CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

LOUISVILLE CLUB STILL ANXIOUS TO SELL TO FREEDMAN.

The New York's President Again Declines—How League Magnates Set a Trap—Yale May Get Out of the Mott Haven Games—Ryan's Chances Against Fitzsimmons.

The owners of the Louisville Baseball Club are still trying to sell their players and franchise to the New York Club. Pulliam and Freyfuss visited Freedman's office yesterday afternoon and made another offer to the local magnate. Prior to their visit another influential baseball man had seen Freedman in their interests and asked the latter to buy. According to Freedman's statement to these men, he does not see his way clear to give $50,000 for a ball team composed chiefly of second-class material, when he only wants one player of the club, Fred Clarke. Freedman has made the liberal offer of $10,000 for Clarke and the Louisville men have refused. In declining to buy the whole Louisville franchise the New York President, in the estimation of good judges, has shown good policy. Clarke would strengthen the local nine greatly, and as a manager under the direction of John B. Day he might turn out a winner from the good material now in hand. By retaining Rusie, Meekin and Gleason, together with the reinstatement of both Hartman and Tiernan and the addition of Clarke, it would appear that Day's road might not be so very hard to travel. With Doyle, Gleason, Davis and Hartman as infielders, and Clarke, Van Haltren Tiernan in the outfield, the great pitching staff, composed of Rusie, Meekin, Seymour and Doheny, would receive valuable assistance in their efforts to twirl winning ball. The return of Parke Wilson to help Warner out behind the bat appears to round out the team rather neatly. Therefore baseball men see no reason why the New York Club should put up $50,000 for a few ball players and what looks like a worthless franchise in the near future.

A story given to the reporter of THE SUN by one of the League club owners, who says it cannot be denied by any delegate who attended last week's meeting, is as follows:

"The fight in the meeting over the National Board of Arbitration membership was more significant than the public has any idea of. The whole thing was caused by a trap set to put the old American Association clubs—Brooklyn, Baltimore and Louisville—on record as being in favor of a reduction of the circuit to eight clubs, although they were opposed to such a change. All three of them fell in, but were finally helped out by the men they thought were against them. It is a well-known fact that Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg have always favored an eight-club League. The Boston Club prompted the New York Club to get Abell of Brooklyn in line. The latter pledged his word to Freedman that he would make a motion to reduce the board membership to three, not including Nick Young.

"When Abel did this he believed that he was helping Freedman and Soden to defeat Brush, as the matter was outlined to him in this way. Abell accordingly opened the fight with his motion. Robison of Cleveland, who is hand in glove with Brush and Hart, opposed him. The Cleveland[illegible] showed that if the board membership was reduced it would be the first step toward reducing the present twelve-club circuit. Abell was obdurate and when pressed for a reason why he had made his motion he admitted that he had pledged himself to Freedman. Robison spoke further, showing that he wanted to protect the interests of the old Association clubs. But the Abell combination was blind. A vote was taken. The Boston Club was called first, and Soden said he did not care to vote. Although Abell must have known that Freedman and Soden were close friends and had similar baseball ideas, he refused to budge. The New York Club was then called, and Soden, holding Freedman's proxy, voted to reduce the board membership. Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Louisville, and Pittsburg voted with New York, the other clubs standing a unit against Abell's motion.

"With 6 to 5 staring at the Brush combine, Robison pointed out the fact that the motion could not be carried except by a 7 to 5 vote. Soden was then induced to vote, and, to the surprise of Abell and the others, he voted against the motion, which was lost. If Brush, Soden and Robison, all of whom really want to have the circuit reduced, had voted with Abell, the board would have been reduced all right, but incidentally Louisville, Baltimore and Brooklyn would have taken the first step to vote themselves out of the circuit. Abell now appreciates the situation, and wonders why Freedman asked him to take such action. Freedman, perhaps, would like to know why Soden did not vote with the Abell crowd after he had posted the New York Club's President on what to do. Brush, Robison and Hart would like to know with considerable interest what Abell, Vonderhorst and Pulliam think of them for blocking an almost certain "throw-down" for the old Association clubs. Possibly Soden might tell who first suggested to him to make his proposition to Freedman, who carried it to Abell. It is one of the most intricate pieces of baseball politics, so-called, on record."

Owner Vonderhorst of the Baltimore Club did not run across Owner Abell of Brooklyn yesterday, so that they might talk over the consolidation of the two clubs. An erroneous impression prevails that the deal cannot be made without the consent of the League. When asked about this point yesterday, several of the magnates who are still in town said that the governing body had nothing to say; that Abell and Vonderhorst could make a consolidation if they wanted to do so, with as much freedom as the Baltimore Club could sell Keeler or any other player to Brooklyn for a cash bonus.

