IN THE BASEBALL WORLD.

JACK DOYLE APPOINTED CAPTAIN OF THE NEW YORK TEAM.

He and Manager Day Want to Sign the Star Pitchers—Julian Curtiss Says Freedman Drove College Football Games from Here—A New Offer for Baltimore Club.

Manager Day has appointed Jack Doyle captain of the New Yorks. The selection was unavoidable, as there was no other player on the team capable of filling the place. Doyle has always been a hard worker and a good ball player, but his tendency to lose his temper has been a pronounced weakness. Up to within a year ago Doyle was one of the most notorious kickers in the League. His assault upon Umpire Lynch in Boston, in 1897, when a member of the Baltimore team, was one of the reasons why Manager Hanlon got rid of him. When Doyle joined the New Yorks last summer he behaved admirably, even though he was under instructions from Joyce to do otherwise. Not many weeks ago Doyle said to a reporter of THE SUN:

"I have given up kicking against umpires' decisions, especially where plays in which other players beside myself are involved. I realize that I got a rather unsavory reputation because of acts of violence on the ball field, and that I was roundly scored by the press and public. In future, therefore, I intend to devote my entire attention to ball playing, and will let the umpires severely alone."

As captain of the New York team Doyle may be compelled by Freedman to do some wrangling, but if Manager Day is permitted to rule unmolested the chances are that Doyle will live up to his promises. When Jack was made manager of the New Yorks by Freedman in 1895 he was seriously handicapped because of constant advice from the club's President. Doyle had trouble with several members of the team and finally resigned, after narrowly escaping a personal encounter with Freedman. Under Day's non-interfering advice Doyle may be a success as captain, for his power is limited to the diamond. He will be an improvement over Joyce, for Doyle can play the game so well that he will command the respect of his fellow members. If he can refrain from openly criticising his team, as he did when he "roasted" Joe Corbett off the field at Eastern Park in 1897, Doyle may be able to get his nine into fair working order. Freedman declares that Manager Day has absolute control of the New Yorks. The latter wants to pay to Rusie, Meekin and Seymour the salaries they ask. If Day has control of the players, followers of the game would like to know why these three star pitchers are not brought into line. Doyle wants the trio badly, for he realizes that without them the New Yorks will be hopeless. Freedman has a chance to prove that he is not attempting to kill the game by signing the three mighty pitchers without delay. Day's success as owner and handler of the New Yorks in 1898 and 1899 was due to his liberal treatment of the men. His salary list at that time was more than $50,000 each year. The salary list of the New Yorks for this year will amount to about half that sum, which is significant in view of the poor showing of the team in recent years.

J. Walter Spalding, since he sent his letter of resignation to Freedman, has received nearly a hundred congratulations from enthusiasts, who commend him for his action in disclosing the inside workings of the New York Club. Spalding said yesterday that nearly all of his correspondents declared that in future they would keep away from the Polo Grounds and patronize the great Brooklyn team instead. The prevailing impression in baseball circles seems to be that Freedman's methods will result in a land-office business at Washington Park, where patrons of the game can find first-class baseball conducted by liberal-minded magnates. The controversy between Freedman and Spalding is not at an end, although there was comparative quiet in both camps yesterday. It is understood that the Spaldings have not fired their last shot, and that if the League meets next week there will be some more fun. The charge that Freedman has mismanaged the New Yorks ever since he secured control of the club is supported by almost every baseball man in town.

"It was Freedman who drove away all the big intercollegiate football games from this city," said Julian W. Curtiss, the well-known Yale man, yesterday. "He tried to bulldoze the college managers, and was so arbitrary that he was unbearable. The frequent acts of rowdyism at the Polo Grounds and Freedman's brawls in public with various players have made the baseball public down on baseball, which can be proved by the statement that the New York Club lost $40,000 last year. If I am not mistaken there was one football season at Manhattan Field which yielded a profit of nearly $25,000 for the New York Club. Then Freedman had trouble with both the University A. C. and the college managers, which made Manhattan Field a white elephant. It is a pity that such a man should be mixed up in sports. New York is the greatest city in the world for outdoor amusements. Any sporting enterprise properly managed should be immensely profitable. But as long as Freedman has control of the Polo Grounds and Manhattan Field there is nothing but a perpetual frost in sight."

Mike Griffin, who was disposed of by the Brooklyn Club in a transfer to the Cleveland Club, was in town yesterday. He did not comment on his transfer, but admitted that he had already communicated with Robinson and Tebeau and that his relations with the then were very cordial. It is believed that Griffin wants to secure from Manager Hanlon some of the purchase money received from Cleveland for his release. Mike said that he had been ordered to join the Clevelands at Hot Springs without delay, but he did not know when he would make the trip. Manager Hanlon is making final preparations to take the Brooklyns to Augusta on Monday. He expects to have almost all of his stars in line by that time. The Brooklyn Club has practically concluded arrangements for the building of the new stands at Washington Park.

