

SPORTING COMMENT.

News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

The Motor Boat and Sportsman's Show will be the chief attraction in sporting circles this week. Indoor games, hockey, bowling, billiards and association football will serve to interest some, but all in all, the week will be an unusually quiet one in comparison with the one just over. The Sportsman's Show seems to have lost none of its popularity, in spite of the fact that it is now largely a motor boat show. It has a fascination all its own, and while there is lacking that real touch of the woods which made the early shows so attractive, the present one may do more good as an educator. The atmosphere of the woods is there, and all the accessories which make life in the open country so desirable are shown in their latest development. To go to the show invites the desire to get out under the skies, out on the streams and lakes, out in the woods, out in the fields, where the truest sport can be had with the rod, the gun, the canoe, the yacht and the motor boat. The week just over was perhaps the most active one of the season for indoor sports. The aquatic carnival at the New-York Athletic Club, in which C. M. Daniels made so many new swimming records; the winning of the national indoor lawn tennis championships in doubles by Alexander and Hackett, and the success of the Crescent Athletic Club in defeating the St. Nicholas Skating Club in the Amateur Hockey League championship series, which secured the title for first place, were the most important happenings.

SWIMMING. C. M. Daniels, of the New-York Athletic Club, is, beyond any question, in a class by himself among the swimmers of this country, and would more than hold his own with the best in the world. Not yet of age, he seems to have mastered the art of getting through the water and to have perfected the method accepted by the cleverest exponents of this branch of sport. In the big aquatic carnival of the New-York Athletic Club last week he not only earned most of the honors, but he had only to plunge off and go splashing up and down the pool to make new records. With possibly one exception, the best swimmers in the country were opposed to him, but the best were not good enough to force him to fully extend himself. Did Daniels win? Was not the first question asked. But rather, How much did Daniels win? Any new records broken? The last question could always be answered in the affirmative, and the continual setting of new marks got to be all but monotonous. It seems to be only a question of time when this clever swimmer will place to his credit not only all the American records, but most of the American records. He already holds most of the 100-yard world's record beyond question or dispute. England would not accept his mark of 57.3 seconds, made some time ago, but on Thursday he covered the distance in 58 seconds under all the necessary requirements, and must now be credited with that most coveted of records. Daniels uses a stroke that is a combination of the well known trudgeon and the new Australian crawl. He seems to have acquired the knack of so blending them as to develop great speed without the loss of any energy. The crawl, although used in Australia for some years, is comparatively new in this country. Its value lies in the use of the legs and feet, not only for keeping afloat, but for propelling purposes as well. The scientific application of force in the water is the secret of speed, and while natural ability counts, Daniels owes his success largely to proper coaching and careful attention to his study. Much should be known about the evolution of the stroke and what it has accomplished, but enough now to say that Daniels has developed a style that, as far as can be judged, is the best yet devised.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL. The baseball season seems to be fairly at hand with the Giants starting for Memphis to-morrow to begin their two-season training. The other clubs in the two major leagues will not be long behind the Giants, and inside of two weeks exhibition games will give the fans the first opportunity to get a line on the possible playing strength of their particular favorites. The news from the training camps will be awaited with interest. It is a long time since the close of the 1905 season, and the enthusiasts are impatient for the first game of 1906, and consequently anything in the way of news which will make the time seem shorter will be welcomed. The decision of the national baseball commission not to restrict the players who had jumped their contracts to sign with clubs in the out-of-town leagues is likely to accomplish more good than seemed apparent at first glance. These players are now at the mercy of the smaller leagues, and in a helpless plight as far as their salaries as ball players go. It is said that the salaries of these players will be low, but in some instances, and they, of course, have no recourse, and must accept the cut or give up anything in the way of livelihood. This is likely to be a warning to those who are disposed to break their agreements for the sake of temporary betterment, and put an end to contract jumping. A ball player, knowing that he will be in some instance, and they, of course, have no recourse, and must accept the cut or give up anything in the way of livelihood. This is likely to be a warning to those who are disposed to break their agreements for the sake of temporary betterment, and put an end to contract jumping. A ball player, knowing that he will be in some instance, and they, of course, have no recourse, and must accept the cut or give up anything in the way of livelihood. This is likely to be a warning to those who are disposed to break their agreements for the sake of temporary betterment, and put an end to contract jumping.