There are rumors of an upheaval in the intercollegiate athletic world. Harvard, it is understood, has already withdrawn from the Intercollegiate A. A., which has control of the annual "Mott Haven" track and field games. According to good authority Yale may soon follow Harvard's example, and the two universities will hold a dual track meet by themselves. It is also said that Princeton may take similar action, in which event a three-cornered league is a possibility. In speaking of this matter a college man of prominence said yesterday:

"The trouble is just this: Harvard and Yale may be able to develop some crack performers in the sprints, for instance. When they meet at the intercollegiate games along comes Weiers, or some such noted celebrity, who is running for a smaller college, and wins. In doing this he upsets the calculations of Yale and Harvard and their men do not get a fair test. Harvard and Yale want to try out their track athletes just as they do with their football and baseball teams, and in order to accomplish this end they feel that it is necessary to withdraw from the intercollegiate association."

There is a growing impression among followers of glove contests that Kid McCoy will make it much more interesting for Tom Sharkey in their coming battle than the Sailor has any idea of. Men who study fighters are of the belief that unless Sharkey makes a quick, decisive fight, he will have a hard time to dispose of his young rival. Dave Holland, who has handled Peter Maher and is regarded as a good judge, says that if Sharkey does not put the Kid to sleep in two rounds he will "have a hard put on him" that will be of extraordinary proportions. Others of the talent possess similar views, for they recognize the fact that McCoy is wonderfully clever and is a pretty stiff puncher when he has an opponent where he wants him. They figure that Sharkey's short reach and rather clumsy movements in the ring will preclude the possibility of his reaching McCoy with a finisher. They regard the Kid as being fully as shifty as Corbett and physically the ex-champion's superior, and on this ground they base the belief that he will not only be able to stall the Sailor off, but also outpoint him in fine boxing science. Sharkey's friends feel quite confident that he can settle the aspirations of McCoy in short order. They say that Corbett, with his acknowledged cleverness, could not prevent the Sailor from landing severe punches, and that in view of this fact McCoy will be subjected to similar treatment. It is also their belief that McCoy cannot hit hard enough to knock Tom out, although they admit that the Kid may be able to administer more severe punishment than Corbett did. It is understood that Rourke, Sharkey's manager, has already informed the latter that in order to win he must get in a deciding blow early in the game or take the consequences.

The talk of a match between Bob Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan of Syracuse is a source of some amusement to some of the experts. Such question is asked daily where fighting enthusiasts congregate. "Is Fitzsimmons as formidable now as when he whipped Jack Dempsey, and is Ryan as clever a fighter as the latter was in his palmy days?" There can be no doubt that Fitz, since he won the middleweight championship from Dempsey in 1891, has steadily improved, and that when he beat Corbett at Carson he was the greatest pugilist in the world. Since then the Cornishman has not engaged in a fight, but he has taken good care of himself, which means, in the estimation of the sports, that he can put himself into athletic shape for one more important fight. It is also conceded by some that Fitzsimmons is still able to get 158 pounds, the middleweight limit, at which he says Ryan must fight him. Bob's tremendous punching power and the possession of a pair of remarkably strong hands have in the past made him invincible. Ryan has only just graduated from the welterweight class, in which he was summarily beaten by Kid McCoy, and also failed on two memorable occasions to stop "Mysterious Billy" Smith. Ryan is undoubtedly clever and a slashing hitter, but at middleweight he is not considered one bit better than Jack Dempsey was when he was winning his long string of victories. That McCoy can whip Ryan at any weight many ring followers believe, so that they fail to see just how the Syracuse fighter could win laurels in a battle with "Lanky Bob."

ROLLER POLO.

New York Wins the First Game for the American Association Championship.

Fully 3,000 persons attended the opening game for the American Roller Polo Association championship at the Grand Central Palace last night. The New Yorks had as their opponents the Brooklyns, and it was only after an exciting struggle that the former came out the victors by the score of 5 goals to 3. Every available seat in the hall was filled long before the time for the game to begin.

Although Tarrant won the opening rush, Perkins of Brooklyn got the ball away from him and rushed it down to New York's goal. Three or four times he circled the cage, with Tarrant in close pursuit. Berry, New York's goal tender, thinking that Tarrant had got the ball, stepped aside and Coyle, quickly seizing the opportunity, shot it into the cage for Brooklyn's first goal. It took forty-five minutes to accomplish this. Play had hardly been resumed before Purcell and Tierney had a mix-up in which Tierney went to the floor. Brooklyn was playing a fiercely aggressive game, and for the second time Coyle was successful in caging the ball for his team. Both sides were roughing, and there was hardly a second that some one of the players wasn't on the floor. Coyle was Brooklyn's bright particular star, and just before the period ended he scored another goal. Considerable adverse criticism was passed upon Berry's playing for New York, as he allowed two of the goals to be scored that should have been blocked.

