CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

THE BROOKLYN CLUB ORDERED TO ISSUE NEW STOCK TO BYRNE.

Cincinnati Ball Cranks Are Hopeful—Oscar Gardner's Defeat—Sharkey Said to Have Rheumatism—Why McGovern Should Fight Billy Plimmer—Columbia Football.

A. W. Kiddle, attorney for the Brooklyn Baseball Club, was served with papers yesterday, issued by Justice Nevins of the Hudson County, N. J., Circuit Court, ordering him to show cause why the club should not be required to issue a new certificate of sixty-one shares of stock to William G. Byrne and Joseph Doyle. Kiddle was asked to appear Feb. 21 and file an answer. This is the method of procedure agreed upon by the Baltimore and Brooklyn officials to get over the trouble caused by the loss of the stock which has prevented Byrne and Doyle from turning over 311 shares to F. A. Abell in return for $10,000 in cash. After the conference last Friday Byrne and his attorney went to Jersey City and stated their case to the Court with the above result. Kiddle said yesterday that the club would comply with the order and the papers would probably be signed completing the deal a few days after he has made answer. It turns out that Doyle holds half of "Byrne's shares." He was a heavy stockholder in the Brooklyn Club when it was organized. In 1891 there was some friction between Doyle and Abell, the former selling his interests to the latter. When C. H. Byrne died he left his stock to his brother, W. G. Byrne, and to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Doyle. Three weeks ago Mrs. Doyle died and left her stock to her husband, who is about to sell out once more to Abell.

Manager Hanlon is expected to come here in a few days and confer with President Ebbets relative to a rearrangement of the stands at Washington Park. The management of the Brooklyn Club realizes that the seating capacity must be increased and the bleachers brought nearer the playing space in response to demands from the public. Nearly all of the club's old players have signed contracts, and Hanlon is expected to get his Baltimore men in line at once. When the consolidation papers have been signed the President of the League will be notified and supplied with the official make-up of the two teams, so that the contracts can be properly promulgated. The two clubs may make an announcement that no players will be shifted from Baltimore to Brooklyn and vice versa after Spring begins. Such a move, it is thought, would be detrimental to the game, for the public might not relish what outwardly would appear to be a hippodrome. In a word, if McGraw is assigned to play third base for the Baltimores, the Brooklyn Club, though owning his services, will not transfer him to the Washington park team in the middle of the season with the idea of strengthening the Brooklyns' chances for the pennant. Hanlon says that he will have nothing to do with the Baltimore team after the players have been selected. McGraw will be the manager in all that the name implies, but the business interests of the Baltimore Club will be looked out for by a person closely identified with Vonderhorst, Abell, Hanlon and Ebbets. John C. Chapman has been mentioned for the place. The Brooklyn Club officials have received letters from leading cranks all over the country wishing them success and asking for season tickets.

Cincinnati baseball enthusiasts believe that their team will finish nearer the top of the list than ever before, because of the addition of Selbach and Jack Taylor and the possible engagement of Lave Cross, the St. Louis third baseman. If the latter is secured, the Cincinnati team will be greatly strengthened in stick work. The Cincinnatis were in the lead a greater part of last season, which they managed to maintain because of fine fielding and good pitching. But when the homestretch was reached and the heavy batters of the Boston and Baltimore teams began to get in their work the pace proved too fast for Ewing's men. Buck believes now that with Beckley, McPhee, Corcoran and Cross for infielders, with Selbach, Elmer Smith and Miller for outfielders, his team can keep up a fast gait to the end. He also says that few teams can show a better corps of pitchers than Hawley, Taylor, Breitenstein, Ewing, Dwyer and Damman. Taylor is expected to show his real form, which it was impossible for him to do when with the Philadelphia and St. Louis teams because of dissatisfaction with his surroundings. He has as much speed as Hawley, and is about the best batting pitcher in the League. If Ewing could make some deal with the New York Club for Rusie, whose services are wanted in Cincinnati, the latter's pennant chances would be materially increased.

From present indications Von der Ahe will soon drop out of baseball. He will be missed by the many tokers who have told many stories at his expense. The latest that is going the rounds refers to a meeting recently between Von der Ahe and Billy Keeler, who was the League's champion batsman last year.

"Hey, Chris!" said a baseball crank who had Keeler in tow. "Don't you know this fellow?"

"Sein," answered the German, with a puzzled look. "What is he?"

"This is Billy Keeler, Chris, the champion hitter of the country."

Von der Ahe stuck out his hand mechanically, and, without the semblance of a smile, remarked:

"Keeler, many's der time I vished I never saw you! Dem home runs und dem tree-bagger cost der Long Branch money, und make me feel like I was dead, ain't it? Keeler, I don't know you any more, if you make any more of dem bad hits over my fences! It ain't right, Keeler. It ain't right. I've got other troubles, you bet."

