THE FIGHT STILL IN DOUBT.

A MOVE OF GOV. MITCHELL THAT MAY END THE WHOLE MATTER.

It Is Said that the Governor Will Arrest Both Corbett and Mitchell at Their Training Quarters the Day Before the Battle—Reported Lease of a Railway by the Club Managers—Mitchell Very Much Concerned About the $20,000 Purse.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 19.—The string which the Duval A. C. has tied to the $20,000 purse for which Corbett and Mitchell are to fight, provided the club sees the way clear to getting its money back from admissions and the Governor of Florida can be kept in the dark, was the principal topic in sporting circles today.

Bat Masterson, the Denver sport, and Ike Thompson, representing Mitchell, were so alarmed at the string story that they came over from the Englishman's training quarters to-day and had a long conference with Manager Bowden relative to the purse.

Masterson and Thompson told Bowden that a report was current that the club would hold on to the purse if the battle was not finished. They, therefore, gave Bowden an ultimatum, which was that Mitchell and his friends would not move one step in the direction of the ring if it was true that the fighters would get nothing if the battle was not fought to a conclusion.

Another rumor which Masterson and Thompson asked Bowden to explain was that those who purchased tickets would get their money back if the contest was interrupted at any time after it had begun. They wanted to know, in that event, what the fighters would get out of it.

To these demands of the Mitchell party, Bowden replied that the club was not responsible for the statements complained of. He said that the purse was in the hands of John Kelly, and, therefore, if the fight was interrupted after it was begun, Kelly had the right to dispose of the $20,000. Bowden, however, added that the club retains the right it has under the articles of agreement to declare the contest off if enough tickets are not disposed of to amount to $20,000.

These statements satisfied Masterson and Thompson, and there is now no doubt of the Englishman's coming to time provided he is not arrested by a Florida Sheriff before he can reach the ring side. Corbett will be there, too, provided he is not likewise apprehended. Gov. Mitchell is so bitterly opposed to the fight that it is entirely possible that he may have Corbett and Mitchell arrested at their training quarters and locked up on the eve of the day set for the battle.

The other rock on which the fight may be wrecked is the probability of the club declaring the fight off if the crowd does not come up to expectation. In this event it is an odds-on bet that they will declare the contest off.

The outlook at present, however, for a good crowd is rather encouraging. Every train today from the North brought in a goodly number of sports, and those arriving report more en route. A number of prominent sporting men to-day said that the crowd would be large enough to prevent the club losing money. They estimate that at least 3,000 will come to witness the mill.

The Duval Club have leased the railway to Mayport, Fla., for Jan. 25. In case the Governor stops the fight at the arena, the battle will occur at some point on that road. The club will allow no one on the train without an admission ticket. In this event the fight will take place under a tent capable of holding 10,000 persons. The tip will be given as to the location on Jan. 24.

The general opinion is that the fight will be a hard one, as both Corbett and Mitchell are reported in the pink of condition. Al Smith saw Corbett at Mayport to-day, and he says that the champion's condition is perfect. "He is stronger and bigger than ever," said Smith. "I don't know that he is any quicker, for he has always been a marvel of quickness."

There are similar reports as to Mitchell's condition. Bat Masterson says he has straight information that while Corbett is in good condition, he is very slow. Masterson claims that this disposes of Corbett's chances.

The betting so far has been very weak here. The odds are still 100 to 80 on Corbett, with few takers. It is said that the Mitchell people are waiting for odds of 100 to 50 or 100 to 40.

Where the battle will be fought nobody knows, save the club people, and they are silent. It will be near Jacksonville, however, for Snapper Garrison, who will be the official timekeeper, says that the fight would take place on a railroad at a point within fifty minutes' ride of Jacksonville.

Meanwhile the attitude of the Governor remains unchanged, and if he can get an inkling of the place chosen for the fight he will have the troops on the scene and round up the assembled sports in short order.

Sheriff Broward returned from Tallahassee to-day, where he went to see the Governor about stopping the fight. He said that the fight would not take place in Duval county. The Governor had ordered him to stop it, and he meant to do it. Troops would be on hand to assist him.

The Sheriff would not tell how he proposed to proceed, but he was evidently satisfied with the plans he and the Governor had agreed upon.

Col. J. H. Hopkins, the backer of Dan Creedon and Jim Tracy, is here. He wants the Duval Club to arrange a match between Creedon and Fitzsimmons.

John Ward, manager of the New York Baseball Club, arrived here this morning with his dogs and guns. He has been South on a hunting expedition. Jack Fogarty passed through the city last night on his way to Mitchell's quarters, where he will remain until the day of the battle.

Jack Dempsey will be one of Corbett's seconds.

Betting on the Big Fight Begun.

