CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

SOME OF MANAGER HANLON'S PLANS FOR THE COMING SEASON.

Important Points That Must Be Considered by the Magnates Next Week—A Strong Leader Needed for the League—Corbett's Chances Against Maher—Other Gossip.

Edward Hanlon, manager of the Brooklyn baseball team, has engaged two training grounds, one at Augusta and the other at Savannah, for the players of the Brooklyn and Baltimore nines. He has not decided yet on which grounds the new Brooklyns will get into shape, but may make an official announcement on Monday. Hanlon will also give out then the make-up of the two teams as far as possible and will order the men to report on or before March 20. McGraw has been formally appointed manager of the Baltimores and will assume charge as soon as the men reach their Southern training grounds. Dahlen, who was secured from the Chicagos, has sent his signed contract to Hanlon with a statement that he is well pleased with the prospect of playing third base for the Brooklyns. He says he will report in fine shape and, of course, will "play the game of his life." As the policy of the Brooklyn Club will be drawn on liberal lines, no trouble is anticipated in signing all of the great stars who are to play this year at Washington Park. Hanlon has a deal on with the Washington Club for Catcher McGuire, who is one of the strongest backstops in the League. The matter may be settled during the League meeting next week. If it fails, Hanlon may try to bring Robinson to Brooklyn or will go ahead with Grim, Smith and Crisham. The latter did so well in Providence last season that the Boston Club has been trying to secure his release for the past two months. Abell said yesterday that the Brooklyn Club will make every attempt to sign Pitcher Corbett, as the latter will prove a valuable addition to the team, as well as being a strong drawing card. The signing of the papers in the Brooklyn-Baltimore deal may occur to-day or Monday, as both clubs are anxious to make an official announcement of the consolidation at the League meeting. So far as Brooklyn is concerned it has been decided that the club's vote will be cast jointly by Abell and Vonderhorst. Each will have half a vote and must agree on all matters before placing the club on record. The vote of Baltimore will probably be cast by Hanlon, as President, until new officers can be elected.

Among the important matters to be considered by the League magnates next week will be the settlement of the Philadelphia gate receipts question, which caused such a long wrangle at the session last December. Judging from the way club owners are talking, the Philadelphias will be defeated in their efforts to have the old contract with the League renewed, which permitted them to pay only 12½ cents for each admission to visiting clubs. The magnates say that there is no reason why the Philadelphia Club should not divide its gate receipts on the basis that prevails in other cities, which is 50 per cent. of the gate, exclusive of grand stand charges. In Philadelphia 50 cents is charged to the grand stand, as against 75 cents in other places, while all of the open stands are free to patrons at 25 cents a head. If Reach and Rogers are beaten they say that they will be forced to charge 75 cents to the grand stand and 50 cents and 25 cents to the bleachers, a rate that is expected to work disastrously. It is understood that nine clubs have agreed to stand together against a renewal of the contract, no matter what arguments can be offered by the Philadelphians.

The report of the committee on the proposal to increase the power of the Board of Discipline is expected to cause quite a long discussion. Some of the club owners have openly declared that they will not only oppose any such measure, but will try to abolish the Brush resolution aimed at obscenity on the ball field. In defence of their attitude these men declare that ball players should not be forced to live up to a certain absolute decorum on the diamond and will deprive the game of many interesting incidents. Taken at their word, these magnates are in favor of filthy language, free fights, assaults upon umpires and general disorder. The reason for this is hard to understand unless the objectors to the rule do not appreciate what sportsmanship and clean methods mean. It is a fact that several club owners at the December meeting informed a reporter of THE SUN that there had been "too much talk about rowdy baseball" and that they hoped the newspapers of the country would lend a helping hand to assist Brush and others in their fight for pure sport. Brush, however, has not weakened and says that he will come to the meeting next week prepared to carry out his part of the contract. He believes that if the Board of Discipline is given increased power to deal with riotous players the punishment will be so severe that all of the players will refrain from breaking the rule.

In this belief Brush has many supporters who say that a drastic measure of this sort will have a good effect. While some persons opposed to Brush have said that his resolution against the use of obscene language was a "dead letter" last season because the Board of Discipline did not have a case brought before it, other observers declare that there were comparatively few violations of the rule and consequently little chance for the board to act. The umpires of the League staff who were in a position to note the working of the rule say that they heard less vile language on the field than ever before and that the rule was practically a success. Brush believes that with a few amendments the rule, backed up by the power to be vested in the Board of Discipline, can be made to eradicate the evils entirely. So far as the kicking against decisions of umpires goes, it is thought that the League will adopt the report of the Rules Committee, re-establishing the fining system and giving the President of the League the power of suspension in the cases of players who continue to violate the rules. Magnates opposed to further Brush legislation will, it is expected, make a fight to have all cases of disorder or obscenity confined to the clause proposed by the Rules Committee, on the ground that it is sufficient to answer all requirements.

