# CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

### EBBETS BUYS SOME OF ABELL'S BASEBALL STOCK.

**The Brooklyn President Controls a Majority of Shares, but the Former Owner Will Not Get Out, After All—League Magnates Who Have Not Declared Themselves on Kicking**

A deal has been closed whereby Charles H. Ebbets has bought enough Brooklyn Baseball Club stock from Ferdinand A. Abell to control the majority of shares. When Ebbets and Abell met yesterday afternoon to put the option in writing, Abell said:

"I do not want to sell out all of my stock, Ebbets, but if you insist upon getting me out of baseball, I'll agree, for you have received the option."

"I'm going to buy you out, lock, stock, and barrel," replied Ebbets, good naturedly, "for I've made arrangements to raise the money during the next thirty days."

Abell then expressed such a desire to remain in the club even as a minority stockholder, that Ebbets began to reconsider the question.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," Ebbets finally declared. "If you will sell enough of your stock to me so that I can control the club absolutely, I'll be satisfied."

"That's agreeable," exclaimed Abell, "and we'll make the deal right here. I want to stay in the club under your management, and take a chance of getting back some of my losses."

Accordingly Abell handed over to Ebbets enough certificates of stock to make the latter the real owner of the club. Ebbets in return gave a check for a good round sum. Ebbets and Abell now own 88 per cent. of the stock, the remaining shares being held by the heirs of the late C. H. Byrne. Abell said yesterday, after making the deal, that he had dropped in all nearly $100,000 in backing the Brooklyn Club during the last eight years.

"As to my policy as President and principal owner of the Brooklyn Club," Ebbets said to the reporter of THE SUN last night, "you can say that the club will be run on an entirely different basis from that in the past. The players will be treated fairly and there will be no internal dissensions. You ask me who I think should take Mr. Byrne's place on the National Board. Well, I believe the honor belongs to the Brooklyn Club. To my mind, when a man is elected to the board, while he is honored, his club and city are more particularly honored by the selection. When the League elected Mr. Byrne to the board there is no doubt in my mind that the Brooklyn Club received a high honor, and if that honor should now be taken away, especially before the present term of the board expires, it would be regarded by many persons in Brooklyn as a slight on the club. Therefore I believe that the Brooklyn Club should provide a successor to Mr. Byrne on the National Board until the term of office expires next fall. As I own the club and have been in baseball fifteen years, I feel somewhat entitled to the place myself, and I have written to the various clubs in the League to that effect."

Up to date the owners of the Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati and Cleveland clubs have put themselves on record as unalterably opposed to rowdy ball and as determined to go to the coming League meeting in St. Louis ready to make a fight against further demonstrations of unsportsmanlike kicking on the diamond. The owner of the New York Club has been quoted in THE SUN as saying that he is not in favor of kicking, but he has so far refused to aid his fellow magnates in their laudatory efforts to stamp out the evils which threaten the welfare of the game. The owners of the Pittsburg, Louisville, St. Louis, Washington and Baltimore clubs have not yet put themselves on record, although they have consented to discuss Brush's "blacklist" rule. It was at Pittsburg that last year that there were several disgraceful rows caused by kicking ball players and unruly spectators.

Hawley, the Pittsburg pitcher, it will be remembered, so far forgot himself as to knock Umpire Sheridan down by smashing him in the face. Umpire Hurst, it will be recalled, was chased off the Pittsburg diamond and was treated to a shower of stones because he had courage enough to let the Baltimores win a game on their merits. The Pittsburgs were the cause of a riotous scene at the Polo Grounds, too, when Umpire McDermott was compelled to order Donovan, Padden, and Kilen off the field for behavior that would have warranted a policeman in arresting them for disorderly conduct, had the incident occurred in the street. The present President of the club, W. H. Watkins, the former manager of the champion Detroits, has never been regarded as an advocate of rowdy ball, but now he declares himself one way or another, Soden, Brush, Reach, and other reformers cannot feel sure of the Pittsburg Club's support. The Baltimores, too, have been implicated in several objectionable affairs, notably the fracas at Boston when Jack Doyle punched Umpire Lynch in the eye. McGraw, Jennings, Kelley, and other members of this team are noted as kickers, yet Von der Horst, the owner, and Hanlon, the manager, have not been officially heard from. Hanlon, when he was captain of the Detroits in 1886, was one of the most gentlemanly ball players in the League. He is a close student of the game, and is a member of the Rules Committee, which, in the course of its labors in the spring, will be compelled to read over many times the particular clause which absolutely prohibits kicking, but which is practically a dead letter. The Washington Club, through President J. Earl Wagner, has been heard from to the effect that Brush's "blacklist" resolution is worthy of consideration. Wagner, however, maintains a constant silence on the primary evil, kicking. He has, by a recent deal, secured Jack Doyle, which possibly may have placed him in a rather embarrassing position. The Louisville Club is piloted by Harry Pulliam, who, it is claimed, represents the owners. Pulliam has dodged the issue, but it is believed that Dr. T. Hunt Stuckey, the principal owner, would not approve of his players' methods if he could see them in action. The Louisvilles were partly responsible for the rows on their field in which the New Yorks, Clevelands, and other teams figured, and also behaved like hoodlums on the Polo Grounds on one occasion last year. The St. Louis players, who were tailenders, did no kicking at all, and it is rather the case of a busy unravelling his business affairs that he can perhaps be excused for not stating his views. But the attitude of Hanlon, Wagner, Watkins, and Pulliam at the coming League meeting, in view of the fact that they are in charge of offending teams, will be watched by the sport-loving public with interest.

