, 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1							
Totals	33	8	9	18	8	5	Totals	31	12	13	18	7	5

Brooklyn	3	0	1	2	0	6	—12			
Washington	0	2	0	2	4	0	—8			

Earned runs—Washington 2, Brooklyn 5. First base by errors—Washington 5, Brooklyn 3. Left on bases—Washington 12, Brooklyn 4. First base on balls—Off McJames 6, off Harper 4. Struck out—By McJames 3, by Harper 1. Home run—Griffin. Three-base hits—McGuire and Rodgers. Two-base hit—Anderson. Sacrifice hit—Abbey. Stolen bases—McCarthy, Anderson and De Monteville. Double plays—McJames, McGuire and De Monteville. Hit by pitcher—By Harper 1. Wild pitch—McJames. Umpire—Keefe. Time—2:23.

THE RECORDS.

Clubs	Won.	Lost.	P.ct.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.ct.
Pittsburg	4	1	.800	Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	4	1	.800	Baltimore	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	3	2	.600	St. Louis	3	3	.500
Washington	3	2	.600	Boston	2	4	.333
Cleveland	3	2	.600	New-York	1	4	.200
Chicago	3	3	.500	Louisville	1	5	.167

GAMES IN OTHER CITIES.

Baltimore, April 22.—Singles by Dolan and Long and a two-bagger by Lowe in the eighth inning gave Boston their only run and spoiled Pond's effort to shut them out. Up to that time two infield scratches were the best showing the visitors could make off his delivery. Dolan had poor control, and his wildness gave the champions three of their tallies. Bannon's magnificent throw from deep right field to third base was a feature of the contest. Attendance, 4,750. The score:

Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—1
Baltimore	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	2	x	—9

Basehits—Boston 4, Baltimore 10. Errors—Boston 3, Baltimore 5. Batteries—Dolan and Ganzel; Pond and Robinson. Umpires—Lynch and Henderson.

Pittsburg, April 22.—Pittsburg won easily from Louisville to-day, finding Clausen's delivery without trouble. Killen kept the hits well apart in all but the sixth inning and received splendid support, compelling the visitors to earn all of their runs. The features of the game were Stenzel's hitting and the short field play of Shannon. Attendance, 2,800. The score:

Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	—3
Pittsburg	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	x	—8

Basehits—Louisville 7, Pittsburg 11. Errors—Louisville 4, Pittsburg 3. Batteries—Clausen and Warner; Killen and Sugden. Umpire—Weidman.

Cincinnati, April 22.—Both Cuppy and Dwyer pitched splendid ball to-day, but the latter was more effective when men were on bases, and did not allow a base on balls. By a batting rally in the seventh inning the "Reds" secured a lead of two runs, which the visitors could not overcome. Attendance 2,500. The score:

Cleveland	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—4
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	—7

Basehits—Cleveland 8, Cincinnati 9. Errors—Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 4. Batteries—Cuppy and O'Connor; Dwyer and Vaughan. Umpire—Emslie.

St. Louis, April 22.—McDougal was hit hard in to-day's game, and gave way to Parrott, in the fifth inning, after the game was virtually lost. Friend was well supported by the Chicago fielders, and kept the hits scattered. Latham made a sensational double play unassisted in the first inning. Attendance, 2,500. The score:

Chicago	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	1	0	—9
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	—4

Basehits—Chicago 14, St. Louis 6. Errors—St. Louis 5. Batteries—Friend and Donohue; Parrott, McDougal and McFarland. Umpire—Sheridan.

COLLEGE GAMES.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 22 (Special).—The Cornell baseball team suffered defeat to-day at the hands of the Syracuse League team. Cobb batted well, making a two-bagger and two singles. Seventeen hits were scored off Cornell's pitcher, Blair, and the team was generally outplayed. The score:

Cornell	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	—5	
Syracuse	7	4	3	0	2	1	1	2	—20	

Middletown, Conn., April 22 (Special).—The game between Wesleyan and Amherst to-day, on the Wesleyan field, was the queerest exhibition at baseball ever seen here. Error after error by Wesleyan gave Amherst the game several times, but she could not keep it up because of her inability to hit the ball. The home team's strong hitting earned six runs for her, while Amherst earned none. The score:

Wesleyan	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	—10
Amherst	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	—9

Errors—Wesleyan 16, Amherst 5. Basehits—Wesleyan 13, Amherst 7. Umpire—Mr. Brady.

Williamstown, Mass., April 22.—Williams opened the baseball season at home this afternoon, beating Holyoke, a semi-professional team, 29 to 2. The characteristics were hard hitting by the collegians and errors by the visitors. The score:

Williams	0	6	0	0	9	3	4	7	0	—29
Holyoke	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	5	—12

Basehits—Williams 20, Holyoke 12. Errors—Williams 6, Holyoke 15. Batteries—Durfee, Cory and Davis; Smith, Stevens and Karney.