The constant bickering among League magnates increases the impression that the organization is in need of some iron-handed leader like Spalding, Mills or Brush. The weak policy of President Young is thought to be at the bottom of most of the trouble. If A. G. Mills could be induced to accept the Presidency again there might be a different state of affairs, as he would not tolerate interference or intimidation on the part of narrow-minded club owners for an instant. Many persons believe that John T. Brush would make an excellent executive officer because of his independence and sincerity in conducting the sport. They say that his ownership of the Cincinnati Club could not be raised as an objection, inasmuch as ex-President Hurlbert was the owner of the Chicago Club at the time he made the notable record for the benefit of the League. But Brush has enemies who would likely oppose him with relentless vigor. Perhaps President Young may change his policy this year and in so doing make himself even more valuable to the League than in the past.

Martin Julian says that the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight may be decided at Coney Island, as that club will soon be in a position to make a satisfactory bid. It is also stated that the Lenox A. C. is negotiating for the lease of the Arena at Coney Island, so that bouts next summer can be conducted there. If Julian, Fitzsimmons and O'Rourke could patch up their differences so that the big battle might take place in this vicinity local sporting men would feel satisfied. Fitzsimmons is a big card and wherever he fights there will be enough gate receipts to make it profitable for those who conduct the battle.

Corbett and Maher are reported to have made a match to fight somewhere in Connecticut. The bout might be pulled off in this city to the satisfaction of many ring patrons who are anxious to see a good heavyweight contest. If Corbett and Maher fight on the level it is probable that the Irishman would have a big following for the reason that Corbett is generally regarded as a back number. Maher is fully as clever as Sharkey and a more powerful hitter. His height and reach would make it easier, perhaps, to reach the ex-champion than Sharkey found it, and in that event Peter might accomplish a decisive knock-out, providing the bout was arranged for seven rounds. Those who know Corbett's ability at present say that he cannot go that distance and be strong. They believe that in a six-round bout, however, the ex-champion can hold his own with any one in the heavyweight class.

Billiardist Foss has followed the example set by McCreery by making a statement that he would like to play Champion Muller for $1,000 a side. Foss also says he is willing to play McCreery against Muller for a similar amount. Nothing is said about a trophy, the principal argument being of a monetary nature. In view of the interpretation of the rule made by the A. A. U.'s secretary, there is no reason why contestants in all branches of amateur sport governed by that organization should not indulge in side wagers in order to make things interesting."

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 24.—President Walter B. Ilgenger of the Central Association of the Amateur Athletic Union takes exception to Secretary Sullivan's views on Billiardist McCreery and Mullens. Mr. Ilgenger said to-day: "I don't agree with Secretary Sullivan of the A. A. U., whereby he says that McCreery's offer to play Mullen for a side wager of $10,000 does not make him a professional. The A. A. U. should set its standard of amateurism at the highest notch and not tolerate the slightest degree of professional."

The annual banquet of the Victor A. A. of Sacred Heart Academy, Cleson-on-the-Sound, was held on last Tuesday evening. The following toasts were responded to: "Our Association and Its Advantages," by the President, Joseph V. Stanford; "Football," by the Vice-President, Leo J. Goodwin; "George Washington," by the Secretary, George T. Buchanan; "Baseball," by the manager, Edward J. Hourigan; "How Things Have Changed," by the scorer, A. J. Julia. The toastmaster was Raymond P. Sullivan. Short speeches were also made by various members of the faculty. The affair was voted a success.

$9,500 FOR A TROTTING TEAM.

Pittsburg Horseman Pays a Long Price for Wert and B. C. at the Chicago Sale.

A telegram from John Splan yesterday brought the news that the much-talked-of trotting team Wert, 2:15¾, and B. C., 2:15¾, were sold for $9,500 at the Splan-Newgass sale in Chicago last Thursday. Mr. Van Voorhes of Pittsburg, George H. Ketcham of Toledo and John E. Turner of Philadelphia were the contending bidders, the first-named horseman getting the crack pair for the highest price that has been paid for a double team at auction since 1893. Wert and B. C. are brown geldings, 15.2 hands high, six years old. B. C. is by Bourbonage, a son of Bourbon Wilkes, and Wert is by Warlock, the noted old trotting sire that Charles F. Bates exhibited as a high stepper at the last National Horse Show. John Donovan, Jr., of St. Joseph, Mo., put the two geldings together last year and won many prizes with them at the Western horse shows. It is said that either horse can beat his record in single harness, and that they are still faster as a pole team.

