ENGLISH ATHLETES IN FORM.

TEAM TO MEET HARVARD AND YALE IMPROVED.

Interest in Match Increased by Work of Oxford and Cambridge Men in Canada —Workman and Cockshott Great Runners—What Americans Have Done.

Interest in the match between Harvard and Yale and Oxford and Cambridge has been somewhat stimulated by the good performances of the representatives of the English universities since their arrival on this continent, and many who, when the match was made, expected an easy victory for the home team are now beginninng to waver in their allegiance as they realize the hard task set Harvard and Yale to defeat the British cracks. In every previous contest of this character victory has rested with the team that has received the advantage of competing on its home grounds as it has always happened that, however strong the visitors might have been when leaving home, climatic changes have materially injured them and made the difference between victory and defeat.

In 1894 when Yale went across the water to tackle Oxford in the first of these international collegiate contests, the New Haven university was represented by a strong team, but several of the men failed to perform up to their usual standard and the Dark Blues won by 5½ to 3½. The following year two teams came from England to compete against American athletes. Cambridge, as the winner of the intervarsity games was pitted against Yale, while the still stronger aggregation, representing the London A. C., engaged the pick of American athletes enrolled under the banner of the New York A. C.

The result of those encounters forms a glorious page in the history of American track and field sports. Yale defeated the "Cantabs" as easily as she had been beaten by the Oxonians the previous year, while the New York A. C. men swept the board in the match with the London A. C. and won every one of the eleven events on the programme. In this instance there were several men on the visiting team who failed to show the form established by them in many competitions on the other side. W. E. Lutyens, the noted Cambridge miler, who had frequently run under 4 minutes 20 seconds, was beaten off by Connell, and F. S. Horan, who before leaving England had run the three miles at the intervarsity sports in the record time for those sports, 14 minutes 44 3-5 seconds, was beaten in more than one minute slower time. Mendelsohn, the broad jumper, Downer, the sprinter, and others performed far worse than in England, while those who held their form or improved, met unusually fine athletes and were defeated.

There was no further international match until Harvard and Yale took a picked team to England two years ago for the competition which led to the return match scheduled for next Wednesday. Judged by previous performances, the Americans had a great chance to win, but two of the best men, Tom Burke of Harvard and Dixon Boardman of Yale, were affected by the change of climate. Burke could not make a decent fight for the half-mile, which he should have won easily, and Boardman was beaten after a good race in the quarter-mile. The English universities won the match by five events to four.

For the contest now arranged the Englishmen have adopted different tactics and by training at Montreal, where the climate is more like that of England, they appear to have reached a state of perfection which seriously threatens the supremacy of the Harvard-Yale team. Several of them have done even better than they did in England and the only ray of hope for the American universities is in the fact that up to the present time L. J. Cornish, the strongest man in two of the doubtful events, has not come up to the records made by him on the other side in the quarter-mile run and the broad jump.

The match between the English universities and McGill College at Montreal last Saturday is the basis for estimating the strength of the Britishers. It was expected that they would win this contest easily, but the overwhelming character of the victory, 8 events to 1, and the five individual performances make their chance of victory over Harvard and Yale appear better than when they left home. A. E. Hind, the Cambridge sprinter, won the 100-yard dash in 10 2-5 seconds. This is not as fast as he is credited with running in England, where once in a race and once in a trial he is said to have run the distance in 9 4-5 seconds. It shows, however, that the crack sprinter is in fair form, and with another week's work he should be equal to at least a fifth of a second faster time than he made at Montreal.

According to Americans who have seen Hind run in England, he is a poor man at a pinch. In spite of his fast trials in practice he was beaten a yard last year by C. R. Thomas, the Oxford sprinter, in the intervarsity games. Hind is also a cricketer of note and one man who saw the annual match between Oxford and Cambridge this season said that Hind's work in the field at critical moments practically lost his side the match. He missed a catch at one time and caused another fielder to miss the same man later. The Oxford batsmen, thus twice let off, carried out his bat for 100 runs and saved the day for the Dark Blue.

To even matters up in the "hundred," the Americans will also have to depend largely on a rather uncertain performer. N. H. Hargrave won the 100 yards at the Harvard-Yale meet in 10 seconds, but though he won his heat at the Intercollegiates, he failed to get placed in the second trials. Lightner is far more consistent, for he was second both at the Harvard-Yale meet and the intercollegiate games. In his trial heat on the latter occasion he made 10 1-5 seconds rather easily. Haigh, the other Harvard candidate, was beaten in the heat for second men in 10 2-5 seconds. The situation appears to be that if Hargrave is good enough to beat Lightner in the Harvard-Yale trials to-morrow the Americans will have a good chance to win the initial event in the international meet, otherwise the chances appear to be in favor of the Englishmen.

