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A VICTORY FOR THE COUNTRYMEN ON THE RAINES LAW AMENDMENTS SEEMS PROBABLE—TALK OF A SPLIT IN THE MACHINE—THE ALBANY TRIP POSTPONED.

The arrival of Senator Platt from Washington on Friday put all the wheels of the Republican machine in motion, and before noon yesterday the engineers, oilers, stokers, authorized inspectors and heavy onlookers were in their places. There was a great show of activity about the State headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, occasionally transferred to No. 49 Broadway, which promises to be kept up until Senator Platt takes his gripsack in hand and breaks for the Washington train this evening.

The first thing that came out authoritatively yesterday was that the Senator's trip to Albany "to pay his respects to the Governor" was off for at least two weeks.

"I did think of accepting the Governor's invitation, extended to me in Washington during inauguration week, to visit him in Albany, and go up to-day or to-morrow," said Mr. Platt, "but if I go now, after all this newspaper talk, it will be said that I am there to give instructions to Mr. Black, or to receive instructions from him. It is therefore better to postpone my visit for a fortnight or so."

The Senator also caused it to be understood that his duties as a National legislator would keep him in Washington after his return to-night for two weeks, thus cancelling any expectations there might be for another round up of the faithful at the end of the present week.

Among the busy bees who gave people the impression that they were getting in a mint of fine work were the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Woodruff; County Clerk Jacob Worth and Sheriff Buttling of Brooklyn, Senators Lexow, Burns, Krum, Coggeshall, Ellsworth, Wilcox and Stranahan, Congressmen Ward and Quigg, ex-Judge J. Rider Cady, of Columbia County, Insurance Commissioner Payn's next friend, and a battalion of local statesmen.

The subjects which gave the assembled wisdom of the party the most trouble were the Lauterbach Metropolitan Police bill and the Raines law amendments. The impression was strong throughout the day that the star of the countrymen was in the ascendant, and that the politicians of the cities who had rallied under the standard of Lauterbach and Worth in opposition to the excise changes were doomed to defeat. The most of which the New-York City leaders had any hope yesterday was the acceptance of modifications in the amendments to the Raines law which might make them appear less stringent.

At the same time there was an undefined dread permeating the loyal machine followers of this city and Brooklyn lest there might be a culmination of the alleged serious differences between the Senator and the Governor, which must result in no end of trouble for the organization. The belief gained ground all day that unless a compromise of some sort can be brought about at the conference to-day a split of the machine into two hostile camps was imminent.

When Senator Platt was asked yesterday about the alleged gathering of war clouds in the organization horizon, he said blandly:

"I am sure that I can say nothing that would throw any real light upon the situation. I am giving all my attention to the tariff."

There was a dearth of politicians at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening, possibly because Senator T. C. Platt had decided to go to the theatre. Before he went out only three or four Republicans of prominence saw him at the hotel, and they disappeared as soon as he did. One of the few was Police Commissioner Grant, who was suspected of trying to save his colleague, Mr. Parker, from being turned out of office by Governor Black.

A GOOD BERTH FOR SAXTON.

TO BE ONE OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS JUDGES—POLITICIANS HARASS BLACK.

Albany, March 20.—Governor Black was at the Executive Chamber early this morning. His callers included many Republican politicians of note who have usually spent the latter part of the week at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New-York. Word was received from Mr. Platt that he might postpone his contemplated visit to Albany to-day, mainly on account of the light in which it might be looked upon by the public press. Louis F. Payn, State Superintendent of Insurance; George W. Aldridge, State Superintendent of Public Works, and Senator John Raines took up a good deal of the Governor's time in private consultation. They said afterward that Mr. Platt had informed them over the telephone that he was not likely to come to Albany at present.

