CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

EBBETS OUTLINES THE NEW POLICY OF THE BROOKLYN CLUB.

He Has Money to Strengthen the Team, but Not a Cent with Which to Build New Grounds—Sam Boyle Resigns the Captaincy of the University of Pennsylvania Crew.

Charles H. Ebbets, who is practically in control of the affairs of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, was busy qualifying as Councilman at the City Hall yesterday, but found time to discuss the prospects of the team over which he will probably have authority for the next ten years or more. Ebbets, as THE SUN has already told, has purchased the stock of the minority holders in the club, and has received an option on the majority of the shares owned by F. A. Abell until Feb. 1. Whether Ebbets will eventually buy this stock is a question that cannot be answered just now. It all depends upon Ebbets's ability to raise the necessary cash. It took quite a lump sum to get the Players' League element out, and as Ebbets said last night, he had invested every dollar he has in the world in this important deal. It has not been definitely decided when the annual stockholders' meeting will be called. It should have taken place some time ago, but President Byrne's illness was an obstacle. If it is held during the next month and Byrne is still alive there will be no election of officers, as Ebbets can attend to the affairs of the club without being formally chosen as its executive head. The situation was pretty clearly outlined yesterday by Ebbets when he said:

"We are anxious to have Mr. Byrne get well. If he recovers sufficiently to be moved, he will be sent away on a trip for his health. He will receive his salary regularly, and ill also retain his office. As he is now and will be unable to attend to the affairs of the club, I am prepared to do all of the work in his absence, and it is purely from a business standpoint that I have negotiated for the control of the stock. There is nobody backing me in this enterprise except Ebbets. I have put every dollar I own into the club, and I propose to run it in a way to popularize the sport in Brooklyn. Mr. Barnie will continue as manager of the team, and we will work in harmony together. I shall make a number of deals to strengthen the team and have money in the treasury to accomplish this end, but I wish to say that I haven't any money to build new grounds. If the various trolley roads in Brooklyn would like to have us play on grounds located on their lines, they can have us, providing they are willing to do the proper thing. With a winning team, the public will turn out to see us, and that will be of an advantage to any road that runs by our main entrance. If, however, we cannot find any assistance in this line, we will stay right where we are. I'll admit that Eastern Park isn't the best location in the world, but if the Brooklyns can play winning ball, the games will draw crowds out there, so that there will be profits.

"As far as the policy of the club in League matters is concerned we will antagonize nobody. We want to be on the friendliest terms with the New York Club, and anybody identified with our concern who says a word against that club or its officials will be sharply called to task. Of course, we wish to keep up the rivalry that has always existed between the New Yorks and Brooklyns on the diamond, but I believe that the two representative clubs of Greater New York should stand together for mutual protection and for the good of the game. The players who compose the Brooklyn team will be compelled to live up to every letter of their contracts. They will be forced to 'deliver the goods' for which they are liberally paid. If any of them break the rules and kick over the traces they will be severely disciplined. They will all be treated with consideration and fairness as long as they work in the interests of the club and the patrons of the game, but if they try any monkey business, such as has gone on in past seasons, they will be rounded up with a sharp turn. In short, the Brooklyn Club will be shaken up in a healthy manner, and the patrons who have generously supported us in the past, in spite of poor ball playing, will receive something for their money."

Ebbets will be at Albany to-day, where he has some private business to attend to, but on Thursday he will have a long talk with Manager Barnie about the team. He was notified yesterday of a chance to secure one of the best players in the National League for a reasonable sum, and said he would consider the matter. A certain well-known Brooklynite will make an offer in a few days to build a new ground on which the team can play Sunday ball. It is quite probable that Ebbets will consider the proposition favorably.

The Pittsburgs will do their preliminary training at Little Rock, Ark. They will leave for that place on March 6 in charge of Manager Watkins. From present indications the team will be made up of Harry Davis, first base; Padden, second base; Gray, third base; Ely, shortstop; McCarthy, left field; O'Hagan, centre field; Donovan, right field. Watkins also has two extra first basemen in Rothfuss and Ganzel, two second basemen in Egan and Stewart, and another third baseman in Hoffmeister. He also has a surfeit of battery players, including Catchers Schriver, Murphy, Merritt, and Boyle, and Pitchers Hawes, Shaw, Killen, Gardner, Tannehill, Hart, Hastings, and Leever. "Steve" Brodie, the ex-Baltimorean, is also on the club's roll. Watkins says he has talent enough to make a winner and believes that he will be successful. What he can do with his extra men will be awaited with interest by many League managers, some of whom claim that they will be landed at Indianapolis. That city is charged with being the "farm" of the Pittsburgs as well as of the Cincinnatis.