The quarter-mile run has from the first been considered one of the most doubtful events, and it is much in favor of the Americans that this was the only race which the Englishmen did not win at Montreal. J. D. Morrow of McGill finished first, R. W. Barclay of Cambridge, second, and L. J. Cornish of Oxford, third, in 50 3-5 seconds. At the intervarsity sports Cornish beat Barclay and he has the better record of the two, having won a quarter early in March of this year in 50 2-5 seconds. This time, made when track and weather could not be favorable to fast time, has caused Cornish to be considered the most dangerous factor in the race. It was thought that if this country agreed with him, he would travel under 50 seconds. That he has not materialized is believed to be a great point, as outside of Boardman, who is brilliant at times, the Americans have a consistent performer in F. C. Rust of Harvard.

Boardman a year ago beat "Maxey" Long in 49 3-5 seconds. In the early part of this season he ran 220 yards in 22 1-5 seconds and a quarter in 50 4-5 seconds. Then he broke down and could not compete in the intercollegiate games. His only public appearance since was at the world's championships at Buffalo on Sept. 6 and 7, when he won the quarter in 51 2-5 seconds. The Yale managers say that he is fit, and according to the latest plan he will be allowed on the team without a trial. In case Boardman does not come up to expectations Rust should be able to beat the Englishmen if they do not improve on their work at Montreal. He finished second to W. J. Holland in the Intercollegiate quarter last spring and in his trial heat won in the fast time of 50 1-5 seconds. Mr. Wendell of Harvard states that Rust will clip a fifth of a second off this time at the international meet.

The half-mile may be dismissed in few words, for, barring accidents, it is almost a certainty for the Rev. H. W. Workman of Cambridge, one of the best runners that ever studied at the university. If there is an American capable of pushing Workman it is probable that the world's record will be beaten, otherwise the Cambridge President may reserve his powers for the two-mile run in which he will also compete. Workman's best time previous to coming to this country was 1 minute 57 3-5 seconds, but the Canadian air appears to agree with him, as he has twice run under 1 minute 55 seconds. At Montreal last Saturday he won in 1 minute 54 4-5 seconds, with J. R. Cleave, the Oxford student, second. The Americans have not a man who has so far beaten 2 minutes. G. E. Behr, Jr., Harvard, E. B. Boynton, Harvard, and D. W. Franchot, Yale, finished in the order named at the Harvard-Yale games in 2 minutes 1 1-5 seconds. Only a yard and a half separated the trio, and to-morrow, with J. Hunter of Yale, they will race to see which two will win the honor of opposing Workman and Cleave.

F. G. Cockshott of Cambridge is believed to be as great a certainty in the mile, by those who know his form, as Workman is in the half. He won the one-mile championship of England in 4 minutes 21 seconds, with the track in poor condition. Charles H. Sherrill, the Yale graduate, who returned from England last Saturday, said that Secretary Charles Herbert of the English A. A. A., considers Cockshott the fastest amateur miler that England has ever had. It is said that before his championship race he ran a trial equal to 4 minutes 15 seconds, but was prevented by his college from running against the record at the London A. C. games, shortly before he came here. Cockshott did a mile at Montreal on Sept. 7 in 4 minutes 24 2-5 seconds and won last Saturday in 4 minutes 26 seconds, which is fast enough to show that he is in form.

H. B. Clark appears to be the best of the American team. The Harvard men think that he will never have a chance against Cockshott. He won the one-mile at the Harvard-Yale meet in 4 minutes 29 2-5 seconds, and at the intercollegiate games, on a track that was several seconds slow, he won in 4 minutes 31 1-5 seconds. Clark runs very low to the ground, and though he wastes no effort, his stride seems a little short. His arm action is easy and he seems to be in fine condition. Though apparently capable of knocking several seconds off his record, few judges of form believe him good enough to trouble the Englishman.

Workman will be the mainstay of the English team in the two miles. He has not tried that distance since his arrival, but although his long distance work on the other side was chiefly in three-mile races, he has on three occasions covered the distance in about 9 minutes 53 seconds. It is known that this is not anywhere near his limit and it is generally expected that the Cambridge President will lower the long standing American record of 9 minutes 32 seconds made by W. D. Day. For this event Yale will have B. G. Teel, who won the two-mile at the Harvard-Yale meet in 9 minutes 55 4-5 seconds. The choice for the two Harvard men is between O. W. Richardson, E. W. Mills and C. J. Swan. The former is said to be the best man when in condition, but he has been indisposed this week. Richardson was second to Teel at the Harvard-Yale meet, while Mills was second and Swan fourth in the two-mile at the intercollegiate games, when Gallagher of Cornell won in 10 minutes 10 3-5 seconds on a sloppy track. The chances of an American victory in this event are, however, very slim.

