CURRENT SPORTING TALK.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE VOTED "OPTION CLAUSE."

How the Players Expect to Evade It. Fast Pace to Continue. More Departures to the American League Have People Going to England. Will Ryan Fight Walcott?

The attorney of the Protective Association of Baseball Players has sent out an opinion as to the legality of the option clause in the National League contract, and on the strength of it many players are considering offers or have signed contracts with the American League. It is known that the National League contract is not equitable, in that it provides for a discontinuance of the contract by a club owner on ten days notice and either same time makes it possible to hold a player's services perpetually. The unilateral option clause, which will probably be tested in the courts, reads as follows:

Section 10. It is hereby expressly understood and agreed by the contracting clubs contained that the party of the first part, or its assigns, shall have the option of right to retain this contract with the terms, provisions and conditions stated for months, beginning April 15, and for a certain period of the succeeding years thereafter, and the said party of the second part hereby signs its personal obligations, services and services to the said party of the first part, or its assigns, for the period of time and at the salary or compensation herein specified, and for such further period of time and at such salary or compensation, from year to year, prior to the 15th day of April of the respective years of this contract and of the renewal year of each of several thereof.

The Protective Association of attorneys maintains that players have been compelled to sign contracts, with this option clause inserted, under duress, as they could not get a position with any other club in the country under the so-called National agreement, that in a measure the National League clubs have dictated the terms of the contract at all times and that the players had no alternative until the American League broke away from the National agreement and became a free agent. John I. Rogers of the Philadelphia National League club, who drew the option clause and had it substituted in the contract for the much-talked of reserve rule, which was declared illegal by the courts in 1890, maintains that the contract entire will hold. The National League magnates have secured many legal opinions, they say, to the effect that the option clause is legal because the players know what it means and willingly consent to its operation when they sign the contract.

"The case can be illustrated by a man who lets a house and gives an option on the property for a certain length of time after the lease expires," said one of the magnates. "The man who hires the house can hold the owner to the option at all hazards if he wants to do so. So it is with the ball player. He gives the club owners an option on his services for a stipulated period after the season for which he signs expires, and can be held."

There appears to be a difference of opinion as to the proper method of procedure by the National League against players who jump the option clause. Several magnates have been advised that they can enjoin such players pending a decision in the courts, but that they must file an indemnity bond to guarantee the players against loss of salaries. Other lawyers have been told that it will be impossible to enjoin the players, but that personal and individual suits for damages may be brought against them, the players meanwhile being allowed to earn American League salaries. That the National League will manage a few cases of some star players deserting to the American League there is no doubt. Rumor has it that the Boston men, Soden and Conant, will immediately institute proceedings against James Collins, the crack third baseman, who has jumped them and signed with the Boston American League club.

The players' desertion of the National League for the American League appears to be more than was expected. It is conceded that Collins, Stahl, Freeman, and Stahl can have the Boston for the new club at that city, and that Criger and Shrecengost, the St. Louis catchers, Fred Parent, the crack Providence shortstop, and Harry Dolan, the Chicago outfielder, have agreed to play under Somers and Collins for the club. If other reports are true the New York club will lose Carrick, Mercer, Taylor, Gettig, Grasson, Grady and Garvin. The Washington American League club's manager, James Manning, says he has signed Carrick and Garvin, but has not heard from Mercer. He has also signed James Slagle of last year's Philadelphias. The Cleveland American League club insists that it has signed Deal Mike Taylor, while the assertion is made that Virgil Garvin has signed with Milwaukee. Gettig goes to Milwaukee, Charles O'Leary to Baltimore club and so on. Kid Gleason, it is said, while Grady will be with the new Philadelphias.

Such glowing reports have been sent to this country from England of the profits of the racing game that during the coming season there will be not only American owners, jockeys and horses on the other side, but also a few energetic tours. Several of these noted characters went to England last year and sent back word to their friends that there was nothing except money and easy marks in sight. As the touring business has not been particularly profitable at Eastern tracks in recent years, this welcome news created a sensation. The other day three shabby tourists boarded an Atlantic transport liner, bound for Britain. They had managed to purchase 3d tickets and each had about $5 in loose change in his clothes. With an unlimited supply of nerve and check, and well stocked with a fine assortment of the gift, they sailed away to gather in the looked-for gold. All of them figured at local race tracks last year as "touts." Before the gangplank was hauled in one of them said:

"Der graft over in England is good just now and we gonter take a run down our irons what is on der ground and knows der ropes sez we can't lose. It's been a tough winter, but we's saved up just enough of der stuff to get over der pond and land hungry. Der ocean trip'll sharpen our wits and then we'll make der easy graft over dere look sick. If King Edward wants a few tips we's willin' and dat ain't no fake. An American 'tout' on an English track ought ter be just what der doctor ordered."