Now that Edward C. Becker has purchased the St. Louis Club's assets from G. A. Gruner and the bondholders who bought in the club at the sheriff's sale last Tuesday, and the fact that the Cleveland team will be transferred to that city is said to have stirred the Columbus Western League manager, will take the franchise in Cleveland, Frederick J. Mershelmer, who owns the West New York Field Club's grounds at Weehawken, where Sunday ball flourished last season, has made a substantial offer for the Baltimore franchise. Hels in the city and his proposition is under serious consideration. Hanlon, Von der Horst, Atell and Ebbets are willing to unload the club if they can receive a fair price for the franchise.

"Long John" Healy, known professionally as "The Egyptian," is dead. He was a star pitcher in his day and accompanied the Spalding tourists on their trip around the world in 1887. He played with a number of the big League and Association clubs, and two years ago quit the diamond to go on the St. Louis police force. He died of consumption.

The refusal of the League to expel the St. Louis Club, even though the latter was in arrears and could have been expelled according to the constitution of the League, brings to mind some ancient history. At the recent session of the magnates, John I. Rogers, the League's lawyer, opposed the expulsion of the club on the ground that there was no precedent and that it would be illegal. Since the League was first organized in 1876 three clubs have been expelled from membership. At the end of the first year the New York and Philadelphia clubs were expelled by direction of President W. A. Hurlbert, for refusing to make the last Western trip of that season. When the case was tried by the League both clubs were represented by able counsel, while the League's interests were looked after by A. G. Mills. The constitution covered the case in point, and after a long argument the two clubs were formally ruled out and they remained out for about eight years. In 1880, at the end of the disastrous Brotherhood war, Aaron Stern sold the Cincinnati Club to Albert J. Johnson, who organized the Players' League. As the club had violated the constitution, the magnates of the League held a meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, this city. A. G. Spalding at that time was one of the leaders in baseball circles and a vigorous fighter. He headed a movement to expel the Cincinnati club. John I. Rogers pretested vigorously on the ground that such a move would be illegal and a violation "professional reputation." Spalding got at that moment received a tip that Rogers had gone to court to secure an injunction restraining the League from expelling his client. This information prompted Spalding to insist on immediate action. He knew if Rogers got leave the star pitcher would not want to be a party to the expulsion, and that if the latter had retired the door was locked and the club was expelled unanimously. Johnson had a fight on in the courts, but he was beaten. With these precedents the magnates could have expelled the St. Louis Club, it is argued, without fear of results, especially as the action of Abe's Club was more in violation of the League constitution than the three clubs mentioned above.

New Yorks Will Play Their First Game To-Day.

CHARLESTON, March 17.—Manager Day has announced the selection of Doyle as Captain of the New York Baseball Club. This was done with the approval of the team, and Doyle has already taken charge of the men. McFarland joined the team to-day. He is in good trim, and says he is glad to get in harness again. Parke Wilson has been delayed by railroad washouts, and has wired Manager Day that he is on the road. Nothing has been heard from any of the other players who have not signed. The New Yorks are delighted with the weather and the ball grounds. There was practice this morning and afternoon. To-morrow an exhibition game will be played with the College of Charleston team.

BECKER BUYS THE ST. LOUIS CLUB.

This Means That the Strong Cleveland Team Will Play in That City.

ST. LOUIS, March 17.—Edward C. Becker has bought the St. Louis Baseball Club. This means more than appears on the surface, as it carries with it the knowledge that the Cleveland baseball team will be transferred to this city and once more the national game will draw its tens of thousands to Sportsmen's Park. The sale was consummated this morning, negotiations which began yesterday being suspended to allow Becker to open communication with the League magnates. When the creditors assembled to-day Frank Tate, manager of the Columbia Theatre, and Becker were both present. Becker alone was invited into the conference. After ten minutes Becker left the room hurriedly and Messrs. Muench and Rowell retired to a private office with a stenographer to draw up a bill of sale.

The speed with which Becker's terms were accepted was due to a telegram received by Rowell from John I. Rogers in reply to the one sent on Thursday. Rogers said the League was not concerned about prominent St. Louis business men and would recognize no one except Becker or Robison. After the papers were signed Becker wrote out a check for the amount. Then he departed. The creditors bantered him for season tickets, but he shrugged his shoulders and said he did not have any idea of managing a ball team. The price paid is understood to have been $40,000. Frank Tate offered the creditors $35,000 in cash for the property they had bought for $33,000. He also offered to pay up the League dues of $1,153 and the Wilkesbarre and Chicago claims, amounting to $1,750. In all Tate offered $37,903 for the club.