The Corbett-Mitchell contest continues one of the chief topics of conversation among the sporting men of this city. Betting was a little more rife yesterday, and plenty of small wagers were made. The information that the Duval A. C. had leased a railroad to convey the prospective spectators to the scene of the contest was received with delight, and it is not unlikely that this move on the part of the club will serve to stimulate renewed interest in the encounter and be the means of increasing the attendance.

About the hotels and sporting rendezvous nothing is talked of but the coming fight. While Mitchell's adherents number in the minority, there are many nevertheless who are willing to back the Englishman at good odds. Ed Nall has placed two bets on Corbett with a well-known Buffalo wine dealer. Nail has still several thousand dollars to wager on the champion. He will give odds at 3 to 1. Dave Holland and Gus Tuthill have each $1,000 to invest on Corbett of 2 to 1. Billy Edwards has $5,000 to wager on the Californian at prevailing odds.

Al. Smith wired a friend yesterday from Jacksonville that he would bet any part of $10,000 on Corbett.

Frank Stevenson, Jake Kilrain's old backer, who departs for the battleground on Monday, wants to place considerable money on the American. At the Marlborough Hotel on Broadway Mr. Theodore Taintor of London made a bet with George Rollingbroke of "Frisco on Mitchell. The amount was $1,500 to $3,500. Taintor taking the Mitchell end. Phil Daly, Jr., before he left for Jacksonville yesterday, placed several hundred dollars on Corbett.

Mike Leonard Struck a Snag.

A tall, slim fellow came near blasting Mike Leonard's pugilistic reputation last night at Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre. Jimmy Mack, who gave Tommy Tracey of Australia such a tussle for supremacy recently. Leonard thought he had an easy task before him, but before the first round was over he discovered that Mack was a very tough customer.

Leonard brought all his tactics into play for two rounds, but Mack knew a thing or two and kept out of harm's way.

In the third round Mack warmed up and hit Leonard over the eye, raising a lump. He followed this up, and when time was called Mike was very groggy. In the last round Leonard went at his man in bull-like fashion, and floored him. Both men were covered with blood and were badly punished. Mack put up a great fight and stayed the four rounds.

Final Bouts of the Star A. C.

Owing to the big list of entries it took three nights to conclude the boxing competitions of the Star Athletic Club of Long Island City. The final bouts were held in Wokal's Hall, in that city, Thursday night. It was prize winners' night, and the contests were hot and fierce. The winners were:

One-hundred-and-ten-pound Class—First prize won by M. Lyons, Star A. C., who defeated H. McDonald, Star A. C. Second prize won by M. Jackman, Star A. C., who defeated J. Ward, Star A. C.

One-hundred-and-eighteen-pound Class—First prize won by J. Murphy, Star A. C., who defeated H. Apfel, Star A. C. Second prize won by H. Apfel.

One-hundred-and-sixteen-pound Class—First prize won by C. Milner, Clinton A. C., who defeated C. E. Hilden, Williamsburg A. C. From the exertion in the previous round Hilden was unable to hold his own in the fight for the second prize, which was won by H. Barnett, Prospect A. C.

One-hundred-and-forty-pound Class—First prize won by F. Stolzenberg after a friendly encounter with a rival mate, H. Fischer, Greenwood A. C. Second prize won by D. Wunderlich, Lexington A. C., his opponent, H. Fischer, declining to contest the matter.

NEW LAWS FOR WHEELMEN

Framed by the Racing Board of the L. A. W. to Cover Existing Evils.

The Racing Board of the L. A. W. have finally put their amateur rules in form for presentation to the National Assembly. The entire Board have devoted considerable time to classes A and B, and they think that their adoption will settle all differences in the amateur ranks.

In class A an amateur shall be one who has not engaged in, nor assisted in, nor taught cycling or any other recognized athletic exercise for money or other remuneration, nor knowingly competed with or against a professional for a prize of any description; or who, after having forfeited the amateur status, has had the same restored by a unanimous vote of the National Assembly, L. A. W.

He will cease to be an amateur of this class by engaging in cycling or other recognized athletic exercises, or personally teaching, training or coaching any person therein, either as a means of obtaining a livelihood, or for a wager, money prize, or gate money; competing with a professional or amateur of Class B, or making the pace for or having the pace made by such in public or for a prize; accepting, directly or indirectly for cycling, any remuneration, compensation, or expense whatever.

He will not forfeit his status by teaching the elements of cycling solely for the purpose of effecting the sale of a cycle; nor shall the business of cycle manufacturers and bona fide agents as such be considered in determination of their amateur status.

An amateur of Class B shall be a rider who may be in the employ of and have his traveling and training expenses paid by, a manufacturer of cycles, club, or other parties interested in cycling, but shall not compete for a cash or divisible prize, nor realize upon any prize won by him, except as hereinafter provided. Also one who has ridden for any prize valued at over $50 or of different description from that allowed in Class A.