The victory of Tommy Ryan of Syracuse over Tommy West at Louisville on Monday night was not so easy as the sports predicted. Either West must have shown better form than in his battle with Joe Walcott in the Garden last summer or else Ryan was not in the best condition. Ryan, who says he is a middleweight champion, scaled at 152 pounds, while West was probably above 160. That was, of course, a handicap for the Syracusan, but at the same time it must be remembered that Walcott when he tackled West did not weigh more than 145, if that. Local sporting men said yesterday that Ryan now could very well dodge a match with Walcott, who has been anxious to fight him for a long time. Ryan, it is argued, cannot draw the color line, as he consented last year to fight the Harlem Coffee Cooler, Joe Jeffers. It is under-stood that "Mysterious" Billy Smith wants a fight with Ryan, too. Smith had two sensational battles with the Syracuse man six years ago. The first was at Coney Island. Smith had Ryan virtually out in the eleventh round when the police jumped into the ring. After the bluecoats had been persuaded to withdraw the fight proceeded and Ryan was whipping Smith in the eighteenth round, when the police interfered again, and the decision was a draw. Not long after Smith met Ryan at Mastpeth in a vicious encounter. Ryan was roughed and fouled so much that he cried out in distress to Referee Hurst, who disqualified Smith in the fourth round. Smith never has been able to make a match with Ryan since. Some of Walcott's most sensational fights have been with Smith and West, but he never has met Ryan.

Cost of Rowing at Columbia.

Manager O. W. Erdal of the Columbia crews submitted his final budget of expenses to the student body of the university yesterday. The total amount required is $8,340 and among the expenses the following items appear: Boats, $1,675, launch, $875, oars, $175, boathouse, $375, Hanlan's board and salary, $2,444, athletic supplies, $300, hotel expenses at three places, $900, travelling expenses, $240, fall regatta, $85, spring regatta, $100, on Harlem and Passaic, $75, trainers, rubbers, A., $355, contingency, $850. At the present time $1,935 out of the $2,500 for the varsity crew has been subscribed. The total expenses last year were $8,700. Negotiations are now progressing for a race between Columbia and the Pennsylvania Rowing Club which won the championship last year in the junior and intercollegiate events on the Harlem and Navesink. Twenty-five alumni have been enrolled in the undergraduate rowing club.

Wrestling.

Harvey Parker, the lightweight wrestler, and Frank Bond, met in a Williamsburg theatre last night. Although much lighter in weight than his opponent, Parker threw the Brooklyn champion in twenty minutes.

Ad. Peter Burns's place in Harlem, Nick Elliott of this city and Jack Harvey of Brooklyn had a hard bout that lasted twelve minutes. Elliott was to throw his man in fifteen minutes or forfeit $50. He won.

A SPEEDWAY NEAR BREWSTER.

William H. Fasig, H. H. Vreeland and Others Interested in the Affair.

Several of the leading horsemen of Brewster and vicinity have schedulled to a point for building a speedway and enough money is pledged to make the idea almost a certainty. Heretofore good horses have been compelled to go up and down hill roads or else be driven over the Connecticut border, five miles distant, to find level speeding ground. Last autumn local horsemen and those who have summer places near Brewster, met by accident in the city and got together and determined to have a speedway which they could finish and intimate with the result that as soon as the weather permits work will be commenced. The place selected is within easy walking distance of the town. It is a level course along the Croton Valley highway between Brewster and Dean's Corners, a beautifully situated piece of road and well adapted for the purpose. There is room to make the breeding ground a half mile long. It is understood that the Putnam county supervisors will consent to the holding of the drive and may probably assist in the construction, so far as grading and widening is concerned.

William H. Fasig, who bought the old Irwin farm, three miles from Brewster, last year although managed to his room all winter, has taken an active part in promoting the drive and H. H. Vreeland of the Metropolitan Street Railway company, who has a fine summer residence on 170 acres of land, about the same distance from the town, is also taking a deep interest in the enterprise and is a liberal subscriber. J. H. Tuttle, the State Librarian, who owns Monitors, Estrapi, Ward, owner of Narator, Arthur Budd, who owns a fast youngster that he thinks is about the equal of anything that ever wore trots, Assemblyman Everett, owner of the top stallion Palmer Tom, George Decker, the owner of Commodore, and George Cole, who also has a good one or two, are among the promoters of the enterprise.