The fact that Oscar Gardner was defeated by Jack O'Brien in a twenty-round bout at Youngstown, O., on Monday night, has not surprised those who know how the "Omaha Kid" trains for these "road affairs," as he calls them. O'Brien fought Gardner two years ago at the Polo A. C. and lasted the limit, fifteen rounds. Gardner won. The Kid outclassed his opponent, who received a severe beating. The former's hands were not in the best shape, which the spectators believed, prevented him from delivering a knock-out blow. O'Brien has never done anything since to place him in the front rank, so that his victory over Gardner at Youngstown is taken as evidence that Oscar is either overworking himself by indulging in too many encounters or is not training hard enough to make himself fit. Gardner, if he keeps on, will soon rival Dixon's record for the largest number of battles ever fought by a featherweight. Last year the Kid engaged in twenty contests.

It is said that Sharkey has cancelled his road engagements because of a severe attack of rheumatism and will shortly go to a health resort to recuperate. The Sailor will not back out of his fight with Mitchell, it is believed, for the reason that he can whip the pudgy Englishman even if his legs and arms are rendered stiff by the malady. Sharkey does not indulge in intoxicants and is a crank on physical development, so that if he is suffering from rheumatism it is thought that he can work it out of his powerful frame with proper treatment.

The manager of Terry McGovern, the phenomenal Brooklyn pugilist, should lose no time in bringing Billy Plimmer of England to this country for a match. McGovern is quite a drawing card now, and if he could meet Plimmer at a big club here there would probably be an outpouring of ring followers. It might be advisable for McGovern to take on Plimmer before meeting Oscar Gardner. The latter can make 118 pounds and still be almost as strong as at the featherweight limit. By defeating Plimmer first McGovern could draw larger receipts in a battle with Gardner. The Brooklyn fighter is a mere boy and should not be pushed ahead too fast. A defeat when he is ranging working his way to the top of the ladder by a stronger, older and more experienced opponent might serve to ruin his pugilistic prospects. Plimmer's ability is well known here and to beat him would be quite a feather in McGovern's cap.

In a few weeks the undergraduates of Columbia University who wish to be candidates for the Varsity football eleven will receive an opportunity to show their ability in a game to be played indoors. It is said there are several disbanded players of experience at the institution, notably from Chicago, California and Wesleyan and if these experts will consent to play there should be plenty of enthusiasm. It is the intention of the managers to have a vigorous spring practice, so that they can estimate the worth of the candidates in time to have a correct line on the strength of the team. It can be demonstrated that Columbia will have a representative eleven the managers say that many good players in the preparatory schools may decide to enter the university. All of the crew men who are big enough to play the game will be asked to turn out, and several gymnasium experts noted for their strength will also receive requests to join issues with the other candidates. The managers have not yet decided on a coach, but they are carefully considering a list of competent men who have shown ability as players and instructors. Football at Columbia can be made a success if every undergraduate lends his assistance to the movement that has been inaugurated in earnest.

Pool.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Daly defeated Eby in the Matthews pool tourney last night by a score of 125 to 95. Eby opened the game, but Eby had the best of the first three frames. Toward the close of the game, by careful playing, Daly overcame his opponent's lead and won handily.

GOLF.

Comments on the Proposed Metropolitan Tournament and Plans.

Nothing but good words were heard yesterday regarding the proceedings at the M. G. A. meeting on Monday night, both the general tournament and the handicapping scheme receiving general approbation. In some quarters, however, it was thought that the inter-club foursome on the third day was not of enough interest to merit a place on the week's programme, and that it would detract from the interest in the thirty-six-hole final round of the tournament, which, as the greatest feature of the week, should have a clear field. The one-basis handicap meets with favor even from those who are put out of the running by the limitation of starters to those at 10 or under on the general list. Many hold that 10 is too high a rating to warrant a player claiming a right to start in a high-class field, for, as the calculation is on eighteen holes, the scratch men would have to concede 20 to such players in the thirty-six-hole handicap. Unless some more strict condition is framed, these objectors say the field of starters will be too great to handle and one reason for the restriction of the entries will be null and void.

A better plan, it was suggested, would be to limit the starters to those at scratch or within four of scratch at the different clubs. This would limit the starters to the cream of the local links, and the rating with Findlay S. Douglas as scratch man, will produce a more accurate basis for a general handicap than if a ten-strokes limit prevails. The necessity for taking some step that will revive interest in open handicaps and preserve their sporting interest was fully demonstrated on the "circuit" last season, and the one-basis plan is accepted as a step in the right direction.

