GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED AT THE BENNINGS TRACK.

Trainers Are Busy at Sheepshead Bay and Gravesend—Steeplechasers May Go to England—Row at Charleston—Leigh's Stud of English Horses Here.

Two weeks from to-morrow the racing season will open in the East with the spring meeting of the Washington Jockey Club at Bennings. Many horses that have been racing this winter at New Orleans and San Francisco will be seen at Bennings, together with racers now being trained at local tracks. Judging from the list of entries the Washington meeting will be more interesting than ever before. The recent heavy storms have made it a difficult matter to get the Bennings track in shape for early training gallops, but it is hoped that fair weather will prevail during this week and next so that there may be no more drawbacks for the track superintendent. The many improvements begun last winter at Bennings, including the new grand stand, have been completed and the track will probably be pronounced one of the best-appointed race courses in America. The grand stand has had many improvements. The betting ring has been widened its entire length so that crowding will be unusual unless on state occasions. A new field stand has been erected and it is so situated that every part of the track may be seen from it. The clubhouse, Secretary's office and jockeys' room have all been lavishly equipped. The allotment of weights for the Bennings Spring Handicaps has caused general satisfaction and some high-class sport as a result is looked for. Odom, Burns, Wonderly, Cochran, Lyne, Shaw and other noted jockeys have engagements to ride at Bennings, which is an indication that a number of the big stables will be represented.

With the close of the Bennings meeting, New York will become the Mecca for turfmen, for the Aqueduct meeting will open on April 15. Then New Yorkers will be able to get the first real line on the two-year-old division, as it is the intention of many owners to start their youngsters at this track, which, by the way, has been greatly improved by the widening of the turns and the backstretch. Aqueduct will put the racing season here in full swing and serve as an appetizer for the royal sport to follow at the larger tracks.

The trainers will put in a busy week down at Sheepshead and Gravesend. In spite of the heavy snowstorms of late they have been compelled to work their horses just the same owing to the lateness of the season. On Saturday the track at Sheepshead Bay was sloppy, but it did not prevent Trainer Peter Wimmer from putting Garry Herrmann, Hyphen, Blackmore and others through easy gallops. Garry Herrmann, the much-talked-of Western colt, has made an excellent impression on the rail birds so far and seems to show no traces of last year's break-down. Hyphen, it is believed, has developed into a fine three-year-old. Last season this colt seemed to be in a streak of ill luck. Trainer Frank Brown, who is looking after P. H. McCarren's horses, had work out out not only for the older horses, Peninsula, Bluff and Senator Sullivan, but also a lot of good-looking two-year-olds, including a bay filly by Ben Brush—Bessie Lee B. Trainer W. O. Scully's youngsters were also out, including Black Hussar, by St. George—Marie Jansen, a brother to the good colt Black Fox. John Tabor showed Astor and Raffaelle, also the two-year-olds George W. Dash, by Esher—Palmetto, and Star of the Sea, by Esher—Across the Sea, both candidates for the Double Event and other leading stakes. Trainer Frank McCabe allowed Far Rockaway, Presumption and Basuto to exercise in the open, while the two-year-olds Pan Lupin and Pan Zaglaba, both by Faraday, got easy gallops.

At Gravesend on Saturday morning there was considerable animation both on the slush-covered track and along the Coney Island Boulevard. Trainer William Hueston was out in the morning with Lady Holyrood, Patronymic, Cocoaine, Freeship, Counterpoise and Veloz, a fine big colt by Hamburg—Faraway, who seems to be a mere sired sire very much and who has made a most favorable impression with turfmen who have seen him work. Frank Taylor was out with Fort Wayne, Hoboken, Gatien Belle and Rockford, a two-year-old chestnut colt by Sir Modred—Hortense, who, if looks count for anything, may be classed as up to snake form. Newton Bennington's Kilogram, Jack DeMund and a bunch of two-year-olds were also worked. Jack DeMund has improved over his two-year-old form and looks as if he might be heard from in some of the races this year. Father Bill Daly showed old Alsike and a couple of sprightly two-year-olds on the track and Batha on the road. M. F. Dwyer's Trumpet and Ethics and the two-year-olds Michaelmas and Cenachan were worked by Trainer Dick Miller. Joe McClain had out P. J. Dwyer's horses, including Hackensack, Memphis Maid, Acrobat, Attorney and Lady Handspring. Clarence Hitchcock showed W. H. Barrick's two-year-olds to advantage, including Dr. Ranney, Latrobe, Osgood and Annie Russell. He also worked McMeekin, Criterion, Cornwall and McDowell.