The aspirants for the two Judgeships in the State Court of Claims, in place of Wilber F. Porter, of Watertown, and Hugh Reilley, of Albany, whose terms, under a recent law, expired on December 31, are strongly pressing their claims upon the Governor. It is expected that Governor Black will soon send to the Senate for confirmation the names of the two Republicans who are to succeed to those places. Charles T. Saxton, former Lieutenant-Governor, was with the Governor for some time this morning. It has been generally conceded that he would get one of the places on the Court of Claims. It is thought that John F. Parkhurst, of Bath, Steuben County, will receive the other appointment. He is being hard pressed for the place, however, by Colonel Archie E. Baxter, of Elmira, Clerk of the Assembly; ex-Assemblyman Philip Keck, of Johnstown, and Lester F. Stearns, of Dunkirk. Mr. Stearns presented his claim to Governor Black this morning. He was accompanied by Congressman Hooker, Dr. Williams and Assemblyman Nixon, of Chautauqua, and Senator Higgins, of Cattaraugus. It has been stated that one of the Judgeships has been practically promised to Mr. Keck as the result of Senator Krum's election in his district. It has been suggested that if Colonel Baxter fails to secure a Judgeship, he might be appointed Clerk of the Court of Claims, which place is worth about $5,000 a year. A Judge receives a salary of $6,000.

At 11 o'clock Governor Black ordered the main office in the Executive Chamber closed, and that no more visitors be admitted. There were then nearly twenty people waiting to see him, and he took this action so that he might get some time for the dispatch of Executive business.

The Governor announced to Congressman Hooker that he intended to appoint Mr. Saxton to the Court of Claims, but that he had not yet decided on the other appointment. He intimated that he would make both appointments soon. Mr. Saxton had a long conference with the Governor at noon and was informed that he would be appointed to the Court of Claims. John F. Parkhurst was among the callers on Superintendent Aldridge to-day.

LOSS OF THE UTRECHT.

THE STEAMER BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE DOWN WITH HER CREW OF THIRTY-SIX.

London, March 20.—A dispatch from Brest, France, says that there were no passengers on the Dutch mail steamer Utrecht, which is supposed to have foundered in the vicinity of Ushant. The crew of the steamer numbered thirty-six.

The Utrecht sailed from Rotterdam February 23 for Batavia. A week ago a quantity of wreckage was washed ashore at Ushant, including some doors bearing the name "Utrecht." There were also found on the shore photographs of officers of the steamer, which confirm the belief that the vessel sank.

HURT AT AN ELEVATED STATION.

As John Maclay, sixty-six years old, of No. 140 West One-hundred-and-third-st., was boarding an elevated train at the uptown station at Fifty-ninth-st. and Ninth-ave., last night, his foot was caught between the station and the car platform and severely crushed before it was extricated. While the employes of the road deny it, it is said that the accident was caused by the train starting before the gates were closed.

The injured man was removed to the Roosevelt Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained a broken leg, contusions of the face and scalp, and was suffering from shock.

REVIEW OF THE 23D REGIMENT.

MEDALS FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE PRESENTED TO THE GUARDSMEN.

The 23d Regiment, Brooklyn, was last night reviewed by Colonel William Everdell, the first colonel of the regiment. The galleries of the armory were crowded, and the regiment made a fine showing. Long-service medals were given as follows, Colonel Everdell making the presentations:

Regimental Long-service Medals.—Diamond medal for twenty-five years' service—Quartermaster-Sergeant Joreph Brewster, Company B.

Gold medals for twenty years' service—Colonel Alexis C. Smith, First Lieutenant Joseph T. Hull, Company F; First Lieutenant John D. A. Onderdonk, Company B; Private Joseph Kane, Company E; Corporal Milford F. Cook, Company K.

Silver medals for fifteen years' service—Private Edward Haynes, Company G; Major David K. Case, field; Regimental Quartermaster George E. Hall, staff; Sergeant Albert F. Carey, Company G; Assistant Surgeon Henry L. Cochran, staff.

Bronze medals for ten years' service—Second Lieutenant Clifford G. Scofield, Company H; First Sergeant Caryl L. Scofield, Company H; Private George B. Glover, Company H; First Lieutenant Joseph P. Mulford, Company E; Private Alex G. Findlay, jr., Company G; Sergeant Bernard F. Suydam, Company G; Private Spencer Estey, jr., Company G; Private Edwin H. Estabrook, Company E; Private William M. Summers, jr., Company D; First Sergeant William P. Boggs, Company C; Adjutant Samuel C. Pirie, staff; Musician James H. Thompson, Company G; Assistant Surgeon Charles D. Napier, staff; Sergeant Edward H. Frothingham, Company A; Private Albert L. Mason, Company A; Sergeant Herman E. Goedecke, Company F; Quartermaster-Sergeant William H. Meeteer, Company I; First Lieutenant Willie Haslett, Company E.