Ex-Judge Horace Russell said yesterday regarding the recommendation that he should represent the home players of the Island Golf Club on the M. G. A. Tournament Committee that he would be pleased to serve in any way suggested by the Executive Committee to help the tournament along. Through the sandy nature of the soil the Garden City course should be in fine shape on the dates named, April 12 to 15, in Judge Russell's opinion, and other reasons which he thought the selection a good one are the close proximity of the hotel, which the players can use as a headquarters without being beholden to any one, and the additional fact that those who did not wish to stay there could go to and from the city to the links by train at any hour without delay. After July 1 the only relation between the Stewart estate and the Island Golf Club will be that of landlord and tenant. The clubhouse under construction and the links pass on that date to the club, which, by that time, will be a fully fledged private organization. Until then the links will be open to day and weekly subscribers, but after July 1 the course ceases to be a public one and the only players will be members of the club. The fact that it is a public course helped the Executive Committee to decide in its favor, for the M. G. A. scrupled to ask any of its members to prepare for a general tournament so early in the year.

W. Breeze Smith, the Tuxedo delegate, struck a sympathetic note when he moved that the championship cup should go to the club winning it three times and not to the individual winning it three times. Under the original plan, in Smith's opinion, the cup would never be won out, and, as had happened in pigeon shooting and lawn tennis, after a few years the best players would stay away from the tournament in the belief that to try for the cup was a hopeless task. Both R. H. Robertson and H. B. Hollins were firm in supporting the original plan, each urging that the gold medal to be won outright was a sufficient personal reward, and with the flight of time to have his name engraved on the cup would be an honor every metropolitan golfer would value more than anything else. A. G. Jennings favored a permanent trophy from the start, but otherwise all the delegates favored Smith's amendment, except Lawrence E. Embree. His objection to having the cup become club property after three wins by any member was that it would open the door to the professional evil that has ruined so many amateur sports. He feared that a club having two wins might be tempted to make some arrangements to make sure of a third win by tempting high-class amateurs to its ranks. In debating this point W. Fellowes Morgan said that he recognized the inestimable value to golf the purest of amateur sports and so long as the interests of the game were directed by men of business and professional repute he did not fear the introduction of semi-professionals, for in athletics the indiscretion of overzealous youths was chiefly responsible for their presence, but should any club attempt such practices he felt confident the M. G. A. would promptly pillory the offender and take the cup away from it. Embree then withdrew his objection and Smith's amendment was unanimously carried. A club winning three times, not necessarily in succession, will therefore keep the cup.

Until it was fully understood that the Garden City course was about to pass from a public to a private club links, a number of the M. G. A. delegates seemed to think the plan was to make the course a permanent M. G. A. course, a neutral ground to which each of its individual supporters might come and go as he pleased. When this view was shown to be erroneous there was some debate on the desirability of establishing such an M. G. A. central course. R. H. Robertson stated that Arthur Hollins, the chairman of the special tournament committee, had considered the matter, and while conceding that the plan had many good features they thought that it would be some years yet before the M. G. A. would require such a links, and should the different clubs keep on developing at the present rate and evince the same willingness to support the plans of the M. G. A., it was hardly possible that such links would ever become a necessity. President Hollins, in ending the discussion, said that for one thing the M. G. A. would have to change itself into a golf club before taking such a step, as it was not within the present scope of the organization.

As matters stand now April will be a lively month in the game, for open or invitational tournaments are announced at the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club, on the 6th, 7th and 8th, the M. G. A. tournament on the 12th to the 15th, and the Laurence Harbor and the Golf Club of Lakewood have dates within the following fortnight. Among the new members of the M. G. A. both the Marine and Field and the Crescent A. C. will enter the lists as holders of open tournaments.

INTERSCHOLASTIC CHESS.

Cutler Leads for the Cup and Manson for Individual Honors.

After a rest of three days the young experts striving for honors in the New York interscholastic chess tournament resumed play at the rooms of Columbia Grammar School yesterday afternoon. Widespread interest among the schools entered was demonstrated by the large number of spectators. Besides the regular games two adjourned contests from last Friday were decided. The game between Engels of Columbia Grammar and Pierce of Cutler was not played, owing to the former failing to appear, being snowbound in Flushing.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of Arnstein of Sachs by Keeler of Columbia Grammar in the game adjourned from last Friday. The former had a much better position than his opponent at the start, but he failed to follow up the advantage. On the forty-second move he was neatly led into a trap, out of which he could not escape, and on the fifty-first move resigned. In the regularly scheduled contest between Keeler and Manson of Cutler the former at one time looked like a winner. He became careless, however, and moved his pieces in such a position as to enable Manson to gain considerable headway. Keeler recovered himself and on the thirty-fifth move offered to draw, which was declined. The next move was another blunder by Keeler, and after the forty-fourth he was forced to resign. The players from Hamilton Institute were in fine form, winning two games. Summary:

Players and Results.			*Openings.*	*Moves.*
Berman	0	Smith	1 Petroff Defence	53
Henshaw	0	Eddinger	1 Ruy Lopez	30
Keeler	0	Manson	1 Centre Gam. Dec	44
*Manson	1	Henshaw	0 Ruy Lopez	50
*Arnstein	0	Keeler	1 Queen's Gambit	51

*Adjourned from Friday.

