EWING AGREES ON TERMS.

THE FAMOUS CATCHER ARRIVES FROM THE WEST.

He Has an Interview With Mr. Talcott—All Ready to Sign—He Talks About New York's Team and the General Situation—Johnson's Ingratitude—How He Tried to Get Ewing to Come to Cincinnati.

When the Southwestern express train pulled in to the Grand Central Station last night at 8:20 o'clock, just twenty minutes late, one of the first passengers to alight was Buck Ewing, who is to guide the New York team to victory this coming season. A companying him was his wife. He was in the best of humor, and looked as trim as a new silver dollar.

"Yes," he said, "I am back again, and am not sorry for it. I like New York, and as long as my services as a ball player are needed here I shall stay."

"What do you think of the New York team for next season?"

"I cannot say yet, because I have not been informed as to what players will be retained. If I am asked as to my opinion I will give it, irrespective of personal feelings, for if I am to captain the team I want it to be as strong as it possibly can be. The strongest players that it is possible to get should be selected. There are many of them to select from. It can be truthfully said that New York will have a stronger team than it has ever had heretofore."

"Ward says the New Yorks will stand little show beside the Brooklyns?"

"Well, you can bank on it that the New Yorks will be up among the leaders, and it is pretty certain the Brooklyns will not be even in the first division, unless that team is greatly strengthened over what it was last season. You can put the New Yorks down for a good place."

"A story has been printed that you pledged yourself to play in Cincinnati with Al Johnson if he gets that team?"

"It is without the slightest degree of foundation. I have pledged myself to do no such thing."

"But Johnson approached you, did he not, in an endeavor to get you come to Cincinnati?"

"Yes, he said he thought it would be far better for me to play there than in New York. I told him in a joking way that if I was not wanted in New York I might agree to come to Cincinnati and try it. But I explained to him the utter impossibility of such a thing happening, as I could not get my release. He wanted me to hold out and make the New York people give me my release. My reply was that even if I did hold out, it would have no say as to what club I would play with. New York, I can assure you, is plenty good enough for me."

"What do you think about O'Rourke playing on the team?"

"I think he is a good player. He is steady and reliable, and that is greatly in favor of any ball player. There are many worse players than O'Rourke."

"How about Denny on third base?"

"None better in the business when he is in condition. Yes, Denny did play bad ball last season, but he foolishly did not keep himself in trim. My idea would be to keep Denny on third base."

"It is said that Connor and you had a falling out last season and are not on friendly terms?"

"That is another untruth. In the nine years Connor and I have played together we have not had a harsh word. Neither did we have any conflict of words last season. Such stories are circulated to give the public a wrong impression."

"How about the stories that you were the prime mover in causing the collapse of the Players' League?"

"Well, I have been accused of nearly everything except murder by persons who seem to have a certain object back of it. Now, I will tell you facts that have never yet appeared in print. I saw a disposition on the part of every club in the Players' League to quit, and each club was working quietly to get all it could out of it. I went to Mr. Talcott and Col. McAlpin and told them of things I had heard, and, being in their employ, having a friendly feeling for them, I did not like to see them lose any more money. I told them that to put out anything more on grounds, &c., would in the end be so much wasted. At the meeting held here in New York after the season closed the representative of every club got up and said that his club would not spend another cent to carry on the battle. That was the time they all showed their hand. I urged Mr. Talcott and Col. McAlpin then to get things settled as quickly as possible, and because they got tired that they were willing to pay. I had anything to do with it further than to tell Messrs. Talcott and McAlpin what I thought.

"There is one thing that the ball players did not, as a class, look at in a right light. When the attendance fell off, and the game was not drawing the money it used to, it be seen that the smaller the crowds the smaller eventually must be the salaries; the larger the crowds the larger the salaries. With two organizations fighting each other the crowds would grow smaller. It was said that some of the players were willing for nothing in the Players' League rather than quit ball. That sounds very well as a bluff, but everybody knows that a ball player only has eight or ten years to make his money on the field. He is not like a business man starting in and building up a trade which will last to his death. So you see I feel to the interests of every player to make all the money he can while he is playing ball.

"Later in the evening Mr. Talcott and Ewing had an interview. When a SUN reporter found them they were figuring on a slip of paper.