Robert D. Wrenn, who has been selected by Capt. Dibblee to represent Harvard University on the Football Rules Committee on Feb. 19, is a remarkable all-around athlete. Besides being a champion at tennis, he was one of the best quarter backs Harvard ever had. He was also a clever baseball player, and could handle a lacrosse stick, too, with some of the cracks. Wrenn has also shown proficiency at golf, and is one of the finest ice hockey players in America, his great exhibition with the St. Nicholas team during the winter being the subject of much comment. Wrenn was umpire in the Yale-Indian football game at the Polo Grounds last fall. He knows the rules and the game, and has some excellent ideas to put in the form of suggestions. Some time ago he severely criticised Stagg and his Western friends for attempting to draft new rules before the regular committee's meeting. He called Stagg's action a "piece of impertinence," whereupon there was the usual wail from the West that the East was trying to dictate to everybody. Wrenn, it is believed, will prove a broad-minded rule maker. His views on the quarter back being permitted to run with the ball immediately after he has received it from the centre rush may have weight with the committee, as Wrenn has played quarter and knows well the possibilities of the place.

Still the promoters of boxing clubs are paying rent and waiting to hear what action will be taken by the Police Board on the various applications for licenses. Many of the promoters are beginning to realize that THE SUN has had the correct line on the situation ever since the question first came up for discussion. The statement that no licenses would be granted before July 1, except to the New York A. C. and possibly one other organization, provided the latter would be conducted by competent persons and those who have been directly interested in the maintenance of the present boxing law, was made again yesterday by a man high up in police matters.

Roller polo, which is hockey on roller skates, is to be introduced here before spring. Several local sporting men who have seen the game played in New England have decided to import some good polo experts and attempt to educate New Yorkers in the intricacies of this popular winter sport. A local hall has been engaged, and it will be fitted up as a rink, with goal cages, netting, and bleaching board, in true New England style. The promoters say that if New Yorkers can see the game played by experts it will take such a hold here that it will be permanent. The new clubs to be known as the New York Roller Polo Club, and efforts will be made to organize a league.

### Princeton's Baseball Affairs.

PRINCETON, Feb. 1.—The Princeton baseball management has engaged "Lady" Jayne, the star pitcher of last year's nine, and ex-Capt. Jerome Bradley to coach the candidates for this year's team. Jayne will have full charge of the pitchers and Bradley will act as general coach. Manager Wilson has also signed William Clarke, catcher on the Baltimore nine, to coach the team for a few weeks before the big games with Harvard and Yale. Capt. Butler said today that preliminary practice in the cage will begin immediately after the midyear examinations.

## GOLF.

**Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Association.**

In the absence of President Hollins and Vice-President Ten Eyck, Daniel Chauncey was in the chair at the second annual meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Association last night at the Twenty-sixth street Delmonico's. Nineteen of the thirty-two clubs in the organization were represented by the following delegates:

Lakewood, Jasper Lynch and J. W. Wiley; Oakland, L. E. Embree; Rockaway Hunting, Samuel Frothingham; Tuxedo, G. Kane and E. C. Kent; Staten Island Cricket and Baseball Club, Charles T. Stout; Morris County, William Shippen and R. H. Williams; Ocean County, F. A. Waltnew and James Converse; North Jersey, Malcolm Gordon and Henry Hewat; Englewood, George H. Burritt; Seabright, F. A. Potts, Jr.; Knollwood, C. Stewart Wing and H. W. Hayden; Meadowbrook, O. W. Bird and James Stillman; Fairfield County, J. W. Curtiss and Arthur McClave; Shinnecock Hills, R. H. Robertson; Dyker Meadow, W. A. Putnam and D. Chauncey; Baltusrol, H. P. Toler and John Du Fais; Norwood, F. B. Harper; Richmond Hill, E. R. Kellogg; St. Andrew's, A. M. Robbins and J. A. Wright.

The first business was the discussion of a resolution to permit members of any club in the association, on payment of a daily charge of $1, to play over the links of any other club. The sentiment of the delegates was decidedly against this. On motion of Grenville Kane, the resolution was laid on the table, where it will rest for a year at least.