TROTTING AND PACING. An offer of \$5,000 was made last week for Jay McGregor, 2,974, but it was refused. This stallion was one of Scott Hudson's best money winners a few years ago. Albert C. 2,959, the speedy son of Bellini, 2,434, has recently been sold to a Pittsburgh amateur and will race the Smoky City matinee brigade. Snyder McGregor, 2,954, is also likely to go to Pittsburgh, it is reported. "The Horse World," of Buffalo, has opened a \$7,500 stallion representative stake, on the regular futurity plan, for foals of 1907. Lionero, 2,683, which went wrong, has been reported thoroughly sound again, and it is said that he will be faster than ever when the season opens next summer. A Western horseman, who recently made a tour of the East, reports that the popularity of Blingen, 2,964, is simply phenomenal. Everybody seems to want a Blingen, and nobody who has one wants to sell. There is talk of a three cornered match race in the early summer between Sweet Marie, 2,943; Liverton, 2,945, and Wentworth, 2,945. The first two had half a dozen heart breaking tests of speed and stamina last year. There is said to be a prospect that Rochester, N. Y., will be an applicant for its old-time place in the Grand Circuit in 1907. Some of the most prominent horsemen in the Flower City are behind the project. The first of the 1906 trotting meetings at Vienna, Austria, will begin on March 18. M. W. Savage has presented a handsome silver loving cup to H. C. Hersey, in commemoration of his driving Dan Patch in 1854. He has also presented similar ones to Charley Dean and Scott Hudson, who drove the pacemakers on the great occasion. Harry McKerron, 2,244, by John A. McKerron, 2,945, which was last week sold by C. A. Otis, Jr., of Cleveland, to a syndicate of horsemen of that city, has been placed in the stud at Litchfield, O., and will be trained after a short season. He has wonderful speed.

PASTIME ATHLETIC CLUB MEET. A feature of the Pastime Athletic Club meet to be held at Madison Square Garden on March 3 will be the Intercollegiate relay race, open to colleges only, teams of four men. The committee has decided to make the distance one mile, and all the big colleges have been invited to send teams, including Yale, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, New York University and Fordham. The race will close on March 11, with J. E. Sullivan, No. 21 Warren-st., C. J. Dwyer, No. 2 John-st., and E. Spitzer, Pastime Athletic Club, 90th-st. and Avenue A.

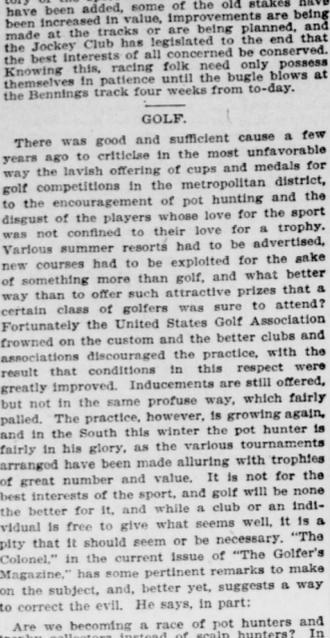
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TO QUIT TROTTING TURF. L. V. Harkness, Owner of Walnut Hill Farm, near Lexington, Will Retire. (By Telegram to The Tribune.) Lexington, Ky., Feb. 25.—L. V. Harkness, it is announced here to-night, will not race a string of trotting horses again. He has withdrawn his horses from training, and all of them are now at velvet and sell them without record. On the turf his horses have been successful, winning many of the big meetings each year. His best winners were Penno, Walnut Hill and Ozama. He was offered \$50,000 for Moko, the sire of Ferenzo, but refused to sell. He has on his farm the most select band of brood mares in the country.

KEEL LAID FOR NEW STEAM YACHT. Is Building for Roswell Eldridge at South Boston from Designs by Cox & Stevens. The keel has been laid and the frames have been bent for a steel steam yacht for Roswell Eldridge, of the New-York Yacht Club, which was designed by Cox & Stevens, of this city, and is being constructed by the Roswell Eldridge Yacht Club, which is to be completed in the early summer, combines the good features of both the American and English type of steam yacht. It is to have a high foreboard, ample beam, and hull construction of unusual strength. The chief dimensions will be: Extreme length, 123 feet; water line, 120 feet; beam, 20 feet 6 inches; draught, 8 feet. The coal carrying capacity will be large, and it will have, it is estimated, a speed of twelve knots under natural and of fourteen knots under forced draught. There will be a spacious dining room in the forward end of the deckhouse, which is to be of teak, and a large saloon at its after end. Below there will be six staterooms, besides the owner's quarters, and the yacht will be finished in white, with mahogany trimmings. The top of the deckhouse extends to the sides of the yacht, giving a roomy shelter deck for the owner and his guests.

