IN THE BASEBALL WORLD.

MORE FACTS ABOUT THE TROUBLE AMONG THE MAGNATES.

Reason Why Dreyfuss of Louisville Lost His Sunday Games—Rogers Makes Threats and Hart Replies—What the Brooklyns and New Yorks Are Doing in the South.

Further evidence of serious trouble in the National League is embodied in a statement by John T. Rogers of the Philadelphia Club, who declares that the League cannot be disrupted quickly enough to suit him. Rogers says that the Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg clubs stand together in favor of coming home from the Western clubs, which are contested by Brush, Hart and Robison. In this belief Rogers is said to be wrong, for it is doubtful just where the Boston Club will stand when the time arrives for a showdown. When Rogers's statement was shown to President Hart of the Chicago Club yesterday he said:

"Rogers cuts no figure in the League. He can howl all he wants to, but nobody will pay any attention to what he says. After the exposure of his methods at the recent League meeting I should think he would get out of baseball and also out of the public eye as quickly as possible. When Rogers wants a baseball war he shall have it."

The statement made by Dreyfuss of Louisville that he was "robbed" of eleven Sunday games in the schedule and that he will make an attempt to have the schedule changed is regarded by the fan moguls of the League, who make no denial of the fact that they have been after Dreyfuss for some time. They say that the Louisville Club was not "robbed" at all; that the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis clubs refused to play Sunday games with Dreyfuss's team, and that, according to the League constitution, there is no provision for the playing of such contests. Sunday games are arranged at the request of clubs that wish to play them. When the schedule was virtually adopted by the League on March 2 and was published in THE SUN the following day, the Louisville Club had received its usual quota of Sunday games. At that time Dreyfuss said in open meeting:

"I want the schedule to be given to the press now instead of holding it back until after March 15, because I know what I've got now and I don't know what I'll have then."

Dreyfuss, together with Rogers and Freedman, had made a fight against Brush, Hart and others not only on the proposed expulsion of the St. Louis Club, but also on the Board of Discipline. When the power of the board was curtailed, Dreyfuss danced for joy and said:

"I'll show Brush and these other fellows whether I am any good or not."

The bad blood existing between Dreyfuss and Brush was caused two years ago, the Cincinnati President says, when the Louisville club made a peremptory demand on the Cincinnati club for the services of Second Baseman Wagner, who had been loaned to Indianapolis. When Brush refused to make the deal, Dreyfuss sulked then and there that he would fight every measure proposed in future by Brush or any of his friends. According to the leaders in the League Dreyfuss has made himself so offensively antagonistic to them that retaliation of some sort was decided upon. Accordingly the Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis clubs, controlled respectively by Brush, Hart and Robison, notified President Young at the meeting last week that they had concluded not to play any Sunday games with the Louisville Club and that they desired to have the schedule changed. It was changed and as amended came up once more before the league for consideration and adoption. President Soden of the Boston Club, holding Dreyfuss's proxy, voted for the schedule and the document was given to the newspapers. President Young, by the way, failed to correct two errors, as Philadelphia is scheduled to play in Baltimore and the latter club in Philadelphia on Sept. 25, while the St. Louis Club is slated to play in both Cleveland and Louisville on Sept. 28. According to the prevailing opinion among the more influential League men the Louisville Club will play out the schedule as arranged or suffer the consequences.

It has been said that the attack on the Louisville Club is part of a scheme to reduce the circuit. There may be something in this. It is a fact that such a move would never have been thought of had it not been for Dreyfuss. In years gone by the Louisville Club always stood by the Brush-Hart contingent, but that was when Harry Pulliam and T. H. Stuckey were in control of the organization. The advent of Dreyfuss to the Presidency a few months ago was followed by an alliance with Freedman. The combination of Dreyfuss, Freedman and Rogers has been enough to drive the other magnates to acts of highhandedness, the end of which is not yet in sight. The loss of the Sunday games referred to means at least $20,000 to the Louisville Club. As the club netted $13,000 last year, it can be seen that Dreyfuss has no easy road to travel. When Pulliam was in control he stood well with the big men in baseball politics.

The League teams in the South are putting the new rules strictly into effect. The balk rule is receiving the most thorough test of all. The players say that it will increase base running. The fact that pitchers will be prohibited from making any motion to throw to bases without actually throwing the ball means that base runners will be able to get a much better start than in the past. The umpires will be instructed to enforce this rule with strictness, for in former seasons they have overlooked balks because the old rule was considered too vague and a dead letter at that. There is still quite a great deal of talk over the failure of the League to pass some rule calculated to increase the batting. Those who have complained repeatedly about light stick work say that the evil will continue to present itself until the rule makers "take the bull by the horns."