The election of new officers was the next business. The Nominating Committee appointed was W. A. Flagg, L. E. Embree, H. P. Toler, and J. A. Wright. After withdrawing for deliberation the committee selected the following ticket:

President, H. B. Hollins, Westbrook; Vice-President, R. H. Williams, Morris county; Secretary, Daniel Chauncey, Dyker Meadow; Treasurer, W. Fellows Morgan, Baltusrol; Executive Committee, R. H. Robertson, Shinnecock Hills; A. M. Robbins, St. Andrew's; Grenville Kane, Tuxedo; A. T. Gillender, Knollwood, and O. W. Bird, Meadowbrook.

Chauncey declined to serve as Secretary, and, on motion of W. A. Putnam, John Du Fais was renominated for the office. Flagg then nominated W. A. Putnam, but the latter stated that he was disinclined to accept any office. It was then decided by the Chairman, in accordance with what seemed to be the sense of the meeting, that a vote should be taken on the nominations by clubs, with the right conceded to the delegates to vote for whoever they wished for any particular office. The result was the election of Du Fais as Secretary, with the entire ticket as named by the Nominating Committee.

Delegate Pottsgave notice that the Seabright Golf Club claimed the dates of July 1 to 4 for its third annual open tournament. Secretary Du Fais said that applications had been received from a number of clubs for open tournaments during May and June, but that the committee had not as yet assigned any dates except for the Lakewood tourneys in March and April. The meeting then adjourned.

## ROWING.

**What Cornell Men Say About Blundell-Maple.**

ITHACA, Feb. 1.—THE SUN representative has investigated the rumor that is current here regarding Blundell-Maple, the Englishman who has recently been in consultation with the Cornell rowing authorities. The true facts of the case are that he is exactly as he represented himself to be, an Englishman and a member of the Thames Rowing Club. His father is a Baron, a millionaire and a member of Parliament. As to the visitor's story as to his influence in rowing matters the authorities here have only his own word for it. Coach Courtney vouches for him as being Blundell-Maple, and as being the man he knew in England. He is also vouched for by Prof. Morse Stevens of Cornell, who is an Englishman and who is well acquainted with the visitor's parents.

When the visitor reached here, he was without funds and frankly stated so. He did not ask or receive any funds from Prof. Wheeler or any other person at Ithaca, with the exception of Prof. Morse Stevens. The latter, it is believed, advanced him a small sum of money. These are the plain facts in the matter. The influence in rowing matters of the man must be left to the reader's inference. It might be well to note that since these facts have come to light, his statements about rowing have not been taken seriously. That the Englishman was in straitened circumstances financially is not thought strange, as impecunious foreigners are the rule rather than the exception.

### Ten Eyck Joins the Pennsylvania Barge Club.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Champion E. H. Ten Eyck was admitted to membership in the Pennsylvania Barge Club to-night. He will train from that club for the Henley regatta, which he intends to enter.

## Whist.

At the Long Island Women's Club yesterday thirty-two players took part in the whist games. The top score was made by Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Rhodes, 9 plus, N and S. Miss Mabel Whiton and Miss Gledhill got 8 plus on the E and W hands. Other good scores were: Mrs. Fisher and Miss Rutherford, plus 6; Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Osgood, plus 4. To-morrow night will be men's night, and it is expected that the parlors of the Union League Club will be crowded.

Notwithstanding the storm there were eighty-four players on hand for the Monday night game at the Brooklyn Whist Club. High scores were made by R. P. Rowe and E. T. Baker, plus 9, E and W; J. B. Elwell and A. E. Taylor, plus 6, N and S. Dr. Wait and W. C. De Witt got 7 plus on the E and W hands. The leaders to date are: Elwell, Taylor, Josephson, Horton and Ditmars, in the order named.

To-night will be the second guest night at the Knickerbocker Whist Club, 143 West Forty-first street, and a large number of women are expected. The game will be conducted on the Mitchell compass system, and valuable prizes will be given to the women making the best scores.

### Basketball.

One of the liveliest basketball matches of the season was decided at the gymnasium of the Central branch of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. last night. The opposing teams were the first quintets of the home branch and the first team of the Bedford branch. The Central boys excelled in team passing and shooting and won on their merits. The score was 11 points to 5. The line-up:

| Central. | Positions. | Bedford. |
|---|---|---|
| Klinck, Adams | Right forward | Bohmer |
| Edmunds | Left forward | Ferres |
| Goldie | Centre | Forester |
| Loeds | Right guard | Wachman |
| Burns | Left guard | Hendrickson |

### Basketball Notes.

The Cambridge A. C. defeated the Arlington A. C. in a fast and spirited game on last Monday night at the Dean street rink, Brooklyn, by the score of 6 to 4.

The "Cameron Tribe" of the Central Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn want to play games. Address F. H. Lott, 421 Waverly avenue, Brooklyn. Average weight of team is 120 pounds.