G. R. Garnier of Oxford is another man who has improved by the trip across the water. In the intervarsity meet he won the 120-yard hurdle race in 17 seconds, but at Montreal on last Saturday he went "over the sticks" in 16 1-5 seconds, with E. Allcock of Cambridge second. This is tip-top form for the Englishman, and it may be possible that he has enough up his sleeve to cause an upset at the international meet, though the race is thought to be an almost sure thing for Harvard and Yale. Clapp of Yale was rated as a phenomenal hurdler when he came out as a freshman last spring. He was beaten by Hallowell at the Harvard-Yale meet, but won at the intercollegiate, running his trial heat in 15 4-5 seconds. J. H. Converse of Harvard was a good second to Clapp, and either should be good enough to win in the big meet.

In the field events the Englishmen's chances have been bettered by the great change in form of G. Howard Smith, the "Cantab," who was first in the intervarsity sports with 5 feet 10¼ inches. In his winning jump at Montreal he cleared 6 feet, while Henderson of Oxford got over 5 feet 10 inches. Though Smith's latest jump stamps him as the best performer the English universities have had for years, he has some great men to meet here. Spraker, if in form, can clear 6 feet 2½ inches, while the three Harvard men, who will be tried out to-day, Rotch, Ellis and Kernan, can each clear 6 feet, so that the preponderance of form is in favor of the Americans. The only slip up may occur if Spraker is not fit, and the evident desire of Yale to get him in the competition without a trial may indicate that he is not so sure as usual.

Another improvement by the visitors is noticeable in the hammer throwing. E. E. May of Oxford, who had thrown only 119 feet 11 inches in England, won last Saturday with 123 feet. Stillman of Yale and Boal of Harvard have each sent the missle over 140 feet. These two men have only been with the team a few days, but if only in medium form they should win the event.

The turning point of the games may be in the broad jump, which is a decidedly open event. Cornish, the hope of the Englishmen, was equal to 22 feet 5 inches last spring, but at Montreal his winning effort was 21 feet 2 inches. On the other hand, Spraker is said to have jumped 23 feet in practice recently. Too much confidence cannot be placed in this, as before the Harvard-Yale games the Yale man was said to be doing great work, but he failed to make good and J. H. Shirk won for Harvard with 21 feet 11 inches. A. W. Ristine, the other Harvard man, who will take part in the trials to-day, was second at the intercollegiate with 21 feet 9 inches. The best that can be said about this event at the international meet is that it is a toss-up, with Harvard and Yale, having two good men against one for Oxford and Cambridge. Much will depend on the form shown in the Harvard-Yale trials to-day.

NO ROBERTS-McGOVERN FIGHT.

English Champion Cables That He Will Not Come on Wild-Goose Chase.

Sam Fitzpatrick stated yesterday that the match between Roberts, the English champion, and Terry McGovern is off, and that if Terry wants to fight Roberts he will have to go to England and meet the Englishman at the National Sporting Club. Roberts had agreed to come to this country under the management of Fitzpatrick to meet McGovern, and arrangements were made for the pair to meet at Hartford. Everything went along smoothly until about two weeks ago, when the managers of the Hartford Club announced that McGovern would fight one of four men there on Thanksgiving Day. The men named were Dave Sullivan, Kid Broad, Young Corbett and Roberts. When Fitzpatrick heard of this he wrote to Sam Harris, McGovern's manager, for an explanation and received a letter in reply stating that Roberts would be preferred if Fitzpatrick could guarantee that the English champion would be here in time to fight on Thanksgiving Day.

The news that Roberts had been put in a bunch of four others as a probable antagonist of McGovern put a different complexion on the affair in England, and Roberts cabled to Dr. Ordway yesterday to the effect that he would not take the trip to America on a wild-goose chase, that it does not appear as though McGovern wishes to meet him, and that if he does he will have to go to England to do so.

Road Drivers' Officials to Meet To-night.

A meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Road Drivers' Association will be held at the Hotel Rossmore this evening at 8 o'clock. A complete report of the finances of the association, further details of a matinee to be held at the Empire City track and action on the resignation of Dr. H. H. Kane as President, are matters that will be carefully considered.

PLANS FOR FOOTBALL SEASON.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE MADE UP.

Second Game Will Be With Princeton —Columbia Matches Will Be Played on Polo Grounds—No Head Coach for Yale This Year—Practice of the Tigers.

New York University will be represented by a strong football team this fall if the present prospects count for anything. Capt. L. G. Blunt, '02, has issued the call for candidates to report at University Heights on Monday afternoon. As the university will not open till Wednesday, it is highly improbable that any but the old players will report on Monday. D. Rorke of the Crescent A. C. of Brooklyn, will probably coach the team while F. H. Cann, the physical director, will act as trainer. Following the custom adopted last year a training table will be established in the dining hall in the basement of the gymnasium. Capt. Blunt expects the following members of last year's team to report: Weinburger and Backora, centre, Cleverdon, '02, E. A. Moore, '03, Tuthill, '01, Clarke, '04, Lyon, '04, backs, Weil, '03, Silleck, '04, Johnston, '04, ends, Griffen '03, Connely, '04, tackles, Marsten, '04, guard. A canvass of the entering class shows considerable promising material.

