THE WORLD OF SPORTS

COMMENT ON SPORTS.

News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

The outdoor sporting season, so long anticipated, is at hand, even though the outward and visible signs would indicate that winter is still with us. One short week from to-day the bugle will call the horses to the post at Benning, and the thoroughbred racing season in the East, under the control of the Jockey Club, will be fairly launched. The college baseball season will begin on Saturday, weather permitting, as Yale, Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania have games scheduled among others. The various major league teams now in training in warmer climes will also settle down to the playing of exhibition games. All this is a forerunner of the formal opening of the season here within three weeks, and there is joy in the land of sports. The indoor season is waning, but some interesting fixtures are scheduled this week, including the national court tennis championship tournament, which begins in Boston to-day; the interuniversity cable chess match on Saturday; the intercollegiate wrestling championships, at Princeton, on Thursday; the intercollegiate gymnastic championships at Philadelphia on Friday and the figure skating championships at the St. Nicholas Rink to-morrow. Some of the happenings last week were of a kind to be remembered for days to come. They included the victory of Calvin Demarest in the amateur billiard championship tournament, the making of a new world's single average record by J. F. Poggenburg, the winning of the world's championship at 18.1 billiards by "Wizard" Schaefer from George B. Sutton, the defeat of Taylor, the great Negro runner of Pennsylvania, by Harry Hillman, of the New York Athletic Club, in the special 600-yard race at Madison Square Garden; the breaking of another world's swimming record by C. M. Daniels, who swam 150 yards in 1 minute 34 2-5 seconds; the winning of the intercollegiate swimming championship by Princeton over Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Brown, and the decision of Demarest to play in the international billiard championship tournament in Paris next month.

ATHLETICS AT HARVARD.

The undergraduates at Harvard are breathing easily once more, as the board of overseers has settled at last the long pending question of whether or not intercollegiate athletics would be permitted at Cambridge. It would have been cause for some concern in the college world if one of the leading universities had put the ban on intercollegiate meetings, which are far more beneficial than injurious. Harvard has been torn and twisted internally by all sorts of opinions on athletics for upward of a year. Against President Eliot's denunciation of football and general criticism of competitive athletics was arrayed the now famous "mollycoddle" speech of President Roosevelt, defending football, and the general demand of the undergraduates for the continuation of intercollegiate sports as their right. Out of it all came the adoption of a comprehensive and carefully prepared report of the special committee on athletics, which, while continuing intercollegiate athletics, provides for certain restrictions, for a material limitation of expenses, for a curtailing of the trips away from home, for a concerted effort with other colleges to abolish professional coaches and for the discouragement of commercialism, by limiting the price of admission to undergraduates for all games. These recommendations as a whole are in the interest of pure amateur sport for sport's sake, and should go far toward placing intercollegiate athletics on a higher plane than ever before.

"The Yale News," commenting editorially on the subject, says: "The recommendations of the committee are mostly along well known lines of athletic reform. In fact, the Harvard public will find the proposition to abolish professional coaching the only clause in the report involving radical change. The method of selecting undergraduate members of the athletic committee would seem to insure the choice of the best men to represent undergraduate interests, although it is of course impossible to form any idea as to how far undergraduate opinion will influence further action. On the whole, the committee seem to have dealt with the situation in a very broad and fair-minded spirit, and the Harvard undergraduate body are to be sincerely congratulated that the results have been to such an unexpected degree an approximation of their own expressed opinion."

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS.

The interests of amateur sport will suffer if the Longboat incident last week should lead to a split between the Amateur Athletic unions of this country and Canada. It is hardly likely that the breaking point will be reached, in spite of the fact that the New York Athletic Club, and incidentally the union here, seem to have a just grievance against the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada for its action in suspending Longboat, the great Indian runner, on the eve of the New York Athletic Club games, when the special match race between him and Frank Nebrich, the national cross-country champion, had been widely advertised. The Canadian union cannot be criticised for suspending Longboat if there was any question concerning his amateur standing, but many athletes here think it was hardly fair or sportsmanlike to delay the action to the night before he was to run, particularly as his standing had been under question for some time. It is farcical that allied bodies should conduct their affairs on principles so inconsiderate, when the aim of both is primarily the same. Friendliness and harmony should be the keynote of their alliance, and the action of the Canadian union was not considered friendly to say the least, and intensified by the uncalled for statement of the secretary that the union did not purpose to be dictated to by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. It looks almost as if the Canadian body was piqued, and then suspended Longboat, for cause, no doubt, in order to make its position tenable. It would be well for President Sullivan to have an understanding with the Canadian body, to the end that incidents of the same kind could not occur again.

