CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

ROBISON OF CLEVELAND TALKS OF THE BLACKLIST RULE.

Says Rowdy Ball Players Should Be Expelled—Cincinnati's Strong Pitching Corps—Will Coach Forbes Be Replaced?—Death of Marshall Newell—How Fitz Whipped Hickey.

The proposed rule offered by President Brush of the Cincinnati Baseball Club, that players who use obscene language on the field shall be blacklisted, is creating widespread discussion among League officials and the baseball patrons all over the country. President Hart of the Chicago Club has come out as a strong advocate of the measure, and Frank De Haas Robison, President of the Cleveland Club, follows suit, his ideas being as follows:

"Persons who are fighting the proposed blacklist are not familiar with the facts leading up to its introduction. The rule is not intended to take the bread out of the mouth of a player who, in a moment of passion, lets slip a swear word on the field. We want to stop profanity, and we mean to. There is no place in the League for a player who under any circumstances would hurl a viciously vulgar remark toward a grand stand full of women and men. I have never heard such a remark on the Cleveland grounds, but at our meeting at Philadelphia Mr. Soden of the Boston Club repeated language that had been uttered on his diamond by visiting teams that showed a depth of depravity and viciousness I did not suppose existed. It was to stop the repetition of such outrages against decency that the Brush resolution was offered, and unless there is a surprising change in sentiment the resolution will be adopted at St. Louis. It is severe, I'll admit, but it is not as severe as the offence. I will take oath that in no nook or corner of the world that I have ever visited have I heard any such shameless language as was repeated to us at the Philadelphia meeting as having been made in full hearing of 8,000 or 4,000 persons by men paid $400 a month to play ball. Vicious players of such calibre, therefore, should be forever debarred from appearing on League grounds."

No team has done more to bring the game into disrepute by just such behavior as Robison refers to than his own Clevelands, under the management of Tebeau. Their disgraceful actions have practically killed the game at home, so that last season they received the strictest orders from their owner that they would have to mend their ways. As a result they did very little kicking, and Tebeau surprised the baseball world by paying a high compliment to the much-abused umpire staff. This only goes to show that if club owners will insist upon decent behavior and will uphold the umpires instead of backing up the kickers the existing evils can be stamped out. The teams that have helped to create disturbances on the field are the Baltimores, Pittsburgs, Cincinnatis, Louisvilles, and the New Yorks. If the members of these teams should receive positive orders to play clean ball and were severely punished for disobedience, there would be no demand for the proposed blacklist. J. Earl Wagner, President of the Washington Club, who at first vigorously advocated the measure and also gave some startling evidence at the League meeting, is now fighting against the adoption of the rule. He declares that the public will not stand for a "blacklist" and believes that temporary suspension would be a sufficient penalty for offending players. Wagner is not the only official who holds this opinion.

The Cincinnati Club will have a pitching corps next season fully as strong as that of any other League club. "Pink" Hawley and "Lefty" Breitenstein alone make a most formidable pair. Hawley is not only one of the swiftest pitchers in the country, but possesses a large stock of baseball brains. He has the strength to stand the strain of at least forty games in a season, and with a strong team behind him, such as Cincinnati promises to be next summer, he ought to be among the League's winning pitchers. Breitenstein was the greatest left-hand twirler on the diamond last year so far as winning games was concerned, and there is no reason why he should not repeat his good work the coming season. Frank Dwyer is also expected to help these stars in box work, while the veteran "Red" Ehret and young Damman are still on the club's roll. Ewing is trying to make some deal for Bill Hill, the lanky Louisville left-hander, who is a comer if properly handled. The Cincinnatis, therefore, can be favorably compared in point of pitching strength with the Bostons, Baltimores, and New Yorks, although the last named are conceded to have the greatest pitchers in the country. No team can boast of a "Big Four," like Rusie, Meekin, Doheny, and Seymour, with Mike Sullivan and a couple of youngsters yet to be developed. Doheny's suspension did him some good, and he promises to pitch himself into the front rank next year. In build, style, delivery, and speed, to say nothing of headwork, this young man bids fair to be the king of left-handers. He may not have Seymour's speed and curves, but he has control of the ball, which is the "Cyclone's" weak point.

But even Seymour comes so near being at the top of the heap that players in almost every club in the League predict that he will be a phenomenon in another year. With Grady to handle these left-handers, their work is bound to improve. Rusie and Meekin are the finest right-handers in the League, not excepting the remarkable Nichols of the Bostons. Baltimore's staff of twirlers, including Corbett, McJames, Hoffer, Pond, and Nops, will be more formidable than before, as McJames, under Robinson's tuition, may prove the best of the entire corps. Boston has Nichols, Stivetts, Klobedanz, and Lewis for a "Big Four," and a raft of other promising youngsters carefully selected by Manager Selee, but nobody knows whether the latter club has been strengthened in this department or not. Rumors about Nichols's arm and the attempt to buy the release of Taylor from St. Louis may mean something. It can be seen, therefore, that the cream of the pitching talent is owned by the four leaders in the pennant race of last summer.