This year the team will lose the services of some of its best players, Rorke at quarter, Hadley and Brehnan from behind the line, Young and Cornell ends, and Fernald, guard. Only light work will be indulged in during the first week.

Manager C. L. Thorne, '02, has prepared a good schedule for the season and this year, for the first time, N. Y. U. will meet one of the "Big Four" on the gridiron. The season will open on Oct. 5 with a practice game with Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, and on Oct. 9 the team will meet Princeton at Princeton. The remaining dates are:

Oct. 19, St. Stephen's College, at Ohio Field. 26, Rutgers College, at New Brunswick. Nov. 2, Seton Hall College, at Ohio Field. 9, Trinity College, at Hartford. 16, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Ohio Field. 23, Union College, at Ohio Field. 28, Rochester University, at Rochester.

Manager Dana of the Columbia football team was in the city on Wednesday and said that in all probability the Blue and White eleven would play its home games this season at the Polo Grounds. He had a talk with the New York Baseball Club officials about the matter. "The gridiron will be laid out between the two bleacher stands if we go to the Polo Grounds and spectators will have a better opportunity for seeing the play than at Manhattan Field," said Mr. Dana. "Spectators in the grandstand will have the whole field spread out before them, as the playing field will extend lengthwise from bleacher to bleacher. The Polo Grounds is higher than Manhattan Field and the turf is better. The present stands are ample to accommodate the crowds, and the side of the field opposite the grandstand will be used for the coaches and substitutes. We will do some work on the Polo Grounds, dividing the practice between that and South Field. It is expected that eight of last year's Columbia 'Varsity men will be on hand again this fall, making the outlook for another strong team good. Morley, the line-smashing half back, is now on his way East and will play again. The other veterans are Weekes, Berrien, Sykes, Van Hoevenberg, Bruce, Austin and Smith. As a quarter back Columbia men consider Sykes next to Daly, last year's Harvard star, in ability. He is counted on to play the season through. With Weekes and Morley to boot the ball, little apprehension is felt that the kicking department will not be capably attended to.

Inquiry among Yale football men in this city brings out the fact that there may be no regular head coach this season who will be on hand every day, such as McBride last year. Ex-Capt. Brown, the great guard, of Yale elevens for the last four years, says positively that he could not accept the position of head coach. "I told them that three months ago," he said. "Who will they get? That's more than I know." Frank Butterworth, the crack full back of several years ago and who helped make the green team of '97 a winner, is one of those who will come to Yale this fall to assist in giving some coaching every fall and is as good a coach as he was a player. "I suppose the graduates are too busy to give all their time to coaching," he remarked the other day. "Walter Camp lives in New Haven and the team will have the benefit of his advice and it may be that he will drift into the position of head coach. Capt. Gould has the entire say in the matter. The fact is the place of head coach is an institution of the last few years only and it doesn't matter so much whether there is one or not, if other coaches can be had in sufficient number. They are as essential and I think Yale will have them. It is hard to tell much about the outlook for a team yet. Different things may arise to keep men counted on from playing. It looks as if there would be strong line material in Yale and altogether the situation is such that I see nothing to cry about in the outlook."

Bloomer, the great tackle of last year's Yale eleven is back in New Haven where it is said he is studying for examinations which he must pass before getting into practice. It is also reported of Bloomer that he has agreed to the faculty that if taken back into his class, he will not try for the 'Varsity eleven, and that he will play on the scub team. In the meantime a candidate has appeared who is regarded as a second Bloomer, the same being Hogan, from Exeter Academy. Hogan weighs 190 pounds and in addition to being big is fast. There seems to be little doubt that the Blue will have a line to compare favorably with the powerful line of last year back of the line there is more uncertainty. One thing badly needed is a punter. Benham, the little end rush, who played against West Point last year, is being tried at quarter back this season.

A candidate for quarter back has turned up at the University of Pennsylvania, who is considered a likely man. He is John Large from Episcopal Academy. Kicking strength is beginning to manifest itself in the Quaker camp. Three men, Dale, Snook and Sloan, are pronounced better kickers than any member of last year's eleven.