E. H. Harriman yesterday added another high-class trotter to the Arden Farms Stable that Trainer W. J. Andrews is going to campaign for him this year. The newcomer is Lillian, a bay mare, by C. J. Hamlin's double-gaited stallion Heir-at-Law, whose trotting record is 2:12 and whose pacing record is 2:05¾. Lillian's dam was by Gen. R. L. Howard's Wilkie Collins, out of Play Girl (dam of Play Boy, 2:18¾), by Mambrino Patchen. C. F. Flomerfelt of East Aurora, N. Y., campaigned the mare in the New York and Pennsylvania circuits last year, giving her a record of 2:20¾. She has been entered in the race for the Goelet prize, to be trotted at Goshen next August, and Trainer Andrews says he believes her to be good enough to get a part of the $1,000 purse.

J. Walter Lovatt, President of the Bethlehem Driving Club, is going to take a hand in the revival of double-team trotting, which promises to be one of the features of the coming season on both track and road. Lovatt has found a mate for his fast trotting mare Kate McCracken, 2:12¾, and he intends to send the pair to E. C. Walker's training stable near the Harlem River Driveway to be fitted for speeding when the spring season opens. Another out-of-town team that will bid for the honors on the Speedway next spring is owned by the Hon. Charles M. Reed of Erie, Pa. His mares Silicon, 2:13¾, and Silurian, 2:25¾, are now at the covered mile track, near Buffalo, being fitted for Speedway driving. Mike Bowerman of Lexington, who was here to attend the recent congress of the N.T. A., bred both of Mr. Reed's fast mares. They are full sisters, by Wilton, 2:19¾, out of Silhouette by Hambrino, 2:21¾.

RACING.

Another Bad Day for the Favorites at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—The downfall of five favorites and two wins by Dupee, a colored jockey, were the features of to-day's races. It is so seldom that a negro jockey wins here that two in one day for one of them causes comment. Dupee, Lynch and Gatewood are the only colored boys riding here, and Dupee is the only one who has any winning mounts to his credit. If the favorites keep on going down the talent will soon be in a state of bankruptcy.

In the last three days but three favorites have crossed the wire first. Clay Pointer was the only one to do the trick to-day. His price was 8 to 5, and it is doubtful whether he carried as much money as Rotterman's entry, J. H. C. and Col. Frank Waters, who, coupled together, were strong second choices. J. H. C. looked all over a winner at the sixteenth pole, but the terrific pace he set began to tell at this stage and he was passed out by both Clay Pointer and Double Dummy. The books again took liberties with Aunt Maggie in the third despite her two last performances, when she led the field from start to finish. As good as 10 to 1 was laid against her, and getting off running she was never headed, winning eased up by two lengths.

Fifteen maiden three-year-olds made up the field in the second race, and, as usual in such races, everything was touted. The winner turned up in Col. Eads, at 12 to 1, who nailed May Droit, the pacemaker, fifty feet from the wire and won going away. In the fifth race fourteen very ordinary platers sported silk. It was anybody's race up to within a hundred yards of the wire, when Nannie, at 15 to 1, got out of the bunch and won handily. Both Col. Eads and Nannie Davis were ridden by Dupee. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; six furlongs—Covington, Ky., 125 (Dunn), 30 to 1, won; Real, 113 (Van Dusen), second; Potus, 128 (James), third. Time, 1:82¾.

Second Race—Selling; six furlongs—Col. Eads, 99 (Dupee), 12 to 1, won; May Droit, 97 (Troxler), second; Minnie B., 107 (Frost), third. Time, 1:17.

Third Race—Selling; one and three-sixteenth miles—Aunt Maggie, 98 (Frost), 8 to 1, won; Judge Steadman, 107 (Odom), second; Gov. Boyd, 100 (Mitchell), third. Time, 2:05¾.

Fourth Race—Handicap; one and one-sixteenth miles—Clay Pointer, 108 (O'Connor), 8 to 2, won; Double Dummy, 102 (Mitchell), second; J. H. C., 106 (Troxler), third. Time, 1:50¾.

Fifth Race—Selling; six and a half furlongs—Nannie Davis, 97 (Dupee), 15 to 1, won; McAlbert, 99 (Troxler), second; Pontet Canet, 99 (Hothersoll), third. Time, 1:24¾.

Sixth Race—Selling; six furlongs—Toppan, 103 (Bisping), 15 to 1, won; Henrica, 101 (Frost), second; Barrica, 100 (Macon), third. Time, 1:16¾.

Jimmy Michael Coming Here to Ride Horses for the Dwyers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Jimmy Michael says again that he has ridden his last race on the wheel. He left for the East last night to begin work at once as jockey in the service of the Dwyers. While here Michael was coached by Tod Sloan, and every day, at the Ingleside track, he practiced on horses. Michael weighs only 98 pounds. His muscular power, however, is beyond that of most men of middle weight, and he has shown in many exciting wheel races the same coolness and great generalship that so often have enabled Sloan to pluck victory from apparent defeat.

Interscholastic Chess.

