TROUBLE OVER THE RULES.

M'COY ISSUES A STATEMENT THAT MAY CAUSE A WRANGLE.

Wants Only Long-Range Work and Warns the Referee About Fouls—A Verbal Agreement Recalled—What O'Rourke and the Sailor Say—McCoy's Training.

It is possible that McCoy and Sharkey may indulge in a wrangle over the rules as laid down in the articles of agreement. McCoy sent out a statement yesterday, a part of which is as follows:

"It has always been my desire to become the champion of the world of my profession. Having clearly demonstrated my superiority over all the best living middleweights by knocking them out or utterly stopping them, I decided to begin with the heavyweights. My plan was to take all the aspirants for the heavyweight championship one at the time. Gus Ruhlin, by reason of his drawn battles with Jim Jeffries, Joe Choynski and Joe Goddard, was recognized as a pugilist of merit, and my first essay with a good big fellow was against Billy Vanden's tough proposition. It was not necessary for me to disclose my full capacity to give intended opponents and rivals a "fine," but I easily defeated Ruhlin without receiving any damage in return. Then came my match with Corbett, which cost me considerable money. He received $2,500 for expenses, while I received nothing, but would have been more than compensated if I could have induced him to have faced me in the ring. He deliberately broke away from his match with me to make one with Tom Sharkey. Then came my match with Peter Maher. Every concession was made to the Irishman, but Peter's heart once more failed him, and I was again left without a match.

The outcome of the Sharkey-Corbett fight proved conclusively that the Sailor had become a most important factor in the world's championship question. All boxing authorities paid due homage to Sharkey and his wonderful improvement. It became evident to me that to reach Fitzsimmons the only man in my way was Tom Sharkey. Without hesitation I entered into the match, and all arrangements were amicably made without a lot of bluff and abuse. Little or no change was made in the articles of agreement as first prepared, and Tom O'Rourke for Sharkey unhesitatingly agreed on Tim Hurst for referee, who was my own selection.

Many anonymous letters have been sent me warning me against O'Rourke and Tim Hurst. Many of them hint at close business relations, which have existed between O'Rourke and Hurst for years. There are also a lot more cowardly insinuations. I want to be put on record as stating that I have not paid the least attention to a single one of these anonymous letters sent me. My relations with O'Rourke are of a strictly business character, and we have signed agreements covering all details. As for the referee's duties the articles of agreement are most explicit, and Hurst possesses my full confidence, as he does that of all other men who know him. I am not going to fight either O'Rourke or Hurst. My opponent will be Tom Sharkey, and there will be an audience of several thousands who will be sub-referees or judges.

Sharkey and I are not looking for any the better of a referee's decision. Both of us cannot win, and the loser will naturally feel disappointed. If my memory serves me right, my contest with Sharkey will be the first that has ever been fought under strict rules, which compel the principals to adhere to scientific boxing and fighting at all stages of the contest. In other words, all fighting must be done at long range, and any violation of this agreement subjects the offender to disqualification on a foul. As neither of us solicit any such outcome, a grandly scientific contest must follow. I want to call attention to the following very important clauses in the articles of agreement:

"Clause 8.—The parties of the first part agree to box under the Marquis of Queensberry rules except that there shall be no hitting in clinches or breakaways. They agree that the contest must be fair and scientific, void of all roughing on ropes, wrestling or fouling. They further agree that it shall constitute a foul for one contestant to hold the other with one hand and deliver a blow with the other hand.

"Clause 10.—It is agreed that when one contestant is holding the other, or when either contestant is holding the other, such act or acts shall constitute a clinch, and it is further agreed that it shall be the referee's duty to see that the contestants are separated when so clinched."

From these two clauses the reader will quickly recognize that Referee Hurst's duties will not be heavy or arduous. When either of us comes to grips with hands on each other, it is compulsory that we refrain from hitting, or lose on a foul. It was owing to these rules that I made the match, for I make no pretensions to being a wrestler or rough and tumble fighter. It is my great confidence in my science, skill and generalship that induced me, a boxer that can fight at 154 pounds, to contest with a man at least twenty-five pounds heavier than myself, and admittedly the best heavyweight pugilist living, with the possible exception of Bob Fitzsimmons.