PRINCETON, Sept. 19.—The Tigers had their third practice of the season yesterday afternoon in a drizzling rainstorm. Nearly all the veterans who had not put in an appearance during the first two days reported on the field, making the total number of candidates about forty-five. Only three or four freshmen are included in this squad, and when the remaining players from the incoming class report on Friday it is expected that the number of candidates will be about sixty. The work was confined mostly to light drills in running through formations. Edwards, guard and captain of the 1900 team, was on the ground assisting Head Coach Lea. Hillebrand, who was expected to join the coaching staff, will not be here, having signed with the Naval cadets again this year. Addison Kelly, the noted line-breaking half back, will arrive the week, and Johnny Baird, quarter back on the '97 eleven, will come to town next Monday. Armstrong, the great guard, and Jesse Biggs, another old guard, will join the squad later.

Football Notes.

The new material at Princeton, it is said, is not any too promising. Barney of Andover has showed up fairly well and may prove a valuable man, but other new men, according to one account, seem to be lacking in both weight and capability.

Manager Walker of Swarthmore College has arranged the following games: Sept. 28, Chester ex-High School, at Swarthmore. Oct. 5, Ursinus College, at Swarthmore. 9, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. 12, Delaware College, at Swarthmore. 16, Lehigh, at South Bethlehem. 19, Rutgers, at Swarthmore. 26, St. John's College, at Annapolis. 30, Pennsylvania Military College, at Swarthmore. Nov. 2, Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster. 9, Dickinson, at Carlisle. 23, Haverford, at Haverford.

Philadelphia "Colts" Against English Cricketers To-day.

The opening game of B. J. T. Bosanquet's English cricket team will be played to-day on the grounds of the Philadelphia Cricket Club at Wissahickon Heights. This match will be against eighteen "colts" of the Quaker City and will be the original game which was postponed for a week out of respect for the late President. The Philadelphians will present a strong front, and as the juniors have been practising for this match all summer, it is expected that they will make a good showing against their distinguished opponents. The team will be as follows:

A. C. Wood, Jr., C. B. Wallace and D. A. Roberts, Moorestown C. C.; C. C. Morris, W. M. Medlee, R. H. Patton, H. A. Haines and F. C. Sharpless, Merion C. C.; P. N. LeRoy, J. L. Patterson, A. G. Scattergood and R. C. Sheridan, Philadelphia C. C.; G. Pearson, G. H. White, R. White and F. Newhall, German town C. C., and W. D. Bates, Belfield C.

Capt. Bosanquet has announced that his team will be B. J. T. Bosanquet, V. F. S. Crawford, F. Mitchell, E. M. Dowson, R. E. Moore, E. R. Wilson, P. R. Johnson, A. M. Hollins, I. A. Larkin, W. E. Harrison and R. O. Schwarz.

So many changes have been made in the schedule that it is not definitely known yet on what date the New York game is to be played. As originally arranged it was to take place on Sept. 25 and 26, but at the request of the Associated Cricket Clubs of Philadelphia it was changed to Oct. 2 and 3. It has since been learned that a further change has been made, but at last accounts the Knickerbocker A. C., under whose auspices the match is to be played here, had not learned of it.

OXFORD ATHLETE HURT.

'Varsity Team Arrives at Berkeley Oval and Begins Practising.

The advance guard of the Oxford and Cambridge athletic team that is to compete against Harvard and Yale on Wednesday arrived at Berkeley Oval from Montreal yesterday afternoon and took up their quarters with the Harvard team.

The men at once stripped and went out on the track for a spin. It was an unlucky beginning of their work at the Oval, for an accident happened to L. J. Cornish that may seriously affect the chances of the visitors. The Oxford man, who is booked to run in the quarter-mile as well as to compete in the broad jump, started to run around the track. He was going at a fast gait, and when turning strode too close to the edge of the track. The curb is high and as Cornish stepped on it he stumbled and fell in a heap on the track. His companions reached his side in a moment and carried him into the clubhouse, where it was found that his knee was badly wrenched by the fall. It was impossible to tell last night whether the accident will prevent Cornish competing, but it is certain that he will have to let up in his work a little. This in itself is a disadvantage to the visitors, as Cornish is one of the men that needs work, he not having shown the same improvement in form that some of the other members of the team have. He is practically the only man on the Oxford and Cambridge team that has a chance against the Americans in the broad jump, and as this is considered one of the doubtful events every one interested in the match hopes that the injury will not be sufficient to keep him out of the contests. The others did only easy work. Cleave jogged half a mile and Cockshott ran three-quarters at a fair pace. Churchill ran about 50 yards several times and Smith had a few trials at the high jump. The Harvard men indulged in similar work. The other members of the English team are expected to arrive to-morrow.

The visitors were cordially received by Capt. J. G. Willis of Harvard and made to feel as much at home as possible. Those in the party are: A. E. Hind, Cambridge, 100-yard runner; F. G. Cockshott, Cambridge, one-mile runner; J. R. Cleave, Oxford, half-mile runner; G. Howard Smith, Cambridge, high jumper; J. Churchill, Cambridge, 100-yard runner; L. J. Cornish, Oxford, quarter-mile runner and broad jumper. The others in the team remained over at Montreal in honor of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall.