It was a gloomy outlook that faced New York when the second period began. For a few minutes accidents were frequent. Coyle was soaked on the head by a stick. Then Tobin got in the way of a flying stick and for the rest of the game went around with a bandage around his face. Tarrant got the rush and aided by good interference from Schofield and, Purcell, landed New York's first goal in 1 minute and 35 seconds. Schofield took a hand in the game then and, after capturing the rush, shoved the ball along to Malone. New York's half back ran it to Schofield and with a pretty drive sent it into Brooklyn's cage. Schofield tied the score one minute later with another long drive. When Tarrant got the next rush and Purcell caged the ball there was a wild demonstration. Schofield again distinguished himself and received the plaudits of the crowd by scoring New York's fifth goal and the last of the game. The line-up:

New York.	*Positions.*	*Brooklyn.*
Tarrant	First rush	Coyle, Parsons
Schofield	Second rush	Perkins
Purcell	Centre	Tierney (Capt.)
Malone	Half back	Tobin
Berry (Capt.)	Goal	Anderson

Referee—Arlie Latham. Goals from field—Schofield, 3; Coyle, 3; Tarrant, 1; Purcell, 1.

BILLIARDS.

Taylor Defeats Smith for Second Place in the Class B Tournament.

The handicap billiard tournament at the Knickerbocker A. C. theatre ended last night with another hair-raising match between Taylor and Smith for second place. The St. Louis expert beat Taylor when they met the first time, but last night the Chicagoan turned the tables on him after an exciting finish. Both men were too excited and nervous to put up their best game and each played safe constantly when the game got so close at the end.

Smith both played Taylor by keeping the balls well separated when he missed and the Chicagoan could not seem to get them rolling well for him. Smith started off in the lead and he turned his first string with the score at 111 to 60. A good break of 36 brought Taylor close at his heels. Then Smith struck a great streak of clever nursing, and in four successive double figures he piled off a total of 102 points, an average of over 25. This left him with a lead of 60 points. Taylor then took a turn and pulled steadily up on his opponent until he tied his score at 256. From this point it was a nip-and-tuck struggle. Taylor got in a run of 17, but Smith came back with a break of 20 and they were close to the finish. Both then missed easy shots from nervousness, but Taylor pulled himself together first, and ran out the game in his sixty-seventh inning. The score:

Taylor—0, 3, 6, 0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 2, 3, 1, 0, 1, 0, 24, 0, 9, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 6, 1, 36, 0, 1, 10, 13, 0, 0, 9, 0, 5, 2, 3, 18, 2, 1, 0, 3, 16, 23, 1, 18, 0, 0, 2, 5, 0, 1, 0, 1, 3, 3, 8, 0; total, 300; average, 4 52-67; highest runs, 36, 24, 23, 18 and 17.

Smith—0, 1, 10, 0, 0, 3, 1, 3, 0, 3, 2, 6, 0, 1, 3, 27, 8, 2, 0, 3, 17, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 3, 15, 9, 4, 1, 0, 4, 4, 1, 6, 0, 0, 1, 20, 38, 11, 4, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 2, 0, 1, 2, 6, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 20, 1, 0, 0, 1, 9. Total, 300; average, 4 25-66; highest runs, 38, 29, 27, 24 and 20.

Referee—Edward McLaughlin.

Hanlon Talks on the Brooklyn Deal.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Further progress in the Baltimore-Brooklyn baseball deal is blocked until Vonderhorst returns to Baltimore. He is expected to-morrow or Wednesday at the latest. A meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore Baseball and Exposition Company will be called and the deal ratified. Hanlon said to-day:

"I do not expect to return to Brooklyn until next spring, when I hope to be the manager of the club in that city. While the deal is not yet consummated, I have every reason to believe it will be, as the financial condition of the Baltimore Club makes it absolutely necessary. There are many things upon which the two sets of parties interested in the deal must get together. So far, nothing has been determined except that the two interests are to be pooled, that one-half of the stock of the Brooklyn Club is in readiness to be divided between Vonderhorst and myself in the proportion in which we are interested in the Baltimore Club and that I am to be the manager of the Baltimore Club. My compensation has not yet been discussed. I am rather surprised that Vonderhorst has held off signing the agreement, and am inclined to think that he dislikes to come face to face with an action which he believes will put him in the bad graces of the Baltimoreans. As for myself, I am not a Baltimorean and have no excuses to make. I readily accept any change which would better my fortunes, and no one can blame me. I have many business interests here, however, which I do not care to leave, and I shall make my home in Baltimore in the winter."

The statement that the Baltimore franchise is for sale is well received here. There will be plenty of customers.

Capt. Dibblee Wants to Be on Harvard's Baseball Nine.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 19.—The Harvard baseball prospects are considerably increased by the announcement that Capt. Dibblee and Quarter Back Daly of the football team will be candidates for the nine when the baseball squad is called in the spring. Dibblee will play third base and Daly will try for the field. The former was a star in "diamond" when at the Groton School, and the latter replaced "Walley" Rand, last year's captain of the Boston High School team. Last spring Dibblee played a great game at third base, and did some excellent batting in the games for the class championship.