State Decoration for Long and Faithful Service.—Class I, twenty-five years' service—Musician Andrew W. Morrison, Company D.

Class II, twenty years' service—Colonel Alexis C. Smith; Captain Britton C. Thorn, Company F; First Lieutenant John D. A. Onderdonk, Company B, and First Lieutenant Joseph T. Hull, Company F.

Class III, fifteen years' service—Major David K. Case, field; Adjutant Theodore W. Sillcocks, staff; Private William Burbank, Company H; Commissary-Sergeant G. H. Thomas, non-commissioned staff; Private William L. Burdell, Company H, and Musician Frank E. Rockefeller, Company A.

Class IV, ten years' service—Adjutant Samuel C. Pirie, staff; Second Lieutenant August T. Morro, Company G; Second Lieutenant Clifford G. Scofield, Company H; First Sergeant William P. Boggs, Company C; First Sergeant Caryl L. Scofield, Company H; Sergeant Charles E. Lee, Company H; Private William A. Robinson, Company D; Private Spencer G. Estey, Company G; Private Alexander G. Findlay, Company G; Private Edwin H. Estabrook, Company E, and Private George B. Glover, Company H.

Veteran Association Recruiting Medals for 1896.—Gold medal—Private Frederick J. Gillespie, jr., Company I, six recruits.

Silver medal—Private G. C. Foster, Company B, five recruits.

Bronze medals—Sergeant E. Codet, Company K; Sergeant C. Baker, jr., Company D; Private C. N. Elliott, Company B, and Private S. W. Seals, Company G, each three recruits.

When a call was made for those who were entitled to 100 per cent medals to step into the middle of the square nearly half the regiment left the ranks and formed three ranks in the middle of the floor. Chaplain Parker made a congratulatory address, and they were loudly applauded.

After the presentation there was dancing.

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Professor Henry T. Bailey, superintendent of drawing in the public schools of Massachusetts, delivered an address yesterday afternoon before a number of teachers in the Friends' Seminary, No. 226 East Sixteenth-st., on "The Training of the Tastes of Children." "Such training cannot begin too young," he said. "The training of the tastes of children begins before we are aware of it. And it is essential that the tastes be turned in the right direction. The surroundings of the child have much to do with its education, and it should be remembered that in training the child we are also training his great-grandchildren. The Professor had with him a number of childish essays and childish drawings, each demonstrating a separate and distinct taste and line of thought. From these, he said, a tactful teacher would learn the best course of procedure with a pupil.

The New-York Suburban Educational Council met yesterday at the University of the City of New-York. There was a large attendance of members. E. C. Morse, of East Orange, presided. The subject for discussion was "How to Lessen the Physical and Nervous Strain upon the Teaching Force of Our Schools Without Detriment to the Pupils." S. E. Rowley, Superintendent of Schools, of East Orange, said that the tendency to-day was to lower the social position of the school-teacher, and that it was the duty of the superintendent and the principal to see that the teachers should have social recognition. Principal Young, of New-Rochelle, said that principals should let teachers know that they appreciated good work. F. O. Baker, principal of the High School, Yonkers, and others also addrezsed the meeting

James W. Pryor, secretary of the City Club, addressed the League for Political Education yesterday upon the Greater New-York charter. About seventy-five women and three men listened to him. Mr. Pryor did not favor the two chambers proposed for the new city government, and said he thought that too much haste had been displayed in drafting the charter. In response to a question from one of his auditors, he said he thought the opportunities for official corruption under the charter existed to a considerable degree.

A smoker was given at the New-York Yacht Club last evening, at which 300 members and guests were present. Selections were played by an amateur social orchestra, consisting of O. B. Smith, S. Von Praag, C. Smith, G. W. Springmuhl, Dr. P. Embury, L. J. Braddock, Dr. H. B. Shaw, A. B. Gildersleeve, B. F. Poth, A. P. Tannert, G. D. Petrie, F. W. Lincoln, E. Spencer and L. Sheppard. T. Evans Green, J. W. Myers and John J. Gaskin sang. Piano solos were played by Maurice Bernard, J. P. Nicholas gave comic recitations, and several string trios were played.