Play was resumed in the New York interscholastic chess tournament at the rooms of Berkeley School yesterday afternoon. The three adjourned games from Thursday were decided first. The game between Manson of Cutler and Plummer of Berkeley resulted in a surprise, the latter taking his opponent well in hand and forcing him to resign after forty-two moves. Engels of Columbia Grammar defeated Arnstein of Sachs, while Keeler of Columbia Grammar and Newborg of Sachs drew. Only one of the regular scheduled games was finished, Eddinger of Hamilton Institute defeating Plummer of Berkeley in thirty moves. The games between the representatives of Columbia Grammar and Cutler were watched with the keenest interest by the large number of students present. Only one game separates them for the chief honors of the tournament. Both Engels and Keeler of Columbia Grammar are playing in good form, and are looked upon as the probable champions. Hamilton Institute is secure in third place. There are three ties for the individual championship. The adjourned games will be decided this morning, and on Monday the final round will be played. Yesterday's results follow:

Players and Results.		Openings.	Moves.
Keeler.....½†	Newborg...½	English	60
Engels.....1†	Arnstein..0	Irregular	69
Plummer.1†	Manson...0	Queen's Bish. Pawn	42
Pierce.....½*	Keeler....*	Queen's Pawn	26
Manson....*	Engles....*	Zukertort	20
Eddinger..1	Plummer.0	G moco	30
Smith.....*	Henshaw *	French Defence	28

*Adjourned. †Adjourned games from Thursday.

The records of the schools follow:

School.	Won.	Lost.	School.	Won.	Lost.
Cutler	9	2	Sachs	5½	6½
Columbia Gram'r	8½	3½	Berkeley	3	12
Hamilton Ins'te	7	6			

This is the individual standing:

Name.	Won.	Lost.	Name.	Won.	Lost.
Manson	4½	1½	Plummer	2½	2½
Keeler	4½	1½	Eddinger	3½	3½
Pierce	4½	1½	Newborg	2½	4½
Engels	4½	2	Henshaw	¾	6½
Smith	3½	2½	Berman	0	3
Arnstein	3	4			

Chess Notes.

The team to represent this county in the forthcoming cable match against Great Britain on March 10 and 11 was selected by the directors of the Brooklyn Chess Club on Thursday evening, as follows: H. N. Pillsbury, J. W. Showalter, John F. Barry, A. B. Hodges, Edward Hymes, D. G. Baird, H. G. Voigt, Sydney P. Johnston, C. J. Newman and F. J. Marshall. Substitutes: George F. Walcott and E. E. Southard of Boston.

The Tournament Committee of the Manhattan Chess Club announces that the annual handicap of the club will begin on Feb. 27, and that the entries will close the day before. In addition to the special prize offered by the President of the club, the club announces the following prizes in cash: First prize, $40; second prize, $30; third prize, $15; fourth prize, $10; fifth prize, $5.

GOLF.

The M. G. A. Meeting Called for Monday—To-Day's Contests.

The postponed annual meeting of the M. G. A. will convene at the Metropolitan Club on Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. Definite action will be taken on the proposed metropolitan district championship and the general handicap scheme. Henry B. Hollins will again be elected President, and the other officials re-elected, except that R. B. Kerr will succeed A. T. Gillender on the Board of Governors.

Following up the suggestion made by President Thomas in his inaugural speech at the U. S. G. A. annual meeting on Thursday night, J. C. Ten Eyck said that, if possible to do so, he thought the Executive Committee should take some action to limit the value of prizes offered by the different clubs in open tournaments. He quoted the U. S. G. A. ruling that the first prize in such tournaments should not exceed $50 in cost as a step in the right direction, but he qualified the statement by expressing the belief that in many cases the recommendation had been ignored. If the association was in earnest in this matter, in his opinion, it must specify the kind of prizes to be awarded, for otherwise, with the advancement of the game and an increased rivalry that may develop between clubs, the value of the prizes would increase as time goes on. Finally, as an extreme measure to bring out the opinions of the delegates, Ten Eyck said that he would move that in the future the prizes at open tournaments should consist of medals alone. The opinions brought out were mostly against the proposed action. Daniel Chauncey led the opponents and showed his reasons for believing that the game was in no danger of being made subservient to prizes. He did not think, although he had played at a number of tournaments, that the M. G. A. prize limitation had been ignored. S. Y. Hoebner questioned if the U. S. G. A. had any right under its constitution to tell what prizes the individual members should give in their club or open tournaments. This point was taken up by Dr. E. C. Rushmore, who argued in its favor. After John Du Pais had explained that the M. G. A. limitation had been in the nature of a suggestion only, but that it had the desired effect, Ten Eyck withdrew his motion. President Thomas indorsed his action and added that the matter of the value of open tournament prizes, especially as a public expression of the U. S. G. A. sentiment had been brought out, might, in his opinion, be left with safety to the good taste of the amateurs themselves.