I believe that I will win, and want all my friends to know my feelings in that respect. I ask for no credit for my bout with Joe Goddard, for the task was a ridiculously easy one. I have to work harder any time I box my sparring partners, "Doc" Payne and Con Riley, than I did when I boxed Goddard. All I ask for is a fair field and no favors, and if I am not able to demonstrate that science is the master of brawn and muscle, then the sooner I know it the better it will be for me. If defeated I shall be among the first to congratulate the victor and give him full credit.

McCoy's point in declaring that the fight must be at long range and that any hitting when one man has his hands on his opponent shall constitute a foul will surprise those who were present when the articles of agreement were signed last month. In discussing both clauses mentioned by McCoy, he and Sharkey gave an illustration of what was meant. Sharkey put both of the Kid's hands on his (Sharkey's) shoulders, and then with his own fists free he said:

"It is understood, McCoy, that if you grab me around the neck this way, I can punch with both of my hands until one of them is locked."

"Why, certainly," was McCoy's reply. "That's perfectly fair. But it is against the rules to hold me with one hand and punch me with the other."

"Of course," the sailor rejoined. "Only I don't want to be prevented from fighting when you get tired and are trying to save yourself by hanging onto my neck."

This explanation was satisfactory to both pugilists and was made in the presence of twenty witnesses, including newspaper men. According to the exact wording of clause 13, however, McCoy appears to have been able to spring a surprise. He can put both hands or one hand on Sharkey's shoulders, and if the latter, with free hands, attempts to punch him, the Kid evidently wishes the referee to disqualify the sailor on a foul. McCoy's attitude will probably cause a wrangle when the men get into the ring with Referee Hurst, who intends to have a perfect understanding with the principals before the fight begins. When McCoy's statement was shown to Sharkey's manager, Tom O'Rourke, the latter said:

"McCoy is looking for sympathy, and incidentally is trying to influence the referee. If the rules are interpreted as McCoy wants them to be the fight will be a case of 'Tag, you're it!' If Sharkey gets McCoy into a corner and is hammering away at his wind, the Kid has merely to put his hands on Tom's shoulder, and if the latter hits him after that, even with both hands free, the Kid will expect Hurst to give him the fight on a foul. This is all bosh, and is just like McCoy. According to the articles, as they were explained, there is to be no hitting in the clinches or on the breakaways. A clinch is when both men are holding each other, not when one is hanging on to escape punishment. The referee knows the rules and will probably interpret them with fairness. The public want to see a fair fight, and not a love-tapping match. I begin to believe McCoy doesn't like his job."

When Sharkey was asked about the statement he exclaimed:

"Didn't we explain it all and reach an understanding? If this fellow puts his hands on my shoulders or around my neck and I have both my hands free, it won't be a clinch, and I'll knock his ribs in. He can't squeal now. It's too late. The referee will settle the matter when he gets into the ring. From the way McCoy talks he evidently wants to run away and not stand up to me like a man. But I'll get him, never fear."

So far as the relations between Hurst and O'Rourke are concerned, it may be well to say that they have been on the outs ever since Hurst was referee at Maspeth. The latter might have acted as referee at the old Broadway A. C. and also at other clubs in which O'Rourke was interested but for the latter's personal feelings. Hurst was selected by McCoy and was accepted by O'Rourke, who was anxious to ride over all possible obstacles in order to clinch the match. Sporting men say that Hurst will favor nobody and will also so interpret the rules that the spectators will be almost sure of a good fight. The action of "Honest John" Kelly in declaring bets off on the recent Corbett-Sharkey fight is believed to have prevented many from wagering money on next Tuesday night's battle. Hurst, in all his experience as a referee, has always maintained that bets should go with his decision. He said recently that if he had acted in Kelly's place he would have allowed all bets to stand.

Sharkey let down in his work yesterday, but took a hard run around the Park in order to further perfect his wind. He weighed 169 pounds when he got through. In the afternoon he was visited by James J. Coogan, the newly elected President of the borough of Manhattan, Senator Tim Sullivan and others, who watched him punch the bag and box with Armstrong and McFarland. Tommy Ryan of Syracuse, who taught McCoy how to box, will be here to-morrow to put on the gloves with Sharkey. Ryan is expected to give many valuable pointers to the sailor.

The latest advocate of McCoy's chances is Billy Brady, formerly the manager of Corbett. Brady says that McCoy is the greatest fighter in the world, and in time will be the man to beat Fitzsimmons. He believes that the Kid's science and hitting power will make Sharkey look like an amateur. O'Rourke admitted last night that Sharkey in all probability would enter the ring a favorite in the betting. A bundle of Sharkey money is expected to make its appearance at the ringside.

