CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

PROBLEM MITCHELL WILL NOT HAVE TO FACE JOE WALCOTT.

Tom O'Rourke Says the Englishman Is a Friend and Will Not Be Challenged. More About the Late Wrestling Match. McGovern and Mack Fix to Sign Keeler and Clingen Talks.

Something took out much amount over the meeting now of Mitchell, the English heavyweight, so far as can answer. One of them before sign on the week a fair fight in the meantime and all of them are wondering but not just to a "Sport of sport." Here is news of the conversation that Mitchell might battle Joe Walcott, the "Coast Giant," a new opponent. Tom O'Rourke, manager whether he would challenge Mitchell in behalf of Walcott or not.

"Not for my money," was O'Rourke's reply. "Mitchell is a friend of mine and too good a fellow. He has been unjustly abused by Americans who do not know him. I was in Bayford on Sundays all American sports could come down. Bayford is close on Sight Hollow, Dublin, Bristol, Brooklyn, and to fact every heavyweight in the world. Boxing Mitchell. I do not believe that the Pendleton is coming here looking for fight. He has been too hard work a hospital, but I'll see this month, that when he was at his best he was one of the greatest ring generals in the world. No, Walcott will not challenge him."

"What do you think of Mitchell's chance to win contest?" Corbett was asked.

"I hardly know," replied the former champion. "When he fought me to 1894 he was at his best, but I reckon I licked him easily."

"Do you think Mitchell would have a chance with you if the fight follows Sullivan?" was the reporter's query.

"If he would get into condition," answered Corbett, "he might have some show, but, of course, I do not pretend to know much about him as I haven't laid eyes on him since I stopped the Sullivan fight."

When Jim J. Sullivan was asked whether he believed Mitchell would fight, a look of disbelief spread over his face, as he blurted out:

"Can I fight again? Mitchell is a good old fellow, and I don't know it. He got a flight to come over here on a pleasure trip, but he can't fight. I'm a fool."

"Have any challenges appeared yesterday that you thought were trying to play a joke on the American public?"

The Pendleton wrestling match is still in the offing. It is now said that the reason Pollie Inspect Thompson stopped the bout at ringside was because the Garden manager requested it. It appears that the time limit of 1 hour had expired at midnight, but it was not announced after. At about the 1 o'clock Pollie began to feel the effects of the Pendleton grips, for the sport of the holders. As the referee refused to do this, pollie interference was necessary. This argument is joined by the referee as further evidence of it. He says there had not sort of an understanding. I'm pretty sure that if they were in a fit to fight, they would have gone to the mat. The crowd have started at least two hours but so that the referee decided to make a decision result. In future, the stakeholders of the matters of wrestling matches ought to hire the Garden for all night and advertise the bouts to last for hours. The public will have a pretty good idea when the wrestlers begin to wrestle so much. A wrestling match is a thing planned in this manner ought to be a prize attractive than a bout to be decided, comparatively without complications. For this reason those in charge of future events are expected to take warning.

Two former boxing managers were talking of a possible revival of the sport yesterday. Both deplored the fact that the game had been so completely stamped out in the cities, and one of them included in the fact that while boxing was allowed in this State, it flourished all over the country.

"If it was legal to have bouts in this State limited to ten rounds," said one of the former managers, "the public would be satisfied, for there would be more real action in ten rounds than there is in twenty-five round affairs. We have seen here in recent years fighters who know they have twenty-five rounds to go generally take matters easy and do just enough for fighting. They know full well that there is plenty of time before them and that the majority of the spectators are not wise to the situation. But if these same fellows had to settle their differences inside of ten rounds they would be compelled to get down to business against dangerous and also hard to take. A law permitting ten-round bouts would be a benefit to the sport."