While there appears to be little on the surface to indicate a change, it is said that many influential Harvard graduates are anxiously figuring on the appointment of a new football coach at Cambridge. Cameron Forbes, the head man last fall, was selected solely by Capt. Cabot, and while he worked hard for the success of the eleven, the poor showing of Harvard in the big games when the material in hand was of the finest description, caused much dissatisfaction.

Capt. Dibblee, while he has not expressed himself openly, is said to favor a change, and the men who are most prominent in the management of athletics at Cambridge are reported to be seriously considering several ex-players to succeed Forbes. The impression is also gaining ground that instead of having a dozen or more coaches, with almost equal authority, it will be more advisable to follow the methods in vogue at Yale, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania, where the coaching authority is held by one or two men. The individual success of Butterworth at New Haven, with Hinkey as an assistant, has taught Harvard such a lesson that if the right man can be secured the Crimson players will in all probability be similarly handled and trained next year.

The sad death of Marshall Newell, the greatest tackle Harvard ever produced, who was killed by a locomotive at Springfield, Mass., on last Friday, will be mourned throughout the college world. He played on the varsity eleven at Cambridge during 1890, '91, '92, and '93, and was considered one of the ablest coaches in America. He took hold of Cornell's eleven one year, and instructed the Ithacans so well that they surprised the other big elevens by their fast work. Newell later on assisted in handling the Harvard team, although many persons wanted him to be made head coach, with power to do as he pleased with the candidates. It has been the complaint of many Harvard men for years that Newell did not receive the place for which he was so well fitted, and when he was seen on the side lines at Soldiers' Field during the game with Yale last month, men who knew his ability remarked that it was a pity that he had no real authority in the coaching of the Crimson 'varsity.

Whenever anybody calls the attention of Bob Fitzsimmons to a glove fight he once had with Jack Hickey of Ireland, at Newark, the champion laughs. Hickey came over here five or six years ago, and said he was champion middleweight of Erin's Isle. Some sports got hold of him with the idea of making a little money, and got up a match with Fitz, who was looking eagerly for the dollars, too.

"You'll have a couple with this fellow Fitzsimmons," the sports said to Hickey, "and in the four-round bout which we have arranged you will make such a name for yourself that you'll be a card all over the country."

"Yes," says the red-headed spalpeen can't fight, eh?" asked Hickey, and when he was assured that Fitz was a "bluff" he was wild for the battle to begin. Fitz knew that Hickey was a mark, and in order to give the crowd a run for its money he decided not to finish the Irishman in short order, but to let the bout go the limit, if possible. So when Hickey got through the ropes Fitz waited in his dressing room. After a short delay his seconds seemed to drag him to the ring, and when he got through the ropes Bob assumed a look of fright that made Hickey leap out of his chair with the remark:

"He gorra, he's afraid of me fists, and whin I give him me left in the snoot I'll knock his head off! Let me get at that spalpeen face of his."

The bell rang, and Hickey made a wild rush, at the same time shouting at the top of his voice. Fitzsimmons dodged, and with a scared expression on his face he ran around the ring, with the Irishman in full pursuit. This was kept up for two rounds, and the crowd shrieked with laughter.

"If he'd on'y stop long enough so I cud soak him wid me left," roared Hickey as he sank into his chair. "I'd make him wish he was back in Kangaroo land."

The third round started, and as Hickey dashed out of his corner a man, who did not know what was going on, yelled:

"Go it, Jack! Hit the coward on the top of the head! Hit him! Hit him! Nail him!"

"Begorra, I'll murther him, if he'll stand still!" cried Hickey. "Come here, you red-head, and fought like a man!"

Then in a jiffy all was a blank to Hickey. Fitzsimmons stopped running, and as quick as a nash he swung his right with great force on the Irish fighter's neck. It sounded like hitting a bass drum with a beer mallet, and Hickey sank down in a heap. His seconds dragged him to his corner and threw up the sponge. When Hickey opened his eyes he said feebly:

"Who told yez to trow up the spinge? I didn't! Where did the spalpeen go? He's a red divvil sure."

Fitzsimmons sat in his corner and laughed until the tears rolled down his cheeks. Hickey was never heard of again.

Football.