Joseph L. Widener of Philadelphia may send a number of steeplechasers to England. His stable manager, J. Howard Lewis, Jr., has gone to the other side and will see, among other events, the Liverpool Grand National. If Mr. Lewis makes a favorable report it is said that Mr. Widener will send over next fall a strong stable of steeplechase thoroughbreds to compete in the Grand National of 1903. Among the steeplechasers and hurdlers in Mr. Widener's stable at present are Tullmiate, Miss Mitchell, Eophone, Valdez, Borodino and others. His regular jockey is James Mara.

The "outlaw" meeting at Charleston appears to be winding up in chaos. As if owners and bookmakers had not suffered enough already by the loss of money, there seems to be a tendency to indulge in "rough house" tactics at every opportunity. On Saturday there was a free fight at the post when the horses went there for the third race. Ned Williams, the assistant starter, accidentally struck Jockey David with his whip, and as the latter crawled out in pain his employer, J. Agnew, jumped on to the track and struck Williams a heavy blow in the mouth. Instantly all of the starter's assistants ran at Agnew and one of them, pulling a gun, was in the act of pointing it at his head when Starter Bruen grabbed the weapon and prevented bloodshed. The stewards took the matter in hand and ordered Agnew and his horses from the track. Other owners then declared that if this order was not rescinded they would not start their horses in any more races.

It is currently reported that Eugene Leigh is to form another thoroughbred stud at Lexington. This time it will be composed entirely of English mares and stallions. The plans for the venture have been kept closely guarded for some time past. According to those who are responsible for the story it is Leigh's belief that the English racehorse is superior to the American, but that at no place on earth does the thoroughbred thrive and grow to such perfection as in the West. So far Leigh has three stallions at McGrathiana Stud. They are Sempronius, King of Coins and McNell. Fourteen English mares have been sent to Lexington and are now quartered at one of H. P. Headley's places. It is said that Leigh intends to import sixty head altogether. The English horses are all that Leigh owns now and the produce of the mares will be raced abroad by him and his English partners.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—Following is the programme for the races here to-morrow:

First Race—Selling; one mile—Dan Paxton, 112; The Messenger, 112; Leando, 105; Rowdy G, 104; L. Pillot, Jr., 102; Top Boots, 102; Nannie J, 100; Terraline, 100; Juneetta, 100; Joe Collins, 99; Sir Kingston, 97; Beggar Lady, 97.

Second Race—Maiden two-year-olds—Four furlongs—Tom Maybin, 112; Miss Shamrock, 109; Eufaula, 109; Lurlighter, 109; Little Giant, 109; Lizzie Brooks, 109; Courage, 109; Impetuous, 109.

Third Race—Steeplechase; handicap; short course—Old Fox, 155; Sauber, 138; Torreon, 136; Ceylon, 133; Helen Paxton, 133; Cantadas, 132; Divertisement, 130.

Fourth Race—Handicap of one mile and a sixteenth—Felix Barb, 112; Love's Labor, 103; Lou Rey, 103; Balm of Gilead, 100; El Ghor, 97; Johnny McCarley, 92; Cheus, 87; Duke of Connaught, 85.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile and an eighth—Beans, 111; Avator, 109; Star Cotton, 108; Van Hoorebecke, 108; Deponan, 106; Henry of Franstamar, 106; Jena, 106; Big Injun, 105; Pay the Fiddler, 104; Meggs, 104; Little Lols, 98; Homage, 93.

Sixth Race—Selling; six furlongs—John Grigsby, 109; Fleuron, 106; Jerry Hunt, 105; Echo Dale, 105; Zack Ford, 104; Alpaca, 103; Velma Clark, 102; Sir Christopher, 100; Gracious, 98; Ante Up, 98; Divonne, 98; Likeness, 98.

Polo.

H. L. Herbert has announced that there will be tournaments under the Polo Association rules at Aiken, S. C., March 10 to 18; Camden, S. C., March 24 to 31, and at Lakewood (on the Georgian Court field), on April 28 to May 10. The annual meeting of the Polo Association will be at the Metropolitan Club Tuesday evening, April 15. A new rule up for discussion will prevent players entering for teams of a club of which they are not members.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

A. Hagerty Wins Point Competition of the St. George's A. C.

The fifth and last handicap run of the series inaugurated by the St. George's A. C. for point medals was held on Jerome avenue yesterday. The start was from 177th street and the course was along Jerome avenue to Mosholu Parkway and return, a distance of five miles. Interest in the result of the race centred chiefly in the Hagerty brothers and W. Wilson, the leader in the competition. The first three men finished as follows: W. Wilson, scratch, time, 30 minutes 5 seconds; J. Hagerty, 1 minute 40 seconds, 31 minutes 40 seconds; A. Hagerty, 1 minute 30 seconds, 31 minutes 55 seconds. The winner's time was the best performance recorded for the course since the inception of the run. On the basis of 5 points for first, 3 for second and 1 for third, those who tried for the prizes finished thus: A. Hagerty, first, with 17 points; J. Hagerty, second, with 15 points, and W. Wilson, third, with 14 points. Other athletes who scored in the competition were: E. Dyer, 12; H. Lersch, 6; J. Johnson, 4, and W. H. Maltbey, 4.