John J. McGraw, manager of the Baltimore American League club and Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American League club, dropped into town on Friday. They hunted up Willie Keeler, right fielder of the Brooklyn Champions and, according to report, tried to induce him to play in Philadelphia. In order to talk the matter over the trio went to the Clarendon Hotel, Brooklyn. Edward Hanlon and H. Ebbets of the Brooklyn club were there having a talk. McGraw and Mack passed the time National Leaguers by without bowing, but Keeler stopped to shake hands. Whether Keeler agreed to go with the American League or not could not be learned, but Ebbets said to a THE SUN office last night with this statement:

"I saw Keeler with McGraw and Mack yesterday. I do not know whether Keeler signed or not, but I wish to say that if any of the Brooklyn players sign with the American League they will be proceeded against in the courts. We have received competent legal advice that the contracts signed in our contracts will hold good and that we can recover damages. We do not care to say what players we have signed, but several have promised to allow the option clause to hold them. The Brooklyn club is heart and soul with the National League. We are not trying for any war, but if the American League wants it we will contribute our share in making the fight go to a finish. The American Association is not a bluff at all, in my estimation, and will receive public support. The American League, on the other hand, has never been on the level and patrons of the game will find it out sooner or later. When the time comes we will be ready to strike the blow, such persons as McGraw and a few others of his ilk will be driven to the wall. I do not believe that Keeler paid serious attention to the offers of Mack and McGraw, for he is a sensible fellow and knows wherein his best interest lies."

When McGraw and Mack left Keeler they were in a happy mood. McGraw said: "The Sun lies. The American League has the money to secure the best players in the country, and we will get them. We had had a friendly talk with Keeler, that was all. When the time comes we will surprise some of these National League magnates. Boxing signed contracts with some of the most attractive players." Mack said that he had $10,000 to place on the new Philadelphia American League club's grounds in shape and so the ball rolling. He intimated that he has already secured several of the Philadelphia of the season.

President Ebbets denied last night that a secret meeting of the National League had been called and also said he did not know whether the demands of the Protective Association would be granted or not. But he admitted that the Brooklyn club is favorably disposed toward the players, especially in view of the fact that they have decided to capitulate the proposition to limit the reserve rule from their official demands.

Manual Training High School Girls Win at Basketball.

On the courts of the Second Signal Corps, Brooklyn, yesterday morning, the teams of girls from the Manual Training High School and Normal College played a one-sided game of basketball, the Manual Training girls winning by 18 points to 2. In the first portion of the match Miss Van Olinda scored a field basket for Manual, followed by Miss Rathgens of the same team with another. Then Miss Van Olinda tallied again, and Miss Le Roy also got a fine field basket. For the Normal students Miss Kirkman, whose all-round playing was excellent, shot a field basket, the only one of the match for her side.

The college girls, despite many efforts to score, all of which were blocked beautifully by Manual's fine interference, were shut out in the second period, while Miss Van Olinda got a field goal and Miss Le Roy tallied twice from the foul line. The final score was Normal College, 2 points, Manual Training High School, 12 points. The teams were:

Normal.	Positions.	M. T. H. S.
Miss Hoder	Right Forward	Miss Wyckoff
Miss Van Olinda	Left Forward	Miss Murphy
Miss Le Roy (Capt.)	Centre	Miss Hawley
Miss Rathgens	Right Guard	Miss Gormley
Miss Cutting	Left Guard	Strickland

Referee—William P. Nelson, Manual Training High School. Goals from foul line: Miss Le Roy, 2. Goals from field: Miss Van Olinda, 3; Miss Le Roy, 1; Miss Kirkman and Miss Rathgens. Time—15-minute halves.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

Assemblyman Dowling Wants Bicycles Carried as Baggage on Steamboats.

After several years of waiting on the part of cyclists it has fallen to the lot of Assemblyman John F. Dowling of this city, the leading spokesman for the Empire Cycling Club, to introduce a bill to repeal that of Senator Armstrong's, compelling railroads to recognize bicycles as baggage. The latter bill, which was passed, did not mention steamships. The League of American Wheelmen never following up the matter. It was evident to all, although enough alone. The representatives of the law which neither mentioned steamships nor railroads, however, considered, and it was able to participate in conjunction with railroads to charge the price for carrying cycles, has created an immense amount of unnecessary. Assemblyman Dowling has drafted a bill that is satisfied, so as to afford the same facilities to passengers for the transportation of bicycles on steamships as is afforded on railroads. The bill is limited to the baggage, in order to avoid the idea of discrimination in the matter of passengers and cycles. There is no baggage without charge. The greatest abuse is a privilege that, in order to the payment of fee to the passenger to any contained where an employee refuses to receive the checks and also the refunding of the fare.