President Young says it is almost impossible to make up the new four-trip schedule of 154 games without giving the worst of it to some clubs. He will prepare a skeleton of dates for the consideration of the magnates at their meeting next month, and if they do not approve of it, the old two-trip schedule will probably be adopted. The League clubs have made many experiments in schedule making, with the idea of increasing their receipts, and the proposed four-trip arrangement was thought of by several club owners, who, while located themselves in small cities, want to play as many games as possible in the baseball Klondikes of New York, Boston, and other large ball towns. Young's statement of his inability to make out a satisfactory schedule may eventually prove a source of delight to the big clubs, who are not exactly in favor of the new plan.

At Princeton they are already talking about the probable make-up of the 'varsity nine. There are a number of important places to fill, and the talent on hand is said to be quite promising. Bradley, centre field; Altman, right field; Smith and Sankey, second base, and the star pitchers, Jayne and Wilson, graduated last June, and Capt. Butler is doing some hard figuring to replace them. Kafer, who is considered to be the best catcher in any of the universities, will again play behind the bat. "Bug" Kelly will once more cover first base, and Butler will resume work at short field. Easton will be the left fielder, but in all other places new men will be tried. Hillebrand, the football player, will be a candidate for third base, although Barrett is still in the university. The former may turn out to be a strong man for the box, as he has already done some good twirling. In pitching, by the way, the Tigers may be weak. Gueran, a substitute last year, is regarded as a good one, but he lacks experience. Priest, who comes from Smith Academy, St. Louis, with quite a reputation, is another candidate, but outside of these men the talent is scarce. Robinson is anxious to fill Bradley's place in centre field, while Watkins and Angle are trying for third base and short stop respectively. Mattis, who captained the Lawrenceville team last year, is on hand for the outfield. Duncan is thought to be the final selection for second base, as Capt. Butler praises him highly. Brady, a good outfielder, will also be tried in the box. On the whole, the team cannot be expected to equal last year's champion aggregation.

Capt. Sam Boyle of the University of Pennsylvania crew, has decided to resign. This move is necessary because he cannot row in the shell and at the same time properly attend to his law studies. A story was in circulation some time ago that there was quite a difference of opinion between Boyle and Coach Ellis Ward as to the proper methods for training the eight, but this has been vigorously denied. Boyle played end rush on the 'varsity eleven last fall, and has been prominently identified with athletics and the affairs of the L. A. W.

His place as captain of the crew will be filled by Howell, who has rowed in the 'varsity for the past two years, as stroke in 1896 and as 3 in 1897. He is considered one of the best oars the university has ever had. A rowing tank, in which the crew can take winter practice, will probably be built under one of the big grand stands on Franklin Field. Old Penn is still hoping for the usual race with Cornell, or a big open regatta at Poughkeepsie, in which all of the big colleges could take part. The Quakers would also jump at a chance, they say, to meet Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and Columbia on Lake Cayuga, a plan that has already been suggested by the Ithacans.

Fitzsimmons and Corbett are still burning up the wires with hot despatches, and the public is growing more tired every day. "Fake," "False Alarm," "Accident," "Coward," and "Bluffer" are the principal words used by Corbett in his long-distance tirades against the champion. "Old Woman," "Baby," "Squealer," "Quitter," and "Lobster" are some of the epithets hurled forth by Fitz. Meanwhile both are busily engaged in counting box office receipts and laughing in their sleeves. O'Rourke's charge that the fighters understand each other is carrying much weight in the sporting world.

Sam Fitzpatrick, who has just returned from New Orleans, saw Dan Creedon there, and the latter had some significant remarks to make about McCoy. This is what he told Sam:

"McCoy has no chance with Fitzsimmons, and there's nobody knows it any better than I. McCoy kept punching me for fifteen rounds and couldn't knock me out, although I didn't know what was going on after the third round. He couldn't hit me hard enough to cut the light short, which was in great contrast to what Fitz did with me. All I remember about that was when I got into the ring for the second round. Fitz looked at me, and then it seemed as if he threw the ring at me. I don't know what he did, but I was as dead as a door nail in less time than I can tell it. If McCoy tackles Fitz he'll go out nearly as quick as I did."

GOLF.

Annual Open Tournament of the Washington Club—On the Nutley Links.

In spite of the weather that alternated from cold and wet to hot and mixed the annual open tournament of the Washington Golf Club was fought out last week in spirited style. As it turned out, there were few entries from outside clubs, as has been the case for the past two years. It is the opinion of J. F. Leech, the Captain and Chairman of the Greens Committee, that it will be wisest hereafter to hold the annual tournament during the first week in December.