A strong contingent of Shamrock Harriers met at 177th street and Jerome avenue, and ran along the road to Mosholu Parkway and return. There were a few representatives from other clubs, but the entire pack was led by J. C. Chobosky. At the turning point Chobosky was in the van, with O'Neill and Turley in close company. On the way home there were some smart brushes between Holtoner, Dinkelspiel, Stuebentaker and Soutar. Three hundred yards from home the men let themselves out in earnest and it was a veritable plugging match to the finish. Chobosky finished first, his time for the five miles being 30 minutes 22 seconds. Holtoner, Shamrock Harriers, and Fleming, Young Men's Club of Harlem, had a close tussle for second place, honors going to the former by about a yard and a half. The others finished in the following order: G. H. O'Neill, St. Bartholomew A. C.; M. Dinkelspiel, J. Stuebentaker, J. Turley and A. Peifer, Shamrock Harriers; J. Soutar, Pastime A. C.; M. Judas, and V. Peifer, Shamrock Harriers; and D. Lynch, Shamrock Harriers.

Eighteen members of the Mohawk A. C. stripped for a "breeze" of five and a half miles from the clubhouse on Walton avenue to 184th street on Jerome avenue, and back over the same route. Andy McKeckne cut out the pace from the start and held the lead for the entire journey. He finished about five yards in front of the second man. His time was 33 minutes. The order of the first dozen runners was:

A. McKeckne, F. Hanlon, J. Donovan, A. Michel, T. McClelland, J. Taylor, T. Kirk, W. Melloy, T. Engleman, J. Webber, H. Dorr and G. Logan.

The Star A. C. members, fifteen in number, turned out for a canter at their headquarters on Vernon avenue, Long Island City. A course four and a half miles in length was mapped out in the direction of Celtic Park and over it the athletes sped regardless of slush and snow or other obstacles. It took the leader, T. J. Kelly, exactly thirty minutes to go over the course. The first six finished in the order named: T. J. Kelly, O. Reilly, E. Gill, T. J. Whalen, T. J. Kennedy and J. J. Farrell.

The cross-country run of the Williamsburg A. A. yesterday afternoon over the Laurel Hill course was won by F. Birmingham who finished about thirty yards ahead of the second man, G. Gillen. T. A. Merrick was third, A. Spalding fourth; R. Fischer, fifth and T. M. Wallace sixth. The distance was six and a half miles and the time of the winner was 41 minutes 30 seconds.

Between runs of the weekly cross-ccountry run of the Brooklyn A. C. over the Maspeth, L. I., course yesterday morning by about ten yards R. E. Stache was second with G. Bush the third man, at his heels; E. Sedelmeyer was fourth; J. Soriano, fifth and George Fox sixth. The length of the course was five miles. The time of the winner was 39 minutes 45 seconds.

NEW TRIANGULAR LEAGUE RULES.

They Are for the Purification of Sport at Amherst, Wesleyan and Williams.

WILLIAMSTOWN, March 9.—Owing to the friction in the triangular league of Amherst, Wesleyan and Williams last spring in regard to professionalism among some members of the baseball squad in each college, new eligibility rules just adopted by the league have been published. The rules define professionalism very strictly and disqualify any student who has "received any emolument, direct or indirect, expenses or otherwise, by reason of connection with so-called summer nines." This rule also disqualifies a student who receives any pecuniary gain or emolument in order to render it possible for him to participate in college athletics. The word "emolument" in the above rule is considered to mean board, travelling or other expenses. Ignorance will be no excuse, for it is provided that every student on entering college shall receive a copy of the eligibility regulations. To play in a championship game an athlete must now be passed by his college standing committee of three alumni and then by the other colleges, inasmuch as his name must be sent in a list of prospective participants two weeks before any game.

In addition to passing the rules, the committee also made certain recommendations for the conduct of and policing the games. These recommendations advise the proper policing of the grounds, absolute freedom within the ropes of spectators, prohibition of coaching from the bench or side lines, and strongly discountenance the cheering of errors, the use of horns, megaphones, firecrackers and other contrivances except organized bands. They also emphasize the fact that extreme courtesy should prevail on the field towards visiting teams and delegations.

Polytechnic Institute Games.

The twelfth annual games of the Polytechnic Institute were held on Saturday night. The silver cup was won by the '05 class. W. W. Delap, '05, scored 18 points, winning first prize, with F. B. Hunt, '02, 15¼ points, second, and R. Mason third with 11 points. The summary:

20 Yard Dash—Won by H. J. Robinson, '04; C. Ferguson, Jr., '05, second; C. Gluck, '05, third. Time, 3 2-5 seconds.

Shot Put—Won by W. W. Delap, '05; J. B. Hunt, '02, second; B. B. Baungartner, '02, third. Distance 34 feet 4½ inches.