"Well," said Mr. Talcott, "Buck" has virtually come to terms. He has not yet signed a contract, but the players will be pleased to hear that 'Buck' will be at the head of the New York team next season; no mistake about that. He couldn't get his release even if he wanted to. I think Johnson is ungrateful, after what we have done for him, to try to induce Ewing to go to Cincinnati. Why, we have offered to give Johnson $4,100 out of our pockets, and then he turns around and serves us thus. It seems to me, by the interviews printed with Johnson that he is trying to pose before the public as a martyr. In point of fact, if he had kept quiet he would have been fixed long ago. We have done everything possible for him. For two hours did I labor with John T. Brush in regard to giving Johnson an interest in the Cincinnati Club, and I have also written a good many letters, personally appealing to certain ones to help Johnson out. To tell you the truth, I hardly know what to make of this latest act of Johnson's."

A New Ball Ground in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Washington base ballists are awaiting with impatience for a statement from the managers of the home team on the subject of players likely to represent the Washington Club in the American Association. B. Scanlon, who is the moving spirit in the Washington organization, is in daily communication with a number of desirable players, and already several have accepted terms. Among those with whom negotiations are pending are McGuire of Philadelphia and Gumbert, catcher of Buffalo; catchers, Burkett of New York, George Keefe of Buffalo, and Phillips of the Atlantic Association, pitchers Cartwright of St. Louis, Spriner and Beatty of Cleveland, on the bases, Sullivan of Boston, Paul Hines, Beecher, and Visner, in the field.

Offers are said for several other men, as the national club management fully understands that only a winning team can revive interest, and make base ball a success here. A site has also been secured for a ball ground, which, need to play third base for the Washington club. He is now at San Francisco, but would like to come East and talk with an association or league manager. Articles were signed yesterday by the officers of the National Base Ball Club and Col. Enoch Talbott for a five years' lease of the property at the back end of the grounds, near the boundary, and which was formerly known as Helm's seventh Street Park. Secretary Robinson after the lease was executed, said: "We intend to make it a first class ball park, which would give us one of the finest and largest base ball parks in the history of the national game. We will be able to allow for knocking a ball over our fence, and Mr. Kalfus, the president of the club, has promised to put the fence on the south side on the north, on the east side and on the west side. The great obstacle in the way of building the grounds will be the removal of about 50 magnificent oak trees. Not only will it be necessary to cut these trees down, but the stumps will have to be taken out. This greatly detailed in with the cost, and remained down until the fall of trees. However, will be maintained on all sides of the park and adjacent to the grand stand, thus insuring an unobstructed view of the grounds for the patrons of the game as well as the players.

"Of course, should the foliage interfere in any manner with the game, it will be at once trimmed off the trees. The grand stand will be a single story structure, similar to that at the Jarvis park last year in the northwestern part of the city, and there will be accommodation for about 2,000 spectators."

American Association News.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 30.—President Thurman to-day sent out the following notice to the members of the American Association: "At the same time (Feb. 9) that you send to S. S. Young the list of players your club retains, send also to him the names of those you do not wish to hold. To the Secretary being thus promptly advised of release the work of the National Board will be greatly expedited." Mr. Thurman says that it is desired to know just what players are absolutely released by each club in the National League and the American and the Western Associations, as well as those who it is decided should be retained, as it will do away with all uncertainty when the men so released are assigned to other clubs.

President Thurman has about completed his revision of the American Association constitution. Material changes determined upon to-day was in relation to the reading of the famous section 7, under the provisions of which it was intended to secure the withdrawal of the Rochester and Toledo clubs if other arrangements had not been made. Every club in the Association has written to President Thurman to stand firm for their rights in the Rochester case, he refuses to talk on the subject as he has been misrepresented in frequent interviews but the Association need have no fear but what their interest will be cared for. President Thurman left for Cleveland to-night, where he will be joined by P. De H. Robinson, and will go to Chicago to look over the Association's prospects. President Prince was expected to arrive here to-day, but he failed to come.

BOWLING.

The thirty-fourth night's games in the Academy tournament attracted a good-sized crowd to the alleys in East Fourteenth street last evening. The Atalanta team wanted both games, as the victories could possibly earn them third prize. They again much interest was shown in the rolling of Heusman, who leads in the struggle for the gold watch which is offered to the highest individual average. His playing earned him rounds of applause, and it is doubtful whether the other players can now head him off. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

ORCHARD.					SPARTAN OF HOBOKEN.				
	X	X	R	Score		X	X	R	Score
Rifer	2	4	3	156	Storms	0	7	3	148
Fleiermann	3	3	5	142	L. Gotts	1	8	1	187
Buchholz	1	4	5	187	Garrison	3	7	1	177
Tiedeman	2	5	3	169	Kuncken	1	6	4	149
Bogenschn'd'r	3	2	5	143	Keller	1	4	3	154
Totals	12	17	21	799	Totals	5	32	12	825

FRAMES.