Vreeland, who was seen at his office yesterday, was quite enthusiastic over the speedway, although he said he was not a light harness horseman. He considered, however, that such a course would of great benefit to Putnam county, not only in driving in the horse interests, while it would be of use almost every business and trade, but would prove a great pleasure to all who love to see a good animal in motion. Mr. Vreeland's taste in horseflesh has run to saddlers and those for park use, of which he owns a number of the best in the country. Among them are the chestnut saddle horses Roseberry, Arion, Stanley Langer in both the American and English stud books and the well-known pair of blue ribbon winners, May Queen and Helen Empress, imported English hackneys and perfect types of their class. The last will not be sold to the imperial stud of Japan. Mr. Vreeland is not wedded altogether to the hackney type. He believes in the superiority of the American trotting bred, heavy harness horse for speed, style and endurance, and in future will mate his hackney mares to the best stud of trotting blood. When asked if he would not have a fast trotter or pacer to drive on the new Speedway Mr. Vreeland said:

"When I am in the country a great deal of my time is spent in the saddle. I also like to drive a pair that can road at a good gait all day, but I have paid comparatively little attention to the speedy class. I have been on the Speedway here, and imagine there is a great deal of sport and exhilaration in brushing behind a good horse. I will not say that I am not likely to have a roadster."

ROAD DRIVERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Hear Reports and Set a Date for Their Annual Parade.

At the annual meeting of the Road Drivers' Association at the Rossmore Hotel last night the following officers were elected:

President, Dr. H. H. Kane. First Vice-President, John F. Cockerill. Second Vice-President, A. B. Gwathmey. Third Vice-President, J. W. Cornish. Secretary and Treasurer, Al Reeves. Board of Directors, the Hon. Edward Murphy, Jr., the Hon. Thomas F. Gilroy, Paul Dana, W. H. Hearst, John McCullagh, Homer Davenport, David Bonner, John A. Blatchford, Hiram H. Hollis, Michael L. Reid, C. K. G. Billings, Kimball C. Atwood, John B. Doerr, E. E. Smathers, W. G. Leland, H. C. Mapes, J. E. Cartier, Q. C. Graves, William E. Spier, Charles Reilly, A. B. Fiske, William B. Fasig, W. C. Flood-Jones, Dr. John F. Moore, E. Maertines, H. Dykeman, H. F. Jinks, Thomas J. Dunn, George W. Grote. Executive Committee, Arthur L. Kerker, Nathan Straus, William F. Parsons, Jr., Alex Newburzer, Dr. H. D. Gill, Thomas Byrnes, Nathan L. Ely, David Lamar, Isaac Hopper, William Clark, James F. Robertson, Charles A. Lloyd, George T. Putney, William F. Lounsbo, George A. Coleman, Dr. David Randell, Edgar Brook, F. Bletz, A. E. Simons, Sergeant at Arms, George B. Smith. Nominating Committee, George A. Coleman, William F. Lounsbo, Charles C. Lord, J. W. Cornish, Dr. David Randell, Nathan L. Ely and Fred Gerken.

The Treasurer's report showed that the receipts of the past year amounted to $6,862.15 and expenditures, $6,801.62, leaving a balance on hand of $60.53. The report also showed that the institutes at the Empire City track and at Guttenburg were run at a loss of $469.98. As interesting amateur racing events, however, they were successful. A letter from President Kane was read, suggesting that the association maintain a bed in a hospital for the use of the Speedway policemen. This was laid on the table, it being deemed more polite to talk about such expenditures when the association had more funds. The matter of a clubhouse was again discussed, but nothing definite was done.

The date for the annual parade was set for May 11 and efforts will be made to have a more imposing turnout than that of last spring. Secretary Reeves's report showed that the association has grown from a membership of 198 to 1,175 and that a great deal had been accomplished for the benefit of all road drivers during the past year. In the way of Speedway and road improvements. It was the general impression that the raising of the annual dues from $2 to $5 would not materially affect the membership.

Skating.