BIG TROTTERS TO RACE.

Cresceus and The Abbot Meet To-morrow for Lawson's $20,000 Purse.

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—Articles of agreement for a race between The Abbot and Cresceus, to be decided at Readville on Saturday, were signed this afternoon. Should it rain on Saturday, Ed. Geers and Mr. Ketcham have made a verbal agreement that the race will be carried over to Monday. The match was proposed by Mr. Ketcham and it took only a few minutes for Geers to agree to the proposition. The Breeders' Association, however, was not sure that Mr. Ketcham really meant business this time and it took some discussion to convince the directors. J. Malcolm Forbes, who has been greatly incensed at the action of the owner of Cresceus, had to be prevailed upon to have the match come off at Readville.

John J. Scannell, the owner of The Abbot, arrived here early this morning. He went to Readville at once and witnessed Geers work out his gelding. He remained about the track for several hours and then came back to Boston. The first information he had of the match was late in the afternoon when he received a telephone message to go to Readville. It was agreed that the horses should trot for the purse of $20,000 offered by Thomas W. Lawson, and that the race should consist of the best three heats in five.

Mr. Ketcham issued a statement this evening in answer to the one from Mr. Lawson, published this morning. He says the reason he did not want to race The Abbot on Friday was because a letter sent him by Mr. Lawson, in which the latter inquired him to hold off until the Herr-Boralma-Cresceus match had been settled. To a reporter this evening Mr. Ketcham explained how he happened to tell J. Malcolm Forbes to visit a winner in Boston.

"I was in my room here," he said, "when a boy came up and told me that George Hall desired to speak to me from the Readville track. I suspected that he wanted me to go out for dinner and drink a lot of wine. I was particularly opposed to doing this. Two or three times the boy came up and said that Hall insisted upon my coming to the phone. The next time the boy came I was taking a bath, and being somewhat wearied at the constant calls I told the boy to tell them they could all go to hell. At that time I did not know that J. Malcolm Forbes was at the other end of the wire. I understand that Mr. Forbes, being a thorough gentleman, was greatly grieved at my remark. Howland Russell saw me later on and asked me what I meant by the remark made over the wire. I explained just how it happened, and when I saw Mr. Forbes at the track to-day I told him also and he accepted my apology."

First Day's Racing at the Suffolk County Fair.

RIVERHEAD, Sept. 19.—Racing began to-day at the forty-ninth annual fair of the Suffolk County Agricultural Society. The track has been practically rebuilt at the cost of over $3,000. Every one of to-day's events was well contested and furnished plenty of excitement for one of the largest attendances that ever witnessed a similar event in eastern Long Island. The event of the day was the 2:19 pace. It was unfinished, owing to darkness. Summaries:

2.30 class, trotting, purse $250.

Red Line, b. g. (McKinney)	1	1	1	
Lee Cuyler, b. g. (Post)	2	2	3	
Lill, b. m. (Beck)	3	3	2	
Charlie H., br. g. (Downs)	4	4	5	
Rattler, ch. s. (Hendricksen)	8	5	4	
Little Tide, b. g. (Hollenbeck)	6	6	6	
Miss Kerker, b. m. (Smith)	5	7	8	
Index, ch. g. (Gibson)	7	8	7	

Time—2:27, 2:26, 2:27¼.

2.40 class, pacing, purse $200.

Easter, ch. g. (Williamson)	1	1	1	
Harry Madden, g. g. (Fergus)	2	2	5	
Randy Lee, ch. g. (Howland)	3	4	2	
Billy G., b. g. (Rhodes)	5	3	3	
Maud M., ch. m. (Roecker)	4	5	2	

Time—2:24¼, 2:27¼, 2:26¾.

2.19 class, pacing, purse $500 (unfinished).

Rosie Wilkes, blk. m. (Howland)	1	5	1	2	2
Debutante, blk. m. (Murphy)	2	1	5	3	1
Bedeye, b. g. (Hendrickson)	6	3	3	1	4
Nymph, b. m. (Post)	3	2	6	5	3
Minnie W., br. m. (Nagle)	5	6	2	4	dr.
Marianna, blk. m. (Davis)	4	4	4		dr.

Time—2:25¼, 2:29¼, 2:26¾, 2:23¾, 2:27¾.

Memorial Service at Electric Park and Then Racing.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 19.—After a memorial service at the track at Electric Park to-day the trotting races were continued. The surprise of the day was the victory of Col. Wilkes in the 2:24 trot. Summaries:

2.19 class, trotting, purse $500.