Orchard	78	157	220	302	368	441	516	589	676	728	
Spartan	71	146	224	318	396	479	544	629	728	825	

Umpire—G. Rim. Scorers—A. Wedekin and R. Misch.

SECOND GAME.

ATALANTA.					ORCHARD.				
	X	X	R	Score		X	X	R	Score
Heller	1	7	2	170	Rifer	0	4	3	158
Gerdes	2	3	4	152	Fleiermann	3	6	3	141
Wolfman	2	3	4	144	Buchholz	1	4	5	193
Heusman	4	3	3	178	Tiedeman	3	2	5	169
Hass	2	4	4	150	Bogenschn'der	2	6	2	172
Totals	12	21	17	794	Totals	11	19	20	757

FRAMES.

Atalanta	67	171	240	340	428	499	561	628	686	792	
Orchard	68	129	198	299	368	444	492	561	662	757	

Umpire—M. Hennerr. Scorers—A. Wedekin and R. Misch.

THIRD GAME.

Spartan of Hoboken—Storms, 118; L. Gotts, 140; Garrison, 116; Kuncken, 160; Keller, 130. Total, 664.

Atalanta—Heller, 199; Gerdes, 185; Wolfman, 162; Heusman, 189; Hass, 221. Total, 956.

The small attendance at the games of the Brooklyn National tournament last evening was unquestionably due to the late hours at which the games have been completed for the last month. It was very late last evening when the final game was completed, which made the contests very monotonous. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

PIONEER.					KINGS COUNTY WHEELMEN.				
	X	X	R	Score		X	X	R	Score
Swan	0	5	3	132	Nelle	1	8	0	128
Sanderson	1	5	4	141	Courtney	2	3	5	138
Tucker	1	9	7	117	Ammermann	1	8	4	145
Sayre	1	3	5	140	Reeves	2	1	7	127
Ease	2	4	4	149	Schwalbach	0	4	6	126
Totals	5	26	23	729	Totals	6	16	22	664

FRAMES.

Pioneer	68	128	171	260	328	421	516	580	660	729	
K. C. W.	63	146	201	269	334	409	480	545	599	664	

Umpire—H. A. Schon. Scorers—G. H. Christmass and J. W. Lingard.

SECOND GAME.

RECREATION.					STAG.				
	X	X	R	Score		X	X	R	Score
Wells	2	0	3	176	Richards	4	4	2	178
White	2	3	5	144	Baldwin	3	4	4	147
Bewley	1	4	5	173	Michael	3	4	3	161
Dreyer	3	4	4	151	Adams	0	2	8	101
Terrell	3	3	4	158	Chase	1	6	3	145
Totals	13	20	17	802	Totals	7	18	25	670

FRAMES.

Recreation	68	137	214	281	348	508	559	642	716	802	
Stag	60	143	219	281	346	412	465	546	618	670	

Umpire—H. A. Schon. Scorers—G. Lee and G. Elliott.

The Stag and Almeda clubs of Brooklyn rolled two match games on the Lafayette alleys on Thursday evening. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Stag—Richards, 188; Baldwin, 190; Michael, 140; Adams, 164; Chase, 141. Total, 823.

Almeda—W. Furdy, 172; G. M. Furdy, 158; Travis, 148; H. Voorhees, 116; A. Voorhees, 107. Total, 701.

SECOND GAME.

Stag—Richards, 165; Baldwin, 164; Michael, 143; Adams, 144; Chase, 128. Total, 738.

Almeda—W. Furdy, 168; G. M. Furdy, 180; G. Travis, 148; H. Voorhees, 112; A. Voorhees, 118. Total, 685.

The Yorkville branch of the Young Men's Christian Association rolled up a high score in their League game with the Harlem branch, on the former's alleys, in East Eighty-third street, on Thursday evening. The scores:

Harlem—Parker	164	Hubbard	168	Blamley	131				
Gallagher	110	Hitchcock	211	Braden	166	Hope	184	Total	1,164.
Yorkville—Munslo	160	Craig	178	Robb	152	Trafford	221	Brown	160
Vogel	148	Babcock	180	Gebert	159	Duff	195	Cook	192
Total	1,782.								