Under the warm sun and southerly breezes of the past few days the snow has nearly gone from the courses in the metropolitan district and they are all in the usual winter state, quite up to practice play. The Dyker Meadow course is in especially fine condition, for there is hardly any snow at all through the fair green, and the only patches left are on the side hills and in the hazards. The snow has also melted pretty well at the Lakewood links. The Ocean County Hunt and Country Club will resume its weekly eighteen-hole open handicaps to-day, and possibly a similar open event will be played at the Golf Club course. With fine weather visitors may rely on finding one competition on and probably two.

NOTE.

Work will be begun on the new golf links of the Riverside Yacht Club on March 1, and it is expected that the clubhouse, bunkers, &c., will be finished in time for the first spring playing.

A Chicago Club Offers $21,000 for Fitz and Jeffries.

The fact that the time limit permitting the clubs desirous of securing the contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries to file their offers for the fight is fast drawing to a close, has stirred up several of the fistic matchmakers throughout the country. Yesterday Dave Holland, the local sporting man who has been intrusted with the office of receiving bids, was the recipient of an unsigned letter from some hotel people in Chicago to the effect that the "Triangle Athletic Club of Chicago" would give a purse of $21,000 for the mill. The communication, which was sent from Chicago, stated that the club was a perfectly legitimate one, situated, or at least, will be located, in the neighborhood of Sixty-first street and Stony Island avenue. The club promises to put up the purse money ten days before the mill and also agrees to pay the expenses of the seconds and trainers of the boxers. No money came with the offer. According to the articles of agreement signed by the pugilists, each bid must be, to make it binding, accompanied by $500. This point was agreed upon by the fighters so as to keep notoriety seekers from advertising themselves at the expense of the match. When Holland's attention was called to the absence of the necessary $500, he said: "I think that this is all right, and that they mean business. The fact that the club agrees to put up the entire purse ten days before the fight ought to convince those interested that business only is meant."

Holland further says that he has been told that a brewer will undertake to pull off the combat in this vicinity, and that as much as $30,000 will be offered for the combat. Holland expects to receive such a bid, with the necessary $500 within the next few days.

Gossip of the Ring.

Jim Holloway, the South African lightweight champion, writes to a friend here that he will visit this country, win or lose with Jim Curran, and meet Joe Walcott.

Oscar Gardner and Joe Hopkins have been matched to box fifteen rounds in Cincinnati next Monday night. In order to be in shape Hopkins has declared all his other matches off.

"Kid" McCoy is going to take a trip to London this summer. It is said that he has received an offer to meet Jewey Cooke, the crack English middleweight, and has accepted.

Jack O'Brien, who has become inflated with his own importance since he whipped Oscar Gardner, has been induced to box the latter again. The pair will meet before a local club in a few weeks.

Tony Lewis, the Italian bantam, who so summarily beat Frankie Neary in two rounds in Newark a few days ago last night and offered to meet any good 110-pounder, Lewis can be found at 301 West street, this city.

Tommy Ryan of Syracuse met Jack McCarty of Hot Springs in a twenty-round bout in Hot Springs on Wednesday night. The affair was hotly contested, and Ryan knocked McCarty out in the seventh round.

"Australian" Billy Murphy has authorized the Springfield A. C. of Springfield, O., to match him against Tommy White, provided a match with Casper Leon cannot be arranged. Murphy is also ready to take on Terry McGovern.

Charley Strong, the Newark colored heavyweight, has arranged two matches. To-night he will box Jack McCormick six rounds in Philadelphia, and on March 4, in Toronto, he will clash with Ed Dunkhorst for twenty rounds.

Bob Armstrong is to get a chance to redeem himself at the hands of Frank Childs, the Chicago colored heavyweight, who knocked him out recently. The pair are to meet in a fifteen-round bout before the Stagg A. C., Cincinnati, on March 16.

According to a despatch from New Haven yesterday, a match between Spike Sullivan and Eddie Connolly has been arranged and is to be decided before the Pastime A. C., in New Haven, some time in April. The bout is limited to twenty rounds.

Charley Stevenson, the Philadelphia heavyweight, defeated Kid Lavelle in thirteen rounds before the Keystone Athletic Association, in Allentown, Pa., on Wednesday night. The pair were to have boxed fifteen rounds. Stevenson now wishes to tackle Gus Ruhlin.

D. F. D., Morristown, N. J.—The largest purse fought for on record was $40,000. This was in the fight between Jim Hall and Bob Fitzsimmons on March 4, 1896, before the Crescent A. C., New Orleans. The whole amount, however, was not entirely paid.

It was said yesterday that Billy Brady has engaged Jim Corbett to assist in training Jim Jeffries for the latter's coming contest with Bob Fitzsimmons. Corbett will take hold of Jeffries in a few weeks. The big Californian expects to get into shape in either Oceanic or Asbury Park.

Larry O'Toole, who styles himself the "Pacific Coast Cyclone," called at THE SUN office yesterday to issue a challenge to fight any 150-pound man in this business. O'Toole says he is not particular who he meets as long as his opponent is a good man. O'Toole can be found at 453 Pearl street.