The New York Athletic Club games were the most successful held here in years, and indicated clearly that track and field athletics are growing in popular favor. When Madison Square Garden is not big enough to accommodate those who want to attend, there can be no question about general interest. Harry Hillman and J. B. Taylor are two of the greatest middle distance runners ever developed in this country. Each has beaten the other by the narrowest margin this winter, and another meeting between them would be particularly interesting.

BILLIARDS.

Never before in the history of amateur billiards has the national tournament been productive of such high class sport and sensational happenings as marked the one just over. The world's high average record for 14.2 billiards was broken three times—first by Poggenburg, then by Demarest and finally by Poggenburg again, when he placed the mark at 42.6-7, where it is likely to stay for some time to come. This performance was of such a brilliant nature that lovers of the game will talk of it for months to come. Poggenburg has few equals in the amateur world when conditions are favorable, and conditions were exactly to his liking on Thursday afternoon when he made the new record. When the weather is cold and the balls are chilled he cannot make them respond to his delicate nursing strokes. The victory of Calvin Demarest, who is now hailed as a possible rival to Willie Hoppe, was convincingly earned. He not only went through the tournament without a defeat, but played uniformly good billiards in a dashing, confident way which earned him many friends. He is even now in a class by himself in the amateur world, and a little more practice and experience should make him a worthy opponent of the best professional players. George F. Slosson, one of the greatest students of the game, says that he has a stroke like Vignaux, the French expert, and may become an equally great player. The tournament was well managed by the Liederkranz Club, and the sport from beginning to end was of the best, as Conklin, Dr. Mial and Gardner all showed skill, even though the chief honors were won by Demarest and Poggenburg.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

News from the training quarters of the Giants, Highlanders and Superbas indicate that the three local major league baseball teams will be ready to play winning ball when the season opens early next month. There is joy in the Brooklyn camp, as Tim Jordan, the hard hitting first baseman, wisely decided to bury the hatchet and sign a contract. With Jordan on the team the Superbas should be fighting in the first division from the start, and the fans across the bridge are hopeful. Donlin, of the Giants, and Hal Chase, of the Highlanders, are still holding out for more money, and if they are in earnest will hardly be seen in uniform this year, as the club managers, to all appearances, have made up their minds to be firm, for which they cannot be blamed. Chase would be missed by the Highlanders, but he is not all important to a championship team, which Griffith is working so hard to develop. The two local clubs are not the only ones having trouble with star players, but the men are slowly but surely coming to terms, and few will be missed when the time comes to play ball. The Giants will begin to work their way East this week, playing exhibition games. Some of the men have slight colds, but otherwise the team is in fine condition, according to McGraw.

SCHOOLBOYS AND THE A. A. U.

The stand taken by the advisers of athletics of the Cutler School on Thursday night at the St. Nicholas Rink is a stand that may help a great deal toward regulating schoolboy sports. It is a well known fact that Clyde Martin, the schoolboy, has been disqualified by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Clyde Martin as a schoolboy made the mistake of competing in sports outside of his school. When so doing he naturally came under the laws of the Amateur Athletic Union, and after violating the laws of the union he was disqualified. But the authorities of Poly Prep and some of the schools of New York City paid no attention to this disqualification, and as a result many schoolboys have been disqualified from competing in amateur sports. Thirty-six in all have been disqualified to date. The Cutler schoolboys, on the contrary, forfeited a hockey game rather than disqualify themselves. The officials of the Amateur Athletic Union have repeatedly stated that they have no desire to control the schoolboy athlete when he confines his efforts to the scholastic group. But when he leaves that scholastic group and goes into the outside world to compete he must take the consequences if he breaks the laws of the union which is working for pure sport.

INDOOR LAWN TENNIS.

Season to Close with a Month's Series at St. Nicholas Rink.

The indoor lawn tennis season is to close with a month of play upon courts to be laid in the St. Nicholas Rink, West 66th street. Mrs. Barger-Wallach, who has done more to increase the interest of woman players in the game than any other woman in this country, has successfully brought the series of indoor tournaments about. This post-Lenten season of indoor tennis promises to be as remarkable as it was two years ago, when Mrs. Barger-Wallach first tried the experiment. As was the case then, she will have the aid and advice of Robert D. Wrenn, George L. Wrenn, jr., Holcombe Ward, Malcolm D. Whitman, William A. Larned, Raymond D. Little and Dr. James Dwight, president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association.

Mrs. Barger-Wallach has made more elaborate plans than those which ushered in her initial attempt at holding a series of indoor tournaments. The playing surface will be entirely covered with dark green canvas, and the backstops will be of the same color, so that it will be easy to see the ball in the quickness of play. Mrs. Barger-Wallach has obtained some expert advice as to the preparing of the canvas court covering so that the action of the ball will practically be the same as upon the grass surface at the Casino at Newport. This was done so that some early practice might be gained indoors by the players who will compose the American international challenging team. With this end in view, there is the probability that a full week will be devoted to singles and doubles with such top ranking men as William J. Clothier, the national champion; Holcombe Ward, William A. Larned, Karl H. Behr, Malcolm D. Whitman and Raymond D. Little. Beals C. Wright, who is now playing in the tournament at Nice, on the Riviera, may return and contest before the series is completed. Wright, Behr and Little have been named for the American team for this year.

