SPORTING COMMENT.

News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

There will be as much activity in the sporting world this week as could be expected at this time of the year. With the mercury far, far down in the tube, the association football players and the cross-country runners are the only ones who stick to outdoor pastimes. Indoor games, bowling, cycling and billiards will fill the gap, however, for many. The six-day bicycle race will arouse much interest in some quarters and the baseball fans will have something to think and talk about with the annual meetings of the National League in this city and the American League in Chicago. The national cross-country championship run at Travers Island on Saturday will provide entertainment for those interested in this healthful and invigorating branch of sport. The remarkable success of the seventh annual show of the Automobile Club of America was one of the features last week, and important happenings included the winning of the metropolitan cross-country team championship by the Irish-American Athletic Club and the individual title by George V. Bonhag; the defeat of Harvard by Haverford for the intercollegiate association football championship; the conclusion of the sale of light harness horses, and the victory of Bobby Walthour over Paul Guignard, holder of the world's hour record, at just under sixty miles, in the ten-mile motor paced bicycle race.

AUTOMOBILING.

The evolution of the motor car presents an interesting study, and the opportunities for studying the latest perfections in the art of motor construction could hardly have been improved on at the seventh annual show of the Automobile Club of America last week. In refinements of detail the exhibition has never, perhaps, been equalled in this country, and it seems as if every successive show in this country is immeasurably superior to the one before. The automobile has passed the stage of recreation and sport alone, and its commercial side has now been accepted, although it must be said that the speed merchants still furnish the chief attraction. The attendance was fully double that of last year, when the show was held in the 69th Regiment armory, and judging from reports the business increased in proportion and ran into millions of dollars. From the standpoint of the average visitor the most notable fact demonstrated was the evidence of quantity production, and this in spite of the fact that prices are about the same and rule rather high. It must be said, however, that values have been increased to a marked degree, which makes for progress. The gasolene car still holds the centre of the stage in numbers of makes and popularity. The steamer has a big following, however, and the electrics are better and more diversified. Men well qualified to judge did not hesitate to express themselves on the merits of the American cars as compared to those of foreign make, and this was a source of satisfaction to the patriotic contingent. The years of experiment are past, and Yankee ingenuity and Yankee enterprise, coupled with a capacity for achieving, have produced cars that are no longer only second best—price and quality considered. The show last week was a distinct success. The extraordinary interest shown was impressive, the business done satisfying. It gave emphasis to the fact that the automobile boom is not only here, but that it is here to stay, and this long before the advent of the so-called cheap car. The motor car has taken a firm hold, and one does not have to see figures and talk to the manufacturers to appreciate the wonderful prosperity in the industry.

SIX DAY CYCLE RACING.

Judging from the advance sale of seats and the crowd which gathered at Madison Square Garden in the early hours this morning to see the start of the long grind, the six day bicycle race will be quite as popular as heretofore among certain persons. The ultra-enthusiasts will deny themselves needed rest rather than miss some wild sprint at an unexpected time, and even in the cold, gray dawn there will be hundreds looking on. It is hard to understand the interest and enthusiasm which a race of this kind arouses. For six days and nights one member of a team or the other goes whirling around the saucerlike track in the heavy, smoke laden atmosphere. Speed is required, and wild sprints from time to time enliven the monotony of the ceaseless grind, but condition and stamina are the chief requisites to success. Further than that the riders are so well matched as a rule, at least five or six teams, that the race comes down to a one-mile dash at the end of a long week of striving. Fortunately, the race is not the grewsome spectacle of a few years ago, when a man rode alone and dragged around looking like a corpse. Under the law now in force one man can ride only twelve hours in twenty-four. This corrected the most crying evil. The riders are none too well paid for the long, gruelling race in prizes, in proportion to the amount of money which the promoters make. The amount distributed is $3,500, as against an estimated $30,000 or $40,000 taken in at the gate. If the men are satisfied, however, to expose themselves for this paltry sum it is not necessary to take up the cudgels in their behalf. The race will be over at 10 o'clock on Saturday night.

TROTTING AND PACING.

The Old Glory sale of light harness horses which came to an end on Wednesday, was generally considered the best of its kind ever held in this country, in spite of the fact that the grand total fell a little short of two other years. The chief cause for congratulation in this is the bearing it has on the breeding industry and the sport which comes under the head of trotting and pacing. The closing of some racetracks and a restriction of the sport here and there led to the prediction of dire things, but the strength of the market for breeding stock, as well as campaigners, can point to only one conclusion—continued prosperity and growing popularity. Over one thousand horses were disposed of at the sale for something under half a million dollars, and the supply was even then none too large for home consumption. Agents for foreign buyers were on hand looking for bargains for export, but the demand here was so strong that the majority of the stock will stay in this country.

