WILL BACK ZIMMERMAN

AGAINST ANY BICYCLE RIDER IN THE WORLD FOR $2,500 A SIDE.

A Rumor in Paris that the Americans is Ready to Race for $10,000—Wheeler and Schofield Matched to Ride Next May for $250 a Side—A Sharp Struggle Between English and French Cyclers.

From the London Sporting Life.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—"The invasion of France" by cyclists, of all nationalities, is very seriously troubling our neighbors over here, and the governing bodies of the various unions and associations are meeting frequently for the purpose of counteracting the foreign element from "scooping the pools." As Englishmen so excel in sports, so this measure is but right on their part, but the "smaller fry" are agitating and doing their level best to bring the strangers into disrepute. So far, the international matches between Linton and Dubois, Wheeler and Farman brothers, Baras and Barden, have not been all "wiolets" for us. Linton first beat Dubois, and at a second meeting of the two men Dubois licked the Welshman. Then, again, the Farman brothers, on a tandem, romped home against Wheeler and Warwick, while the last event, between Baras and Barden, resulted in a victory for the Frenchman. One may say the men are not yet ready. But, take it from me, the French racing men are not so easily beaten as most people imagine. The prevalent idea is that Frenchmen do not know how to train, and, if they did, the late hours they keep is against them. Very true. But the strangers now in Paris who intend racing this season are, to a great extent, just as bad. Night after night, at the Café de l'Esperance, can be seen four well-known runners "going it," the same as the others, and it's odds on the Frenchmen being able to stand late hours longer than the Englishmen.

The Velodrome Buffalo is on the way to opening its doors for the summer season, and I hear they are going to improve the track, but they have started a training school, which is under the charge of some English trainers who live over here, among whom is Snook and Merrilees. Mr. Badnel, the new director, has made a good move in favor of the track, which promises to be the Herne Hill of Paris. Pacemakers will constantly be on the spot, so what more do the "boys" want. I may tell you that the notion was taken from America, where "Zimmy" has started a similar track at Freehold, N. J. By the way, there is a rumor that the "Skeeter" is about to race in Paris, if he can get accommodated with a match for £2,000.

The Union Velocipedique de France have decided to alter the existing rules for championships. Hitherto these events were open to foreigners who had resided in France at least six months. Now all that is changed, and only Frenchmen are to be allowed to compete. England for the English, and France for the French.

The date of the eight days' race is fixed—March 11 to March 18—the conditions being that the runners ride eight hours only on the Fundays and six hours each week day. Pacemakers are allowed, and the value of the first prize is £120. Lumsden, Martin, Williams, Arland, and Merlin are already engaged. The first week in May a match is arranged between Schofield and Wheeler, for £250 a side. Wheeler, on behalf of "Zimmy," has made a statement to a reporter, which has come out in print. It was to this effect: "If anyone will race Zimmy' for a stake of not less than £500 a side, I will immediately deposit £100 to bind the match." Money down, there, before we believe it to be genuine. On Sunday last, at the winter track, a meeting took place, which drew a fairly big crowd, but not so large as usual, the weather out of doors being splendid. There were two splendid events and one large one. The chief race, with pacemakers, was between two English and two French riders—Linton and Schofield and Baras and Medinger—over a distance of twenty-five kilometres (about 15½ miles). The race started, but at the end of the eighth lap Schofield fell, which put Linton out. Linton broke a pedal; he changed his machine, the French team continuing to race, with Linton in hot pursuit, and after a good struggle he caught the two Frenchmen at the fortieth lap, but although he laid with them until the last lap he was beaten in the sprint, Baras being first and Medinger second. Winner's time, 40 minutes 10 4-5 seconds.

READY FOR THE FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Preliminary Bouts in the Foil, Duelling Sword, and Sabre Contests Finished.

The preliminary bouts in the joint fencing tourney of the Amateur Athletic Union and the Fencers' League of America, which were decided a few days ago in the rooms of the Fencers' Club in West Twenty-second street, resulted in some really clever work, and unless all signs fail the final contests for the championships in foils, duelling swords, and sabres, which are scheduled for March 30 and 31 at the Fencers' Club, should prove well worth witnessing.

The results in the preliminary bouts of the foils' competition showed the following men to be eligible to the final round: R. C. Ruhlen, New York Athletic Club; W. Kurz, New York Turn Verein, and A. V. Z. Post of the Fencers' Club. In addition to the above the three medal men from last year, Dr. G. M. Hammond, C. G. Bothner, and W. T. Heintz, all of the New York Athletic Club, are eligible to compete.

In the duelling sword competition W. T. Heintz, C. G. Bothner, and R. O. Hanbold, all of the New York Athletic Club, were the successful men. They with last year's medal winners, Dr. G. M. Hammond and S. T. Shaw of the New York Athletic Club and A. V. Z. Post will fight it out in the finals.