ATLANTA, March 28.—The indications are that there will be a lively time at the old Southern League grounds to-morrow when Ned Hanlon's crack Brooklyn baseball team will try conclusions with a strong nine of Michigan Volunteers. This will be the inauguration of the series of exhibition games announced in THE SUN on Monday. The Michigan boys are the champions of the Second Army Corps. They say that they have been beaten only once by the teams of local regiments stationed here at Camp MacKenzie. Their strength is attributed to the fact that, with few exceptions, they are former professionals who played in the Michigan State League. Besides this they are to be reinforced by the loan of a Brooklyn battery for the first half and may have the services of one of Hanlon's backstops during the entire contest. So far the opposition have declined to consider any such assistance. Their Chaplain, Capt. W. S. Stevenson, says his team is strong enough in every department excepting the battery, and that he has a clever little pitcher who could hold the big Leaguers down for about five innings. The Brooklyn regulars did good work in the practice to-day. A crowd of about 300 enthusiastic rooters started in to applaud, and as the weather was ideal Hanlon tuned the players to call hours. Kelley picked a liner off the short right-field fence while in motion, and Kelley and Jones made running catches in left and centre that amazed the local cranks. The infield also made some fast plays, and as a fitting climax Kennedy, Mcguinn and Grim executed a snappy triple play. Nearly every one in the stands in Atlanta are taking of the play to-night. The thirty-five Michigan boys will be escorted into town by Liebler's band of thirty pieces and the soldier following they have at Camp.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Edward C. Becker, Vice-President of the American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company of St. Louis, who managed the Spectsman's Park team, has returned from the National League meeting in New York. In the course of a talk Mr. Becker said:

"I am well satisfied, as well as my associates, with the Cleveland team to St. Louis. We have had a good team here in the last seven years, and I hated to see it go to Cleveland. The team that will come here to Spectsman's Park this year will be almost the same as last year, with the exception of a single member that I expect will be in St. Louis last season.

CHARLESTON, March 28.—The New Yorks did not have an exhibition game at the park this afternoon. It was to have been a game between the Giants and the Vanderbilts, but Manager Ewing wished to put the team through a good deal of coaching. For two hours it underwent a hard dash of work, and this, coupled with the morning go, put the men in a fine condition for playing. He is now convinced that the bad effects of the sea bath have worn off, and will probably be able to play to-morrow. McFarlane's sprained ankle is coming back to its normal size, and he is improving and the injury will not be serious. It was feared on Monday that he would be able to play to-morrow. The other cripples in the team are in fine condition, Doheny is showing good results, and Ewing is delighted with the training thus far. The players are wondering when help will come, and it is hoped that they will not be in condition for the season unless the pitching staff is reinforced at once.

Baseball Notes.

The Yale and Manhattan College teams will meet on the latter's field for their annual game this afternoon. Yale will start in to pitch for Manhattan, as Gates is to be the catching for Yale.

NEW SUMMERVILLE: The West New York Field Club will play the first game of the season at the Weehawken grounds. The popular Cuban X Giants will be the opponents of the Jersey team. The teams are evenly matched, and the game should be a good one.

Now that the Knickerbocker A. C. will be in possession of the old N. J. A. C. grounds at Bayonne baseball will be an important feature. The players have been hard at work in the gymnasium for the past fortnight. The Baseball Committee will be made up as follows: John P. Krebs, Chairman, and James J. Frawley and John T. Norton. The following schedule has been arranged, which will be subject to changes: At home—May 6, opening game, Perth Amboy; 20, Seton Hall College; June 3, Perth Amboy; 17, Manhattanville A. C.; July 1, New York A. C.; 4, Crescent A. C.; 15, Staten Island Cricket Club; 30, Montclair A. C.; Aug. 12, open; 26, New York A. C. Abroad—May 13, New York A. C.; 20, Rutgers College or South Orange Field Club; 27, Staten Island Cricket Club; June 10, Englewood or South Orange Field Club; July 8, open; 22, Staten Island Cricket Club; Aug. 5, Crescent A. C.; 12, Montclair A. C.