The records of the schools follow:

School.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*School.*	*Won.*	*Lost.*
Cutler	5	0	Sachs	2	4
Columbia Gram'ar	4	1	Berkeley	1	7
Hamilton Inst.	3	3			

Following is the individual standing:

Name.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Name.*	*Won.*	*Lost.*
Manson	3	0	Plimmer	1	1
Engels	2	0	Eddinger	1	2
Pierce	2	0	Berman	0	2
Arnstein	2	1	Newborg	0	3
Keeler	2	1	Henshaw	0	4
Smith	2	1			

The pairing for to-day is: Eddinger vs. Engels, Smith vs. Keeler, Pierce vs. Arnstein, Manson vs. Newborg. Berman and Henshaw a bye.

French and German Teams to Play Football.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The first athletic contest between representatives of France and Germany since the Franco-Prussian war will take place during Whitsuntide at Frankfort-on-the-Main, when a football match under Rugby rules will be played by French and German teams. It is understood that Emperor William has promised to attend.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

Status of Foreign Organizations on the Racing Question.

That the National Cycling Association is not a bubble to be burst by a rough breath from the L. A. W. is indicated by the fact that the Canadian Wheelmen's Association and other foreign organizations allied with the League have not yet declared themselves concerning the new situation existing in this country. In fact, the Canadian association, through its President, T. A. Beament, has announced itself as being on the fence. The C. W. A. is, with the L. A. W., a member of the International Cyclists' Union, and the latter has awarded the international championships of 1899 to the Canadians, the chosen place being Montreal and the time in August. It may be the fact that the Anti-League Association here has with it the professionals and amateurs, who are the best drawing cards, that causes it to hesitate. The C. W. A. did not have any delegate at the National Assembly of the League in Providence last week, although one was expected. President Beament in a personal letter says that the Canadians will not pledge themselves to stand by the League until thoroughly satisfied that that organization is in full control of racing. An officer of the new N. C. A., who held President Beament's letter in his hand, said to a reporter of THE SUN yesterday:

"This means that the Canadians see that their international meet cannot be a success without the American stars who are with the N. C. A. and outlawed by the L. A. W. Now, suppose the C. W. A. goes before the I. C. A. and says that it cannot hold the world's championships unless the latter recognizes two organizations in America—the L. A. W. and the N. C. A.—will the world championships be declared off? Do not think it for a minute. The I. C. A. has a splendid excuse for recognizing another body than the L. A. W. in this country. It was only in 1895 that the Chairman of the L. A. W. Racing Board entered into a private agreement to recognize a new organization in France, and the new association, the Union Cycliste de France, used the fact of the L. A. W. being with it in an effort to break up the I. C. A. and form a rival association embracing other countries. America has furnished the precedent and the I. C. A., when it finds that Canada, France, England and Belgium want the racing men outlawed from the L. A. W. and under the wing of the N. C. A., will simply give recognition to the N. C. A. or I will miss my guess. I know it to be a fact that several of the racing men who have left the League have ironclad contracts to go abroad, with the assurance that they will be permitted to race. Every one knows that the Union Velocipede de France, the controlling organization of that country, will not hesitate to let the so-called outlaws race because it was that association which the Union Cycliste designed to cut out."

The most interesting card of short cycle races run in the metropolitan district last year was at Mineola, during the fall fair of the Queens County Agricultural Society. The promoter of the events was Thomas Lloyd of Queens, who died recently. Lloyd was one of the oldest and best known patrons and promoters of cycling in the country. He was a believer in pure amateurism. He first introduced cycle racing at the Mineola fair, and for many years he arranged the events for the wheel riders and contended with the trotting horse men of the agricultural society for a place on the programme for the wheel racers. Lloyd was the owner of a little dirt track of six laps in Queens, which in earlier days was the field of many historical meets. It was at this dirt course that Arthur Zimmerman, the great champion of a few years ago, won his novice race, riding a high machine of the pre-metropolitan golfer would value more than anything else. A. G. Jennings favored a permanent trophy from the start, but otherwise all the delegates favored Smith's amendment, except Lawrence E. Embree. His objection to having the cup become club property after three wins by any member was that it would open the door to the professional evil that has ruined so many amateur sports. He feared that a club having two wins might be tempted to make some arrangements to make sure of a third win by tempting high-class amateurs to its ranks. In debating this point W. Fellowes Morgan said that he recognized the inestimable value to golf the purest of amateur sports and so long as the interests of the game were directed by men of business and professional repute he did not fear the introduction of semi-professionals, for in athletics the indiscretion of overzealous youths was chiefly responsible for their presence, but should any club attempt such practices he felt confident the M. G. A. would promptly pillory the offender and take the cup away from it. Embree then withdrew his objection and Smith's amendment was unanimously carried. A club winning three times, not necessarily in succession, will therefore keep the cup.