In the sabre competition last year's medal men, Dr. G. M. Hammond, Dr. B. F. O'Connor, and R. M. Hanbold, all of the New York Athletic Club, will fight it out with C. G. Bothner of the same club and John Allaire of the New York Turn Verein, who were successful in Tuesday evening's competition.

C. C. N. Y.'s Baseball Prospects.

At the meeting of the C. C. N. Y. Baseball Association, held last week, quite a number of candidates presented themselves, and were divided into squads of ten for indoor practice. Hargrave, '93, was elected manager, and G. Lyons, '97, treasurer. The election for captain was deferred until the candidates become better acquainted with one another's ability. The work is now being done in the gymnasium of the St. Bartholomew Club, West Forty-second street. As soon as the condition of the ground will allow, Manager Hargrave expects to put two teams in the field, a 'varsity and a scrub. Among the promising candidates are: Lyons, '97; Ehrich, '94; Kolman, '96, and Holton, '97, catchers; Martin, '95; Kelly, '97; Ehrich, '96, and Mosser, '97, forecatcher. The infield will be selected from Clark, '97; McSorley, '95; Martin, '94; Donohue, '94; Naisawald, '97; Griffiths, '97, and Geoghan, '96, and the outfield from Elliot, '97; Strasburger, '94; Steinert, '96, Haugh, '97; Oppenheimer, '94; Ewing, '95, and Vermilye, '95.

Three locations are under consideration for outdoor practice, with the probability of the final selection being Crotona Park, near 177th street. The great objection to the park is its distance from the college; but the time occupied in going to and from the college, one hour, is no greater than the Yale football and baseball men have to lose every day of practice. Games have already been scheduled with most of the representative college teams, and a few dates are still open, for which applications may be made to Manager Hargrave, '95, C. C. N. Y., 17 Lexington avenue, New York city.

A Rosy Outlook for the A. A. U. Championships.

Secretary Sullivan of the A. A. U. is receiving many communications from all parts of the country in relation to the coming boxing and wrestling championships, to be held in Madison Square Garden, March 19 and 23. One was received yesterday from the "Rubber Man" of Boston, who is very anxious to spar. The communication was referred to the New England Association.

The boxers and wrestlers are notified that this championship meeting is open to athletes who hold membership in amateur boat clubs, Y. M. C. A., or athletic clubs. To avoid all possible disagreement after the entries are received the committee has decided that all the New England entries shall be submitted to R. P. Russell, secretary of the New England Association, whose headquarters are at Boston; the Atlantic Association entries to J. W. R. Collins of Philadelphia, and the entries from the upper part of the State will be referred to the delegates of the Metropolitan Association, who are located at Rochester and Syracuse. Entries close with James E. Sullivan, 241 Broadway, New York, on Saturday, March 15.

They are All After Johnson.

NEWMARKET, March 1.—The condition of the ice to-day did not permit of the skating race between Howard Meshier and James A. Donoghue. Meshier, who holds the quarter-mile record, now wants to skate Joseph F. Donoghue and John S. Johnson a race for that distance, each contestant to put up $50 for a $150 trophy for the championship of the world at that distance. Johnson has not yet been heard from in regard to the proposed five-mile race the Donoghue brothers want to skate him.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Jockey Cassin Rides Three Winners at the Crescent City.

NEW ORLEANS, March 1.—Seventy-first day: weather pleasant; track very heavy. Summaries:

First Race—Purse $200; selling; five furlongs. Ladlow, 97 (Cassin), even, won very easily by a length and a half; Sewing Girl, 92 (Walsh), 12 to 1, second; Ben Neville, 118 (Dawson), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:13¼. Loch Levin, Rondeau, Sheridan, Clarke, Idalia, Schuyler, Little Dorchman, Little Bowling, and Minnie S. also ran. Tuffet left at the post.

Second Race—Purse $200, for two-year-olds; four furlongs. Valdemir, 107 (Cassin), 5 to 2, won, pulling up by three lengths; Dorris, 107 (Fisher), 8 to 1, second; Onward, 110 (Jones), 7 to 5, third. Time, 0:58¼. Tom Witt and Odell also ran. Agnes G. started, but quit before the stretch.

Third Race—Purse $250; selling; five furlongs. Moses Solomon, 99 (Cassin), 6 to 5, won very easily by a length; Cerro Gordo, 101 (G. Fisher), 15 to 1, second; Capt. Spencer, 104 (Williams), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:13¾. Silver Tip, Excelsior, and Aunt May also ran.

Fourth Race—Purse $200; selling; six furlongs. Tessa, 108 (Clotfelter), 3 to 1, won, by two lengths; Hedge Rose, 103 (Mackins), 11 to 5, second; Consignee, 108 (Cassin), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:28¾. Sanford, Sight Draft, John Irwin, Berry D., and Bob Watson also ran.