The Campfire Club had its semi-monthly dinner at the Gerlach last night. Some thrilling stories of their adventures in the far West were told by different members of the club. Among those present were A. J. Stone, Missoula, Mont.; W. H. Wright, Spokane, Wash.; John Hastie, Hams Fork, Wyo.; Howard Eaton and W. A. Van Egan, Medora, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seton Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, Harry Watkins, Edward Towne, Captain and Mrs. Dodd, Harry Bentz, Daniel Beard, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hornaday, Dr. and Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. Houghton, Karl P. Fulda, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Carman, Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Tuttle, Miss Emmons, Miss Barrett and G. O. Shields.

The Harlem Bachelors will hold their first smoker on Wednesday evening in Washington Hall, One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. and Seventh-ave. An interesting programme has been prepared. Among those who will assist in the entertainment are Carl Lenzer, violinist; J. Grant Senta, Charles Barker and a male quartet. A number of the bachelors are also expected to expatiate on various subjects of interest to bachelorhood. Since the great success of the bachelors' ball the club has become favorably known to the young men of upper New-York. The new constitution permits benedicts to join as associate members, the only stipulation being that they shall not become office-holders in the club. The club will soon decide upon temporary quarters in which to meet until it takes a house next fall.

Arrangements are being made to give the annual Harlem charity festival soon after Easter, the date or place not having been decided upon. Last year six of Harlem's deserving charities were benefited to the extent of $112 each from the net proceeds. At a meeting of the directors held at the home of Mrs. Donald McLean, No. 136 Lenox-ave., last week, Millard J. Bloomer was authorized to proceed with the arrangements on the lines followed by the festival of last year, and he is planning the best course to take.

Mrs. Elizabeth Churchill Mayer will deliver a free lecture before the H. P. B. Theosophical Society, No. 142 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., on "Five Weeks with Mrs. Tingley and the Theosophical Crusaders," at 8:15 o'clock on Sunday evening. The public is invited. Mrs. Mayer has just returned from San Diego, Cal., where she took part in the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the School for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries of Antiquity.

A special meeting of the New-York Library Club has been called for Tuesday next at Columbia University, at 3 p. m., to protest against omitting from the free list in the Dingley bill books, pictures, etc., imported for the use of libraries, educational institutions and learned societies.

The Silver Cross Circle of the King's Daughters will give a literary and musical entertainment in aid of its Model Tenement-House Fund on Tuesday evening, at No. 210 West One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. Singers of repute have volunteered their services, and the admission will be 10 cents.

The twelfth dinner of the Mount Washington Collegiate Association will take place on Tuesday at the Hotel Martin, University Place.

"A Balanced Diet" will be discussed by Dr. M. L. Holbrook before the Vegetarian Society, No. 98 Fifth-ave., Tuesday, at 8 p. m.

A Purim reception of the B'nai Jeshurun religious school, Madison-ave. and Sixty-fifth-st., will be held this morning.

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END OF THE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

WINNERS OF ALL THE TOURNAMENTS ANNOUNCED—A PHENOMENAL FLY CAST MADE.

The Sportsmen's Show at Madison Square Garden was brought to a close last night. By midnight carpenters and attendants were at work dismantling the handsome booths, and by to-morrow all traces of the exhibition will have been removed. The guides are glad to get back to the wilds of Maine and Alaska, and the salesmen will get a rest after a week of talking of the virtues of the various wares which have been in their charge.

One of the features of the week has been the pool tournament at revolver-shooting, and some of the best experts in the country entered to try to carry off the handsome trophy given by The Tribune to the man making the highest twelve-shot score on a bullseye target. The trophy was won by C. Axtell, who has done excellent work with the revolver all through the week. His score was 115. Dr. A. A. Webber was second, with a score of 113. The Scribner trophy was won by Captain Petty, with a score of 103. A. F. Aldridge won the press revolver match and Samuel Crane the fly-casting contest for newspaper men. Two handsome jewelled pins were presented to Miss C. Crosby by the Maine guides, and "Miss Flyrod" was happy. The most remarkable fly cast of the week was made last night. J. B. Mills made the phenomenal cast of 110 feet 9½ inches. This beats all records. When the line was examined, however, it was found that the fly had been lost off the line. That prevents Mr. Mills from getting a record for his remarkable cast.

One of the stands at the show which has attracted some attention in the course of the week has been the Overman booth. All sorts of athletic goods have been on exhibition. Courteous attendants have been in charge. The catalogue is well arranged, containing as it does everything from a baseball to a pair of boxing gloves.

THE SUMMARIES.