Some statements of fact, which should constitute a solemn warning to all cyclists fond of fast going, were uttered by Judge Fort in the Overall Court of Appeals, Trenton, when he was making a preliminary charge to the Grand Jury. He called the attention of the jurors to the death of Mary Condit, who was run down by a colored wheelman, and said:

Bicycle riders, in using the streets, are subject to the same rules applicable to carriages and other vehicles. Under a drive-way a pedestrian and death ensues, the driver is guilty of manslaughter. The use of the public streets by this method of propulsion is lawful, but the riders are subject, on their part, to the duty of exercising care, so that others who have an equal right to the streets may not suffer injury from them. Where each one has an equal right to the street equal care should be exercised, and the care required depends upon the circumstances of each peculiar case.

No more erroneous idea of the law can be entertained than that it is the only duty of the bicycle rider to ring his bell. A signal so uncertain does not fulfil the requirements of the law. To lay down any fixed rules which shall be applicable, every case must rest upon its own circumstances and upon the inquiry whether the rider of the vehicle so managed it that pedestrians were made aware of his approach and that he exercised reasonable care.

If a person rides a bicycle so recklessly that in the judgment of the Grand Jury a pedestrian is killed because of his carelessness that person should be indicted for manslaughter. If you find that the bicycle rider was indifferent to the rights of others and did not exercise the care he should have exercised, then he should be indicted. The time has arrived when carelessness in the handling of these vehicles should cease and an example should be made of reckless riders so as to protect others. Bicycle riders are regulated by ordinance as to speed and subject to punishment for violation like a reckless or careless driver.

If all scorchers were thoroughly impressed with this knowledge that in case of their recklessness resulting in the death of any pedestrian, whether person or vehicle whom they collide, they may be tried for manslaughter, it might lessen the scorching nuisance somewhat.

LACROSSE.

Crescent A. C. Men Make Plans for a Longer Season.

The lacrosse players of the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, who for several years past have earned the title of champions of the United States and last year took Canada also into camp, met at the clubhouse last night to elect a captain and a manager, and also to look the season of 1899 in the face. James S. Garvin, who has captained the team for the last three years, was the unanimous choice of the men, but he declined absolutely on the ground of being too busy. Cyrus C. Miller was thereupon nominated and quickly elected captain. George S. Ford was reelected manager. Miller has played with the Crescent team as cover for five years. Before playing with the Crescents he was captain of the Staten Island A. C. lacrosse team while it held the championship, and prior to that he captained the New York University team. His associates say of him that he is "as pretty a stick handler as there is in the country and the coolest of them all."

The live interest in the game was evidenced by a good attendance at the meeting, and the prospect revealed by the discussion was one for an active season and a busier one than last year. In 1898 the Crescents had a schedule of thirteen games, and were victors every time, although the final game (Lehigh) was won by forfeit. This year it is planned to take on six or seven more dates, including some new Canadian teams. This will extend the season until the end of June instead of May. The only Canadian team the Crescents met last season was that of the Toronto University, the champion twelve of the Dominion. It is not settled yet, but there is talk of there being a Princeton, a Pennsylvania and possibly a Yale team in the field this Spring. Harvard, Columbia, Lehigh, Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Hobart and the College of the City of New York are on the list for dates with the Crescents.

Practice work will begin as soon as the season of snow has closed and the ground has settled. The men usually get to work in the latter half of March. The first match game will be played about April 15. The following men have declared themselves for the team this year:

Lionel Moses, Cyrus C. Miller, John P. Corry, J. H. Bagg, G. S. Pettitt, George G. Ross, Edward S. Jewell, C. de Casanova, W. C. Coles, Edward Starr, H. D. Drakeley, N. S. Reed, E. McLean, J. S. Garvin, Dr. Westman, J. S. Wright, E. M. Schroeder, N. M. Bush.

Of these all played last year, either on the regular team or as substitutes, except Drakeley. He is one of the hockey team of the Brooklyn Skating Club, and accounted an acquisition. It is expected that new blood to try for the team will be drawn from the list of athletic members who joined the club last year.

Greeks Enter the Athletic Field.

The revival of Olympian games has stirred up the Greeks in this city. A club has been organized under the title of the Greek-American Athletic Club, with headquarters at 4 Greenwich street. A circular has been widely distributed inviting all those with a drop of Spartan blood in their veins to join the organization and assist in renewing old Olympian games in this country. It is intended to make the club more beneficial to its members than most athletic organizations by providing for the assistance of members in want. The membership will not be limited to Greeks, but is open to Americans and all other nationalities whose athletic instincts have been quickened by reading of the performances of the erstwhile athletic Greeks. Particulars of the latest club formed to increase the popularity of the Indian game may be obtained from the organizer, John Boorse, at the clubrooms.