The bill is explicit also in its declaration that no passenger shall be required to make or other rule over the bicycle before offering it as baggage. The bill is drawn to "take effect immediately," and it is believed to be broad enough to cover every most grievance. There is to be a hearing on the bill next Wednesday, which is the same day as the Kentucky Assembly, of the League of American Wheelmen, Bronx at Philadelphia, chief counsel M. M. Building of the New York State Division, has pledged the support of the organization to Assemblyman Dowling, but on effecting its members will be possible next Wednesday. Permanent the "L. A. W." Bill, H. Sheppard Homans, the noted old Princeton football player, A. S. Cragin and P. L. Schuyler, from the Seventh Regiment contingent. Last year the championship in singles was won by Allen of Yale, and the doubles by Paret and C. Cragin. The strongest teams in the doubles this winter will be Little and Alexander, Ward and Paret, W. B. Cragin and Bostwick, A. S. Cragin and Kopp, and Davidson and Clothier.

First and runner-up prizes have been offered in each event and a consolation prize will also be awarded in the singles, open to all those beaten in their first actual match. The regimental committee in charge has secured the services of two outside players to help in the management of the tournament and the matches have been put into the hands of a committee composed of C. Cragin, J. P. Paret, O. M. Bostwick and H. L. Fallett. Entries close on Feb. 16 with Calhoun Cragin, 117 West Fifty-eighth street. The entrance fee is $1.50 for each event.

A Bitter Fight Expected Between California Jockey Clubs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Everything points to a stubborn fight for racing supremacy in California between Tom Williams of the California Jockey Club, controlling Oakland track, and Prince Poniatowski of Tanforan track. There is to be racing at both places on Monday. The card of the San Francisco Jockey Club at Tanforan was issued this afternoon and contains six well-filled races, all the big stables except Burns & Waterhouse having made entries. The closing of nominations at Oakland track was postponed until 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The majority of the best jockeys have accepted engagements to ride at Tanforan. Sam Lesser of the California Jockey Club made a proposition today to Jockey O'Connor that if he would ride at Oakland the club would reinstate Jockey Willie Martin, who was ruled off for fraud. This shows the methods being used in the struggle. The majority of Eastern stables will race at Tanforan, but Oakland will secure a great many of the small California stables. It is reported tonight that the California Jockey Club will get out an injunction early on Monday to stop Tanforan from running on the same days as itself.

Golf.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 9.—The ability of Boston men to get there was again demonstrated when W. H. Thayer came within ten strokes of the Miami record. The tournament today was hotly contested, R. L. Titus of New York and J. W. Smith of Boston taking second and third places to Mr. Thayer. Fourteen players started and twelve turned in scores. As the number of women players is increasing daily a mixed foursome is scheduled for Wednesday with a men's handicap and woman's putting contest next Saturday. Thayer's score was 86.

GLEN COVE, Feb. 9.—A heavy snowstorm did not prevent a number of the players of the Nassau County Club from going over the course today. In the class C Kennedy cup match, John W. Gammack, with a card of 123, 6, 117, won two points, and S. E. Buchanan, with 121, 6, 115, won three points.

The Golf Committee of the St. Andrews club announce a club handicap, weather permitting, for both Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

George S. McAlpin Wins the Oakland Thorne Cup at the Carteret Traps.

George S. McAlpin won the Oakland Thorne cup outright at the Carteret Gun Club grounds yesterday. The trophy has been the subject of competition in a series of matches that has extended over two years, the conditions requiring it to be won three times before becoming the property of a member. McAlpin made a score of 19 straight from the 31-yard mark. F. H. Emerson was second from the 26-yard mark, with 24. The other competitors were Capt. A. W. Money, Harold Money, W. W. Watrous, Theodore Hoes, G. H. Hall and Mr. Butler. The event was a ten-bird handicap, at the conclusion of which McAlpin and Emerson won tied.

GOOD SLEIGHING IN CENTRAL PARK.—Park sleighs at 59th st. and 5th av. 25 cents round trip.

FIGHT TESTIMONY ALL IN.

ARGUMENTS IN INJUNCTION SUIT BEGIN BEFORE JUDGE HOLLISTER.

