SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ABOUT AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS.

BASEBALL ATMOSPHERE SEEMS TO BE CLEARING—OWNERS OF AUTOMOBILES PLANNING INNOVATIONS—CAMERON TO COACH YALE CREW.

Whenever the professional promoter neglects to protect the public, which so frequently lines his pocket with money, the promoter is generally dealt with without gloves. The first duty of the promoter is to the public. If he sees to this

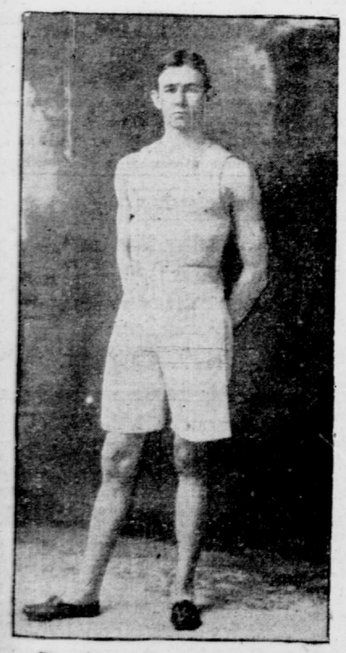
J. SARS. KENNEDY.
Expert player and forward of Crescent Athletic Club team.

nobody begrudges him his profits. It is doubly the duty of city officials to protect the public and to see that the taxpayers of the different boroughs get every comfort and convenience it is in their power to give them. It has been frequently remarked that the officials in charge of Central Park are a little dilatory about raising the red ball denoting skating on the lakes. The public, of course, must be protected from danger, but then there is no reason why the ball should not be hoisted the minute that the ice is safe for skating. Many people do not believe that this has been done on Manhattan Island for the last few years, on the ground that the skaters make extra work for the park officials. Over in Brooklyn the skaters enjoy the sport at Prospect Park more frequently than they do in this borough, but the army that has patronized the lakes in Brooklyn for the last few days appears to have a just grievance against the Park Department. Children throng to the lakes in great numbers. Those who do not have skates can procure the same at the skate house. So can adults, for that matter. To get skates one must leave a deposit of $1 for each pair, and then pay 25 cents an hour for the use of the skates. The actual cost of most of the skates hired at 25 cents an hour is anywhere from 40 to 75 cents a pair. The rental prices are, consequently, outrageously out of proportion. Men and boys grab the skates and have them on the stranger almost before he knows where he is. This is invariably followed with a demand for 10 cents extra. If the keeper of the skate house is to be allowed to double and triple his money so quickly, he at least should be compelled to pay the skate boys out of his profit. Many complaints have been made also that those who hired skates have been hoodwinked regarding the time they received and returned the skates. This scheme is easily worked when the victim does not happen to have a watch handy to refute the overcharge. In the case of children they are at the mercy of the skate broker, who is fortified in having the deposit in his possession. On Friday a man hired two skates one hour and thirty-five minutes. The man consulted his watch, and found that he had had the skates one hour less two minutes. Then he offered to bet the man behind the counter $5 on the accuracy of his watch, and the skate keeper handed over the proper change, but without an apology.

While there is no denying that the National Baseball League is to-day in a more deplorable condition than it has been before since its organization, there are those who think that the there is still time to build up new teams if the warring factions in the old league get together and allow Mr. Spalding to purify the sport. Mr. Spalding has taken another Southern trip to allow the disturbing faction time fully to realize its helplessness. He will return quickly and start the ball rolling properly just as soon as they do this. The interview between Messrs. Spalding and Johnson in Chicago on Saturday will have a decided bearing on the settlement of the war. The Spalding forces appear to hold the keys to the baseball coffers, and show no disposition to give them up.

After Spalding's literary bombardment recently, which lasted for several days, the owner of a club situated not far from the Bowery was asked if he had anything to say. After mature deliberation this is the reply which is said to have been wafted to the interviewer: "I ain't got no baseballs to sell."

