# CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

*LEAGUE CIRCUIT COMMITTEE TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK.*

**Magnates Again Change Their Plans and Also Give Reasons Why the New Association Will Fail—Boxing Enthusiasts Are Not Hopeful—A Rest for Kid Broad.**

That the National League magnates are suffering from a severe case of rattles is shown by the rapid change of plans that has occurred within the last five days. On Monday they had definitely decided that their next special meeting would be held in this city during or before the third week of this month, and THE SUN announced that Chairman Brush of the Circuit Committee would be here in a few days to consult with the leader of the League, Freedman. On Wednesday the magnates took a flop and declared that they would not meet until just before the 1st of April, so that the Association men would not be able to learn whether the Circuit Committee had decided to recommend an eight-club membership or not. Now comes another somersault with the statement of John I. Rogers of the Philadelphia club, which is practically confirmed by C. H. Ebbets of Brooklyn, that the Circuit Committee has positively concluded to assemble here next week and that the other League club owners will come to consider the committee's report. As the new Association has planned to hold another meeting at Chicago on next Monday, it can be seen that the League men are contemplating a warlike move in case Quin's scheme is declared to be a "go."

Those who are in touch with League politics believe they can anticipate the move to be made. They say the Circuit Committee will report to the League as a body: That Louisville and Cleveland have dropped out of the circuit; that the Baltimore club has demanded $75,000 for its franchise, property and players, and that the price of the Washington club's withdrawal is $40,500. With this information in hand it is predicted that the League will decide to proceed with ten clubs, including Baltimore and Washington, on the ground that the demands of these clubs are exorbitant. Such action would doubtless be considered in the nature of a bluff, first, to force Baltimore and Washington to offer more reasonable terms, and, second, to convince McGraw's company that it will have opposition in Baltimore in the shape of a National League team operated and controlled by Hanlon and Von der Horst. Following an announcement that the League will go on with ten clubs, the magnates are expected to map out a plan for the establishment of another "Association" to play a conflicting schedule with Quin's organization at Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, and other cities, providing of course Quinn and his friends are well enough equipped to begin the coming season. The League men, realizing that the situation is so mixed up that interest in the game is losing its grip, have decided to clear matters up one way or another. Most of them believe that the new Association will not succeed and they give the following reasons:

First—Inability to secure grounds and sufficient backing at Philadelphia.

Second—Victory in the courts by Hanlon over McGraw relative to the lease of the Baltimore grounds.

Third—Failure of Ansan to secure backing at Chicago, which is proven by his attempt to get the management of the Louisville club, and with that organization to supplant Chicago in the Association circuit.

Fourth—Inability to complete the Eastern end of the Association circuit because of the refusal of Providence to break away from the National Agreement.

Fifth. A deal by which the Association man at Detroit will secure a franchise in Ben Johnson's American League, now held by Von der Beck.

Sixth. Unwillingness of 60 per cent. of the League's players to join the Association, because the latter's inducements are not strong enough financially, and a future announcement by the League that 200 players have been signed by the old organization.

The League men are also busily engaged in spreading reports calculated to further weaken the loyalty of the Association backers. The report that each Association club stands ready to put up $20,000 to carry on business is laughed at by the Leaguers. Ebbets of Brooklyn said yesterday:

"I should like to recall the attention of Messrs. Gilmore, Regan & Co., who say they will back an Association club at Philadelphia, to the fact that it cost the Brooklyn club $40,000 to build the new grounds known as Washington Park, and that the stands and fences alone cost us $35,000. What with advance money to be handed to players, the expenses of a training trip, the cost of new grounds and other items, Gilmore, Regan & Co. will be forced to put up close to $50,000 before they can get started at Philadelphia. And yet they say they have agreed to put up a paltry $10,000 to set the ball a rolling."

Sporting men hereabouts were rather blue yesterday over the action of the Assembly Codes Committee in recommending the appeal of the present boxing law by a vote of 9 to 3. It was confidently expected that the matter would be postponed for another hearing, for some time, however, the impression has prevailed that a number of politicians identified with boxing in this city would not oppose the repeal with as much vigor as they displayed a year ago. Assemblyman Timothy L. Sullivan said to a reporter of THE SUN recently:

"The unfair abuse heaped upon the Broadway A. C. because of the McCoy-Choynski affair has only served to convince me that those who have supported the law in the past have received no thanks. People who think that I am anxious to defeat this repeal bill are mistaken. Personally, I do not care whether the law stands or not."

The fact that Assemblyman Sullivan did not appear at the hearing on Wednesday to defend the boxing law creates the belief that he meant business when he gave out the above statement. Those who are fond of boxing hope, though, that the Senate will take action that will help to perpetuate the sport, even if it is curtailed in some respects.