It is barely possible that, despite McCoy's objection, Corbett will be admitted to the fight. O'Rourke says that McCoy was ejected from the building on Nov. 22 at Corbett's request and that the latter by right ought to be kept out. But it appears that Considine, Corbett's manager, has exerted some influence with Senator Sullivan by which the "pompadour" fighter may be at the ringside. It is not believed that McCoy will refuse to fight because of this and thereby forfeit $2,500, which has been posted to guarantee his appearance in the ring.

M'COY'S TRAINING METHODS.

He Puts in His Last Day of Hard Work at Asbury Park.

ASBURY PARK, Jan. 7.—After several weeks of faithful training Kid McCoy finished his regular routine work this afternoon, and will do only light exercise until the day of the fight with Sharkey. This light exercise will consist mainly of brisk walks. On Monday morning the Kid, with his retinue of trainers and rubbers, will leave his quarters here and go direct to New York, where he will make his headquarters at the Hotel Cadillac.

There is no doubt that McCoy will enter the ring on next Tuesday night fit to fight the battle of his life. While he confidently expects to beat the sailor within twenty rounds, this fact has not stood in the way of the hard training he has indulged in. The Kid is very regular in his habits and manner of training. He rises every morning about 7 o'clock, and takes a brisk walk of about fifteen minutes. He returns to his hotel and has his breakfast about 8:30 o'clock. This generally consists of soft boiled eggs or chops. Breakfast over, he opens his letters, which are very numerous. One letter this morning was from a well-known friend of McCoy's, who hoped that the Kid would "do Sharkey good."

"I don't," said McCoy to the reporter of THE SUN. "I hope I will do him harm."

In this morning's mail was a letter from Joe Murphy of New York, who wrote that he had a white bull terrier valued at $150 which he was going to present to the Kid. There was no stipulation that the Hoosier should win his fight to make the bull pup his property.

At 10 o'clock McCoy starts out for his road exercise. Occasionally he takes with him his golf sticks, but, unlike the professional golfer, he has no use for a caddie. When he does not take his sticks he sometimes carries his medicine ball. He finds plenty of young men willing to give him all the exercise in this direction he requires. An hour and a half is usually spent on the road. McCoy then returns to his gymnasium, where his trainers and rubbers are waiting for him. A plunge in a cold bath or a shower bath, followed by a vigorous massage, puts him in fine fettle. Dinner is served at 1 o'clock. The bill of fare varies according to the tastes of the Kid. He eats plenty of vegetables and abstains from all food which he thinks might have a tendency to interfere with his wind. No liquor of any kind is used by the clever middleweight, who aspires to heavyweight honors.

Gross. H'cap. Net.

F. L. Loring, Baltusrol—											
Out	5	6	8	6	7	5	5	5	4—51		
In	6	4	6	7	8	5	4	7	6—53—104	20	84
W. Fanning, Baltusrol, G. C., Quebec—											
Out	6	6	5	8	7	7	8	6	5—58		
In	5	6	6	5	8	6	7	6	6—55—113	25	88
N. G. Carmen, Ocean County—											
Out	5	4	5	9	6	7	6	7	6—61		
In	5	7	5	5	7	5	5	7	6—54—115	25	90
P. F. Kimball, Apawamis—											
Out	6	4	4	7	7	4	7	5	7—51		
In	6	5	5	4	6	6	4	7	6—49—100	10	90
W. H. Coles, Nassau Country—											
Out	5	6	5	6	6	5	5	6	4—50		
In	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	4—48—	99	6	93
Arthur B. Claflin, Ocean County—											
Out	6	5	4	5	8	4	6	8	5—51		
In	6	6	4	6	5	6	6	7	6—52—103	8	95
D. C. Harris, Ocean County—											
Out	6	8	5	6	7	6	6	5	7—56		
In	6	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	9—55—111	15	96
A. J. Wellington, Oakley, Mass.—											
Out	6	5	6	6	7	5	5	6	5—51		
In	5	9	4	6	7	5	8	7	7—58—109	12	97
J. Robinson Beard, Ocean County—											
Out	7	10	6	7	7	7	5	6	6—61		
In	7	7	7	6	7	8	6	6	6—60—121	22	99
Hanson L. Withers, Philadelphia Country Club—											
Out	6	9	6	7	8	8	8	7	6—65		
In	4	8	5	7	7	6	6	7	5—55—120	20	100
F. D. Beard, Ocean County—											
Out	5	8	5	6	7	6	8	7	6—58		
In	7	6	5	6	8	6	6	7	5—57—118	12	101
F. M. Freeman, Fairfield—											
Out	6	5	5	7	9	5	13	7	6—62		
In	8	5	4	6	8	9	6	7	6—57—119	12	107
Randolph Hurry, Larchmont—											
Out	9	11	6	7	8	6	8	6	7—68		
In	7	5	6	12	9	5	7	5	5—61—129	12	117
Thomas Dimond, Knollwood C. C.—											
Out	9	15	8	6	8	8	7	8	8—75		
In	7	9	8	8	11	9	10	9	8—79—154	25	129