Hockey continues to boom, and the attendance at the Amateur League games and the intercollegiate championship contests seems to increase with each week's play. Among the colleges Yale and Harvard seem to have the better teams, while the fight for the amateur championship lies between the sevens of the New-York and Crescent Athletic clubs. The winged foot men lost the pennant last year by overconfidence, which resulted in unexpected defeats by inferior teams. The same blunder ought not to be made this year, and the New-Yorks ought to play with the same spirit and dash against the Hockey Club, the St. Nicholas and Brooklyn teams that it does against the more powerful Crescents. The work of the Yale team to date seems better than that done by Harvard, while the Crimson is stronger than either Princeton or Columbia. If Goodrich is found eligible to play with Harvard then the Cambridge men may give their New-Haven foes a mighty tussle for the trophy, if they do not defeat them. Harvard, while not in the league last year, defeated [illegible] easily. In the local teams young J. S. Kennedy is doing splendid work. It was unfortunate for Brooklyn when Kenneday decided to cast his lot with the Crescents.



C. B. MARSHALL.
Ex-captain of Columbia's track team, who has retired.

complicated situation will be suitably adjusted before spring. It can be done only by the death of Freedmanism and Brushism, and the bringing back of the game to sportsmanlike lines, as it existed in this city prior to 1895. The hustling American League has practically devastated the playing strength of the National League, except in Pittsburg and Brooklyn, but pairs of skates in Prospect Park, and when he returned them he was informed that he had the

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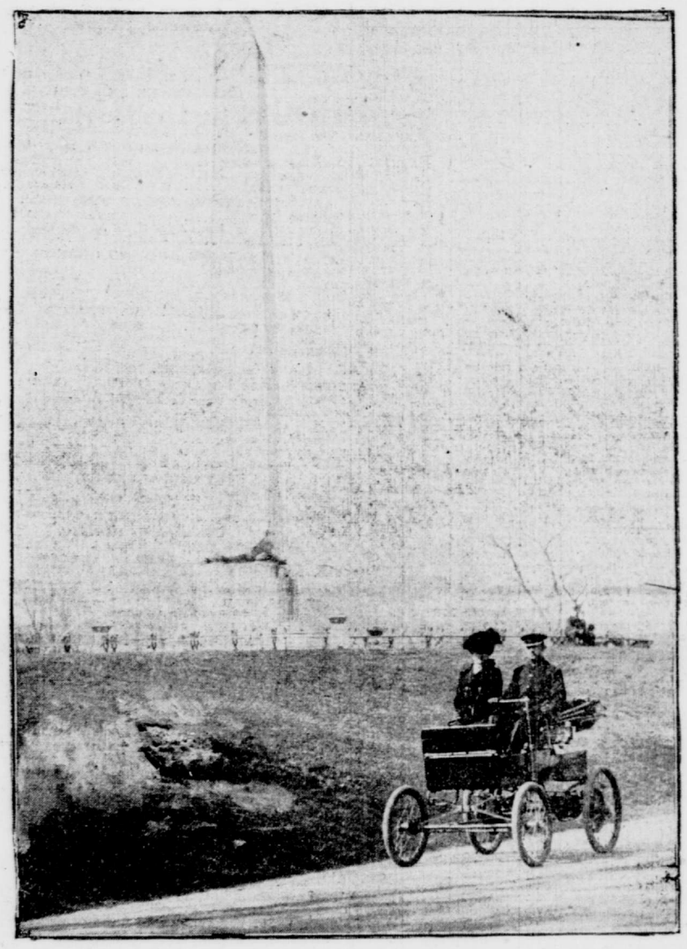
Brooklyn bowlers are from the leading league teams.

Brooklyn likes athletic distinction, and many of her youths have made names for themselves in recent years in the amateur as well as in the professional field. Keeler is the best professional ball player who calls Brooklyn his home, and "Dutch" Carter, once Yale's great pitcher,

ALEXANDER CAMERON, JR.,
of Brooklyn, who will be the head coach of the Yale crew this year.

also lives in Brooklyn, and if there was ever a better amateur twirler the records are silent on the point. Alexander Cameron, jr., who will be the head rowing coach this year at Yale, is also a Brooklyn boy. He was the stroke on the Yale crew in 1900 and 1901, and his friends are confident that he will make an excellent coach.

Columbia men deplore the decision of C. B. Marshall, the captain of the track team, to retire, temporarily, at least, from the cinder path. Marshall did good work in the distance runs last year, and gave promise of improvement for the coming season. Marshall is a clean cut runner, possessing both speed and stamina.



A SPIN IN CENTRAL PARK IN AN ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE.