It is planned to begin the series of tournaments on Monday, April 8. The following four weeks, and possibly five, will then see one series of tournaments follow the other. The intercity women's championship singles and doubles will, next to the men's matches, be a feature of the meetings. It was this event which Miss Marion Fenno and Miss Eleanor Sears, of Boston, captured with such spectacular racket work two years ago. Then there will be the usual Newport singles and doubles, the Southampton events, the debutantes' singles and doubles, and class championships in singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

Mrs. Barger-Wallach's interest in developing the game among women and raising the standard in this country promises to make this side of the four weeks of tournament more than unusually brilliant. Miss Helen Homans, the national champion, to whom Mrs. Barger-Wallach was runner-up in the national tournament, will compete, and it is said that Miss May Sutton and one of her sisters have been invited to contest. The prospects of Miss Sutton playing are reported to be good, as she is desirous of competing in Eastern tournaments this year. Altogether an attractive series of matches is promised before the out of door season begins.

YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION DATES.

Season To Be Opened on May 30—Crescent Athletic Club Elected a Member.

At a meeting of the delegates of the Yacht Racing Association of Gravesend Bay, held at the Assembly in Brooklyn, they adopted the following racing schedule for the year:

May 30, Atlantic Yacht Club; June 1, Bensonhurst Yacht Club; 3, Brooklyn Yacht Club; 15, Atlantic Yacht Club; 22, Marine and Field Club; 25, Crescent Athletic Club; July 4, Brooklyn Yacht Club; 6, Atlantic Yacht Club; 13, Bensonhurst Yacht Club; 20, Brooklyn Yacht Club; 27, Bensonhurst Yacht Club; August 3, Atlantic Yacht Club; 10, Brooklyn Yacht Club; 17, Atlantic Yacht Club; 24, Bensonhurst Yacht Club; 31, New York Canoe Club; September 2, Atlantic Yacht Club; 7, Atlantic Yacht Club; 14, Brooklyn Yacht Club; 21, Atlantic Yacht Club; 28, Bensonhurst Yacht Club.

Championship Dates—June 22, Marine and Field Club; 29, Crescent Athletic Club; July 13, Bensonhurst Yacht Club; August 3, Atlantic Yacht Club; 10, Brooklyn Yacht Club; 21, New York Canoe Club.

The Crescent Athletic Club championship race will be started from the Atlantic Yacht Club's pier. The Crescent Club was elected a member of the association, and A. F. Aldridge and C. F. McDermott were appointed delegates. Henry J. Gielow was chosen measurer of the association, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of John R. Brophy.

A dory committee, consisting of L. S. Tiemann, R. W. Spier, R. L. Le Sauvage, W. K. Brown and George E. Reiners was also named.

The delegates present included Dr. De Mund, Brooklyn Yacht Club, who was in the chair; B. V. R. Seidel, New York Canoe Club, who recorded; John R. Brophy, Atlantic Yacht Club; George E. Reiners, Brooklyn Yacht Club; L. S. Tiemann, New York Canoe Club; C. M. Camp and W. K. Brown, Marine and Field Club; J. Brown and Alfred Mackay, Bensonhurst Yacht Club, and A. F. Aldridge, Crescent Athletic Club. Besides the delegates, there were present Mr. Sexton, of the Jamestown Exposition, and R. Spier, Atlantic Yacht Club.

A. A. U. WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The preliminary wrestling championship bouts of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union will be held at the Boys' Club, 10th street and Avenue A, on Thursday night. The finals will be decided on Saturday night.

MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Manhattan Chess Club was held at the Hotel Astor on Saturday night. Aristides Martinez, the president of the club, presided, and Sydney Rosenfeld, the playwright, acted as toastmaster. Among the speakers were Judge J. McConnell, of New Orleans; Joseph D. Redding, Edward Hymes, Cleveland Moffett and F. T. Jewellyn.

ELEVENTH GAME A DRAW

CHESS MATCH RESUMED.