Switch casting for distance—Robert B. Lawrence and N. S. Smith, judges; T. B. Stewart, referee; R. C. Leonard, 91½ feet; T. Cooper Hewitt, 90 feet; C. H. Mowry, 62½ feet.

Fly casting, trout, long distance—R. B. Lawrence and Dr. S. M. Nash, judges; J. L. Livingston, referee; R. C. Leonard, 105 feet; Hiram Hawes, 98 feet 6 inches; J. G. Landman, 82 feet 6 inches; N. S. Smith, 78 feet; T. B. Mills, 90 feet. Mr. Mills made a cast of 110 feet 9½ inches, but as the fly was lost the cast did not count.

Continuous rifle match—L. Busse, 149, $50; L. P. Hansen and "Gus" Zimmerman, tie, 147, $35 each; I. Martin, 146, $20; M. Dowler, F. C. Ross, D. Johnson, tie, 145; A. C. L. Hoffmeister, 144; W. C. Damron, 145; L. Flack, 143; G. Purkiss, 143; H. M. Pope, 143; P. Di Irio, R. Hupso, 140; G. P. Williams, 140; W. Dalton, 139; H. D. Muller, 139; Van Allen, 135; E. Minnervim, 139; C. Gensch, 138; C. Horney, 138; W. Rosenbaum, 138.

"Any" revolver team championship—Springfield team: Captain C. Axtell, 130; Z. C. Talbott, 110; J. Goodrich, 128; A. Smith, 130; F. Hodgskins, 123; total, 621. New-York team: Captain R. H. Sayre, 123; Dr. A. A. Webber, 124; T. Beck, 122; F. B. Crowninshield, 125; J. B. Paine, 115; total, 609.

Military revolver team championship—First prize a cup, value $125: R. H. Sayre, 124; T. Beck, 121; C. Axtell, 131; W. R. Pryor, 115; F. W. Green, 115; total, 611. Second team: E. K. Partridge, 122; F. B. Crowninshield, 129; D. Johnson, 106; F. Anderton, 117; J. B. Paine, 124; total, 589.

Individual rifle championship of 100 shots each (best possible score 2,500)—M. Dorrler, 2,421; F. C. Ross, 2,383; L. Busse, 2,381; L. Flack, 2,372; L. P. Hansen, 2,369; W. Rosenbaum, 2,357; G. Purkiss, 2,345; H. M. Pope, 2,339; Dr. A. A. Sullman, 2,337; G. D. Wiegmann, 2,333.

Military tournament—C. Axtell, 259; Dr. R. H. Sayre, 257; D. B. Crowneshield, 245; F. Hodgkins, 240; W. Goodrich, 238; J. B. Paine, 236; Z. C. Talbott, 229; E. E. Partridge, 209; R. B. Edes, 202.

"Any" championship, individual—C. Axtell, 277; F. B. Crowninshield, 263; T. E. Beck, 259; Dr. A. A. Webber, 257; G. W. Waterhouse, 255; Dr. A. R. Sayre, 254; F. Anderton, 252; F. Hodgkins, 251; J. Goodrich, 250; Z. C. Talbott, 247; J. W. Wasson, 245; A. L. Smith, 241; E. E. Partridge, 238; Dr. S. J. Fort, 232; P. Weigel, jr., 166.

For the best five tickets—"Gus" Zimmerman, 363; D. Johnson, 361; L. Busse and M. Dorrler, 359.

Bull's-eye target—M. Dorrler, 16 degrees; C. Horney, 18 degrees; L. Busse, 18½ degrees; J. Faxland, 18½ degrees; "Gus" Zimmerman, 19 degrees; J. Rebham, 19½ degrees; L. P. Hansen, 20½ degrees; H. D. Miller, 21 degrees; H. M. Pope, 22 degrees; J. Martin, 23 degrees; W. Lemke, 23½ degrees; L. Flack, 23½ degrees; J. Bodenstab, 23½ degrees; Mr. Vogel, 23½ degrees; V. Diorio, 26 degrees.

Zimmerman Trophy—M. Dorrler, 67; C. Horney, 58.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC AFFAIRS.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARRANGES A BICYCLE MEET AND TALKS OF ITS ANNUAL GAMES.