The Board of Review of the National Trotting Association disposed of the now famous Gold Cup case last week, and E. E. Smathers was exonerated. It resulted in the expulsion of two men, however—George V. Spear and Ed Sanders, while C. K. G. Billings did not occupy an enviable position. Turf scandals work more or less harm to the sport, and it is a cause for congratulation that this one is settled. It was high time.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.

The annual fall meeting of the National League of Baseball Clubs will be held at the Victoria Hotel in this city to-morrow, while the American League will convene in Chicago on Wednesday. Peace and harmony are likely to prevail, although there has been some talk of opposition to the re-election of Harry C. Pulliam as president of the National League. Mr. Pulliam has worked hard in the cause of clean baseball, and while in his enthusiasm he may have gone too far in one or two cases, and leaned to one side in trying to be fair, he seems to be the right man for the place. The meeting will be marked by the retirement of Arthur H. Soden, known throughout the baseball world as the "dean of baseball." Mr. Soden has sold his interest in the Boston club, which he held for thirty years. At the meeting of the American League a shortening of the playing schedule to 140 games will be advocated. It will probably come to nothing, however, unless the National League will coincide. President Johnson of the American League says that there is a public demand for a change. He cites numerous instances where games in April have been played in snowstorms or in wintry weather—conditions that have been a source of discomfort to both players and spectators. With a 154-game schedule in operation the season must open on April 15 and wind up on October 1, or thereabouts. Johnson says that with the season opening on April 22 and closing on September 25, for instance, uncertain weather would be avoided in the spring, while there would be an excellent chance to play an extended world's series of nine or eleven games in the fall.

COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY RULES.

At a meeting of the faculty committee on outdoor sports at Princeton last week it was definitely decided that freshmen shall not be eligible for any of the minor teams. This follows the stand taken by Harvard last May and the recent decision of the Intercollegiate Hockey Association to debar freshmen. This was a step in the right direction, for while there is little or no danger toward commercialism in the minor sport, it makes for uniformity and dispels any question of discrimination. The present Harvard-Yale-Princeton agreement, adopted last February, makes no distinction between major and minor sports, but employs throughout the terms "a university team." At the time of adoption Princeton stated as its position that the rules in the agreement would be applied to all branches of sport. Harvard and Yale stated verbally that the agreement would apply only to the four major sports—rowing, football, baseball and track. In May, 1906, Harvard decided to apply all the terms of the agreement except the three-year rule to minor sports. Yale has not as yet changed its position taken at the time the agreement was adopted, but may fall in line for the sake of uniformity, although apparently seeing no other good reason. "The Yale News" says editorially on the subject:

To be effective, all rules applied to intercollegiate athletics should be simple and universally adopted. Only recently the Intercollegiate Basketball Association voted to make freshmen eligible, while the Intercollegiate Hockey Association voted just the opposite. Manifestly, the eligibility rules, as applied to the minor sports, are pretty well tangled up. The simplest way and the only way to straighten the matter out would be for all the minor intercollegiate associations to make freshmen either eligible or ineligible. Now, the argument of commercialism or professionalism cannot be brought against the minor teams, for no man would come to college for the sole purpose of playing on some minor organization. Nor are the minor organizations of sufficient importance to affect class unity and class spirit, even though greater importance were laid on the freshman minor teams by the exclusion of all first year men from the corresponding university teams. If, then, there are no arguments for debarring freshmen from the minor organizations, why should they be declared ineligible? A rule is useless unless backed by reason. Possibly the explanation of the whole tangle may lie in our having become overvirtuous in the prevailing desire for reform. The principal universities concerned have the power to take the matter up and bring about a logical solution.

YALE AND FOOTBALL.

Football as played under the new code has won the unqualified approval of Yale men, and no changes are advocated for another year at least. In speaking of the season the "Yale Alumni Weekly" says, in part:

If any one thing stood out in special prominence at the two final Yale games last month, it was the much desired proof that critics said was needed for the retention of the game, that football can be played in a sportsmanlike spirit. This must have been apparent to the thirty-odd thousand spectators at the Yale-Harvard game, as it was apparent to the few on both sidelines who knew what was going on in the scrimmages. It was not only a vindication of the new rules; it was an answer to the criticisms that had been made of the game throughout the country, both in the press and from academic chairs. If the judgment of the majority of the men who make the daily papers and who are influential in university life counts for anything, football has been lifted out of the rut into which it had fallen and has been saved.