Fifth Race—Purse $250; selling; six furlongs. Red John, 102 (Gardner), 5 to 1, won cleverly by a scant length; Derry Lake, 109 (Knight), 7 to 5, second; Watterson, 117½ (McCafferty), even, third. Time, 1:24¾. Van Wart, Rover, Michel, and Maud R. also ran.

Entries and weights for to-morrow's races:

First Race—Five furlongs, selling. Rondeau, 87; Montevideo, 103; Bobby Burns, 104; Blue Eyes, 107; Tithe, 108; Looking Forward, 106; Nor'wood, 108; Jack Walsh, 108; Billy Duncan, 108; Horace Leland, 108; G. W. Cook, 108; Tramp, 106.

Second Race—Five furlongs; selling. Barnard, 92; Gin Cocktail, 97; Bill Massey, 99; Laura Cup, 103; Bourbon D., 104; Little Sam, 108; Eldridge, 108; Grover C., 108; Middale, 108; Frederick Charles, 108; King Van, 108.

Third Race—Six furlongs; selling. Moses Solomon, 92; Marcet, 98; Prettiwit, 99; Satinet, 104; Cortez, 106; Volunteer II., 111.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs; handicap. Raucocas, 118; Redgefield, 97; Litchfield, 97; Hattie Gant, 93; Gen. Ross, 107; Red John, 102.

Fifth Race—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Midas, 90; Katie Pinkerton, 96; Ida Stibber, 107; Rebecca, 111; Wigwam, 111; Van Wart, 111; Rosser, 111; Emperor Billet, 111; Rover, 114; Silverado, 114; Uncle Frank, 117.

Chiswick Takes a Purse at East St. Louis.

EAST ST. LOUIS, March 1.—Weather perfect, track in good condition. Close finishes were the rule to-day. Summaries:

First Race—Three-eighths of a mile; purse. Dr Agnew, 111 (Chambess), 15 to 1, won; Rosita, 112 (Pierce), 8 to 5, second; Pianinot, 105 (J. Smith), 10 to 1, third. Time, 0:38¾. Allen Louis, Billy Travis, Black Beauty, Dr. Work, Sir Dudley, Cynthia, Margaret, and Daddy Red also ran.

Second Race—Five-eighths of a mile; selling. Peralta, 105 (Donnelly), 5 to 1, won; Black Beauty, 109 (F. Jackson), 10 to 1, second; Forget-Me-Not, 107 (W. Taylor), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:07. Pretender, Tom Stevens, Katie K., Bayard, Yokohama, Negus, May Bee, Maud T., and Hattie B. also ran.

Third Race—Five-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Dawzoe, 105 (Wallace), 20 to 1, won; Hiram Argo, 105 (J. Smith), 6 to 1, second; Highwayman, 108 (W. Taylor), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:14¾. Ranier, Mis., Spot Pasching, Josephine Cassidy, Go Lucky, King, and Gorella's Aorsa.

Fourth Race—Thirteen-sixteenths of a mile; selling. My Partner, 123 (Gorman), 2 to 1, won; Haroldine, 108 (Anderson), 6 to 1, second; Maggie, 104 (Tortiani), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:28. Lizzie V., Claremont, Top sawyer, Servan, and Dora S. also ran.

Fifth Race—Five-eighths of a mile; selling. Chiswick, 103 (Burrell), 7 to 5, won; Harry Warren, 123 (De Long), 8 to 1, second; Gakview, 100 (Mosby), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:06. Heads or Tails, Yucatan, Minish, Fairy, Wild Huntress, and Blazes Duke also ran.

Sixth Race—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Florella, 103 (R. Smith), 8 to 1, won. No Remarks, 107 (Peter), 10 to 1, second; El Paso, 105 (Tyrian), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Collector, Wrestler, Eunice, John Berkley, Royal V., Hattie Mack, and Livingston also ran.

Maggie Murphy was an Outsider, but She Won.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Only two favorites got the money at Roby to-day. Two races were won by well-played second choices, and another went to a 12 to 1 outsider, Maggie Murphy. The attendance was larger than on any previous day, and several finishes were exciting. Summaries:

First Race—Selling, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile. George W., 100 (Clay), 5 to 1, won; Rosewood, 113 (Knapp), 15 to 1, second; Warren Leland, 108 (N. Hill), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:20¾. Vera Jones, John Mcculough, Wandering Nun, Craft, and Tamerlane also ran.

Second Race—Five furlongs. Eagle Bird, 119 (H. Griffin), 4 to 5, won; Pat Casey, 113 (Cratty), 8 to 5, second; Winded, 107 (C. Hill), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:10. Reve d'Or, Harry M., Airtight, and Blackburn also ran.