Nearly 1,000 Association football enthusiasts stood on the open field of Cosmopolitan Park, East Newark, for two hours yesterday afternoon and kept themselves warm by shouting for their favorites in the great match game between the Arlington Athletic Association and the Kearny Athletic teams. The teams have played twice before this season, each game resulting in a tie. The kick-off was at 3 o'clock, and for forty-five minutes, during the first half, neither team could score a goal, although the ball was often in jeopardy. Both teams played a fast and scientific game, the defence on each side being especially good. In the second half the Arlington A. A. made its first goal two minutes after play began, Will Moore, the centre forward, making the play during a mass scrimmage in front of the Kearny goal posts. Three minutes later the A. A. A. secured another goal on a similar formation, Bryson, one of the substitute players, heading it through the posts in excellent style. Less than a minute after the second goal Ferguson shot a beauty in a rush down the field that bowled the Kearny backs over in great style, scoring the third goal for the Arlingtons within six minutes after play began. This was fast work, and the rooters of the Kearny Athletic team hunted in chorus for their men to brace up. The response was grand, and the already fast pace of the players became fierce, neither side being able to score thereafter for twenty minutes, when Ward of the Kearnys made a beautiful good kick while running at full speed down the field. This was the only goal the Kearnys could secure, and when the whistle blew for darkness the score was Arlington A. A. 3, Kearny Athletics 1. The line-up was:

Arlington A. A.	Positions.	Kearny Athletics.
Moriarty	Goal	McCaul
Camp-Coburn, Egan	Full backs	Sanson, McClus
Black, Donnell	Half backs	Ward, Sagle
Cowperthwait, Johnson	Right wing	Rutherford, Hamilton
Bryson, Ferguson	Centre	Marshall, Nagle
Moore, Boyle	Left wing	Singleton
Brazby		Brice

Referee—Lennox. Linesmen—Boyle and Montgomery.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 25.—The University of Pennsylvania football team defeated the Atlantic City regulars this afternoon by a score of 6 to 0.

Whippet Racing.

The fanciers of whippet dogs in this vicinity gathered in large numbers yesterday at the Punch Bowl Athletic grounds in Newark to witness the annual Yuletide Handicap. The winner of the final heat was Evening News, who beat Saddle by a few feet, while Riverside was nearly a yard to the rear of the latter. The time of the winner was 13¾ seconds for the 200 yards.

The owners of the three leading dogs received $40, $7, and $3 respectively. Thirty-five dogs competed. This necessitated twelve first trial heats, three second trials, and one final. The first trials were run off in the morning, and the betting was even more lively than in the afternoon.

The winning dog, Evening News, is a black and white brindle weighing 19¾ pounds. It had 16 yards handicap. Saddle, who was second in the race, weighs only 10½ pounds, and had a handicap of 32 yards. Riverside, the third of Pendergast's celebrated trio, is a black bitch, owned by E. White. It weighs 16¾ pounds, and had a handicap of 25½ yards.

Bowling.

The Riverdale team of this city won one of the games in the Casino tournament on Thursday night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Riverdale—E. Ebling, 172; Von Schuckman, 202; Merten, 162; Dorschel, 150; Cramer, 121. Total, 807.
Sunswick No. 2—Smith, 146; Duncan, 151; Pitcher, 152; Scott, 130; Harte, 123. Total, 682.

SECOND GAME.

Columbia—Plump, 178; Lloyd, 120; Hahn, 115; Jonanson, 146; Fischer, 161. Total, 720.
Sunswick No. 2—Smith, 124; Scott, 143; Harte, 188; Duncan, 134; Pitcher, 126. Total, 665.

THIRD GAME.

Columbia—Plump, 187; Lloyd, 170; Hahn, 150; Johansen, 124; Fischer, 157. Total, 795.
Riverdale—E. Ebling, 154; Von Schuckman, 136; Merten, 164; Dorschel, 151; Cramer, 172. Total, 777.

The games postponed from Dec. 22 and those scheduled for the early part of January between the Ocean and Linden teams in the series of the Jersey City Bowling League were rolled on Friday night at Edinger's alleys. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Linden B. C.—Perry, 151; Flynn, 193; Edinger, 234; Bodine, 194; Chesterfield, 169. Total, 941.
Ocean B. C.—Kleppe, 164; Vredenburgh, 156; Hahn, 160; Wall, 191; Roome, 185. Total, 796.

SECOND GAME.

Linden B. C.—Perry, 182; Flynn, 157; Edinger, 168; Bodine, 166; Chesterfield, 166. Total, 839.
Ocean B. C.—Klepp, 142; Vredenburgh, 125; Hahn, 150; Wall, 111; Roome, 101. Total, 625.

THIRD GAME.

Linden B. C.—Perry, 146; Flynn, 197; Edinger, 186; Bodine, 182; Chesterfield, 223. Total, 934.
Ocean B. C.—Kleppe, 151; Vredenburgh, 107; Hahn, 109; Wall, 137; Roome, 145. Total, 649.