Any game that is worth playing is worth playing for the game itself and not for the immediate joy of winning. As it was played this year under the new rules, football was a game worth playing by any set of young American college men—worth playing for the sport of playing it, for the touch and go of opposed skill and spirits, for the sheer human joy of pitting fleetness and strength and quick thinking and concerted plan and action against the same fleetness and strength and brain agility of an opponent. There was too little opportunity for this sort of thing in the old football. In that game, now happily history, quick thinking and individuality in play were submerged by the mass play, by the shoulder wedge of the two rush lines, by the road roller style of attack that plunged through a hole opened up in the line by tactics that too often gave opportunity for unseen and unfair play. Legislation rarely corrects evils, but the legislation on the football rules this year happily made impossible repetition of last year's tactics and made possible the game of this year.

SCENES ON THE ORMOND-DAYTONA BEACH.

STARTING THE HIGH-POWERED AUTOMOBILES.

WATCHING THE RACES AT THE DAYTONA CLUBHOUSE.

FAVOR TEAM OF TWELVE.

Says Better Football Could Be Played with One More Man.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Coach Warner of the Cornell football team declared to-day that he was in favor of having twelve men comprise the football team. He said he had found it difficult under the new rules this season to formulate plays with eleven men, and he was convinced that a better game could be played with twelve men.

"Each time I had a play figured out," said Warner, "it failed to please me, for it seemed that there was always one player missing."

He illustrated his remarks with a diagram showing how on the offence the drawing back of a linesman for a plunge revealed the purpose and weakened the line. On the defence he showed how easy it was to draw off the meagre secondary defence by a fake play. An extra man in the rear, he contended, would balance the defence, and make the game more a match on even terms.

"I would like to see all restrictions removed from the forward pass," Warner added. "The rule giving the ball to the other side when it hits the ground has made teams afraid to employ it, while the limit of its use to two times and compelling it to be passed five yards from centre have kept the play from being developed to its fullest extent."

LEADERS OF NEXT YEAR'S TEAMS.

Examination of the New Football Captains Shows Preference Given to Backs.

Already plans are being made by the larger colleges and universities for next year's football campaign. The election of captains to lead the gridiron warriors next year has, in most instances, already taken place, and is interesting this year in that an examination of the positions played by the men chosen for this honor shows a departure that may or may not be directly due to the influence of the revision of the rules.

This departure is the general selection of back field men as captains. Whenever it was a question between the choice of a back or a lineman, other things being fairly equal, the position has invariably gone to the back this year.

McCormick, fullback, has been selected to lead Princeton; Smith, halfback, will captain West Point; Folwell, halfback, will lead the University of Pennsylvania, and so on through a long list of the larger colleges. Cornell is an exception to this rule, having re-elected Captain Cook, tackle, and Yale seems likely to elect a tackle, Biglow, as her leader, although Tad Jones, the quarterback, may be chosen instead.

A comparison of the list of captains so far elected for the coming season and those of four years ago shows an even more marked change in favor of back field men. Many critics who like to study such statistics hold that this is entirely due to the new rules, which seem to put a premium on the back field positions and discount somewhat the value of heavy linemen.

GARCIA WINS AT LAWN TENNIS.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Ferdinand Garcia, the French court tennis champion, defeated Tom Pettit, who held the professional championship in this country for many years, in an interesting four-set contest at the Tennis and Racquet Club to-day, by a score of 6—0, 2—6, 6—4, 6—1.

LONG GRIND BEGINS.

CROWD FILLS GARDEN.

Spills in Six-Day Bicycle Race—Walthour and Root Favorites.

THE SCORE AT 2 A. M. FOLLOWS.

Teams.	M.	L.	Teams.	M.	L.
Vanderstuyft-Stol	49	2	MacDonald-Coffey	49	2
Breton-Vanoni	49	2	Samuelson-Hollister	49	2
Georget-Georget	49	2	Hopper-Hollister	49	2
Fye-Clark	49	2	Bedell-Bedell	49	2
Rutt-MacFarland	49	2	Krebs-Rupprecht	49	2
Walthour-Maclean	49	2	Schlee-McDonald	49	2
Root-Fogler	49	2	Galvin-Wiley	49	2
Downey-Moran	49	2	Mettling-Logan	49	2

The six-day bicycle race is now on—six days of "plugging" by thirty-two men. Thousands of men and women filled Madison Square Garden last night to watch the start. The men were clad in everything from sweaters to silk hats.

Away up in the topmost galleries were the real enthusiasts, the boys who come prepared to camp through hours of uninteresting riding for the momentary thrill which comes when some rider thinks to catch the others napping and shoots out ahead of the field.

Then, as he takes the steep banks at the corners, head thrust out over the padded handle bars and the others trailing out behind, risking life and limb to gain a yard of space, the gallery goes wild. Yet they do not display any real frenzy of enthusiasm until a tire slips perhaps or a front fork buckles. Then, as the riders pile up in mass of struggling limbs, the gallery lets itself loose, particularly when some rider is borne out on a stretcher. They are just as unsatisfied at a bloodless day as the most enthusiastic patron of the prize ring.