ROWING.

The Stroke That Coach Peet Will Teach Columbia This Year.

Dr. Walter B. Peet, Columbia's new coach in rowing, finished up yesterday his first few days' work with the crew candidates. He spent last week in drilling into the men the principles of his stroke. Each candidate has been shown how to sit and hold his back. Individually they have had the whole pull demonstrated. In addition to this, the freshmen have been started in their exercises for general development. Old members of the 'varsity squad have had them in hand. Yesterday Dr. Peet gave a full description of his stroke to a reporter of THE SUN. He said:

"The stroke taught our '95 crew was the longest at Poughkeepsie that season. Cornell was using perhaps a short body swing, running up to forty and forty-four. 'Pennsy' also had a shorter swing than we had, though it was decidedly longer than Cornell's. Now the feature of our stroke, aside from its length, was the powerful leg drive just before the body reached the perpendicular. This feature we shall retain, together with the other good points of that winning stroke. But the introduction during the past few years of the English stroke has convinced me that the long swing, almost as long as we can get it, is the best, and so our stroke will be longer at both ends than in '95.

"In a word, the stroke will be this: The catch strong and vicious. Then will come a long tug through the water. Almost at the perpendicular of the body will come the hard leg drive I mentioned. The arms will be used to finish out at the end. Then will come the recover, very sharp at first, with body, hands and slide, but slowing down gently toward the full reach. By this gradual slowup we avoid the throwing of the whole weight of the men toward the stern of the boat. This will tend to stop all 'checking' between strokes."

Dr. Peet declared himself well pleased with the outlook for a successful indoor training season.

Poor Turn Out of Cornell's Rowing Freshmen.

ITHACA, Jan. 7.—Seventy-five youngsters reported to-day in response to the call by Capt. Fisher for candidates for the freshmen crew. It was expected that the number would be much larger than this, as last year over 150 reported. The weights of the men who reported to-day are also discouraging as they will not average over 150 pounds. Last year the average was 164. Only five men reported as candidates for the coxswain's seat and their average was exceptionally high, 117 pounds. On the whole, the first day of registration was not encouraging. Coach Courtney and several members of the 'varsity crew were on hand to begin instructing the candidates, but little could be accomplished. On Monday systematic training will be begun, and in about two weeks the 'varsity candidates will be called out.

The Louisville Club Not for Sale.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Louisville Baseball Club last night H. C. Pulliam was reelected President, Barney Dreyfuss Treasurer, and Charles Dehler Secretary. The Treasurer's report showed a deficit of $13,886.13. The future of the club was then discussed at length. A resolution was presented to the effect that neither players nor franchise will be disposed of. The club will finish the ten-year agreement, and the stock that has not been taken up will be put on the market and sold. The club is capitalized at $500,000, and only $17,000 of it has been taken. The stockholders think the surplus will be secured by popular subscription. If it is not, the stockholders will continue in possession of the club and operate it even at a loss.

The Syracuse Baseball Club in New Hands.

SYRACUSE, Jan. 7.—The Syracuse Baseball Club and franchise in the Eastern League has passed from the hands of George N. Kuntzsch to a stock company lately formed. This means that the new Manager, Lew Whistler, will have everything to say concerning the affairs of the team. He has already signed sixteen new players.

Wales Beats England at Rugby Football.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A Rugby football match was played at Swansea to-day between teams representing England and Wales. The game resulted in a victory for the Welsh team by a score of 4 goals and 2 tries to 1 try.

REFORM AT HARVARD.

The Baseball Teams Must Play with Amateurs Only.