The "Rubber Five" team of the Bedford branch of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. played so fast a game against the "Bedford Lights" at the Bedford Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, Brooklyn, on Monday night, that they defeated the home quintet by 27 points to 7.

Teams having their own gymnasiums can arrange games with either the first or second teams of the Arlington A. C. by addressing Edward H. Foye, manager, 362 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn. The average weight of players must not exceed 155 pounds.

The Berkeley School team of this city failed to keep its engagement to play a match game with the "Rubber Five" team of the Greenpoint Y. M. C. A. branch of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. last night, in order not to disappoint the spectators a scratch team under the captaincy of Fred Denning played the "Five" a fine game. The latter won by 18 to 7.

YONKERS, Feb. 1.—In the fiercest struggle ever witnessed at the Yonkers Armory the Fourth Separate Company's basketball team triumphed over the New Britains to-night. The teams left the floor at the close of the first half with the score standing 4 points to 0 in favor of the Connecticut men. The Yonkers players failed to score until five minutes before the call of time in the last half. They finished desperately, shooting four goals in rapid succession, and winning out by a score of 8 points to 6.

### Barnie Sells His Interest in the Hartford Club.

HARTFORD, Feb. 1.—Manager Billy Barnie of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, who has owned a controlling interest in the Hartford Club since he entered a team from here in the Atlantic League two years ago, sold out his interests today to a local syndicate. About a month ago Barnie was in town for the purpose of assigning his interests on receipt of money owed him by the local men, who were part owners last season, but as the cash was not forthcoming, he gave to the makers of the note two weeks in which to pay up.

### Candidates for Yale's Law School Nine.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 1.—The candidates for the Yale Law School baseball nine were called out to-day by Manager John Knox Blake. Thirty-three reported and were set to work in the cage. Games with Georgetown, Harvard, and the University of Pennsylvania have been arranged, and others with prominent Eastern colleges are pending. An Easter trip will be taken. An effort will be made to secure as coach Ben Farnham, last year's left fielder of the varsity nine.

### John T. Brush Believed to Be Seriously Ill.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—President John T. Brush of the Cincinnati Baseball Club, who has been in this city for several days, left suddenly for home this evening, saying he was very ill. His associates believe that his condition is serious.

**Improvements in 1898 Wheels.**

See to-day's *Commercial Advertiser* for information of special value to all cyclists.—Adv.

# NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

### FIVE WOMEN APPLY FOR CENTURY CLUB MILEAGE RECORDS.

**Chairman Mott of the L. A. W. Racing Board Speaks of the Duties of His Office—Promoters Scramble for Tracks, and Foreign Riders in Demand—League's Membership.**

Among the applicants for mileage records in the Century Road Club of America for last year are five women. They are Mrs. A. M. Allen, Worcester; Mrs. George Bunker, Chicago; Miss Julia A. Bartley, Toledo; Mrs. L. W. Stilgen, Chicago, and Mrs. H. E. McCleary, Philadelphia. John H. George of Philadelphia, who was one of the leaders in the competition for mileage honors in 1896, heads the list of prize winners for '97. Milton N. Keim of Philadelphia, who captured third place last year, rode 18,538 miles in 1895. Thomas W. Davis of Peoria, who has a record of 10,518 miles, is 70 years old, while W. H. Wittig, a 14-year-old lad of Terre Haute, rode 5,403 miles. The official list of records accepted by the club is as follows:

| Name and Place. | Miles. |
|---|---|
| John H. George, Philadelphia | 32,479 |
| John Noble, Philadelphia | 28,718 |
| Milton N. Keim, Philadelphia | 28,517 |
| Irving Harrison, Jersey City | 26,252 |
| Charles Parkins, Jersey City | 24,669 |
| Frank R. Lane, Portland | 21,250 |
| Mrs. A. M. C. Allen, Worcester | 21,026 |
| W. H. Kueck, Colorado Springs | 20,215 |
| John H. Hunter, Toledo | 19,460 |
| Louis Alperstein, Toledo | 19,117 |
| G. Fred Pond, Jr., Auburndale, Mass. | 15,802 |
| W. E. Harvey, Beverly, N. J. | 14,903 |
| Charles L. Achard, Cleveland | 14,177 |
| E. E. Fricke, Chicago | 13,780 |
| Don McKeehan, Colorado Springs | 13,591 |
| Roy M. Davis, Cleveland | 11,805 |
| Mrs. George Bunker, Chicago | 11,000 |
| P. Carlton Wright, Colorado Springs | 10,856 |
| Thomas W. Davis, Peoria, Ill. | 10,518 |
| Grant Green, Jr., Louisville | 10,329 |
| Bert Holland, Terre Haute | 10,082 |
| Samuel Warns, Baltimore | 10,000 |
| George R. Durand, Buffalo | 9,506 |
| W. F. Fleming, Philadelphia | 9,410 |
| W. D. Harper, Jr., Milwaukee | 9,382 |
| Warren F. Taylor, Norwood, Mass. | 9,314 |
| C. O. Lasley, Toledo | 8,604 |
| Will G. Howe, Chicago | 8,188 |
| N. G. Crawford, Louisville | 8,168 |
| George G. Webber, Toledo | 8,158 |
| H. E. Brayton, Pueblo, Col. | 8,094 |
| Otto Frischkorn, Chicago | 8,052 |
| Julia A. Bartley, Toledo | 7,986 |
| E. J. Sturzenickle, Erie | 7,800 |
| M. S. Allen, Worcester | 7,758 |
| W. A. Hillard, Colorado Springs | 7,180 |
| Harry Early, Jersey City | 7,118 |
| C. H. Schnerr, St. Louis | 7,097 |
| W. T. Nettleton, Toledo | 7,091 |
| A. E. Abram, Chicago | 7,001 |
| W. H. Powell, Baltimore | 6,879 |
| Mrs. W. Stilgen, Chicago | 6,568 |
| H. F. Marshall, Nahua, N. H. | 6,244 |
| A. L. Mace, St. Paul | 6,117 |
| Emil Decker, Baltimore | 6,092 |
| Charles E. Hill, Chicago | 6,048 |
| George E. Bliss, Cleveland | 5,868 |
| W. J. Harris, Philadelphia | 5,844 |
| T. H. Parrish, Philadelphia | 5,739 |
| H. C. Colburn, Chicago | 5,600 |
| Hovendon Smith, Jr., Philadelphia | 5,588 |
| Conrad Kafkes, Chicago | 5,565 |
| Mrs. H. E. McCleary, Philadelphia | 5,563 |
| S. E. Uhler, Philadelphia | 5,545 |
| R. A. McCleary, Philadelphia | 5,532 |
| W. F. Schadewald, Philadelphia | 5,462 |
| Robert C. Warren, Terre Haute | 5,420 |
| Will R. Wittig, Terre Haute | 5,403 |
| Robert Epperson, Colorado Springs | 5,368 |
| L. L. Buchanan, Chicago | 5,324 |
| W. B. Handy, Boston | 5,293 |
| Frank O. Clark, Chicago | 5,268 |
| William Heisen, Milwaukee | 5,255 |
| A. A. Gracey, Philadelphia | 5,155 |
| C. S. Wells, Colorado Springs | 5,155 |
| C. R. Howard, Brookline, Mass. | 5,120 |
| C. H. Beebe, Philadelphia | 5,010 |
| A. D. Whitney, Boston | 5,029 |
| L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb. | 5,026 |
| A. E. Elliott, Chicago | 5,006 |
| L. H. Thorpe, Allegheny, Pa. | 5,004 |
| H. H. Burrell, Philadelphia | 5,000 |

Chairman Albert Mott of the L. A. W. Racing Board is opposed to the idea of the head of the League racing interests locating in this city. He does not approve of making the office of Chairman of the Racing Board an elective one. Discussing these two questions, he says:

"I can see many reasons why the Racing Board Chairman should be located in Greater New York. In the first place if he had an office there he could never find time to do any work. He would be overrun with promoters and racing men. Instead of being an advantage to him to be right in the centre of the racing field, it would be a distinct disadvantage. The duties of the Chairman are purely judicial, and it is just as sensible to say that a judge ought to be present at every crime in order to do justice to the accused. As often as possible members of the Racing Board attend bicycle meets. I was in Philadelphia some time ago at a tournament and I was besieged by any number of men talking and arguing to me about cases pending before the board.

"Regarding the board keeping up with all the innovations and new tricks in racing, the National Board has the division racing boards to consult with, and the handicappers appointed by the board are the eyes and ears of the National Board, and these keep it posted. The fact is, the best place of all for a racing board Chairman to live is in a quiet little town.

"As to the proposition to elect the Chairman by popular vote there are some arguments in favor of that plan. It is a fact that a President of the L. A. W. usually knows the office means a deal of gratitude for the help, and it is true that the office might be promised by a candidate for President in exchange for votes. I am quite sure that the office was never bestowed for these reasons. At the L. A. W. Assembly in '95 Howard E. Raymond, then Chairman of the Racing Board, recommended that the Chairman of the Racing Board be elected and that he receive a salary of $2,500 a year. I opposed this motion at that time, and it was never adopted. My arguments against such a plan were that electing the Racing Board Chairman by popular vote had all the objections that attend the election of a President by popular vote bad. I argued that the Chairman, who is, in cycle racing, chief justice of the highest court, should be so placed that he would be above the danger of popular clamor, just as a Judge should be. The President of the L. A. W. is anxious for the success of his administration and responsible for the efficiency of the Racing Board, and naturally will try to get the most capable men for the board.