In the qualifying round, at eighteen holes, handicap medal play, the club cup for the best scratch score was won by J. W. Lockett with 90. The first eight were eligible to continue on at handicap match play for a cup presented by W. H. Boardman, but, as the following list of those who passed the line shows, Lockett was forced to be content with the scratch cup. The qualified scores:

	Gross.	H'cap.	Net.
James McMillan	97	10	81
Rev. P. M. Prescott	97	15	82
F. F. Whiting	97	14	83
E. F. Riggs	104	18	86
D. H. Biddle	92	5	87
E. A. Mitchell	95	8	87
George Dunn	96	8	88
O. McCamman	98	9	89

All except David H. Biddle of those who qualified represented the home club. Biddle hails from the Philadelphia Country Club. The qualifying round was on Monday. On Thursday the Boardman Cup was won by Mitchell from Biddle in an additional match of eighteen holes, made necessary by a tie in the finals on the previous afternoon, by 3 up and 2 to play. Biddle owed three strokes. The Consolation Cup had twelve entries, and was won by Lockett, who conceded five strokes to N. J. Boardman by 3 up and 1 to play. For the closing event of the meeting, the Washington handicap on Friday, there were thirty entries. The gold medal was won by the Rev. P. M. Prescott, with 95, 15, 80.

There were six starters in the match play handicap against bogie at the Nutley Golf Club on New Year's Day. S. H. Dorr won the prize, a cup presented by W. J. Berg. The scores:

S. H. Dorr, handicap of 8, was beaten 1 down; Alpheus Geer, handicap of 8, was beaten 2 down; H. W. Goddard, handicap of 14, was beaten 5 down; F. R. Goddard, handicap of 15, was beaten 8 down; Arthur Hoeber, handicap of 20, was beaten 10 down; F. V. Johnson, handicap of 18, was beaten 12 down.

Cards returned during the past week for the Morgan Cup were: Alpheus Geer, 94, 10, 84, and S. H. Dorr, 97, 10, 87. In the extra round to qualify for the Championship Cup, due to a tie in the regular series, Geer beat T. W. Satterthwaite by 3 up and 1 to play. The December Cup was won by Dr. F. R. Goddard, with the card of 105, 28, 77. Play for the January Cup is now in progress. Members may compete for this prize as often as they may desire, the best scores winning the trophy on Feb. 1.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 3.—The annual meeting of the Wee Burn Golf Club of Noroton will be held at the Suburban Clubhouse in this city on Wednesday. Business of more than ordinary importance will be transacted, among which will be the consideration of the following amendments to the constitution:

Membership not to exceed 100 resident and 25 non-resident members, unless otherwise resolved at a future meeting of the club. Women as well as men shall be eligible, but no person of either sex if under 16 years. Non-resident members, persons who do not reside in either Stamford or Darien, shall be entitled to all the privileges of resident members, except the right to vote or hold office, and the entrance fee shall be $25, and yearly dues $25, payable Feb. 1. Non-resident members shall be admitted upon the payment of annual dues only.

The nominating committee, to consist of three members and to be appointed by the governing committee at least one month before the annual meeting, shall nom nate officers and members of the governing committee for the ensuing year, and shall post such nomination on the bulletin board of the club at least ten days before the annual meeting. This provision shall not exclude the nomination of any other candidate, but no member shall be eligible for election to any office unless his name shall have been posted as a candidate, together with that of the person nominating him on the bulletin board of the club for at least five days before the election.

NEW TROTTING TRACK.

Prominent Horsemen Trying to Lease John H. Shults's Parkville Farm.

If the plans of certain well-known New York and Brooklyn horsemen are carried out the one-mile track at John H. Shults's Parkville Farm, on the Brooklyn boulevard, will be opened next summer as a high-class track for harness racing. Men and money are ready to lease the property and equip it in a style not surpassed by any trotting track in the country. Col. Lawrence Kip, President of the Coney Island Jockey Club; Hon. F. P. Olcott, W. M. Fliess and other prominent men are interested in the enterprise. THE SUN is enabled to announce that the only thing which stands in the way of the project is the unwillingness of Shults to tie up the property for a term of years long enough to satisfy the horsemen. Should this difficulty be overcome work will be begun early in the spring to remodel the existing mile track at Parkville Farm and erect a grand stand and other fixtures.

So far as racegoers are concerned, the Parkville track is more easily accessible than any other course hereabouts. Nearly every line of steam cars leading from the bridge and the ferries passes close to the farm, besides the lines of electric cars. The Long Island location has been objected to as out of the way for the shipment of horses coming from a distance, but with another one-mile track on this side of the bridge, where a meeting would probably be held just before or after the one at Brooklyn, this objection would not hold good. James Butler and others, who are interested in the proposed new course near the Harlem River, say that with a couple of one-mile tracks in Greater New York each would help the other in attracting the best horses in the country, owing to the fact that owners might thus race their horses two weeks without incurring the expense of a shipment by rail.

News of the Harness Horses.

The fast four-year-old pacer Sidworth, 2:16¼, died a few days ago, the property of Henry & Son of Sixtieth street. He was a bay colt by Sidney, out of My Own, by Red Wilkes, and was bred by Count George Valensin of California. At one of the New England meetings last year Sidworth, it is said, was timed separately in 2:10½.