Austin Boy, b. g. by Red Heart (Lewis)	1	1	1		
C. F. J., b. g. (Aldrich)	2	2	2		
Ambo, gr. m. (Lyman)	3	3	8		
Hats Aria, gr. g. (Smith)	6	6	3		
Elenor, br. g. (Staten)	4	4	4		
Windsor, ch. g. (Merritt)	5	5	7		
Roberts, b. m. (Heatschell)	7	6	5		
Hannah D., ch. m. (Rumsey)	8	7	6		
Utopia, ch. g. (Seely)	10	9	dis		
King Cecil, blk. g. (Tyson)	9	dis.			

Time—2:20¼, 2:20, 2:16¼.

2.18 class, pacing, purse $1,000.

Dick See, b. s. by Tennessee Wilkes (Lyman)	2	1	1	1
Capt. Brino, blk. s. (Kennedy)	1	2	2	3
Lucy Posey, ch. m. (Brown)	3	3	3	2
Master Gilbert, b. g. (Lang)	4	4	dis	

Time—2:12¼, 2:11, 2:13¼, 2:13¼.

2.24 class, trotting, purse $500.

Col. Wilkes, b. g. by Gall Wilkes (Bryan)	7	1	1	1	
Silk Lace, blk. m. (Terrill)	2	2	2	2	
Josh, b. g. (Clayton)	3	3	5	6	
Del, b. g. (Tubbs)	5	5	4	4	
Mera, blk. m. (Biggs)	9	7	8	3	
Hoke, br. g. (Leary)	4	8	7	5	
Wyomede Maid, b. m. (Smith)	6	6	6	7	
Fern Arthur, ch. m. (Rogers)	8	4	3	8	
Happy Jack, b. g. (Jamieson)	1	dis			
Aladdin, ch. g. (Merritt)	10	dis.			

Time—2:21¼, 2:19¾, 2:20¾, 2:22.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

There is a letter at this office for J. W. Munroe (athlete).

All Intelligent Women should read the Knickerbocker Girl published Wednesdays and Saturdays in THE EVENING SUN. Society and fashion are leading features.—Adv.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

ROAD RIDERS HALT WITH THE CARS TO SHOW RESPECT.

Impressive Scene at a Point Where Many Thousand Cyclists Pass—A Week of Racing Between Star Professionals —"Double Point" Meets Justified.

On the good roads yesterday there was as big a crowd of cyclists out as there is on Sundays, but it was a very different sort of a crowd. It was more polite. The hoodlum element was missing. There was no need for the police to look out for scorchers on that favorite scorching ground, the paths to Coney Island. The riders went along with dignity and decorum, and when the switch was turned that caused the trolley cars to stop, at 3:30 o'clock, the majority dismounted. A great many riders were in a neighborhood where no cars stopped and no clocks were in sight. Not knowing the time had arrived when the pulse of the nation's sordid activity was to pause while its Chief was placed in the tomb they rode on, but there were impressive scenes at other places nearer the heart of the city. On the Boulevard, uptown, the wheelmen stepped off and joined the standers on the curbs and waited till the cars started. At the Willink entrance of Prospect Park officially designated as Gate Two, there was an affecting picture. At that place five lines of cars meet, and there several thousand wheelmen turn the corner during the afternoon to follow the path on the outside of Prospect Park to the Coney Island road. Going or coming, in four directions, there were eleven cars brought to a halt within sight of this corner at 3:30 o'clock. The cyclists, men and women, understood and dismounted. Soon there were 100 wheel riders standing along the curb at the corner of Flatbush and Ocean avenues. Some rode on indifferently, among the few a motor bicyclist. There were others, though, who did not wait to get to the corner where the crowd was, and in each direction from this angle of the Park enclosure a dozen bicycle riders could be seen standing at ease against the fence. The halted life at this place was not reverent enough to uncover until the example was set by a car conductor, and then his example was followed by others, including one policeman.

Always in the history of the sport it has been recognized that the track racing fraternity has been organized and recruited from the ranks of the "road scorchers." This is the natural evolution of the sport. Never before though has any distinctive organization of road riders begun to cut as much figure on the track as during this season. The Century Road Club Association, with such representatives as Tom Hall, Gus Egloff, George Laurie and others, has been demonstrating that not only stamina but also speed is developed in the ranks of its century riders. The road club men who have been riding on the tracks for the last two months have done some excellent work and won a number of prizes. There is a strong esprit de corps manifest between them and their riding is full of promise.