The unexpectedly fine weather yesterday brought out the owners of automobiles in goodly numbers. Much of the snow had been washed off the uptown drives and the good roads in Central Park, and the outpouring of enthusiasts was larger than is generally the case at this time of the year. Many of the members of the Automobile Club of America were out in the park in the afternoon. While the proposed amalgamation of the various clubs into a national association has not been accomplished as yet, it is believed that this will be done at the show which is to be held in March at Chicago. The members of the Automobile Club are also discussing plans for a new clubhouse. The present quarters at Fifty-eighth-st. and Fifth-ave. are neat and comfortable, but not nearly large enough to accommodate the growing membership. Plans for a large building which will include storage facilities are already under way. The club is wealthy and can afford accommodations second to no other club in the country, and will probably have them before long.

Next spring Yale will head an association of preparatory school track athletic clubs, plans for which are now under consideration. The new aggregation is to be known as the Yale Interscholastic Track Athletic Association, and is to be composed of such leading preparatory schools as Andover and Exeter academies, Lawrenceville Academy, the Hotchkiss School, Tafts', Hill School, Norwich Academy, Mercersburg, Lakeside School, Mount Hope and schools in this and other large cities. It is expected that schools from as far as eastern Pennsylvania will join the association and that it will be, when completed, the only important preparatory school association in the country. An attempt was made last year to form such an association, but it failed as there were too many and too varied interests to be consulted.

Leading pool players of this city and the best of the shortstop billiardists are soon to be brought together in two tournaments now being arranged by Clarence E. Green, of the Montauk Theatre rooms in Brooklyn. Mr. Green is preparing to offer prizes which will not only prove an inducement in obtaining entries, but the conditions will also be such as to test the championship aspirations of the contestants. In the present week a match game will be played between Charles E. Blodgett, champion Chinese pool player, and Frank Hoppe, the younger brother of Willie, who has been meeting all comers.

Two important match games at bowling will be rolled this and to-morrow evenings in Brooklyn, and considerable interest has been excited among bowlers as to the results. To-night George Bishop and Frank De Mott will meet Mark Paterson and John Tiedemann. In the first four games of the series bowled last week, Bishop and De Mott gained a lead of eight pins in a total score of 1,598 pins. Three games will be rolled to-night. Tuesday evening De Mott and a Chicago star will meet Frederick Long and Tiedemann in a contest of three games. Total pins will decide in each contest. The

GOOD ROADS CONFERENCE.

WORKERS FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS WILL MEET IN ALBANY ON JANUARY 28.

Albany, Jan. 19 (Special).—State Engineer Bond has completed his programme for the conference here on January 28 of those who favor the improvement of the roads of this and other States. Naturally, most of those present will be from this State, but there will be a good attendance from Massachusetts and other neighboring States. W. H. Moore, president of the National Good Roads Association, will make an address on "Organizations." State Engineer Bond of New-York will call the meeting to order, and will describe the work done by the authorities of this State to improve the roads. Especial attention, it is thought, will be given by the State Engineer in his address to the experiments in Orange County under the lead of Edward H. Harriman to provide roads at small cost.

Charles W. Ross, ex-State Highway Commissioner of Massachusetts, will deliver an address at the conference containing some practical suggestions in regard to what has been accomplished under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Association. It is thought that the standing committee of the good roads conference of 1901 will report in favor of the State expending $1,000,000 in the present year in road improvements. The sum of $420,000 was expended last year by the State as its share of the cost of road improvement, and by the counties as much more.

There will be an address on "Highway Improvement" by James H. MacDonald, Highway Commissioner of Connecticut; one on "The Relations Between Macadam Roads and Electric Street Railways" by Edward P. North, of New-York, of the American Society of Civil Engineers; one by Professor Lewis M. Haupt on "The Relation of the Highway to the Railroad," and one by Arthur H. Battey, of New-York, on "The Press and Good Roads."

TO DISCUSS LUNACY BILLS.

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD AT UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING TO-DAY.

A public meeting will be held at 5 p. m. to-day in the assembly hall, United Charities Building, to consider the proposed lunacy bills now before the legislature. Among the speakers expected are Professor George F. Canfield, president of the State Charities Aid Association; William Church Osborn, ex-member of the State Commission in Lunacy; the Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, Editor of "The Catholic World," and the Rev. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church.

YARN MILLS DAMAGED BY FIRE.

MACHINERY AND PRODUCT LOST TO AMOUNT OF $200,000 BY FLAMES AND WATER.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 19.—Fire to-day in the Globe Yarn Mills of the New-England Cotton Yarn Company damaged the plant to the extent of about $200,000.