At just two minutes after midnight this morning Tax Commissioner Thomas L. Hamilton fired the pistol shot which set the sixteen men off on the tiring and tiresome grind. As the echoes from the shot filled the garden and the wheelmen swept forward like a stone from a sling, yell after yell went up from the galleries. Around and around the big saucer like track they flew, with Walthour, the speedy Atlanta lad, in the lead most of the time. Close behind his front wheel, holding near to the other's saddle, was Eddie Root, twice a winner at the Garden.

Before the race began each team paraded slowly around the track carrying the flag of the country they are supposed to represent. Each team had its own especial following, some of the foreigners being almost as loudly cheered as the bearers of the American colors.

Long before 7 o'clock, when the doors were opened, long lines of men and boys formed in front of the building. Fights were frequent, and the score or more of police had all they could do to keep order.

A band of music kept the crowd in humor until the race started. Arguments were frequent in the gallery, where there was much disorder. Inside the track were the numerous "fakers" stands seen at previous bicycle shows.

The riders representing the various teams at the start were: Walthour, Vanderstuyft, Vanoni, Georget, Macfarland, Clark, Root, Moran, MacDonald, Samuelson, Downing, Menus Bedell, Krebs, Schlee, Galvin and Mettling.

Not in the slightest did the pace slacken at the end of the first mile, and the riders, cheered by the shouts of the crowd, continued to ride at the same pace. Forging ahead at the close of the second mile, Floyd Macfarland had the honor to lead. He maintained the lead but a short time, as others "jumped" in in front of him, and at the end of the third mile "Bobby" Walthour was ahead, and the crowd cheered wildly.

Root was the leader at the fourth mile. In this mile, Vanderstuyft, of the "Belgium-Holland" team, fell, owing to a punctured tire. He rolled down the incline track, but was unhurt, and lost nothing by the mishap. A few seconds later Macfarland met with a similar mishap, and he, too, rolled down the track. His tire was ripped off, and the trainers obtained for him another wheel, and he soon caught up with the bunch.

At 12:45 the first spill of the race took place. Five riders were thrown in a heap, and luckily none of them were hurt. Breton, while going at a rapid pace on the 26th street turn, fell, and Georget, Coffey, Rupprecht and McDonald, who followed him, went down. They landed in a heap and became entangled in the wheels. Several machines were smashed, and the men walked to their headquarters on the track, where they mounted other machines and continued in the race.

A few minutes after this spill, Vanderstuyft and E. Georget came together, and the two went head over heels down the incline. Neither was injured, and in a few minutes they mounted their wheels and went on with the others.

At the end of the first hour the riders were bunched, each having gone 26 miles and 1 lap. Vanoni, of the French-Italian team, was leading.

The race is to be a continuous contest of 142 hours, ending at one minute after 10 o'clock next Saturday night, conducted under the racing rules of the National Cycling Association. The prizes aggregate $3,500. Training camps are established in the building, and the force of trainers engaged to look after the riders generally exceeds in number the active contestants in the race.

According to the rules, laps gained do not count if some rider falls in the progress of a sprint, so that often some team that has gained a lap on the field does not profit after perhaps half an hour of frenzied sprinting in which the riders have been strung out all around the track. Provision is made in the rules for the making of new combinations during the progress of the contest when two riders whose mates have fallen out through accident or fatigue are allowed to form a new team, which, however, must take the score of the lowest team in addition to being penalized a lap for making the new combination.

On Saturday night as the race nears its end any ties for final positions are to be decided by a series of one-mile sprint races between the fastest representatives of the tied pairs. In these mile sprints the rule regarding falls is not to be adhered to, and each man must take his chances of accident just as in an ordinary short distance contest.

Among the starters this year is the Root-Fogler team, which won the race last year, it being the second victory for Root, as he had been victorious the preceding year, when Oliver Dorlon, of Coney Island, was his team mate. The winner of the final sprint in 1903, Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta, is also one of the starers in this year's contest. The full list of entires and their team designations is as follows:

Little Old New York Team—E. F. Root, Sheepshead Bay, and Joseph Fogler, Brooklyn.

Dixie-Yankee Team—Bobby Walthour, Atlanta, Ga., and Hugh MacLean, Chelsea, Mass.

German-California Team—Walter Rutt, Germany, and Floyd McFarland, San José, Cal.

Australian Team—E. A. Pye, Sevan Hill, Australia, and Jack A. Clark, Melbourne, Australia.

The Farmer and the Messenger Boy—Frank A. Galvin, New Milford, Conn., and George Wiley, Syracuse.

National Turn Verein Team—Charles Schlee, Newark, and Urban McDonald, New York.