Third Race—Selling, three-quarters of a mile. Maggie Murphy, 107 (Corbley), 12 to 1, won; Fancy, 104 (McIntyre), 2 to 1, second; Polly, 92 (Chorn), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:17¼. Katie Pinkerton, Lassidy, and Warden also ran.

Fourth Race—Selling; nine-sixteenths of a mile. Speedway, 110 (Knapp), 5 to 1, won; Linden Boy, 110 (Cratty), 2 to 1, second; Bob Lytle, 110 (H. Griffin), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:0[illegible]. Gertrude, Marcellina, Kismet, Unhate, and Extra, by Spouter, also ran.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile. Fakir, 113 (Knapp), 12 to 1, won; Lauderdale, 110 (Cratty), 6 to 1, second; E. H. Sherley, 103 (Corbley), 4 to 1, third. Time, 2:02¾. Sewanee, Royal Garter, Flora B., and Mike Conroy also ran.

Gascon Beats Stromboli at Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Weather cloudy and cool; track good. Summaries:

First Race—Five furlongs; selling. Tim Murphy, 120 (J. Weber), 10 to 5, won; Ben Overton, 110 (E. Morris), 10 to 1, second; Jennie Lind, 94 (Taylor), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:02. Claquer, Sympathetic's Last, Bridal Veil, and Midget also ran.

Second Race—Scant six furlongs; selling. Leveller, 113 (Taylor), 12 to 1, won; Brave Scott, 106 (Irving), 20 to 1, second; Lonnie B., 106 (F. Carr), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Catch Him, Romair, Tigress, Annie Moore, and Middleton also ran.

Third Race—One mile; handicap. Gascon, 111 (Irving), 4 to 1, won; Stromboli, 119 (E. Morris), 2 to 1, second; Red Root, 103 (F. Carr), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:43¼. Zobair, Francesca, Sir Reel, Centella, Royal Flush, Zaragosa, Oakland, and Dr. Rice also ran.

Fourth Race—Seven-eighths of a mile; selling. Tricolanne, 98 to 5, won; Clara White, 99 (Taylor), 8 to 5, second; Carmel, 101 (C. Weber), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Bordeaux, Paulina, La Reina, Fortune, and Annie Buckingham also ran.

Fifth Race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling. Lodi, 104 (H. Smith), 15 to 1, won; Jim Dale, 99 (C. Weber), 3 to 1, second; Little Tough, 104 (McDonald), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:08. Ironheart, Morton, Vanelight, Regal, Mount Carlos, Haymarket, Folly, Twang, and Hathaway also ran.

Winners at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 1.—Weather warm and pleasant, attendance large, track fast and in best condition during the meeting. On Saturday extra attractions in a race for gentlemen riders and a hurdle race will be offered. Summaries:

First Race—Five furlongs; selling; for all ages. Long fellow, 5 to 2, first; Lela L., even, second; Fair Face, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:06.

Second Race—One mile; purse; for all ages. Sir Walter Raleigh, 7 to 10, first; Experience, 7 to 10, second; G. Wheatley, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:47¾.

Third Race—Three furlongs; purse; for all ages. Rattler, even, first; Nellie Miller, 6 to 1, second; Lizzie, 8 to 5, third. Time, 0:37¾.

Fourth Race—Five furlongs; selling; for all ages. Arizona, even, first; Mike Flynn, 6 to 5, second; John Oliver, 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:02¾.

Fifth Race—Five-and-a-half furlongs; selling; for all ages. Susie F., 3 to 1, first; Doley Brown, 6 to 1, second; Maud D., 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:11¾.

Mascot Has Been Placed in Gen. Turner's Hands.

BUFFALO, March 1.—There was a scene of hustling activity at the Buffalo Driving Park to-day. Mascot, 2:04, W. Perry Taylor's champion pacer, was sent away yesterday to Ambler Park near Philadelphia, where he will be trained by Gen. John E. Turner.

C. J. Hamlin has fifty-three horses in training. Driver Geers began fast work yesterday with the old campaigners. Mocking Bird, Robert J., Nightingale, and Fantasy are moving in fine style, and Merry Chimes, the pacer that got a record of 2:14¾ in his first winning race, will be campaigned this season, and his owner says 2:10 will not stop him.

Rex Americus and Heir-at-law, 2:20¾, have been withdrawn from the stud and are being prepared for the Grand Circuit. Both are in good condition. Tanny Bug and Charming Chimes are looked upon as the best of the three-year-old division.

Stewards Revising the Rules of Racing.

The stewards of the new Jockey Club were in session all the afternoon again yesterday at the rooms of the Board of Control, working on the new rules to govern the turf.

No statement of the proposed changes will be made until the rules are submitted to the club for adoption.

News from the Horse World.

Eugene Leigh and Bob Rose think they have the Little Rock derby signed as one on with Lazzarone.