Those who have Eid Broad, the Cleveland featherweight, in charge are advised to let this clever youngster enjoy a good rest. Broad has been fighting so often of late that he appears to be going stale. Only last Friday night he knocked out Joe Bernstein, which entailed alone unusually hard work. With very little rest Broad was pitted against Leon Leonard, the skillful Philadelphian, on Monday night, in a bout that showed beyond doubt that the Cleveland lad has been overworked. Broad has too bright a future to be used as a dray horse.

Pitcher Ted Lewis of the Boston League club has decided to retire. He has sent a letter of resignation to President Soden, saying that he intends to devote all of his time in future to his studies. Lewis is a graduate of Williams, not Amherst, as has been generally stated, and intends to be a minister. He has pitched fine ball for the Bostons and last year he successfully coached the Harvard Varsity nine. The Boston management will find it a difficult matter to replace him.

### *TERRY M'GOVERN'S AGE.*

**In a Suit Brought by His Brewer His Lawyer Says He Is an Infant.**

Terry McGovern, the champion bantam and featherweight pugilist, is an infant in the eyes of the law. He engaged in the saloon business in South Brooklyn with Samuel S. Harris. Beer and other articles were got from the Long Island Brewery, which also fitted up the saloon, on June 4, 1899. McGovern & Harris made a mortgage for $1,500 in favor of the Long Island Brewery. They are alleged beside this to owe the brewery $417.20 for liquors furnished, $175 for rent and $109.98 for money borrowed. The Long Island Brewery began an action to recover $2,202.18 with interest. Counsel for McGovern applied to Supreme Court Justice Dickey in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon for the appointment of a guardian ad litem for McGovern, in order that he might be able to defend the suit.

"He is only 19 years old," said counsel, "and therefore is an infant under the law."

Justice Dickey, upon the recommendation of counsel, appointed as guardian Samuel S. Koenig, who is said to be one of McGovern's backers. The sporting records say McGovern was born on March 9, 1879. This would make him nearly two months under 21 years old.

**Death of "Nobby" Clarke, the Old-Time Pugilist.**

The *London Mirror of Life* of Jan. 24 chronicles the death of "Nobby" Clarke, the old-time pugilist, who whipped Jimmy Elliott and other good fighters. Clarke, whose right name was Edward Harden, died on Jan. 9 at his home in Birmingham from an abscess on the brain, the result of a row which he had about eleven years ago. As a bare knuckle fighter forty years ago Clarke was recognized as one of the best and gamest men in the ring. He was undersized, and made two trips to America. Later on Clarke became a manager and brought to the United States Jem Carney, who fought Jack McAuliffe for the lightweight championship, and, Alf Greenfield, who met John L. Sullivan. Clarke was 60 years old.

**Billy Delaney Talks of the Jeffries-Corbett Fight.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Billy Delaney, now at Oakland, who has trained both Corbett and Jeffries, to-day said that if Jeffries is not in better condition in his next fight than he was when he met Sharkey, he will be beaten. He said:

"In the fight with Sharkey the champion was overtrained. He worked too hard. If Corbett is right he will make a great fight."

### *RACQUETS.*

**Shaw and Miles Will Play the Final Round in the B. A. A. Tournament.**

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—To-day's matches in the amateur racquet tournament at the Boston A. A. resulted as was expected by those who have followed the game closely. Quincy A. Shaw, Jr., the American champion, defeated Payne Whitney of the New York Racquet and Tennis Club in one of the best matches of the tourney, and E. H. Miles, the English champion, scored an easy victory over Austin Potter, the B. A. A. amateur. Miles and Shaw, therefore, will face each other in the final contest on Saturday. The first match to-day was a splendid contest, Shaw winning three out of the four games, but not without considerable effort. It was a match in which generalship proved the victor over strength.

Whitney won the toss, but missed the first return and Shaw got 2 aces on his service. With the score 4—1, the Boston man went in for his fourth turn and rolled up the fine total of 8 aces. Whitney then got 3 on his terrific smashes, but Shaw captured the game by clever placing. Whitney won the second game as a result of his hard service, getting 7 aces in his first turn. The third game went to Shaw by the score of 15—6. The fourth game was the best contest of the afternoon. Whitney tied the score at "8 all" on his fourth service. Shaw scored 2 on the next, while Whitney ran up a total of 6, principally on his fast service. Shaw tied the score at "12 all," and the game was set at 17. The Boston man made 2 on his seventh serve, while Whitney could get only 1. On the next serve Shaw won the match with 3 aces. The score:

FIRST GAME.

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| Shaw | 2 1 1 8 3—15 |
| Whitney | 0 0 0 1 3—4 |

Aces by service—Whitney 2, Shaw 4. By placing—Shaw, 5. By opponent's miss—Whitney 2; Shaw, 6.

SECOND GAME.

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| Shaw | 1 1 1 0 2 0—6 |
| Whitney | 7 0 0 3 0 2 3—15 |

Aces by service—Whitney, 9; Shaw, 2. By opponent's miss—Whitney, 6; Shaw, 4.