The Washington Club held its ladies' night on Thursday, and, as usual, a large number of the fair sex participated. A medal was offered by the club to the highest score, which was made by Miss S. Fuld. The scores:

Miss Fuerth, 88; Miss Springer, 108; Miss Fuld, 118; Miss H. Monhimer, 102; Miss Senn, 75; Miss Bauer, 78; Miss Weinstein, 75; Miss Mann, 83; Miss Stock, 44; Miss R. Monhimer, 61; Miss Hayman, 74; Miss Hoffman, 40; Miss Bacharach, 67; Miss Moses, 49.

On Thursday, at the Lafayette alleys, 284 Court street, Brooklyn:

Casino—Gabel, 185; Brown, 129; Starr, 179; Mulford, 131; Reitzenstein, 181; Van Doren, 159; Watson, 158; Bindewald, 165; McDermott, 155; Grimnell, 174. Total, 1,530.

Clermont—C. Smith, 149; Lonnsberry, 166; W. W. Smith, 125; Monsees, 144; Brosnan, 134; Heather, 170; Van Riper, 143; Cole, 113; W. S. Smith, 139; Bannister, 183. Total, 1,469.

The second and what proved to be the deciding game between the American and Elizabeth Athletic Club was played at Montgomery's alleys, Newark, on Thursday. The scores:

America—Heitzman, 181; La Fay, 178; Gedney, 181; Cairns, 181; Diefenbach, 165; Woodland, 170; Utter, 136; Lepera, 191; Schoppe, 148; Brown, 168. Total, 1,542.

Elizabeth Athletic Club—Fleming, 165; Davis, 148; Russ, 143; Squire, 111; Gustin, 139; Barber, 159; Tutt, 181; Heilmer, 179; Dimock, 179; Warner, 193. Total, 1,593.

A bowling match at Fred Frick's Ridgewood Cottage House, Myrtle avenue and Wyckoff avenue, Brooklyn, between the Linden and the Evergreen clubs, ended in the following results:

FIRST GAME.

Linden—Hester	151	Reimers	156	Bode	84	Trumpler	127	Janson	109
Geiger	128	Nolte	156	Evergreen—Bambauer	109	Neff	153	Schmeidewind	179
Gefken	108	Bergel	148	C. Hohmeier	80	Manger	163	J. Hohmeier	103. Total, 2,921.

SECOND GAME.

Linden—Hester	182	Reimers	100	Bode	84	Trumpler	112	Keune	159
Janson	109	Geiger	98	Nolte	118	Total, 907.			
Evergreen—Bambauer	147	Neff	138	Schmeidewind	111	Gefken	173	Bergel	128
C. Hohmeier	118	Manger	134	J. Hohmeier	128	Total, 1,091.			

THIRD GAME.

Linden—Hester	182	Reimers	88	Bode	138	Trumpler	104	Keune	186
Janson	159	Geiger	155	Nolte	150	Total, 1,292.			
Evergreen—Bambauer	110	Neff	157	Schmeidewind	155	Gefken	94	Bergel	148
C. Hohmeier	144	Manger	136	J. Hohmeier	108	Total, 1,060.			

The Roseville Athletic Association team has no more say in the Athletic Bowling League series this season as regards championship honors. The North End Athletic Club bowlers have defeated them in the schedule games that occurred this week. The scores follow:

FIRST GAME.

Roseville Athletic Association—Heitzman, 160; Thompson, 183; Dudley, 155; Titus, 156; and Northrop, 177. Total, 791.

North End Athletic Club—Castle, 167; Young, 157; Brockie, 126; Hopper, 104 and Clark, 178. Total, 832.

SECOND GAME.

Roseville Athletic Association—Heitzman, 149; Thompson, 158; Dudley, 102; Titus, 188; and Northrop, 151. Total, 808.

North End Athletic Club—Castle, 179; Young, 158; Brockie, 100; Hopper, 170 and Clark, 195. Total, 802.

The Hudson County Wheelmen were defeated by the Manhattan Bicycle Club on Thursday evening at Bidwell's alleys. The score:

Hudson County Wheelmen—Edick, 144; Burnham, 117; Cordner, 107; Van Benten, 154; White, 131; Christian, 108; Tuthill, 114; Cardona (M. B. C.), 103. Total, 878.