SYRACUSE, March 1.—The prominent turfman, Henry E. Pulsifer, died from pneumonia at his home here last night.

HAMILTON, Ont., March 1.—The track was in bad shape for the ice races at this point to-day, and the fine for all had to be postponed until to-morrow. Nimmie, the Buffalo pacer, won the first heat, while the Ottawa trotter Ben B. captured the second.

Several Western cities are offering a bonus to C. W. Williams of Independence to move his trotting stud from the Iowa town. Inglesburg, Ill., may catch the extravagrabber, who made a fortune out of trotters in a few years and lost most of it through the same medium.

The following steeplechases and hurdle races to be run over the Coney Island Jockey Club course next June, closed yesterday: The Coney Island Grand National steeplechase, the Bay Hurdle Race, the Hurdle Selling Stakes, and the Steeplechase Selling Stakes.

Good Sport in the Court.

A delegation from Manhattanville gave competitive keenness to sport at the Brooklyn Handball Club's court yesterday. The visitors were headed by W. Cashman and W. Delaney, the pair who were recently challenged by the Flaherty brothers of Jersey City. Philip Casey and Major Carmody stripped to uphold the club prestige. A lively match ensued, in which the up-town players made a good showing.

M. O'Donnell and W. Delaney paired off effectively against W. Cashman and P. Lukeman. The former team won by two games to one. As a climax to an enjoyable card, Champion Casey undertook to play Major Carmody and W. Delaney. The combination proved unexpectedly formidable, and captured the only game played by two aces. The scores:

P. Casey and J. Carmody	21	17	21—59
W. Delaney and W. Cashman	18	21	18—57
M. O'Donnell and W. Delaney	21	18	21—60
W. Cashman and P. Lukeman	18	21	17—56

THE JURY SAID, "NOT GUILTY."

Twelve Good Men and True Acquit Corbett of Violating Florida Law.

JACKSONVILLE, March 1.—This afternoon the jury in the case against Jim Corbett, charged with violating the laws of Florida by engaging in a prize fight, returned the following verdict after being out sixteen minutes:

"We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty."

A broad smile spread over Corbett's face as he heard it, and the sports who crowded the court room would have cheered had they not been informed by Judge Phillips that he would send any person to jail for contempt who dared to express approval or disapproval of the verdict. Mitchell grasped Corbett's hand and whispered congratulations.

The proceedings leading up to the verdict were very tame. The prosecution tried to elicit testimony to show that the fight was brutal, and that Corbett and Mitchell must have harbored malice against one another. Not much headway was made on this line. Then an attempt was made to bring in the $20,000 check, which Corbett received in public after the fight. All of the witnesses had seen a piece of paper handed to Corbett, but all were innocent of any knowledge of its character. The defence did not introduce any witnesses. The main points in Judge Phillips's charge were:

"It is immaterial whether it was a glove contest, a sparring match, or a boxing match; it constitutes and amounts to a fight as already defined. It is a violation of the law of Florida against fighting by previous appointment, as the court has already read. In considering the guilt or innocence of the defendant under the second count, charging assault and battery, if it appears from the evidence that the blows were given which the parties mutually agreed upon, the court instructs you that if such blows were given in a contest, as would not inflict bodily harm or injury, the consent of the person receiving the blows excuses the assault and battery and the defendant cannot be found guilty. But if in the contest the blows were given with the intention to cause bodily harm, the consent of the party receiving the blows is no defence, and the party can be convicted of assault and battery."

When Attorney-General Lamar was asked if he would push the other cases, he replied: "I cannot say yet. I have wired the Governor for instructions, and the State's course depends on the Governor's advices."

Corbett left for New Orleans to-night with the "After Dark" company. Mitchell will remain here until his case is disposed of.

The sports are jubilant, and members of the Duval A. C. say they propose to pull off the Corbett-Jackson mill in this city.

THE SULLIVANS FIGHT FOUL.

A Boxing Exhibition that Did Not Please the Quaker City Fels.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The entertainment prepared for the edification and amusement of the members of the Athletic Club of the Schuylkill Navy was not, strictly speaking, of a very high order of merit. In fact, it would have been far better if two of the four bouts had never been put on. Hereafter Capt. Parsons should insist on making his arrangements with Charley White, Gotham's well-known purveyor of pugilistic attractions, that his representatives should not be quite so distinctly typical of the East Broadway "mixed ale" variety. There are clever lads about the city who would jump at the chance to box at the Navy, and they could be depended upon not to turn up sober at the appointed time.

The opening bout was between Jack Curran of New York and Frank Farley of this city. The men were supposed to weigh in at 120 pounds, and they looked every ounce of it. The local aspirant was in the better shape, but he was a trifle too gallus for a stayer. He seemed to be impressed with the idea that he was a scientific dancer, and that he did not did entirely too much attitudinizing for a man engaged in so serious a business as six-round fighting, but his wings were clipped early in the third round by Curran's left, and during the rest of the bout he was compelled to hover near the ropes to catch Curran's right.