W. H. McCarthy has just returned from Waterloo, Ia., with the promising trotter Mamie T., that he purchased there for William Kelly, the owner of Dan Cupid, 2:09¾. Mamie T. has a record of 2:21¼, made in 1897 on a half-mile track. She is a five-year-old bay mare by Victory, 2:29½, a son of Alden Goldsmith, and her dam is by Alburn, son of Almont. McCarthy will campaign her next season.

S. E. Bailey of Philadelphia is going to close out his stable of campaigners at public sale next month. Among the horses to be sold is the crack pacer Planet, 2:04¾, purchased for $5,000 from George Starr during the last campaign. Planet is credited with the fastest six-heat race on record. At the Columbus Grand Circuit meeting last August he won the fourth, fifth, and sixth heats in 2:05¼, 2:07¼, 2:06¼, after Aileen had taken the first in 2:07¼ and Frank Bogash the second and third in 2:05¾ and 2:04¼.

Arthur Koenig, who recently purchased the noted trotting sire Stranger, son of Goldsmith Maid, 2:14, for shipment to Austria, bought yesterday from William R. Allen, Pittsfield, Mass., the eight-year-old bay trotting mare Edgemarch Maid, by Edgemarch, 2:16, out of Graceful, by Glencoe Wilkes. She is in foal to Launceloi, 2:23, the sire of Lyric, 2:14¼. Koenig will send her abroad with Stranger on the steamship Patria Jan. 15. Both trotters will go into the stud of A. Winkler, Linz, Austria. Koenig is negotiating for the noted broodmare Inez, by Jay Gould, 2:21¼. She is the dam of Col. Kuzer, 2:11¼, the champion trotter of Europe, by Stranger.

J. R. R., New York.—The fastest three-heat race on record was paced at Mystic Park, Boston, Sept. 18, 1896, and won by Star Pointer in 2:02½, 2:03½, 2:03¾. The Indianapolis race cited by the *Spirit of the Times* does not count, because all three heats were not paced the same day. In that race Star Pointer won the first two heats in 2:04¾ and 2:03 on Sept. 17. The race was postponed until the following day, and Star Pointer went the third mile in 2:01, after the horses had rested nearly twenty-four hours between heats. Alix's mile in 2:09¼ in the final heat of the Columbian free-for-all race is sometimes cited as the fastest ninth heat on record. As a matter of fact that race continued three days, and the final heat was the only one trotted on the last day.

BRIGHTON'S ATTRACTIVE STAKES.

The Old Track by the Sea to Be the Scene of Some Big Racing.

The Brighton Beach Racing Association proposes to make a big bid for the patronage of horsemen during the coming season. Secretary Charles V. Sass issued the prospectus of stakes yesterday, and in doing so called attention to the fact that the value of the Brighton Cup has been raised from $5,000 to $7,500 without any increase of entrance or starting fees. The Brighton Cup is the only guaranteed stake, all the other events being endowed with added money. The neat sum of $2,000 is added to the Brighton Handicap, $1,200 is added to the Nautilus, and in almost every other case the minimum of added money is $1,000.

The stakes close with Secretary Sass at 215 Montague street, Brooklyn, on Feb. 1, and he anticipates a liberal response, as the sentiments of racing horsemen have been considered in every case, and the association has determined to stick to its enterprising policy of making racing at the Beach as high class as can be found on the circuit. The race for the Brighton Cup is the star feature of a very attractive card. So much enthusiasm was aroused by the running of this event last year, when The Friar finished in front of Sunny Slope and Ben Brush, that the stake has been increased and the conditions now read as follows:

The Brighton Cup, of $7,500, for three-year-olds and upward, of $100 each or $25 if declared by May 1, and $100 additional for starters; to the winner $5,000, to the second $1,250, to the third $750; two miles and a quarter.

Two-year olds are well catered to. The list includes the First Attempt, with penalties and allowances, five furlongs; the Distaff, for fillies, penalties and allowances, five furlongs; the Spinster, for fillies, penalties and allowances, six furlongs; the Rising Generation, penalties and allowances, six furlongs; the Undergraduate, penalties and allowances, five furlongs; the Electric Handicap, six furlongs, and the Winged Foot Handicap, five furlongs.

Among the special plums hung up for three-year-olds are the Nautilus, with penalties and allowances, one mile and one-sixteenth; the Sea Gull Handicap of one mile, and the Saragossa, for fillies, penalties and allowances, one mile.

For the older division, in addition to the Brighton Cup, there are the Brighton Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, one mile and a quarter; the Test Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, one mile, and the Flight Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs.

The jumpers are also invited to have a share of the spoils, and two special events for performers between the flags are provided, as follows:

The Punchestown Steeplechase Handicap—For four-year-olds and upward, of $25 each, or $10 if declared, the association to add $750, of which $200 to the second and $100 to the third; weights to be announced two days before the race; the full course.