OF INTEREST TO YACHTSMEN. There will be a meeting of yacht owners at the Hotel Astor to-morrow night to organize a special handicap class for yachts which have little chance of winning in the regular classes under the present rating rule. Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt's steam yacht North Star, the flagship of the New-York Yacht Club, went into commission on Thursday last week. The yacht's compasses were adjusted the other day, and the yacht is now on the way to Charleston, S. C., where the owner intends to join it for a cruise in West Indian waters. Some important matters are to be brought before the members of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club to-morrow night, at the second regular meeting, at Delmonico's. The Queen is the name chosen by J. Rogers Maxwell for the new schooner building for him by the Herreshoffs, at Bristol, R. I. The skipper of the Queen will be Captain John Hansen, formerly of the Equinox and the yacht which is to be delivered to its owner on or before June 15. C. H. W. Foster, Dr. J. L. Bremer and Charles Francis Adams, all of Boston, have each ordered from designs by E. A. Boardman yachts to defend the Roosevelt Cup in the international races between Germany and America, to be held off Marblehead next summer. The schooner building for the George Lawley Corporation, at South Boston, for Henry A. Moss, of the Eastern Yacht Club, is to be named the Dervish. She was designed by Tams, Le Moine & Crane, of this city. The Sigsbee is the name chosen by G. B. Hopkins for the auxiliary yawl now being constructed for him from designs of Henry J. Glew by Robert Jacob, at City Island. The yawl, which is to be 94 feet 6 inches over all, 64 feet 8 inches waterline, 20 feet beam and 9 feet 4 inches draught, will be equipped with a 4-horsepower Standard engine. The 95-foot waterline racing schooner, work on which is to begin early in March at Lawley's yard, South Boston, is said to be for William E. Iselin, the owner of the yawl Vigilant. The yacht was designed by A. Cary Smith and Ferris, of this city. Frederick L. Gay, of Brookline, Mass., has purchased, through the agency of Hollis Burgess, from Dr. John Bryant, the schooner yacht Lushine. The yacht, which was designed by Henry Bryant, is 64 feet over all, 50 feet waterline and 20 feet beam. Mr. Gay will use it for cruising. The Anemone, the auxiliary ketch rigged yawl which sailed from New-York on December 14, bound for San Diego, Cal., has arrived at Sandy Point, Chili. It covered the 6,200 miles in seventy days. The owner of the Anemone, Charles L. Fitt, of Colorado Springs, has returned the yawl for a 2,100-mile ocean race from San Francisco to Honolulu. The houseboat Lady Betty, built at Jacksonville, Fla., for Colonel E. B. Roberts, was launched at that place last Saturday. It measures 60 feet over all.

CARZESS, ONE OF INDIAN MAIDENS AT MOTOR BOAT AND SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.



(Photograph by Edwin Levick.)

RACQUET CHAMPION OUT

Percy D. Haughton Beats Lawrence Waterbury in Semi-Final.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Catching the title holder, Lawrence Waterbury, of New-York, off his game, Percy D. Haughton, of Boston, won his way into the finals of the national racquet championship at the Boston Athletic Association to-day, and will meet Payne Whitney, of New-York, the winner of the other semi-final match, for the championship to-morrow. The defeat of Waterbury was the surprise of the tournament. Haughton took the first game with comparative ease, but when he succeeded in scoring only one point in the second, a runaway match by Waterbury was looked for. The champion, however, went to pieces in the next two games, and seemed unable to retain the pace which had been a feature of his previous matches. Haughton won the next two games and the match. Whitney, in his match with H. D. Scott, of Boston, had the contest two games to one, when Scott made a brace in the fourth game. Thirty-one points were necessary to decide the contest in favor of the New-York player. An interesting contest in doubles was also played during the day. George Standing, the English professional, and George C. Clark, of Boston, playing Thomas Pettit, the local professional, and George Brooks, of Philadelphia. Standing and Clark won by a score of 15-8, 7-15, 3-15, 15-9, 16-8. The summary is as follows: National racquet championship, semi-final round: Percy D. Haughton, Boston, defeated Lawrence Waterbury, New-York, 15-7, 3-15, 15-13, 15-2. Payne Whitney, New-York, defeated H. D. Scott, Boston, 15-8, 7-15, 15-7, 18-13.

GOLF DATES GALORE.

Long List of Tournaments Announced Here and Abroad.