Sammy Harris wants Billy Plimmer to call off his match with Tom Ware and set sail for this country and meet Percy Mosquera. There are a number of clubs which would donate a good purse if Plimmer and the Brooklyn boy came together. Harris recently wrote to Plimmer expressing a desire to pay the latter's expenses if he would come here and fight McGovern.

Two lively bouts are scheduled hereabouts tonight. At the Greenwood A. C. Dick O'Brien and Jack Burke, both of Boston, are slated to meet in a twenty-five-round "go." At the Pelican A. C. Sam Fitzpatrick's lightweight, Billy Moore of Syracuse, will meet George McFadden, also for twenty-five rounds, at 133 pounds. There will be the usual preliminaries.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Harry Fisher of Brooklyn to-night defeated Jim Janney of this city in the eighth round of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round contest. Fisher had the fight well in hand after the third round. His defence was too much for Janney, who simply tired himself out trying to land on the Brooklynite. The men fought at catch weights, Janney weighing 150 and Fisher 165 pounds.

Z. A. K., Stamford.—James Kelly and J. Smith fought with bare knuckles in Australia in November, 1855. The battle lasted six hours and fifteen minutes. The nearest approach to this in time was the contest between Mike Madden and Bill Haynes in Edenbridge, England, on July 17, 1849. The encounter lasted six hours and three minutes. The shortest one was between Tom Daw and Ned Kiley on Jan. 24, 1868, in Leavenworth, Kan. Daw beat Kiley in seven seconds.

Huguenot Yacht Club Election.

The annual meeting of the Huguenot Yacht Club of New Rochelle was held at the Arena on West Thirty-first street. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Commodore, H. E. Janes; Vice-Commodore, E. B. Hart, Jr.; Rear Commodore, W. G. Greeley; Secretary, G. C. Allen; Treasurer, L. C. Ketchum; Trustees, R. T. Badgley and W. W. Farrish.

The report of the Treasurer showed the club to be in good financial condition. The prizes for the annual regatta of 1899 were exhibited.

CHANGE IN COLLEGE LAWS.

EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE I. A. A. A. MEET.

Winners in Open Games Will Be Barred—Schoolboy Athletes May Compete Without a Year's Probation—Amendments Submitted by Harvard Not Approved.

A combined meeting of the Executive and Advisory Committees of the Intercollegiate A. A. A. was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night to consider the amendments to the constitution which will be passed upon at the annual meeting of the association this afternoon. The following members answered the roll call:

J. M. Magee, Yale, President; B. S. Barringer, New York University; E. Vermilyea, Cornell; B. H. Hayes, Harvard; Keith Donaldson, Princeton; H. K. Bird, Columbia; Gustavus T. Kirby, Columbia; Oliver Shiras, Cornell; Murdoch Kendrick, University of Pennsylvania; C. L. McKelban, University of Pennsylvania; J. T. Read, Harvard.

The rules prepared by the Advisory Committee were thoroughly discussed, as well as the radical changes suggested by Harvard. The principal point at issue was one of the amendments offered by the University of Pennsylvania barring schoolboys who won a first, second or third prize in interscholastic games from competing for a college until they have been one calendar year in residence and passed the first year's examination.

Delegates Brown and Forney, from the Interscholastic Association, attended the meeting and entered the protest of that organization against the amendment, which they stated would decrease the interest in schoolboy athletics. Princeton and many of the smaller colleges have done much lobbying against the rule which would deprive them of the services of all the good men in their freshmen class. After a spirited debate the committee decided to submit the rule to the meeting to-day without the clause. The Harvard representatives were in favor of allowing schoolboys who win prizes in open athletic meets to compete in the intercollegiate games before residing at college a year, but this did not meet with the approval of the majority. Schoolboys, therefore, will have to confine their efforts to interscholastic events in future.

The amendment proposed by Harvard, rendering a student who has won a point for any college in any intercollegiate track meeting ineligible to represent any other college he may afterward attend, was also voted down in favor of the rule which will allow him to compete after a calendar year's residence.

Harvard also objected to the proposed amendment which prohibits any one representing any college or university at the annual field meeting who has been dropped from his class into a lower class, or from a first-year class out of his college, or who, not being in good standing, has been transferred from one department to another, until he shall have completed a year's work or been permitted by his college to regain the class from which he was dropped. The Cambridge representatives held that an injustice would be worked to men who fell back in their studies through sickness, but the purifiers objected to the loophole left for star athletes not addicted to study, and voted to retain the amendment in its original form.

The amendment proposed by Harvard, that no delegate shall represent a university or college at the annual meeting unless he is a student in attendance at that university, was also defeated.

It was decided that any member or ex-member of the Executive or Advisory Committee should be allowed to speak at the meeting, but not vote, and that any alumnus should receive permission to occupy the floor on a two-thirds vote of the meeting.