Running High Jump—Tie between J. E. Murphy, '04, and C. B. Hunt, '02; C. Gluck, '05, second. Height, 5 feet 1 inch.

Fence Vault—Won by W. W. Delap, '05, R. Mason, '05, second; B. C. Baungartner, '02, third. Height, 5 feet 11 inches.

Potato Race—Won by C. A. Beavit, '05; E. W. Boughton, '03, second; C. Gluck, '05, third. Time, 33 1-5 seconds.

Rope Climbing—Won by B. C. Baungartner, '02; W. W. Delap, '05, second; F. B. Hunt, '02, third. Time, 5 1-5 seconds.

Standing Broad Jump—Won by F. B. Hunt, '02, with 9 feet ¾ inches; R. Mason, '05, second; E. Piel, third.

Swimming Race; 100 feet—Won by C. Ferguson, '05; H. H. Jackson, '05, second; F. B. Hunt, '02, third. Time, 24 4-5 seconds.

Pole Vault—Won by R. Mason, '05, H. J. Robinson, '05, second. Height, 8 feet.

Wrestling; Middleweight—Won by W. W. Delap, '05.

Wrestling; Lightweight Class—Draw between G. Moon, '03, and E. W. Broughton, '03.

Trouble in New England Rowing Association.

BOSTON, March 9.—Ever since H. P. Wardwell, of the Boston A. A., was chosen President of the New England Amateur Rowing Association in February, trouble has been brewing in local rowing circles. At the request of fourteen clubs, the Secretary of the association has issued a call for a special meeting to be held next Wednesday evening. The call states that the purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing year, as the officers of the fourteen clubs do not believe the election in February was legal. This faction of the association states that Mr. Wardwell's election was illegal, alleging that delegates from the Weld Boat Club of Harvard voted at the meeting, although it had never paid its initiation fee in the association and that it was therefore not entitled to representation.

Noted English Horse Trainer Dead.

The latest English exchanges contain the death notice of Joseph Enoch of RedHouse, Newmarket, one of the foremost horse trainers of the old school. One of his first masters was the present Marquis of Zetland, whose horses he schooled until his Lordship's retirement. The best of Lord Zetland's stable handled by Enoch was Prism, winner of several big stakes. Enoch also trained Mr. Lowther's horses, notably the winner of the Great Yorkshire Handicap in 1885 and Houndsditch, who carried off the same plate in 1889 and King Monmouth, winner of the Ebor Handicap in 1888. Horses owned by Lord Dawnay and the Hon. H. W. FitzWilliam were trained by Enoch in his day.

Jack O'Brien Posts Forfeit to Fight Tommy Ryan.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—Jack O'Brien last night posted $500 to bind a match with Tommy Ryan for the middleweight championship.

NEWS OF THE HARNESS HORSES

BIG ENTRY LISTS FOR BRIGHTON BEACH RACES.

Every Event Filled to Overflowing—Pacific Coast Owners Among the Nominators—Mud Spoils Brushing on the Speedway—A New Half-Mile Track.

For the second time has it been proven that New York is still a popular racing ground with owners of fast trotters and pacers. Secretary Charles A. McCully was the first in the field with his early-closing stakes for Brighton Beach this year, entries to which closed March 1, and the returns reached record-breaking figures all round. Every event filled to overflowing, and in the two stakes opened on the subscription plan, wherein horses are not required to be named till the date of final payment, there are names of prominent owners, indicative of the presence of some of the turf's brightest stars in each event. In the Robert Bonner Memorial Stake for 2:12 trotters, twenty secured nominations. The Brighton has twenty-six nominations, an unusual number when it is considered that the class is the fast 2:10 pacing division. Some feared a light entry in the John H. Shults Stake for 2:24 class, four-year-olds, trotting, yet there are thirty-one owners, who named fifty-five colts and fillies. President P. P. Johnston of the National Trotting Association is among those noted, his first essay in many seasons, and consequently a marked compliment to the association and donor.

There are 113 horses named by forty-eight different owners in the Hiram Woodruff for 2:20 trotters. The Metropolitan Stake for 2:20 class pacers has thirty-eight nominators, and they name sixty-three splendid performers. No attempt was made to secure the "Boraima Specials," but beyond a doubt Secretary McCully will decide on some sensational event to serve as the week's feature and of national interest.

Owners residing on the Pacific coast are noticed among those desirous of winning honors in the East this season. Nearly every important breeding section sends representatives, and the Lawson stable, last year an absentee, is among those with numerous entries. Every effort will be made to have the track even faster than last season, when Anaconda paced his memorable heat over it in 2:01¾.