Important golf tournaments will be more numerous than ever this year. Associations and leagues in the North have shown unusual activity in deciding upon dates and preparing for the coming season, while the Southern resorts seem less willing than ever to end the schedule. Considering the many events listed from now until well into the fall, conflicts are comparatively few. Following is a list of the open tournaments and championships thus far arranged for this country as well as the most important events abroad: February 29-28—Nassau (N. F. & C. C.); open amateur tournament. March 1-3—Palm Beach (Fla. G. C.); women's championship of Florida. March 4-5—Augustine (Fla. G. C.); thirty-six hole medal play tournament, open to amateurs and professionals. March 5-6—Miami (Fla. G. C.); open amateur tournament. March 6-7—Miami (Fla. G. C.); open amateur tournament. March 6-Annual meeting Western G. A., Chicago. March 6-10—Los Angeles (Cal. G. C.); club championship. March 12-13—Augusta (Ga. C. C.); open amateur tournament. March 12-14—Palm Beach (Fla. G. C.); open amateur tournament. March 14-17—Pinehurst (N. C. C. C.); annual spring tournament. March 17-18—Los Angeles (Cal. G. C.); women's championship Southern California G. A. C. C.; open amateur tournament. March 19-20—Augusta (Ga. C. C.); open amateur tournament. March 19-21—Ormond (Fla. G. C.); open amateur tournament. March 20-28—Augustine (Fla. G. C.); open amateur tournament. March 20-31—Pinehurst (N. C. C. C.); Country Club, United North and South championship for women. March 22-23—Augustine (Fla. G. C.); club championship of Florida. March 23-24—Pinehurst (N. C. C. C.); annual United North and South amateur championship. April 4-7—Newcastle (County Down), Ireland; Irish ladies' championship of France. April 5-7—Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville, Fla.; open tournament for amateurs and professionals. April 10-11—Columbia Golf Club, Washington, open tournament for amateurs and professionals. April 11-12—Societe de Golf de Paris, Versailles; open tournament. April 12-13—Lakewood (N. J. C. C.); Country Club, annual spring tournament. April 22-23—Audubon Golf Club, New-Orleans, championship Southern Golf Association. May 14-15—Burnham, Somerset, England, championship Ladies' championship of Great Britain. May 21-25—Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, England, amateur championship of Great Britain. May 23-26—St. Andrews Golf Club, Chaucey, N. Y., amateur championship Metropolitan Golf Association. May 28-June 2—Golf and Country Club, Mass., championship Women's Golf Association of Boston. May 28-June 2—Dorchester, Ireland; Irish closed championship. May 30—Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass.; invitation handicap tournament. June 1-9—Societe de Golf de Paris, Versailles; amateur championship of France. June 13-15—Muirfield, Scotland; open championship of Great Britain. June 16-20—Cruden Bay, Scotland; Scottish ladies' championship. June 16-20—Pinehurst, England; nineteenth annual competition for St. George's Challenge Cup, thirty-six holes medal play. June 28-29—Ontonagon Club, Lake Forest, Ill.; open championship United States Golf Association. July 1-2—Societe de Golf de Paris, Versailles; open championship of France. July 10-14—Zimwood (N. J. C. C.); amateur championship United States Golf Association. July 11-14—Vesey Burn G. C., Noroton, or Brooklawn C. C., Ertown, championship United States Golf Association. July 20-28—Hollywood (N. J. C. C.); open championship. October 8-12—Brae Burn C. C., West Newton, Mass.; women's championship United States Golf Association.

SEVENTH REGIMENT GAMES.

Athletes of the 7th Regiment are in hard training for the annual spring games of the organization, which will take place in the armory, Park-ave. and 67th-st., on Saturday evening, March 23. The programme contains twenty-four events—twenty track and four field—all closed. The feature of the card will be the 300-yard run for the regimental championship and the Victoria Cross race.

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AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

Five Sure Entries for the Championship at Chicago.