FOURTH GAME.

Linden B. C.—Perry, 160; Flynn, 190; Edinger, 193; Bodine, 211; Chesterfield, 204. Total, 958.
Ocean B. C.—Kleppe, 156; Vredenburgh, 129; Hahn, 137; Wall, 117; Roome, 150. Total, 689.

Excellent results mark the efforts of the majority of players competing in the Athletic Bowling League this season. The members who have averages of over 160 to date is much larger than at any previous time in the history of the league. They are as follows:

Name.	Club.	Games.	Average.
Pope	Elizabeth	18	185.4
Cadle	North End	18	184.9
C. F. Meyer	Roseville	18	182
Newkirk	Jersey City	16	181.10
Davis	Elizabeth	18	181.7
Toussaint	New York	15	180.11
Cowperthwait	New York	12	177.9
Johnson	Knickerbocker	18	176.1
Starr	Columbia	15	175.5
Van Ness	Roseville	18	175.7
Wells	Elizabeth	9	174
Leuly	Columbia	15	173.8
Keller	Columbia	15	173.3
Booth	North End	18	171.15
Dimock	Elizabeth	18	170.9
Pierson	Roseville	18	170.8
Carter	New York	18	170.1
C. F. Meyer, Jr.	Jersey City	18	170
Storm	Columbia	15	169.14
Offord	Knickerbocker	18	169.1
Olozaga	North End	18	168.9
Kimball	Columbia	15	168.8
Taylor	North End	15	168.2
Harrison	Mon clair	15	167.14
Brown	Jersey City	18	167.10
Brown	New York	15	167.9
Cordner	Jersey City	18	167.8
Thompson	Montclair	15	167.8
Wood	Roseville	18	166.16
Chamberlain	Elizabeth	9	165.7
Bell	New York	18	165.5
Heitzman	North End	18	162.17
Horofeck	Montclair	15	162
Headley	Knickerbocker	18	161.17
Forest	Roseville	18	161.12
Brower	Knickerbocker	18	161.7
Holmes	Jersey City	15	161.7

Bowling Records.

ASSOCIATED CYCLING CLUBS OF NEW JERSEY.

Clubs.	Won.	Lt.	Ave.	Clubs.	Won.	Lt.	Ave.	High Ave.
Clio Wheelmen	8	2	935	N. Hudson Co. C.	3	5	866	
Tourist Club	5	1	899	Castle Point C.	2	4	926	
Atalanta W'men	4	4	893	Hamilton W'n	1	7	767	
Siantic W'men	3	3	906					

SUBURBAN BOWLING LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Ave.		Won.	Lost.	Ave.
S. Orange F. C.	13	5	916	Montclair C.	7	11	871
Riverside A. C.	14	7	909	Summit B'ling C.	7	14	973
Roseville A. A.	13	8	911	Columbia C.	6	15	880

STATEN ISLAND AMATEUR LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Ave.		Won.	Lost.	Ave.
Peerless	10	2	860	Only Five	6	6	798
Staten Island	9	3	845	Cyclone	3	9	786
Richmond	8	4	805	American	3	9	784
Kingston	7	5	847	Marion	2	10	731

PATERSON BOWLING LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
Albion	18	6	Entre Nous	11	13
Tourist	15	9	Paterson	10	14
Y. M. C. A.	11	13	Cyclone	6	13
Ashley & Bailey	11	13			

Bowling Notes.

The officers of the Heinebund Bowling Club are as follows: Charles Graf, President; Louis Schneider, Vice-President; A. O. Rosenhaupt, Treasurer; W. C. Welland, Secretary, Frank Haas, Captain; Frederick Cook, Lieutenant-Captain.

While the Women's Bowling League of this city will not be reorganized until after the United Bowling clubs have taken action on the coming tournament, the delegates of the various clubs expect to complete arrangements in time to start the series the latter part of next month.

At a meeting of the Emanon Bowling Club the following officers were elected: William H. Brady, President; J. Shyler, Vice-President; T. Newsome, Recording Secretary; G. A. Meyer, Corresponding Secretary; George Fritz, Financial Secretary; William Soper, Treasurer; Robert Wolf, Sergeant-at-Arms; Philip Brady, Librarian; P. Pfeil, J. G. Muth, G. Schmerbach, and F. W. Morril, Trustees.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

SECRETLY INVESTIGATING THE LATE RACE AT THE GARDEN.

Chairman Mott Says That It May Be Several Weeks Before a Report Is Made—Referee Wilson and Promoter Kennedy Fail to Testify—Prospects for Potter's Re-election.