William A. Brady Last Witness for Defence. Says He Never Saw a Boxer Deliberately Injured. A Decision in the Case Not Expected Before Tuesday or Wednesday.

[illegible] Feb. 9. The injunction suit against Officer and Robin and the directors of the Sanger Athletic Association, after the testimony of William A. Brady, reached the stage of argument this morning. Brady made a strong witness for the defence. He never saw a boxer seriously injured. Robin and Officer are in particular officially innocent, he said. On cross-examination he said that he felt sent to Theodore Roosevelt, whom he thinks is the greatest living American, at a boxing contest. The reason that Roosevelt did not attend a particular boxing contest was that he feared public sentiment. Here the court said that any man who feared public sentiment when acting officially was a coward.

Lawrence Maxwell, Deputy Attorney-General of the State of Illinois, opening for argument for the State, the court of his reasons on legal points, was to establish that the court had jurisdiction in a proceeding to enjoin a public officer from doing an act which would be the result of the proposed fight. He unmercifully and unmercifully attacked the three leading points, a Sullivan school superintendent and others, of the Sanger Athletic Association, saying they had by working for this affair put themselves on a level with criminals, thugs and larceny. He said the proposed exhibition had been brought in "under the guise of other reason than that put," he said, "and some men have brought upon their shoulders the prints of the prominent contest."

Former Judge Dick followed for the defence. He said Mr. Maxwell has slandered his clients. Judge Dick said that the Sullivan law is not intended to cure the evil of prize fighting, but to regulate it. He said that the court had not the only one of all the states to draw a principle with the law.

At 4 o'clock this evening court adjourned until Monday morning with the argument not finished. The decision will probably come Tuesday or Wednesday.

Tom Sharkey, who is here in a theatrical engagement, said he challenges the winner of the contest, called before at his training quarters this afternoon. The Champion's mind is still quite sore. He is doing all training this morning. Sharkey is expected to arrive. Robin is now cutting down his weight to the putting on of the finishing touches.

TERRY McGOVERN IN TOWN.

He Says He Is Ready to Fight Sullivan, Broad or Gardner.

After an absence of several months Terry McGovern returned to this city on Monday. He was accompanied by his manager, Sam Harris, and his wife. McGovern will remain here for a week and then return his theatrical company, which is laying off. Harris had a talk yesterday with Joe Macias, manager of Kid Broad, the Cleveland pugilist, for the purpose of arranging a battle between Terry and Broad, to be decided at San Francisco next April.

When it came to start negotiations it was discovered that Macias could not consent to Harris's offer. White as referee. The latter was named by the club. McGovern is willing to give George Siler of the sporting editor of the club executive. Harris said that he could not see anything wrong in the naming of White for the contest, in view of real fact that now doubts whether he will agree to stop fight. It is not thought that the club will yield to Macias. McGovern is ready to meet either Tommy Sullivan or Oscar Gardner. Should the club conclude to substitute Broad because Harris manager's objection to White the individual, the Terry McGovern will be the first choice. McGovern said yesterday:

"I have been repeatedly challenged of late by Sullivan, Broad and Gardner, but so far I have not seen any money put up as a forfeit. I am ready to tackle the trio, but I guess they don't want any of my game. With the exception of Sullivan, I have already defeated the other three. Sullivan was the tough proposition, but I would have finished him had the contest lasted another round. I would prefer meeting Sullivan because he has made so many blunts of late. I'll give him $100 if he signs articles to meet me, but it is dollars to doughnuts that he will avoid a match in the long run."

McGovern further said that he is not stuck on acting, and would rather fight twice a week than not once. If Broad and the champion are matched they will come together on April 30 or thereabouts.

ATHLETES ON TAN BARK.

Novel Indoor Games at the American Horse Exchange.

Indoor athletic games under novel conditions were held at the American Horse Exchange last night. It can scarcely be said that the transition from board floor to the tanbark of the sale ring proved a success from a competitive standpoint, but the friends of the New West Side A. C., Nassau Field Club and Kings County A. C. crowded the galleries and made the venture a financial success. All the races, except the 30-yard dash, had to be run around a circuit of 100 yards, which caused many fouls. In the 220-yard novice eight men started. In trying to negotiate the first corner four fell and rolled in a heap under the balcony. They jumped up and went in pursuit of the leaders.