"If the office was elective and had a good salary attached there would be an unseemly scramble and canvass for the place by a host of candidates. These candidates would have to spend money freely, and every one would, doubtless, have friends among the promoters who would furnish this cash, and when the candidate was elected those who furnished the financial backing would expect special favors in return. Every big corporation promoting racing would have its special candidate for Chairman and would like to see him win. My objections advanced against the idea of making the office elective in '95 are just as strong today."

Good bicycle tracks in the metropolitan district and noted foreign racing men are held at a premium this year. Some of the racing promoters hereabouts have found, upon submitting applications to the Racing Board of the L. A. W. for sanctions, that they must specify their tracks before applications will secure consideration. As a result there is a wild scramble for tracks. It seems likely that a great many of the new tracks will not be built, and that about three tracks, viz., Berkely Oval, Manhattan Beach, and Ambrose Park, will divide the racing hereabouts. In order to show what big profits are derived from promoting middle distance match races, it is reported that a racing association has guaranteed Tom Linton $7,500 to ride three match races this year in this city. This offer Linton, estimating what his adversary would have to receive, shows that the profits in bicycle races are large. Alluring offers are being made by American promoters to all the big foreign riders to visit America to race this year.

The renewals in the L. A. W. are generally dull at this period of the year, but this week 216 new members have been enrolled. Secretary Bassett reports the following renewals and total membership in the big divisions:

New York 52, total 26,956; Pennsylvania 28, total 24,888; Massachusetts 22, total 12,571; New Jersey 8, total 6,873; Illinois 12, total 8,621; Ohio, 18, total 8,102; Connecticut 14, total 2,048; Missouri 3, total 1,641; Michigan 5, total 2,020; Maryland 2, total 1,910; Rhode Island 15, total 1,685.

The total membership is now 103,298.

NOTES.

E. R. Murian.—Yes.

The Continental Wheelmen have elected the following officers: President, R. J. Graham; First Vice-President, W. Donaldson; Second Vice-President, H. Groves; Financial Secretary, W. H. Barnes; Recording Secretary, Thomas Harrison; Treasurer, W. Cottrell; Captain, James H. McGrath.

The Associated Wheelmen of Camden have elected the following officers: President, C. J. Johnson; Vice-President, S. M. Holland; Secretary, J. E. Guilingford; Treasurer, B. T. Parsons.

The Broad Wheelmen will place two new racers in the field next season. They are Frank Marsh, champion of the First ward, and Michael Downey.

### Chess.

The third annual interscholastic chess tournament between students of Columbia Grammar, Sachs and Cutler schools, and Hamilton and De La Salle Institutes will begin at the rooms of the latter, 108 West Fifty-ninth street, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The games will be played in two halves, the second to be decided at the rooms of Columbia Grammar School, 36 East Fifty-first street, on Feb. 11. Two players will represent each institution, and the tournament will be governed by the intercollegiate rules. Forty moves will be allowed during the first two hours and twenty moves each succeeding hour. Dr. Moore of Columbia Grammar School will be referee. The pairing for the first half follows:

Briggs, Hamilton Institute, vs. Pell, Cutler; Matteson, Hamilton Institute, vs. Boyce, Cutler; Lynch, De La Salle Institute, vs. Arnstein, Sachs; Wertheimer, Sachs vs. Lebaire, De La Salle Institute.

### Major Hanham Plays Against Twelve Men.

Major Hanham gave an exhibition of simultaneous play at chess at the Cosmopolitan Club on Monday night. He won eight games, and lost to Miller, Tannenwood, Winter, and Rubin.

## SLEIGHING IN A BLIZZARD.

**Rough Weather but Lots of Sport on the Snow Path in Central Park.**

The handful of enthusiasts who ventured out in the blizzard at the first sign of sleighing on Monday was increased to something like a crowd yesterday afternoon in the sheltered drives of Central Park. But the cold weather kept a larger crowd indoors, and there was nothing like an old-time carnival of sport. Those who were out hunched themselves down into the furthest depths of their fur wraps and robes, pulled their caps over their faces, and bent their heads to the driving storm of snow. Seventh avenue was swept by a northwest wind which would have caused a Western stage driver to flinch. Nearly all of the pleasure seekers who sped down the hill from McGown's Pass to the 110th street exit to the Park turned back in a hurry as soon as they faced the blast. On the east drive of the Park, where hills and trees broke the cutting wind, there was a throng of sleighs and a merry jingling of bells and waving of gayly colored plumes in the middle of the afternoon. In the sharp winter weather everybody drove as though he was going somewhere and was in a hurry to get there. Even the high-stepping, hackneyized horses, hooked to heavy, two-seated surrey sleighs, laid back their ears and put on a show of speed, while some of the trotters fairly flew along, in spite of the loose footing afforded by the light, dry snow. All rules against fast driving were suspended for the time, and speed on the snow path was limited only by the capacity of the horses.