This afternoon the American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds. The capital stock is $100,000, one-half paid up. There are 1,000 shares, at $100 per share. The stockholders and the number of shares each has are as follows: Edward C. Becker, 998; Guy F. Billon, 1; John H. Blessing, 1; Samuel G. Payne, 1; William G. Schofield, 1. Becker is the recent purchaser of the club. Blessing is a member of the firm of Gaylord, Blessing & Co., Messrs. Billon and Payne are employees of that firm, and Schofield is a young lawyer in the office of Attorney John H. Overall. It is generally understood that Robison holds 49 per cent. of the stock now in Becker's name. All he gives in exchange for this is his team of ball players. But it is a championship team and will bring great baseball glory once again to Sportsmen's Park. William Kinnerk, attorney for Chris Von der Ahe, was seen this afternoon. When told that Messrs. Becker and Robison had bought the St. Louis Club from the creditors' syndicate he said:

"Every lover of baseball will be glad to see the Cleveland Club in St. Louis. We have not made up our minds about filing an appeal bond, which would have the effect of setting aside this morning's proceedings. We will push our appeal, however. If the bonds pay out in full Von der Ahe will realize about $9,000 out of the sale."

Baseball Notes.

The Empire Field Baseball Club of Spuyten Duyvil has secured a diamond baseball ground at Van Cortlandt and would like to arrange Sunday and holiday games with teams of players averaging 19 or 20 years. Address Edward J. Gallagher, Fort Independence street, Kingsbridge, N. Y.

The Little Giants of Newark have become a member of the newly formed Essex County Amateur League. They would like to arrange a few exhibition games before the League schedule begins with teams offering a suitable guarantee. Address Frank J. Welsh, 20 Dey street, Newark, N. J.

The Alert Baseball Club will again play at Nassau Park on Sundays. Several dates in April and May are open for first-class teams. The Alerts also would like to fill a few Saturday dates during June, July or August with teams offering reasonable inducements. Address Timothy B. Halpin, manager, 237 Broadway.

The National A. C. baseball team would like to arrange games with first-class teams, in or out of town, offering suitable inducements: the Pacifics, Vernon A. C., Marions of Perth Amboy, Westfields, Cranfords, Howard A. C., Alerts and Borough Park F. C. preferred. Address Arthur H. Jaggers, 11 and 13 Cedar street, Brooklyn.

The Victors of St. James's have reorganized with all of their old players, including their star battery, F. Nunn and W. McSherry. They have a few more open dates, and would like to hear from teams averaging 14 years; uniformed teams preferred. Address E. Fitzpatrick, Secretary, St. James's Academy, 241 Myrtle street, Brooklyn.

Pitcher Lewis of the Bostons, who is working hard with the Harvard University players, has noticed that McCormick, Fitz and Morse are the most prominent candidates for the pitcher's box. McCormick, a right-hander, appears to have the best assortment of curves, but he lacks the steadiness of the other men, who are veterans. Colburn, a big freshman from Andover, shows some good qualities, and Lewis may be able to develop him in time for the spring exhibition games.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—The schedule for the University of Pennsylvania baseball team has been announced by Manager Thomas B. Donaldson. The varsity squad is to be reduced to twenty-two men by April 5, at which date that number of candidates will go to the training table. On April 8 the season will be opened at Franklin Field. For three games there Pennsylvania will start on its southern trip April 15, playing on three successive days. The schedule follows: April 8, Manhattan; 12, Syracuse, and 15, State College, at Franklin Field; 17, Virginia, at Charlottesville; 18, Virginia, at Lynchburg; 19, Georgetown, at Washington, D. C.; 22, Vermont, and 26, Virginia, at Franklin Field; 29, Lafayette, at Easton; May 1, Brown; 3, Lehigh; 6, Cornell, and 10, Wesleyan, at Franklin Field; 13, Cornell, at Ithaca; 17, Georgetown; 20, Harvard, and 24, Lafayette, at Franklin Field; 27, Manhattan, at New York city; 30, Lehigh, at Bethlehem; June 3, Columbia, and 6, Michigan, at Franklin Field; 8, Holy Cross, at Worcester; 10, Harvard, at Cambridge; 12, Brown, at Providence; 13, Harvard, at Boston, in case of a tie.

Golf.

The Pelham Country Club at its annual election elected the following governors: Howard Scribner, John Butler, Harlan Victor Gause, Kenneth J. Muir, Frederick Wilson, Charles W. Colton, William B. Randall, Ralph K. Hubbard, F. S. Rollins, William K. Gillett, George K. Perry and Jabish Holmes, Jr. Scribner, Butler and Perry were reelected President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, and William K. Gillett, Captain. It has been arranged to have the golf links put into better condition, and active work will be commenced as soon as the ground permits. It is expected that the picturesque course will become more attractive than it was last season.