The mud was heavy at Speedway Park yesterday and in consequence even the mere jogging of horses was transferred to the avenues, with their macadamized surfaces, and Centre Park. Those who contented themselves with simply giving their favorites from six to ten miles of slow work to keep them on edge.

George H. Huber has just purchased 200 acres alongside of his stock farm at Addison Junction and will build a half-mile trotting track to be ready by June 1. Mr. Huber will build a modern track with all the latest improvements and join the circuit now being advocated by George D. Sherman, which will include Plattsburgh, Burlington, Westport and Rutland.

On Brooklyn's Speedway.

There was not sun enough yesterday to make the Brooklyn Speedway fit even for jogging, and those who drove down gave their horses a halter gait. W. Evans was out with Molino Wilkes, 2:34; Charles Mogerief drove Isaac, 2:22; Leslie Dodge was behind his bay trotter Fred; Dr. M. W. Shaw had out Dan Westland, 2:08¾; L. R. Acker, drove Lady Travers, 2:16¾; J. J. Sullivan drove Monkey, Matt Belford loomed up at a good pace behind Truxon, 2:33¾, and Charles Strang was out behind Omega and Chester.

The Race Committee of Bay Ridge Driving Club is working on the programmes for several matinée meetings which the club intends to hold next summer. As was the case last year, the entries will be free and match races will add to the attractiveness of the card.

Turf Notes.

The publishers of "Goodwin's Official Turf Guide" announce that but for the tie-up or strike in the bookbinders' trade the guide for 1901 would have been issued nearly three weeks ago. It is promised for this week.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 9.—J. N. Camden, Jr., proprietor of the Hartland Stud of Woodford county, because of the loss by death of his two stallions, the recent importation, Tarbolton, and imp. Esher, will decrease his breeding stud and has consigned to Secretary Chenault for sale some ten or fifteen mares that he does not wish to keep. At August Belmont's nursery stud the imported mare St. Eudora, by St. Blaise—Dorithea, has foaled a bay filly by Henry of Navarre. St. Eudora was purchased by Mr. Belmont at the Daly closing-out sale for $5,000 and this is her first foal.

MEMPHIS, March 9.—The first of the New Orleans contingent of runners arrived at Montgomery Park to-day, James Arthur arrived with his string of six horses, Ed Trotter brought up two, St. Cuthbert and Linso, and Thomas Cary of Chicago sent up five of his horses from the Crescent City, among them being Nellie Waddell, Reseda and Malay, the two latter being candidates for the Montgomery Handicap. Many other owners at New Orleans are expected to ship their strings within the next few days.

New Rochelle Knockabouts.

The members of the New Rochelle Yacht Club have decided to have a one-design class this summer. Six yachts have already been ordered and it is probable that more orders will be given before the season opens. These boats are to be built by L. D. Huntington of New Rochelle and are to be known as the New Rochelle knockabouts. They will be 28 feet over all, 14 feet, 6 inches on the water line, 7 feet, 2 inches beam and 3 feet, 9 inches draught. They will spread 357 square feet of sail area. They are to be open boats suitable for afternoon sailing on the Sound and will be ready to take part in the spring regatta of the New Rochelle Yacht Club in May. The members of the club are taking a great deal of interest in the new boats and efforts are being made to get other clubs to foster the same class and have interclub races.

Handball Among Boat Clubs.

The Wyanoke Boat Club and the Lone Star Boat Club met yesterday in the handball tournament for the championship of the Harlem River rowing clubs at the New Polo A. C. The Wyanokes put up an exceptionally strong game and won three straight sets. The scores follow:

Wyanoke.		Lone Star.	
FIRST SET.			
Steinman, Gerry	21	Lilienthal, Newman	18
Steinman, Gerry	21	Lilienthal, Newman	6
SECOND SET.			
Barry, Rock	21	Stern, Meyer	15
Barry, Rock	21	Stern, Meyer	6
THIRD SET.			
McGuire, Kinlerman	21	Lilienthal, Newman	6
McGuire, Kinlerman	21	Stern, Meyer	9

O'Dea Orders Shell Here for Wisconsin Crew

Andy O'Dea, coach of the University of Wisconsin oarsmen, with Ned Hanlan of Columbia visited the Nonpareil Rowing Club boathouse on the Harlem yesterday and spent the greater part of the day discussing the 'Varsity rowing prospects. The Badger mentor in aquatics came East for the express purpose of having a new boat built on the lines of the Columbia shell of last year. He ordered the boat from Ruddock on Saturday. It will be about 65 feet long and 23 inches wide. O'Dea says he has more than one hundred men in training at Wisconsin and expects a smashing crew for the Poughkeepsie race. Five of last year's crew will row in the boat.