Wild West Team—Hardy Downing, San José, Cal., and Norman C. Hooper, Minneapolis.

Irish Team—Matt Downey, Boston, and James F. Moran, Chelsea, Mass.

Scotch-Irish Kids—A. W. McDonald, Somerville, Mass., and John B. Coffey, Boston.

Belgium-Holland Team—Arthur Vanderstuyft, Belgium, and Johann Stol, Holland.

Canadian-Irish Team—Louis E. Mettling, Canada, and Patrick Logan, Ireland.

Long Island Team—John and Menus Bedell, Lynbrook, Long Island.

French-Italian Team—Petit Breton, France, and Carlo Vanoni, Italy.

French Champion Team—Emil and Leon Georget, France.

Mormon Team—W. E. Samuelson and C. L. Hollister, both Salt Lake City.

German-American Team—Floyd Krebs and Edward Rupprecht, both Newark, N. J.

THE LAW'S DELAYS.

From The Chicago Tribune.

In England and Wales 80,000 cases are pending. In Chicago there are 30,000 suits awaiting trial in courts of record and in the United States 1,600,000 similar suits are estimated to be pending.

In Chicago and many other places in this country the courts are from two to three years behind in their work. In England a case is reached within a few months from the time it is begun.

This country has twenty times as much civil litigation as England and seventy times as many judges to dispose of it.

In English courts the judge takes an energetic part in the trial, superintending it all and keeping it under his direction and control. He instructs the jury in plain terms, instead of the stilted manner prescribed by law in this country.

There are no Gilhooly or Shea juries in England and Wales. It has been said that instead of waiting months to complete a jury because of objections made to veniremen the Shea jury would have been completed in England in an hour. Comparatively few persons are exempted from jury service there. Peremptory challenges are allowed in cases of felony, but not in misdemeanors.

BASEBALL IN ENGLAND.

Pulliam Says Game Was Aided There by Rhodes Scholars.

It's a far cry from the Polo Grounds to the Vatican, but Harry Pulliam, president of the National Baseball League, had to go that far, he said, to forget that there was such a thing as baseball. He arrived here yesterday on the American liner New York after a trip of two months through Italy and England. He was reminded of baseball only once while abroad, and that was when he heard an American who passed him in Trafalgar Square express a desire for a highball.

"Baseball," he said, "is such an exciting game that one has to go to quiet places to forget it. That will, perhaps, account for my trip to Juliet's tomb in Verona. I would have remained away a trifle longer if I had not had to get back in time to attend the league election next Tuesday.

"I think baseball will soon be a big 'go' in England, but not to the extent of supplementing cricket. The game will not be made popular through any games that may be played there by third rate American teams. These teams have no influence whatsoever in the matter of stimulating an interest in the game among the British people. The interest thus far has come about largely through the enterprise of Nelson Cook, an American, who has lived for fifteen years in London. In a measure, Cecil Rhodes was responsible for the introduction of baseball in England. I doubt if he ever thought the game would become popular through his provision of scholarships for American boys in the British colleges. The American students coached the association football teams in the game of baseball in the summer time, when the teams were not playing football. It was a good thing for the football players, as the summer baseball kept them in good form for their winter work. The association football player follows the game eight months out of the year, and practically plays himself out in five years. With the aid of the baseball work in the summer he should be able to hold out for ten years as a player of football."

Mr. Pulliam said that while in Rome he had an audience with the Pope.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL MEET.

The annual meeting of the National League of Baseball Clubs will be held at the Victoria Hotel to-morrow. A meeting of the board of directors of the league will also be held at the league's headquarters in this city on the same day. One of the purposes of the meeting will be to elect a president, for which Harry C. Pulliam is again a candidate.

The annual meeting of the American League of Baseball Clubs will be held at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago on Wednesday.

AUTO NEWS AND NOTES.

Moving Day at Grand Central Palace—Florida Beach Races.

It was moving day at the Grand Central Palace yesterday. All night long and during the day the automobiles and motor trucks that were on exhibition at the seventh annual exhibition of the Automobile Club of America, which came to an end on Saturday night, were being shipped from the building to their respective salesrooms.

The officials of the club said they were delighted with the great success of the show, and asserted that the crowds that attended daily were beyond expectations. It was announced that the exhibition held under the club's auspices next year will take place in the same building. With the exception of Madison Square Garden, this building offered about the best advantages for a show of its kind that could be obtained.

Numerous entries for the automobile meeting on the famous Ormond-Daytona beach course are being received daily by "Senator" W. J. Morgan, and indications already point to the affair next month being one of the most successful held on the sand course.

More attention will be paid at this meeting to touring car contests than at the former meeting, and the number of high powered racing cars is expected to be larger than ever.