THIRD GAME.

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| Shaw | 2 8 5—15 |
| Whitney | 3 2 2—6 |

Aces by service—Whitney, 8. Shaw, 11. By placing—Whitney, 3; Shaw, 1. By opponent's miss—Shaw, 3.

FOURTH GAME.

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| Shaw | 0 4 1 1 2 4 2 3—17 |
| Whitney | 1 2 3 2 6 0 1 x—15 |

Aces by service—Whitney, 10; Shaw, 8. By placing—Whitney, 1; Shaw, 2. By opponent's miss—Whitney, 4; Shaw, 7.

The Miles-Potter match was tame in comparison with the first one, but both men were favorites with the spectators and the brilliant plays were liberally applauded. Miles did not put up his usual good game at the start, but he soon warmed up and with his superior generalship won the first game by the score of 15—7. The second game was decidedly one-sided, Potter scoring only 1 ace, while his opponent ran up a total of 7 on his first turn at service. The third game went to Miles, 15—4, and time after time the Englishman's service was so puzzling that Potter could not get in a return stroke. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

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| Miles | 2 5 0 3 0 3 0 2—15 |
| Potter | 0 4 2 0 0 0 1 x—7 |

Aces by service—Miles, 5; Potter, 6. By placing—Miles, 4; Potter, 1. By opponent's miss, Miles, 6.

SECOND GAME.

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| Miles | 7 0 5 1 2—15 |
| Potter | 0 0 1 0 x—1 |

Aces by service—Miles, 5. By placing—Miles, 5. By opponent's miss—Miles, 5; Potter, 1.

THIRD GAME.

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|---|---|
| Miles | 0 0 4 5 0 1 2 1 2—15 |
| Potter | 0 2 0 1 2 0 0 1 x—6 |

Aces by service—Miles, 8; Potter, 5. By placing—Miles, 4; Potter, 1. By opponent's miss—Miles, 3.

To-morrow afternoon the first of the matches for the amateur championship in doubles will be played. Payne Whitney and Austin Potter will represent the B. A. A., while F. F. Rolland and T. S. Gillespie will represent the Montreal Racquet Club.

### *HOCKEY.*

**The Crescent A. C. Overpowers the Skating Club of Brooklyn.**

There was a hot championship game of hockey at the Clermont Avenue Rink last night, where the Crescent A. C. and the Skating Club of Brooklyn teams crossed sticks. The wearers of the half moon outplayed their opponents and won by the score of 6 goals to 2. The game opened with a rush, Crescent getting the puck. Then the rubber alternated from side to side, and a fierce lot of scrimmages delighted the big crowd present. Hartey scored the first goal for Crescent after twelve minutes' play on a pass from Dobbey. Williams made the second goal for the Skating Club on a pass from Shiebler amid wild applause. This tally ended the half. In the second period the Crescents outplayed their opponents at all stages and rolled up five goals by fine combination play, Wall making four of the five on assists by Dobbey, Dr. Hartey and Jewell. Wall assisted Dobbey in making the last goal of the match. Lifflton scored for Brooklyn unassisted. The teams lined up as follows:

| *Crescent A. C.* | *Positions.* | *Brooklyn Skating Club.* |
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| Garvin | Goal | C. McKenzie |
| H. McKenzie | Point | Post |
| Drakeley | Cover Point | Jenkison |
| Hartey | Forwards | Lifflton |
| Dobbey | | Shiebler |
| Wall | | Williams |
| Jewell | | Henderson |

Referee—J. H. Williams, Montclair A. C. Goal Umpires—A. E. Hill, S. C. of Brooklyn, and W. G. Holton, Brooklyn A. C. Second Naval Battalion. Goals—Wall 4, Dobbey, Hartey, Williams, and Lifflton. Time—Twenty-minute halves.

Teams from Berkeley School and De La Salle Institute met at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink yesterday afternoon, and at the end Berkeley was ahead by 2 goals to 1. The game was in the local interscholastic series. Owing to a dispute in regard to the last goal made by Berkeley both captains agreed to play the game over at a future date. Mohlman and McKee made the goals for Berkeley and Corbett scored for De La Salle.

Yale University hockey team will play Brown University in a championship game of the intercollegiate series at the St. Nicholas Rink tonight. Yale leads Brown in the series, but the latter team has improved considerably since its last appearance here, and a series of victories in the East indicate that the Providence boys will force Yale to do her best to win. Great interest is felt in the meeting to-morrow night at the same rink between the New York A. C. and Hockey Club of New York. They will play off a tie game in the amateur championship series.