He will cease to be a member of the class by competing with a professional, or making pace for or having the pace made for himself by such in public or for a prize, except as hereinafter provided; selling, pawning, or otherwise turning into cash, or in any manner realizing cash upon any prize won or by him, except that prizes may be exchanged for other prizes, provided there is in no case a cash bonus received. He will not forfeit his status in this class by teaching the elements of cycling.

By special sanction and upon a unanimous vote of the Racing Board, permission may be granted to employ professional pacemakers in any event or record trial where the importance of the same may be warranted as set forth in application for said sanction.

The Board will also present for adoption some very radical changes in the by-laws. Among the changes are: It shall be the duty of the Board to make inquiry regarding any wheelman whose amateur status in either class is questioned, and all protests or charges shall be entered with the Chairman of the Board, who shall provide for an investigation by a member or members of the Board. Pending investigation, the party against whom these charges are brought may be suspended from the track.

Any cyclist who has been expelled, shall have the right to appeal only to the National Assembly of the L. A. W., and shall be reinstated only by a vote of such assembly, upon a competent showing of error on the part of the Racing Board. The Racing Board, through its Chairman, shall have the right of censorship over the character of prizes offered in races, and may withhold or withdraw the sanction to race promoters.

It shall be within the province of the Racing Board to suspend from the race track any wheelman guilty of unfair dealing in connection with cycle racing or ungentlemanly conduct on the track, or any wheelmen who competes in a race not governed by the rules of the L. A. W., or those that may be approved by the Racing Board. Any wheelman who knowingly competes with one who has been suspended will render himself liable to a like penalty.

Money Coming in for the Kings County Wheelmen's New Home.

It is expected that the amount required to build the new club house of the Kings County Wheelmen will have been subscribed in a few days. The committee report that they are meeting with much encouragement. Extensive preparations are being made by the Entertainment Committee for the annual reception of its wheelmen, to be held at the Touch gallery on Thursday night, Feb. 8. The organization want to make it the most brilliant affair in their history.

Boston Wants the National Wheel Races.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—The associated cycling clubs, numbering about thirty-five organizations, met to-night and voted to make a bid for the holding of the national meeting in Boston next year. The association also created a blacklist. On this list will be kept the names of all those expelled from clubs for non-payment of dues and other causes.

Shooting for the Kemp Trophy.

The competition for the Kemp trophy was continued last night on the Seventh Regiment's range, and Company A's strong team made an excellent showing. The score:

Company A.	200 yards.	500 yards.	Total.
Sergeant H. W. Janssen	21	25	46
Capt. A. W. Conover	23	24	47
Private W. E. Ward	22	24	46
Private J. J. Carroll	22	24	46
Private D. H. Miller	21	24	45
Private J. K. Green	21	24	45
Private W. H. Henry	20	24	44
Private W. V. Schaefer	19	24	43
Private R. D. Darling	21	22	43
Private E. H. Fitch	21	22	43
Private L. Adams, Jr.	20	22	42
Private F. V. Kelly	19	22	41
Private T. E. Stewart	19	23	42
Private M. P. O'Connor	21	20	41
Lieut. J. J. Greenough	20	21	41
Lieut. C. F. Bement	17	24	41
Private W. H. Frame	21	19	40
Private A. L. Cowan	19	21	40
Corporal H. H. Knox	20	19	39
Corporal W. F. Prestiger	18	21	39
Private W. K. Norris	21	17	38
Sergeant J. W. Roosevelt	20	18	38
Sergeant J. R. Cummings	19	19	38
Private F. C. Wrightman	16	18	34
Private L. H. Broome	17	17	34
Totals	503	536	1,039

Monthly Shoot of the Riverside Gun Club.

RED BANK, Jan. 19.—The monthly live-bird shoot of the Riverside Gun Club was held this afternoon. The day was fine and brought out a large number of well-known shooters. The shooting was from five traps, American Association rules governing. Summary follows:

First Event—Club shoot, seven birds; entrance $3. E. M. Cooper and I. W. Budd tied on 7 each; E. W. Throckmorton, E. Garnsey, and Albert Ivins, 6 each; T. D. Davis, J. B. Bogan, and M. Cornwell, 5 each; J. Cooper, 4; and S. Garbser, 4 each; C. Throckmorton, 2. Ties divided.

Second Event—Miss and out sweepstakes; entrance $1.50. Thirteen entries. Won by W. Budd, E. M. Cooper, and W. J. Collins, each killing five and dividing the money.

Final Event—Miss and out sweepstakes; entrance $1.50. Twenty-six entries. Won by J. Van Dyke of the Central Gun Club, Long Branch, shooting all out on four birds.

A New Shooting Club at Flushing.