After Fifty-one Moves, Lasker Is Content With Tie Contest.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chicago, March 17.—Dr. E. Lasker and F. J. Marshall resumed play in the eleventh game of their match for the chess championship of the world, adjourned from last night, at the Sherman House, in this city, this afternoon. Only six additional moves were made, at the end of which the position was such that the players agreed to a draw, a total of fifty-one moves having been made. When hostilities ceased yesterday forty-five moves had been registered and Dr. Lasker was a pawn ahead. Marshall evened matters by capturing his opponent's queen's knight's pawn on the forty-eighth move, but in the meantime the champion's other passed pawn had come down the king's bishop's file dangerously close to the queening point. By good play Marshall frustrated his opponent's designs, and on his fifty-first move succeeded in heading off the threatening pawn with his rook, after which Dr. Lasker was content to draw the game. The latter had consumed in all three hours and three minutes of the time and Marshall three hours and fourteen minutes.

When the game was begun yesterday a surprise was offered by Lasker in the first move. When Marshall began with pawn to queen's fourth the champion replied with pawn to king's bishop's fourth, thereby not giving his adversary a chance of playing another Queen's Gambit.

Lasker, of course, tried the experiment to get Marshall away from the known tracks and, if possible, catch him napping in the opening. On his fourth turn Lasker finally moved up his queen's bishop's pawn one square to open an avenue for his queen, which, on the following move, he posted at queen's rook's fourth. This was a decided novelty, and gave promise of an interesting continuation. Before deciding upon his plan the champion consumed a quarter of an hour for his fourth move.

Marshall for his part offered an exchange of pawns, which would have left the champion with a clear pawn to the good, but facing the usual harassing attack. This did not appeal to Lasker, who preferred to disentangle his position, and he played so as to permit Marshall to regain his pawn on the seventh move. The play then centred around the black queen's pawn, which, after an exchange of queens on the eleventh move, became isolated. Lasker had in the mean time castled on the king's side of the board, and Marshall sought safety with his king on the opposite wing of the board at his twelfth turn. The champion's immediate attention was then directed to his weak queen's pawn, and he supported it with the king's rook. Marshall's development as a result of these manœuvres was in every respect the better. The game was adjourned at the seventeenth move.

When play was resumed in the evening Marshall made move after move that seemed risky, and after compromising his position he finally committed a gross blunder by playing on his twenty-seventh turn king to queen second. In an instant Lasker sacrificed his bishop for a move or two, when he regained it with interest. In fact, the spectators thought that the position was practically hopeless, and expected another win for Lasker in short order.

After twenty-nine moves Lasker, in addition to being a clear pawn ahead, had a rook at the seventh row, and this in itself was a distinct advantage which must tell strongly in his favor. Marshall's only recourse was to oppose rooks with a view of exchanging the one so dangerously posted, and thus try for a draw.

He succeeded in trading off a rook in spite of the crossfire of checks, and this he followed up by posting his knight strongly at queen's bishop's five. Thereupon Lasker started in to establish a passed pawn on the king's side of the board, and this he in due course of time accomplished. Nevertheless, with his rook on the seventh row, Marshall now had a fair chance of pulling out with a draw. This was the state of affairs after thirty-nine moves.

To-day's game was the seventh drawn of the series of eleven contested to date, the score, therefore, still standing 4 to 0 in favor of Dr. Lasker. It has not been decided where the next game will be played, although negotiations are pending for another game in this city, before the masters proceed to Memphis. The score follows:

ELEVENTH GAME—DUTCH DEFENCE.

WHITE. Marshall.	BLACK. Lasker.	WHITE. Marshall.	BLACK. Lasker.
1 P—Q 4	P—K B 4	27 K—Q 2	P x P
2 P—K 4	P x P	28 P x B	R—B 7 ch
3 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K B 3	29 K—K 3	R x B
4 B—K Kt 5	P—B 3	30 R—B 2	R—Kt 6 ch
5 P—B 3	Q—R 4	31 R—B 3	R—K ch
6 B x Kt	K P x B	32 K—B 2	R x R ch
7 P x P	B—Kt 5	33 K x R	B—Kt 3
8 Q—B 3	P—Q 4	34 Kt—B 5	P—R 4
9 Kt—K 2	Castles	35 R—Q R	P x P ch
10 P x P	Q x Q P	36 P x P	B—B 7
11 Q x Q	P x Q	37 P—Kt 5	K—B 2
12 Castles	R—Q	38 R—B 7 ch	K—Kt 3
13 P—Q R 3	B—R 4	39 P x P	P x P
14 P—R 3	Kt—B 3	40 K—B 2	R—K R
15 P—K Kt 3	B—K 3	41 R—Q 7	R—Q R
16 B—Kt 2	B—K B 2	42 K—K 3	R—R 7
17 K R—B	Q R—B	43 K—Q 2	R x P
18 Kt—R 4	B—B 2	44 K—B 3	R—Kt 8
19 Kt—B 4	P—Q Kt 4	45 R x P	P—B 4
20 Kt—B 3	P—Kt 5	46 R—Q 8	P—B 5
21 P x P	Kt x Kt P	47 R—K B 8	B—B 4
22 Kt—Q 3	P—Q R 4	48 Kt x P	P—B 6
23 P—Kt 4	B—Q Kt 3	49 Kt—Q 2	P—B 7
24 Kt x Kt	P x Kt	50 R—Kt 8 ch	K—B 2
25 Kt—R 4	P—Kt 6	51 R—Kt 2	Drawn.
26 P—B 3	B—R 2		

COOPER LEADS BOWLERS.