**New Home for Philadelphia Yachtsmen.**

At the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Philadelphia Yacht Club held on Wednesday night the following officers were elected:

Commodore, Abraham L. English; Vice-Commodore, Warren Webster; Rear-Commodore, William H. Bromley; Trustees—Col. J. Lewis Good, Robert P. Thompson, Sylvester W. Bockhammer; Secretary, C. Carroll Cook; Harbor Master, Charles S. Warfield; Fleet Surgeon, Dr. W. Joseph Hearn; Measurer, Philip H. Johnson; Race Committee, Capt. John S. Muckle, Robert C. Clarkson and C. Carroll Cook.

After this business had been disposed of plans for the new clubhouse were talked over. The new structure will be colonial in style, two and a half stories high, with a seating capacity of 75 to 100 persons in the dining hall, which with the sleeping accommodations for members will be the features of the new house. The contract has been awarded and work will begin immediately. There are twenty-seven acres of ground attached to the club's property and this will be converted into a golf course and courts for tennis players. Shooting ranges will also be built. It was voted to hold the annual regatta on June 9.

**Chess.**

The directors of the Manhattan Chess Club announced yesterday that the annual handicap tournament will be started shortly. They have promised $100 in seven prizes, and they expect that most of the first and second-class players, in addition to many others, will participate. For Lincoln's birthday a grand rapid-transit tournament has been arranged. Play will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The directors are now negotiating with two experts to play a match at the club. It is intended to have two games played every week for a liberal purse. It is also intended to engage the services of an expert for a grand blindfold display some night in the near future. Arrangements for the annual dinner, on March 24, are also in progress.

**Gans Is Favorite Over Sullivan in To-night's Fight.**

The battle between Spike Sullivan and Joe Gans, which will be decided at the Broadway A. C. to-night, will practically determine who is eligible to meet Frank Erne for the lightweight championship. Spike and Joe are to clash for twenty-five rounds, at 133 pounds. Despite the fact that Sullivan has a fine record, Gans has the call in the betting, 10 to 8 being offered on his chances, and much money has already been invested on the result. Sullivan's aggressiveness and ability to punch and Gans's well-known cleverness and stiff-hitting qualities, lead the sports to believe that the battle will not go the limit. There will be one preliminary bout of twelve rounds.

*HOTEL AND BOARDING HOUSE*

Accommodations of a desirable character may be found by a reference to THE SUN'S advertising columns.—*Adv.*

### *GOSSIP OF THE HARNESS HORSES.*

**Great Western Circuit Reorganized for the Campaign of 1900.**

The Great Western Trotting Circuit, which has had a more or less checkered career for several years past, was reorganized at a meeting of the track managers at Chicago the other day. The schedule includes fifteen weeks of harness racing in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, beginning on the fourth of July and continuing until the end of September. The purses and stakes will foot up $275,000 for the campaign. By deciding to close their installment purses a month later than those in the Grand Circuit the Western track managers made a bid for the horses controlled by the men who signed the Lexington compact last fall. The circuit this year promises to be more successful than ever before. All of the towns are known as good for harness racing and there are few long shipments involved. Terre Haute will open the ball on Independence Day with a $15,000 meeting. The dates and places for the meetings are as follows:

July 4 to 7, Terre Haute, purses, $15,000; July 9 to 14, Peoria, purses, $15,000; July 16 to 21, Davenport, Ia., purses, $15,000; July 23 to 28, Des Moines, purses, $15,000; July 30 to Aug. 4, Hedrick, Ia, purses, $15,000; Aug. 6 to 11, Joliet, Ill., purses, $15,000; Aug. 13 to 18, Freeport, Ill., purses, $15,000; Aug. 20 to 25, Dubuque, purses, $30,000; Aug. 27 to 31, Independence, Ia., purses, $15,000; Sept. 3 to 8, Minneapolis, purses, $20,000; Sept. 10 to 15, Milwaukee or Sioux City, purses, $15,000; Sept. 17 to 22, Indianapolis, purses, $15,000; Sept. 24 to 29, Terre Haute, purses, $30,000.

H. L. Goff, a son of the old-time New York trainer, Dexter B. Goff, was one of the heaviest buyers of trotters at the Splan-Newgass sale at Chicago last week. He is now under engagement as trainer for Carl Piatnik of Vienna, and the purchases were made for that horseman. Among the fast ones he bought were the chestnut mare Lady Wellington, 2:15¼, by Gen. Wellington, consigned to the sale by E. H. Harriman; the bay stallion Vyzeoff, 2:15¾, by Vyzant; and the bay mare Fanny Braun, 2:18¾, by Norval, 2:14¼. For these three animals Goff paid $3,725. The brown mare Naurine, 2:17¾, by Sprague Bright, formerly owned by the late Robert Goelet, was sold for export, L. M. Newgass buying her for a European principal.

In a letter written to D. J. Campau, President of the Detroit Driving Club, subsequent to the meeting of the Grand Circuit stewards, Harry Hamlin states that Village Farm will stand by the agreement to make no entries in races closing prior to July 1. As the Lexington compact expressly binds its signers to boycott all meetings where early-closing races are made a part of the programme, and as all of the Grand Circuit track managers have agreed to close their installment purses on April 1, it could seem as though The Abbot, 2:08¾, The Monk, 2:08¾ and other Village Farm trotters must do their racing outside of the big circuit this year.