Manhattan Bicycle Club—Ford, 148; McFarland, 137; Patterson, 101; Connor, 124; Hahn, 119; Washburne, 113; Palin, 120; Post, 122. Total, 897.

On Helms's alleys on Thursday evening the Crescent and Grip teams rolled two match games. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Grip—Biddle, 147; Immerman, 145; Mahoney, 105; Strain, 172; Kelley, 140; Rosse, 108; Montgomery, 152; Thompson, 187; Dolan, 148; Hutchinson, 113. Total, 1,372.

Crescent—F. Roth, 149; Manning, 141; Irving, 146; H. Gelhard, 129; Battenhausen, 187; Hunter, 142; A. Gelhard, 167; Booth, 135; R. Roth, 162; Jones, 131. Total, 1,498.

SECOND GAME.

Crescent—Roth, 154; Manning, 156; Battenhausen, 125; Booth, 186; Jones, 101. Total, 673.

Grip—Biddle, 189; Montgomery, 104; Immerman, 99; Thompson, 187; Dolan, 150. Total, 805.

The Phillia team won two games in Reiser's Brooklyn tournament on Thursday evening. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Phillia—Franz	221	Gluck	128	Koehler	147	Lehmann	150	Hartmann	158
Total	804.								
Pleasure—Kahl	113	Strauch	107	Ficken	140	Eckhardt	118	Mollenhauer	104. Total, 702.

SECOND GAME.

Pleasure—Kahl	161	Strauch	109	Ficken	160	Eckhardt	150	Mollenhauer	157. Total, 787.
Brooklyn—Haller	168	Rogers	152	Hamer	151	G. Shaffer	160	Jacobs	118
Phillips	158.	Total, 687.							

THIRD GAME.

Brooklyn—A. Shaffer	151	Burle	172	G. Shaffer	181	Jacobs	120	Phillips	158
Total	882.								
Phillia—Franz	171	Koehler	143	Gluck	186	Lehman	159	Hartmann	148. Total, 805.

Games To-night.

SINGERMANN'S TOURNAMENT.

Phœnix vs. Kentlworth.
Kentlworth vs. Friday Afternoon.
Friday Afternoon vs. Phœnix.

Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

Institute vs. Madison Avenue.

Base Ball Notes.

Recreation grounds will open the season on Sunday, April 5.

It is probable that Jim Knowles may play with the Washington Club.

President Byrne has gone to the country for a rest. He will be back on Monday.

The Allerton Club will, as usual, be under the management of Van Valkenburg, and he promises to give Wheaton a run for the money.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Brooklyns (Limited), which was expected to be held to-day, has been postponed. This will further delay the consolidation in Brooklyn.

The Syracuses, late of the Albany Club, is open for an engagement. He caught twenty successive games for the above club last season, and would strengthen any club in need of a catcher.

With a little push the proposed Semi-Professional League ought to prove a success. Manager Kourath of the Senator Club has taken hold of the scheme, and expects to establish a good League of eight clubs.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 30.—President Parsons received a proposition from New York and St. Louis yesterday offering to trade Second Baseman Robinson and Outfielder Buffen for Pete Browning. It was declined. Mr. Parsons said to-day that he would not part with Browning under any consideration, and that he would be found in a Louisville uniform next season. Jimmy Wolf forwarded a signed contract to Manager Chapman this morning. He is convinced that an attorney is preparing the petition in a suit to throw the club into the hands of a receiver. An inquiry among the stockholders of the club this morning however, failed to develop the name of the complainant.

$12,500 FOR A ST. BERNARD.

Massachusetts Gets the Finest Dog of His Class in the World.

To-morrow, provided the Cunard steamship Umbria makes a good passage, there will land in this city 220 pounds of dog flesh, which cost the owner nearly $57 a pound. The canine, which commanded even a bigger premium than the famous Mike Kelly, the base ball player, is the champion St. Bernard, Sir Bedivere, recently purchased of Mr. Green of Wallasey, in Cheshire, England, by E. B. Sears of Melrose, the proprietor of the renowned Wyoming Kennels. The price paid was $12,500. Sir Bedivere has no rival as the king of St. Bernards, and he will find his queen already quartered in Melrose, for Plevna, also owned by Mr. Sears, has no equal among the females of her breed.

SIR BEDIVERE—PRICE $12,500.