Amateur skaters contested for prizes at the race meet at the Clermont Avenue Rink Brooklyn, last night. A track was laid out fifteen laps to the mile. Five events comprised the programme and every one of them furnished plenty of exciting sport. One of the greatest surprises of the season was the ease with which A. L. Jones of Meriden, skating in the Hedley School colors, defeated all the cracks, including Harry P. McDonald, Le Roy See, Philip J. Kearney and Peter Sinnburd, in the one-mile race. From the crack of the starter's pistol Jones went at a fast clip. Kearney cut the pace and led until the sixth lap, when Jones shot out and took the lead. Sinnburd fell on the eighth lap while rounding a turn. Then See fell on the last lap. McDonald and Kearney, the latter falling, but picking himself up, went after the flying leader, but Jones won by about fifteen yards, with McDonald second after a stirring finish with Kearney, whom he beat by two feet. The time was 3 minutes 1 3-5 seconds. Kearney and See each won a heat in the half-mile championship race. A one-mile novice event was won by William H. O'Donoghue, Erasmus Hall High School. E. R. McAlpin, Clermont Hockey Club, was second, and Jay Gould, Borough Park A. A., third. Time, 3 minutes 59 seconds. Frederick B. Gorman of Long Branch made a high jump on skates of 4 feet 3½ inches. A three-mile handicap was won by Philip J. Kearney, Erasmus Hall High School, 30 yards. E. J. Mulligan, Brooklyn, 270 yards, was second, and Peter Sinnburd, scratch, third. Time, 9 minutes 34 seconds.

Billiards.

The second day of the amateur handicap billiard tournament at Maurice Daly's academy brought out three good contests. William Gershel, the scratch man, at 200 points, again scored an easy victory. He defeated one of the players on the low mark, Lee W. Bennett, 140 points. The referee, David Kaiser, made an error in the count in the twenty-eighth inning, otherwise the winner's average would have been higher. The score was: Gershel, 200, average, 5 13-37, high runs, 31 and 23. Bennett was left at 85, average, 2 11-37, high run, 10. The afternoon game was won by W. S. Bash, 150 points, who defeated Frank Tobias, 140 points, by the score of 150 to 131. The winner's average was 2 26-62, with a high run of 26. The last contest brought together Charles Roder, 150 points, and Albert Gans, 140 points. The former won by the score of 150 to 131. Roder's average was 3 7-31, with high runs of 30 and 26. Bennett, 140, against Tobias, 140, will meet this afternoon, and Gershel, 200, against Gans, 140, and Roder, 150, against Bash, 150, will cross cues in the evening.

The Salta Tournament.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MONTE CARLO, March 5. The results of the international Salta tournament to-day follows: Weiss beat Blackburne, Henig beat Alapin, Marco beat Mason, and Lents beat Tschigorin.

FOOTBALL.

Lafayette Men Charge Pennsylvania With Unfair Criticism.

EASTON, March 5.—Lafayette athletic authorities, when asked for news as to the statements that Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell have tacitly agreed not to schedule football games with their college, now that there has been any such agreement. They allege that all of the criticism of Lafayette's athletic affairs has emanated from the college and that a Pennsylvania source. Lafayette men say that it is well known that they will have a strong team next fall, and that they have evidence tending to show that Coach Woodruff, despite his statement to the contrary, does not desire a game between Lafayette and Pennsylvania, and that he has so stated in the presence of a number of persons at Philadelphia. There is much indignation among undergraduate and students here over the published statements that Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell would not arrange games with Lafayette, and this is stronger than ever to-night as it is authoritatively stated that the information with Cornell about the non-conference club have been withdrawn.

A Lafayette representative was at Princeton to-day, and the announcement is made that a game has been arranged between the two institutions for a league date on October 19, which Princeton has held for the date of defeating Yale, a game that leaves the statement of the alleged reason in the position of saying Pennsylvania and Cornell to freeze out Lafayette. Those here generally are incensed at the accusations made against Lafayette's alleged professionalism, which they say is without foundation and much of it manufactured. The advocates of manliness say that no game has been arranged with Pennsylvania, and that this is unlikely to happen. The committee also says that if Pennsylvania is so anxious to play it ought to be able to find twenty players to make it.

May Be No Football Game Between Columbia and Princeton.

It is not at all certain that Princeton and Columbia will meet on the football field next fall. Well-informed persons say that there is a serious misunderstanding in regard to the place for playing the game. Columbia insists that the contest take place here, and also requests that it be scheduled on Thanksgiving Day. The authorities at Princeton have refused point blank to play the match in this city and have taken the stand that it must be played in the Jersey college town. The Tigers further refuse to book the game for Thanksgiving Day, even if the arrangement of the Yale-Princeton game would allow it, for the reason that Princeton has adopted a rule prohibiting the team from playing on that holiday. It is said that the Princeton management has passed the matter up to Columbia, and it rests now with the decision of the white and blue whether or not the annual contest will be held. The Columbia athletic committee is reported, argue that on account of their victory over Princeton last year they ought to receive the preference in the matter, while the Tigers have their right upon the fact that they have played for two successive years here. It is expected that the Columbia authorities will announce their decision in a few days.