The Executive Committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association held a meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. It was practically the first meeting the committee has held since it was elected by the association at its annual meeting in this city a few weeks ago. Those present were Oliver Shiras, of Columbia, president; E. Q. McVitty, of Princeton, treasurer; W. H. Abbott, of New-York University, secretary; W. W. Howe, of Harvard; W. H. Fearing, of Columbia; F. W. Gerard, of Yale, and J. D. Winsor, of the University of Pennsylvania. G. T. Kirby, of Columbia, the former president of the association, was also on hand to give the committee the benefit of his advice and counsel.

Considerable business of an important nature was transacted, but the main question at issue, the advisability of holding the annual games away from this city, was left in abeyance until the committee meets again. The Manhattan Field management sent in its usual offer, but it cannot be said that this fact created any enthusiasm among the members of the committee. The question of holding the games elsewhere was discussed at considerable length. It has been stated that the University of Pennsylvania proposed to the association that the games be held on the University's grounds in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania's attitude, as defined last night, is that, while the University makes no proposition, it says that if the association sees fit to hold the meetings on Franklin Field, the University will be pleased to have the association do so, rent free.

It was decided last night to hold the annual intercollegiate bicycle meet on July 5, but the place was not decided upon. It will probably be made known at the next meeting of the committee, and is expected to be either Manhattan Beach or some other nearby track. It is said that a scheme is on foot to build a track near the Coney Island Cycle Path, and to endeavor to have the college men race there.

Secretary Abbott said that the racing rules of the association had been amended so that they now conform as near as possible with those of the League of American Wheelmen, according to the agreement which the association and the League recently adopted. The association still reserves the right to pass upon subjects which relate solely to college bicycle meetings.

T. P. Ellis, of Pennsylvania, was appointed manager of the bicycle meeting, and W. B. Curtis was chosen referee of the track and field games. Under the amended rules adopted this year, Mr. Curtis, the referee, will have the appointment of the men who will officiate at the meets, subject to the indorsement of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Kirby was re-elected to represent the association on the Board of Governors of the Amateur Athletic Union for the ensuing year. The treasurer's report, which was received, showed that the association has a balance of $1,119 39 in the treasury.

WHEELS ON THE ELEVATED.

The published statement that the Manhattan Elevated Railroad Company had already decided to make provision for bicycles on their Sunday trains was a little premature. The plan has not yet been definitely decided upon, but it would appear that there is little doubt that the scheme to accommodate wheelmen will be put in operation in the next few weeks. William J. Fransioli, the general manager of the elevated lines, said yesterday: "We have had the question of carrying bicycles on our railroad under consideration for some time, but nothing has been finally decided as yet. However, it is probable that in the next week or two we may determine to attach special cars for the conveyance of bicycles to some of the Sunday trains. We could only give this accommodation, however, on Sundays. On other days it would be impracticable. As the scheme is at present merely under consideration I am not prepared just now to give out any details regarding it."

GOVERNOR LEEDY IN SOUTH TEXAS.

Galveston, Tex., March 20.—Governor Leedy of Kansas and a party from that State, who are investigating the possibilities of South Texas, and especially the coast country, arrived here this evening and will spend Sunday in this city. They are much pleased with what they have seen of this section.

TO GO TO NORTON'S POINT

THE ATLANTIC YACHT CLUB'S COMMITTEE SIGNS A CONTRACT.

LITTLE OPPOSITION TO THE REMOVAL—A CLUBHOUSE AND A BASIN TO BE PROVIDED.

The contract was signed yesterday for the purchase of a site for a new clubhouse for the Atlantic Yacht Club. A desirable place has been secured near the extreme end of Norton's Point.

At the annual meeting of the organization, held at the Waldorf on February 8, a committee was appointed to negotiate the purchase. The members were J. Rogers Maxwell, owner of the schooner Emerald; J. Fred Ackerman, owner of the sloop yacht Gaviotte, and General Thomas L. Watson, flag officer of the club. They met yesterday in the office of the New-York Central Railroad, where they completed the work.

The property is 600 feet by 250 feet in size. The clubhouse will include a basin twelve feet deep and grounds. The house, for which plans have already been prepared, will contain forty sleeping rooms, have a tennis court and facilities for the care of bicycles. The cost of the work on building, basin and improvement of the grounds is estimated at $70,000. The work is to be completed by the spring of 1898.