PARKERTON, March 28.—The baseball game with Rutgers which was postponed from last week until to-day was cancelled this afternoon on account of rain. Capt. Kafer announced to-night the men who will be taken on the Southern trip and who will practically compose the make-up of the team for the rest of the season: Kafer and Campbell, catchers; Hillebrand, Harrison, Meier, and Brady, pitchers; Champion, first base; Steinwender, second base; Hutchins, third base; Watkins, shortstop; Paulmier, left field; Black, centre field; Brown and Sater, right field. The team will leave Princeton on Thursday morning, and will play the following schedule: March 30, Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore; April 1 and 3, Georgetown University, at Washington; April 4 and 5, University of Virginia, at Charlottesville. Although the men have had but very little outdoor practice, they are in fine condition, and it is expected that they will return with a clean record. Trainer Christie and Coach Clark will accompany the team.

GOLF.

Washington Club in Line—Another Links in a Public Park.

The Washington Golf Club will hold a special tournament during Easter week, which should attract some of the players who are on their way home after wintering in the South, especially those who will participate in the open tournament at Old Point Comfort on April 1, 3 and 4. The Washington tournament will begin on next Tuesday. There will be a prize for the best scratch score in the qualifying round and the best eight will qualify for the Easter Cup, presented by C. Downing Tows. The match play begins on Wednesday morning, when there will also be a consolation medal play handicap. On Saturday there will be a mixed foursome at medal play. Other events arranged are a sweepstakes handicap for each Saturday and a bogie handicap, to end on June 1, for a cup presented by S. Parkman Shaw.

Park Commissioner Brower of Brooklyn and Queens has stated that there is no immediate prospect of a public links being laid out in any of the parks there at the public cost, but it is understood that he will do all in his power to assist clubs that may wish to use the available park lands for semi-public golf. A number of young men who reside near Forest Park, near Cypress Hills, have started a project to lay out a links there. Golfers who favor the plan may address B. W. Marinus, at the Home Insurance Company, 119 Broadway, Manhattan, who will furnish whatever information is desired.

Findlay T. Douglas, the amateur champion, is too much occupied with business to talk golf these days, but a member of the Fairfield Club said yesterday that Douglas would hardly play in the M. G. A. tournament at Garden City, as he desires to go to the Golf Club of Lakewood tournament two weeks later and also to the amateur championship in July at Onwentsia. At Lakewood he expects to play off the tie for the cup in the autumn tournament with W. J. Travis, and he consequently will have to miss the Garden City championship. Very likely Douglas will play in the M. G. A. handicap, however, on the last day.

An "April Fool" handicap, to open the season of members' competitions, will be played at St. Andrew's on Saturday, and during Easter week the schoolboys will have possession of the links. A more than usually active season of frolic and mischief-making competitions is planned at St. Andrew's to follow the opening handicap. The first team match will be with the Golf Club of Lakewood on April 22, the return match to be at St. Andrew's, June 10. May 13 the St. Andrew's team will play at the Richmond County Country Club.

Oxford Defeats Cambridge in the Annual Golf Match.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 28.—The Oxford-Cambridge University golf match, played on the links of St. George's Club, at Sandwich to-day, was won by Oxford by an aggregate score of 19 holes.

The Oxford and Cambridge match has been played annually, with the exception of 1881, since 1878. Oxford's last win was in 1894, but in 1896 the match was halved, for the only time in the history of the event. In 1882 and again in 1890 Cambridge won only by 1 up. Oxford was only two up in 1883 and 1884. The greatest aggregate score by the winning team was in 1895, when Oxford had a lead of 38. In 1896 Oxford was 37 up, and Cambridge's greatest score was in 1893, with 32 up. To date Oxford has won 9 and Cambridge 11 of the annual matches, but in the grand total of holes won Oxford leads with 154 to 101.

Scholes of Toronto Wins in the English Boxing Championship.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 28.—The annual amateur championship boxing bouts began at St. James's Hall to-day. The number of entries surpassed the record. A new feature of the tournament was the entry of a dozen heavyweights. International interest was created by the entry of John R. Scholes, the Toronto featherweight champion, who defeated R. Russell of Sydney, N. S. W. The decision, however, was a close one. Scholes was handicapped by wearing slippers with leather soles. The Canadian was cheered by the spectators.

Madden's Rules Will Govern at the Brooklyn Clubs.

The new boxing code as devised by Billy Madden and which appeared in THE SUN on March 20 will be put in force by several local clubs. Johnny Reagan, matchmaker of the Pelican A. C., says that boxers who appear at his club in the future will have to fight under these rules.