**Racing.**

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—The threatened war between the poolrooms and the racetrack managers broke out to-day and the latter instead of handing out the scratches at 10 o'clock in the morning, as usual, did not make them known until the jockeys were posted before each race. The racing was of the ordinary sort, and several well-backed favorites and second choices landed the money in clever fashion. The summaries:

First Race—Seven furlongs—Azan, 90 (Weber), 4 to 1 and even, won; Prince Real, 95 (Lyne), 5 to 1 for place, second; Scottish Girl, 102 (Mitchell), third. Time, 1:35.

Second Race—One mile—Lovable, 101 (Shaw), 7 to 2 and 6 to 5, won; Maidstone, 101 (Wedderstrand), even for place, second; Phallas, 112 (Mitchell), third. Time, 1:43⅘.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Judge Wardell, 109 (Wedderstrand), 4 to 5 and out, won; Eva Wilson, 102½ (Mitchell), 7 to 5 for place, second; Alvin W., 108 (Clawson), third. Time, 1:19.

Fourth Race—One mile and seventy yards—Pat Garrett, 104 (Miller), 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, won; Tentons, 103 (Flick), 3 to 1 for place, second; Trust Me, 100 (Dominick), third. Time, 1:54.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Sidney Lucas, 115 (Claxton), 9 to 10 and out, won; Aberdale, 108 (Lopez), even for place, second; M. Simpson, 115 (Adams), third. Time, 1:19.

Sixth Race—Six and a half furlongs—Parallel, 10 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Lord Neville, 117 (Boland), even for place, second; Cathedral, 114 (Clamson), third. Time, 1:27⅘.

The following is the programme for to-morrow:

First Race—Six furlongs—Agitator, 105; Dr. Parker, Clarence B., Ben Frost and Tom Kingsley, 102; Judge Magee and Osage, 99.

Second Race—Six and a half furlongs—Irene Hayes, Ophelia, Schleyette, Gratia, Loka, Grace Logan and Clara M., 109.

Third Race—One mile and an eighth—Moncrieth, 114; Rushfields 113, John Sullivan, 109; Possum, Swordsman, Bright Night and Banquo II., 107; Monongah and Joe Bell, 104; Teutons, Eudorpha and Sun God, 102.

Fourth Race—Seven furlongs; handicap—Strangest and Compensation, 103; Tom Collins and Prospero, 95; Avatar, 92; George D. Cox and Prelinghuysen, 90.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs, selling—Watercrest, 110; Tinkler and Dominis, 10; Belle of Helmdel and Domozetta, 105; Blarneystone, 103; Evelyn Byrd, 102; Vice Regal, Red Gidd, Corillo, Wilfrid Laurier and Improvident, 100; Reefer and Nellie McDonald, 98; Pirouette, 95.

Sixth Race—One mile; selling—Murat, 112, Forensic, 110; Chicopee, 109; Blithe fal and Julius Caesar, 107; Little Billy, 104; Our Lida, 100; Round O, 96; Grandeur and Sorrel Race, 92.

**Turf Notes.**

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 8.—The stockholders of the Maine Mile Track Association yesterday reelected the old Board of Directors. President Burnham declined a reelection, and notified the directors that the holders of the $68,000 outstanding bonds, on which no interest has been paid in several years, will immediately foreclose their mortgage on the Rigby track. It is the bondholders' intention to dispose of the property to the highest bidder.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—The Maryland and Virginia Agricultural and Trotting Circuit met in annual session at the Eutaw House this morning. The convention was presided over by W. H. Evans, with Col. Robert Houghton as secretary. They were afterward made permanent officers of the circuit. The principal business was the arrangement of dates for the fall and summer races. The following were agreed upon: Cape Charles, Aug. 7 to 10; Tasley, Aug. 14 to 18; Upper Marlborough, Aug. 21 to 24; Easton, Aug. 28 to 31; Tolchester, Aug. 28 to 31; Rockville, Sept. 4 to 7; Timonium, Sept. 4 to 7; Prospect Park, Sept. 11 to 14; Gentlemen's Driving Park, Sept. 18 to 21; Electric Park, Sept. 25 to 28; Norfolk, Oct. 2 to 5; Belair, Oct. 10 to 12. It will be noticed that some of the dates conflict. It is not believed that this will make much difference in the results.