Gossip of the Ring.

J. S. Thompson.—You win the bet.

There is a letter at this office for Tommy West.

G. L., New York.—No date has been set for the meeting.

Walter Burge wishes to try his skill against either George McFadden or Jack Downey.

Tom Neiland of Philadelphia has issued a challenge to test the fistic prowess of Kid Harris.

John Root and "Australian" Jim Ryan have been matched to box six rounds in Chicago on Dec. 30.

Jack Sharkey, brother to Tom Sharkey, is in town. He is looking for a match with any good welterweight.

Matty Matthews and Joe Burke have been matched to box twenty rounds before a local club on next Saturday night.

Danny Duane, the local featherweight, is anxious to box Joe Bernstein. Duane has posted $100 to bind a meeting.

Tom O'Rourke still thinks that Joe Walcott can whip "Mysterious" Billy Smith, and would like to make a return match between the pair.

Prof. Jimmy De Forrest writes to THE SUN that there is no truth in the report that he has quit the management of Kid Harris, the shifty Chicago bantam.

E. J. Holland, who is piloting the fortunes of Charley Stevenson, informs THE SUN from Philadelphia that his protégé is ready to cope with Jack Bonner or any other middleweight.

The twenty-five-round mill between Kid McPartland and Dal Hawkins, which will be decided at the Lenox A. C. to-night, is expected to result in a hot argument. Both men are in good shape. In the preliminary bout Frank Bradley of Philadelphia will box Danny Needham.

It is quite likely that the challenge of Terry McGovern to box "Pedlar" Palmer may result in a match. Dr. Ordway, the American representative of the National Sporting Club of London, has cabled to England McGovern's deal and expects to receive a reply some time this week. If Palmer consents to box McGovern the battle will probably be decided before March, as Palmer has signed to face Will Curley, the English 116-pounder.

Kid McCoy was in town yesterday. He will begin training for his meeting with Tom Sharkey in Asbury Park to-day. "I intended to work on Staten Island," he said, "but I have concluded to go to New Jersey. It's a better place, and I have made arrangements to have a large gymnasium, well equipped with good exercising paraphernalia. I only weighed 156 pounds when I met Goddard in Philadelphia, and I do not expect to weigh more than 158 pounds when I tackle Sharkey. McCoy's chief mentors will be Con Reilly, his brother, Homer Selby, and "Doc" Payne.

RACING SEASON ABROAD.

Sloan and Madden's Riding Compared—Winning Owners on the English Turf.

In reviewing the horse racing season which recently closed abroad, so far as important events on the flat are concerned, the *Field* of Dec. 3 furnishes some data of international interest. It analyzes the winnings of jockeys and owners and also sums up the situation from a breeding standpoint. The following excerpts from the story will be appreciated by American horsemen:

"One of the chief incidents of the season was, of course, the visit of Sloan, the American jockey, to our shores, and it must be confessed that his successes have been remarkable, as out of ninety-seven mounts he won no fewer than forty-three races. He was second twenty-three times, third seven times and unplaced twenty-four times only, so that practically one may say he won very nearly every other race in which he rode. At the Newmarket First October meeting he won twelve races out of sixteen, five of his races being secured on the last day. The Lord William Beresford-Lorillard combination possessed some good horses and this meant something toward Sloan's success, while some of his other rides were on horses which, at least by their owners, were considered to have tolerably good chances. To give Sloan his due, however, it must be admitted that he has been successful on horses which in other hands have run unkindly, and this rather suggests that the remark which has been sometimes made, that Sloan is no horseman, is hardly to the point.

"The American certainly did not bully his horses; he did not knock them about unnecessarily, nor did he ride with a slack rein. These are all points in which many of our native jockeys fail. Any one who takes the trouble to walk down toward the starting point will see plenty of loose reins, plenty of whips going, while horses are changing legs, perhaps once in a furlong. Now, neither Sloan nor anybody else can make a horse go faster than his best pace. The most he can do is to take care that no motion of his interferes with a horse's action, and to these facts we attribute Sloan's success.

"Compared with the American's average the total of wins secured by Madden, who heads the list of jockeys this year, is small. Although he won 101 races, he had no fewer than 829 mounts, so that he won only one in five races, as compared with the nearly one in two won by Sloan. Madden rode Jeddah in the Derby, and he was also on the back of the winners of the Great Ebor Handicap, the Cesarewitch and the Manchester Handicap, and it is a somewhat curious coincidence that Madden rode the first winner at Lincoln, when the flat racing season opened in March last, and also the last winner at Manchester during November. If we take his 101 wins at 5 guineas apiece, we have a total of 505 guineas, and if to this we add 3 guineas for each of 668 losing mounts, equal to £2,004, we shall strike a full total of 2,809 guineas—not a bad income for a hard-working professional man; but one which, of course, bears no sort of relation to the sum actually netted."