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 7.—A new policy in Harvard athletics was developed upon the submission of the baseball schedule to the Athletic Committee, which is composed mainly of members of the faculty and graduates. The schedule provided for a Southern trip during the Easter vacation, which included games with a number of colleges south of Washington and also with some of the big League clubs, which would be getting in shape in the South at that time. The committee informed the baseball authorities that these games would have to be dropped, and further that no games with other than amateur teams would be sanctioned in the future. Special emphasis was laid on the word amateur, and from this it is conjectured that the so-called amateur teams which openly or otherwise pay certain of their players are also to be put under the ban.

Four years ago Harvard began the reform in college baseball by interdicting members of her teams from playing on summer nines. Other reforms have been introduced from time to time, tending to the stand now openly taken. Two seasons ago most of the preliminary games were played with New England League teams, and this was the end of professional nines on the home grounds. Other games objectionable to the committee have been gradually dropped, until the only alternative left is to play all games entirely with college and school nines.

Prof. I. N. Hollis, Chairman of the committee, is a firm believer in college games between college men on college grounds, and under his direction many reforms toward this end have been accomplished. Among the rank and file of the students the reform is very well thought of. The baseball men, on the other hand, look on it as a hardship. They say that great benefit is gained by playing against the professionals, and that much valuable practice will be thereby lost. They also say that there are not enough colleges South and in Washington to fill out a ten days' schedule. Nevertheless, the Southern trip will not be abandoned, but the open dates will be filled with college games.

RACING.

Danny Maher Loses His First Race in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—Danny Maher reached this city this morning and rode his first race on Boanerges in the Jackson Handicap, one mile and a quarter. McCafferty's entry, Handsel and Sailor King, opened favorites at even money and receded to 7 to 10 at post time. Maher was responsible for the short price of 7 to 2 against Boanerges. The latter took command at flag fall and, opening up a gap of two lengths, maintained the advantage until the far turn, when Burns let out a link on Handsel and the race was over. When collared Boanerges kept going further and further back, being passed by Sailor King and Martti and was beaten twenty yards. The day's sport began with a surprise. "Father Bill" Daly's filly, at odds of 30 to 1, won by a nose from Klepper and Great Bend on the post. Either of the latter two should have won, but their boys were outgeneraled by O'Connor. Queen of Song, the well backed favorite, had no trouble in disposing of her field in the three-year-old handicap, and won under wraps by two lengths. In the one mile and an eighth selling race Possum went to the front in the stretch and beat out the favorite, Rockwood, in a handy manner. The last race went to Glenmoyne, the second choice, who tiptoed his field and won eased up. Summaries:

First Race—Seven furlongs—Tinkler, 91 (O'Connor), 30 to 1, won; Klepper, 102 (James), second; Great Bend, 104 (Burns), third. Time, 1:32⅘.

Second Race—Handicap: six furlongs—Queen of Song, 111 (Game), even, won; Ned Wickes, 98 (Troxler), second; Beckon, 98 (Burns), third. Time, 1:17⅘.

Third Race—Selling; one and one eighth miles—Possum, 101 (Mason), 6 to 1, won; Rockwood, 111 (Powers), second; Inflammator, 101 (Holden), third. Time, 2:02.

Fourth Race—Jackson Handicap; purse $1,000; one mile and a quarter—Handsel, 113 (Burns), 4 to 5, won; Sailor King, 109 (Combs), second; Martti, 108 (Overton), third. Time, 2:08¼.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile—Glenmoyne, 104 (Kuhn), 4 to 1, won; Hamsden, 104 (Burns), second; Vice Regal, 106 (James), third. Time, 1:47¼.

Officers of the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club.

LAKEWOOD, Jan. 7.—The annual meeting of the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club was held at the Laurel in the Pines this afternoon, and these officers were elected:

President, George J. Gould; Vice-President, Col. George B. M. Harvey; Honorable Secretary, William J. Hamilton; Honorable Treasurer, Dwight M. Harris; Master of Foxhounds, James Converse; Board of Stewards, George J. Gould, Arthur B. Claflin, Dwight M. Harris, Albert M. Bradshaw, James C. Parrish, George B. M. Harvey, R. Robbins Walker, and the Secretary and M. F. H.; House Committee, Dwight M. Harris, John B. Morris, James C. Parrish and Bruce Price; Hunt Committee, James Converse, George J. Gould, Henry Lloyd; Honorable Treasurer, Dwight M. Harris; Committee, Arthur B. Claflin, James Converse, E. Robbins Walker and William A. Hamilton; Shooting Committee, Welsh Harris, Dunham Wheeler, Paul T. Kimball and Francis A. Walker.