Easton, Penn., April 22 (Special).—Lafayette easily defeated Lehigh here to-day by superior all around work. The heavy batting of the home team was the feature of the game. The score:

Lafayette	3	0	1	9	3	0	4	6	1	—27
Lehigh	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	—6

Basehits—Lafayette 22, Lehigh 10. Errors—Lafayette 7, Lehigh 9. Batteries—Dreisbach and Barclay; Gannon, Senior and Carman.

FREEDMAN ASSAULTS A REPORTER.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW-YORK BASEBALL TEAM MAKES A DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION OF HIMSELF AT THE POLO GROUNDS.

A disgraceful scene was enacted at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon, and the result will cast more disfavor on the management which has done so much to injure baseball interests in this city during the last year. The president of the club seems to be so thin-skinned that he cannot stand honest criticism, and to retaliate against the newspapers which have told the truth in spite of the threats of the president, he has refused to furnish tickets to some of the most influential papers in the city, and has quarrelled, personally, with about all the reporters whose business has carried them to the grounds. The man's name is Andrew Freedman.

Apparently not satisfied with demoralizing one of the best baseball teams in the country, he has added assault to his other accomplishments. Edward Hurst, a reporter of "The Evening World," who until within the last few days has been one of the stanchest friends of the club, was assaulted after the game yesterday by the manager-president of the club.

From the information that could be gleaned last night, it appears that the assault was entirely unprovoked. What makes the story look more contemptible is the fact that Hurst is a small young fellow physically, while his assailant is a man bulky enough to give battle to Corbett. It was said last night that the man who was assaulted will get a warrant to-day for the arrest of the president of the club.

The only other assaults of this sort which have helped to disgrace baseball in this city occurred several years ago. One was when a fellow named "Joe" Donavan, an umpire, knocked down a "Herald" reporter, and while the unfortunate man was lying on the ground the ruffian tried to kick him in the face. The other case happened at the old Polo Ground at One-hundred-and-tenth-st., when Ripschlaeger, a catcher, tried to assault a Tribune reporter with a baseball bat, by crawling up on the grandstand behind him. The player, however, was disarmed and was thrown back into the field.

It seems to be the duty of the National League to take some action immediately looking toward saving the game in this city. If a player attempted such ruffianism he would be blacklisted and thrown out of the League. It was said last night by those who were near when the assault occurred, that the president intimated that he was anxious to treat other newspaper men who had "filed" about him, as he expressed it, in the same manner.

NEW GOLF LINKS LAID OUT.

Philip Honeyman, the professional greenkeeper and instructor at the Lenox Golf Club, has just returned from laying out links for the St. Louis Country Club. He went back to Lenox yesterday, where the proposed improvements and additions to the course will be begun at once. Not much will be done in the way of playing there until about the first of June. The new officers of the club for this year are: President, Dr. Kennedy; vice-president, S. Howland Robbins; secretary and treasurer, Lindsay Fairfax; Governing Committee, J. W. Burden, W. D. Sloane and Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The Wilkesbarre Country Club, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., whose grounds are located just outside the city, is one of the latest to take up golf. Thomas Bendelow, of this city, a professional of much experience in course-designing, has staked out a nine-hole links there, and an expensive clubhouse is to be built. The site overlooks the Lehigh Valley for many miles in every direction, and Mr. Bendelow thinks the course will be a remarkably fine one. While in the neighborhood he also laid out a private links for Miss A. Phelps on a high spur of the mountains near Wilkesbarre. There is a summer colony of cottagers there, who will use the grounds and enjoy the distinction of playing on one of the highest courses in the country.

FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

London, April 22.—E. C. Bredin, of the London Athletic Club, who took the initiative in the present negotiations looking to the sending of a team of British athletes to America, informed the United Press to-day that he is now in communication with various London athletes in regard to visiting America for the purpose of engaging in a series of contests with an American team. Nothing had as yet been definitely settled, he said, but he could say that the London athletes would stipulate that the contests shall take place in October, as the London men would be unable to stand the heat of New-York in September.

BARNATO'S WORCESTER WINS AT EPSOM.

London, April 22.—At the Epsom Spring Meeting to-day the City and Suburban Handicap of 2,000 sovereigns, for three-year-olds and upward, the second to receive 300 sovereigns and the third 100 sovereigns out of the race, distance about one mile and a quarter, was won by B. I. Barnato's Worcester. Baron de Rothschild's Amandier was second, and Colonel North's Hebron third. Time—2:11. Betting—9 to 2 against Worcester; 30 to 1 against Hebron, and 25 to 1 against Amandier. There were sixteen starters.