"Peds" Off in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—Never was there such a bunch of "peds" as that which started to-night in the six-day go-as-you-please race at Industrial Hall. The seventy-two men starting in the race were:

Cavanaugh, Hegleman, Tracy, Glick, Barnes, Shelton, Notemac, Howarth, Dean, Guerrero, Day, Metkus, Losim, W. Davis, Messler, Frank Hart, Horan, Fahey, Trainer, Chisnell, West, McTague, Williams, Kavanaugh, Nolan, Deal, Baker, Brett, S. Biddle, Powers, O. Biddle, McCarthy, Kleeberty, Waters, V. Waters, C. Galena, McKeown, Denny, Brien, Kellar, English, Moore, Craig, McConnell, Wenner, Murray, McGee, Hyde, Sullivan, Dempsey, Barclay, Davis, Duield, Lloyd, Fraser, Haines, Feeney, Gropp, Farley, Manning, Rungs, Dash, Rickham, Maxwell, Finney, McGovern, Craigh, Spencer, Duffield, Driscoll, J. Ross and Campbell.

Odds and Ends of Sports.

WEST POINT, March 9.—The fencing contest between West Point and Cornell was won by West Point by a score of 6 to 3, and not by Cornell as reported.

ORANGE, March 8.—The Orange Athletic Club has decided to put a lacrosse team in the field, and the opening game will be played on April 12 with the College of the City of New York. On April 19 a game will be played with Columbia and on April 26 with Stevens Institute. Other games are being arranged with Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Hobart College and the Crescent A. C. of Brooklyn.

BILLIARDS.

What the Players Have Done in the Different Tourneys.

Dr. Walter G. Douglas leads the New York Athletic Club pool tournament and looks to have a firm grip on first place and is likely to have the dual honor of being both pool and billiard champion of the club. The games last week in the N. Y. A. C. pool tournament resulted as follows:

Hubbell, 100; Talcott, 97. Carhart, 100; Elmendorf, 94. Douglas, 100; McCahill, 86. Hubbell, 100; Campbell, 90. Batterson, 100; Elmendorf, 67. Douglas, 100; Carhart, 27. Hubbell, 100; McCahill, 65. Batterson, 100; Talcott, 70. McCahill, 100; Elmendorf, 84. Campbell, 100; Batterson, 92.

The standing of the players to date follows:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Dr. Douglas	6	0	Maurice Campbell	2	3
V. B. Hubbell	4	1	J. S. K. Carhart	3	3
J. G. Batterson	3	2	E. C. Talcott	1	4
J. McCahill, Jr.	3	2	J. C. Elmendorf	0	6

Joseph Inness, Jr., and Ira Hutchinson lead in the handicap 14-inch balk-line tourney at the Knickerbocker Academy, Brooklyn. Innes has the best single average, while Boyd still has the high-run record. The figures follow:

	Won.	Lost.	Best Single Average.	High Run.
Inness, 165	2	0	4 17-37	19
Hutchinson, 150	2	0	2 30-60	17
Dr. Jennings, 200	1	1	3 11-63	22
Boyd, 190	1	1	8 7-61	82
Swain, 160	1	2	3 1-58	14
Keane, 165	1	4	2 31-60	17

There are twenty-four players in the handicap 14-inch balk-line tourney of the Knickerbocker A. C. Each has played one game, and the following are the winners:

Tobias, 200; Dr. Douglas, 200; Servatius, 200; Hayward, 200; Siras, 150; Auerbach, 150; Gardiner, 125; Folsom, 115; Gerrish, 110; Casper, 90; Downs, 90; Bullard, 85.

Following are the seconds of the players in the handicap pool tournament at Slosson's:

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
Elliott, 100	6	0	White, 80	1	3
Isaacs, 90	4	1	Rockwell, 75	2	3
Rothchilds, 80	3	3	Fairfield, 85	0	6
Wombell, 90	2	2			

CHANGES IN POOL RULES.

Stofft and Weston Will Open the Tournament in Brooklyn.

Contestants in the championship pool tournament which begins to-night at the Montauk Academy, Brooklyn, room keepers and others met in Brooklyn yesterday and made changes in the rules which will in the future govern all contests for the B. B. C. trophy. Clarence E. Green, who gives the tournament, called the meeting to order. It was voted that in placing the balls upon the table, before the break, that the 15-ball must be placed at the apex of the triangle and rest upon the red spot, the 1 and 5 balls being placed at each corner of the base of the apex. The matter of giving to the holder of the emblem forty days in which to accept a challenge and name a date for play excited much discussion. Motions to extend the time to ninety days and six months were lost and it was finally voted that the champion should have the option of playing in the hot weather months of June, July and August. Rules 13, 16 and 17, relating to fouls, in which a player fouls in touching the cue ball with a foreign object, makes a stroke when the balls are in motion or strikes his own ball twice, were amended so that the player will forfeit one ball instead of three, as heretofore.