"Madden is just the person to make up a new code," Reagan further said, "and the suggestions he has made are practicable. I like to see boxing contests held in a clean and manly manner, and I guess my patrons want to have the sport conducted in a way to give them the full return for their money."

Charley Bangs of the Greenwood A. C. has also made up his mind to utilize Madden's rules. He told a reporter of THE SUN yesterday that hereafter all boxers who are to meet before his club will have to fight without the stipulation of breaking clean or striking with one arm free. "I would advise any boxer who appears at the Greenwood's," said Bangs, "to study Madden's rules thoroughly before entering the ring."

Madden says that since the rules were published he has received a number of letters from matchmakers all over the country who wish to use them.

Bonner and the "Coffee Cooler" to Meet.

The National Sporting Club of London, it would seem, is not anxious for the services of Terry McGovern. A few weeks ago negotiations were opened to have the latter meet "Pedlar" Palmer on Derby night in a fifteen-round bout, but yesterday Dr. Ordway received information that the club has decided to ignore McGovern. The programme as arranged now is to have Billy Rotchford, if he defeats Palmer on April 17, clash with Will Curley. In the event of Palmer coming out victorious Jack Bonner and Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," are to come together for twenty rounds during the last week of May. Yesterday Bonner deposited $250 more with Al Smith, making $500 up altogether. Craig, when notified of this, accepted the terms and answered that he had covered Bonner's money.

Fitzsimmons and Sharkey Stopped by Chief Devery.

Both Fitzsimmons and Sharkey were not allowed to give sparring exhibitions last night. Chief Devery sent out an order in the afternoon to the effect that neither pugilist could box during their theatrical performances. The punching bag was used instead.

Chief Devery was asked yesterday why Bob Fitzsimmons was allowed to box at the Third Avenue Theatre and Tom Sharkey stopped at the Star Theatre. The Chief was vexed. He said it was all a mistake on the part of the Captain up there. Fitz will spar no more in a place that has no license. In other words, Chapman, who stopped Sharkey, knew his business. Capt. Delaney, who failed to stop Fitz, though he was told to, did not.

Fisher Defeats Ulman.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—Harry Fisher of Brooklyn to-night received the decision over Abe Ulman of this city in a twenty-round contest before the Eureka Athletic Club. The fight was a peculiar one. It looked as though Fisher would have an easy time in the first ten rounds. He forced matters from the start and in the fifth he had the local man on Queer street. Ulman, however, had wonderful stamina, and put up an excellent exhibition in the last ten rounds. Ulman landed as often as his opponent, but his blows lacked steam. Both men worked hard from start to finish.

Baseball—Yale University vs. Manhattan College to-day at Jasper Field at 3:30 P. M. Protectory Band present.—Adv.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Company B, Seventh Regiment, Leads in the Competition for the Abeel Trophy.

The fifty-fifth competition for possession of the Abeel trophy began last night at the Seventh Regiment Armory. Twenty teams have entered for the prize and twelve teams occupied the ranges last night. The trophy is at present held by Company B. The conditions of the match follow:

Abeel Trophy Match—Open to teams of ten men each; number of teams from each company unlimited; seven shots standing and seven prone; the winning team to have possession of the trophy for thirty days, subject to a challenge any time after twenty days.

As this is the last contest of the year the team that wins it this time holds the trophy until next season. The shooting last night was above the average. The senior team of Company B made the highest score with a total of 630 points. Company B's junior team was second with 628 points and the senior team of Company G third with 625 points. The individual scores of the three leading teams follow:

COMPANY B, SR.

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Total.
Private J. D. Thees, Jr.	34	32	66
Lieut. O. M. Beach, Jr.	33	33	66
Sergt. E. P. Fowler	33	32	65
Sergt. J. R. Stewart	31	34	65
Lieut. H. V. D. Black	29	35	64
Private C. W. Luyster, Jr.	29	34	63
Private C. L. McCleave	28	35	63
Corporal G. H. Fraser	28	33	61
Private A. V. Fry	25	34	59
Private H. Pinner	27	31	58
Totals	297	333	630

COMPANY B, JR.