How owners and jockeys fare on the British circuit and the amount of money involved is summed up as follows:

"The late Lord Falmouth carried off in stakes alone something like a quarter of a million in money, but in his time £10,000 races had not been invented, or probably his total would have been largely in excess of the amount credited to him. One is always glad to find that a good sportsman meets with due success, and this year Leopold de Rothschild heads the list with £30,267, the Duke of Westminster coming next with £16,296, and C. D. Rose third with £16,285. Altogether six owners have run into five figures, but even Rothschild's total sinks to nothing when compared with the amount won by the Duke of Portland in 1889. No less a sum than £73,858, thanks to Donovan, was placed to the Duke's credit, for that horse won not only the Prince of Wales's stakes, worth £11,000, but carried off the St. Leger, the Newmarket Stakes and the Lancashire Plate, while Ayrshire contributed the Eclipse Stakes and the Kempton Park Royal Stakes. Two years ago Mr. Rothschild's winnings amounted to nearly £47,000, but even as they stand at present they are nearly twice the amount secured by his nearest rival, the Duke of Westminster, who has won less than £17,000. These figures sound well, but what the actual net profit may be is another matter altogether. The forfeits, riding fees, retainers, trainers' bills and presents add up to a formidable amount on the other side, and perhaps no one but a horse owner himself knows what is being expended."

The Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—The finish in the fourth race, a handicap for all ages, was Wells Street first by two lengths and Sam Lazarus second. It will perhaps be the last time Wells Street will ever finish in front of such a field. He only did so to-day because he lost his rider shortly after the start. The books paid off on Sam Lazarus, who was the lukewarm favorite. Wells Street ran three miles further before he was stopped. Beyond this incident there was very little about the programme that was interesting. Jockey Combet, who shot at Bob Ivon, the locker tender, in a sweep, was fined $100 by the stewards for exhibiting a deadly weapon. The courts decided that Combs was justified in his deed, and that is why more severe measures were not taken by the stewards. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; one mile and twenty yards.—Pinkey Potter, 105 (Rigby), 8 to 1, won; Traveller, 97 (Southard), second; Can I See 'Em, 96 (Frost), third. Time, 1:58⅘.

Second Race—Selling; seven furlongs—Dr. Vaughn, 104 (O'Connor), 5 to 1, won; Anitra, 106 (Cunningham), second; Morning, 99 (Troxler), third. Time, 1:34⅘.

Third Race—Heavyweight handicap; one mile and a quarter—Brakeman, 143 (Gilmore), 9 to 2, won; Protus, 138 (Cunningham), second; Alamo, 134 (Gatewood), third. Time, 2:30¾.

Fourth Race—Seven furlongs—Sam Lazarus, 90 (O'Connor), won; imp. Loiterer, 111 (Burns), second; Elkin, 99 (Southard), third. Time, 1:37.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth—Dr. Marks, 98 (O'Connor), 5 to 2, won; Patroon, 106 (Southard), second; Hampden, 101 (Hirshberger), third. Time, 1:59.

Yale Wants Sanford to Train the Track Team.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 19.—It is stated that the Yale athletic management has made a definite offer of the trainership of the track team to George F. Sanford, the former middle-distance runner and football centre rush. Sanford made application last fall, but owing to a theory of a member of the Yale Athletic Committee that a professional trainer was undesirable he was not engaged. He then accepted a commission as Lieutenant of the Third Connecticut Infantry, and is now in Summerville, S. C., with his regiment. It is not thought he will accept the trainership.

Golf.

All of the trouble between the Golf Club of Lakewood and the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club bids fair to end, owing to the new arrangements that have been made by the Ocean County Club. The Greens Committee of the latter has decided to change the Saturday open events, making them eighteen-hole medal play events instead of thirty-six holes. This will give an opportunity to visiting and home golfers to play over the links of both clubs on Saturday should they so desire. The handicap will be twenty-five strokes.

Trap Shooting.

The last shoot of the year for the championship cup of the Hudson Gun Club of Jersey City was decided yesterday on the grounds of the organization, East Harrison. W. L. Van Dyne, with 30 points to his credit, won, while William H. Shields and J. H. Whytle tied for the second prize. The principal event was a match at 100 clay birds, which was won by Charles B. Banta, by one bird, from Dr. O'Connell. Summaries:

Match at 100 Clay Birds—Sixteen yards rise, scratch—Dr. William H. O'Connell, 70; Charles H. Banta, 71.

Fifteen Clay Birds—Unknown traps and angles—Banta, 10; Bock, 11; Dr. O'Connell, 14; Van Dyne, 11; Al Heritage, 10; Brewer, 11; Altz, 8; Whytle, 8; Shields, 8; Wright, 8; Thomas H. White, 11.