The Flushing Shooting Club was organized by a number of well-known amateur shots at Flushing last Thursday night. The officers elected were:

President, George A. Barker; Vice-President, George B. Mickle; Secretary and Treasurer, William T. Wilcox; Field Captain, Reginald Travers; Field Committee—J. N. Metalow, L. E. Embon, Charles R. Donnelly, and F. J. de Hastad.

President Barker has offered a silver cup to the first member winning three regular club shoots. Thomas Rowe presented the club with a silver cup, to be shot for at the first regular club shoot, which is to be held at the Flushing race track to-day.

Mr. Hitchcock Defeats Mr. Lawrence at the Traps.

BABYLON, L. I., Jan. 19.—Mr. Center Hitchcock and F. C. Lawrence, Jr., shot a pigeon match to-day under the auspices of the Westminster Kennel Club. Mr. Hitchcock won. He killed 94 and Lawrence 91. The hundred birds were shot at. Mr. Hitchcock shot at 25 yards rise and Mr. Lawrence at 28 yards rise. The match was for $100 a side.

Leeds's Reply to Abbott.

Horace Leeds, the Atlantic City lightweight, says in reference to Stanton Abbott's acceptance of his recent challenge that he is ready to meet the English light-weight champion at any time, providing a sufficiently large purse is offered. Leeds also says that he made arrangements to meet Abbott before the New York Athletic Club some time ago, but when inquiry was made for the Englishman it was found that he had gone to Providence, R. I.

Gossip of the Ring.

Mysterious Billy Smith will leave for San Francisco next week. He says that when he arrives there he will try and induce Jack McAuliffe to meet him in a limited round bout.

In reply to Harry Pidgeon's challenge which appeared in Thursday's SUN Jimmy Dowd said yesterday that he would fight Pidgeon providing the latter puts up a forfeit to show that he means business.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Please state for me that I will meet Mike Lee or Tommy Dolly or Billy Finnel of Harlem or Jack Levy of England for a purse.
ALEX. BOOM.

Louis Waldron yesterday informed a Sun reporter that he would make Billy Plimmer live up to his contract, and that if he attempted to appear at any theatre under the management of some other person than himself he would get an injunction. Waldron says Plimmer will come out a fool if he attempts any antics.

FAVORITES BEATEN AT NEW ORLEANS

Minnehaha Showed Speed as Usual but Died Away Nearing Home.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 19.—A crowd of 2,500 people saw only one favorite draw down a winner's purse on a fast track to-day. The weather was cool and threatening. The first race was won by Investigator at 8 to 1, who was a length in front of Sam Farmer, who beat Lucy Clark for the place by a head. Rebuff was favorite, but was never heard from.

Emma Mac was the favorite in the second race, with Capt. Hammer and Mezzotint second choices, both at 9 to 2. Minnehaha led most of the way, but fell back in the stretch, and then Capt. Hammer began to show himself. The finish was a fine one, Hammer winning by a nose from Mezzotint, who was a nose in front of Belle of Springfield, who was a head in front of Emma Mac. The third race was won by Martini, the favorite; Gratz Bagley second by a length in front of Adah L., Coronet, at 10 to 1, won the fourth race by a length from Simrock, the odds-on favorite, who beat Josie D. for the place by a head. In the last race Bijur was played at 10 to 1, seemingly being overlooked by the talent, while Rancocas, who has done nothing to speak of here, was the favorite. Bijur won by three-quarters of a length, Billy Bennett second, and Miss Knott third. Summaries:

First Race—Five-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Investigator, 110 (N. Davis), 8 to 1, won. Sam Farmer, 102 (H. Shields), 12 to 1, second. Lucy Clark, 100 (N. Hill), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:02¼. Grey Myers, Montvideo, Pearl Germanic, Billy Hartigan, Foot Runner, Dunlap, Rebuff, and Billy Boss also ran.

Second Race—Three-quarters of a mile; sixteenth; selling; three-year-olds. Capt. Hammer, 105 (Jennings), 9 to 2, won; Mezzotint, 102 (Mackins), 9 to 2, second; Belle of Springfield, 105 (Gardner), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1.20. Emma Mac, Grand Sire, Minnehaha, Uncle Frank, The Ban, Mary Sue, and Concertia also ran.

Third Race—Three-fourths of a mile; selling; three-year-olds. Martini, 104 (N. Hill), 6 to 5, won; Gratz Bagley, 99 (Penn), 8 to 1, second; Adah L., 91 (Harold), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:16¼. Kokomo, Salina, Equation, Jim Henry, Oraka, and Dollie also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile, handicap; three-year-olds. Coronet, 95 (Walters), 10 to 1, won; Simrock, 106 (Kucheman), 9 to 10, second; Josie D., 110 (C. Sloan), 4½ to 1, third. Time, 1:42¾. Tippecanoe, Wedgefield, and Jumper also ran.