In the wind up of the Palm Beach, Fla., tournament, H. M. Forrest, Philadelphia Country Club, won the first cup, and J. A. Farrell of the Washington Park Club, Chicago, the consolation cup. The handicap fell to A. S. Carpenter, Philadelphia, and C. L. Tappin won the qualification round cup. This is the second season Forrest has won the chief honors at Palm Beach. He put out J. L. Taylor, Crescent A. C., runner-up last year, in the semi-finals, and B. F. Shurmier, Philadelphia, in the final round.

The putting greens were cleared of their winter coverings at the Dyker Meadow course yesterday, and the new grass showed up nicely. It may not be used for a month, however, but the temporary course is in fine condition. New bunkers have been cut in before the sixth green, and the fifth tee at the nearby Marine and Field Club links, and this course is also in good condition for early play. Only nine holes are in use at the Crescent A. C., and they afford fair golfing.

There will be open handicaps at both the Lakewood links to-day, and, with fine weather, there should be a large turnout of players. An extra feature at the golf club will be a match between the Richmond County and Country the home team.

Henry Roy Sweny, the Albany player, who forfeited his amateur standing by becoming a maker and salesman of golf clubs, has sold out his business and there is some curiosity among the metropolitan players as to whether he will apply for reinstatement. As an amateur Sweny won the Tuxedo Cup in 1898 and, after qualifying in the amateur championships of Great Britain, he was put out each time in the second round by H. J. Whigham, the subsequent winner. Under the much discussed section 10 of the U. S. G. A. by-laws, making ineligible to amateur competitions all persons who have received compensation for services rendered "in any athletic organization or in any capacity connected with the game of golf," Sweny last year played only in the open championship and in some exhibition matches with professionals. Those golfers debarred by section 10 may be reinstated at any time when their position conforms with the rules and regulations of the U. S. G. A. This would open the amateur door to Sweny, but last season he openly announced that he wished to be regarded as a full-fledged professional, and not as a merely temporary one under section 10. Sweny, it is also alleged, received a division of the purse in his matches with professionals in 1898. These complications may prevent him profiting by the reinstatement clause. When asked about the matter yesterday Secretary Reid said that he would like to see Sweny reinstated as an amateur, but that the matter had not been brought before the U. S. G. A. in any way.

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DEATH DUE TO A HORSE'S VICTORY.

Mrs. Phillips Overcome by Heart Failure at Mordecai's Success.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—Excitement caused by seeing her horse pass under the wire first caused a woman's sudden death in the grand stand during the afternoon. She was Mrs. Phillips, the wife of Alphonso Phillips, a well-known lawyer of this city. Mrs. Phillips was a constant visitor to the track, and was looked upon as being one of the heaviest bettors among the female contingent. In the third race she wagered $50 on Mordecai at 4 to 1. The horse in the last sixteenth of a mile reached the front, and in a hard drive beat Gomez a head. During the struggle between the two Mrs. Phillips was crying loudly for her horse to win, and when Mordecai swept under the wire she sank back into her seat, saying: "My horse won." Then she gasped and lapsed into unconsciousness. A physician was quickly found and he pronounced the attack heart failure. Mrs. Phillips died while the doctor was examining her.

The feature of the ordinary card of races was the St. Patrick's Handicap. It was won by Al Fresco, owned by an Italian. Al Fresco was at prohibitive odds, but was played nevertheless. He went to the front when ready and was under restraint. The last event resulted in a surprise, the winner turning up in Brother Fred, that went to the post at 12 to 1. Cotton Plant, the heavily backed favorite in the fifth race, had to be driven to the limit to beat Nora S. a head on the post. Summaries:

First Race—Selling; one mile—Ezbert, 130 (Odom), 8 to 5, won; Ulbless, 111 (Vandusen), second; Climaxia, 115 (Sherrer), third. Time, 1:43¾.

Second Race—Six furlongs; maidens—Little Jack Horner, 91 (Odom), 9 to 2, won; The Parser, 94 (O'Connor), second; Maurice W., 94 (Dupee), third. Time, 1:15¾.

Third Race—Selling; one mile and an eighth—Mordecai, 102 (Mitchell), 9 to 2, won; Gomez, 108 (Poterman), second; Judge Steadman, 105 (Aker), third. Time, 1:56⅘.

Fourth Race—One mile and a sixteenth; St. Patrick's Handicap—Al Fresco, 100 (Nutt), 2 to 5, won; Fortush, 100 (Odom), second; Joe Shelby, 94 (O'Connor), third. Time, 1:49¾.

Fifth Race—Selling; seven furlongs—Cottonplant, 114 (Freeman), 4 to 5, won; Nora S., 109 (Boyce), second; Shuttlecock, 103 (Odom), third. Time, 1:29⅘.

Sixth Race—Selling; seven furlongs—Brother Fred, 105 (Rose), 12 to 1, won; Cherry Bounce, 102 (Fleck), second; Lost Time, 94 (Odom), third. Time, 1:29⅘.

The Horses in Training at Morris Park.