Makes Best Individual Score at American Congress.

St. Louis, March 17.—Two-men teams, individuals and five-men teams to-day and to-night held the alleys at the Crescent Rink in the annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress. Almost the entire programme was comprised of St. Louis entries, the only out-of-town contestants in the two-men and the individual classes being Chicago, Kansas City and Bloomington, Ind., bowlers, who competed last night in the five-men team class.

Although Chicago had only three teams entered to-day in the two-men class, all gained places in the highest ten scores of that division.

The scores of the first ten on the two-men team follow:

J. and G. Schmidt, St. Louis, 1,163; Pabst and Sturtz, St. Louis, 1,118; Bruck and Mahoney, Chicago, 1,086; Mason and Bell, St. Louis, 1,082; H. and S. Wolfe, Chicago, 1,073; Schultz and Graeff, St. Louis, 1,070; Burns and Fischer, Chicago, 1,066; Ahlefeldt and Moser, St. Louis, 1,044; Froelich and Uttey, St. Louis, 1,038, and Lockwood and Yerkes, St. Louis, 1,037.

The first best ten individual scores follow:

H. Cooper, Kansas City, 605; J. Johnson, St. Louis, 594; J. Schmidt, St. Louis, 576; L. Ahlefeldt, St. Louis, 574; A. Schmidt, St. Louis, 565; William Grim, Kansas City, 563; E. Grassmuck, St. Louis, 561; F. Mahoney, Chicago, 556; J. Woodin, St. Louis, 551, and D. J. Sweeney, St. Louis, 548.

FOOTBALL AT HARVARD.

Crane Will Continue Bill Reid's Policy, with a Strong Staff.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Cambridge, March 17.—It was generally believed at Harvard that with the appointment of Joshua Crane as football coach there would be a complete change in the system of play. There seems to be no fear of this, however, for Crane is a firm believer in "Bill" Reid's policy.

Of the army of coaches on Soldiers Field last fall Crane was the liveliest. He was there every day, full of enthusiasm and ready with suggestions. He seemed to be able to choose the right man for the right place, and these qualities recommended him to Captain Parker and led to his appointment as head coach for next year.

Crane will be assisted by the strongest staff of sub-coaches that Harvard has had in years, many of them identified with Reid last year. John W. Farley will act as advisory coach; "Andy" Marshall will have charge of the linemen; E. Motley and possibly Cabot and Cochrane for the ends and Percy Haughton for the kicking department. Leo Daly, who has coached at Harvard for two years, will be in charge of the quarterbacks. They are all young men, full of spirit and determination, knowing the game and not afraid to take chances.

ON THE GOLF LINKS.

Women to Compete at Plainfield June 15—Dates for Shinnecock.

Early activity is promised this season by the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association. The Plainfield Country Club, which some time ago announced its intention to give a one-day open tournament to members of the association, has been assigned June 15. Conditions call for eighteen holes medal play handicap for four prizes, two gross and two net. Mrs. N. Pendleton Rogers, the new president of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, is a member of the Plainfield club.

An executive committee meeting of the association is to be held in this city on April 9, when plans for the season will be arranged. The district team matches are expected to prove more popular under the new system, which calls for teams of fifteen a side. Mrs. S. F. Lefferts, of Englewood, will captain one district, and Miss Elsa Hurlbut, of Morristown, the other.

On April 8 the Women's Eastern Golf Association will hold an executive committee meeting in this city, when several important matters must be settled. One of these is the selection of a course for holding the next association championship tournament and tri-city matches. Although the Boston section is generally regarded as having first call this season, there is a possibility of Philadelphia putting in a bid.

The first association championship meeting was held last year over the links of the Nassau Country Club, when Miss Fanny Osgood, of Boston, won the title. In the tri-city contest for the Griscom Cup the Philadelphia team won, defeating both the metropolitan and Boston forces.

American women who compete in the annual championship tournament of Great Britain, to be held this year at the County Down Golf Club, Ireland, will find a charming course, though one presenting few difficulties to the accurate player. On the other hand, the wild driver will get into all kinds of trouble. In fact, it is said that recovery from a crooked tee shot is often well nigh impossible.

There is no great variation in distance of the one-shot holes, and the course does not necessitate the use of the running up approach. Those familiar with the links say that the tee shots to the second and eighth holes and the approach to the third are the best on the course. Grand, bold hazards, good greens and a narrow fairway are characteristics of the links at Newcastle. This is the home green of Miss May Hezlet, who has twice won the title abroad.