Fifteen Clay Birds—Banta, 12; Bock, 7; Dr. O'Connell, 9; Van Dyne, 11; Heritage, 8; Brewer, 11; Altz, 8; Shields, 14; White, 10; Kall, 5.

Ten Birds—Known traps and angles—Banta, 8; Bock, 7; O'Connell, 9; Van Dyne, 8; Shields, 8; Kall, 3.

Ten Birds—Known traps and angles—Banta, 5; Bock, 6; O'Connell, 8; Van Dyne, 6.

Cup shoot, Twenty-five Birds—Banta, 17; Bock, 16; Dr. O'Connell, 15; Van Dyne, 20; Heritage, 15; Altz, 12; Whytle, 14; Shields, 21.

Ten Birds—Banta, 8; Bock, 6; Dr. O'Connell, 6; Van Dyne, 8; Heritage, 8; Brewer, 9; Altz, 4; Whytle, 4; Shields, 8; White, 3; Kall, 3.

Match Against Birds—Dr. O'Connell killed 23 out of 25 shot at.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

OUTCOME OF THE STATE DIVISION MEETING FREELY DISCUSSED.

So Important a Proceeding as the Abolishment of the Racing Board Should Have Been Left to the Popular Vote of the Members—Ex-Chairman Raymond Talks.

The action of the Board of Officers of the New York State Division, L. A. W., in voting out the State Racing Board was an uppermost topic of discussion in cycling circles yesterday. There are criticism and commendation to be heard in every direction, but in almost every group where different opinions are to be heard there arise also the questions: "What of it? What does it amount to one way or the other?" The fact that there will be no State Racing Board will make no appreciable difference in the racing world or in the League. If the L. A. W. continues to control racing there will be a member of the National Racing Board appointed in this State, and applications for sanctions will be made to him instead of to the State Board. The amendment that abolished the State Racing Board was one that, according to a statement made yesterday to a reporter of THE SUN by Chief Consul Belding, will have more moral effect than practical results, and it was chiefly for its moral influence that it was passed. The vote of 33 in favor of it to 8 against it will also have weight with the other divisions.

Only five men who opposed the measure were present and they voted three proxies, among them being that of A. D. Wait, ex-Chairman of the board. The idea of the new administration to pay no attention to racing and devote itself entirely to good roads, cycle paths, wheelmen's rights and benefits was ably vindicated at the meeting. The most just criticism to be heard in the talk about town is that any proceeding so important should have been left to a popular vote of the members.

Among the interesting points developed at the annual meeting of the State division was that the delegates to the National Assembly will go to Providence unpledged to any Presidential candidate and not committed to any policy concerning the racing question. It was tacitly admitted by the delegates that it will be impossible next February to get through an amendment abolishing the racing control, and while the majority of the New York delegates are in favor of so doing they are not likely to make any fight, because they think they would be almost as badly beaten as they were in 1896, when I. B. Potter introduced an amendment to that effect. Regarding the Presidency, it is almost certain that Conway Sams of Baltimore will be a candidate and that he will receive the support of this State.

Howard E. Raymond, the ex-Chairman of the National Racing Board of the L. A. W., who is spending a few days in this city, talked with a reporter of THE SUN yesterday upon the question of the League controlling racing. He expresses confidence that the L. A. W. at its annual meeting will decide to continue its government over the racing interests in this country. For the benefit of the sport, however, he thinks some radical changes should be made in the conduct of both the amateur and professional departments. The talk of abandoning racing he ascribes solely to members of the organization who are under the impression that racing interests predominate, while other and equally important work is neglected. The racing men, urged on by individuals and associations who aim to control the sport for revenue, hold forth alluring promises which rarely ever materialize. Raymond declares that the question of dropping racing is suggested annually, but the lack of a strong, honest representative organization, disinterested financially, to govern the sport, makes it almost imperative that the League should continue in control. The relation of riders to League organizations, he conceded, will likely impose additional work on the racing department of the League, but he believes that it will maintain its control next season without any trouble.

The Election Committee of the Century Road Club of America announces that the following officers have been elected for the coming year: President, A. A. Mace, St. Louis; First Vice-President, Samuel D. Warns, Baltimore; Second Vice-President, Walter Farraday, Chicago; Secretary, C. M. Fairchild, Chicago; Treasurer, Thomas P. Fry, Rochester. The State officers elected in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are: New York—State Centurion, John T. Wall, New York; Secretary-Treasurer, R. G. Wood, Jr., New York. New Jersey—State Centurion, Albert Irving, Passaic; Secretary-Treasurer, John E. Cullingford, Camden. Pennsylvania—State Centurion, J. H. George, Philadelphia; Secretary-Treasurer, A. A. Gracey, Philadelphia.