**The Men Who are Backing the New Club at St. Louis.**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—At last the names of the backers of the new baseball organization, which is intended to knock out the National League club here have been made public, and embrace several of the wealthiest men in the city. They are as follows: Otto F. Stifel, Louis Brinckwirth, William F. Nolker, C. M. Forster, Philip Stock, Charles F. Wenneker, Charles P. Higgins, Capt. William Schaeper, George D. Schaefer, Tony Faust, Jr., Frank Nagel, Thomas B. Harlan, Frederick Nolker, William P. O. Garen, George F. Heckel, Chris Von der Ahe and J. W. Kelley. Every one of the above have subscribed for stock. One of the subscribers is the president of a large manufacturing company employing 1,500 men. He says he invested purely as a business venture which he knows will pay handsome dividends. The old Sportsman's Park on Grand avenue has been selected as the grounds. This is where the St. Louis Browns made their reputation and coined many a dollar for Von der Ahe.

**Olympian Games for the Tigers.**

PRINCETON, Feb. 8.—The management of the Princeton University track team has received an official programme of the Olympian games, which will be held in conjunction with the Paris Exposition next summer. Accompanying the programme was a blank which Capt. Cregan has filled out with the list of events in which Princeton will compete. The world's championships in which Capt. Cregan has decided to enter men are the 110-metre hurdle, the 100 and 400-metre dash, the 800 and 1,500-metre run, the 400-metre hurdle, the 2,500-metre steeplechase, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, putting the shot and throwing the discus. The prizes, consisting of pieces of art or medals, valued at 600 francs, 200 francs and 50 francs respectively, will be given to the winners in each track event, while the first and second men only will be honored in the field events with prizes of less value. In addition to the above Princeton will enter men in the 4,000-metre steeplechase, the 200 and the 60-metre dash, throwing the hammer and the triple jump.

**Basketball Notes.**

The junior team of the Atlantic A. A. would like to hear from teams averaging ninety pounds. Address Milton Lewi, manager, Rockaway Beach, N. Y.

The Flushing High School team would like to arrange a game with a team averaging about sixteen to seventeen years. Half expenses to all out-of-town teams. Address Fred. V. Martin, 44 Main street, Flushing.

The Dutchess County Wheelmen would like to arrange for out-of-town games with first-class basketball teams. Washington Heights Y. M. C. A., Mount Vernon Y. M. C. A. and Westchester Wheelmen preferred. Address Charles E. Conkling, manager, Matteawan, N. Y.

Two games were played in the National League series on Wednesday night. At Philadelphia the Camden team won in a rough game from the Pennsylvania Bicycle Club. Geddes of the latter team was put out of the game for slugging and Shertel and Cramer of Camden were fined for the same offence. The score was 26 to 17. The Trenton team by winning from Milville, by a score of 19 to 12, took the lead in the race.

In reply to the challenge of Manager Knoll of the Sixteenth Separate Company team of Catskill to play the New York team a game for $150, Manager Abadie says he will accept the challenge on behalf of the New Yorks and play anywhere that suits the former. As regards the amount of money at stake, Abadie further says that $500 a side would suit him better. "Just as soon as Knoll puts up his money I will cover it and arrange a date," Abadie adds, "and I hope it will be put up quick."

# M'CREERY'S STRONG FINISH.

*THE ST. LOUIS EXPERT WINS AGAIN IN THE A. A. U. BILLIARD TOURNEY.*

**He Has a Hard Tussle With Dr. Mial, but After a Close Contest for 300 Points Lands on Top With Good Runs—Threshie Defeats Conklin in the Afternoon Game**

The winners yesterday in the Class A championship billiard tournament of the A. A. U., which is being held in the theatre of the Knickerbocker A. C., were Charles Threshie of Boston and Wagman C. McCreery of St. Louis. Threshie had rather an easy time with his opponent, C. F. Conklin of Chicago, but the evening affair was anybody's game until McCreery partly overcame his nervousness and knocked out his last 100 points in seven innings, defeating Dr. L. L. Mial of New York by a score of 400 to 282. Mial's last seven innings yielded him only ten carroms, and had he been able to play up to his usual form the St. Louis expert would probably have had to bite the dust.

It was "ladies night" and there was a goodly number of the fair sex present. What they didn't know about billiards would fill a book, but they looked very wise, applauded when the men applauded, and did not ask more than the usual numbers of foolish questions. The largest crowd of the tourney graced the occasion when Mial and McCreery stepped to the table and banked for the choice of balls. Mial won the bank and, selecting the white for his cue ball, ticked off 18 points for an opener. McCreery came right back at him and assumed the lead with a run of 34. The doctor counted seven times and then put up 6, following with two zeros. He couldn't come up to the St. Louis veteran, however, as the latter worked the spheres for 7, 2, 22 and 1. The totals were 66 to 33 in favor of McCreary when Mial began the sixth inning. He ran 22 and gave way to his opponent who made 5 and then sat down as his sixth attempt was a shove shot. Mial scored two more ciphers and his opponent made a break of 19. Then the doctor put together 29 good ones and the score was 93 to 83 against him.