Sergt. E. P. Sands	32	33	65
Private A. W. Hankinson	30	35	65
Corporal O. H. Gilman	30	35	65
Lance Corporal W. R. Mable	32	32	64
Lance Corporal F. D. Hewitt	30	33	63
Private N. M. Pattison	31	31	62
Private C. H. Plump	30	32	62
Capt. J. E. Schuyler	30	32	62
Corporal H. S. Young	29	32	61
Private C. L. Drummond	28	31	59
Totals	302	326	628

COMPANY G, SR.

Private W. H. Palmer, Jr.	33	33	66
Sergt. J. M. Moe	33	33	66
Private W. M. Stillwell, Jr	31	35	66
Private L. S. Petrie	31	34	65
Capt. W. J. Underwood	31	33	64
Sergt. W. Reid, Jr.	32	31	63
Private W. N. Croxton	30	32	62
Lieut. H. E. Crall	28	34	62
Corporal F. C. Robinson	29	27	56
Corporal W. H. Evans	25	30	55
Totals	303	322	625

The total scores of the other teams follow:

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	Total.
Company F	303	317	620
Company K, Sr	295	314	609
Company C, Sr	293	314	607
Company H, Jr	292	314	606
Company E, Sr	290	301	591
Company K, Third	287	285	572
Company K, Jr	281	290	571
Company F, Jr	282	281	563
Company C, Jr	264	291	555

The remainder of the team will shoot on Friday night.

Trap Shooting.

Nearly half a hundred enthusiastic trap shooters braved yesterday's inclement weather to attend the monthly trap shooting tournament of the Hell Gate Gun Club, which was decided on the old Long Island grounds at Dexter Park. The summary:

Club contest at ten live pigeons, American Shooting Association rules; scores to count in the yearly average: Col. John R. Voss, 30 yards, 10; John Quinn, 28 yards, 10; J. Arthur Belden, 28 yards, 9; Charles H. Rabenstein, 28 yards, 9; Louis T. Muench, 28 yards, 9; John Schlicht, 28 yards, 9; John H. Wellbrock, 28 yards, 9; John J. Himmelsbach, 28 yards, 9; Eugene Doenick, 30 yards, 8; August Schmidt, 28 yards, 8; Henry Haffen, 28 yards, 8; Stephen M. Van Allen, 30 yards, 8; Capt. William A. Sands, 30 yards, 8; John Woelful, 28 yards, 8; John H. Moetz, 28 yards, 8; John F. Dannefelser, 28 yards, 8; F. Karl, 28 yards, 7; E. Petersen, 28 yards, 7; E. J. Metz, 28 yards, 7; F. J. Trostel, 30 yards, 7; Joseph A. Neumann, 28 yards, 7; C. Weber, 30 yards, 7; Peter Garms, 28 yards, 6; Richard Regan, 28 yards, 7; Joseph Wigger, 28 yards, 6; A. Dotzel, 28 yards, 6; J. H. Carter, 28 yards, 6; E. F. Meckel, 28 yards, 6; H. J. Forster, 30 yards, 6; E. Marquardt, 28 yards, 6; H. Schmidt, 28 yards, 6; P. Brennan, 28 yards, 6; August Knoedel, 28 yards, 6; Thomas McFartland, 28 yards, 5; Emil Steffens, 28 yards, 5; Charles Lang, 28 yards, 5; W. A. Noe, 28 yards, 4; Joseph H. Selg, 28 yards, 4; H. Carroll, 28 yards, 3; Christopher Fuchs, 28 yards, 3; F. Wheeler, 28 yards, 1.

February Cup Competition—10 live birds per man, same conditions—Peter Garms, 28 yards 10; Eugene Doenick, 30 yards 10; Charles H. Rabenstein, 28 yards, 9; Emil Steffens, 28 yards, 9; H. J. Forster, 30 yards, 9; Richard Regan, 28 yards, 8; Joseph A. Neumann, 28 yards, 8; John H. Schlicht, 28 yards, 8; Col. Voss, 30 yards, 7; W. L. Douglass, 30 yards, 7; J. Arthur Belden, 28 yards, 7; A. H. Schmidt, 28 yards, 7; Louis Weber, 30 yards, 7; E. Metz, 28 yards, 7; Philip Woelful, 28 yards, 7; L. T. Muench, 28 yards, 7; John H. Wellbrock, 28 yards, 7; George K. Breit, 28 yards, 7; John H. Kreeb, 28 yards, 7; John Quinn, 28 yards, 6; J. Dietel, 28 yards, 6; F. Karl, 28 yards, 6; E. Marquardt, 28 yards, 6; Capt. William A. Sands, 30 yards, 6; W. E. Noe, 28 yards, 6; John Himmelsbach, 28 yards, 5; H. Carroll, 28 yards, 5; John F. Dannefelser, 28 yards, 5; Thomas McFartland, 28 yards, 5; F. Petersen, 28 yards, 4; P. Brennan, 28 yards, 4; F. Wheeler, 28 yards, 3; "Nina," 28 yards, 3; F. Trostel, 30 yards, 3; John H. Selg, 28 yards, 3; August Knoedel, 28 yards, 3; Henry Haffen, 28 yards, 3; C. Schaefer, 28 yards, 2; D. J. Deady, 28 yards, 2.