American golfers are already beginning to speculate on the probable chances of Eben M. Byers, the national champion, who is to take part in the amateur championship tournament of Great Britain at St. Andrews. It is generally conceded that Byers has little better than an outside chance. Conditions are such now that it is doubtful if any one starter in the amateur tournament of Great Britain is likely to be better than a 10 to 1 shot.

During the last few years "classy" players have sprung up everywhere, newcomers who have given a severe shock to the old school. In the case of Byers, golfers know that he will receive a hearty welcome at St. Andrews, where he is a great favorite. Byers has played over most of the principal links in England and Scotland, and, if anything, he is partial to St. Andrews.

In the recent open golf tournament at Cannes Arnaud Massey, the French professional, won first money with a thirty-six hole score of 149. E. Ray, of London, finished one stroke worse than the winner. J. H. Taylor got third price, with 152, and then came Rowland Jones, with 154. Alec Herd and Tom Vardon returned 155, while Harry Vardon, James Braid and Ben Sayers tied at 157. There were three prizes—$310 to first, $215 to second and $75 to third.

The players were then drawn for the four ball competition, the prizes being $75, $50 and $25 to each partner. Massey and Jones won, with a card of 66-71—137. They played brilliantly, getting consecutive 2's at the fifteenth and sixteenth holes. The latter is 152 yards. Sayers and Tom Vardon were second, with 141.

August 8, 9 and 10 have been assigned to the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club for its annual invitation tournament. This club is one of the oldest golfing organizations in the country, and tournaments have been in progress there since 1896. James A. Tyng won the President's Cup the first two years. Subsequent winners were H. B. Hollins, jr., A. L. Ripley, Walter J. Travis, thrice, J. W. Baker, Malcolm McBurney and Jerome D. Travers. The last named won last year, after being the runner-up on two previous occasions.

The Arsdale Golf Club, of East Orange, has decided to extend the privileges of the course this season to ministers located in the Oranges. There are a number of the divines in the vicinity who play a fair game of golf. Dave Honeyman, the club's professional, will begin work on the course to-day and continue the improvements which were started last fall.

Unless Alec Smith, the national open champion, changes his mind, he will go abroad this spring and compete in the open championship of Great Britain, to be played at Hoylake on June 17 and 18. Should Smith make the trip it will mean that the three American champions will be competing for honors abroad this year.

The annual election of officers of the New York Golf Club was held in this city on Saturday night, when Albert B. Lawyer, the former secretary, was chosen president. C. A. Timewell was elected vice-president, F. J. Kelly secretary, and Ogden Davidson treasurer. W. W. Harris was appointed chairman of the greens committee, and F. C. Baker chairman of the handicap committee.

TIMELY AUTO TOPICS.

Rain a Welcome to Manufacturers—Repair Shops Falling Off.

The rain that fell yesterday was greatly appreciated by the automobile manufacturers, as it will help to get rid of some of the snow that has kept most of the streets in such deplorable condition for the last few months that only the most enthusiastic automobilists ventured out. The men who in better weather take the cars out for demonstrations have had an easy time, keeping indoors and counting the flakes of snow that fell. Some of them declared that if something did not happen to clean the streets they were afraid they would have to start all over again in learning to run the cars.

Several automobilists, in spite of the terrible conditions of the roads, last week took the best advantage of them by making an endurance run to Boston. While they were compelled to travel through slush and snow up to the hubs, most of them made a good showing, and gave a clear demonstration of the running capabilities of their cars under poor conditions.

"The Horseless Age" in its recent number says:

Within the last year or two there has been in one respect a very marked change in the business of garages. The repair department of most such concerns has shown a noticeable falling off in business as compared with other branches of the service. Three or four years ago the repair of cars was one of the greatest if not the chief source of income of the average garage, but it has now, to a certain extent, sunk to a subordinate importance, and the supplying of cars with gasolene and oil, washing, polishing, storing and renting, or, in other words the normal functions of the garage have correspondingly increased in prominence.

Two main causes have led to this result. During the last two years cars have been produced by most manufacturers which have proved in service to be in a remarkable degree free from serious breakages and not given to wearing out rapidly. It can be truthfully said that among the cars of these recent years serious breakages and other derangements are actually as uncommon as such misfortunes were commonplace among vehicles of the earlier days. As these newer and more reliable vehicles take the place of the older ones the repair business naturally suffers very heavily, and the chief business of this branch of a garage becomes the making of adjustments and minor replacements and a certain amount of tire work.

Fully as important in its effect upon the decline of the repair business as the cause just mentioned is the increase of knowledge and skill upon the part of the user. He not only drives a more reliable car, but he knows how to operate it infinitely better than he did a year or two ago. All ordinary minor difficulties he is now generally able to remedy himself, and there is very little in the way of "towing jobs," as compared with a few years ago. The superior intelligence of the user obviates breakdowns or allows of their repair without calling upon the garage for assistance.