Now that the circuit meets for the championship points are over, the best of the professional riders will begin to look for pursuit paces they may be in. In this district the best racing of the season is yet to be seen. It will be between the winners and the losers. Both will try, as the sporting phrase goes, to "make good." At the Vailsburg track races will be run every Sunday, when the weather permits, until Oct. 1. At Madison Square Garden it has been arranged to wind up the season of the indoor track with races every night next week. Tomorrow night at the Garden the "pros" are to meet in two races, a mile handicap and a five-mile scratch. The latter, paced by single motor cycles, will be run in heats and ten will qualify for the final. Bobby Walthour expressed surprise that Jimmy Michael beat him in the race Wednesday evening at the Garden. When he realized that the Midget cut deep into the indoor record to gain the victory he took his defeat gracefully, and at once set out to get himself into shape for his race against Jimmy, which is to take place at the Garden to-morrow evening. In this race a change in the distance has been agreed upon, and instead of going fifteen miles straightway Michael and Walthour will ride two mile heats, best two in three. By this arrangement Michael is placed at a disadvantage, because Walthour is a sprint rider and the little Welshman is not. Walthour is good at five miles while Michael is better at twenty-five. It seems hardly a fair proposition when the past performances of both men are considered. At any rate a victory by Walthour in this race will not wipe out his defeat by Michael on Wednesday night.

The justification of "double-point" races for the conclusion of the national circuit meet never was made more obvious than this year. "Major" Taylor, who last year won the championship, with Kramer second, was ill and unable to attend a number of meets at which he might have won the usual four points for finishing first and Kramer jumped far to the front. In the last week of the circuit the double-point races gave a chance to Taylor to redeem himself and at a time when he had laid off long enough to be in first-rate riding form. He had the chance in three races to gain all he had lost while ill and win out. He did not succeed in doing so and Kramer is the champion, but the circumstance answers the criticisms of those who object to "double-point" races.

HARNESS HORSE GOSSIP.

Classes for Mineola's Meeting Fill Well and Good Races Expected.

All the events programmed for the Mineola meeting, which begins next Tuesday, filled well and interesting series of races are assured. Three events are on the card for each day, with the exception of Tuesday, when the 3:00 county trot, 2:25 trot and high jumping class, for gentlemen riders, will be decided. The 2:30 trot, 2:21 trot and 2:30 pace are on the card for Wednesday, and in addition, two good classes, that for best pair of carriage horses and best mare or gelding shown to runabout, will be judged in the horse show ring. Thursday's programme is made up of the 2:25 pace, free-for-all pace and 2:17 trot, together with several good horse show classes. On Friday, in addition to the show classes, the 2:35 trot, the roadster race and the 2:20 pace will be decided. Special attractions are also billed for each day.

James Murphy, the Chicago road driver, former owner of the champion pacer, Star Pointer, 1:59¾, reached here this week with his string of roadsters for the fall and winter driving on the Speedway.

The heavy harness horse business promises to be lively this season. James Heffernan, who recently returned from a trip up the State looking for material for this market, said yesterday that good carriage horses were very scarce and the demand for them far exceeded the supply. He could not find, in any of the breeding centres visited by him, very many animals of the character fancied by New York buyers. In his entire trip he succeeded in picking up only a few high-class ones.

The announcement that a matinée meeting was to be held at the Empire City track has excited the interest of amateur drivers in every city in the vicinity of New York. The committee having the meeting in charge received letters every day from out-of-town road drivers who wish to be represented in the entry list. A number of horses have already been sent to the Empire track to be prepared for the matinée. Jack Curry returned to the track a few days ago with several horses he had been campaigning, some of whom will be started at the matinée, among them the sensational pacing mare Onoto, owned by Samuel McMillen, former Park Commissioner. Metallas, the horse whom Nick Hubinger bought at a long price after his win at Windsor, has been retired from the turf until next season.

Gossip of the Ring.

"Colored Mississippi," a clever bantam, who used to box at the old Greenwood A. C., South Brooklyn, has been matched to box young Dixon of Brooklyn in private for twenty rounds. The weight is 110 pounds, weigh in at 10 o'clock. The date is Sept. 23.

George Beisers, the clever colored middleweight of Boston, in answer to the defi of Charley O'Rourke, also from Boston, writes as follows: "O'Rourke can have a match, if he is looking for it. Let him post a forfeit and state the time when a match can be made. He will find out that I will be in fit ready to do business."

Johnny Mack has received an offer to take both Danny Duane and Tommy Hogan of Chicago to San Francisco. Alec Greggains, matchmaker of the San Francisco A. C., wishes to put the pair against men in their respective classes. Mack has the offer under consideration, as he expects to get some matches for his protégés in the East.

At Astoria, one the other night, Martin Denny, the lightweight champion of Australia, fought a twenty round draw with Kid Lee of San Francisco. Denny's performance was a poor one and many of his friends expected him to win. Lee made a good showing. He says he is coming East to try and get on engagements.

Tim Heggerty, the Australian featherweight champion, is still at San Francisco. Heggerty's injured left hand, which forced him to call off his match with Tommy Dixon, is well and the antipodean is itching for a fight. Heggerty says that he will tackle Call