After over a year spent in this country Edouard Taylore of France will leave for home this week. His expenses have been paid ever since his arrival in this country and will be paid to his home by the American association. While in France he intends to race, and being under suspension by the L. A. W., an interesting situation will be the result. Asked whether he would pay his fine he said:

"Why should I pay $200 to the L. A. W.? I can ride at home. Our organization is so nearly the same and our plans for controlling the sport so nearly the plan adopted here that in France I am confident union men will ride as much as they desire. Our U. V. F. is composed of the track owners and promoters. So is yours. Our syndicate of racing men is the same as your union. The U. V. F. works with the syndicate and the latter has representation in the U. V. F. On the track in our country give meets once each year for the benefit of the racing men's fund, as will yours another year. The entire plan in France is the same as has been adopted here, and the U. V. F. has only to know that the N. C. A. is the strongest to form an alliance with it. In the meantime I anticipate not the slightest trouble in racing at home and shall not worry at all."

One of the most practical steps taken at the Rochester meeting was the adoption of a suggestion made by a Manhattan delegate which will lead the division out of its financial slough. An Honor Committee of 500 is to be formed, each member agreeing to get five new members or pay in $10 to the treasury. This plan should raise $5,000 very speedily, and, with all the machinery of the division running, the outlook is for a prosperous year.

What harm may come through allowing nuts to become loose and drop off when the wheel is in use was forcibly shown by the mishap of a rider who took a header into the mud yesterday because of his front wheel coming out of the forks. He had a wheel of old style in which the front axle was set into slots that opened downward at the fork ends. He had unconsciously lost a nut, and in jumping a low gutter in East New York the wheel jumped out of the slots. The fall was severe enough to have caused a fracture of the skull, but the man had luck and landed in some heavy mud, escaping with nothing worse than some bruises and a ruined riding suit.

NOTES.

W. Downes.—Apply to M. L. Bridgman, Sixtieth street and Boulevard, for entry blanks.

F. L. H.—1. "Major" Taylor has followed the circuit for the past three years. 2. He never competed in a six-day race. He took part in some special races run in connection with long distance events.

The following officers have been elected by the Amphion Wheelmen of Brooklyn: President, Ernst Hester; Vice-President, Charles Zutrauen; Corresponding Secretary, John Fetting, Jr.; Recording Secretary, William Bohl; Treasurer, William Reisler; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Bohl; Captain, Otto Uhlig; First Lieutenant, Steve Sneider; Second Lieutenant, William Uhlig; Color Bearer, Louis Geggenheimer; Bugler, Fred Haubert.

Pool.

Play was resumed last night in the annual pool tournament of the Crescent A. C. of Brooklyn. Clarence E. MacMahon and H. S. Bownes were the contestants. Such pool as played by MacMahon could hardly have been beaten by any amateur. He put in fourteen balls out of the first frame, and during the contest pocketed twelve and thirteen balls right along. He defeated Bownes by a score of 125 to 63. J. F. Powers and W. J. McConville will be the contestants to-night.

Big Football Receipts.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 19.—Yale, Harvard and Princeton have been figuring up their football receipts for the season just closed. The amount received at the Yale-Harvard contest here on Nov. 19 was $30,500, and the gate receipts at the Yale-Princeton game at Princeton on Nov. 12, $24,000. Manager Brown of the Yale team said to-night that it was not yet possible to announce the total season's receipts, but it is estimated that they are about $45,000.

Basketball Notes.

The Morningsides played the Ascension team at the former's gymnasium on Saturday night. The Morningsides won by 28 to 7.

The Pro Cathedrals would like to arrange games with teams averaging from 115 to 130 pounds. Address Charles Schrenker, 286 East Tenth street.

The second team of the Morningsides would like to arrange games with unregistered teams averaging from 115 to 120 pounds for Thursday and Saturday evenings. Address Emil L. Widoff, 262 West 115th street.

The Suburbas team would like to arrange games for Saturday nights with teams averaging 116 pounds and offering suitable inducements. Address Benjamin Wilder, care of *Electrical Engineer*, 120 Liberty street.

The game between the Washington Heights Y. M. C. A. team and the Fourth Separate Company of Yonkers, at the former's gymnasium, on Saturday, was exceptionally fast and a trifle rough. Washington Heights was ahead by the score of 6 points to 5 when the game ended abruptly after nine minutes of play in the second half, by King of the Yonkers team being injured. No substitute being available, Referee Waters declared the game forfeited to Washington Heights by the score of 2 to 0.

BOWLING.

The Spartan Men Take the Rosedale Team Into Camp by 135 Pins.

Not one of the spectators who witnessed the A. N. T. series at the Germania Assembly Rooms' alleys last night expected the Spartans to defeat the Rosedales, but the latter team did not roll within 135 pins of their average, missing thirteen easy spares. Capt. Thum's men were full of confidence and beat their old-time rivals rather easily. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Rosedale—C. Sievers, 178; D. Frercks, 124; Kessler, 126; A. Sievers, 145; Lohrback, 177. Total, 750.