THE OLD GUARD CELEBRATES.

A PARADE, CHURCH SERVICES AND A DINNER ON ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Old Guard celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its organization in this city yesterday. Many prominent men of the city were present at the latter part of the celebration and Major-General Ruger came from Governor's Island to take part in it. It was an hour after noon when the members of the Old Guard fell into line in the armory at Fifth-ave. and Fourteenth-st. General Ruger, with his aides, Colonel Corbin and Captain Miller, had been escorted to the armory by Lieutenant James P. Whitfield, and the General reviewed the battalion. After the review he installed the following officers who were elected on March 18: Major, Thomas E. Sloan; Company A—Captain, Belden J. Rogers; first lieutenant, Walter Scott; second lieutenant, John D. Quincy; Company B—Captain, James F. Wenman; first lieutenant, F. R. Seybel; second lieutenant, James K. Mason.

From the armory the Old Guard marched up Fifth-ave. to St. Thomas's Church at Fifty-third-st. The services in the church were impressive. All the seats in the church were filled and everybody stood up while the Old Guard Band played "The Star Spangled Banner." St. Thomas's Church choir sang several selections, and prayers were said. Other music by the band and hymns by the choir followed the reading of the lesson. The Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown, rector of the church, who is chaplain of the Old Guard, preached the sermon from the text, "This Is My Name Forever, and This Is My Memorial Unto all Generations."

At the close of the services in the church the Old Guard marched back to the armory at Fourteenth-st., where the band played a number of selections. In the evening there was a dinner without formal speeches, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. Ex-Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio; ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower, Captain David Nelson, U. S. A.; Major Rawlins, of the Honorable Artillery of London, Eng.; General Daniel Butterfield, Mayor Strong, ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, General Daniel E. Sickles and Major-General E. A. McAlpin, among others, were present at the ceremonies in the church and at the dinner.

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E. C. BALD, THE CHAMPION CLASS B RIDER, REINSTATED.

MICHAEL, THE WELSH RIDER, TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY—SACHTLEBEN TALKS ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF LENZ IN ARMENIA.

E. C. Bald, the champion Class B rider of last year, who was suspended by the Racing Board of the League of American Wheelmen, some time ago, has been reinstated. Bald is at present in Buffalo, but he is expected in this city to-day. He intends to start for Louisville immediately, where he will begin active training for the coming cycle racing season. While Bald has been reinstated in good standing, there is a provision that he shall enter the professional class. This, however, will not be a hardship, as that is the class which Bald intended to race in any way. Bald brought his trouble on himself by selling his prizes. It is estimated that the Racing Board may take some action soon regarding the suspension of Titus and Cabanne.

J. Michael, the Welsh champion rider, will visit this country in August, and some exciting races will follow. John S. Johnson will return at the same time. Johnson and Michaels are matched to ride six races on the other side, three in Paris and a like number in England. They will ride three races in this country as well.

Frank Sachtleben, the cyclist who went to Armenia to try to find out what had become of Lenz, the rider, who disappeared there while on a tour around the world, was in the city yesterday. Sachtleben visited the Turks, Kurds and Armenians, and while he did not succeed in finding Lenz's body, he says that he is convinced that the wheelman was murdered by the natives of Armenia. He did succeed in finding a portion of Lenz's wheel and a bell. Three natives of Armenia have been arrested for the murder, and the case is in the hands of the American Consul there. Mr. Sachtleben lives in St. Louis.

The club runs arranged by the South Brooklyn Wheelmen for next Sunday and the month of May are as follows: Sunday, April 26—To Newark, N. J., and the Oranges. Leave clubhouse 8 a. m. May 3—To Bergen Beach, twenty miles. Leave clubhouse 9 a. m. May 10—To Plainfield, N. J., via Staten Island. Leave Clubhouse 8 a. m. May 17—To Far Rockaway. Leave clubhouse 8 a. m. May 24—Semi-annual century run to Patchogue, Long Island. Two divisions, fast and slow. First division leaves Jamaica, Tatum's Hotel, 7 a. m. sharp. Second division leaves 8:30 a. m. May 31—"Run around the block." Impromptu runs, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock p. m.

Members of the Riverside Wheelmen seen yesterday seem to think that their club will not be able to secure the Pontiac clubhouse in Amsterdam-ave. Many of the conservative members are not sorry, for they say that their club could hardly afford to conduct such a clubhouse, at least for the present.

CYCLING THE RAGE IN AUSTRALIA.

OVER $15,000 IN PURSES AT ADELAIDE—J. W. PARSONS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY.