The list of club members includes forty residents and 120 non-residents.

Tampering with the Ice Trotting Track on Saratoga Lake.

SARATOGA, Jan. 7.—Efforts are being made to apprehend the persons who maliciously tampered with an ice trotting track on Saratoga Lake. A meeting was arranged for this afternoon, and the first race was about to be decided when it was discovered a section of the ice had been cut away in the track about half a mile from shore and was floating. The horsemen were indignant, but congratulated themselves that the race had gone no further.

Right and Sarony Win at the Interscholastic Skating Races.

The interscholastic skating events at the Clermont Avenue Ice Skating Rink, Brooklyn, yesterday attracted a large crowd of spectators. R. Sarony, the clever speed skater of New York, won the one-mile race after a nip-and-tuck struggle, nipping Barrett Smith on the tape. Marston of Brooklyn Latin School was third. G. Right of the Public School A. A. captured the honors in the half-mile race by twenty yards. Time, 1:17 4-5. W. Wright of Adelphi Academy, a good second. Summaries:

Half-Mile Race, Handicap—Won by G. Right, Public School A. A., scratch; E. W. Howard, 25 yards, second; H. P. McKenney, "Poly Prep" 100 yards, third. Time, 1:17 4-5.

One-Mile Race, Handicap—Won by R. Sarony, New York, 25 yards; Barrett Smith, Brooklyn Boys' High School A. A., 50 yards, second; R. Marston, Brooklyn Latin School, 60 yards, third. Time, 3 minutes 38⅘ seconds.

Fancy skating was done by W. H. Merrett of St. John, N. B., Harry P. MacDonald of Heffley School of Commerce of Brooklyn and C. H. Smith of Pratt Institute.

Bay Ridge A. A. Games.

In a series of the sharpest kind of competitions Henry N. Edmonds succeeded, after a nip-and-tuck struggle, in passing Maurice Harrington and assuming the lead at the Bay Ridge A. C. gymnasium on Friday night, where the last bout on the series of indoor field and track events of the season were decided. Summaries:

Thirty-Yard Dash, Handicap—Won by Henry N. Edmonds, scratch; L. Cook, 4 feet, second; Maurice Harrington, scratch, third. Time, 4 2-5 seconds.

600-Yards Run, Handicap—Won by Henry N. Edmonds, scratch; George H. Smythe, 20 yards, second; L. Cook, 20 yards, third. Time, 1 minute 47¾ seconds.

Stand ng Broad Jump, Handicap—Won by Frederick J. Beate, 1 foot 6 inches, with an actual leap of 8 feet 7 inches; M. H. Flannery, 2 feet 8 inches, second; Henry N. Edmonds, 6 inches, third.

70-Yard Hurdle Race, Handicap—Won by Henry N. Edmonds, scratch; Maurice Harrington, 2 feet, second; M. H. Flannery, 8 feet, third. Time, 8¾ seconds.

Pole Vault for Height, Handicap—Won by Henry N. Edmonds, 4 inches, with an actual leap of 8 feet 4 inches; Frederick J. Beate, 1 foot 8 inches, second; C. Kirsch, 2 feet 3 inches, third.

The points in the competition follow: Henry N. Edmonds, 6; Maurice Harrington, 42; Louis Cook, 35; Frederick J. Beate, 33; Charles Kirsch, 28.

Wheeling Notes.

Tom Cooper, the speedy Western professional, declares that he earned $4,000 racing last year.

It is reported that Irving Powell, the crack amateur rider of the New York A. C., has decided to abandon the race path.

The world's championship bicycle races will be held on the Queen's one-third-of-a-mile board track in Montreal this year.

W. C. Howe of the Chicago Cycling Club has submitted his application to the Century Road Club of the Illinois State mileage record for 1898. He rode 20,556 miles.

President A. L. Mace of the Century Road Club of America announces that the annual meeting of the association of the organization will be held in Chicago on Feb. 26.

The Ravens Cycle Club has elected the following officers: President, Edward Farrell; First Vice President, Thomas Killian; Second Vice President, Walter Shenan; Treasurer, Henry Magee; Financial Secretary, Edward Powers; Captain, Dennis Finnin.