ANOTHER BILLIARD UPSET.

FOSS, THE FAVORITE, EASILY BEATEN BY MULLEN.

Both Men Play Nervously—Mullen at Times Shows Remarkable Skill in Nursing—Slosson's Pupil a Big Disappointment—McCreery Will Meet Foss To-Night.

The second game in the class A billiard tournament for the amateur championship of the A. A. U. resulted in another upset at the Knickerbocker A. C. last night. Martin Mullen of Cleveland met Wilson P. Foss of Haverstraw and beat him by the score of 400 to 219. Because of Mullen's defeat by McCreery in the first game on Monday night, Foss was installed as a 5 to 4 favorite. Both men played far below the form expected, except for a streak in the middle of the game when Mullen showed wonderful ability at nursing. His run of 73, made chiefly in the unrestricted middle square of the table, delighted even the professionals present, and Slosson, Ives, Daly and other experts of that calibre declared it was gilt-edged billiards.

The downfall of Foss was due evidently to his nervousness, and Dr. Ranney and others who had been watching the players closely in practice declared that it was caused by the amount of betting that had been done on the tournament games. McCreery's success on Monday was said to be due largely to the fact that he had not backed himself so heavily as the others, and could therefore play with a freer hand. Before the game last night the "bookies" were betting 7 to 5 against Foss, 7 to 5 against McCreery and 2¼ to 1 against Mullen to win the championship. Frank Ives, who had lost heavily on Mullen, came prepared to get even last night and offered $5,000 that Mullen would win, but managed to get back only $25 of what he had lost the night before. Mullen is a pupil of the "Napoleon," while Foss has been coached by Slosson for this tournament, so Ives felt well pleased at the result and congratulated Mullen after the game.

The contest began promptly at 8 o'clock. Mullen won the bank again and led off with the usual two-cushion opening shot that brought all three of the balls together near the lower rail. He seemed to be confident in his play, and was soon clicking off a good run. Foss looked on nervously as Mullen's break reached double figures, and when he had passed 20 the New Yorker grew anxious, as though this auspicious beginning augured success for his antagonist. Mullen finally slipped up on a difficult cushion carom, after he had scored 28, and Foss took a hand. He netted only two, however, falling down on an easy draw.

Mullen slipped up in the second inning, and after Foss had picked up three easy carroms he miscued, missing the balls entirely, thus giving to the New Yorker one for the usual penalty. The balls did not seem to roll together and neither of the players could hold them for any length of time. Again and again Foss overdrew or broke wide in following, with the result that he did not reach his first double-figure run until the eighth inning. Both were clearly rattled, and as the score labored along slowly Mullen's nervousness manifested at the number of easy misses each had made.

In his thirteenth inning Foss again had the balls in good shape for a run, but in making a short, close follow the referee declared that he pushed his cue ball and he lost his inning for this foul. The score stood at 52 to 50 in favor of Mullen, and the average was only 4 for the leader and less than that for Foss.

Then Mullen went in for his second good run. The balls rolled well for him, and when he gathered them in the upper corner he held the spheres together for some time, his run mounting up to 30! Foss then miseued a difficult shot that resulted from an unfortunate kiss after driving the red around the table. The next four innings showed both at a disadvantage. Mullen had relapsed into his nervous inaccuracy, and only two points were harvested from his four attempts. Foss did not do much better. He failed to follow himself properly for a run of 17 and had the balls well in hand for still larger figures, but in trying to kiss off the red ball frozen in the corner he played it too full, got a second kiss, and went around the white.

In his twentieth and twenty-first innings Mullen once ventured to get into working order and picked up 31 and 13. The first was a well-executed run, made mostly on open-table play, although he got the balls together once and held them for 11. In the next inning he found the balls badly spread and had two difficult round-the-table shots to make before he could get them together. This produced a round of applause, and when he tried to go twice around for the second there was a breathless silence among the spectators, followed by a sigh of relief as the red ball kicked the second object ball out of the corner, so the cue ball could count on it. Mullen kept up his run for 31, and before he could sit down, Foss had missed again and Mullen went back to the table for two more carroms.

In the six innings that followed Foss's run of 17 he scored only 7 points, and four "goose-eggs" made up part of this score. The last of these was caused by his being played a delicate carrom with a long reach, from ball to ball, too fine and his cue ball passed between the two without touching either, giving to Mullen one point for a miss. Finally Foss pulled himself together for a run of 16, and then sat down for what proved to be a long rest. Mullen had worked his way to take the second balls in excellent position for close scoring. He had them all in one corner and slowly worked them around to the side. A long drive fell short, but he got the red ball out into the centre square, and on his eighteenth carom all three were bunched on the edge of the middle box. From this point he showed a wonderful command of the fine draw shots, and by just touching the balls for delicate caroms he worked around until he could drive to the side or end rail and go back to direct ball-to-ball play. As the centre spaces on the table were not restricted, Mullen piled up the caroms quickly, and he had added 48 here before the balls got into balk again, a remarkable record. He continued the run along the end rail, driving across the table for 7 more, until he had reached 73, when he slipped up on a difficult cushion shot.