The cold and penetrating March winds have affected the thoroughbreds that have been clipped at Morris Park, and trainers yesterday did not take their charges on the track until the sun was at its height. The large strings of Jack Joyner, Billy Karrick, Tom Healey and J. W. Rogers were all out at the same time, and the horses made a favorable impression. Trainer Rogers arrived from Europe last week, looking far better than when he went away in quest of health.

Tillo, winner of last year's Suburban, that was turned out last winter, has been put into active training again. The horse looks well, and will get a long, slow preparation. Lothario, the handsome son of Longstreet, and the speedy Cormorant, in Rogers's charge, looked well in their gallops. Joyner's big string is very formidable. The horses received an advantage of being worked under the longest exercise track in America, a track nearly three and three-fourths times around to cover one mile. Autumn, Ethelbert and Frolhsin moved in grand style. The latter two are the property of Perry Belmont, who will have quite a select stable this year.

The two-year-old Futurity stakes horses are also doing nicely. Kerrick's and Healey's racers are going at a two-minute clip. "Doc" Street has worked wonders in Interfered, and the brother to Belleview since they came under his care. Sam Allen has done very little work as yet with ex-Governor Garrett Corbett's horses. However, they have received ample shed exercise to fit them for the harder strain they soon will have to undergo. Will Smith had George S. Scott's horses out yesterday. The half brother to Ben Brush, Ahom, and Boy Orator worked nicely together.

A new roof is being put on the grand stand, and all is activity in getting the place fit for the opening day, May 6. Many of the horses yesterday were decorated in green and orange ribbons in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Pacific Jockey Club Gets an Injunction Against the Police.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Only few persons attended the races at Ingleside this afternoon. The police did not enter the grounds until after 3 o'clock, owing to an injunction issued on behalf of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club. The injunction restrained Chief of Police Lees and the department from interfering with the business of the club at Ingleside, and also enjoined the peace officials from entering the grounds without paying admission. In its complaint the jockey club alleges that the investment represents upward of $500,000; that it is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State and authorized by law to conduct a racing business, that admission fees charged at the racetrack run from $3.00 to $5.000 a day. The complaint goes on to recite recent acts of the police, and alleges that the police acted without any warrant of law. It further alleged that the acts of the police have injured the business of the plaintiff and caused receipts from the sale of tickets of admission to dwindle to an insignificant sum.

The case has been assigned to Judge Murray's court, and the next step in the proceedings will be a motion to dissolve the injunction. Judge Dangerfield subsequently modified the order to such extent that a race might proceed but only to-day. To make arrests as usual. All bookmakers who attempt to do business will be arrested, and the Chief will continue to make arrests until the injunction is decided. The downtown police rabbit poolrooms to-day. No arrests were made. But little attendance were elected and no business was done.

News from the Horse World.

LOUISVILLE, March 17.—John E. Madden has bought of C. I. J. I. Dong's all the Fotion yearling colts and fillies and the great brood mare Imp. Maori. The deal is the largest in thoroughbred horseflesh at this point since Madden sold Hamburg to Billy Lakeland two years ago. The yearlings are a lot of well-bred lots. Out of Alaska by Enfilade, brown colt, out of Dissonette, by Favorsette, brown filly, out of Cambric, by Herbic, chestnut colt, out of Crystal, by Enquirer, bay filly, out of Fright, by Enfright; bay colt, out of Imp. Lauriel, by Laurel Young, chestnut colt, out of Mermaid, by Emperor, chestnut filly, out of Mark K., by Marathon; bay colt, out of Quiver, by Enver; bay colt, out of Maori, by Eon. The last named is a full brother to Ethelbert, sold recently in New York for $11,000. While the terms of the sale are not given Col. Douglas admits he made a profit on Maori, for whom he paid $10,000. She is now in foal to Hanover.

The Yale and Harvard Races Will Be Rowed in New London.

NEW HAVEN, March 17.—"Yale and Harvard will positively row their three scheduled races in New London this year," said President Ord Preston of the Yale navy to-day. This decision of the college crew managers has been made without hearing from the New London Board of Trade relative to a guarantee toward defraying the crews' expenses. Yale and Harvard graduates living near New London have taken up the matter and say that as substantial a sum as can be raised will be guaranteed. The college managers have no wish to be mercenary in the matter and therefore will accept no bids from other cities for the race. They rest on the promise of the New London college men to see that as practical a sum as convenient is given to them. Before a race is arranged between Yale and Harvard next year, a careful survey of courses at Worcester, Lake Quinsigamond, and three points on the Connecticut River will be made.

Cricket.

The annual meeting of the cricket contingent of the New Jersey Athletic Club was held on Thursday night at their clubhouse in Bayonne. It was again decided to place two teams, A and B, in the Metropolitan District Cricket League. The election of officers resulted as follows: Captain of Team A, C. Percy Hardrich; Captain of Team B, C. Howell Clarke; Secretary, F. Ward Dunforth, Bayonne, Jersey city, N. J. Committee—James D. Boyd, Percy Hardrich, A. Forbes, C. Howell Clarke, and F. J. Kelly.