Fifth Race—Three-fourths of a mile; selling; four-year-olds. Bijur, 103 (Gilmartin), 10 to 1, won; Billy Bennett, 99 (H. Shields), 10 to 1, second; Miss Knott, 101 (Lamy), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:16. Miss Perkins, Miss Nannie, Mollie May, Rosebud, and Rancocas also ran.

RULED OFF AT EAST ST. LOUIS.

Bookmaker Dunford and the Gelding Climax Punished.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 19.—Bookmaker W. S. Dunford and the gelding Climax were ruled off the turf at East St. Louis to-day by Judge Carter. Climax was pulled, and all bets were declared off on the race. The summaries:

First Race—Fourteen-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Marmaduke, 107 (Nelson), 6 to 1, won; Banker, 112 (Morrison), 8 to 1, second; Deceitful, 96 (W. Taylor), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:29½. Peralta, George W., Pauline, Virginian, and Tom Edison also ran.

Second Race—Three-quarters of a mile; selling. Gray Minnie, 107 (Vetter), 5 to 1, won; Tom Stevens, 112 (Morgan), 8 to 1, second; Susan, 99 (C. McDonald), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:16½. Montesair, Rattler, Servan, Talent, Monmouth, Eddie R., Sea King, Captain D., Gold Dock also ran.

Third Race—Three-quarters of a mile; selling. Joe Weidman, 95 (E. Taylor), 20 to 1, won; Frank Fuller, 110 (Mooney), 7 to 2, second; Climax, 101 (C. Irby), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:20½. Luke Richards, Daveran, Zendor, Don Jaime also ran.

Fourth Race—Five-eighths of a mile; selling. Censor, 98 (Mosby), 3 to 1, won; Sommambulist, 104 (Wallace), 3 to 2, second; Collector, 104 (C. McDonald), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:06½. Miss Spot, Cæsar, Heloise, Reve d'or, Florella also ran.

Fifth Race—Three-quarters of a mile; selling. Nativity, 101 (C. McDonald), 5 to 1, won; Lifeboat, 110 (Ross), 8 to 1, second; Deceitful, 96 (Mosby), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:22¾. Miss L., Baron Finch, Chief, Nellie B., Black Beauty, Ernest L., and Gazette also ran.

Sixth Race—Sixteenths of a mile; selling. Bob Wheeler, 107 (Nelson), 7 to 2, won; Monmouth, 104 (C. McDonald), 2 to 1, second; Matt Foster, 108 (C. Smith), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:01. Paddy Flynn, Revis, Brooklet fly, Morrissey, Clara A., and Shiloh also ran.

Griffin Rides Three Winners.

MADISON, Ill., Jan. 19.—The weather to-day was rainy and chilly. Four favorites won, with Hacienda, a heavily played second choice in the second race. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; six furlongs. Cynosure, 114 (Griffin), 3 to 1, won; Frank Kniss, 109 (Freeman), 6 to 1, second; Lauriston, 117 (Barrett), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:24. Reckless, Oakland, Catosa, Dan Mack, Jack Mullins and Josephine Cassidy also ran.

Second Race—Four and a half furlongs. Hacienda, 110 (Griffin), 3 to 1, won; Danube, 104 (Thorpe), 2 to 1, second; Bow Knot, 109 (Griffin), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:00. O. F. O., Adjuste, Mary Tension, Bob Wagner, Doubtless, and Prince A. also ran.

Third Race—Mile and a sixteenth; one mile. Johnnie Weber, 98 (Griffin), 4 to 5, won; Col. Clay, 108 (Thorpe), even, second. Time, 1:49.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs. Ivanhoe, 103 (Soden), 8 to 5, won; King Faro III., 104 (C. Hueston), 12 to 1, second; Little Fred, 106 (Griffin), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:14¾. Daphne, Willie G., Andiphone, Marchioness, Lady Wayward, and Mr. Waterford also ran.

Fifth Race—Selling; six furlongs. Buckranger, 94 (Clay), 15 to 1, won; Montana Belle, 95 (Berger), 6 to 1, second; Irene H., 104 (Thorpe), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:20½. Gallbanum, Annie Lee, Jubilee, Dan Farrell, Mamie Duffy, Viola C., and Anna B. also ran.

Sixth Race—Selling; six furlongs. Azariel, 98 (Griffin), 3 to 1, won; Knickerbocker, 94 (Cochran), 40 to 1, second; Sly Lisbon, 105 (C. Hueston), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:25½.

Will There Be a Fee to Enter Betting Rings?

It was said up town last evening that the advisability of charging admission to the betting rings on the race tracks controlled by the Jockey Club was being considered. This is the English system, and the American public will scarcely relish the idea of paying for the privilege of betting in addition to an admission fee at the gate.