As the date for the national amateur billiard championship approaches followers of the cue and ivory all over the country are taking a lively interest in the affair. The tournament will be played in the rooms of the Chicago Athletic Association, at Chicago, beginning on March 12. Entries close on March 2. The billiard committee of the Chicago Athletic Association, acting under the sanction of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players of America, recently sent out invitations to all the eligible players. The following were asked to compete: Arthur Townsend, of Brooklyn; J. Byron Stark, of Wilkes-Barre, Penn.; J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, of New-York; W. W. Mitchell, of San Francisco; Wilson P. Foss, of Haverstraw, N. Y.; J. De Munn Smith, of St. Louis; Mortimer S. Rolly, of Philadelphia, Penn.; R. J. McGinnis, of Chicago; Charles S. Schmidt, of Racine, Wis.; Dr. A. B. Miller, of New-York; Harry Fagin, of Chicago; Charles Threshie, of Boston; Lucien Rerolle, of Paris; Charles F. Conklin, of Chicago; H. A. Wright, of San Francisco; Martin Mullen, of Cleveland; Dr. L. L. Mal, of New-York; Edward W. Gardner, Passaic, N. J.; Charles S. Norris, of New-York; Calvin Demarest and Dr. Harley Parker, of Chicago. It is expected that favorable responses will be received from at least six of these players. In case more than eight accept it is planned to hold a preliminary tournament to reduce the field. Though the entries do not close until March 2, the make-up of the field can be pretty well surmised. Charles F. Conklin, the present champion, who represents the Chicago Athletic Association, will, of course, play. Though he was beaten by J. Ferdinand Poggenburg in the final tournament for the possession of the Eagle Cup, at the Liederkranz Club, in this city, last December, he is sure to be a contender. J. Ferdinand Poggenburg and Edward W. Gardner, of Passaic, N. J., are sure entries, and many expect to see the former win the championship. The only thing which would keep Poggenburg out of the tournament would be the entry of so large a field as to necessitate more than one week's play. In such an event business might keep the New-York billiardist at home. Poggenburg said last night, however, that he intended to play. Calvin Demarest, of Chicago, who is said to be a Willie Hoppe among the amateurs, is sure to enter. He is a young player, but has made a big reputation in the Windy City. What showing he will be able to make against experienced tournament players like Conklin, Gardner and Poggenburg is, however, problematical. Who the other entries will be it is hard to state at present. It is thought, however, that H. A. Wright, of San Francisco, will surely play. He is at present practicing in Chicago. W. K. Sigourney, of San Francisco, who played last year and tied with Charles F. Conklin for first place, but lost in the play-off, is now a professional, so is barred. Last year the tournament was played at the Chicago Athletic Association, from January 30 to February 12, and attracted nine entries. Poggenburg, the winner in 1904, was called home and withdrew. The end of the schedule found Conklin and Sigourney tied for the championship, but in the play-off Conklin won. Sigourney finished second and Gardner third. The other entries were Charles S. Norris, of New-York; Charles Threshie, of Boston; Charles S. Schmidt, of Racine, Wis.; J. Byron Stark, of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., and Edward Rein, of Racine, Wis. Lucien Rerolle, the French amateur who defeated Wilson P. Foss for the world's championship in Paris in three nights of play by a final score of 1,200 to 1,152, was among those invited, but it is understood that he is ineligible under the new constitution, owing to the fact that he is a foreigner. An effort will be made, however, to bring about a match between Rerolle and the winner of the Chicago tournament, the contest to take place in the city of the American champion. The list of former holders of the national championship is as follows: Arthur Townsend, 1901; Edward W. Gardner, 1902; Wilson P. Foss, 1903; J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, 1904; Charles F. Conklin, 1905. The winner this year will receive a handsome silver cup in addition to the championship emblem. The conditions will be 800 points up, 14-inch balk line, anchor nose barred. Last year Conklin not only won the championship, but carried off the prizes for the highest run and the best single average. They were 78 and 13-27, respectively. Gardner won the prize for the best general average, 810-189.

RECORD RUN BY POGGENBURG.

J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, of the Liederkranz Club, who won the Eagle Cup last December, recently made a run of 225 points at 14-inch balkline billiards at Murray's Billiard Academy. This breaks the former amateur record. SHORTSTOP BILLIARDS. Another series of games between several of the best shortstop billiard players in this country will start to-night at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy, in Brooklyn. The tournament will continue on each evening and afternoon throughout the week. The player winning the series will be graduated into the first class, and will be entitled to play in the big tournament at Madison Square Garden in April. The entries include Edward McLaughlin, Alexander Taylor, of Chicago; Harry Clime, of Philadelphia; Thomas Gallagher, of Cleveland, and Albert Cutler, of Boston. GREATER NEW-YORK BILLIARDS. Owing to the shortstop billiard tournament beginning to-night at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy, in Brooklyn, the players who are taking part there in the tournament for the championship of greater New-York have agreed to postpone the contest until Monday, March 5. The standing of the players is as follows: Leonard Won. Lost. Run. High. White 3 0 38 35 Smith 3 0 38 35 Boyd 3 0 38 35 Keane 3 0 38 35 Gray 3 0 38 35 Servatius 1 3 22 22 Robinson 0 5 30 30 TIGER BASKETBALL CAPTAIN. (By Telegram to The Tribune.) Princeton, N. J., Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the members of the Princeton basketball team Edward R. Halliday, '08, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected captain of the team for next year. Halliday has played guard for the last two years.

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