The Chantilly Handicap—For three-year-olds and upward, of $25 each, or $10 if declared, the association to add $750, of which $200 to the second and $100 to the third; weights to be announced two days before the race; one mile and a half over six flights of hurdles.

Almost simultaneously with the issue of the foregoing programme a rumor was circulated to the effect that the association was in serious financial straits, and that it was being hard pushed to meet its liabilities. A horseman who is in close touch with the management said that there was no serious cause for alarm in this score. He admitted that the association had passed through a trying ordeal, but denied that there are not sufficient assets to cover liabilities at any time. When the Brighton Beach people started out two years ago to bring the old-fashioned plant up to the sea up to date they had to sink something like $175,000 in alterations. Back luck in weather and dates handicaped them seriously since, and it is admitted that the balance sheet figured out on the wrong side. It is denied, however, on good authority, that the association is seriously involved or that there is any doubt that the stakes and added money announced will be forthcoming as fast as they are won.

LEAVING THE N. P. A.

Five Prominent Members Resign from the Organization.

There were wholesale defections in the ranks of the Horsemen's Protective Association announced at a meeting of the organization yesterday at its rooms in the Townsend building, Broadway and Twenty-fifth street. It was generally supposed that the meeting was called for the purpose of electing a President in the place of J. J. Hyland, who resigned two weeks ago. The matter was deferred, however, until the next meeting, owing to the absence of many members of the organization. A quorum, consisting of J. W. Rogers, J. A. Bennett, R. W. Walden, Charles Littlefield, Jr., and L. Garside was present. J. W. Rogers acted as Chairman. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter no trainer or jockey, unless a horse owner, shall be eligible to membership in the Horsemen's Protective Association.

Resolved, That in the amended articles of incorporation about to be filed with the Secretary of State the purposes for which this association was organized shall be declared to be as follows:

The association shall be known as the Horsemen's Protective Association and have for its objects:

The fostering of the interests of the owners and breeders of thoroughbred horses by the furtherance of such reasonable measures as may tend to promote the general welfare and the encouragement of more friendly relations among members through more enlarged intercourse and colloquia in such matters as may affect their material business interests without conflicting with the reasonable rules of racing as promulgated by the Jockey Club, the Western Turf Congress or any other duly legalized body created for the supervision of racing and the advancement of its best interests.

As a result of the adoption of the first resolution the following members resigned: A. H. Morris, J. E. McDonald, M. E. Menges, W. Lakeland, and F. Littlefield. The resignation of Morris was in the nature of a surprise. It was thought that he was friendly to the association. His action in resigning was explained by Walden, who said that inasmuch as Morris was also a member of the Jockey Club, it would be inconsistent for him to remain a member of the H. P. A., although in sympathy with the latter organization. Littlefield explained his resignation in a letter, stating that he thought "the best interests" of the association warranted his course.

Matt Byrnes was elected a director. While he has to a greater or less extent been a horse owner, Byrnes next season will have a larger stable than heretofore.

The matter of guaranteed stakes was not considered, as the association denies that it is opposed to that system. It simply states that the different racing associations should add a stipulated amount of money so that the horsemen could get a definite idea of the value of a stake.

Articles of incorporation will be filed at Albany during the week.

Jockey Sloan Has Not Asked the Fleischmanns for His Release.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—Max Fleischmann, son of the late Charles Fleischmann, said to-night regarding the latest rumor as to Tod Sloan:

"No change whatever will be made in the original racing plans of our stable. Sloan is under contract to ride for our stable this year, and has never requested or intimated that he desired a release. Mr. Lorillard has made no overtures to us. The matter seems entirely gossip."

Sloan is to receive $12,000 for his services next year from the Fleischmanns.

Jockey Tommy Burns Receives an Offer of $10,000 to Ride in England.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—John Huggins, trainer for the Lorillard-Beresford string of horses, who has been in this city for several days, offered $10,000 to Tommy Burns, the crack lightweight jockey, to ride his horses in England next season. The offer was made through Starter Chris Fitzgerald. Burns, who is under contract to ride for John Schorr of Memphis the coming season, declined to leave this country. He says he desires to shine in the East, and will probably ride on the New York tracks late in the summer.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—To-day's races were run over a fast track and in the presence of a large crowd. Favorites won in a majority of the events, rank outsiders winning the first, third, and fourth races. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; one mile.—Rushfields, 104 (Gutieres), 15 to 1, won; Llew Anna, 105 (Thompson), 12 to 1, second; Jim Hogg, 109 (Eastry), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:43½.

Second Race—Selling; six and a half furlongs.—Mazarine, 113 (Powers), 7 to 2, won; Crystalline, 89 (Sheppard), 12 to 1, second; Ben Frost, 93 (Kitley), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:22¾.