The selection of delegates to the Metropolitan District Cricket League was left in the hands of the committee. The club will most likely tour in Canada during the month of August. Games have so far been arranged as follows: May 13, with University of Pennsylvania, at Bayonne, and June 3, with Haverford College, at Haverford.

Basketball.

The Alliance A. C. team was the easiest kind of a proposition for the Grace A. C. to win in the game in the latter's gymnasium last night. The home players lost no time in getting to work in the first half, and they succeeded so well in breaking up the defence of the Alliance team that they rolled up 10 points before the half closed. The Alliance men managed to score 8 points. The second half was even livelier than the first, with the Grace team doing much the better work. The game ended in a hot rally, with the score 24 to 8 in Alliance's favor.

The rival school teams of Horace Mann and Morris High schools met again in Dr. Savage's gymnasium last night, and, as on previous occasions, the crack of the Horace Mann School showed their superiority at the game, winning by 24 to 10. During the first half the Morris High School team put up a fast, creditable game, and, although the half ended 13 to 4 against them, they looked to have a chance. Horace Mann started off in whirlwind style in the concluding period, and from that point there was no doubt about the result. Morris High managed to get one goal, but in the meantime the Horace Mann boys scored four baskets. The final score was: Horace Mann, 24; Morris High, 6. Before this game was played a pick-up team from Dr. Savage's gymnasium defeated the Morris High team by a score of the action five. This game resulted in a veritable walk-over for the former, who won by 35 points to 8.

Yachting Notes.

At the regular meeting of the Pavonia Yacht club, held on Tuesday night, much important business was transacted. Twenty new members were elected. The Regatta Committee was instructed to charter the iron steamer Celtic for the use of members and their friends to witness the international yacht race in October. The following arrangements were decided on: Opening sail, May 20; annual regatta, June 10; midsummer regatta, July 4; fall regatta, Labor Day. The annual planked shad dinner will take place on May 7. The club took in over 150 members and 20 boats during the winter.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

EFFORTS TO POPULARIZE CENTURY RUNS IN THIS STATE.

There Will Be a Ride Every Sunday, Open to All and Without Payment of an Entrance Fee—Sidepath Bill in the Hands of Governor—Consul Belding's Circular.

From the advance announcements of clubs and other organizations it is to be inferred that there will be a strong revival of century riding during the summer. The idea of popularizing these events has taken root, and there will be runs from spring until fall, which any one may enter and without paying any entrance fee. The New York State division of the Century Road Club of America has announced a series of century runs over the roundabout course to Bath Beach, Coney Island, Valley Stream, Hempstead, Amityville, and back by way of Hempstead and Valley Stream to the fountain at the junction of Bedford and Division avenues, Brooklyn. There will be a run every Sunday, beginning to-morrow. Riders desiring to join have only to be present at the fountain in time for the start, at 6:30 in the morning, or at such other times as may be announced for later runs. In the event to-morrow Charles Brush will be chief pacemaker. His aides will be Mrs. Irene Brush and Paul Thomas.

In spite of the opposition of the Associated Cycling Clubs, the Sidepath bill seems almost certain to become a law. It passed the Assembly on Thursday after having the clause providing for imprisonment of riders using a path without a license stricken out, and yesterday in its amended form it passed the Senate. It needs now only the signature of the Governor to become a law, and this the backers of the bill say is already assured.

Chief Consul Milo M. Belding of the New York State Division has issued a circular of general interest on the good roads subject. It is as follows:

"Last year the Legislature of the State appropriated the utterly inadequate sum of $50,000 for carrying out the provisions of the State highway laws. This year a bill has been introduced by Assemblyman E. G. Ten Eyck making an appropriation of $500,000 for the same purpose. Although the amount is large, compared with the appropriation of last year, and is a step in the right direction, it is far too small and will not suffice to pay for the mileage already applied for under the Higbie-Armstrong law. The following named counties have filed with the State Engineer and Surveyor seventy-nine petitions, covering 450 miles, asking for State aid under the Higbie-Armstrong law: Albany, Chemung, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Erie, Herkimer, Monroe, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Orleans, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schenectady, St. Lawrence and Westchester. To build these roads petitioned for would require an appropriation of over $2,000,000. This would not provide a single dollar to meet the large number of applications for State aid which may be reasonably anticipated this year. The L. A. W., during the past ten years, has raised and expended in the good roads movement throughout the United States more than twice the amount appropriated by the Empire State last year. We ask all citizens interested in the material welfare of New York to aid us in securing a good roads appropriation of not less than $1,000,000. While endeavoring to secure the passage of the Ellsworth L. A. W. sidepath bill, we have not ceased in an effort to secure a good law. We believe that every mile of side path constructed will prove an object lesson to the farmer, which will do more to educate him to the advantages of good roads than could be accomplished in any other way."