AT THE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

Experts With Shotgun and Revolver Make Good Scores.

The attendance at the Sportsmen's Show at the Madison Square Garden was large all day yesterday. The Ojibway Indians have settled down to their work and their performances are running smoothly. After the last act of "Hiawatha" the Indians talk to the visitors and tell of the attractions of their hunting grounds in Canada. The Chesapeake Bay dogs proved quite an attraction in the morning they worked in the tank and swimming exercises. The Bluefish lake is well stocked with trout and any one who wants to do so can try a little fly casting. The shooting on the roof at clay targets and in the basement with revolvers resulted in some good scores. Summary:

Continuous Match, Fanning, 42; Parmelee, 4; Lacey, 4; Fox, 34; Helms, 34; Rea, 3; Gilbert, 3; Griffith, 34; Watson, 3; Cheney, 212; Stephenson, 2; Eastman, 2; Le Roy, 11; Banks, 11; Hoyt, 1.

Association Championship, Helms, 94; Gilbert, 94; Parmelee, 90; Fox, 90; Banks, 88; Cheney, 86; Le Roy, 85; Lacey, 79; Jr. Banks, 83; Fanning, 81; Griffith, 80; Watson, 80; Allen, 78; Hike, 78; Simpson, 77; Arthur, 74; Lentilhon, 72; Hicks, 72; G. G. Stephenson, 69; Jaquith, 68; Hovey, 66; Lincoln, 66; Kaufman, 57; Deitsel, 56; Taylor, 53; Maynard, 51; Valentine, 50; Steffens, 46; and Condor, 45; Henry, Keller, Welles, Carlough, Dr. Dim and Sanders withdrew.

Revolver competition, standard American target, A. Stets, Jr., 49, 48, 47, 47, 46—237; A. A. Himmelwright, 46, 44, 44, 43, 44—226; J. A. Smith, 45, 45, 42, 41, 40—213; W. Fuller, 43, 43, 48, 43, 41—211; L. Scott, 36, 36, 36, 35, 36—179; M. Eder, 34, 34, 33, 31, 31—158; L. R. Perry, 40, 38, 36—114.

Revolver competition, target—J. A. Stets, Jr., 7, 8, 9, 9, 8—41; A. Smith, 9, 8, 9, 9, 10—45; W. H. Petty, 8, 9, 9, 10, 12—48; E. Thurber, 7 and 13, 13, 13—46; C. H. Chapman, 12, 13, 14, 14, 14—67; L. Buss, 17, 17, 17, 19, 17—87.

Schoolboys at Chess.

Berkeley School again forfeited two games in the New York Interscholastic Chess Association games yesterday afternoon. The final round of the first half will be played to-day. Summary:

Beinecke defeated Henshaw by default, McKenna defeated Brown by default, Arnstein and Pierce drew in a Ruy Lopez, after 40 moves, Schloss defeated Wellins in a French Defence, Bunn defeated Schreiber in a Queen's Gambit, Bloomingdale defeated Queen's Pawn, in an adjourned game after 60 moves.

Following were the school records:

Sachs, won 5½, lost 2½; De La Salle Institute, 4 and 2; Cutler, 3½ and 3½; Columbia Grammar, 3 and 3; Berkeley, 0 and 6.

The individual standing follows:

Lippe, won 3, lost 0; Schloss, 3 and 1; Arnstein, 2½ and 1½; Beinecke, 2 and 1; McKenna, 1 and 2; Pierce, 1 and 2; Bloomingdale, 1 and 2; Bluemhal, 0 and 1; Bitter, 0 and 1; Brown, 0 and 3; Henshaw, 0 and 3.

The tournament of The Bronx School League was finished yesterday afternoon. Summary:

Fisher and Stern drew in a Ruy Lopez, after 40 moves; Sagalowitz defeated Weber in a French Defence, in 30 moves; Buck defeated Grace in a Queen's Gambit Declined, in 20 moves; Abrams defeated Roden in an irregular, in 30 moves; Franke defeated Jeome in a Ruy Lopez, in 42 moves; Cole defeated Hunt in a Ruy Lopez, in 36 moves; Schneider defeated Engels in a Ruy Lopez, in 37 moves; Smith defeated Selleck in a Petroff Defence, in 41 moves.