Of course, there is still a good business done in yearly overhauling of cars and in keeping the older and less reliable ones in commission, but the garage is no longer the automobile "general hospital" that it once was. More and more garage proprietors are coming to depend upon the income derived from the sale of supplies and small motor car accessories, upon the storage and cleaning service, upon electric charging and selling of cars. It is evident that the most "palmy days" of the repair business are past.

CIRCUS SETTLING DOWN

Every One Working Hard in Garden—A New Sensation.

With the mud of a ploughed field underfoot and a tangle of wires and rigging aloft, the Barnum & Bailey circus began to settle down at Madison Square Garden yesterday for its annual spring visit. Next Thursday the public will get its first chance to see the show. It is going to be the same big show this year as ever, with more tumblers and clowns and beauteous damsels with fluffy skirts a-horseback than ever. As usual there is one new big sensational act, a ski jump—as well as the old somersaulting automobile—but the management has been feeling the pulse of the public and is going to spread itself more than ever on the oldtime circus acts.

On the north side of the garden, where the one-legged bicycle man and the automobile used to jump the gap, Captain Howelsen has had his ski slide put up. He starts about ninety feet above the floor and shoots down on his skis to the end of the run and then sails through the air for close onto a hundred feet. He went to the Garden yesterday to look over his slide.

"Sure," he said, "I've got medals for this. In Sweden I jump over 103 feet, and King Oscar gives me a medal. I got more medals, too. Sure I take them with me all the time. I like to show them to people and tell them how King Oscar gives them to me. How do I do this slide? Why, I just start, I slide, then I land and bow to the people when they cheer. Say, did you see this medal? You come around to-morrow and I will show you some more."

The circus marched down from Mott Haven soon after midnight, the elephants, each with a good grasp on his leader's tail, leading the show. The 'led' animals—otherwise the sacred bull and the sacred cow—Wienerwurst, the Jersey heifer, which is built like a dachshunde; the llamas and alpacas, the gnus and the zebus were brought along in furniture vans, while Speck, the smallest pony, rode in the clown's "gong buggy," and Yorky, the next smallest, rode in one of the Roman chariots.

All the animals were in first class shape, barring the giraffes, who are sufferers from growing pains. They grew so much up at Bridgeport this winter that the roof of their cage had to be raised. If they keep on growing at the same rate, they will be so improved that they won't be any good to the show, for they would require too big a cage to get under the low bridges down south and out Kankakee way, where the show will head after the Garden.

The big cats were unhappy yesterday, which was their regular fast day, and not a thing to eat did they get. To-day they will get an extra sized ration of liver. The elephants were happy enough to make up for the disgruntled cats, for the veterinarians went around to them and turned manicures. An elephant can raise more kinds of corns and bunions to the foot than any other variety of animal known—two legged or otherwise. The veterinarians wnt around to each "bull" and tickled and scraped and cut their feet with sheep shears and harrows and hoes until the big beasts lay on their sides and trumpted lustily in glee.

Three hundred cartloads of soil were spread out over the floor of the Garden early in the morning. As soon as this dries out there will be about as much more cinders, and then a top layer of tanbark. This mixture is what makes up the famous "sawdust" ring.

Every one in the company was working at something all day. While one king of the air was testing a trapeze, another aerial monarch was driving pegs into the ground, while a queen of the atmosphere, minus tights and spangles, was mending a net. The ski-jumper superintended the placing of quantities of soft soap on the ski jump, while Brother Coxey ladled out the same to the reporters. Individual rehearsals begin to-day, and all were working to get everything in readiness. By the time the dress rehearsal is held on Wednesday night everything will be ready for the opening of the big show, from the paint on the band wagon to the paint of Slivers.

The latest foreign troupe to join the circus got in yesterday. They are the Novellos, who bring with them a troupe of trained animals, ranging from two trained elephants to educated chickens. They came in on the Bosnia, after having been unable to get accommodations on a passenger steamer, the officers of which objected to the Novello menagerie, and the acrobats refused to be parted from their pets. Two French clowns, Pope and Jerome, also got in, on the Patricia.

BAY RIDGE STIRRED BY HORSE.

Sabbath Peace Disturbed When It Tries to Take Policeman Into Saloon.

A mounted policeman, attempting to enter the front door of a saloon, dispelled the usually placid Sabbath of Bay Ridge yesterday morning; and it wouldn't have been so bad if, after failing in his attempt to gain access to the barroom, he hadn't attempted to take the fence of the Methodist Church, which is two blocks away.