A meeting of the National Racing Board of the L. A. W. was held yesterday at the Grand Union Hotel. It was called for the purpose of investigating charges against the members of the American Cycle Racing Association, composed of P. Powers, J. C. Kennedy, W. A. Brady, and A. G. Batchelder. The organization conducted a six-day race in the Madison Square Garden on a track alleged to be nine laps to the mile. It was much shorter, however, but that fact was not made public until the end of the race. During the contest the managers denied emphatically that the track was short, but the proof of the irregularity led to the charge that the association had deceived the public and violated the L. A. W. racing rules. The further fact that an L. A. W. handicapper and a member of the State Racing Board was identified with the management of the race made it imperative that the officers of the L. A. W. should make a searching inquiry. Chairman Albert Mott, Baltimore; A. D. Waite, Cohoes, and H. W. Foltz, Indiana, represented the National Racing Board at the meeting yesterday. There were also present I. B. Potter, Conway W. Sams, W. S. Bull, and H. W. Knight. The business was conducted secretly, and contrary to the protests of the members of the League. Messrs. Powers, Brady, Batchelder, Will R. Pitman, T. Wilson Post, J. C. Young, L. C. Boordman, and A. C. Ashinger, the track builder, testified. Conway W. Sams, who is the Chairman of the Rights and Privileges Committee of the League, cross-examined the witnesses. The testimony was taken down by a stenographer, and when placed in shape will be submitted to all the members of the National Racing Board for a mail vote. No official result of the investigation was made public, but it was admitted that the evidence was both favorable and damaging. Chairman Mott stated that it may take several weeks before a report will be rendered. J. C. Kennedy, one of the members of the racing association, did not appear at the meeting, but was sent for. Another absentee was Walter Wilson of Buffalo, a member of the State Division Racing Board, who acted as referee during the six-day race.

The failure of these men to appear was regarded as significant. The members of the L. A. W. claim that the conduct of the recent race reflects unfavorably upon the League and its management of the sport. Prominent members feel that while the evidence submitted against the racing association at the meeting yesterday will warrant the imposition of a severe penalty, the outcome of the affair will result in a vote of mild censure upon the promoters. It is the opinion that the latter expect to escape liability for the shortness of the course on the ground that C. A. Ashinger, the track builder, gave every assurance to them that it was correct. On the other hand, it is rumored that Ashinger, in his testimony, disclaimed all responsibility. Amateur and professional racing men declare that the L. A. W. Racing Board is taking only an indifferent interest in the investigation, and assert that the position of Chairman Mott, acting as referee on the charges against the accused association, is evidence that the L. A. W. recognizes races conducted by the so-called short-track combination.

The officers of the New York State division of the L. A. W. who are conducting the campaign of I. B. Potter of this city for re-election as President declared yesterday that the opposition created by Sterling Elliott of Boston has fallen through. Gideon declares that he is not a candidate for the office. A conference was held at Philadelphia on last Thursday, at which Chief Consul S. A. Boyle, Vice-Consul T. J. Keenan, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer Phil Collins and G. D. Gideon were present. The political situation was discussed. It was agreed that Gideon should announce that he is not a candidate, and that the division should work along for Keenan for First Vice-President. This action has been communicated to the officials of the division, with the assurance that Keenan is working only for the Potter ticket. The result of the conference declares the position of Pennsylvania to remove the only serious obstacle in the field to Potter's re-election.

Howard E. Raymond, the ex-Chairman of the Racing Board of the L. A. W., arrived in town yesterday from Chicago. Speaking unofficially he assumes that the Illinois division will vote for Potter at the annual meeting. The new officers of the Western division, Raymond declares, are instituting a vigorous policy to recruit the membership, and he expects in a year's time that Illinois will rank close to the New York and Pennsylvania divisions. In discussing the recent six-day race in this city Potter is of the opinion that the Racing Board, for the benefit of cycling and its claim for undisputed jurisdiction over racing, should conduct a searching and impartial investigation into the allegations that the race promoters conducted the contest cognizant of the shortness of the track. In the event of the board securing conclusive evidence of such a fact he declares that the association and its officers should receive a severe penalty. When questioned by THE SUN reporter relative to the right of a member of the National or State racing boards to be interested in handicapping, being identified with cycle racing enterprises for remuneration, he pronounced himself as strongly opposed to such a condition of affairs.

It is the intention of the Welsh-Americans of this city to honor Jimmy Michael with a banquet. In this city some time this week. The promoters of the affair are the members of the Cambrian Wheelmen and St. David's Society, the Welsh contingent of the Ninth Regiment, and the Royal Arcanum. Among the invited guests are ex-Judge Noah Davis, Ellis H. Roberts, William Jones, the Rev. W. C. Roberts, the Rev. Parker Morgan, and David L. Jones.