Third Race—Selling; seven and a half furlongs.—J. M. B., 97 (Lines), 8 to 1, won; Elkin, 107 (Southard), 9 to 5, second; Oreusa, 95 (Dugan), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:37.

Fourth Race—Selling; one mile and twenty yards.—Bombardon, 106 (Gatewood), 80 to 1, won; Lobengula (Hirsch), 6 to 1, second; Tranby, 111 (Peterman), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.

Fifth Race—Selling; seven and a half furlongs.—Tremorna, 105 (Dupee), 3 to 1, won; Verdi, 110 (Vandusen), 6 to 1, second; McMillan, 104 (Dean), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:32¾.

Results at Barkedale.

BARKEDALE, Jan. 3.—The races here to-day resulted as follows:

First Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Statesman, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Flash V., 2 to 1 for place, second; Lizzie W., third. Time, 1:02¾.

Second Race—Six furlongs.—Josh White, 5 to 2 and even, won; Phaedra, 8 to 5 for place, second; Full Speed third. Time, 1:21½.

Third Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Harry Warren, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, won; Mountain Maid, 2 to 1 for place, second; Oxia third. Time, 1:00.

Fourth Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Frank T., 7 to 5 and 1 to 2, won; Archie, 4 to 1 for place, second; May Pinkerton third. Time, 0:58¾.

Fifth Race—Six and a half furlongs.—Heresy, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Mulleamore, 6 to 5 for place, second; Torredale third. Time, 1:27¾.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

PRESIDENT POTTER TALKS ABOUT AFFAIRS OF THE COMING ELECTION.

A Suggestion That Gideon Be Asked to Issue a Signed Statement Regarding His Course as to the Presidency—Chairman Mott Comments on Racing in His Annual Report.

President Potter says that the latest announcement of Sterling Elliott's that George D. Gideon's name will be presented to the National Assembly next month as a candidate for the L. A. W. Presidency is a surprise even to Gideon's friends. Potter further says that in order to settle this matter beyond all question he has suggested to the officers of the Pennsylvania division that Mr. Gideon issue a statement over his own signature defining his position. Potter is in communication with the Pennsylvania and New Jersey divisions daily, and there is no movement in either to push Gideon to the front. According to the correspondence from the Western divisions, Potter has received assurances of their support for President and Keenan for First Vice-President. Potter admits that the Treasurer will be a Western man, but that the suggestion of the name of Mergenthaler of Ohio for the place is premature. He says that he has been advised of the fact that Douglas Robert of St. Louis is mentioned as a candidate for Second Vice-President, but he feels confident that C. Frank Kirker of New Jersey will be reelected. Potter claims that Keenan is recognized, in a way, as a Western man, hailing as he does from Pittsburg, although representing the Pennsylvania division.

Chief Consul Arthur of Illinois declares that the delegates from that division will attend the national assembly unpledged, although they are disposed to support Potter for President. Arthur states that Illinois is not looking for any offices this year. Potter will go to Philadelphia to morrow to meet Messrs. Boyle and Collins, and the three will consult upon L. A. W. matters. Potter says that so far as Western representation goes on the committees that section will be well cared for. Commenting on the report that Albert Mott will not serve as Chairman of the National Racing Board next season, Potter expresses the greatest satisfaction over Mott's term as Chairman, and it is believed that the Baltimorean will receive the offer of a reappointment in the event of Potter's election.

It is expected that the Racing Board of the L. A. W. will find it difficult to sanction all the race meets in the metropolitan district this year without any conflict of dates. Arrangements are being made for the construction of four new bicycle tracks next spring. The idea is to hold meets in Greater New York and New Jersey every Saturday during the warm weather. Conservative racing men believe that the reckless speculation in tracks will result in a big financial loss. They admit that racing has attained great popularity, but they deny that the interest in the sport will warrant the support of a large number of tracks in close proximity to each other. The building of so many tracks hereabouts looks promising for the big racing men of local repute, as the competition that will naturally arise will cause the managers to increase their purses.

Chairman Mott has submitted his annual report on the racing season of 1897 to President Potter. The document, which will be presented to the National Assembly of the L. A. W. on Feb. 9 at St. Louis, contains many recommendations for changes in next year's rules. In commenting on the situation the Chairman says:

"Cycle racing is not only more popular than ever before, but I believe it has not yet reached the zenith of its popularity. Middle-distance racing, with its attendant multicycle pacing and kaleidoscopic features, has greatly stimulated the public interest in the sport. That style of racing is just beginning, and I believe we shall soon see teams representing the various cities contending in pursuit races. When the element of local pride is enlisted, cycle racing may become the rival of baseball as a great popular sport."