The committee is also negotiating the sale of the old clubhouse, at the end of Fifty-fifth-st., Brooklyn. It is probable that the New-York Yacht Club may buy the old house, as they have at present no station of importance in these waters.

There was little opposition to the movement to go to Norton's Point. Some members objected on the ground of inaccessibility. But it is proposed to run a steamboat to the clubhouse in the season for the convenience of members. An effort will also be made to have the Iron Steamboat Company's boats stop there. It is thought that this can be arranged, as these boats have thus obliged the Crescent Club.

It is believed the new quarters of the club will also attract bicyclists. The members who ride wheels will find it convenient to run from the Boulevard down to the Point. These considerations were used effectively in overcoming the objections of those who opposed removal. It was held by the enthusiastic supporters of the project that removal would greatly stimulate the accession of membership, especially from the ranks of yachtsmen who are also wheelmen. The Atlantics are a wealthy organization. They have now a membership of 470. George J. Gould is commodore. He has taken an active interest in the project to move and will probably be a large subscriber to the fund to meet the outlay it entails.

The commodore has already issued the call for the opening of the season on Decoration Day. He will offer this year another magnificent prize to stimulate competition among yachtsmen.

The officers of the club are: Commodore, George J. Gould; vice-commodore, Frederick T. Adams; rear-commodore, Benjamin M. Whitlock; secretary, David E. Austen; treasurer, George H. Church; measurer, George Hill; trustees, J. Rogers Maxwell, Philip G. Sanford, Alexander P. Ketchum, Newbury D. Lawton, Thomas L. Watson, Henry B. Howell; Regatta Committee, Newbury D. Lawton, David E. Austen, George W. McNulty; Committee on Membership, Louis F. Jackson, Spencer Swain, Henry W. Banks, jr.

THE HOMESTEAD HANDICAP.

HONORS DIVIDED BY FULFORD AND CROSBY AT ELKWOOD PARK.

Long Branch, March 20 (Special).—Fulford and Crosby divided honors in the Homestead Handicap at Elkwood Park this afternoon, each scoring twenty-five straight kills. Fulford was first to face the traps, and Crosby the last of the eleven marksmen to shoot. All finished but Hyde and Baker. The former withdrew on the twelfth round, after missing five birds. Baker experienced his usual luck by getting more than his share of the fast birds, and withdrew after missing his twenty-fourth bird with five misses against him. Lyon took second place with twenty-four kills, his only miss being his sixteenth bird, a right-quarterer. Walters and Toland killed twenty-three each. The handicap was worth $261 25.

Cornelius Ferguson and his son, "Cornie," fifteen years old, of Brooklyn, shot an interesting match, miss and out. The boy was first to miss. He killed twenty-eight birds out of thirty, missing his twenty-ninth bird, an incomer. Mr. Ferguson gathered twenty-nine out of thirty, missing his last bird. Summaries:

First contest—$5, miss and out: Tryon, Sumpter and Gates, 7 each; Toland, 6; Daly, 4; Fulford, 3; Daly, 2; Harrington, 0. Purse divided.

Second contest—$5, miss and out: Crosby, Gates, Fulford and Sumpter, 8 each; Tryon, 5; Harrington, 3; Heyer and Toland, 2 each; Walters, 1. Purse divided.

Third contest—$5, miss and out: Sumpter and Harrington, 7 each; Walters, Tryon and Crosby, 6 each; Daly, 5; Heyer, Fulford and Toland, 1 each. Purse divided.

Thirty-bird match—

Cornelius Ferguson, 28 yards—2 2 2 2 2, 2 2 2 2 2, 2 2 2 2 2, 1 2 2 2 2, 2 2 2 2 0.

"Connie" Ferguson, 27 yards—2 2 2 2 2, 2 2 2 2 2, 2 2 2 1 2, 2 1 2 2 1, 1 2 2 2 2, 2 2 2 0 2.

Homestead Handicap, 25 birds, $25 entrance, birds included; handicaps 26 to 31 yards; high guns.