With the scores at 222 to 166, the game looked almost hopeless for Foss, and he went down almost as easily as Mullen did in the first game after McCreery got in his big run. He seemed chilled from sitting so long, and all the delicacy of his stroke was gone. Mullen kept up his good work, and breaks of 35, 47, 33 and 28 followed in quick order. Only once did Foss recover from his nervous hopelessness, and then, just at the end of the game, he picked up 24, 12, 13 and 22, with only one poor miss between them. It was too late, however, for Mullen finished the game with a run of 31 in his thirty-ninth inning. The score follows:

Mullen—28, 0, 0, 2, 1, 4, 3, 0, 0, 1, 4, 7, 2, 36, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3, 31, 10, 2, 1, 2, 1, 73, 0, 35, 2, 47, 1, 33, 15, 28, 1, 4, 0, 1, 11. Total, 400; average, 10 10-39; high run, 73.

Foss—2, 3, 4, 7, 1, 2, 0, 11, 4, 3, 1, 2, 10, 0, 7, 11, 1, 17, 4, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 16, 3, 0, 3, 0, 6, 10, 8, 0, 24, 0, 12, 13, 22. Total, 219; average, 5 29-38; high run, 24.

McCreery will play Foss to-night.

Aspirants for Figure Skating Championship Honors Are Snowbound.

The blizzard interfered with the decision of the annual figure skating championship which was to have begun at the St. Nicholas Rink last night, and the opening session was postponed until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The committee in charge of the championship held a meeting yesterday afternoon. It developed that several persons whose appearance at the championship was necessary were among the unfortunates snowed up by the big storm. T. M. Vinson of Boston and A. G. Stevens of St. John, N. B., who are entered for the event, failed to reach this city. To further complicate matters, Louis Rubenstein, the Canadian ex-champion, one of the judges, was held captive in Montreal. It is hoped all three will be able to reach New York to-day. The figures not disposed of this afternoon will be skated in the evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Basketball.

A. B. C., Brooklyn.—The full explanation will be found in THE SUN of Saturday, Feb. 11.

The Twenty-third street basketball team have Saturday, Feb. 18, open, and would like to arrange a game with any first-class team. Address A. J. Abadie, manager, 110 West Thirtieth street.

There is considerable talk of a series of games between the team of the Boys' High School of Thirteenth street and a team from the annex in Forty-sixth street. Both have crack basketball teams.

J. A. Forney, captain of the Berkeley School basketball team, is anxious to arrange games with scholastic teams of this city and Brooklyn. Address J. A. Forney, 20 West Forty-fourth street, New York.

The Knickbocker A. C. team will meet the Clevelands in a match game at Nostrand Hall, Fulton street and Nostrand avenue, to-morrow night, and the Cleveland Juniors will meet the crack Biltmore Bye.

An interesting game of basketball was played between the teams representing Barnard and Adler schools at the latter's gymnasium yesterday afternoon. After two spirited twenty-minute halves the visiting team won by the score of 4 points to 0.

The Ascension basketball team, which was defeated by Dr. Savage's team on Friday night, was not the first team, but a second team, that has been lately formed. The Ascension first team would like to arrange games with the Orient, Acorn and Turtle basketball teams. Address George A. Jervis, 28 Manhattan avenue.

Prof. Jardine of Dr. Savage's Physical Development Institute is trying to arrange a game of basketball between Dr. Savage's women's team and a team from Public Teachers' Hall of Morningside Heights. Any women's team within sixty miles of the city wishing a game can address Dr. Savage's Institute, West Fifty-ninth street.

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BOWLING.

Mrs. Harde Rolls the First Century Score of the Season in the Women's Tourney.

It was not Mrs. Harde's fault that the Jolly Women team failed to pass the season's high score in the New York Women's League tournament at the Arlington Hall alleys yesterday afternoon. The other four members of the team were not encouraged by the century score, for the total was the lowest rolled in the three games. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Columbias of the Schnetzen Hall Alleys—Mrs. Seligmann, 51; Mrs. Stein, 58; Mrs. Simon, 60; Mrs. Schumacher, 90; Mrs. Holz, 48. Total, 307.

SECOND GAME.

Columbias of the Arcade Alleys—Mrs. Schrecke, 93; Mrs. Meyer, 77; Mrs. Wurfelmann, 77; Mrs. Tomforte, 84; Mrs. Freyder, 78. Total, 409.

THIRD GAME.