"Senator" Morgan says that the contests will be run off on the day scheduled, and as he is determined on this point, the disappointment caused at the previous meeting will probably not be experienced again.

"How are some of the people who own cars able to do so?" asked a man at the Palace show. "I'll tell you: I recently had a long talk with the cashier of one of the banks in my town—he's a personal friend—and he told me that his bank alone holds 107 chattel mortgages, the proceeds of which went to purchase automobiles."

"TERRY" M'GOVERN AT STAMFORD.

Taken from Kings County Hospital to Connecticut Sanatorium.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 9.—"Terry" McGovern was brought here to-day from the Kings County Hospital and put in charge of Dr. Givens at the Stamford Hall Sanatorium. "Sam" Harris and several other close friends were with him. The party left Brooklyn in an automobile, telling McGovern they were going to take him to dinner at Kingsbridge, where his wife was staying. On the way up the machine broke down and they had to take a train.

McGovern recognized the place as soon as he reached it. He was there two years ago, and ran off. Dr. Givens said the man had incipient paresis, but that there was a possibility of his recovering after a long rest and proper treatment. "Sam" Harris said McGovern did not have a cent, but that all his wants would be attended to by his friends.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Seven furlongs.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Billy Vertree	104	Beau Brummel	101
Kemp Ridgley	104	Foster Girl	101
John Kaufman	104	Gold Circle	101
Sir Vagrant	104	Doric	101
Jacomo	104	Chase	101
Annie Ruskin	101	Refined	101

SECOND RACE—Selling. One and one-sixteenth miles.

Dr. Spruill	114	Shining Star	105
Bellindian	112	Bon Mot	105
King Ellsworth	111	Grand Duchess	104
Fonsoluca	110	Golden Mineral	104
Envoy	109	Iole	104
Mr. Jack	108	Florizel	100
Beecher	107	La Cache	99
Anthony	107		

THIRD RACE—Steeplechase. Short course.

Sceptre	149	Little Wally	141
Gould	149	Woodlyn	141
Dawson	149	Sam Hoffheimer	138
Parnassus	149	Harlequin	135
Flea	145	Commandant	134
Signal II	141	Henry A. Schroder	131

FOURTH RACE—INITIAL HANDICAP. One mile.

James Reddick	119	Alma Dufour	110
*Juggler	118	Jack Dolan	107
Minnie Adams	116	Meadowbreeze	107
Orly II	115	*Gild	100
Peter Sterling	112	Shawana	98
Orbicular	110		

FIFTH RACE—Five furlongs.

Frontenac	112	Alencon	109
Charlie Eastman	111	Aleono	109
Lucy Young	109	Muffins	107
Chieftain	109	Meadowbreeze	107
Miss McKenna	109	Defend	104
Esterre	109	Mary Morris	104
Laura Hunter	109	Merces	104
Ever Near	109		

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Quinn Brady	121	Marvel P	101
St. Joseph	109	Tinker	101
Merrick	107	Lady Carol	101
Bill Phillips	108	Calmeda	101
Ladsarlon	106	Posing	96
Poetry	101	Pulque	96
Bertha E	101	French Nun	96
Margaret M	101		

*Burlew and O'Neill entry.

MEETING OF GOLFERS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Past Season Active in Open Contests—A Variety of Winners.

The chief event in local golf circles this week is the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Association, to be held at Delmonico's at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow night. Each club in the association is entitled to be represented by two voting delegates. The nominating committee, consisting of F. J. Phillips, chairman; C. F. Watson and W. E. Hodgman, has presented the following ticket:

For President, William Fellowes Morgan; for vice-president, Arden M. Robbins; for secretary, Leighton Calkins; for treasurer, Frank C. Jennings; for executive committee, the above officers and Simeon Ford, Paul Wilcox, George T. Brokaw, John R. Maxwell, jr., and S. V. Beckwith.

Several proposed amendments to the constitution will be voted on to-morrow night. One is to make clubs in the metropolitan territory eligible to membership, even though they are not affiliated with the United States Golf Association. In former years the present rule was framed with a view to adding to the membership of the parent body, but it is generally admitted now that the time has arrived when the Metropolitan Golf Association is in greater need of bolstering up than the older organization.

Another proposed amendment reads:

No player shall be eligible to compete for the amateur championship of the association unless he is a bona fide resident of the district covered by the association, and a member in good standing of a club belonging to the association.

It is also proposed to raise the yearly dues to $20. There is considerable difference of opinion as to the wisdom of increasing the dues. It is claimed, however, that if the association is to continue the open championship tournaments, its income will have to be increased. At the last annual meeting the financial report showed a slight balance in the treasury.