Open Games at the Twelfth Regiment.

Pending action on the amendment to be introduced in the State Legislature allowing athletic clubs to hold games in armories, the Athletic Association of the Twelfth Regiment is in the field with an announcement of open games to be held in the armory at Columbus avenue and Sixty-second street on Thursday evening, March 16. The following events are open to all registered athletes:

Sixty-yard run, handicap; 440-yard run, handicap; 880-yard run, handicap; novice scratch; mile run, handicap; half-mile bicycle race, handicap; two-mile bicycle race, handicap; relay race, one mile, teams of four men; obstacle race, scratch; potato race, scratch.

The armory will be open every night from 9:45 o'clock, and Thursday and Saturday nights from 8 o'clock, for training purposes. Saturday evening will be set aside for cycling. Entries close on Friday, March 10, with W. T. Godfrey, 400 West Fifty-second street, or at the armory.

Capt. Clapp Yale's Champion Gymnast.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 24.—The second and final competition to decide the award of the "Y," which is given annually to the champion gymnast of Yale University, was held this evening. B. G. Clapp, '99 S., of Northampton, Mass., captain of the Yale gymnastic team, was the winner of the award. Clapp holds the world's amateur championship for the pole vault.

The Yale Union, the leading debating club of the university, discussed this question tonight: "Was Yale's attitude toward Cornell in a recent boating contest justifiable?" The debate was decided in the affirmative. When the matter was thrown open to the house not a single student took the negative.

Class Games at Columbia Grammar School.

The games between the classes of '99 and 1900 of Columbia Grammar School were held in the gymnasium yesterday afternoon. The programme comprised five events, all handicaps except the ten-yard dash. The youngsters displayed creditable form, and demonstrated that they will be worthy opponents in the interscholastic games. 1900 won by a score of 32 points to 13. Summary:

Running High Jump—Won by C. Richards, fifth form, actual jump 5 feet 2 inches; second, R. Nilsen, fifth form, scratch, second, 5 feet; J. Tidenberg, fifth form, 5 inches, third, actual jump, 4 feet 6 inches.

Ten-Yard Dash—Won by J. O'Neil, sixth form; P. Dalsheimer, fifth form, second; T. Cadenus, sixth form, third. No time taken.

Running Broad Jump—Won by J. Herche, fifth form, 2 inches, actual jump 8 feet 2 inches; R. Richards, fifth form, 4 inches, second, actual jump 8 feet 5¼ inches; J. O'Neil, sixth form, scratch, and G. Wheeler, sixth form, scratch, tied for third, 8 feet 5 inches.

Putting the 12-Pound Shot—Won by J. Herche, fifth form, 8 feet, actual put 32 feet 5 inches; P. Strauss, fifth form, 5 feet, second, actual put 32 feet 4 inches; P. Dalsheimer, fifth form, 5 feet, third, actual put 31 feet 10 inches.

Rope Climbing—Won by J. Vogelsang, 3 seconds, actual time 6 seconds; P. Dalsheimer, fifth form, 2 seconds, second, actual time, 7 3-5 seconds; G. Wheeler, sixth form, scratch, time, 6 1-5 seconds.

Clever Work by "Poly's" Athletes.

The annual interclass games of the Polytechnic Institute and "Poly Prep" School of Brooklyn were continued last night in the gymnasium. The wrestling and swimming competitions aroused the keenest enthusiasm. Summaries follow:

100-Foot Swimming Competition, with Turn—Won by Ira B. Downs, time 21⅗ seconds; E. H. Webb second, time 28 3-5 seconds; L. Burns, Jr., third, time 25 seconds.

20-Yard Dash—First heat won by F. W. Ackerman; E. M. Fraser second, time 3 1-5 seconds; second heat, won by E. H. Webb; Gustave Behr second, time 3 1-5 seconds.

Putting the 16-Pound Shot, Scratch—Won by Frank M. Scnumann, with a put of 35 feet 10 inches; G. G. Huntington second, with a put of 25 feet 2 inches; E. Burns, Jr., third, with a put of 24 feet.

Running High Jump—Won by R. Kernan, with 5 feet 6 inches; R. Fraser second, with 4 feet 11 inches; J. V. McEnery third, with 4 feet 6 inches.

Middleweight Wrestling, 150 Pounds—C. G. Huntington drew a bye; Ira B. Downs defeated H. B. Mathews in 8 and 18 seconds respectively.

Lightweight Wrestling, 125 Pounds—J. B. McCord defeated M. P. Skinner in an extra bout of 2 minutes, after wrestling two draws.

F. W. Ackerman defeated R. P. Morse in 10 seconds, after wrestling two draws.

Second Trials for Losers—Morse defeated Skinner in 1 minute 3 seconds and 2 minutes 22 seconds respectively.

Skating.