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Fulford (30 yds.)— 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1.	25	0
Hyde (28 yds.)— 0 2 2 0 1 1 0 2 0 2 0 w	—	—
Walters (27 yds.)— 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 0 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2.	23	2
Sumpter (28 yds.)— 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 0 0 0 2 2 2 2.	21	4
Daly (28 yds.)— 2 0 1 2 2 2 1 0 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2.	22	3
Baker (28 yds.)— 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 0 1 2 2 2 0 2 1 2 1 0 w	—	—
Toland (28 yds.)— 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 * 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2.	23	2
Heyer (27 yds.)— 1 1 2 1 2 0 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 * 1 1 1 1 * 1 1 *	21	4
Tryon (29 yds.)— 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 0 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 2.	24	1
Harrington (28 yds.)— 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 2 1 1 2 1 2 0 1 2 1 2 1 0 1 2.	21	4
Crosby (30 yds.)— 1 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2.	25	0

THE ENGLISH RACING SEASON.

ADVENT OF NEW AND WEALTHY PATRONS OF THE TURF.

London, March 20.—The racing season which starts next week promises to be the most successful for many years. The new patrons of the turf are many and wealthy. Besides blue-blooded débutantes, like the Duke of Marlborough, there are a group of South African gold and diamond kings and some new-made millionaires in the bicycle company boom. The Duke of Marlborough and the Earl of Warwick are the latest additions to the employers at Egerton House, Newmarket, where the Duke of Devonshire is now the largest patron with horses in training. Lord Wolverton comes next, and the Prince of Wales is among the others interested in the stable. The Duke owns two promising two-year-olds bred by the late Baron Hirsch. The actions of one of the cycle magnates amuse the sporting public considerably. He bought a yearling colt from the Prince of Wales for 5,600 guineas, which at any ordinary sale would have brought certainly not more than 250 guineas. The purchaser has named the colt after a well-known bicycle tire, and possibly thinks the outlay justified as an advertisement and proper payment for a horse bred by royalty.

There has not been any heavy plunging by any of the royal family on the turf since Prince Francis of Teck laid £10,000 to £1,000 on a horse which was beaten at Dublin. He was sent off on military service to India after that episode. The Duke of York rarely bets, and cares little for sport. Mr. McCalmont, probably the luckiest owner on the turf, has his new house at Cheveley, Newmarket, now ready. It has cost a quarter of a million and has a private racecourse attached.

HOCKEY TEAMS TO MEET.

The hockey teams of the New-York Athletic Club and the St. Nicholas Skating Club will meet for the second time this season in the series for the championship of the Amateur Hockey League on Tuesday, March 23, at 8:15 o'clock p. m., at the St. Nicholas Rink. As between them the New-York Athletic Club and the St. Nicholas teams have defeated every hockey team in the country that could present a probable claim for championship honors, the coming contest will practically decide the hockey championship of the United States. The New-York Athletic Club team is one game ahead of the St. Nicholas players in the championship race. Consequently if the former should win Tuesday's game it would be entitled to the championship. Should the St. Nicholas team win, however, the two teams will be tied for first place, and a third game would be necessary to decide the championship.

PENNSYLVANIA-HARVARD GAMES.

Philadelphia, March 20.—The Committee on Track Athletics of the University of Pennsylvania announces that the Pennsylvania-Harvard dual games are scheduled for Saturday, May 8, at Cambridge. In addition to the track and field sports, a one-mile bicycle race will be contested in the morning of the same day on a track to be hereafter selected by the joint committee. William B. Curtis, of New-York, has been decided upon as referee and authorized to name the other necessary officials.

NEW-LONDON MAY GET THE RACE.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 20.—It is not so certain after all that Poughkeepsie will have the college boat races. Within the last three days New-London has made an offer so generous that the calculations of the Poughkeepsie committee have been upset, and a meeting has been called for Monday night to consider the question.

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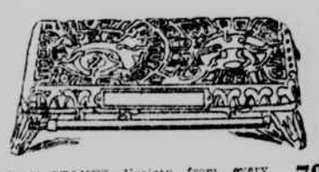

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GOLF AT LAKEWOOD.

MRS. E. ROBBINS WALKER'S EXCELLENT CHANCES FOR THE FREEMAN CUP.

Lakewood, N. J., March 20 (Special).—The usual weekly handicap competition to-day at the links of the golf club for the silver cup presented by Francis P. Freeman brought out the largest number of players yet observed in any competition here except in an open tournament. Twenty-seven took part, that total including two ladies—Mrs. E. Robbins Walker and Mrs. Arthur B. Claflin. The day was cloudy and looked like rain, but there was practically no breeze and every inducement for low scores. Mrs. Walker again distinguished herself, and as she has won the cup twice and the contest closes next Sa