Harry Schroeder of Chicago was selected as referee for the tournament. Owing to illness in the family of Jerome R. Keogh of Buffalo, Green has been obliged to substitute Grant Eby in the game with Irving Long to-night when the tournament begins. Stofft and Weston play the first game to-night. Each game is of 125 points.

Interscholastic News.

That indoor scholastic games need improvement was shown at the games of the Montclair High School on Saturday. Never in the history of indoor school sport was there such protesting, wrangling and delay as was at these games. Before the games were fairly started a cry as to the eligibility of MacKenzie, Jr., of Dwight School, was raised. Nothing more was thought of it, however, until the start of the 880-yard run, when he was protested on the ground that he was a student at Princeton. This MacKenzie denied, showing a letter from the register of Princeton that he never was an enrolled student. The Athletic Committee of the Montclair High School said that MacKenzie was eligible. The referee finally said that MacKenzie could compete.

N. Adam, who won the event without any effort, was charged by an inspector with cutting a corner. It took just thirty minutes by the clock for the referee to decide whether he did or not. Adam was finally disqualified. Another long delay was caused by deciding a dead heat in the final heat of the 50-yard dash, novice. Taking everything together, the games were delayed just one hour and ten minutes.

The indoor scholastic season comes to a close next Saturday with the games of the Barnard School A. A.

At the monthly meeting of the Long Island Interscholastic Athletic League, President Bishop decided to change the date of the annual track meet from May 24 to May 31. This change of dates was prompted by the fact that the Yale interscholastic meet is scheduled for May 24.

Champion Sprinter Sears May Not Compete for Cornell.

ITHACA, March 9.—The Cornell track team is in sore straits. The Ithacans meet the University of Michigan in an indoor track meet on March 22, and Trainer Moakley declares that unless the team takes a big brace it will be ingloriously defeated at Ann Arbor. That which brings the most disappointment is the fact that Sears, the runner, has been put under the ban by the faculty and will not be allowed to train for some time. It will be remembered that Sears was the man who, as a freshman last year, captured the intercollegiate 220-yard dash, and won fourth place in the 100-yard event. Sears's parents have likewise interposed objections to his running, and it is very likely that Cornell will lose his services the entire season.

Miss Oakley and Partner Win Shoot.

Mrs. Frank Butler, better known as Annie Oakley, and A. H. Hoffman on one side and Frank Butler and Capt. Money on the other shot a fifty-bird team match, 28 yards' rise, at Oradell, N. J., on Saturday. Miss Oakley and partner won by a score of 43 to 41. Of her twenty-five birds Miss Oakley grassed 20, her husband 20, Hoffman 23 and Capt. Money 21.

Basketball.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 9.—With the score 30 to 30 Lehigh made a Garrison finish last night and won the basketball game from Wyoming Seminary by a score of 42 to 30.

The Erasmus A. C. team of Brooklyn and the Union team played in Brooklyn on Friday night. The Erasmus team won by a score of 19 to 18.

The final game of the New England Intercollegiate Basketball League, deciding the championship, took place at Amherst on Saturday between Amherst and Williams. The Amherst five won by a score of 28 to 16.

ORANGE, March 9.—The Nassau Club of Princeton defeated the basketball team of the South Orange High School last night by a score of 45 to 12. The second team of the High School defeated the Short Hills Club by a score of 19 to 10.

Two games were played in the gymnasium of the Staten Island A. C. on Saturday night. The first was between the second team of the Staten Island A. C. and the second team of the Clarendon A. C. of Brooklyn. The State Island boys won by a score of 12 to 0. The other game brought together the first team of the Gramercy A. C. and the first team of the Staten Island A. C. The home team had everything its own way and won by a score of 23 to 0.

R·I·PA·N·S

For two years I was troubled with nervous indigestion and sometimes I could not lie down in bed for want of breath. A friend told me to try Ripans Tabules. I did so and to-day I am feeling better than I ever did. My nervousness and indigestion are entirely gone.

At druggists.

The Five-Cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cents, contains a supply for a year.

DATES FOR LAKEWOOD GOLF.

ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT THIRD WEEK IN APRIL.

Varied Conditions Offer a Rich Array of Prizes—Open Play This Week at Palm Beach and Tampa—Details of the Asheville Competition of Nine Days.

On April 17, 18 and 19 the Golf Club of Lakewood will hold its annual spring tournament, open to all members of the United States Golf Association, an announcement that is a notable addition to the list of Metropolitan Golf Association tournaments printed in THE SUN on Sunday. Only the Atlantic City Golf Club and the Interscholastic Golf Association are now to be heard from to complete the list of early spring tournaments. The Lakewood event will begin with a thirty-six-hole medal-play round, with a cup for the best score and cups for the first, second and third sixteens at match play, with runner-up prizes. There will also be a medal play handicap at eighteen holes on the last day, in which prizes will be given for the best gross and the first and second net scores. The tournament has always been a well-attended one and productive of first-class golf. Last spring Walter J. Travis won the medal score cup, with 85, 80—165, a new record, but he was beaten out for the first cup after a sensational match by Findlay S. Douglas on the nineteenth hole. There will be from eighty to a hundred starters this spring.