Knickerbocker A. C. Plans.

A committee of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club visited the grounds of the New Jersey A. C. at Bayonne on Monday to inspect the premises and decide on the improvements necessary to equip the plant for the use of the organization when the club as consolidated takes possession. John D. Adams, J. Hamblin Sears and James E. Sullivan examined the grounds thoroughly and determined on many changes and improvements. Estimates will be procured and work on the necessary alterations commenced as soon as possible, so that the grounds and clubhouse will be in readiness for the opening of the summer season.

An attendant has already been secured for the boathouse, and is now getting the houses and boats in order for the Knickerbocker senior eight-oared crew that will take up quarters there next Saturday. No expense will be spared to turn out a winning crew. Villaverdi, the old Atalanta Boat Club coxswain, who has coached the men in their preliminary gymnasium work, will probably migrate with them to Bayonne. In addition to being considered one of the best amateur coaches on the Harlem, Villaverdi has the advantage of being acquainted with the peculiarities of many of the crew whom he has coached while rowing in Atalanta B. C. crews.

The New Jersey A. C. purchased the old Manhattan A. C. eight-oared shell boat some years ago. It is still in good enough condition for the crew to take practice spins in, but the club will probably purchase a new shell for the race in the Harlem regatta.

Football.

PRINCETON, March 28.—William H. Edwards, who was recently elected captain of the Princeton University football team for 1899, gave a banquet to-night to the members of last year's team at the Princeton Inn. All the men who played in the championship game against Yale were present and plans for the coming season were discussed. It was decided to hold spring football practice this year, and work with the pigskin will commence the first part of next month, practice to be held twice a week. Arrangements are being made to secure the services of Fred L. Smith, quarter back on the champion 1896 eleven, and Howard Brokaw, left end on the same team, to coach the men. After the banquet a gold watch was presented to Arthur Hillebrand, right tackle and captain of the 1898 eleven. The watch was given by the players who made up the victorious team as a token of the admiration they have for Hillebrand's faithful service last year. On the outside is inscribed the 'varsity football monogram, and on the inside are carved Hillebrand's initials.

Billiards.

Owing to the absence of Holohan, who was scheduled to play Norton last night in the amateur balkline tournament at the Ives Billiard Academy, Douglas of the New York A. C. was put in against Norton, and won his second game almost as easily as his first. The score was 200 to 129 in favor of Douglas. He ran out the game in fifty innings, averaging 4, exactly the same as in the first game. Norton averaged 2 31-46, and his high run was 18. Douglas's best run was 29. The third game will be played tonight.

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NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

A GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP CAUSES REJOICING IN THE LEAGUE.

Nearly Two Thousand New Names Enrolled Within a Week—Scarcity of Chainless Wheels at the Cycle Show—Talk of Cranks and Gears—The State Meet at Patchogue.

Rejoicing was loud at the headquarters of the New York State division of the L. A. W. yesterday because, following upon the action of several prominent riders in returning to the League fold, the weekly report on membership from Secretary Bassett in Boston showed that there had been a general gain all along the line. This gain is a bit early to be charged to the renewals of those whose memberships expire on April 1, as there are thirty days of grace allowed and the majority take advantage of it more or less; besides the figures of the Secretary's report show that the number of new members is large. The opponents in racing matters of the L. A. W. have been in the habit of making much capital of the fact every time the League figures denoted any falling off from those of the big boom year of 1897, and it has been predicted by the "outlaws" that the healthy old organization was going into decline, but the officials of the League hope that this week's report will act as a check on the calamity howlers. The total gain since last week is 1,884, and all the leading divisions show a corresponding improvement. The total of the organization this week is 74,557, while last week it was 72,673. Following are the membership figures in the leading divisions for both weeks in order that the gains may be plainly noted:

New York—Last week, 16,299; this week, 16,864.
Pennsylvania—Last week, 16,937; this week, 17,216.
Massachusetts—Last week, 12,164; this week, 12,544.
New Jersey—Last week, 4,805; this week, 4,872.