The past golf season has been interesting in a number of ways. A glance over the list of principal tournaments in this vicinity shows that no one individual enjoys a monopoly of honors. In the national amateur championship at Englewood last July Eben M. Byers, of Pittsburg, won the crown. He also led the field in an open championship tournament of Western Pennsylvania. On the other hand, Byers met defeat in the Metropolitan Golf Association championship and ended with another reverse at the hands of Walter J. Travis, at Myopia.

It is also a fact that neither Travis nor Jerome D. Travers, the Metropolitan Golf Association champion, has escaped defeat. Of course, all the other leading amateurs in the metropolitan district have met with reverses, and more frequently than the other two. Starting with the open fixture at the Country Club of Lakewood last April, and continuing down to the recent gathering at the same place, nearly every tournament shows a different set of winners.

Tournaments throughout the 1906 season have been unusually well attended. Undoubtedly a factor to attract players is the liberal offering in the way of cups, but this alone, as many clubs have learned by experience, will not bring players to a tournament. The essentials that make a success are a good course, well managed clubhouse and hospitable committees. In many instances the winner of the low score prize in the qualifying round has lost later in the tournament at match play. The following summary will show where the chief trophies have gone in the leading tournaments held in this vicinity the past season:

Country Club, of Lakewood, April 19-21—Wylie C. Carhart, of Detroit, made low score—155—in qualifying round; winner, A. L. White, Ekwanok Country Club; runner-up, A. W. Mitchell, Rock Island.

Country Club, of Atlantic City, May 3-5—George T. Brokaw, Garden City Golf Club, made low score—163—in qualifying round; winner, F. Oden Horstman, Philadelphia Country Club; runner-up, Howard W. Perrin, Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Garden City Golf Club, May 10-12—Archibald Graham, North Jersey Country Club, and B. C. Fuller, jr., Midland Golf Club, made low score—174—in qualifying round; winner, Walter J. Travis, Garden City Golf Club; runner-up, Jerome D. Travers, Nassau Country Club.

Garden City Golf Club, May 17-19, interscholastic championship tournament—L. B. Gwyer, Packard, made low score—84—in qualifying round; winner, Fred Herreshoff, Norwalk; runner-up, George Bunn, Lawrenceville. Team championship won by Lawrenceville with a score of 366.

St. Andrews Golf Club, May 23-26, championship tournament of Metropolitan Golf Association—Jerome D. Travers, Nassau Country Club, made low score, 144, in the qualifying round. Winner, Jerome D. Travers; runner-up, Eben M. Byers, St. Andrews.

Morris County Golf Club, May 31, June 1 and 2, New Jersey State Golf Association championship tournament—Percy R. Pyne, 2d, Morris County Golf Club, made low score, 77, in qualifying round. Winner, Archibald Graham, North Jersey Country Club; runner up, Joseph Sherman, jr., Westfield Golf Club.

Knollwood Country Club, June 14-16—Ralph Carroll, Fairfield County Golf Club, and Howard J. Gee, Princeton, made low score, 78, in the qualifying round. Winner, T. M. Sherman, Wykagyl Country Club; runner-up, S. J. Graham, Fairfield County Golf Club.

Country Club of Atlantic City, June 26-29, championship tournament of American Golf Association of Advertising Interests—Low score in qualifying round, 81, made by E. A. Freeman, Montclair Golf Club, and George L. Fordyce, Youngstown. Winner, W. E. Conklyn, New York; runner-up, George L. Fordyce, Youngstown.

Apawamis Club, July 2-7—S. D. Bowers, Brooklawn Country Club, made low score, 151, in qualifying round. Winner, W. K. Shepard, New Haven Country Club; runner-up, Dwight Partridge, Yale.

St. Andrews Golf Club, July 5-7, championship tournament of Hudson River Golf Association—Low score in qualifying round, 73, made by Gilman P. Tiffany, Powelton Golf Club. Winner, Gilman P. Tiffany, Powelton; runner-up, Ralph Carroll, Saegkill Golf Club.

Englewood Golf Club, July 10-14, amateur championship tournament of United States—Low score in qualifying round, 152, made by Walter J. Travis, Garden City Golf Club. Winner, Eben M. Byers, Pittsburg; runner-up, George S. Lyon, Toronto.

Wee Burn Golf Club, July 18-21, championship tournament of Connecticut—Low score in qualifying round, 157, made by R. H. Hovey, Hartford Golf Club. Winner, R. D. Sanford, Wee Burn Golf Club; runner-up, Dr. Carl Martin, Fairfield County Golf Club.

Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, August 2-4—Low score in qualifying round, 76, made by Jerome D. Travers, Montclair Golf Club. Winner, Jerome D. Travers, Montclair Golf Club; runner-up, Howard W. Perrin, Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Deal Golf and Country Club, August 16-18—Low score in qualifying round, 83, made by T. M. Sherman, Wykagyl Country Club. Winner, Gilman P. Tiffany, Powelton Golf Club; runner-up, Robert Abbott, Yale.