Racing Owners to Meet Again on Monday.

Notices have been sent to turfmen by the Racing Committee of Owners that a meeting of great importance to their interests will be held at the Hoffman House on Monday next at 4:30 P. M.

News from the Horse World.

Members of the Coney Island Jockey Club and the new Jockey Club have not yet given up the project of holding two racing associations for the turf. Another meeting will be held within a few days.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Delaware which provides that there shall be no betting anywhere in the State except at race tracks, and then only on races actually run off at the time.

The trotting stallion Cyclone, 2:29¾, by Caleban, dam Camlet, by Hamlet, died yesterday of cocklaw at the home of his owner, James E. Clay, Bourbon county, Ky. Cyclone's record and the sire of such valuable trotters as Andy Cutter, 2:19¼; Amoreen, 2:20¾; Dr. Sparks, 2:14¾; Gilette, 2:11¾, and other fast ones.

Slosson Signs the Tourney Agreement.

George F. Slosson is the first of the "Big Three" who has signed the formal agreement to play balk line billiards in Cincinnati and Boston next month. He affixed his signature yesterday afternoon at the Columbia rooms to a typewritten document by which the R. R. C. Company agree to give a three-night tourney in Cincinnati on Feb. 1, 2, and 3, and a second tourney in Boston as soon as arrangements could be made after that date.

The agreement calls for games of 600 points at fourteen-inch balk line, with the "anchor" shot barred by the "block" or "box" balk after ten consecutive shots have been made at any one time within the block balk. The manufacturers agree to give $1,000 for each tourney and to permit the players to divide the surplus if the receipts exceed the guarantee. Slosson said some pleasant things about the manufacturers as he signed. The agreement will be sent to Chicago to-day to secure the additional signatures of Jacob Schaefer and Frank Ives, which are necessary to insure the tourneys.

Ives Talks About Slosson's Challenge.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Frank Ives returned tonight from Grand Rapids. "I have read Slosson's challenge," he said, "but I will pay no attention to it because George failed to post a forfeit, as is usual in such matters. Last week I posted $500 here to bring on a match with Jake Schaefer. Besides, I have tourneys on in Cincinnati and Boston, and my hands will be full for some time. When George gets down to business I will consider his challenge."

Y. M. C. A. Athletes Compete.

The January monthly competitions held by the athletes of the Young Men's Institute on Thursday night resulted as follows:

Harry Cohen—Standing high jump, 5 feet 7¼ inches, 50 points; roll and potato race, 15 seconds, 50 points. Total, 100 points.

Frank Hoag—Standing high jump, 4 feet 2 inches, 60 points; potato race, 16 2-5 seconds, 15 points. Total, 75 points.

Louis Meyer—Standing high jump, 3 feet 8½ inches, 35½ points; potato race, 14 2-5 seconds, 60 points. Total, 95½ points.

J. C. Rose—Standing high jump, 3 feet 8½ inches, 35½ points; potato race, 15 seconds, 50 points. Total, 85½ points.

Otto Stopp—Standing high jump, 4 feet, 50 points; running broad jump, 13 feet 3 inches, 1 point; potato race, 14½ seconds, 50½ points. Total, 101½ points.

Joe Sachs—Standing high jump, 4 feet 4½ inches, 72½ points; running broad jump, 13 feet 10 inches, 2 points; potato race, 15 1-5 seconds, 45 points. Total, 119½ points.

L. B. Heim—Standing high jump, 3 feet 11½ inches, 42½ points; potato race, 15 1-5 seconds, 45 points. Total, 87½ points.

Jacob Hoag—Standing high jump, 3 feet 8½ inches, 35½ points; potato race, 14 2-5 seconds, 60 points. Total, 95½ points.

W. J. Barnett—Standing high jump, 3 feet 11½ inches; potato race, 14 2-5 seconds, 60 points. Total, 60 points.

New Jersey's Champ on Trap Shooter Defeated.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 19.—A pigeon-shooting contest that drew together one of the largest gatherings of sportsmen ever seen in this state took place to-day at Ocean View, near this city. The principals were Noel Apgar of New York city and Charles Smith of Plainfield, N. J. Apgar was backed by Norfolk sportsmen, he having last spring defeated W. E. Hurst, the local champion. Smith had strong backing from his New Jersey followers. Apgar had no trouble in defeating the Jersey champion, the score at the finish being 84 kills for Apgar to 76 for Smith.

HOW GIRLS PLAY HANDBALL.

Plenty of Fun and Excitement, But Very Little Method.