The primary cause of the fire is not known, but it originated in a belt box connected with the main engine in the basement of No. 1 mill. The damage consists mostly in the destruction of machinery and injury by water to finished and unfinished product. In addition, a large quantity of raw cotton was destroyed by water.

AMONG THE BOWLERS.

MANY METROPOLITAN EXPERTS ENTERED AT BUFFALO THIS WEEK.

A large delegation of New-York and Brooklyn expert bowlers started yesterday morning for Buffalo, and they carried with them high hopes of winning all three championship titles in the American Bowling Congress tournament, which opens in the Bison City this evening. There are seven teams entered in the five men tournament from Manhattan and seven from across the bridge, the list being as follows: Manhattan—Spartan No. 1 and No. 2 teams, Joseph Thum, captain; Rosedale, D. D. Frercks, captain; National, C. K. Starr, captain; Cyclone, C. W. Le Beau, captain; Standard, G. J. Olson, captain, and Fidelia, William Amann, captain. Brooklyn—Monarch, H. J. Maass, captain; Arlington, C. Bertram, captain; Fifth Avenue Palace—Prospect, C. H. Ebbitts, captain; Prosperity, O. Hammer, captain; Grand Central, J. Leister, captain; Palace, "Nick" Jackson, captain, and Echo, R. L. Bannister, captain. The five-men team matches begin at 6:45 this evening, and the teams will roll in blocks of eight, on the eight alleys in the Palace Bowling Parlors. There are sixty-two teams entered in this section, and after the first day there will be two squads in the evening and one in the afternoon, so that the five men team championship will be decided on Wednesday evening, if the official programme is adhered to.

The two men team championship competition will begin Wednesday evening, after the bigger teams have finished their last games. There are thirteen Manhattan teams entered, and five from Brooklyn. This event will be continued all day Thursday, and, as these matches take much less time than the larger teams, it is calculated to finish up the schedule by Thursday afternoon. The individual championship tournament will follow immediately after, and it is expected to finish this on Friday evening, when the congress will come to an end with a public presentation of prizes and a vaudeville entertainment. There are sixteen men entered for the individual championship from Manhattan and twelve from Brooklyn, as follows: Manhattan—Joseph Thum, Philip Lehrbach, Frederick Gerdes, Herman Kahlsdorf, J. J. Clingen, Charles K. Starr, William Linden, Frederick Clinch, David Schiman, M. H. Buckholz, H. Bellmer, William Rothermel, William Amann, Otto Foege and John Koster; Brooklyn—Oscar Hammer, W. Brachhold, H. Albert, Frederick Schwartje, Elwood Silver, William Cordes, Barney Heuter, "Nick" Jackson, F. Egelhoff, Otto Guttman and J. Smith.

The intersectional fight for control of the American Bowling Congress will begin to-morrow at Buffalo, for the entire metropolitan contingent has sworn allegiance to C. H. Ebbitts, of Brooklyn, for president, and the West will support Frank L. Pasdeloup, of Chicago At the first annual congress in Chicago last year the Westerners had things much their own way and elected almost the entire board of officers from the West, but the large majority of the delegates this year will be from the Eastern section of the country, and Buffalo will have such a large majority of votes that they will practically control the result. An effort was made last week by the local enthusiasts who are booming Ebbitts's candidacy to get the Baltimore and Buffalo delegates to join issue with them, but little will be known of the probable outcome until after the convention to-morrow. The Western board of officers has also proposed a new constitution that has many features which are strongly objected to by metropolitan bowlers. A number of prominent men have declared that they will withdraw from the congress if these clauses are allowed to go into the new constitution that is to be adopted. Dr. H. Timm is reported to have been so sternly opposed to one of these features that he will not remain in the organization should it be adopted. This would be particularly unfortunate, since Dr. Timm was one of the original promoters of the congress and one of its most enthusiastic organizers. It was suggested at one time to nominate him as a compromise candidate for the presidency, and it was thought that the Western delegates might agree to make the election unanimous in this case, but Dr. Timm positively declined the nomination, and that hope for harmony was lost.

All plans have been completed now for the metropolitan championship tuornament. Five teams from Brooklyn and five from Manhattan, each to include five men, will complete the schedule, and the opening games will be rolled in the week of March 3. The teams admitted to the tournament are all winners of regular five men team tournaments this winter, and it is thought that the ultimate winners will fully represent the metropolitan championship. The games will be rolled on the various alleys where the original tournaments were held, and some high scores are looked for. It is the first tournament of this kind that has been projected, and as all of the leading bowlers have had a voice in the management there seems little likelihood of a disagreement afterward on the question of championship honors.