The next bout, at 135 pounds, was between Dan Sullivan of New York and Isidor Strauss of this city. The gentleman from New York looked as though he would rather fight than eat, and subsequent developments attested the truth of that view. Sullivan, who evidently knew the rules of boxing in the first half of the first round, and then Strauss started in with his windmill swings. This temporarily embarrassed Sullivan, who was pushed to the ropes in a twinkling. But that kind of play was evidently Sullivan's forte, and he immediately started a biff, bang, boom foundry of his own. Every lead resulted in a clinch, and Referee Moro's call to "break" was unheeded until he had separated the men. Sullivan was pounding Strauss's back on the ropes when the referee ordered to desist on pain of losing the fight on a foul.

As soon as the men got together again they started in to mix it up. Sullivan completely ignored the referee's orders to break and threats of disqualification, and rushed Strauss to the ropes for the third time again and punched him. Finally the referee's patience gave out and the New Yorker was disqualified.

The wind-up was between another member of the Sullivan family, first name Jerry, who, like his predecessor, hails from New York, and James Fox of this city. Fox was the taller, stronger, and in the better condition. There was some lively exchanging in the first two rounds, but beginning with the third the New Yorker started in on wrestling and punching after being ordered to break. In the fourth round, after a most palpable foul, the fight was awarded to Fox, who would have won anyhow.

It is to be hoped that at the next entertainment there will be no repetition of last night's fiasco.

Will Match Creedon Against Pritchard, and Tracey Against Burge.

London *Sporting Life* of Feb. 21 says: "Yesterday afternoon Joe Harris and his partner, Arthur Levinson, waited upon Mr. Fleming at the National Sporting Club, and had a long chat on sporting matters. Harris mentioned that he was empowered to match Dan Creedon to box Ted Pritchard at 158 pounds for £500, open to £1,000 a side, and also to match Tom Tracey of Australia against Dick Burge at 140 pounds give or take two pounds, for a similar amount, or failing Dick Burge, Harry Nickless can be accommodated on similar terms. In each case the Australian boxers were stated to be open to box for the best purse offered, and Harris in the course of conversation asked Mr. Fleming what purses the N. S. L. would be willing to put up for the contests. The manager of the club explained that it would be impossible to give a definite answer until it was known what Pritchard and Dick Burge intended doing in the matter.

Respecting the proposed match between Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson, Harris and Levinson stated that the former would surely visit England with his theatrical company in the coming summer, and then, no doubt, the long-talked-of match would be definitely arranged.

Broke His Man's Nose and Nearly Put Him Out, and Yet Could Not Win.

At Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre last night Frank Craig, the Harlem coffee cooler, had an easy time of it with Frank Thompson, a tall, lanky colored man, whom he knocked out in two rounds. Jack McKeck, who is one of the many 105-pound champions, had a tough customer to handle in Billy Barrett, who started in to smother McKeck. One of Barrett's blows landed on McKeck's nose, breaking it.

McKeck was almost out twice during the bout, but through the intervention of Morris Rose, the referee, who shortened the time, McKeck was saved. Rose declared McKeck the winner. This was not well received by the crowd. Barrett was clearly the better man and had the best of the bout all through.

Jimmy Kelly's Hard Lighting.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 1.—Jimmy Kelly of New York knocked out Joe Collins of Des Moines in five rounds in a lively glove contest last night. Immediately afterward a purse was raised for "Billy" Layton to knock out Kelly in four rounds, but the effort failed. Kelly had the best of it in all the rounds, which were marked by heavy hitting.

Gossip of the Ring.

Chesterfield Goode, the English boxer, who was in this country a few years ago, has opened a school for boxing in England.

A London despatch to the *Police Gazette*, received yesterday, states that Nickless, the pugilist, who is matched to fight Dick Burge, was thrown from a trap and severely injured.

Joe Walcott of Boston and Tom Tracey of Australia have been matched to box ten rounds in Boston on March 21. If Tracey wins he will be matched to fight "Mysterious" Billy Smith for $2,000.

Ed Neil, one of George Dixon's backers, said yesterday to a Sun reporter that if anybody wants to bet that Corbett will whip Peter Jackson, he will take them up the bets of $25 to $5,000 at any price.

Charley Kelly said yesterday that if Billy Plimmer refuses to fight Dony Leons at Chicago he will meet the latter at 116 pounds instead. Kelly says that he will agree to any reasonable arrangement that may be made.

Casper Leon, who has been matched to fight Jim Barry at Chicago the last week of this month, will start in to train on Monday. Leon is in fairly good condition now. He weighs at present stripped a trifle over 116 pounds.