The students of Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, have every facility for perfecting their physical condition. They have a competent director in Dr. Pettit, and an able assistant in Miss Flagler. Their gymnasium is spacious, and is equipped with the most modern apparatus. A swimming tank would complete the appointments, and it is said that this will be forthcoming in a short time. Exercise in the "gym" is not made compulsory, but it is claimed that the department's average attendance to the number of students in the academy will compare favorably with any educational institution in the country.

Games of every variety are being constantly introduced in the "gym." Handball is the latest attraction, and, judging from the enthusiasm displayed by both boys and girls over the old Irish pastime, it promises to become a fixture. Dr. Pettit says that the game has undoubted merits as a physical exercise. The boys have been indulging in the sport for some time past, but the girls have only lately commenced to play. They seem to be completely wrapped up in the game, and are now earnestly engaged in a tournament.

Handball as played at Adelphi Academy and the regular professional game differ materially. Against an enclosed space of about 90 by 26 feet, the Adelphi court is only about 28 feet long and 15 feet wide in place of a solid front wall of marble or brick, faced with Portland cement, the students are furnished with a board front placed against a side wall of the gymnasium. It answers the purpose, however, very well. The scholars do not attempt to play with the little sphere seen in the regulation courts, but use a lawn tennis ball. The "gym" court has its short and side lines marked out on the floor, but no regular rules have as yet been established. The new beginners lack the art of hard serving, "cutting," "killing," and other fine points connected with the game, but they are willing to learn, and Dr. Pettit says they shall have every opportunity to become proficient.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons have been specially set apart for the girls' tournament. The contestants include scholars from the three departments—preparatory, academic, and collegiate. They are neatly attired in dark blue suits, and after a brief exercise on the various apparatus the pair scheduled to play take their places in the court. The server is not particular where she stands, but she does not take her position close to the front wall and attempt to hit the ball out of the range of her opponent. She simply smacks the ball with the open hand, and if it drops within the lines the outside player sometimes recovers it, but more frequently misses. There is more running around than actual playing, but the contestants enjoy the sport and frequently point out the mistakes of each other.

Dr. Pettit told a SUN reporter that he intends to have the playing done hereafter under THE SUN'S rules. He will instruct them as to the proper method of playing the game, and in a short time expects there will be a vast improvement shown. Among the most proficient of the girls are Miss Brooks, the leader in the tournament; Miss Houghton, Miss Hadwell, Miss Hulan, Miss Toomis, Miss Clark, Miss Christensen, and Miss Stephens.

BENNETT'S RECOVERY ASSURED.

Boston's Great Catcher Is Gaining Much Faster than Was Expected.

From the Boston Globe.

Although the press has given the community the fact of the terrible accident to Charley Bennett, yet the full particulars will be better appreciated from a letter recently received from John G. Clarkson, formerly pitcher of the Boston League team and an old-time friend and chum of Bennett.

Under date of Jan. 15, from Ottawa, Kan., Clarkson says: "Doubtless you have wondered how badly poor Charley was injured, also how he is getting along.

"That he will recover there's no doubt, but it will be a long time before he can get round. The right leg is off just above the knee and the left foot just above the ankle.

"He is in good spirits and stood the shock and reaction more than well. He explains the accident by saying that he stepped off the train to say good-by to a friend; he paid no attention to the moving train until it was going pretty fast, then stepped on with the right foot omitting to take hold with his hands, slipped, and fell between the platform and train.

"We hope to take him to Williamsburgh Wednesday, where things will be more comfortable at his sister's.

"Every one around the country has inquired about him by wire.

"Charley sits up, takes nourishment, smokes, takes an occasional chew, and is doing better than was expected. The danger line having been passed, his recovery is assured."

HARVARD'S BASEBALL CAPTAIN.

Wiggin Will Handle the Team Next Season.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—A meeting of the Harvard Athletic Committee was held last night to consider the notification of the election of Joseph Wiggin, L. S., as captain of the nine. A good deal of importance was attached to the result, as the principle at stake was one which will probably decide the future policy of Harvard in regard to graduate captains.

The vote of the committee was to confirm the election of Wiggin, but the Athletic Committee in confirming this vote expresses its belief in the principle, sanctioned by almost an unbroken line of precedents, that captains of athletic teams should be chosen from undergraduate students. It considers the present condition of baseball abnormal, as not one of the present candidates is an undergraduate, with the exception of ex-Capt. Cook. In consideration of this, the Graduate Advisory Committee on baseball urgently requested the confirmation of Wiggin.

In view of this action, Waters, who has contemplated running for captain another year, will probably make no effort to secure his re-election.

It is stated that the Athletic Committee will not interfere in the matter of payment for the leather suits. Manager White will probably be left to settle the dispute as he sees fit.

Tim Murnane the Big Mogul of the New England League.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—The New England Baseball League held its annual meeting at the Quincy House yesterday afternoon. The Portland, Lewiston, Fall River, and Dover clubs were represented. The resignation of J. C. Moore as secretary was accepted.