The Plumbing and Steam Supply League tournament includes five men teams from fifteen wholesale houses in this business, and the championship contest that has been in progress for some time is producing the closest struggle of the season in any of the "industrial" leagues. With eight games played each there are four different teams tied for the leadership, and the final struggle promises to be exciting. Crane & Co., Behrer & Co., J. Simmons & Co. and the R. & J. Co., of Brooklyn, have each won six games and lost two, while the F. N. Du Bois Company team has also lost only two games and won six.

Seabury & Johnson's team are keeping up their fine work in the Wholesale Drug Trade tournament, and they won two more games on Saturday afternoon from Dodge & Olcott and Colgate & Co. Ruddiman, the anchor of the D. & O. team, made a splendid effort to pull his men out of the rut of defeat, but his best efforts failed to bring a victory in either of their two games. He rolled 208 pips in the first game against Seabury & Johnson, and 181 in the second against Colgate & Co., but neither time could his men bring their total up to the required 800 mark, and a double defeat was the result.

BOWLERS BY THE CARLOAD.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Two carloads of Chicago's best bowlers left to-night for Buffalo, where they will take part in a national bowling tournament. In the party was Frank Pasdeloup, a local man, who will oppose Charles H. Ebbets, Brooklyn's baseball magnate, in a race for the presidency of the American Bowling Congress. The Chicago bowlers and their out of town friends say that they will have a majority of the delegates with them and will be able to elect Pasdeloup.

THE RACETRACK.

ENTRIES AT NEW-ORLEANS AND SAN FRANCISCO.

NEW-ORLEANS.

First race (selling; one mile)—Leroy D., 104; Somersault, 107; The Fashion, 107; Lathrope, 107; Chaminade, 107; The Chieftain, 107; King Tatius, 109; Lemoyne, 109; Frank Jones, 109; Hayward Hunter, 109; Puryear, 112.

Second race (selling; seven furlongs)—Queen W., 119; Succasunna, 119; McWilliams, 136; Homage, 137; Jerry Hunt, 139; Avatar, 139; Guerdon, 139; Poyntz, 139; Judge Magee, 139; Elsie Bramble, 140; Free Coinage, 142; Ecome, 149.

Third race (selling; one mile and seventy yards)—Merida, 92; Watita, 92; Pirate Queen, 92; Free Admission, 94; Linden Ella, 97; Miss Soak, 97; Eva Rice, 99; Swordsman, 102; Garter Ban, 103; Schnell Laufer, 106; Sir Florian, 110; W. B. Gates, 110.

Fourth race (handicap; six and one-half furlongs)—Admiral Schley, 92; Scarlet Lilly, 94; Andes, 98; Grantor, 98; Uterp, 99; Kaloma, 100; Maggie Davis, 102; Nellie Waddell, 106; Lennep, 108.

Fifth race (selling; one and one-eighth miles)—Ben Hullum, 89; Shut Up, 102; Robert Bonner, 104; Little Tim, 104; Star Cotton, 104; Campus, 107; Glade Run, 107; Echodale, 107; Meggs, 109; Strangest, 109; Prestome, 109; Prince Real, 109.

Sixth race (six and one-half furlongs)—Hersa, 95; Debenture, 95; Santa Teresa, 95; Kentucky Muddle, 95; Blue Ridge, 95; Digby Bell, 97; Colonel Stone, 97; Joe Brown, 97; Emma A. M., 102; Meme Wastell, 102; Little Emmy, 102; Circus, 107.

SAN FRANCISCO.

First race (selling; Futurity Course)—Corriente, 109; Nellie Holton, 105; Clarello, 105; Mrs. C., 105; Mary Nance, 105; Finch, 107; Raciyo, 107; Heraldo, 107; Dr. Boyle, 107; John Welch, 107; Flashlight, 110; Young Morello, 112.

Second race (selling; thirteen-sixteenths of a mile)—Urchin, 109; Einstein, 109; Rinaldo, 109; Newsgatherer, 109; Novia, 107; Katherine Ennis, 107; Fridolin, 104; San Venado, 112; The Fiddler, 106; Invictus, 106; Ural, 106; Loyal S., 106.