The standing of the schools in the tournament follows:

Manhattan, won 20½, lost 7½; Kimball, 16 and 12; Kyles, 15 and 13; Bigelow, 14½ and 13½; A. Cox, 14 and 14; Rutherford, 12 and 16; Bronx, 11 and 17; Powler, 9 and 19.

The individual records follow:

Smith, won 11½, lost 2½; Stein, 9½ and 4½; Schneider, 9 and 5; Grace, 8½ and 5½; Arnold, 7½ and 6½; Hunt, 7½ and 6½; Fisher, 7 and 6½; Wagner, 7½ and 6½; Clark, 7 and 7; Frankel, 6½ and 7½; Linden, 6 and 8; Buck, 5 and 8; Jerome, 5 and 8; Finger, 5 and 8; Selleck, 5 and 8; Abrams, 3½ and 10½.

Hockey.

The Hockey Club of New York and the Brooklyn Skating Club played a tournament game at the St. Nicholas Rink last night and the New York players won by 6 goals to 4. The game was rather a tame one. In the first half Bullen and Bolton scored for the home club and Russell and Phillips for the Brooklyn club. In the second half, however, the New York club outplayed the Brooklyn men and scored four goals, Phillips, Russell, De Lasseyna and Dusette each putting the puck by Holden. The Brooklyn players tried hard to offset this score, but two goals by Bolton was all they could do. The teams lined up as follows:

Hockey Club.	Positions.	Brooklyn S. C.
Pilson	Goal	Holden
Bullen	Point	Dusette
Sewerby	Cover Point	Drysdale
Dusette	Forward	Kennedy
Phillips	Forward	Bolton
Russell	Forward	Hill
Tuttle	Forward	Desasenova

Score: Hockey Club of New York, 6; Brooklyn Skating Club, 4. Goals—Russell (3), Phillips (3), Bullen, Bolton (2), Dusette, Desasenova. Referee, Max Hornfeck, N. Y. A. C.

There was a hockey game at the Clermont Avenue Rink in Brooklyn last night between the Bedford A. C. and the Second Naval Battalion team of Brooklyn. The score was 7 to 1 in favor of the Reserves.

Gymnastics at Grace A. C.

An open gymnastic tournament was held last night under the auspices of the Grace A. C. in the club building at 415 East Thirteenth street. The programme began with a finished exhibition of Indian club swinging by the small girls of the afternoon class. E. C. Brendlin was second in two events. He was only beaten by one half a point in the parallel bar competition and declined to accept the second prize. The summary:

Running Broad Jump, Handicap: Won by G. Wolf, 10 inches, with an actual jump of 17 feet 1½ inches; Schneider, 1 foot, second, with 16 feet, 9½ inches; J. Stumpf, scratch, third, with 17 feet 1 inch.

Horizontal Bar: Won by A. Jolson, Sound Gymnastic Association, 36 points; E. C. Brendlin, Central Turn Verein, 34½ points, second; J. Belda, Sokol Gymnastic Association, 28 points, third.

Medley Race: Won by J. W. Stumpf, J. Schmidt second.

Parallel Bars: Won by E. Stoth, Bloomingdale Turn Verein, 38½ points; E. C. Brendlin, Central Turn Verein, 38 points, second; J. McLean, National Turn Verein, Newark, 36½ points, third; J. Mang, Melrose Turn Verein, 34 points, fourth.

Parallel Bars, Handicap, 25 points, three:

Won by J. Holden, M. Hoper, second.

RACING DATES ALLOTTED.

SARATOGA WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH OTHER RACEWAYS THIS YEAR.

Events at Brighton Beach and the Spa Will Be Curtailed Slightly to Avoid Clashing. No Racing Elsewhere for Empire City Park. Jockey Club Re-elects Its Old Officers.

The Jockey Club met yesterday at the office of August Belmont and settled the questions of dates for the season. Those present were: August Belmont, H. Bredenfield, P. J. Dwyer, H. K. Knapp and Andrew Miller. The stewards solved the problem of providing dates for the Saratoga meeting without interfering unduly with the other associations in a manner that is almost sure to prove satisfactory to racegoers and add to the dignity of the sport of the Spa. The arrangement is in the form of concessions, for which Brighton Beach and Saratoga will lose only a few days racing each. The spring meeting at Brighton and the fall meeting at Saratoga this coming year will be curtailed slightly, but the curtailment will allow the three meetings to be run without competition.

The publication of the rules will furnish a surprise for those who have been looking forward for another meeting at Empire City Park, as that place is not included in the list. It was expected that a spur would be built this year to the track, and that with improved facilities racing at Empire City would prove a permanent success and a paying enterprise.