"Young" Griffo of Australia has at last made up his mind to get in good condition for his prospective "go" with George Dixon. Griffo can be seen almost every day in the gymnasium of the Columbus Catholic Club on West Fifty-third street punching the bag and training.

George Reynolds, the local light weight, is still eager to cross arms with Mike Leonard for a bonus, and he says that nothing will suit him better than a quick response from Leonard either in the negative or the affirmative. Reynolds is willing to sign articles at once if necessary.

A letter was received in this city yesterday from Billy Plimmer. In it the bantam champion said that he would fight Dony Lyons at Chicago, but could not agree to the stake money offered by Mr. Callahan, who has been empowered to make the match. Plimmer says that an earlier date will suit him better.

WILSON IS PLEASED.

Says He is Glad that Some One Has Called O'Rourke Down at Last.

The prompt way in which Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, was called down by Teddie Wilson, Billy Plimmer's adviser and backer, and the fact that Wilson substantiated his opinion that his protégé can whip Dixon at any stage of the game by depositing $500 with THE SUN, made the oldest ring follower and the sports about town smile meaningly yesterday. About everybody who had heard of Wilson's quick acceptance of O'Rourke's challenge admitted frankly that it was a move worthy of the highest commendation. It was the first time that anybody had assumed the boldness to bring O'Rourke to time, they said, and Wilson is, therefore, highly pleased over the success of his undertaking.

Notwithstanding this, he is considerably disappointed over O'Rourke's refusal to adhere to what he said at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night. Wilson, however, declares that he does not despair, and will, he says, give O'Rourke a whole week's time to cover his money, or be kind enough to acknowledge to the public that he has been beaten in his attempt to bluff Plimmer.

"I knew he would wriggle out of it," observed Wilson to a SUN reporter yesterday, "but I didn't believe he would go so far as to send a crawl out of it the way he has. Why, he has left a large bit of room for excuse from all sides; and I thought he was so shrewd, too! Why, I'm willing Dixon again at the terms at which Plimmer fought him at the Garden a year ago. I will say that the last of Plimmer's fighting weight is 114 pounds, weigh at the ringside. As I said, I will give O'Rourke a whole week to deliberate over his mistake. Perhaps at the conclusion of that time he will yield to our proposition and rectify it."

Fitzsimmons's Offer to Choynski and Creedon.

Bob Fitzsimmons said yesterday to a SUN reporter that he intends to do some hustling in the way of fighting during the next two or three weeks. Fitz is at present training for a "go" with an unknown heavy weight at the athletic carnival of the Pastime A. C. of St. Louis, which takes place on March 10. In talking about his plans he said:

"Of course, you know I am to meet Jim Daly at Buffalo on March 19. If I succeed in beating Daly and my St. Louis opponent, I'll then be in line for a match with Joe Choynski. He can be accommodated with a match to-morrow if he will get down to 158 pounds. I'm sure he can fight strong at that weight. Why doesn't he do it? I am anxious to fight, but I don't believe in going out of my class and meet such a man as Choynski.

"As far as Dan Creedon is concerned, I will fight him at Boston ten rounds, if the clubs hang up a decent purse. And what's more, I'll bet Col. Hopkins, Creedon's backer, that I will be the winner. This is a fair proposition. If Creedon is anxious to fight me let him come to the front and act upon this."

Fitzsimmons expects to leave for St. Louis some time next week.

Abbott After Billy Myer.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Having defeated Harry Gilmore, Stanton Abbott, the English light weight, is now out after higher game. His manager is about to issue a challenge to Billy Myer to meet him in a limited-round go. Abbott's manager left here for the East to-night, but will return in a week or so.

Myer had heard that Abbott was after him. "If we meet," he said, "Abbott will have to concede me weight. I understand that he wants me to meet him at 133 pounds. Since my last fight with McAuliffe I have not done any training, and could not possibly get down that low. If he will concede me a few pounds I will take him on."

Yale's New Athletic Rules.

NEW HAVEN, March 1.—The rules governing the eligibility of students who shall engage in athletics will be voted on at Yale to-morrow. The rules are as follows:

No professional athlete, nor any man who has ever received any pecuniary profit by reason of his connection with athletics, shall take part in any contest of any Yale team.

No man shall be eligible for a Yale team who is not a candidate for a degree, who has not resided at least two years' residence, and attendance upon not less than eight hours of recitations or lectures per week.

No man shall be eligible for a Yale team who, if not a freshman in the academic or scientific departments, has not been in attendance one-half year at the university.

No man who has been dropped from his class shall be eligible for a Yale team until a full calendar year from the time of his being dropped or until he be readmitted to the class from which he was dropped.