Third race (maiden two-year-olds; seven-sixteenths of a mile)—Venecia, 105; Adirondack, 105; Tom Mitchell, 105; Prince Eugene, 108; Past Master, 108; Chiffonier, 114; The Phantom, 110; Sylvia Talbot, 110; Irish Lassie, 110.

Fourth race (selling; one and one-sixteenth miles)—Darlene, 103; Arilla, 108; Siddons, 108; Jim Hale, 108; Bathos, 113.

Fifth race (selling; thirteen-sixteenths of a mile)—Herculean, 109; Cougar, 109; Pompino, 109; Bard Burns, 109; Pat Morrissey, 109; The Miller, 109; Grand Sachem, 109; Bagdad, 109; Red Wald, 109; Dollie Weithoff, 107; Nellie Forest, 104; King Dellis, 103.

Sixth race (selling; six furlongs)—Duckoy, 95; Matt Hogan, 95; Goal Runner, 107; Woeful, 97; Gusto, 109; Meehanus, 104; Sir Hampton, 98; Sweet Tooth, 98; Kittie Kelly, 96.

OLD SOLDIER FROZEN TO DEATH.

HAD JUST RETURNED FROM AN EXAMINATION BY THE PENSION BOARD.

Bath, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The lifeless body of Dennis Donovan, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, was found to-day under an old storehouse a short distance from the Erie Depot. He had apparently been dead for several days, and the body was frozen stiff. He was seventy-four years old, and formerly lived in Buffalo. He went to Rochester on January 8 for examiantion by the Pension Board. He was probably returning to the home, crawled under the shed and was frozen to death.

GOLF.

PROXY VOTES MAY CAUSE TROUBLE IN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEET.

Voting by proxy is likely to create trouble at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association unless steps are taken to straighten it out. Whether or not a club has the right to cast two votes when sending only one delegate is a question that seems to have escaped the framers of the association's bylaws. While each associate club is entitled to two delegates, both of them when present receive the right by precedent of casting their ballots on opposite sides of the same motion, while if only one is present he has usually been allowed to vote twice. Samuel L. Parrish, of Shinnecock, was the first to protest against the practice, and that protest came near upsetting the award of last year's championship.

When Atlantic City had carried the day by a vote of 23 to 17, President R. L. Robertson, in recognition of Mr. Parrish's objection, ruled that a delegate could deposit but one ballot unless he could state that he had previously conferred with his absent colleague and knew his wishes. On the next ballot Nassau lost by one vote. The decision was an offhand one, and whether future presidents will uphold it remains to be seen. Many of the Western clubs are unable to send two men to this city each year to represent them, and voting by proxy is frequent. Little publicity was given to President Robertson's ruling and the subject is now probably forgotten, but if the Westerners are caught napping and obliged to lose some of their ballots it will not tend to heal the split between the two sections should the Western Glenview be turned down in favor of some Eastern championship course. In the absence of definite legislation the safest precaution suggested is the arming of every single delegate with a written proxy.

H. C. CHATFIELD-TAYLOR TO RESIGN.

Close friends of Hobart Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor, vice-president of the United States Golf Association, wil not be surprised to learn of his contemplated resignation. Having accomplished his purpose in seeing the amateur championship date changed from spring to fall, Mr. Chatfield-Taylor feels that he may lay down his office with the satisfaction of a duty well done. It was through his efforts chiefly that Eastern players were prevailed on to permit the change, and thus allow Western golfers a better opportunity for preparation, and now that success has been won Mr. Chatfield-Taylor is anxious to pass the office on to others. His strongest argument was that the Western season is from four to six weeks later than that here, and that a championship in July did not give the men of his section sufficient time for practice. Mr. Chatfield-Taylor is a member of the Onwentsia Golf Club, near Chicago, and of the Western Golf Association. It is expected that his resignation will be presented at the annual meeting in February.

HOBART C. CHATFIELD-TAYLOR.
Who is expected to resign the vice-presidency of the United States Golf Association.

VAN CORTLANDT PROFESSIONAL REAPPOINTED.

Although informally announced some weeks ago, golfers who use the public links at Van Cortlandt Park will be glad to learn of the definite reappointment of "Vall" Flood as the city's professional. The expressed determination of J. E. Eustis, the new Park Commissioner of The Bronx, to continue Flood in the position has received official confirmation, and with a corps of effective workmen, instead of the gang of Tammany heelers, it is expected that Flood will be able to carry out several needed improvements. The organization of an official corps of caddies and a better up-keep of the greens are two reforms that Flood hopes to begin under the new regime, and both are essential if the course is to fulfil its purpose as a satisfactory meeting place for players who lack the advantages of private links. The natural physical conditions at Van Cortlandt are superior to those of many club courses, and with proper management the same amount of money spent under Tammany should be sufficient to maintain the grounds in a high state of excellence. One of the first improvements promised by Flood is a practice links for beginners—a thing that has been badly needed for several seasons.

THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Royal Liverpool Golf Club will play a prominent part in English golf this year, for both the open and amateur championships of 1902 will be decided on the Hoylake links. It will be the first time that both tournaments have been played there in one season, and the result may offer interesting comparisons between the British amateur and the British professional golfer. The amateur contest has been fixed for April 29, 30 and May 1 and 2, and the open one for June 4 and 5. To golfers here this may seem an early choice, but it is to be remembered that the season abroad begins much sooner than in this country, and by June 1 the links are at their best. The open championship was last held at Hoylake in 1897, when H. H. Hilton won with a score of 314 for seventy-two holes. The runner-up, by the way, was James Braid, who got the title last season at Muirfield. The last amateur championship at Hoylake was in 1898, when F. G. Tait, who lost his life a year ago in the South African war, was the winner. The present amateur champion is Hilton, who is a member of the Royal Liverpool Club, and who will therefore defend his title on home links.

BASEBALL.

POSSIBLE TROUBLE BETWEEN PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION AND MINOR LEAGUES.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19.—James Whitfield, president of the Western League and a member of the board of arbitration of the National Association of Minor Leagues, to-night made the following statement in regard to the Gears interview:

Dale Gear evidently fears that the American Association is in danger of dissolution and is using his official position as secretary of the Players' Association to further individual interests. He wilfully misrepresents the Western League speakers at Tuesday's meeting, which he could have attended had he so desired, instead of taking a garbled statement second handed. So far as salaries are concerned, the Western League has no salary limit and is prepared to pay as much, if not more, than the Tebeau-Hickey combination.

Dale Gear, secretary of the Players' Protective Association, gave out an interview to-night which indicates that a clash between the Players' Organization and the National Association of Minor Leagues is imminent. Gear says that the reported declaration of officials of the minor association will certainly be resented by the players who are fighting for freedom and that they "will not stand idly by and allow themselves to be handled as a lot of slaves."

PLAYERS SIGNING CONTRACTS.

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—"Jack" Sutthoff was signed to pitch for the Indianapolis American Association team to-day. He was tried out by Cincinnati last fall.

Harry Teal, catcher of the Battle Creek team of the Michigan League, was also signed.

ENTRIES FOR CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The following fifteen members of the Manhattan Chess Club have entered the annual handicap tournament, which will begin to-day: James Burke, 1a; C. H. Cochrane, 3; Eugene Delmar, 1a; C. Djoerup, 4; J. M. Hanham, 1a; A. Henry, 3; C. Koehler, 1a; Dr. B. Lasker, 1a; H. M. Phillips, 1b; A. Pulvermacher, 1b; R. Raubitscheck, 1a; Otto Roething, 1a; G. H. Richards, 3; B. Siegheim, 1b, and L. Sternberg 1a. The figure behind each name signifies the class.

The schedule for this week reads as follows: To-day, Burke vs. Henry; to-morrow, Koehler vs. Roething; Wednesday, Sternberg vs. Djoerup; Thursday, Phillips vs. Siegheim; Saturday, Burke vs. Delmar, Richards vs. Cochrane, Hanham vs. Henry and Raubitscheck vs. Pulvermacher; Sunday, Delmar vs. Phillips, Cochrane vs. Raubitscheck, Hanham vs. Siegheim and Sternberg vs. Richards.

THE SPEEDWAY.

FAST TROTTERS AND PACERS BRUSH IN THE MUD—KINGMOND, 2:09, ON THE ROAD.

For the first Sunday in a month or more spectators lined the Speedway yesterday, hopeful of witnessing some brushes between the fast trotters and pacers that dotted the road. Early in the day the footing on the lower stretch was wellnigh perfect, but by the time the horses began to come down the hill for their customary midday spin the warm sunshine had started the frost out of the ground, and the frozen surface quickly became coated with sloppy mud. Few men who drove valuable horses cared to take the risk of sending them along at high speed, and there were not many brushes worthy of note.