Racing men who learned last night that Empire City is not opening at the Empire City Racetrack, another disappointment to the death of E. J. O'Brien, who was interested in the enterprise for building the spur to the course.

The meeting will begin at Benning on March 4, a week sooner than last year, while a week later in April than last year, about the same time as in further south. There is practically no change in the Aqueduct Park meeting but Brighton Beach will begin on July 4 instead of one week earlier than last year. Aqueduct will open with a meeting of four days, beginning on April 27, and will run for a full month. The Brooklyn Jockey Club will open on May 4, Belmont Park on May 18, Brighton Beach on May 30, Saratoga on August 3, Sheepshead Bay on August 17, Gravesend on August 31, Aqueduct on September 14, Brighton Beach on September 28, Saratoga on October 5, Belmont Park on October 19, Aqueduct on November 2, Brighton Beach on November 16, Saratoga on November 30.

The following officers were reelected: August Belmont, chairman; James R. Keene, president; F. K. Sturgis, Secretary and Treasurer. These racing officials for the season of 1901 were appointed:

Starter, J. Hagerman; judges, G. McDowell and H. Pettingill; clerk of the scales, H. G. Trickmore; Lachlanger, S. S. Sherburn; timers, H. H. Parrette; paddock and patrol judge, J. L. Hall.

It was decided to donate $100 to the fund for the widow of the late Samuel Whitehead. On the recommendation of the stewards of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association the following horses were reinstated for steeplechases and hurdle races:

Jockeys, b. g., by Sir Modred—Lotc. G. B. Long; Lord, b. g., by Reid Or—Bessie Brumsell; Simple Simon, b. g., by Simple Simon—Jessie Mills, ch. h., by Hayden Edwards—Mandolf Hommik, b. f., by Charactus—Fitch.

William Houlahan, who was disqualified through riding as unrecognized courtesy, was reinstated to ride in steeplechases and hurdle races. The applications for reinstatement lodged by Andrew Dorsey, F. Cook and Robert Watson were referred to a committee with power.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 5.—To-day was "Ladies' Day" at the Fair Grounds, and although it was very cool a crowd numbering fully 10,000 persons were out. The sensational feature of the afternoon was the mile and a half hurdle handicap, which resulted in a victory for Tommy O'Brien. Tommy was quoted at a 100 to 1 in the betting, and after lying in third place to the half mile, went to the front and remained there to the finish, ridden out by three lengths. Dick Forber, the good thing of the race, secured the place in a drive from Miss Ransom. Free Advice, the heavily played even money favorite could do no better than finish fourth. Summary:

First Race, Six furlongs—W. J. Baker, 117 (Corbett), 7 to 1, and 2 to 1, won; Goebel, 118 (Mikel), 10 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Hale Dell, 90 (Gormley), third. Time, 1:18¾. Kodawreath, Plead, Certain, Juniata, Belle of Elgin, Larequise, Courtney and Lake Fusee also ran.

Second Race—Hurdle, one mile and a half—Tommy O'Brien, 130 (McGovern), 100 to 1 and 40 to 1, won; Dick Forber, 148, 9 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; Miss Ransom, 141 (Hurst), third. Time, 2:38¾. Free Advice and Havre is also ran.

Third Race, Two miles—Admetus, 110 (Dale), 6 to 5, and 2 to 5, won; Sir Fitzhugh, 104 (Walsh), 6 to 5 and 2 to 5, second; Jake Jack, 107 (Lamley), third. Time, 3:35. Banquo and Characrene also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Skillman, 102 (McCarthy), 3 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Consolation, 107 (Frisbie), 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Hoods Brigade, 98 (Coogan), third. Time, 1:49. Chorus Boy, Frangipane, Greyforge, Miss Hanover, Strangest and Siddons also ran.

Fifth Race—One mile and an eighth—Meigs, 106 (Dale), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, won; Bert Davis, 116 (Gordon), 6 to 1 and even, second; Gadoud (ber), 104 (Mike), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:54¾. Lady Boyd, 107, S. R. B. Sack, Olivia Order and Dan also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and 70 yards—Goodale, 101 (O'Brien), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, won; Little Boy Blue, 93 (Gormley), 12 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Blocker, 102 (Cochran), third. Time, 1:48. J. H. Sloan, Sauber, Brown Cap, Hillhelm, Henry of Franstmar, Waterhouse, Jackie and Jessie also ran.

Entries for the entries for to-morrow.