Spartan—Thum, 172; Coulon, 185; Matzen, 168; Maier, 205; Schilling, 190. Total, 870.

SECOND GAME.

Rosedale—C. Sievers, 199; D. Frercks, 141; Kessler, 161; A. Sievers, 211; Lohrbach, 215. Total, 927.

Golden Rod—Dormagen, 147; Eckstein, 171; Snyder, 191; Schroeder, 187; Eck, 148. Total, 844.

THIRD GAME.

Spartan—Thum, 237; Coulon, 176; Matzen, 165; Maier, 168; Schilling, 187. Total, 898.

Golden Rod—Dormagen, 167; Eckstein, 190; Snyder, 147; Schroeder, 174; Eck, 156. Total, 834.

The second team of the Corinthian Bowling Club knocked out all high scores of the season in Downtown 1 of the United Bowling Clubs' tournament at the Arcade alleys last night. Rein led with 242. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Corinthian—Puffer, 190; Rein, 242; Theysohn, 209; T. Walter, 181; Warner, 181. Total, 947.

Glendale—Groeling, 166; Stutterheim, 161; Dillmann, 137; C. Fuchs, 140; Schwager, 159. Total, 784.

SECOND GAME.

Glendale—Groeling, 166; Stutterheim, 186; Dillmann, 157; C. Fuchs, 150; Schwager, 174. Total, 833.

Civil Service—Denecke, 138; Schiele, 149; Acker, 147; Schmitt, 148; Tritsch, 166. Total, 748.

De Long Council won two games in the Brooklyn Royal Arcanum tournament last night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

De Long Council—Blake, 178; Schumann, 178; Herz, 180; Healy, 129; Haff, 189. Total, 854.

Bushwick Council—Kaiser, 118; Miller, 122; Knopf, 198; Quinn, 108; Bucken, 176. Total, 722.

SECOND GAME.

Bushwick Council—Kaiser, 126; Miller, 185; Knopf, 160; Quinn, 149; Bucken, 159. Total, 779.

Brooklyn Council—Cook, 164; Clarke, 186; Brouard, 182; Taber, 151; Maybaum, 185. Total, 768.

THIRD GAME.

Brooklyn Council—Cook, 172; Clarke, 147; Brouard, 166; Taber, 120; Maybaum, 174. Total, 779.

De Long Council—Blake, 173; Schumann, 188; Herz, 186; Healy, 136; Haff, 165. Total, 790.

The Templeton bowlers rolled high last night in the Brooklyn national tournament. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Cordialia—Steininger, 170; Heinz, 186; Zehner, 168; G. Matheis, 176; Kaminsky, 160. Total, 850.

Will Do—J. Hummell, 171; Rothlisberg, 161; W. Hummell, 150; Serenbetz, 156; Gelb, 143. Total, 771.

SECOND GAME.

Will Do—Gelb, 179; Rothlisberg, 210; W. Hummell, 199; Serenbetz, 154; J. Hummell, 160. Total, 902.

Templeton—Auer, 154; Hilderbrand, 212; Wirth, 207; Herberger, 176; Flood, 182. Total, 931.

THIRD GAME.

Templeton—Auer, 172; Hilderbrandt, 212; Wirth, 202; Herberger, 150; Flood, 159. Total, 895.

Cordialia—Steininger, 148; Heinz, 189; Zehner, 167; G. Matheis, 218; Kaminsky, 168. Total, 880.

The Metropolitans had no trouble in beating the Monarchs and Reineckes in last night's series of the Carrothers National tournament of Brooklyn. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Reinecke—Wulpern, 143; Vagts, 185; Meyer, 166; Kruse, 190; Schwartje, 185. Total, 819.

Monarch—H. Maass, 148; Kelly, 124; Van Slycke, 197; Walter, 152. Total, 621.

SECOND GAME.

Monarch—Cadieu, 182; Kelly, 178; Van Slycke, 178; Walter, 168; H. Maass, 151. Total, 857.

Metropolitan—Meyer, 168; Starr, 165; Whittlesey, 196; Fisher, 169; Leuly, 240. Total, 938.

THIRD GAME.

Metropolitan—Meyer, 193; Starr, 196; Whittlesey, 146; Fisher, 154; Leuly, 188. Total, 877.

Reinecke—Wulpern, 192; Vagts, 141; Meyer, 145; Kruze, 178; Schwartje, 158. Total, 814.

The second team of the Templeton Bowling Club defeated the Night Owls and Garfields in Leister's Kings County tournament last night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

T. B. C.—Breitenbach, 148; Seiler, 142; Rudd, 160; Hummel, 160; Arend, 140. Total, 753.

Night Owl—Giligas, 150; Sustr, 167; Kroningberger, 116; Hartman, 145; Grell, 146. Total, 724.

SECOND GAME.

Night Owl—Giligas, 160; Sustr,