Sir Bedivere is 3 years old, and is a superb dog. His picture cannot give any idea of his looks except possibly as to size. He stands about twenty-four inches high and weighs 220 pounds. In color he is orange, with perfect white markings and dense black shadings. He is gentle and affectionate, and is gifted to a remarkable degree with the characteristic intelligence of the St. Bernard. His pedigree shows blue blood extending through several generations of canine ancestry:

Sir Bedivere	Nero III.	Ch. Benifaes.
		Bessie II.
	Bena	Ch. Bayard.
		Freda
		Ch. Bayard.
		Bona.
		Bosco.
		Juno.
		St. Nicholas.
		June II.

Sir Bedivere's career upon the bench has been an endless round of triumphs. He has never been beaten or failed to win the first prize wherever exhibited. On his first appearance as a puppy the sum of $5,000 was offered for him and refused. An additional $2,500 was finally offered, and when that failed to win the prize, the same gentleman was willing to give a $10,000 check for the pup. But even this proved ineffectual. Mr. Sears did not win the prize until a second deal of disgust and a larger amount of money had been utilized.

It is the intention to exhibit the dog at the New York Bench Show next month. Mr. Sears has received letters from all parts of the country asking that Sir Bedivere be exhibited at different bench shows. One gentleman in Pittsburgh told the dog's owner to set his own price for exhibiting the champion.

He Speaks Highly of Handball.

That the game of handball is increasing in popularity is shown through the favorable notices of it by some of the leading sporting writers in the country. Henry Chadwick, the veteran journalist, has this to say about the game:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir:* As an old admirer of the manly game of handball—Old Ireland's favorite game—I have been much pleased to see the attention paid to the game in the sporting columns of THE SUN and the efforts made by your able handball writer to improve the old game, for which there is plenty of room.

"I fully endorse the new rule advocated by the SUN, changing the position of the server from the upper end of the court to the service line. I also second the suggestion of one of your correspondents that the score of a match be changed from that of games to total aces. It is frequently the case that the winner of a contest in the game of handball is credited with a minority of aces scored in the five games played, but by his success in winning three games out of five he would carry off the honors of victory, when the score of aces would show that the defeated player had really done the best work in the match.

"I should like also to see gloves introduced in handball, if only for the protection of the fingers, the hands would lead to a large increase of young players. It is all very well as bluff for players whose hands are hardened by severe manual labor, but others, who are employed in clerical duties, and who would enjoy the exercise and excitement of the game are debarred from playing by the wear and tear on their hands to an extent that they do not like to stand. In the case of Champion Casey's hands, to which his years of playing have given a thick skin covering to his palms which equals that of a leather glove.

"I have always recommended handball as an admirable game for exercise for base ball players, but they should invariably wear gloves in playing it. Very truly yours, HENRY CHADWICK."

BROOKLYN, Jan. 30, 1891.

At the Brooklyn Handball Court yesterday Champion Casey defeated P. Quinn and Prof. Corzine almost as easily as if there had been but a single opponent against him. The scores were:

Phil Casey	21	21	21	63
Quinn and Corzine	17	11	15	43

AT SWEENEY'S COURT.

"The Spaniard," is training for his match with Patrick Harrett, which takes place on Monday next at 2 P. M. Yesterday Jack Rose and Dan Lee yesterday (conceding them 10 aces) four games apiece as follows:

Spaniard	21	21	21	84
Rose and Lee	19	18	18	19—72

Patrick Kelly, one of the cracks from Greenpoint, defeated Mike Riley and Jack Keely as follows:

Kelly	21	17	21	59
Riley and Keely	15	21	12	48

Paddy Hughes and Joe Kelly defeated Jack Shea and John McCollough as follows:

Hughes and Kelly	21	21	17	21—101
Shea and McCollough	15	8	21	20—64

Crescents Out in Force.

The Crescent Gun Club of Brooklyn has been greatly strengthened by the admission of new members, and the constitutional limit of twenty has nearly been reached. The result was that yesterday's regular meeting was better attended than the last sixteen or twenty shoots. A good lot of birds had been provided for the occasion, and they flew so swiftly during the latter part of the afternoon, when the ties were being shot off, that the final results were not attained until darkness set in and put a very premature stop to the shooting. The race between Hopkins and Tomford in the shoot off for the club badge created a great deal of amusement, as the shooters managed to hit and miss on the same rounds. Sixteen birds had to be shot at by each man before Hopkins was declared the winner. The scores:

Club shoot, modified Long Island rules, both barrels allowed, seven birds each man, 29 yards rise for twelve, 30 yards for ten bore guns—Hillmer, 28 yards; Vagts, 30 yards; C. Lewis, 28 yards; C. Ellerhorst, 28 yards; 4; Mohrmann, 28 yards; Hopkins, 28 yards; 7; F. McGlocklin, 28 yards; 1; J. Kathron, 30 yards; 5; W. Tomford, 28 yards; 7; M. Smith, 28 yards; 5; W. Gillman, 28 yards; 7; G. A. Loeble, 30 yards; 5; Dr. Shiels, 30 yards; 7.