There were good class men in the quarter-mile open handicap. W. S. Edwards, the 220-yard national champion won his heat from the ten-yard mark. He was the virtual scratch man and in the final beat the field several yards. This brought him among the long start brigade in short order, but he quit when in the lead a lap from the finish and W. F. McLaughlin, the National Guard champion, won a good race by two yards from D. M. Daley, New West Side A. C. The summary:

30 Yard Dash, Handicap, for Members of New West Side A. C.—Final heat won by S. May, 3 feet, 31 Block, 4 feet, second; E. Prachett, 6½ feet, third. Time, 3 4-5 seconds.

110-Yard Handicap.—Final heat won by M. Block, N. W. S. A. C., 4 feet; J. Bellet, N. W. S. A. C., 22 feet, second; J. C. Coyle, Brooklyn A. C., 10 feet, third. Time, 13 2-5 seconds.

220-Yard Novice, for Members of N. W. S. A. C.—Won by E. Prachett, W. Boynton, second. Time, 29 4-5 seconds.

440-Yard Handicap.—Final heat won by W. F. McLaughlin, K. A. C., 17 yards; D. M. Daley, N. W. S. A. C., 20 yards, second; A. Burlingame, K. A. C., 12 yards, third. Time, 57 2-5 seconds.

30-Yard Exhibition.—A. M. Kent, P. A. C. Time, 3 4-5 seconds.

Putting 12-Pound Shot, for Members of N. W. S. A. C.—Won by P. Moran, 8 feet, with an actual put of 34 feet 7 inches; J. Breslin, 7 feet, second, with 34 feet 7 inches; J. F. Mumford, 3 feet, third, with 33 feet 8 inches.

Montreal Hockey Players Defeat an All New York Team.

The Montreal Hockey club played against an all New York team at the St. Nicholas Rink last night and won by 5 goals to 0. It was a long game, the players being on the ice until twenty minutes to 11 o'clock. There were constant delays caused by men getting hurt and having their wounds bandaged. The worst injury was a cut hand, sustained by Gardner. Several skates came on and putting them on again caused more delay. The Canadians clearly outplayed the local team and won by a wide margin. The first half Howard got the puck and made a strong effort to score, but Lidlon checked him. Getting the puck he passed it to Campbell, who shot the first goal. Then there was rough play and Gardner was put off the ice for two minutes. The second goal was made by Lidlon on a pass by Smith. In the second half Gardner got the puck and by clever dodging got it to the New York goal and then scored. Drakeley was suspended for tripping Campbell. Lidlon scored the other two goals. The teams lined up as follows:

Montreal.	Positions.	All New York.
Nicholson	Goal	O'Donnel
Hodge	Point	Hunt
Boothe	Cover Point	Drakeley
C. Lidlon	Forward	Howard
D. Smith	Forward	Dobbs
Gardner	Forward	A. Lidlon
Campbell	Forward	Jewick

Score: Montreal, 5; All New York, 0. Goals: Johnston 3, Gardner and Campbell. Referee, A. DeWitt. Hockey Club of New York.

The hockey teams of the Cathedral School of St. Paul's of Garden City, L. I., and the Hedley School of Brooklyn met on the ice at the Clermont Avenue Rink last night. The score: Hedley School, 5; St. Paul, 1.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

Madison Square Garden Tuesday night will be the scene of colored life on the old plantation, in which over 200 voices will be heard. The star feature of the evening will be the grand cakewalk, the prize for which is to be a handsome gold belt. Colored walkers are all agog over this prize and some keen competition will be seen.

BOOKS OF THE RUNNERS.

J. B. Higgins the Largest Nominator for the Futurity of 1901.

The Coney Island Jockey Club has announced the nominations for the Futurity of 1901, for foals of the present year. The entire nominations to the stakes closed on the 1st instant, which accounts for the fact that the list of nominations is so large. The stakes are for two year olds, and are to be run at Coney Island next year. There are 1,000 nominations in the original list. This should interest those who have money invested in the stakes, and also those who are looking for good two year olds. The nominations are made by the breeders of the country, and the list includes almost every prominent breeder in the United States and Canada