Advices from the strongest divisions of the L. A. W. indorse the suggestion that at the meeting of the national assembly next month a junior membership may be established. The idea, which originated with a member of the New York division, was at first received adversely as aiming to admit mere youngsters into the organization. Upon a careful consideration of the value of such a membership, its worth has been recognized. The *Bicycling World* says:

The proposition to organize a cadet corps as an auxiliary to the L. A. W. may strike some people as a humorous suggestion, but consideration shows it to contain features worthy of serious thought. Its chief claim is that it would stimulate recruiting among the older people, who would be influenced by the youngsters, and that it would be in itself a worthy and reliable working itself for the senior body. The details of its formation need careful study, and it is a plan decidedly worth the attention of the National Assembly.

According to wheelmen on the Pacific coast, the California Associated Cycling Clubs still controls racing there and is taking no steps to conciliate the L. A. W. A letter recently received from the coast describes the condition of affairs as follows:

A few men who make their living as racers or race track promoters may be worried, but the rank and file take only a weary interest in the question of L. A. W. recognition on the coast. It may be possible that racing meets will not be successful in California as long as the C. A. C. holds out against the L. A. W., but more than one in twenty of the members of our association bothers his head about racing. Why all this noise and secession on account of Sunday racing? Well, the noise is made mostly by a few race promoters. We insist that California or any other state should regulate its own affairs as to Sunday racing. No matter if the majority of us do not attend; we wish to receive the privilege of going on Sunday if we like—in fact, Sundays are about the only day that most of us can attend. Recent remarks regarding our being anxious to compromise and return to the fold are ridiculous, and the information is based upon sources not reliable. We know that we are not prejudiced, I venture to say that it is not probable that any C. A. C. member would object to going back to the L. A. W., provided the greater organization shall show a little toleration.

The officers of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association have notified President Potter that representatives from their association will be here during the latter part of this week, or early next week, to consult on matters relating to the interests of both organizations. It was originally intended that the meeting should be held at Buffalo.

NOTES.

Secretary-Treasurer Locke of the Illinois division of the league announces that at the annual meeting next month he will submit an amendment to raise the salary of the Secretary from $3,000 to $3,500 per year.

The Westchester County Wheelmen will move into a new clubhouse at Mount Vernon next May.

Jimmy Michael expects to start north on his return from England and train for the outdoor summer meets.

J. Platt-Betts, the English professional, is credited with being the fastest rider in Australia.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Brooklyn Bicycle Club will be held to-night.

Turfmen Arrange Dates for Spring Races.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—At a meeting at the Gibson House to-day of turf representatives from Cincinnati, Newport, Covington and Louisville, dates were arranged for the spring race meetings of 1898. The aggregate of racing days is reduced almost one-half from last season. A uniform admission of 50 cents was agreed upon. The free list is to be entirely done away with. Heretofore, at Latonia and Oakley, the price was $1, Newport first reducing the price hereabout. Lexington had no representative present, although the management there had been repeatedly notified of the coming conference. The dates assigned to-day were:

Newport, April 9 to May 3, 21 days; Louisville, May 4 to May 20, 15 days; Oakley, May 21 to June 7, 15 days; Latonia, June 9 to July 9, 27 days.

Word was received here to-day that Little Rock's dates would be March 30 to April 7, and Memphis's April 8 to 16.

H. D. B. (Curley) Brown, who is now at New Orleans, but was the starter at Newport last spring and fall, to-day requested the Queen City Jockey Club (Newport) to recommend him for appointment as starter for the Jockey Club this season to succeed C. H. Pettingill. C. J. Fitzgerald, however, is sure to get the place.

Manager Hanlon Will Give Up the Temple Cup To-Day.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—The New Year brought a resolution to President Hanlon to return the far-famed Temple Cup to the donor, and returned it will be to-morrow. The emblem of so many strifes on the diamond and hard words off it has been in the big iron safe at headquarters since the Orioles won it for the second time last fall. Had President Hanlon been so disposed no power could have forced the cup from his possession until next October, when the year for which the Orioles won it would have expired. Leaging the wishes of the committee which the League appointed at its annual meeting, Hanlon determined to waive all claim and allow Mr. Temple to regain his quasi property at once. The trophy will be carefully boxed and returned by express to Pittsburg.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

An unusually attractive card has been prepared by the management of the Clermont Avenue Rink in Brooklyn for this week. To-morrow evening the fourth game in the series for the hockey championship will take place between the Montclair A. C. and the crack Brooklyn team. On Friday evening a match game has been arranged between the Yale Hockey Club and a seven from the Brooklyn Skating Club. Besides these two special events, a series of short-distance races will be held each evening. The entry list is a large one, and includes the names of some of the most prominent ice skaters in America.

BOWLING.

Rosedales Win Their Final American National Tournament Games.