It is noticeable at the show of the cycle retailers at the Grand Central Palace that it contrasts strongly with the late exhibition of the makers at Madison Square Garden in the respect that the manufacturers showed a great number of chainless wheels, so many as to create the impression that this is to be a great year for bevel gears and others that dispense with the chain, while at the dealers' exhibition the proportion of chainless machines is decidedly small. The trade explanation of this is that the demand for the chainless has exceeded the gear-cutting facilities of the makers. It is true that the retailers generally are complaining that they cannot get the chainless models fast enough. The retailers at the show confirm the reports of the manufacturers that a reaction from last year's depression is being felt and that trade is booming. The talk of the intending purchasers runs largely to discussions of crank lengths and gears. Most riders are accepting the longer cranks offered as regular equipment by the makers under the impression that there would be a popular demand. A few show a tendency to go to extremes, but there is no such general craze over exceedingly long cranks as is now raging in England. American riders as they run at the Grand Central Palace manifest a disposition to study and make changes gradually without plunging. Gears in the retail stocks show that there has been a slight increase over last year in the average road wheel, but a feeling to be temperate is also indicated by the comparatively small call for wheels geared ridiculously high. One of the amusing features at the show is a wheel rigged up to burlesque the excessively big sprocket and high gear "bicycle." It has two front sprocket, the top of which is as high as the top rail, and when the right-hand side of it is presented it seems to be all sprocket. If it had an ordinary small sprocket at the rear the gear would be 375, but as it is rigged with a rear sprocket of about twenty teeth the gear is only about twenty-four inches, but it is assumed when it is ridden around the floor by a boy, who makes no special exertion, and whose feet travel remarkably fast in the opinion of those who stare open mouthed at the front sprocket only. It is at the discovery of the big rear sprocket that the laugh comes in.

There is still a great deal of complaint made by Brooklyn riders that there are not enough "bike cops" to give adequate service. The squad consists of twenty-two men in command of a roundsman. A great many important thoroughfares are neglected, with the result that there are a great many gross violations of road ordinances by both horsemen and cyclists. A wheelman who has been prominent among Brooklyn riders for a long time, said yesterday:

"A large part of Eastern Parkway, of Bushwick avenue, and Bedford avenue are left uncovered. The Coney Island paths never have more than two men apiece on them, whereas there should be four or six. Such well-travelled highways as Jamaica avenue, Highland boulevard, Fort Hamilton avenue and Lewis avenue are entirely neglected. The only way to give the city adequate service will be to enlarge the squad and give it a central station the same as the New York squad has."

At the quarterly meeting of the New York State Division Board of Officers, the formal award of the State meet was made to Patchogue. Chief Consul Milo M. Belding says that there will be no races this year, although heretofore the contests at the June meet have been the most important feature. If the local wheelmen arrange to hold races at the same time they will not be recognized as a part of the official occasion, he said. This stand emphasizes the feeling between the State and national officers of the League. Belding's attitude is pooh-poohed by the State representatives of the Racing Board, who say that a sanction has been issued for races at Patchogue on June 22, 23 and 24 in conjunction with the official meeting.

Private Trial Races for the Shamrock.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton has decided not to enter his new racing cutter Shamrock in trial races involving a declaration of her measurements. Any trials that she may have must be private.

Special Prizes for French and Toy Bulldogs at the Paris Show.

In addition to the regular prizes for French bulldogs at the annual Paris show of the French Kennel Club, to be held on May 19-24, the President of the French Bulldog Club of France has offered the following special prizes:

French Bulldogs—Weight for mature dogs should not exceed twenty-two pounds and mature bitches twenty pounds. Best dog, 2,000 francs ($400); best bitch, 2,000 francs.

Toy Bulldogs—Weights for mature dogs should not exceed thirty pounds and mature bitches twenty-six pounds. Best dog, 500 francs ($100); best bitch, 500 francs.

Entries will be received up to May 1 by the Secretary, J. Boutroue, Paris, or by J. R. Buchan, Secretary of the French Bulldog Club of America. At the recent show of the Bulldog Club a number of the owners of the French type said that they had intentions of making entries at the Paris show. Aside from the fine imported specimens now in this country, like Dimboola, Diabutsu, Ajax and François, which are believed to be as good as any of the breed in France, the members of the American club are very proud of their home-breds, notably Cleo, Co Co, Teto Sport and Pierrot, and they believe the dogs bred in this country would more than hold their own at the Paris show.