Trap Shooting.

The East Side Gun Club, composed of well-known wing shots in Newark and its suburbs, had a lively afternoon at the traps yesterday, on their grounds on the outskirts of the town. Sam Castle, the veteran shot, he being in his 70th year, shared with the leaders in each event.

The programme consisted of four sweepstakes, each at seven live birds, $5 entry, ties divided. The shooting was done at thirty yards rise, with a fifty-yards boundary. The scores:

First Event—Castle, 7; Hossinger, 6; Leuthausser, 7; Felgenspan, 6; Waldeck, 6; Strader, 6; Koegel, 7; Seitze, 5.

Second Event—Castle, 7; Hossinger, 7; Leuthausser, 6; Felgenspan, 5; Waldeck, 6; Strader, 6; Koegel, 6; Seitze, 5.

Third Event—Castle, 5; Hossinger, 6; Felgenspan, 3; Waldeck, 7; A. Strader, 6; R. Strader, 5; Henry, 7; Russell, 3.

Fourth Event—Castle, 7; Hossinger, 7; Leuthausser, 7; Felgenspan, 3; Waldeck, 6; A. Strader, 5; Koegel, 6; Seitze, 3; Fisher, 3; R. Strader, 6; French, 6; Perry, 6; Henry, 6; Reiter, 7; Boos, 1.

The Greenville Gun Club, composed of business men in Jersey City, held an all-day shoot at targets yesterday on their grounds overlooking New York Bay from the Greenville shore. The interest was centred in the two events, one at twenty and the other at fifteen targets per man under the five-trap rapid firing system. The scores:

First Event—Twenty targets—Clynes, 13; Vreeland, 14; Reyneau, 17; Dodds, 17; Robidoux, 18; Hartmann, 18; Steurer, 14; Collins, 14; Casse, 9; Dorrier, 2; Purkess, 3.

Second Event—Fifteen targets—Clynes, 12; Vreeland, 11; Reyneau, 8; Dodds, 8; Robidoux, 7; Hartmann, 7; Steurer, 11; Collins, 11; Casse, 6; Dorrier, 3; Purkess, 2.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—One of the largest crowds that ever attended the race track in this city saw six races run over a track deep with mud to-day. There was nothing sensational about the day's sport except, perhaps, the defeat of Albert S., an odds-on favorite, by A. B. C. Three favorites and three outsiders divided the purses. Summaries:

First Race—Selling, seven and one-half furlongs.—Lexington Pirate, 105 (Nutt), 6 to 5, won; Carlotta C., 100 (Hoar), 5 to 1, second; Swordsman, 105 (Shepherd), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:16¼.

Second Race—Six furlongs.—Tabouret, 102 (Barrett), 20 to 1, won; Belle of Memphis, 103 (Combs), 8 to 1, second; Gilray, 109 (Guiteres), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:21.

Third Race—Selling; one mile and an eighth.—A. B. C., 104 (Barrett), 6 to 1, won; Wells Street, 102 (Frost), 15 to 1, second; Albert S., 108 (Scherrer), 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:55.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs.—Gath, 115 (Wilhite), 7 to 10, won; French Grey, 94 (Burns), 4 to 1, second; Lady Irene, 94 (Thompson), 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:20½.

Fifth Race—One mile.—Pervor, 106 (Gilmore), even, won; Dave S., 103 (C. Clay), 2 to 1, second; Full Hand, 103 (Peterman), 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:44¾.

Sixth Race—Selling; seven and a half furlongs.—Elkin, 100 (Southard), 5 to 1, won; Pitfall, 101 (W. Dean), 15 to 1, second; Dr. Work, 96 (Songer), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:46¼.

Results at Iron Hill.

IRON HILL, Dec. 25.—The races here to-day resulted as follows:

First Race—Five furlongs.—Marie Lovell, 9 to 5 and 3 to 5, won; W. C. Harding, 2 to 1 for place, second; Frank R. Harf, third. Time, 1:05¾.

Second Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Taunton, 2 to 1 and 3 to 5, won; Rollie, 5 to 1 for place, second; Juliana, third. Time, 0:57¾. Merritt, 8 to 5 and 1 to 2, finished second but was disqualified for fouling.

Third Race—One mile.—Pleasant Smiles, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, won; Vert, 7 to 1 for place, second; Cashier II, third. Time, 1:49.

Fourth Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Meadows won, Harry Bennett second, Oracle third. Time, 0:57¾.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs.—Belle of Killarney won; Clarence second, Arlan third. Time, 1:19.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Lively Sport Over Hill and Dale Among the Local Athletes.