Shoot off for the club badge, 25 birds, 30 yards; cash prize, three birds each man, then miss and out—Hopkins, Tomford, and Gillman killed two and missed one each; Kathron missed one on the fourth round; Tomford missed seven and killed six, while Hopkins missed six and killed seven.

Shoot off for second money, same conditions—Hillmer missed his first round, Smith, fourth; Loeble, sixth bird, killing the third; Mohrmann killed his first and missed five straight; money divided.

Shoot off for third money, miss and out—Loeble shot out on the first round, Smith on the second, Vagts killed two and missed two, while Kathlen killed his first two and the fourth bird, with a miss on the third round, winning the money.

The Empire Rifle Club.

The members of the Empire Rifle Club are practising diligently for the approaching matches in which they intend to participate. Vice-President M. B. Engel of the Zettler Rifle Club has taken their team in hand and will act as captain and coach. The first contest in which the young New York club will be represented will be a two-man team race between Grimm and Miller on one side and Captain Keuhan and H. Hansen of the Dolphin Rifle Club on the other. This is a five hundred shot match, the first half to take place at Marion, N. J., on Feb. 10. In the following week the Empires will meet a team of five from the Zettler Club, to be held at the Zettler Rifle Club's headquarters. After that is decided, the New York boys will challenge the Turtle Bay Rifle Club of East Forty-second street and lexington avenue, to a limited Rifle Club. The scores of the shoot of the club at 12 St. Mark's place on Thursday evening, 10 ring target, possible 100 points were:

W. Schaefer, 94; Grimm, 94; Miller, 94; Zettler, 93; J. Zettler, 88; A. Flash, Jr., 83; B. Zettler, 80; E. Smith, 80; W. Meisenholder, 80; G. Hillmeyer, 80; F. Sulzder, 77; G. Krueger, 76; G. Bernhardt, 73; C. Hammer, 68.

Curling at Albany.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—The curling clubs of Albany have had and are now having plenty of curling. This is probably the only city in the United States with two covered rinks. The membership in both clubs is very large, and the younger members are always on time for practice. It would be a delightful sight to see the rinks and witness the enthusiasm and desire to curl. It is the wish of Albany curlers to meet all comers, and the members are looking forward to a match game as a New York city and other clubs. The ice is now perfect at Albany and both clubs are ready to play two or three links from any visiting club. The Albany City and Empire Club of Albany will soon begin a series of games for the championship of Albany. These games will be full of interest, and as both clubs have many expert curlers the results will be close. H. Gardner is the Secretary of the Empire Club of Albany, and J. A. Van Schoenhoven is Secretary of Albany City Curling Club, and they will be delighted to correspond with the Secretaries of all curling clubs contemplating a visit to the capital.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 30.—The first of the three nights' pool match between Kunitsch and Clearwater resulted in a score of 184 to 300 in favor of Clearwater.

WM. CONNERS, the champion Tom Conners, the champion catch as catch-can wrestler, called at the *Police Gazette* yesterday and offered to match Conners against any man in the world. Evan Lewis preferred. Conners will arrive in Jersey City to-day.

On Thursday afternoon at Monitor Park, Weehawken, William Bermes and Dr. Deralamee, both members of the Union Hill Gun Club, shot a match at twenty five live birds, thirty yards rise, for $25 a side. Bermes won on a score of 19 to 16 birds.

The postponed game of football between the team of the Irish American Athletic Club of this city and the Newark team of the same name took place on Jersey row in Newark. Rules of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Ireland will govern. Members of the I. A. A. C. will meet at 94 North Moore street at 10 o'clock sharp.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—The Gotham Wheelmen, whose head quarters are in this city, and whose aims are to have filed their certificate of incorporation with the secretary of State. The stated object of incorporation is the promotion of art of cycling and the improvement among its members. The trustees are Morris E. Lopez, Daniel Levy, Charles E. Wilson, Robert Brunger, George Ward, William F. Smith, William H. Lord, and Benjamin Weyer.