No student shall take part in any contest of a Yale team for more than four years. The year or years during which any man shall have represented upon its team, or shall have been entitled to represent, shall be had been a member of the Yale team for this period. In reckoning the four years, the year of probation as provided in rule 3 shall be excluded, and also any year lost to a student by illness.

The Orange A. C. Elect Directors.

ORANGE, March 1.—At the annual meeting of the Orange A. C. to-night the following Board of Directors were elected: William B. Dillon, William M. Franklin, Hamilton Wallis, Appleton M. Palmer, Edward V. B. Lane, Joseph D. Pickslay, Arthur Wellington, Charles Wiley, Thomas N. Gray, Winthrop Burdict, George L. Rogers, L. Bird Dilly, Alfred B. Farnsworth, Wilfred E. Eaton, and Franklin Webster. The financial reports showed a gain of $3,973.44.

Hanlan and Gaudaur Will Row.

Edward Hanlan and Jake Gaudaur have taken up the challenge of the English scullers Harding and Sullivan for a match race on the Thames for a stake of £5,000 a side. In a telegram from Toronto to the *Police Gazette*, Hanlan says: "Please cable *Sporting Life*, London, that if the Harding-Sullivan challenge for £5,000 is bona fide, Gaudaur and myself will row them over the Thames course in July. They must deposit £1,000 forfeit, and we will cover it to bind the match."

Baseball Notes.

John J. McEvoy.—The New York finish the season in the West.

Baldwin and Milligan have been unconditionally released by the New York Club.

The New York Club opened its new office yesterday. It is at 19 Broad street, room 68, room 68. Cranks are requested to take the elevator.

Chris Von der Ahe has offered $8,000 bonus for Hanlon's stock in the Baltimore Club in order that Ned may take charge of the St. Louis team.

The Hastings Baseball Club of High Bridge have all dates open. Their players average 20 years. Address Thomas J. Geer, High Bridge, New York city.

Pat Powers says that if President Young doesn't appoint Ed Swartwood on the League staff he will give the old-time player a berth in the Eastern League umpire corps.

ORANGE, March 1.—Yale and Lansing of the University of Pennsylvania have been secured as short stop and catcher respectively of the Orange Athletic Club baseball nine.

Capt. Anson of the Chicagos is still in the city. He was hunting for President Byrne of Brooklyn yesterday. Rumor has it that Chicago wants to have Danny Richardson for second base.

Uniformed teams with players averaging 20 years, desirous of arranging games for Saturdays and holidays with the Herald A. C., of Jersey City, can address W. H. Latton, 310 Virginia avenue, Jersey City.

The strong semi-professional Arlington A. C. team of Jersey City still have a few open dates which they would like to fill with strong out-of-town clubs. Guarantee is suitable guarantee. Address D. F. Driscoll, secretary, 60 Maiden lane, city.

The new bunt rule will have one good effect, as far as New York is concerned. With men on bases, Roger Connor or any other attempting to sacrifice will be never could do, but will face the ball out on all occasions. This will please the public.

The $500 cup to be played for by the League teams finishing first and second in the coming race was donated, it is said, by ex-President John B. Day of the New York Club. Mr. Day is still a great lover of baseball, and thinks the New York's this year will be up among the leaders.

Mike Tiernan is in superb condition. He says: "Just let me get out in right field once and they'll never think of putting some one in my place. I was sick nearly all of last year, but I have fully better than I did then. We've got a cracking good team, and I'll bet we make some of those high-toned clubs sick."

In a little over one year the New York Club has put out about $20,000 for players, as follows: $7,500 for Meekin and Farrell, $6,000 for Ward, $2,000 for Van Haltren, $2,000 for Gorman and Wilson, $1,000 for Stafford, $1,000 for Clark. Such liberality should be rewarded by local patrons.

The St. Jerome's baseball team will start in on active training about the 1st of April, under the directions of William Austin. Local and out-of-town teams and colleges can secure dates by addressing John F. Mulcahy, William Austin, or Thomas Gorman, care of St. Jerome's Lyceum, 130th street and Alexander avenue.

Vice President Hickalout of the Louisville Club scores the Wagners unmercifully for selling their star players to New York. "Baseball is dead in Washington," says he, "and when that team comes to Louisville I shall see to it that nobody knows the Washington nine are in town. I'll not advertise their games and stand the loss myself."

The Hamilton Field Club have organized for the coming season with the following players: C. O'Connor and H. Finck, pitchers, Ed Brown, catcher, William L. Murphy, first base, Fred Cobb, second base, A. G. Martin, third base, Ed Hall, short stop, Ed Meager, centre field, H. E. Hand, left field, J. Veitch, right field. They desire to arrange games with any team within a radius of fifty miles, offering a suitable guarantee. Address William L. Murphy, 54 William street.

"Progressive baseball is just this," said Ed Hanlon the other day. "Instead of making plays that have become stereotyped, I believe in making pl