J. W. Stocks, the English professional, who at one time held the one-mile and one-hour world's records, has decided to resume racing this year. Failure to secure a handicap from the N. C. U. last year prohibited his participation in competition or record trials.

The following officers have been elected by the Union House of Wheelmen: President, F. H. O'Connell; Vice President, James McDonald; Treasurer, R. W. O'Connell; Recording Secretary, William Rauch; Corresponding Secretary, Charles H. Dunker; Board of Governors, C. A. Mahoney, Chairman; William R. Burns, Charles H. Oliver, Andrew C. Johnson, and Charles H. Doscher; House Committee, John Fox, Chairman; Captain, Ambrose S. Ticll; First Lieutenant, A. Jehle; Second Lieutenant, Thomas Moore; Third Lieutenant, John Sullivan; Color Bearer, Joseph Magner and Albert Mode; Bugler, John B. Beaumont; Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael Burke; Librarian, James McGarraban.

GOLF ON LAKEWOOD LINKS.

FINE SPORT IN DEFIANCE OF A COLD NORTH GALE.

De Raismes's Team Wins in the "Pick-Up" Match—Colgate Makes Two Holes in Two Strokes Each—Open Handicap at the Ocean County Club Won by Loring.

After a cold wave in the morning, Lakewood yesterday afternoon was warm and summerlike. The golf competitions scheduled, each open to all members of the U. S. G. A., were a team match at the Golf Club of Lakewood and an open medal play handicap at the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club. Each was a success, although the scores of the players were marred greatly by the nipping wind that froze the fingers and made it almost impossible to grasp the clubs. The team match at the Golf Club was of unusual interest, for until the last pair came in it was impossible to tell which team had won. As each member of the winning team in these matches receives a prize, in this case a pretty silver pencil, there was an interested gathering of the contestants about the score board throughout the afternoon. In the early stage of the contest Kingsley's team seemed to have an almost sure thing, but then the Rev. Dr. Schwartz gave his son a severe beating—no less than 9 up—while, to continue the narration of relationship, McLean beat his cousin, Young Croker, a son of Richard Croker, by 5 up. This clinched the match for the team piloted by De Raismes. The following is the full score:

KINGSLEY'S TEAM.		DE RAISMES'S TEAM.	
D. P. Kingsley	2	F. J. D. Raismes	0
M. Brill	5	H. C. Hornheim	0
Jasper Lynch	5	W. F. Davis	0
F. D. Beard	0	J. R. Beard	4
F. P. Kimball	4	F. M. Freeman	0
S. M. Colgate	0	W. W. Lowrey	4
Dr. J. S. White	5	G. W. Stockley	0
S. B. Ferris	1	T. M. P. Mills	0
J. W. Morey	1	A. J. McClure	0
F. A. Walthaw	0	R. B. Kerr	3
H. L. Schwartz	0	Rev. D. L. Schwartz	9
F. H. Cooker	0	C. E. McLean	5
Total	23	Total	25

Aside from the close interest of the team result, a most unusual happening made the competition remarkable. This was the sensational play of Colgate in his match against Lowrey. On both the fifteenth and sixteenth holes, the first of 135 and the second of 170 yards, Colgate holed out in 2, an unusual circumstance, in spite of this run of good luck, Lowrey won his match by 4 up.

Only fourteen returned cards in the handicap at the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club, although twice that many started. The winner, Loring, with a handicap of 20, had a net score of 84. The second man was Fanning, who had journeyed all the way from Quebec to take part in the Lakewood contests. He is only a novice in competition play, and received the limit in the handicap allowances. He has a good style, and with more experience in open tournaments will undoubtedly make a better showing. The cards for the handicap follow:

BOWLING.

Astoria's Lead at Headpins—The Bank Clerks' Record.

As nearly all the tournaments in Greater New York and New Jersey are now being finished up, the games in which the probable prize winners are involved attract large crowds, and the contestants, as a rule, are rolling up high scores. The Astoria I five came over to the Arlington Hall alleys on Monday night and tallied enough pins to go to the top of the list in the headpin tournament, but as a number of the crack fives have yet to play, their total will probably be passed. The managers of the tourney expect to see a score of 500 rolled before the competition is finished. The records of various tournaments follow:

ARLINGTON HEADPIN TOURNAMENT.