Fairfield County Golf Club, September 6 to 8—Low score in qualifying round, 167, made by by S. J. Graham, of Fairfield, and W. R. Wheeler, of the Brooklawn Country Club; winner, S. J. Graham, of Fairfield; runner-up, T. D. Hooper, of Fairfield.

Morris County Golf Club, September 20 to 22—Low score in qualifying round, 79, made by Robert Abbott, of Yale; winner, Marshall Whitlatch, of the Montclair Golf Club; runner-up, George Borup, of Yale.

The Richmond County Country Club, October 4 to 6—Low score in qualifying round, 77, made by Howard J. Gee, of Princeton; winner, Howard J. Gee, of Princeton; runner-up, H. C. Richard, of Princeton.

The Fox Hills Golf Club, October 11 to 13, championship tournament of Staten Island—Low score in qualifying round, 88, made by Charles T. Stout, of the Richmond County Country Club; H. E. Armstrong, of the Fox Hills Golf Club, and L. H. Thomas, of the Richmond County Country Club; winner, P. W. Kendall, of the Fox Hills Golf Club; runner-up, Bert Allen, of the Fox Hills Golf Club.

Garden City Golf Club, October 16 to 20, championship tournament of the Intercollegiate Golf Association—Low score in qualifying round, 82, made by Dwight Partridge, of Yale; winner, W. E. Clow, jr., of Yale; runner-up, Dwight Partridge, of Yale. In the team championship final Yale beat Princeton, 8½ to 4½.

The Country Club of Atlantic City, November 8 to 10—Low score in qualifying round, 167, made by James G. Batterson, of the Fox Hills Golf Club; winner, J. G. Batterson, of the Fox Hills Golf Club; runner-up, Harry Legg, of Lawrenceville.

The Country Club of Lakewood, N. J., November 15 to 17—Low score in qualifying round, 86, made by Robert Weir, of the Wilmington Country Club; winner, Robert Weir, of Wilmington; runner-up, E. L. De Forest, of the Country Club of Lakewood.

LOST BOY HOME AGAIN.

Prospect Park Youth Slapped by Mother Slept in Basement.

Seymour D. Garret, jr., of No. 102 Prospect Park, West, Brooklyn, was found yesterday morning when seeking his breakfast. The boy is eleven years old. On December 4 he ran away from his Park Slope home. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning he walked into the restaurant of Calvin Kennedy, at No. 267 Seventh avenue, and asked for a cup of coffee.

He seemed to be anxious to keep out of sight, and proposed that he drink the coffee in the kitchen. His actions aroused Kennedy's suspicions.

"Ar'nt you young Garret?" he asked.

"No, sir, I am not!" cried the boy, excitedly.

"I think you are," returned the restaurant keeper, and started out to find a policeman.

The boy ran out when Kennedy's back was turned, but he did not get far. When the policeman arrived Seymour owned up. He said that he had run away because his mother had slapped him for teasing his sisters. He said he had been sleeping in the basement of an empty flathouse in 7th street, within two blocks of his home.

MUST RETURN FUNDS.

Mr. Folk Instructs N. Y. Life and Mutual as to Electioneering.

Commissioner Folk of Tennessee sent a telegraph message to George R. Scrugham, the international committee's manager, last night, saying that as a result of Mr. Folks's recent investigation he had "notified both the New York Life and Mutual Life that funds found to have been used for electioneering purposes must be refunded in ten days."

The Commissioner adds that the Attorney General of Tennessee "holds that there is no statute to prohibit the activity of agents." The Attorney General declares, however, says Mr. Folk, that the companies' funds cannot be used for any candidates, but that if "such diversions as occurred" affect vitally the integrity of the companies' business in Tennessee, "the Commissioner would be authorized to revoke licenses."

The committee's manager made public also a letter from J. Homer, of Storebridge, England, dated November 2, saying that, in reply to his application for a Mutual Life ballot, he received a "single shot" administration ballot only, the company's London manager, however, afterward, in answer to his protest, sending him a second and "official" ballot.

Interesting testimony bearing on the $10,000 "Exempt Firemen" check and the alleged $40,000 payment to Lou Payn is looked for at the continuation of the Mutual Reserve case this week.

SEARCH FOR TOYS CAUSES FIRE.

Children Try to Find Santa Claus's Store, and Start Blaze in Closet.

Searching for Santa Claus's toys in a closet with lighted matches nearly caused the death of the three children of the Rev. William H. Nichols, of No. 463 Pacific street, Brooklyn, last night. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols attended evening service