Rosedale—Mrs. Wichum, 86; Mrs. Henken, 83; Mrs. Frereks, 75; Mrs. Wuehrmann, 73; Mrs. Oest, 80. Total, 397.

FOURTH GAME.

Veronica, Team No. 2—Mrs. Foerschke, 56; Mrs. Piske, 40; Mrs. Gebhard, 61; Mrs. Kuhn, 42; Mrs. Beck, 74. Total, 273.

FIFTH GAME.

Walkueren Team, No. 1—Mrs. Gundrum, 80; Mrs. Lehmann, 88; Mrs. Krickbaum, 91; Mrs. Herbert, 69; Mrs. Lewis, 77. Total, 400.

SIXTH GAME.

Jolly Women—Mrs. Harde, 102; Mrs. Baum, 49; Mrs. Friedrich, 67; Mrs. Soell, 67; Mrs. Blockinger, 68. Total, 353.

SEVENTH GAME.

Walkueren, Team No. 2—Miss Harlow, 87; Mrs. Ullrich, 88; Mrs. Ziegler, 66; Mrs. Pritz, 78; Mrs. Keil, 59. Total, 378.

To decide the tie for the seventh, eighth and ninth prizes in the United Bowling Clubs Downtown Section No. 1 tournament, the Corinthians, Doppel Eiches and Auranias played a series at the Arcade alleys last night. Owing to one of the Corinthian players not appearing, the bowling was started a half hour after schedule time. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Corinthian—Mulford, 159; Rein, 145; Thyson, 148; Puffer, 189; Bleck, 176. Total, 817.

Doppel Eiche—Truelson, 197; Dettloff, 192; Meyer, 206; Christopher, 182; Eisman, 158. Total, 885.

SECOND GAME.

Corinthian—Mulford, 162; Rein, 166; Thyson, 149; Puffer, 160; Bleck, 115. Total, 752.

Aurania—Steil, 157; Laig, 157; Krueger, 146; Wetterer, 125; Muller, 184. Total, 769.

The Pontiac Wheelmen played with four men, while the Century Wheelmen forfeited two games in the roll-off for the second prize in the Associated Cycling Clubs' New York tournament, at Thum & Kahlsdorf's Harlem alleys, last night. The score:

Riverside Wheelmen—W. Gerdes, 182; Breen, 186; J. Beam, 201; Eiche, 136; Klingelhoffer, 222. Total, 927.

Pontiac Wheelmen—Walter, 155; Dumble, 180; Foege, 167; Lehrbach, 176. Total, 678.

The defeat sustained by the Royal team in the Fire Insurance League series at Reid's alleys last night may deprive that five of the first prize. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Germania Fire Insurance Company—Schmidt, 134; Hahnel, 154; Hauthwohl, 184; Palmedo, 128; Barber, 159. Total, 784.

Royal Fire Insurance Company—Sanford, 148; Suydam, 149; Wells, 99; Bergen, 145; Hendricks, 105. Total, 641.

SECOND GAME.

Royal Fire Insurance Company—Sanford, 168; Suydam, 120; Wells, 118; Bergen, 145; Hendricks, 132. Total, 678.

Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance Company—Walker, 115; Bentley, 138; Kynes, 91; Skinner, 129; Constant, 173. Total, 646.

THIRD GAME.

Germania Fire Insurance Company—Schmidt, 128; Hahnel, 199; Hauthwohl, 149; Palmedo, 142; Barber, 117. Total, 730.

Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance Company—Walker, 107; Bentley, 173; Kynes, 139; Skinner, 133; Constant, 204. Total, 756.

The Bank Clerks' League tournament games at Reid's alleys last night resulted as follows:

FIRST GAME.

Chemical National Bank—Whitehead, 157; Hoyt, 145; Miller, 184; Snow, 120; Smith, 115. Total, 670.

Mount Morris Bank—C. H. McKever, 161; Timpson, 187; Hickenbothen, 88; C. F. McKever, 176; Gross, 167. Total, 698.

SECOND GAME.

Chemical National Bank—Whitehead, 148; Hoyt, 171; Miller, 128; Snow, 133; Smith, 159. Total, 734.

Hamilton Bank—Mueller, 128; McLean, 174; Buckbee, 103; O'Shaughnessy, 188; Mooney, 124. Total, 717.

THIRD GAME.

Mount Morris Bank—C. H. McKever, 133; Timpson, 135; Hickenbothen, 129; C. F. McKever, 130; Gross, 134. Total, 691.

Hamilton Bank—Mueller, 160; McLean, 153; Buckbee, 128; O'Shaughnessy, 104; Mooney, 126. Total, 671.

Blizzard weather did not prevent the scheduled series in the Junior Order United American Mechanics' League tournament being rolled at Fuchs's alleys on Monday night, both teams, however, lacking one player. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Old Glory Council—Eldredge, 158; Doll, 158; Van Middlesworth, 98; Christy