Death of a Noted Collie.

Robert Armstrong, kennel manager for J. Pierpont Morgan, in a letter to a friend in this city, states that the noted collie Cragston Hurricane died on Monday of pneumonia. The dog, a perfect sable and white, by Sefton Hero—Barwell Mystery, was regarded by many experts as the best collie yet bred in this country, and next year they expected that he would outpoint his kennel companion, Cragston Ornament, by Rufford Ormonde—Chaseton Phyllis, also bred by Mr. Morgan. At the last Westminster Kennel Club bench show, Hurricane—Won in the puppy class; was second to the Cragston kennel's new $5,000 importation Ormskirk Galopin in the novice and limit classes and third to Cragston Ornament and Galopin in the open class.

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BOWLING.

Joe Arnold, the clever south-paw bowler of the Albion Club, missed only one spare in the seven games rolled against John Clingen and Fred Gerdes in THE SUN individual championship tournament series, at the Germania Assembly Rooms alleys last night, but "splits" and his failure to bunch strikes enabled the opposing players to carry off the victories. Arnold barely escaped a clean shut-out. The scores:

FIRST SERIES—FIRST GAME.

Clingen	20	40	59	79	99	117	136	155	173	192
Arnold	20	40	60	78	87	105	123	140	149	177

Strikes—Clingen, 2; Arnold, 3. Spares—Clingen, 8; Arnold, 5.

SECOND GAME.

Clingen	18	33	53	83	110	130	146	164	184	203
Arnold	17	26	43	63	80	109	118	138	156	165

Strikes—Clingen, 4; Arnold, 3. Spares—Clingen, 6; Arnold, 4. Missed spares—Arnold, 1.

THIRD GAME.

Clingen	20	40	60	85	93	113	142	162	181	200
Arnold	20	40	58	77	96	116	136	154	163	180

Strikes—Clingen, 4; Arnold, 2. Spares—Clingen, 5; Arnold, 7. Average per game—Clingen, 186⅔; Arnold, 174. Umpire—A. Bonneau. Scorer—A. W. Shaw, Jr.

SECOND SERIES—FIRST GAME.

Arnold	20	40	60	80	96	115	133	151	160	169
Gerdes	20	38	56	76	105	125	145	164	178	192

Strikes—Arnold, 2; Gerdes, 4. Spares—Arnold, 6; Gerdes, 5.

SECOND GAME.

Arnold	30	60	89	109	127	144	163	183	201	209
Gerdes	19	28	48	68	87	104	124	154	183	203

Strikes—Arnold, 5; Gerdes, 5. Spares—Arnold, 4; Gerdes, 4.

THIRD GAME.

Arnold	20	40	60	77	86	104	123	141	161	181
Gerdes	18	36	54	72	90	109	129	159	185	204

Strikes—Arnold, 3; Gerdes, 3. Spares—Arnold, 6; Gerdes, 7.

FOURTH GAME.

Arnold	19	38	58	87	107	126	145	161	168	186
Gerdes	18	37	57	80	106	126	146	165	185	205

Strikes—Arnold, 2; Gerdes, 4. Spares—Arnold, 7; Gerdes, 6. Average per game—Arnold, 186¼; Gerdes, 201. Umpire—A. Bonneau. Scorer—Jacob Berger.

THIRD SERIES—FIRST GAME.

Gerdes	19	28	46	63	72	90	99	106	117	136
Clingen	20	40	58	67	76	95	104	123	140	149

Strikes—Gerdes, 0; Clingen, 2. Spares—Gerdes, 5; Clingen, 4. Missed spares—Gerdes, 4; Clingen, 2.

SECOND GAME.

Gerdes	30	57	77	95	113	121	141	160	178	197
Clingen	20	49	69	89	109	128	147	167	187	206

Strikes—Gerdes, 4; Clingen, 4. Spares—Gerdes, 5; Clingen, 6.

THIRD GAME.

Gerdes	20	40	60	80	100	119	128	148	177	197
Clingen	19	38	56	65	83	100	109	129	149	178

Strikes—Gerdes, 5; Clingen, 2. Spares—Gerdes, 4; Clingen, 6. Missed spares—Gerdes, 1.

FOURTH GAME.

Gerdes	20	39	48