San Francisco, April 22.—Latest advices from Australia report cycling all the rage there and outclassing all other sports. The championship meetings at Adelaide, South Australia, were great successes, financially and otherwise, and many Australian records were lowered. J. W. Parsons again won the five-mile scratch event in 12:11 2-5, and C. Megson the one-mile race in 2:18 3-5. Parsons also won the half-mile paced race in 0:54, four seconds better than Zimmerman, the celebrated American flyer's Australian record. The five-mile champion also carried off the mile race (paced) in 1:58 3-5. Frank Toms, the colonial expert, at the same meeting covered the two-mile paced race in 4:15. Toms is the Australian long-distance cycle champion, and recently lowered the 600-mile road record—from Adelaide to Melbourne.

Parsons was banquetted by leading Colonial cyclists, and was to have sailed from Sydney for England on April 16 to visit England and America professionally. Over $15,000 was given in purses at the Adelaide championship meeting.

G. R. Broadbent recently lowered the fifty and one-hundred-mile road record to 2 hours 24 minutes and 6 hours 4 minutes, respectively. A. J. Brady, of New-Zealand, held the previous fifty and one-hundred-mile records.

At Sydney, N. S. W., recently, T. B. Bux established a new world's record for endurance club-swinging, the clubs weighing 2 pounds 9 ounces each, which he swung for 28 hours 15 minutes without intermission. The previous record—twenty-seven hours—was held by Thomas Barromes, who visited America some two years ago as trainer of "Tom" Williams, the Australian boxer.

OFFICIAL L. A. W. NEWS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CHAIRMAN GIDEON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN.

Philadelphia, April 22.—The following is Chairman Gideon's L. A. W. bulletin:

Declared professionals—Tom Cooper, Detroit, Mich., own request; Joseph N. Hocker, jr., Kansas City, Mo., own request; L. V. Raymond, Coronado, Cal., own request.

Suspended—For competing in unsanctioned races the following are suspended for one year from April 14, 1896: W. A. Grant, J. P. Maurer, A. D. Prince, A. A. Murphy, A. C. Platt, A. L. Hallenbeck, T. Rudenbach, T. N. Drake, C. M. Kervan, W. D. Edwards, R. L. West, W. W. Bainbridge, J. H. Covell, W. R. Pike and G. H. Clark, New-York City.

Records accepted—One-half mile, tandem, professional—William A. Terrill and W. A. Taylor, unpaced, flying start, 52 3-5 sec., Coronado, Cal., March 2, 1896. One-third mile, professional, W. W. Hamilton, unpaced, flying start, 34 1-5 sec., Coronado, Cal., March 2, 1896. Two-thirds mile, professional, W. W. Hamilton, paced, flying start, 58 3-5 sec., Coronado, Cal., March 2, 1896.

The following sanctions were granted:

July 4—Boonton Athletic Club, Boonton, N. J.
May 30—Neshaminy Falls Athletic Association, Neshaminy Falls, Penn.
May 30—B. J. Murphy, Altoona, Penn.
May 2—Young Men's Christian Association, Philadelphia.
May 15—Eastburn Athletic Association, Philadelphia.
May 7, 8—Healdsburg Wheelmen, Healdsburg, Cal.
May 30—Citrus Wheelmen, Los Angeles, Cal.
July 4—Citrus Wheelmen, Santa Monica, Cal.
May 9—Smith Academy, St. Louis.
May 9—Chester Park Athletic Club Company, Cincinnati.
May 16—Chester Park Athletic Club Company, Cincinnati.
May 11-16—Case & Manning, Chicago.
May 2—Bicycle Park Association, Omaha, Neb.
May 9—Second Infantry Bicycle Club, Fort Omaha, Neb.
May 1—Company E, 8th Regiment, and Greenwich Wheelmen, New-York.
May 30—Syracuse Athletic Association, Syracuse, N. Y.
September 7—Syracuse Athletic Association, Syracuse, N. Y.
August 8—Albany Bicycle Club, Albany, N. Y.
August 15—Albany Bicycle Club, Albany, N. Y.
May 30—Rome Cyclers, Rome, N. Y.
April 30—Twenty-second Regiment Athletic Association, New-York.
July 11—Riverside Wheelmen, New-York.
August 6—School of Physical Training, Silver Lake Assembly, N. Y.
July 4—W. C. Green, Watertown, N. Y.
August 12—Coxsackie Cycling Club, Coxsackie, N. Y.
May 27—Cortland Athletic Association, Cortland, N. Y.

A WHEELMAN'S PRIZE IN DOUBT.

Boston, April 22.—Regarding the award to "Billy" Pettigrew of the first-time prize in the Dedham ten-mile road race on Patriots' Day, Referee Percival has written Secretary Gould, of the Race Committee, that he has strong reasons to believe that Pettigrew, who started from the one-minute mark, did not ride the whole distance, and failed to make the proper turn at