The Westerner passed the first century in his twelfth inning, and shortly after scored 21. Things ran along in easy fashion until the nineteenth inning, when Mial, with a pretty break of thirty forged to the front, the score being 131 to 130. McCreery soon overhauled him, however, a run of 14 in the twenty-first inning giving the call by 147 to 141, Mial again jumped away with a run of 12, and then went to his chair.

The doctor played carefully and succeeded in shoving up runs of 11, 19, 2, 1, 3 and 19 and as McCreery was still in poor form Mial had a respectable lead at the end of the twenty-eighth inning. The score stood 198 to 175. The medicine man passed the half-mile post in the van and it was not until the thirty-fifth inning that the Westerner went to the front. This he did with a break of 21, the scores reading 229 to 206. They rated along evenly until the forty-sixth inning, when the totals read 280 to 272 in McCreery's favor, the St. Louis man pulled himself together and quickly completed his string. A run of 18 started things, but 2 zeros followed. Then he pushed up 17 and came again with 47, stopping because he committed a foul. This left him 40 to go and he made the points in two runs of 20 each. The scores:

McCreery—34, 7, 2, 22, 1, 5, 3, 0, 19, 5, 0, 4, 4, 21, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 3, 14, 0, 2, 3, 8, 4, 1, 10, 0, 15, 0, 0, 9, 0, 21, 1, 10, 15, 1, 0, 14, 6, 7, 2, 4, 18, 0, 0, 17, 45, 20, 20. Total—400.

Average—7 36-52. High runs—45, 34, 22, 20.

Mial—18, 7, 6, 0, 0, 22, 1, 0, 0, 29, 4, 0, 7, 4, 0, 0, 8, 0, 30, 10, 0, 12, 11, 19, 2, 9, 0, 0, 0, 1, 4, 1, 5, 1, 6, 2, 17, 5, 1, 3, 12, 0, 16, 2, 1, 0, 1, 1, 3, 2. Total, 282.

Average, 5 22-52. High runs, 30, 29, 22, 19.

Referee, L. A. Servatius.

The afternoon game between Charles Threshie of Boston and C. F. Conklin of Chicago was an easy thing for the New Englander, who won by a score of 400 to 234. The Chicago expert lost his third game and at his showing thus far is outclassed by his rivals. Threshie played throughout as though he was almost sure of winning. He was, however, not able to do much for fourteen innings and his opponent led him up to that point, the score being 95 to 61. In the fifteenth time at bat the Boston man got the ivories running and when he yielded the table to Conklin, after a slashing run of 61, everybody knew that he was a winner, bar accidents. Two poor innings followed and then Threshie piled up successive runs of 17, 16, 10, 2, 14, 3 and 10. In the meantime the Westerner had not accomplished much and the score stood 188 to 93 against him. At this point he put in his best run of the game, 26, but it availed him little. Things went along slowly until the thirty-seventh inning. By that time Threshie had lost all hope of beating McCreery's average of 14, but he still had a chance of topping Foss's high run of 115. He was not able to turn the trick, but he finished the game in strong fashion. The score:

Threshie—3, 1, 0, 3, 1, 8, 10, 18, 0, 4, 2, 0, 4, 0, 61, 1, 0, 17, 16, 10, 2, 14, 3, 10, 0, 0, 2, 2, 13, 3, 2, 1, 12, 4, 0, 0, 21, 5, 10, 0, 26, 1, 13, 47. 0, 2, 1, 47. Total, 400.

Average—8 16-48. High runs—61, 47, 47, 26.

Conklin—8, 7, 4, 1, 0, 7, 4, 3, 1, 0, 8, 0, 4, 14, 4, 0, 8, 2, 2, 0, 12, 2, 2, 26, 0, 1, 1, 12, 0, 2, 8, 2, 1, 2, 2, 10, 0, 16, 2, 1, 0, 25, 3, 5, 0, 3, 1. Total, 234.

Average—4 46-47. High runs—26, 25, 16, 14.

Referee—W. R. Bracken.

The standing of the contestants follow:

| | W. | L. | | W. | L. |
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| Foss | 2 | 0 | Threshie | 1 | 1 |
| McCreery | 2 | 0 | Mial | 1 | 2 |
| Smith | 1 | 1 | Conklin | 0 | 3 |

**N. Y. U. Students Contesting for the Banks Cups.**

Yesterday was a busy day in track athletics at New York University. At 4:30 o'clock the third of the preliminary contests in the competition for the Banks cups, was started with the 440-yard dash. Capt. Denchfield carried off first honors by covering the distance in 57 3-5 seconds, one-fifth of a second faster than his record in the first contest. G. M. Trede was second. As was expected S. S. Jones, 1902, had a walk-over in the high jump, clearing the bar six inches higher than the second man. He also tied for first place in the shot-put with F. V. Lane, 1903. On the whole the performances were an improvement on those of the first day. The records of the best men in each event were:

Shot-Put—S. S. Jones, 1902, and F. V. Lane, 1903, 34¼ feet; A. Mayell, 1900, 29 feet 2 inches; W. F. Irwin, 1903, 29 feet 1¼ inches; A. L. Denchfield, 1901, 27 feet 10¾ inches; G. Kraft, 26 feet 6 inches.