The management of Beikeley Oval track, which was suspended last year by the L. A. W. Racing Board because of failure to pay a bill urged by the National Cycle Track Association, has settled the charges. This is one of the three city tracks which is now affiliated with the N. C. A., and the utterances of the managers at various times have doubly assured the N. C. A. leaders that it will hold its races under the sanction of the new organization. Having settled its obligations, however, it was suggested to the L. A. W. Racing Board that its suspension should be raised. According to the story, the League arbiters wanted to know the future intentions of the management before lifting the suspension, and the management flatly replied that it was not any of the Racing Board's business. The plans were, that it would be time enough for it to meddle after they had actually run some races without L. A. W. sanction, but in the meantime it should be placed in good standing for the sake of the credit of the owners. The feeling of the management is that as it was suspended for non-payment of a bill in dispute, it is only just that the Racing Board should lift the sentence the fact of the bill being paid. Suspension for running unsanctioned races is a different sort of matter. The track has not been restored, however, and the matter rests where it is, the L. A. W. hoping by tactics to bring the track back to its fold. It is somewhat significant that the differences between the tracks were not adjusted until after they were out of the League and had joined the so-called "outlaw" body.

At the annual meeting of the Kings County Wheelmen on Thursday night the reports of the various officers showed the club to be in a condition of great prosperity. The following officers were elected:

President, W. H. Ray; Vice-President, A. S. Farmer; Recording Secretary, T. B. Smith, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, L. T. Perham; Treasurer, Clarence A. Martin; Assistant Treasurer, Wesley E. Benn; Captain, C. W. Hyde, Jr.; First Lieutenant, W. A. Force, Jr.; Second Lieutenant, F. Fuller; Chairman Race Meet Committee, D. Alvin Noble; Governors, to serve three years, Charles McLaren and S. H. Cornish.

The Whymper trophy and the diamond locket, both of which were designed for the member riding the greatest number of miles in the year, were awarded to Louis Hyde, Jr., who had a mileage of 8,704. Charles M. Murphy rode 13,071 miles, but being a professional he was not eligible in the competition.

A bow-backed "scorcher" went flying over the asphalt of an uptown street a day or two ago at the rate of about eighteen miles an hour, passing in his wild ride a "bike cop," who was resting at the curbstone. The "cop," instead of starting in pursuit, looked on placidly and did not move. To a reporter of THE SUN who witnessed the incident the "cop" said:

"I'm glad you saw that, and if you want to know why I did not go after that man I'll tell you. It was because I had no chance of catching him. I could have caught him all right if I had a wheel as good as his, but I can't get up any speed on this old machine of mine. We are all in pretty much the same fix. Our wheels are old and worn and the tires are decrepit and full of plugs. All the men are kicking, and the department needs new wheels. We do not even get new tires or any new parts of the bicycles when we need them, and we can't be expected under such conditions to outride every speeding maniac on wheels. I hear that an appropriation of $3,000 was made some time ago for the department for the purchasing of new wheels, but it seems to have been lost in the shuffle."

In connection with the argument on sidepaths the opinion of J. B. Potter, the greatest apostle of good roads in the L. A. W., is interesting, the more so because Potter understands road building and was formerly opposed to cycle paths. He says:

"Every cycle path is a protest against bad roads, a sort of public notice that the public wagon ways are unfit for public travel, a wit sharpener to every highway officer who has seven holes in his head, and a splendid example of the charming relations which the wheel and the roadway may be made to sustain to each other. It is a declaration of independence, which, if we are strong, I believe will be in favor of the mud and puts the wheelman on a firmer ground of argument for good roads; takes from his critics the charge that the cyclist's warfare is a selfish one and supplies to every traveller an impressive exhibition of the value of a good wheelway. And so, till the day of good roads shall come, I believe that cycle paths should be laid, and I believe the L. A. W. in the pursuit of its constitutional objects—'to promote the general interests of cycling' and 'to facilitate touring'—is bound to exert its splendid energies to quicken, to regulate and to systematize the making and to govern the proper use of these paths.

"I do not for a moment admit that this work for cycle paths can be substituted for the wheelman's agitation for better roads, but rather do I regard it as a valued auxiliary for the greater cause, which seems to have taken new impetus in those sections where cycle paths have been put down. 'Good roads for all' is the ultimate goal of league work. It is the motto which years ago was nailed upon the topmost transport of the League citadel, and there I hope it may remain till the end of time."