Nathan Straus, bundled up to the eyes in fur coat and cap, dashed past the graycoats in the Park at a clip which made the snow fly at a great rate. He drove a big clipped chestnut trotter, but it was not his crack road horse, Cobwebs, 2:12. The footing is not yet firm enough to be safe for a horse like Cobwebs, and besides, the chestnut son of Whips is "in pickle" for the big wagon races which are expected to be a feature of next season on the trotting turf.

Budd Doble took a short spin behind the fast trotting mares Jessie Hood, 2:25¼, and Mutation, formerly owned by ex-Gov. Merriam of Minnesota. Fred Gerken was out with the fast brown stallion Stoneridge, 2:21¼, leading the crowd in a race from Gabe Case's down to the Casino. Case himself faced the nor'wester on Seventh avenue and went up the road with in the day behind his big chestnut trotters Tom and Jerry for a spin on the new speedway, but he found the entrance barred. George A. Coleman passed more than passed him with a nervy, bloodlike, new gray trotter. George L. Avery drove the rangy, speedy snow horse George A., and won a race from Case's down to Fifty-ninth street with his friend Arthur Davidson.

Case's sheds at McGown's Pass Tavern in Central Park housed a rare lot of horses and turnouts during the afternoon. Ex-Justice Charles Welde's sleigh was the star of the collection. It is known as the McGown family sleigh and is said to be 110 years old, having the monogram L. B. and the date 1788 lettered on the back. The vehicle is low set on a pair of solid runners sawed out of a two-inch oak plank, with a body not unlike that of an old-fashioned Portland cutter. The only seat is a plain board across the middle of the box, with the bed of the sleigh full of bright rye straw.

Alongside of this heavy, substantial, simple old eighteenth century colonial sleigh in Case's sheds was the newest thing on runners. It was everything that the other was not; elaborate in design, after the fashion of a fancy English sporting trap set on runners; extremely light in build, and newly painted "as yellow as the new journalism," as a looker-on expressed it. Mike Shanley and friends were out in a stylish calioloe high drawn by pair of high-stepping cobs. Dr. George S. Gagnon drove a spike team of his show horses to a surrey sleigh.

Horsemen say that if the weather is favorable there will be great sleighing within a few days as soon as the snow becomes packed and firm. All of the trotting horsemen are getting their fleers ready for the sport, and fun is promised on upper Seventh avenue, the Ridge road, and the unfinished speedway. E. H. Harriman's $40,000 stallion Stamboul, 2:07½, and the well-known trotters Hilda S., 2:15¼, and Elsie S., 2:23½, by Stamboul; Cienega, 2:20½, by Alcantara, and the crack team, Roseleaf, 2:14¾, and Rival, 2:20½, were shipped from Goshen to New York yesterday for their owner's use on the snowpath. They are in charge of W. J. Andrews, the well-known reinsman, who drove John R. Gentry to his record of 2:00½.

## BUSY DAYS FOR HORSEMEN.

**Weights for the Big Handicaps and Entries for Stakes Keep Them Guessing.**

Followers of racing and students of form woke up from their winter lethargy yesterday and set about their favorite pastime of picking winners with renewed energy. The incentive was furnished by the publication of the weights for the Brooklyn and Suburban handicaps, and the horsey set heartily welcomed such rich material for gossip. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the official handicapper had done his work well, although, as a matter of course, there were several amateur experts at the game who were prepared to pick out "cinches" offhand. Equally, as a matter of course, hardly any two critics agreed in their choices; and so the merry game will go on until the declarations come out and the genuine candidates settle down to strong work.

Meanwhile there is a promising crop of fresh problems in sight. The sixteen fixed events for the twentieth annual meeting of the Brighton Beach Racing Association closed officially last night, but the line will not be drawn until all nominations bearing yesterday's date have been filed. These include entries from the West and other distant points on the racing and breeding circuit, so that it will probably be a week before the association will be able to issue an official summary. So far the returns have been encouraging. An informal estimate makes the total about 300. This includes ten entries for the association's pet event, the Brighton Cup, of $7,500, for three-year-olds and upward, at two miles and a quarter. For such a trying distance wholesale nominations are not anticipated. Therefore the promoters are agreeably surprised at the liberal aspect of the patronage the big event is attracting.

Several valuable Western stakes also closed last night, including sixteen fixed events of the Latonia Jockey Club. Entries for the stakes of the Westchester Racing Association and the fixed events to be run at Bennings under the auspices of the Washington Jockey Club will close to-day with H. G. Crickmore, 173 Fifth avenue. The Westchester plums include the Metropolitan Handicap of $3,000, the Toboggan Handicap of $1,000 and the five for Serial handicaps of $1,500 each, for three-year-olds and upward; the Champagne of $1,500 and the White Plains Handicap of $4,000 for two-year-olds, and the Municipal Handicap of $3,500 for three-year-olds. The red-letter event on the Bennings prospectus is the Washington Handicap of $500 for three-year-olds and upward.

### Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—This was the fiftieth day of the winter meeting and has been the most successful ever held here. Jockey Shepherd met with an accident in the fourth race which will lay him up for some time. The lad was on Swordsman, who fell just as the field got off. The horse rolled over Shepherd, breaking several of his ribs and bruising him severely about the head. The doctors do not think he will die. Summaries follow:

First Race—Six furlongs.—Wiggins, 119 (Barrett), 4 to 1, won; Dutch Lady, 107 (Clayton), 7 to 5, second; Aunt Maggie, 112 (Aker), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:16.

Second Race—Half a mile; two-year-olds.—Pat Garrett, 107 (Southard), 10 to 1, won; The Diver, 110 (Hirsch), 11 to 5, second; Satinwood, 110 (Combs), 2 to 1, third. Time, 0:51.

Third Race—One mile.—Auger, 103 (Wilson), 4 to 1, won; Stella, 105 (Dupee), 9 to 10, second; Evanatus, 112 (Southard), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:44½.

Fourth Race—Half a mile and half furlong.—Viscount, 108 (Combs), 4 to 1, won; What Next, 108 (Dupee), 3 to 1, second; Robert Bonner, 105 (Barrett), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:38.

Fifth Race—One mile and a sixteenth.—Flog, 89 (Dupee), 6 to 5, won; Masterpiece, 105 (Barrett), 15 to 1, second; Jim Conway, 102 (Combs), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:53.

Sixth Race—Seven and a half furlongs.—Rush Fields, 100 (Guiterez), 2 to 1, won; John Sullivan, 100 (Aker), 8 to 5, second; Jack Hayes, 98 (Southard), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:39.

### Hard Going at Singerly.

SINGERLY, Feb. 1.—Biting winds, drifting snow, and a track as hard as adamant were some of the conditions which the regulars were forced to face here today. Still the muster was good and the events filled well. Favorites and well-backed second choices divided the honors up to the last race, when the despised Dorian rolled home at odds of 10 to 1. Summary:

First Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Fischer, even and 2 to 5, won; Dorcas L., 2 to 1 for place, second; Butte Boy, 3 to 1, third. Time, 0:59¾.

Second Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Charmeuse, 3 to 1 and even, won; Isolde, 6 to 5 for place, second; Edith Gray third. Time, 1:01.

Third Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Blue Ribbon, 8 to 5 and 7 to 10, won; Highland Fling, even for place, second; Legion, third. Time, 1:00.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs.—New South, 1 to 2 and out, won; Belvina, 5 to 1 for place, second; Krause, third. Time, 1:12¾.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs.—Mohawk, 8 to 1 and even, won; Frank R. Harf, even for place, second; Bardette third. Time, 1:07½.

Sixth Race—Four and a half furlongs.—Dorian, 10 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Boisterous, 4 to 5 for place, second; Corn Cob third. Time, 0:59.

### The Bones of George Wilkes Presented to Kentucky's State College.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1.—The bones of George Wilkes, the noted sire of trotting horses, have been presented to the Kentucky State College by Col. W. L. Simmons. Wilkes died sixteen years ago, but a recent examination of his grave shows the bones to be in good condition. They will be mounted and placed in the college museum.

# MUST PAY THEIR BOARD.

### FREE TRAINING TABLE FOR COLLEGE ATHLETES DOOMED.

**Vital Changes Proposed in the Laws of the Interscholastic Athletic Association—A Voice in Advisory Affairs Given to Graduates—Method of Scoring Will Be Broadened.**

The changes proposed in the constitution and by-laws of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America were made public last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. They aim at some vital points which have been the subject of frequent controversy, and every alteration outlined is based on logical grounds. The Chairman of the committee, Gustavus T. Kirby of Columbia University, in voicing the sentiments of his associates last night, seemed confident that the revisions would be adopted at the next annual meeting of the association.

The various points involved have been under consideration for some time. The subject was broached last November by the Executive Committee of the association—Oliver Shiras, Cornell; Henry W. Howe, Harvard; W. H. Fearing, Columbia; S. K. Gerard, Yale, and J. D. Windsor, University of Pennsylvania. It was then decided to intrust the proposed readjustment of the laws to Gustavus T. Kirby, Columbia; Murdock Kendrick, University of Pennsylvania; Henry W. Howe, Harvard, and Oliver Shiras, Cornell, ex-officio. These experts have been engaged industriously on the subject ever since.

The first proposed change that catches the eye in the revised draft of the constitution is in article 7, on the question of management. It marks a radical departure from custom and provides for the introduction of graduates on advisory matters. The interpolated clause reads:

The President of the association immediately after his election shall appoint a committee of three graduates from among the members