E. E. Smathers, who has matched his famous trotter Lord Derby, 2:06¼, against Boralma, 2:07, for $20,000 a side, drove Queen Wilkes in the best contests of the day. Her first opponent was Ellert, 2:11, a brisk little bay trotter, formerly owned by C. K. G. Billings, and now driven by Anton Schwartz. The start was at High Bridge, and the rival flyers sprinted away down the stretch to the macadam approach, splashing the mud so that their drivers at the finish looked as if they had taken a chocolate shower bath. Ellert, a headstrong trotter, but a fast one, started with a plunging break and then squared away into a beautiful trot that carried him to the front before the pavement was reached. Mr. Smathers said that he had not driven Queen Wilkes to win after Ellert's break.

Red Line, 2:26, next tackled Mr. Smathers's fast bay mare, and in two brushes out of four showed her the way down the road. Queen Wilkes possessed more speed than her rival, but she could not or did not keep on her feet in the sloppy, slippery going. Red Line was a veritable mudlark, and nothing could make him break. The breeching got up under his tail on one trip, bothering him not a little, yet he stuck to his work and scurried along with more speed than some 2:10 trotters can show in a race through the mud to a wagon. Frank W. Darrin drove him.

One of the fastest of the mudlarks was a shaggy chestnut pacer called Velour that P. H. Burnett brought out. She was not much to look at, but when it came to stepping the curly haired little mare could show the way to everything she met. Wood Boy, 2:25¼, with Elmer Stevens, a professional driver, behind him, was among the fast ones that had to dodge the shower of mud which flew from Velour's nimble heels. John Pirung's docked trotter Alice B. won several brushes, beating among others the bay pacer Walter F., 2:19¾, from Baltimore.

Ortine, 2:22¼, and Lady Gallant, a new trotting team, driven by Harry Richmond, played a leading part in the speeding. They trotted very fast through the mud and were as steady as the proverbial clock, not once making a mistake. Morris Jones's well known trotting mares Delphia, 2:22¼, and Content, 2:22¼, tried to brush with the Richmond team, but they were quickly left behind on a break.

In one trip down the "toboggan slide" the famous trotter Ringwood, 2:09, overtook Ortine and Lady Gallant, and for a moment there was a spirited battle for the lead. The single horse, of course, passed them, but it took his best speed to do so. It was Kingmond's first appearance on the Speedway. Thomas D. Marsh, who has been engaged to train Thomas W. Lawson's horses this year, was behind the Grand Circuit flyer. Kingmond trots like The Monk, 2:08¼, and looks like a prospective star of the Speedway. He was raised by the late A. B. Darling, of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and is now owned by ex-Congressman Frank Jones, of Portsmouth, N. H. Marsh drove Mr. Jones's handsome big gray trotter, Who Is It, 2:10¾, earlier in the morning, but did not start him in any brushes.

A WEEK OF ICE YACHTING.

THE MILDRED WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANT.

Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 19.—The ice yachting season on the South Shrewsbury has begun in earnest. Four days out of six last week found the ice and other conditions most favorable, and some exciting finishes were made. Commodore B. P. Morris's Mildred, by winning the championship pennant twice out of three races from the Leroy, is now conceded to be the best yacht of the South Shrewsbury Club. The Harold, owned by Vice Commodore W. A. Seaman, is the champion yacht of the Shrewsbury Club at Pleasure Bay, which, although a young club, is well to the front. The latter club has just given a trophy to be known as the Inter State Cup, and at a meeting held last night the rules governing the contest were talked over. It is expected that plans will be entirely completed within a few days, when the best yachts will be sent out for the trophy.

A CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED.

Pierre Vaschier, whose name the sergeant of the bicycle squad police station at Broadway and Fifty-eighth-st. insisted on spelling "Vashay," a Frenchman, twenty-six years old and a professional chauffeur, was arrested at Eighth-ave. and Fifty-third-st. last night by Policeman Timothy Sullivan, of the bicycle squad, for speeding his automobile, a French machine, at twenty miles an hour, in violation of the city ordinance. Vaschier and his friend, another Frenchman, whose name could not be learned, started from No. 174 West Twenty-eighth-st., where Vaschier said he lived, for a trip to The Bronx with two women, and had only reached Fifty-third-st. when they were overtaken by the policeman. The sergeant required $20 bail, and all that could be produced was a five-dollar bill, so the Frenchman with Vaschier was allowed to take the automobile downtown to get the money to bail Vaschier out. He returned about 5 o'clock and bailed his friend out.

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