CHANGING AMATEUR LAWS.

THE A. A. U. AND L. A. W. COMMITTEE DECIDE ON THE EXPENSE QUESTION.

It was also Resolved to Ask for the Doing Away with Club Competitions and for the Fitting of Contests on an Individual Basis—The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Plaque.

The door leading into Parlor L of the Astor House had a solemn, mysterious look yesterday. Inquisitive news gatherers walked softly by, glancing in a stealthy manner as though attempting to pierce the mystery that shrouded the apartment. Muffled, funereal voices were occasionally heard by the passers by. One reporter walked defiantly up to the forbidden portal and actually gave a postman's knock on the door, while his colleagues, all aghast at his temerity, watched him from the corner of the hallway. The response to the knock was in the gay and cheerful tone of voice adopted by the ghost of Hamlet's father, and as the sepulchral tones floated out through the transom inviting the intruder to "be gone," the venturesome reporter retired to the lemon and seltzer department of the hotel.

The object of the gathering was undoubtedly very important. It was a conference between representatives of two of the largest athletic bodies in the country, for the purpose of so arranging the system of prizes and regulating the expenses of athletes as to do away with the abuses now existing. The organizations were the Amateur Athletic Union and the League of American Wheelmen.

The committee is composed of five members of each body, and those present yesterday were as follows: For the Amateur Athletic Union, C. F. Mathewson, chairman of the joint committee; H. W. McMillan, President of the A. A. U.; Julius Harder and Wm. B. Curtis. Geo. W. Carr is also a member of the committee, but was absent owing to illness.

The L. A. W. was represented by J. R. Dunn, President; C. H. Luscombe, ex-President; Chas. S. Davol, Chairman of the Racing Board; Abbott Bassett, Secretary, and Geo. R. Bidwell, Second Vice-President.

This conference committee appointed a sub-committee, consisting of J. R. Dunn and C. F. Mathewson, to draw up rules and regulations governing the points in question, and the committee met to consider that report. The members of the committee have studiously declined to indicate what the report recommends, but enough was learned to show that the abolition of all team prizes and the cutting down of expenses to the lowest possible notch are the main features, and that the discussion is simply as to the limits to be set. The committee is in accord on the principal points. The report is to be submitted at the meeting of the A. A. U. Board to-day, when the veil of secrecy will be torn away.

William B. Curtis emerged from the room at about 7 o'clock last evening, and said:

"So far as the Bailey, Banks & Biddle committee is concerned there was no need for a meeting of its members, as they are unanimously in favor of the abolition of that trophy and its return to the Schuylkill Navy Athletic Association. One of the rules now being discussed provides for the doing away with all club competitions and for putting contests on an individual basis. This will put an end to the maintenance of athletic stables. It is very hard work to get these rules into shape, as so many different interests are concerned, but the work of the committee will undoubtedly bring forth good results. The utmost harmony prevails among the members."

It was 10:30 o'clock when the door swung open and the mysterious conference came to a close.

The report was adopted, after a long and spirited discussion, and will to-day be submitted to the A. A. U. Board for approval. The committeemen declined to make known the details, but the main features are as stated above.

President Dunn said he thought the work of the committee would prove satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Mathewson being asked if everything went off smoothly said: "Well—there was a good deal of discussion."

READY FOR JACK FROST.

Here Are the Men Who Will Skate for the Championship When He Comes.

The fifteen medals which will be worn by the winners in the championship contests of the National Skating Association are on exhibition at A. G. Spalding & Bro's, where they will remain until ice forms somewhere within seventy-five miles of this city. The prizes, which include gold for first, silver for second, and bronze for third men, are exceedingly handsome.

The figure skating medals are the same as those of last year, with the exception that the year in enamel figures has been changed to 1891. The medals for the winners in the other contests, which comprise the ¼, 1, 5, and 10 mile races, consist of a shield, pendant from a wide bar, bearing the word "Champion." The bar is surmounted by a golden eagle, preparing to fly. Underneath the bar is a Donoghue skate in silver, to which wings are attached. The shield bears the Stars and Stripes and a laurel wreath with the inscription "National Skating Association Trophy."

The complete list of entries for the events is as follows:

Figure Skating—Embury McLean, New York Athletic Club; J. F. Bacon, Arlington (Mass.) Boat Club; Louis Rubenstein,