The situation that has developed in the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York is peculiarly interesting because the organization represents nearly all the influential clubs of the city which have on their lists some of the most highly respected names in the wheeling world. At the meeting on Monday night, when the clubs reaffirmed their opposition to the Sidepath bill, there was little attempt to conceal the hostile sentiment of the organization toward the L. A. W. During the discussion the motives of League officials in promoting various measures were sharply attacked and such sallies elicited the only applause of the evening. The revelation of this antagonism is significant at this time, for it means that the rank and file of the Associated Clubs is more likely to be held under N. C. A. auspices than L. A. W. The arguments against sidepaths that were developed at the meeting were so lacking in point that they really favored the impression that it was the League the clubs were opposing more than the Sidepath bill. There was some grandiloquent talk about keeping up the fight for good roads in order that posterity might enjoy them, while to seek sidepaths, which might be of benefit to the present generation, was narrow and selfish. The chief objection to paths was that they would be an obstacle to the work of obtaining good roads, although the reports from the counties which now have sidepath commissions indicate that the facts are to the contrary. It will be urged by the Associated Clubs that $1,000,000 be spent in making good roads. A million dollars would build about 200 miles of good roads. Albany county has now nearly 200 miles of cycle paths. A million dollars would, on the other hand, build about 10,000 miles of cycle paths. The coming of good roads will be necessarily slow because of the tremendous cost, but, with the wheelmen paying for them, the State, under the Ellsworth bill, would be a labyrinth of paths in a twelvemonth.

In more respects than one the automobile promises to repeat the history of the bicycle on the road to popularity. The same battle-scarred field is over which the cycle fought and won its rights will have to be struggled over by the motor carriages, if there is anything more than a local significance in the report from Boston that automobiles have been excluded from the parks between the hours of 10:30 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock at night. The scrawy horse was the bane of cyclists, and now he is trying to check the encroachments of the motor vehicle. The finish in this case is plainer than it was in the case of the bicycle, but it is a sad one for the lover of horseflesh to contemplate. It really looks as if in the near future all horses will have to be hunters, so that they can be taked over the fence and cross country, where the bicycle cannot spin nor the motor car "note."

NOTES.

The Kings County Wheelmen of Brooklyn held their annual election at the clubhouse on Thursday night. Contrary to the general opinion expressed before the meeting, the club decided to hold its annual race fixture this year. D. B. Van Vleck was elected Chairman of the Race Meet Committee. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Ray; Vice-President, Alexander Farmer; Recording Secretary, Thomas H. Smith, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, L. T. Perham; Treasurer, C. A. Martin; Assistant Treasurer, W. E. Benn; Captain, C. W. Hyde; First Lieutenant, W. A. Force; Second Lieutenant, H. H. Fuller; members of the Board of Governors, H. F. Cornish and Charles McLaren.

GYMNASTICS.

Otto Steffen Wins the All-Round Championship of the A. A. U.

The theatre of the Knickerbocker A. C. was well filled last night, when the annual gymnastic championships of the A. A. U. were decided. The honors were about equally divided by the representatives of the New York Turn Verein and the Anchor A. C. of Jersey City. Otto Steffen won first prizes in the parallel bar and long horse competitions. His work on the bars was of the most finished description, and the judges awarded to him 43½ out of a possible 45 points. Steffen also won the all-around championship for performances on fixed apparatus with a total of 101½ points. J. F. Bissingen, another New York Turner, was second.

In the rope-climbing contest, which took place in the gymnasium, the winner, Edward Kunath, of the Anchor A. C., made a new mark of 6.4-5 seconds for climbing twenty-five feet, beating the previous best record, made by himself and B. F. Sanford a year ago, by a fifth of a second. The summaries:

Parallel Bars—Possible 45 points—Won by O. Steffen, N. Y. T. V., 43½; C. Maag, Camden T. V., 38, second; J. F. Bissinger, N. Y. T. V., 35, third; E. C. Breidlin, Central T. V., 34, fourth; E. Kunath, Anchor A. C., 33½, fifth; A. Rietz, Anchor A. C., 33, sixth; L. A. Jirsa, Knickerbocker A. C., 34½, seventh; Henry Hess, N. Y. T. V., 32, eighth; C. Sorin, Norwegian Turners' Society, 31½, ninth. Horizontal Bar—Won by Edward Kunath, Anchor A. C., 23-5 seconds; G. H. Herman, Knickerbocker A. C., 7 2-5 seconds, second; W. E. Scherr, Pastime A. C., 8 1-5 seconds, third; Charles L. Dallery, Anchor A. C., 9 1-5 seconds, fourth; F. Noll, New York T. V., 9 4-5 seconds, fifth.

Horizontal Bars—Possible 45 points—Won by C. Berndt, Anchor A. C., 41½; O. Steffen, N. Y. T. V., 40, second; J. F. Bessinger, N. Y. T. V., 39½, third; L. A. Jirsa, Knickerbocker A. C., 38½, fourth; C. Sorum, Newark T. V., 38, fifth; E. C. Breidlin, Central T. V., 31; E. C. Clark, Knickerbocker A. C., 24½, sixth. Tumbling—Possible 45 points—Won by George Steier, Pastime A. C., 39; F. W. Curtin, Kn