First Race, Selling, Six furlongs—Cherries, 94, Prince of Orange (Hamp), 103, Miss Sarazen, 106, Lamont, 106, Lorraine, 105, Kinver, 105, Fairmont, 106, Berlina, 105, Ant Cassidy, 107, Lady Lee, 107, Sam Lazarus, 107.

Second Race, Selling, one mile and an eighth—Lancaster, 97, Dr. Leo, 99, Belle Simpson, 99, Red Leafs, 103, Silkwood, 103, Ardita, 107, Defender, 107, Sarilla, 107, Lion Kingsland, 110.

Third Race, Steeplechase, Handicap, short course—Jack Adams, 142, Dodge, 142, Dolly's Arcadia, 139, Tom Leary, 137, Investment, 134.

Fourth Race, The Spring Stakes, two year olds, value $1,000, six furlongs—Fuller, 116, The Highlander, 116, Miss Claire, 108, Ardita, 118.

Fifth Race, Selling, for three year olds, one mile—Sadie Bangle, 90, Lady Clay Rye, 97, Uncle Ike, 97, Lady Lee, 99, Ben Gordon, 104, Tipstaff, 104, Sir Dixon, 104, Brandon, 106, Sentry, 106, Johnnie McCarthy, 106, Gipsey, 106.

Sixth Race, Selling, Six furlongs—Demagogue, 90, Blue Jeans, 95, Lancaster, 96, Command, 100, Charles Dickens, 103, Lady Contrary, 103, Slumber of Souls, 105, Mordecai, 106.

Turf Notes.

The annual meeting of the Turf and Field Club will be held in Room 1101 of the Continental Building, 175 Fifth avenue, to-morrow afternoon.

Frank Harlan, superintendent of the Sheepshead Bay racetrack, left for Saratoga springs yesterday afternoon. He will be there for the ground over and see what alterations are needed.

The racing of the year ahead that will sport the colors of Jerry McIlvoy, the champion featherweight jockey, will be for Washington in a few days. All has been worked and great things are expected of the lad.

LEXINGTON, Mass., March 5.—The March declarations have left nineteen horses eligible to the Kentucky Derby. The names accompanied to-night are: Fox Hard Scale, Jack Hurgess, Prior, Driesell, Cheraker, Sonnando, Young Henry, Hal Emmerson, Alum, Redeer, Lover, Adelante, John Mentrie, Senor Quick and Lord Curzon. Jockey Club Exchange has posted odds with Garry Herrman favorite at 5 to 1, Alard Scheck 6 and Sloviskie and Joe Frey 8 each. Joe Frey has been backed from 15 to 8 to 5 to 2 and the Dunlap and Dick Burgess 30 each. Garry Herrman, Hal Emmerson, Ram Cat, Lover and Senor Quick are now quartered at Churchill Downs.

Tavin A Lavalle have declined the yearling chestnut colt by Adelaide—Nina Lee, from the Joney Island jockey, for a penalty of $500, while Hal Gerald has declined the two-year-old chestnut colt Hanch, by Isolation—Sacrifice, from the Joney Island jockey, for a penalty of $500. This year Lavalle has notified all the racing associations to transfer the engagements of the mares Mollie Fonso, Tougoo, Gypsy Maid, Nina Kinney, Meanale, Gypsy Fonso, Jade Hunt, Blue Bulldog and Hermosa to Hagerman. They have also transferred the engagements of the following yearlings to J. B. Hagerman: Jenny Mack, by Lucky Candlemas—Tougoo; Ireland, by Sir Modred—Mistbell; Aquila, by Aquila—Lady Highlander; Mas H., Walden, ch. c., by Lamplighter—Josie Hood, and Rulpica, ch. f., by Lamplighter—Gypsy.

Diver Signs With the American League.

SYRACUSE, March 5.—Treasurer Billings of the Boston club, to-day, over the long distance telephone, offered extra inducements to Willie Dineen if he would remain with the Boston National League club. He was anxious to have Dineen come to Boston and talk the matter over. The local boy refused, saying that he could do nothing now as the American League contract had arrived this morning from Vice-President Somers. Dineen affixed his name to it early in the afternoon before he talked with Billings.

BOWLING.

The bowlers who represent the New York A. C. in the New York Interclub League are increasing their lead with each series played. Last night's games follow:

FIRST GAME.

Ehlers	150	Martin	148	Hagen	137
Hagen	187	Ehlers	137	Martin	148
Hagen	170	Ehlers	150	Martin	148
Ehlers	150	Hagen	137	Martin	148
Ehlers	150	Hagen	137	Martin	148
Ehlers	150	Hagen	137