The Rosedales are the second team to finish their schedule in the American national tournament. Gus Sievers pulled out a victory for his team in the third game last night with three strikes in the last two frames. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Rosedale—C. Sievers, 169; Bellmer, 150; Venino, 175; A. Sievers, 178; Lehrbach, 180. Total, 847.
Glendale—Schwager, 172; Groeling, 162; C. Fuchs, 118; R. Fuchs, 165; A. Fuchs, 191. Total, 808.

SECOND GAME.

Glendale—Schwager, 182; Groeling, 149; C. Fuchs, 173; R. Fuchs, 187; A. Fuchs, 194. Total, 885.
Corinthian—Holden, 185; Clinch, 164; S. Walter, 159; MacLellan, 151; Brill, 157. Total, 816.

THIRD GAME.

Rosedale—C. Sievers, 154; Bellmer, 120; Venino, 182; A. Sievers, 214; Lehrbach, 186. Total, 856.
Corinthian—Holden, 158; Clinch, 190; S. Walter, 167; MacLellan, 166; Brill, 149. Total, 830.

It was the Harmonies turn to lose two games in the Uncle Sam national tournament series last night. The score:

FIRST GAME.

Golden Rod—Rieger, 168; Eckstein, 174; Snyder, 180; Arnold, 151; Schroeder, 165. Total, 888.
Harmonie—Heidman, 99; Becker, 189; H. Goetz, 114; A. Goetz, 138; Eisele, 151. Total, 639.

SECOND GAME.

Harmonie—H. Goetz, 191; Heidman, 120; A. Goetz, 144; Becker, 112; Eisele, 185. Total, 752.
Fidelia No. 1—Paulson, 181; Koster, 213; Kibbel, 155; Foege, 152; Dr. H. Timm, 145. Total, 846.

THIRD GAME.

Golden Rod—Rieger, 159; Eckstein, 179; Snyder, 156; Arnold, 181; Schroeder, 160. Total, 823.
Fidelia No. 1—Paulson, 179; Koster, 178; Kibbel, 173; Foege, 140; Dr. H. Timm, 204. Total, 874.

Beeauss the Winsor No. 2 team lacked one man Cook refused to play the last two games in the Harlem Republican Club tournament series last night, and only three players represented that club. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Lotus—Hands, 123; Munsie, 180; Keys, 188; Purdy, 169; Little, 139. Total, 785.
Winsor No. 2—Howland, 176; Wise, 152; Cook, 156; Parker, 161. Total, 645.

SECOND GAME.

Lotus—Hands, 144; Munsie, 155; Keys, 187; Purdy, 184; Little, 202. Total, 872.
Winsor No. 2—Howland, 181; Wise, 140; Parker, 173. Total, 494.

THIRD GAME.

Lotus—Hands, 158; Munsie, 193; Keys, 161; Purdy, 226; Little, 148. Total, 886.
Winsor No. 2—Howland, 164; Wise, 176; Parker, 155. Total, 495.

With only four players opposed to the Cables and Cyclones, the latter teams easily won the first two games in Section 2 of the United Bowling Clubs series at Thum & Kahlsdorf's Harlem alleys last night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Cable—Grimm, 171; Spranger, 169; Niles, 181; Maier, 176; Kahlsdorf, 148. Total, 845.
Aurania—Krug, 118; Steil, 120; Schottler, 184; Krager, 177. Total, 544.

SECOND GAME.

Aurania—Krug, 188; Steil, 172; Schottler, 162; Krager, 160. Total, 682.
Cyclone—Le Beau, 134; Dannefelser, 169; Miller, 200; Setzer, 136; Johansmeyer, 175. Total, 814.

THIRD GAME.

Cable—Grimm, 168; Spranger, 158; Niles, 188; Maier, 171; Kahlsdorf, 174. Total, 859.
Cyclone—Le Beau, 178; Dannefelser, 158; Miller, 147; Setzer, 172; Johansmeyer, 179. Total, 829.

The opening games of the year in the Litho-Artist tournament at the Arcade alleys in St. Mark's place last night resulted as follows:

FIRST SERIES—FIRST GAME.

Schnitzer, 164; Snyder, 148. Total, 392. Bergheim, 135; Gregorovius, 105. Total, 240.

SECOND GAME.

Schnitzer, 131; Snyder, 158. Total, 289. Bergheim, 183; Gregorovius, 113. Total, 296.

SECOND SERIES—FIRST GAME.

Schnitzer, 137; Snyder, 159. Total, 296. Faber, 159; Kitchelt, 157. Total, 316.

SECOND GAME.

Schnitzer, 118; Snyder, 169. Total, 287. Faber, 133; Kitchelt, 219. Total, 352.

THIRD SERIES—FIRST GAME.

Faber, 141; Kitchelt, 165. Total, 306. Bergheim, 117; Gregorovius, 141. Total, 258.

SECOND GAME.

Faber, 140; Kitchelt, 220. Total, 360. Bergheim, 135; Gregorovius, 154. Total, 289.

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