Clubs.	Score.	Clubs.	Score.
Astoria 1	479	Rose Hill 2	369
Rosedale 1	476	Gotham 2	363
Golden Rod 1	451	Arcania 1	361
Bleecker 1	430	Norddeutscher 2	352
Premier 1	429	Nautilus 1	348
West Shore	428	Concordia	347
Orchard 2	426	Snyder & Black	347
Orchard 1	425	Jumbo	346
Oriental 2	413	Premier 2	340
Arlington 1	411	Calanity	344
Arlington 2	405	Lafayette	336
Cannon 1	403	Rosedale 2	335
Gotham 1	403	Jolly	329
Norddeutscher 1	402	Glendale 1	322
Friendship 1	400	Anchor 2	321
Uncle Sam 1	399	Glendale 2	319
Adelphi 1	395	Adelphi 3	317
Orchard 3	392	Harmonie 2	313
Hector 2	391	Oriental 3	312
Harmonie 1	391	Uncle Sam 2	309
Second Avenue 1	388	St. George 2	300
West Harlem	385	Second Avenue 2	299
Welcome 1	382	Nautilus 2	299
Defender 2	382	Oradell 2	283
Bleecker 2	380	Halschen	274
Park	379	Hector 1	274
Oriental 1	378	Rosedale 3	262
Equal	377	Recreation 2	261
Rose Hill 1	374	Welcome 2	244
Adelphi 2	373	Anchor 1	238
Defender 1	370	Cannon 2	219
St. George 1	370	Oradell 3	203

YORKVILLE LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	High Score.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	High Score.
Riverdale	9	1	903	Village 1	5	5	914
Belvidere	8	2	915	Audubon	5	5	871
Premier 1	6	3	898	W. Harlem	4	4	884
Tick Tack	7	3	886	Commodore	3	7	825
Washington	7	3	918	Eccentric	2	8	814
Orrell	5	3	892	Premier 2	2	10	868
Village 2	6	6	867	Suppenkn'n	0	10	792
Royal	6	6	846				

BANK CLERKS' LEAGUE.

Chase Nat.	8	0	858	Hamilton	3	3	775
I. & T. Nat.	7	1	838	U. S. Sub. T.	3	5	712
A. E. Nat.	7	1	818	Me. & Trad. N.	2	3	675
Metropolis	6	2	776	L. T. & Sub.	2	6	746
Manhattan Co.	7	3	861	Han. Nat.	2	6	740
J. P. M'gan & Co.	4	4	744	Corn Ex.	1	5	770
Mt. Morris	3	3	858	K., N. & K.	1	5	701
Nat. Park	3	3	806	Seab'rd Nat.	1	7	713
Chem. Nat.	3	3	800	Mer. Nat.	0	6	743

STATEN ISLAND AMATEUR BOWLING LEAGUE.

Peerless	14	2	879	Imperials	5	11	804
Richmond	13	3	924	Columbias	5	11	786
Stat'n Isl'd	11	5	813	Castletons	5	11	805
Americans	9	7	821	Tp'k'n'ville	1	15	752
Marions	9	7	842				

NEW JERSEY FORESTERS' LEAGUE.

Columbus	7	1	1810	Elizabeth	2	6	1568
Lafayette	7	1	1823	Custer	0	8	1409
Childs	4	4	1610				

NORTH HUDSON COUNTY TOURNAMENT.

Unions	8	2	820	Eagans	5	5	801
Allis. Bes.	7	3	848	N'th Hudsons	5	5	808
Lexingtons	7	3	876	Franklins	3	7	724
Homesteads	6	4	799	Owls	2	9	777
Castle Pol'ts	6	4	890	Americus	1	9	702
Hamil'n Wh.	5	4	764				

The closing game of the week in the Downtown Section 2 of the United Bowling Clubs tournament at the Arcade alleys on Friday night resulted as follows:

Clio—L. Kafler, 157; Henze, 155; Steitz, 149; Hampel, 158; G. Kafler, 147. Total, 766.

Woodland—B. Riehmann, 201; Stahl, 151; C. Riehmann, 221; Dersch, 142; Reichard, 203. Total, 918.

Few high individual scores were rolled in the Arlington League tournament series at the Arlington Hall alleys on Friday night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Tough Riders—Sachs, 148; Rothmann, 188; Hoffman, 184; Koch, 124; Schaeffer, 149; Dohm, 207. Total, 910.

Schulum—Broadbeck, 111; Bulsser,