Yesterday was a red-letter day among the hardy amateur athletes who believe in active open-air work at all seasons and in all temperatures. Although the boys were prepared to brave the elements rather than lose their favorite appetizer, the weather god smiled on their outings and the conditions were almost ideal for a canter over hill and dale.

The principal turnout was under the popular cherry diamond banner and there was a big muster at Columbia Oval around noon. Twenty-three enthusiasts left the Grand Central Depot for Williamsbridge on the 11:15 o'clock train and were soon in trim to start off in two packs over a trail laid by Gabe Hollander and C. H. Herche. The latter pair, laden with their sacks of chopped paper, created a sensation among the rural urchins, who hailed them as late representatives of Santa Claus at first and then pelted them with any handy missile when nothing in the form of a toy materialized.

The hares started off over the railroad tracks and then crossed a somewhat rickety suspension bridge spanning the Bronx River to Fordham. There they swung across the Bronx again, this time over the ice. From thence they ran to Bedford Park and through the woods to the reservoir. They circled round the big water tank to Jerome avenue and again took to the woods, emerging at the oval after making a circuit of between four and five miles.

To their consternation they found that they had been preceded home by Walter Grady, K. A. C.; S. Stern, P. A. C.; J. J. Molloy, X. A. A., and William Kindgen, K. A. C., in the order written. Shortly after there was a "view halloo" from the woods, and the main body of the pack came straining along at a lively pace. R. E. Larendon, K. A. C., showed the way, hotly pressed by J. Hess and W. C. Hensel of the same club, with J. Leebach of the Seaview Harriers racing at the heels of the trio.

The rest finished "all of a heap" in every sense of the word, and a comparison of notes disclosed the fact that the first lot to finish had cut home straight from the reservoir in mistake. The places were accordingly awarded to Larendon and his followers, who had gone the complete route. The hares were out 27 minutes 18 seconds, and Larendon got home in 28 minutes 40 seconds.

While all this was going on a later train brought along a party of twenty-five representing the Seaview Harriers and the New West Side A. C. They started out for a belated gallop on their own account, and the entire party was then regaled with turkey and coffee.

Gossip of the Ring.

Bottle Holder, New York.—No; they never met.

B. L. B., Newark.—He was never champion of the world.

Jack McKeck is looking for a match with any 112-pounder.

Andy Rambo of Philadelphia wants a mat h with any good bantam.

Dave Wall and Jimmy Clare will box six rounds on Jan. 5 in this city.

Patsy Donovan of Philadelphia and Kid Brophy will box ten rounds to-morrow night.

Owen Ziegler and Matty Matthews will box six rounds to-morrow night at Philadelphia.

Tommy Butler of Brooklyn and Black Griffo have been matched to box twenty rounds to-morrow night.

Bob Fitzsimmons says that his injured foot is not so bad as to handicap him from entering into another fight.

The date of the contest between Tommy West and "Mysterious" Billy Smith has been set for Jan. 10 at Buffalo.

George Green, known professionally as "Young Corbett," is to box Billy Gallagher, who knocked out Danny Needham at San Francisco in February.

Danny McMahon of Detroit, who created such a good impression in this city two years ago as a featherweight, has challenged any 118 or 122 pound man to fight him.

Joe Hopkins, the colored featherweight, and Joe Youngs are in great shape for their twenty-round bout at Buffalo to-morrow night. The winner will challenge Frank Erne.

F. G. C., New York.—1. Kid McPartland was born in this city in 1875. He stands 5 feet 9 inches. 2. His parents are Irish. 3. He was born in Rush county, Ind., on Oct. 13, 1873. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall.

Jack Lynan is much disappointed because his protégé, Kid Agnew of Boston, was unable to meet Billy Smith in Boston last week. Lynan thinks quite highly of Agnew and is ready to match him against any 118-pounder for a side bet.

Billy Rotchford has arrived from Chicago, and is doing his work for his meeting with Sammy Kelly at College Point. Kelly is training at Parkville, L. I. Kelly and Rotchford will box twenty rounds in this city on Jan. 5.

Capt. Anson of the Chicago Baseball Club says that he saw the recent bout between Tommy White and Ben Jordan. Anson is of the opinion that had the bout lasted the limit White would certainly have received the decision.

Betting in San Francisco on the coming struggle between Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries is slightly in favor of the ex-sailor. Jeffries has wagered over $500 of his own money that he will whip Sharkey before the limit is reached.

It was said yesterday that the battle between Yank Kenny and Bob Armstrong, which was to have been decided at Long Island City on Dec. 30, had been declared off. "Parson" Davies is now trying to induce Joe Goddard to meet Armstrong at Chicago in a six-round "go."

A local club has offered a purse for a return match between George Byers and Charley Goff. If Beyers doesn't accept Abe Ullman of Baltimore will get the chance of meeting Goff. Goff is under Billy Madden's management, and is a well-built and clever boxer.