But it wasn't the fault of the officer, Daniel Waller, of the Fourth avenue station, who was recently assigned to the precinct. When the new horse was sent to the stable, owing to some trouble he was kept indoors for twelve days.

Waller hadn't gone four blocks from the stable when his steed shied at a 39th street car which was crossing Fourth avenue. He turned, and before the astonished officer could check him, was headed back toward the station house. He gave one look at his stable and took another grip on the bit in his mouth. When he reached the saloon he ran up the steps and jammed his nose up against the door. The frightened proprietor rushed out of the rear door, saying that it was Sunday, and that he didn't serve liquor to policemen, anyway.

At the Methodist church there is a small grass plot which is inclosed by an iron fence. Over the fence went the horse and rider, Waller landing on the ground.

By this time the small boys and the churchgoers were offering suggestions in large slices. Finally, with the aid of the sextion of the church, the iron gate was unlocked, and, with the assistance of another officer, the horse was led back to the station house.

THE SIXTY-NINTH AT VESPERS.

Irish Regiment Attends Services in Honor of St. Patrick.

A great crowd gathered yesterday afternoon in St. Patrick's Cathedral to witness the 69th Regiment attend solemn vespers in honor of St. Patrick. Usually the men attend pontifical mass, but on account of the saint's day falling on Passion Sunday, pontifical mass could not be celebrated, and rather than omit the annual church visitation Colonel Duffy decided to have the men attend vespers in the afternoon.

From the armory the regiment marched up Fifth avenue to the cathedral, where about ten thousand sightseers were massed about the main entrance. The main doors were opened, and when Colonel Duffy, with the color bearers, reached the vestibule the rector of the cathedral, the Rev. Father Lavelle, attired in the red robes of a monsignor, met him and escorted the regiment down the aisle. The color bearers were seated in the centre of the aisle and saluted the clergy by dipping the flags as they came to the altar to begin the services.

Archbishop Farley occupied a seat on his throne and during the services blessed the regiment and congregation.

Father Lavelle welcomed the regiment to the cathedral in the name of Archbishop Farley and the clergy, and in a brief review sketched the history of the regiment from the time that it volunteered for service in the Civil War.

The Rev. W. B. Martin, of the cathedral, was the celebrant of the vespers, and, besides Archbishop Farley, there were on the altar Monsignor Edwards, of St. Joseph's Church, and eight seminarians from Dunwoodie.

YACHTING NEWS AND NOTES.

The next ocean race of four hundred miles for the challenge cup offered by the Brooklyn Yacht Club, which is now held by the Harlem Yacht Club, will be started on July 4 at 10 o'clock in the morning, from a point off the Harlem Yacht Club's house at City Island. The course is to and around Montauk Point, thence to and around Northeast End lightship, off Cape May, and thence to a finish line off the Brooklyn Yacht Club's house in Gravesend Bay. A special prize will be given to the winner and other prizes to the second and third boats, provided there are sufficient entries. The race will be sailed under the management of the regatta committee of the Harlem Yacht Club, and the time allowance will be calculated according to the table in use by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound and Gravesend Bay in 1906.

The second annual dinner of the yachting committee of the New York Athletic Club will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday evening. The members of the committee are H. A. Jackson, jr., chairman; C. S. King and A. B. Fry.

A member of the New York Yacht Club is having built from a design by Henry J. Gielow a power boat, to be entered in the ocean race to Bermuda. This makes four boats already assured for the race.

An international dory race has been arranged between the dory associations of Massachusetts and a similar body in Nova Scotia. The date of the first race has not been announced yet.

Alexander S. Cochrane's steam yacht Alvina has returned to this port after an eight weeks' cruise in the South, during which time she visited Charleston, S. C.; Nuevitas, Havana, Tampico and Vera Cruz. Captain C. A. Holbert is in command.

Alfred Hennen Morris and Lewis M. Josephthal are having built from designs by William Gardner a 94-foot power boat for use in these waters next summer.

CLOSING OF CHARTER OAK STAKES.

Hartford, March 17.—Charter Oak Park announces two early closing races for the grand circuit meet, closing on April 16. A new race will be for the "Nutmeg" purse of $5,000 for 2:07 pacers. The Charter Oak purse of $10,000, which last year was for 2:09 trotters, will be for 2:10 trotters. Each of these events will be three races of one mile each, with handicap for entrance according to record.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Selling; $400; six furlongs.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Foxmeade	113	Fancy Dress	108
Wild Irishman	110	Lady Henrietta	108
Dapple Gold	107	Cutter	108
Basil	105	Enverite	101
J. W. O'Neil	105	Lady Carol	100
Tom Mankins	105	Pinsticker	100
Woodsaw	105		

SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds; purse $500; four and one-half furlongs.

E. M. Frey	121	Brawny Lad	104
Mollie Montrose	113	Lady Caroline II	109