High Jump—S. S. Jones, 5 feet 10 inches; W. F. Irwin, 1903, 5 feet 4 inches; C. H. Litt, 1901, 5 feet 1 inch; W. S. Willing, 1902, and H. N. MacCracken, 1900, 4 feet 11 inches; S. H. Molleson, 1900, 4 feet 9 inches.

440-Yard Dash—A. L. Denchfield, 1901, 57 3-5 seconds; G. M. Trede, 1903, 58 seconds; R. J. Reese, 1901, 59 2-5 seconds; S. H. Molleson, 1900, 61 2-5 seconds; W. P. Banning, 1902, 62 seconds; S. T. Barron, 1900, 62 3-5 seconds; H. N. MacCracken, 1900, 63 seconds; F. A. Wilkinson, 1900, 63 2-5 seconds; Caleb Hyatt, 1901, 64 seconds.

On Feb. 21 the fourth of the contests will be held and the events will be the 175-yard dash; pole vault and three-quarter mile run.

At the conclusion of the races the trials for the relay team, which is to represent the university in the K. A. C. games, were run off. The judges selected the following quartet: Capt. A. L. Denchfield, 1901; R. J. Reese, 1900; G. M. Trede, 1903 and S. H. Molleson, 1900. The Executive Committee of the Athletic Association held a joint meeting with the track team and elected T. W. Metcalfe, 1901, Assistant Manager of the team for the ensuing year.

**Golf.**

ST. AUGUSTINE, Feb. 8.—George Low and R. C. Watson, Jr., played Clayton Dixon of Philadelphia and Bernard Nicholls, the Philadelphia professional, in a foursome this afternoon. The first three holes were halved in fours. By a fine ten-foot put Watson made the fourth hole in three. After that the Long Island players kept the lead and won by 3 up and 1 to play. In the tournament to-morrow thirty-six holes will be played. The two best scores at medal play will play thirty-six holes match play on Saturday. First prize will be $75 and second $25. There will also be a purse for driving contest. Those entered are Willie Smith, champion; George Low, runner-up; Bernard Nicholls, Philadelphia Country Club; Joseph Mitchell, Florida Country Club; Alexander Findlay and David Findlay, St. Augustine; G. Merritt, Ormond, and Willie Hoare, Dayton, Ohio.

PALM BEACH, Feb. 8.—A mixed foursome this afternoon resulted as follows: Miss O'Neill and H. M. Forrest, 98; Miss H. Bishop and H. B. Fonn, 101; Miss M. Andrews and A. W. Black, 106; Mrs. T. M. Cook and S. Maddock, 109; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cory, 115; Mrs. Carpenter and S. Carpenter, 125; Mrs. J. Scully and P. Rea, 130; Miss Walton and F. H. Drake, 134.

PALM BEACH, Feb. 8.—In a bogie handicap here yesterday, over eighteen holes, the scores were:

L. F. Brigham, 1 up; W. Gordon Brown, 1 down; A. S. Carpenter, Philadelphia Country Club, 1 down; L. B. Miller, 2 down; T. M. Cook, 3 down; A. H. Revell, Chicago, 4 down; A. H. Kennedy, Chicago, 5 down; G. F. Kennedy, 7 down; D. A. Loring, Jr., 7 down; T. H. Howe, 7 down; C. C. Rowen, 7 down; C. B. Cory and Harry Suydam, no results.

**Football Player Outland Sick With the Grip.**

John H. Outland, the crack half back of the University of Pennsylvania football team and who was captain of the strong red and blue eleven of 1897, is sick with the grip. His illness took such a bad turn on Wednesday that he was removed to the University Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. J. B. Carnett, who played on the 1898 team with Outland. The latter is a strong, husky fellow, and Dr. Carnett says he thinks he can pull him through owing to Outland's fine physique.

### *AQUATICS.*

**The Knickerbocker Water Polo Team Defeats Old Penn in a Fast Game.**

The perfection to which the Knickerbocker A. C. team has brought the game of water polo was amply demonstrated last night, when the "Cherry Diamond" experts played all around the strong swimmers of the University of Pennsylvania and defeated the collegians by a score 6 goals to 0. According to the recently inaugurated rule women were privileged to see the contest, and it being "ladies night," the occasion was fully taken advantage of, and a number of the fair sex risked the splashing water spoiling their evening costumes rather than miss the best game of the season so far.

Schafer, the triple swimming champion of the A. A. U., did not appear on Old Penns team when the men lined up, but the K. A. C. was represented by its best team, including Harry Reeder, the fastest swimmer in the club. He played centre and beat out Coffin of the visiting team in the dash for the ball. The great team play of the Knickerbock