Both of the match skating races at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, last night, were won in hollow fashion. In the first event Louis G. Spence of Woodbridge School met Arthur Yale Saroney in a one-mile pursuit race. Spence started from the southern side of the rink and Saroney from the side opposite to him. Spence caught his opponent at six laps, passed him on the seventh, and won by a lap and a half in fast time. Then Le Roy See of Berkeley School and the New York A. C. met Fred Hoffmann of Cohoes, N. Y., in a two-mile pursuit race. Hoffmann was lost on the turns, having done his skating on the canal at home. He fell on the second lap, and was never in the hunt afterward. Summary:

One-Mile Pursuit Race—Won by Louis G. Spence, Woodbridge School; Arthur Yale Saroney, second. Time, 3 minutes 14 2-5 seconds.

Two-Mile Pursuit Race—Won by Le Roy See, Berkeley School and New York A. C.; Fred Hoffmann, Cohoes, N. Y., second. Time, 6 minutes 47 3-5 seconds.

News from the Horse World.

The Brighton Beach Racing Association has decided to run the Brighton Cup on July 6, the opening day of the meeting.

Indians Want to Raise Cotton in Mexico.

SALTILLO, Mexico, Feb. 24.—Several hundred Kickapoo Indians and a large number of Seminole negro Indians settled near Nadadores, in the State of Coahuila, many years ago. Members of the two tribes have now made a joint application to the Mexican Government for a concession to establish a colony in the Nazas River Valley, where they will raise cotton on an extensive scale.

BOWLING.

End of the Newspaper League Tourney with Three Teams Tied for First Place.

The Morning Newspaper League tournament ended yesterday afternoon at the Germania Assembly Rooms alleys with three of the five competing teams tied for first place. It is due to The Sun team's victory over the Times that additional games will have to be rolled to decide the championship, as the latter players would have landed in first place had they won the game yesterday. Three of the four bowling balls and bags presented to the league by Joe Thum were won by Boyle of the Times team, who rolled the highest average, the highest score and the most strikes. The other bowling ball and bag go to Strawinski of The Sun team for the most spares. The closing games resulted as follows:

FIRST GAME.

The Sun—Kennedy, 155; Nutzhorn, 149; St. Denis, 169; Perry, 126; Newman, 150; Davis, 145; Gillespie, 161; Strawinski, 160. Total, 1,324.

Times—Boyle, 192; J. Pierce, 127; Stack, 158; C. Pierce, 149; Folsom, 181; O'Rourke, 147; Barrus, 135; Johnson, 120. Total, 1,140.

SECOND GAME.

World—Maxwell, 129; MacLauchlan, 156; Riley, 109; McCord, 124; Yates, 102; M. Perkins, 144; Sidell, 166; Farlow, 126. Total, 1,046.

Herald—Ralston, 106; McNeil, 118; Long, 170; Robinson, 124; Kells, 127; McCandless, 116; Dewes, 154; Moran, 135. Total, 1,050.

By losing to the Clio Wheelmen at Fraenkel's alleys on Thursday night the Orientals dropped back from first to third place in the Uncle Sam national tournament. The scores:

Oriental—Mitchell, 199; Lehnert, 153; Oest, 143; Vogel, 188; Gillham, 196. Total, 879.

Clio Wheelmen—Dickson, 191; Buchtenkirch, 176; Herig, 171; Frantz, 177; Chesterfield, 178. Total, 893.

Out of a possible 120 points, Mesloh and C. Sievers of the Rosedale Bowling Club scored 118 and 117, respectively, in the United Plattdeutsche Clubs' tournament headpin game at the Arcade alleys last night. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Greenwich—Halbert, 105; Jentz, 81; Frankenberg, 78; Brauer, 88; Wittenberg, 84; Kaiser, 50; Meyer, 87; Tiedemann, 79. Total, 647.

Rosedale—C. Sievers, 117; Tadman, 88; Kessler, 99; Gieschen, 81; Wuehrman, 81; Mesloh, 118; Bellmer, 110; D. Frercks, 84. Total, 778.

SECOND GAME.

Greenwich—Halbert, 179; Jentz, 155; Frankenberg, 147; Brauer, 107; Wittenberg, 198; Kaiser, 130; Meyer, 153; Tiedemann, 169. Total, 1,296.

Rosedale—C. Sievers, 150; Tadman, 151; Kessler, 158; Gieschen, 142; Wuehrman, 176; Mesloh, 147; Bellmer, 191; D. Frercks, 203. Total, 1,337.

Grand total—Greenwich, 1,943; Rosedale, 2,115.

Mrs. Jacques of the Monogram team, one of the best women bowlers in Brooklyn, scored 103 at the Arlington Hall alleys yesterday afternoon, the highest total rolled this season in the New York Women's League tournament. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Veronica Ladies' Team No. 1—Mrs. Gaydoul, 88; Mrs.