Billy Madden and his German champion, Gus Rublin, have arrived at St. Louis. Madden expects a lot from his protégé, and to this end has arranged a bout between Rublin and Steve O'Donnell, the Australian. Madden wants to test Rublin's prowess, and is convinced that O'Donnell is the man to do it.

Bob Douglass of St. Louis is looked upon by Western sporting men as a comer in the lightweight class. Douglass has only been in the ring a short time, and has already defeated several good men. Douglass is coming East in a few weeks to challenge any lad of his weight. Douglass is said to be clever and a stiff puncher.

Kid McPartland's friends are trying to dissuade him from giving away weight and consenting to a match with Tommy Ryan. McPartland, however, says he knows what he is doing and is ready to sign articles as soon as Ryan gets ready to fight. As soon as the pair are matched a good-sized purse will be forthcoming.

"Cracky" Boyle of Philadelphia, who was lauded as being a dangerous rival to George Dixon, did not come up to expectations on Friday night at the Nonpareil A. C., Philadelphia. Boyle faced Frank Bradley in a six-round "go" and showed anything but championship form. There was no decision, although many thought that Bradley had considerably the best of it.

According to English judges of boxing, the best bantam in England at present, outside of Pedlar Palmer, is Jabez White, who knocked out George Corfield at Birmingham lately. White is a stocky built youngster. He knows how to hit hard, and besides is well up in all the points of the manly art. White comes from London, and many of the battles which he has won were short and decisive.

Peter Jackson evidently appreciates the fact that he has quite a task on hand in his coming fight with Peter Maher, which is booked to be held in San Francisco some time in February, and has already begun to do some training in a light way. Teddy Alexander and Sam Fitzpatrick, who will try and get Jackson into condition, will go to Frisco next month. Jackson stripped the other day and weighed 207½ pounds. He expects to meet Maher at 193 pounds.

Up to date Solly Smith has not shown any desire to accept the $2,500 purse which the Olympia A. C. of Birmingham, England, has offered for a match between himself and Pedlar Palmer. Palmer, of course, is looking for as much money as he can get, but says that if it is agreeable to Smith he will accept. Palmer expects to enter the ring again in February. He declares he may let Billy Plimmer have another chance if the latter defeats Patsy Haley, with whom he is now matched.

It was learned on good authority yesterday by THE SUN reporter that Kid McCoy will recede from his determination not to fight Bob Fitzsimmons. McCoy, who has already been stated, will not go on the stage, but means to fight. McCoy, who is due to arrive here late to-night from Buffalo, may post a forfeit and challenge the champion to meet him at the middleweight limit for the championship. Friends have been advising McCoy not to pursue this course, but the Kid says he will take a chance. He thinks he can hold his own, for he has youth, reach, and strength in his favor.

Basketball Notes.

The Young Men's League of the Ainslie Street Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn has formed a basketball team and is booking games.

The National Athletic Club has two teams, a first and second, in training and has completed an interesting schedule of match games at home and abroad.

TRENTON, Dec. 25.—The Trenton basketball team defeated the Camden team to-night by a score of 7 to 3. It was one of the hardest games ever played here.

Capt. Sam Walters of the Williamsburg A. A. basketball team, is open for challenges from local clubs. Address Samuel A. Walters, 181 Withers street, Brooklyn.

The Brownies basketball team of the New Rochelle A. C. would like to arrange games with teams averaging 115 pounds. Address Walter Hoffan, 195 Ninth street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

The already famous "Midget" team of Adelphi Academy, which was recently formed by Dr. Harry S. Pettitt, physical director of the academy, has secured several matches, one of which is with the "Brownie" team of the Yonkers Y. M. C. A.

FALL OF A GREAT MOOSE.

A SNOWSHOE HUNT IN THE GREAT FOREST OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Trip of a Party of Boston Men Into a Remote Region Where Moose Abound—A Novel Trick Practiced After a Chase Over the Snow—The Shot Dr. Bishop Went Far to Get.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Deep in the great forest of New Brunswick in the region of the Miramichi and the Dungarvon, rivers noted the world over for their salmon, there lie seventy-five or one hundred square miles of timber that until two years ago had never been surveyed. It is beyond the operations of lumbermen, and so far from civilization that until last year there was no record of its having ever been penetrated by a sportsman. Men like Henry Braithwaite, the hunter, trapper, and guide of Fredericton, and Jim Paul, the Indian chief of St. Mary's, across the St. John from Braithwaite's home, had pierced the wilderness in all directions, following the lines of their traps up through Northumberland county to the far-away Restigouche, but sportsmen never. The trip is long and hard, and only the provisions and kit that can be carried