The league decided to enter Class B of the national agreement. The pennant for 1894 was awarded to the Fall River Club. The franchise of the Brockton Club was voted to W. H. Allen, and he was empowered to negotiate with the players held by Brockton in 1893. Applications for membership were received from Bangor and Worcester. President Murnane and Frank J. Leonard of Dover were selected as a circuit committee to visit cities for membership in the league.

Tim Murnane was unanimously elected President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the league. He will prepare the schedule for next season.

The Dover Club have until Feb. 1 to retain their franchise and players. If they withdraw, the franchise and players will revert to the league, and the players have the right to do business with other clubs after that date.

Yale Baseball News.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 19.—If Short Stop William H. Murphy signs with New York, he will leave the Yale Medical School early in the spring. It is his intention to earn sufficient money to enable him to complete his expensive medical education, and to raise funds for that may require more than one season on the professional diamond.

Harold R. Durant has just received authority from Manager Selee of the Bostons to arrange all preliminary games for the Bostons this season. If he can make a good Northern schedule, Durant will not take the Boston team on a Southern trip. Selee is in Hot Springs, Ark. It is the present hope of Durant to arrange for games in Connecticut and southern Massachusetts. Durant's successful record with the world's champion college team in the Chicago tournament last summer is what led Selee to engage Durant in his present capacity.

Baseball Outlook of the Murray Hill Club.

The Murray Hill Baseball Club, one of the oldest clubs in this vicinity, will be composed of strong players. Manager Nat Strong has arranged a month's trip through New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. They will play their opening game on the trip with Brown University, at Providence, on April 10. Games will also be played with the Boston Athletic Association, Harvard University, Andover, Exeter, Dartmouth, Amherst, Wesleyan, Williams, Cornell, University of Vermont, Union, Hobart, Hamilton, Syracuse, Middlebury, and others. The team will return in time to play the Princeton University at Princeton on May 14. A game may be arranged with Yale, to be played at Manhattan Field during the first week in April.

Last Day of the Saratoga Kennel and Poultry Show.

SARATOGA, Jan. 19.—The first annual bench show of the Saratoga Kennel and Poultry Club closed to-day. The annual banquet was served last evening at the Commercial Hotel. The show has been a great success in every way except financially. There is a deficit of about $500 for subscribers to the guarantee fund to make good.

MRS. CARNEGIE'S NEW YACHT.

The Beautiful Boat Which May Be Added to the New York Yacht Club Fleet.

From the Baltimore Sun.

The steam yacht designed by Mr. George B. Mallory, of New York, for Mrs. Lucy C. Carnegie is nearly ready for launching at the shipyard of the Maryland Steel Company, at Sparrow's Point. The launching will take place in February. Mrs. Carnegie is a sister-in-law of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the steel manufacturer. She is the widow of Thomas W. Carnegie of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Carnegie has decided to christen the yacht Dungeness, in honor of her island home off the coast of Florida, near Fernandina.

Mrs. Carnegie is an enthusiastic yachtswoman, and her name is on the American yacht list as the owner of the steam yacht Missoo, in which she has been cruising for several seasons along the Atlantic coast. She is having the new yacht built for extended cruising. Mrs. Carnegie has applied for admission to membership in the New York Yacht Club, which is the first instance in the history of the club of a woman applying for membership.

The new yacht is 135 feet long over the bowsprit, 110 feet over the rail, and 101 feet on the seven-foot water line. She has a long overhang aft, and forward is a beautiful clipper stem terminating in an eagle's head, the effect of this will be enhanced by carved trail boards. The beam is 20 feet, and the moulded depth 10 feet 3 inches. The draft of water will be about 5½ feet forward and 7½ feet aft, displacing about 191 gross tons.

The hull is built of steel throughout. The frames are spaced two inches and doubled in thickness under machinery spaces and at all the water-tight bulkheads, of which there are four. Steel reverse frames are riveted to every frame, and extend to the deck and to floorheads alternately. Seven keelsons are carried through the vessel. The outside plating is five-sixteenths of an inch thick, tapered at the ends. The sheer strake is three-eighths of an inch thick, and is carried up to the rail in one width, giving the effect of flush plating to the top side.

Below the main deck, which is of choice white pine, are the main saloon and the owner's stateroom forward, and the quarters of the officers and crew aft. The finish of the saloon and the owner's room is in ivory white and gold. From the saloon a roomy staircase ascends to the deckhouse. This house is of mahogany. At its after end are a stateroom, bathroom, and closets. There will be no pilothouse, and the vessel will be steered from the top of the deckhouse. All woodwork on the deck is mahogany, and all the metal work is brass or galvanized iron.

The vessel will be rigged as a two-masted schooner, carr