C. B. Cory's victory over Charles L. Tappin on the nineteenth green for the first cup on Saturday in the East Coast Golf Club tournament at Miami must have been the bulliest sort of a contest. Both players are well known on the Metropolitan links and with a half-dozen more of those who took part, will be North in time for the April tournaments. This week the East Coast Golf Club circuit will bring the players to Palm Beach, where the play will bring out the largest fields of the series. On the West Coast there will also be a tournament of special importance under the management of the Tampa Golf Club. It will begin to-morrow, with a thirty-six-hole medal-play competition, the Gulf Coast challenge medal being the gross prize and the A. E. Dick cup, the net prize. There will be two competitions on Wednesday, an eighteen-hole handicap and a women's medal-play contest without handicaps, the first prize a handsome cup; and on Thursday match play will start between makers of the best scores for the challenge cup to-morrow. The visiting players include many prominent on the links near this city, and if this one is as successful as expected, there will be another tournament within a fortnight.

J. J. McCloskey, Secretary of the Swannanoa Golf Club of Asheville, N. C., has sent out the conditions of a series of open competitions for amateurs from April 1 to April 9. There will be two match-play tournaments, each beginning with a thirty-six-hole medal-play qualifying round, a thirty-six-hole medal-play handicap on April 4, an eighteen-hole medal-play foursome on the next day and an eighteen-hole handicap for women on April 3. Entries close with Mr. McCloskey on March 31. There has been a good deal of play this winter over the Swannanoa links and the public courses near Asheville, which are in charge of Robert Shiels, the New Haven Country Club professional, and between the residents and visitors there should be no lack of entrants for the many handsome prizes the Asheville players have put up for competition. The Swannanoa links is of nine holes, with a playing length of 3,013 yards, and is in splendid order. The greens are of sanded clay, the longest hole 480 and the shortest 184 yards.

Snow has the Omaha links buried under a deep covering just now, yet, according to a story in a Western newspaper, a number of young women who are in the emergency hospital there have sought and obtained permission from the Board of Health to organize a golf club. None but patients at the hospital shall be admitted to the club, and none but members will be allowed on the course. The patients have a forty-acre lot mapped out as a miniature links, on which they hang the ball about to help along their convalescence. It seems a wonderful tale, but everything goes these days in Western golf.

SUMMERVILLE, S. C., March 9.—The weekly competition of the Pine Forest Inn Golf Club took place yesterday. The following was the result: Robert Hixon, Schaghticoke, 82; Fred S. Hawthon, 90; A. J. Jordan, 93.

WANT FITZ ABROAD.

Representatives of the National Sporting Club Visit the Cornishman.

W. A. Garvin and G. C. Lea of the National Sporting Club of London, who arrived on the St. Paul on Saturday for the purpose of getting attractions to take place during the coronation celebration of King Edward paid a visit to Bob Fitzsimmons at Bath Beach yesterday. The Englishmen were accompanied by Dr. Ordway and Sam Fitzpatrick. The idea of Fitz going to England after his mill with Jim Jeffries was discussed. Fitz said that the suggestion was a good one, but said that he could not make up his mind one way or the other until after his encounter with the champion. Billy Madden, on behalf of Denver Ed Martin and Gus Ruhlin also met and talked with Ordway and the two foreigners. There will be a conference today between the National Sporting Club men and Dr. Ordway and one or two important mills may be arranged.

Hockey.

Three teams still have a chance to win first place in the Amateur Hockey League tournament. They are the Hockey Club of New York, Crescents and New York A. C., each having lost two games. The Crescent Club leads the tournament through having beaten the Hockey Club on Saturday night. If the Hockey Club had won that game the tournament would have been practically over. The Hockey Club will play against the New York Athletic Club team next Thursday evening at the St. Nicholas rink and the winner of this game will have to play an extra series with the Crescent A. C. team for the championship. The standing of the teams to date is as follows:

	W.	L.	Per cent		W.	L.	Per cent
Crescent A.C.	6	2	750	St. Nich. S. C.	3	5	375
H. C. of N. Y.	5	2	715	Brooklyn S. C.	0	8	000
N. Y. A. C.	5	2	715				

The preliminary games of the Intercollegiate League tournament are ended and Yale and Harvard have finished first and second respectively. These two teams are to meet in a series of three games for the championship and the first two will be played at the St. Nicholas rink next Friday and Saturday. Should it be necessary to play a third game a date will be set for that after these two have been decided. The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W.	L.	Per cent		W.	L.	Per cent