GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

VALUABLE STAKES TO BE RUN AT BRIGHTON TRACK.

President Engeman Has Arranged a Programme That Will Attract Horsemen —Will Foster Long-Distance Events —Matt Byrnes to Train in England.

The Brighton Beach Racing Association will celebrate its silver anniversary next season with the richest and best programme of stakes ever offered at the course by the sea. In addition to the valuable events which closed with such a flattering entry last month the association this week will present for the consideration of horsemen twenty attractive stakes, eighteen of which are to be decided next season, and the remaining two, the double event Produce Stakes, in 1905. Entries to all these events will close with the racing secretary, Brighton Beach Racing Association, 215 Montague street, Brooklyn, on Jan. 5 next.

There are a number of attractive features in this stake offering. First, perhaps, in point of popular interest is the Brighton Handicap at a mile and a quarter for horses 3 years old and upward, which will have $10,000 in added money and which will be of the estimated value of $17,500. The Brighton Handicap of 1903 will be the first race started out of the new chute at Brighton. Then there is the Brighton Cup, the pioneer long-distance race of the latter-day turf, which next year will be a cup race in every sense of the word. Recognizing the fact that a great deal of sentiment clings to these long-distance events, President Engeman now supplements the $5,000 in added money with a cup of the value of $1,000, so that in addition to a cash prize the owner of the winner of the Brighton Cup of 1903 will receive a lasting trophy of the victory of his colors.

In pursuance of his policy of encouraging distance racing, President Engeman has placed on his programme a race at a mile and a half, with $1,500 in added money, which will be known as the Cup Preliminary and be exclusively for horses engaged in the Brighton Cup. It is stipulated that the Cup Preliminary be run one week previous to the running of the Brighton Cup.

There are four steeplechase stakes on the list, each with $1,500 added. Two of these events, the Punchestown and the Leopardstown, formerly had a place on the Brighton programme, but the remaining two, the Aintree Stakes and the Curragh Stakes, are new events. The Punchestown and the Leopardstown each has been increased $500 in value, or from $1,000 to $1,500, and the Aintree and the Curragh Stakes, each of which has $1,500 added, take the place of Sandtilly and the Autumn Hurdle Stakes, each of which had only $800 added money.

The Produce Stakes, to be run in 1905 for horses then 2 years old, is expected to meet with the approval of breeders. The value of the event, which is run as two races, one for colts and geldings and the other for fillies, has been increased from $15,000 to $25,000. Out of this $25,000 the breeders will receive $3,000, leaving $22,000 to be divided among the owners. The Brighton Association adds $1,000 unconditionally, so that with a fair response from the breeders the race probably will be worth more than $25,000. This race should be especially attractive to breeders for the reason that they will have four chances of winning a handsome prize. In the colt and gelding half of the race there will be $1,000 for the nominator of the winner and $500 for the nominator of the second horse. Likewise in the filly half of the race there will be $1,000 for the nominator of the winner and $500 for the nominator of the second horse. Thus in all there will be $3,000 for the breeders and at no greater cost, practically, than that of sending in the nominations.

A summary of the events to close on Jan. 5 next is as follows:

FOR THE MEETING OF 1903.

Three-year Olds and Upward—The Brighton Handicap, $10,000 added, one mile and a quarter; the Brighton Cup, $5,000 and a cup of the value of $1,000 added, two miles and a quarter; the Cup Preliminary, $1,500 added, one mile and a half; the Islip Handicap, $1,500 added, one mile and a furlong; the Jamaica Stakes, selling, $1,500 added, six furlongs; the Tennalytown Stakes, $1,500 added, six furlongs; the Nautilus Stakes, selling, $1,500 added, one mile and a furlong.

Three-year Olds—The Seagate Stakes, $2,000 added, one mile and a furlong; the Glen Cove Handicap, $1,500 added, six furlongs; the Coney Island Stakes, for fillies, $1,500 added, six furlongs.

Two-year Olds—The Montauk Stakes, $1,500 added, six furlongs; the Atlantic Stakes, selling, $1,500 added, six furlongs; the Long Island Handicap, $1,500 added, six furlongs; the Bedford Stakes, for fillies, $1,500 added, five furlongs.

Steeplechases—The Punchestown Stakes, $1,500 added, full course; the Leopardstown Stakes, $1,500 added, short course; the Aintree Stakes, $1,500 added, full course; the Curragh Stakes, selling, $1,500 added, short course.

FOR THE MEETING OF 1903.

The Produce Stakes of $25,000, for two-year-olds, six furlongs.

A story was in circulation among turfmen yesterday purporting to give the true reason for the refusal of a license to Jockey Lester Reiff by the English turf authorities. According to the yarn, it was not its ride on Lord Horse De Lacy that got him into trouble so much as the fact that he had a fat bank account which he refused to explain. It is said that although Reiff had not collected a dollar in salary from W. C. Whitney, according to reports, and had not almost his fees for outside mounts to run up until he had about $20,000 due, he had $95,000 in the bank. The English stewards, when they called Reiff before them, asked him to explain how he got this $95,000, but the jockey, it is declared, refused point blank to answer questions in any form. For this reason it is said Lester Reiff could not get a license and has been practically barred from the turf ever since, both in England and on the tracks controlled by or affiliated with the Jockey Club here.

Matt Byrnes has decided to go to England to follow his profession as trainer of thoroughbreds. Byrnes becomes famous as trainer of the great Salvator and many other famous horses. He has a breeding establishment at Eatontown, N. J., and in recent years he has turned out some consistent performers. He is a trainer of the old school, yet believes in up-to-date methods.

Green B. Morris's Gravina, by Golden Garter—Pink Cottage, is considered the best two-year-old yet seen at the Ingleside track. She was virtually left at the post in her last race, but yet won in sensational style under the whip of Jockey Waldo. Last summer she won a race at long odds at one of the local tracks and was then pronounced a high-class filly. Green Morris has taken care not to race her too much as he believes she will be one of the track three-year-olds next season.

Durnell & Herz, owners of McChesney, have the strongest stable of horses at the New Orleans track. Buchanan is riding for them in fine style, and they have been clearing up the ring in the most approved style ever since the meeting opened. They bagged $3,000 on Saturday through the victory of Prince of Endurance, who carried their colors in the Palmetto Handicap.

The future of Kenilworth Park, Buffalo, is shrouded in mystery. At present it is in the hands of the Sheriff, but there is talk that several combinations stand ready to buy it in. There is also a rumor that leading men in the Jockey Club, acting on the advice of S. S. Hoyland, who acted as steward at the Buffalo meeting last summer, may buy the track and run it on the lines followed at other tracks in this State. The report that John A. Ryan, who is attempting to get up a circuit of outlaw tracks, will include Kenilworth Park is generally disbelieved, inasmuch as it would be impossible to conduct such a meeting within the confines of the State, where the Racing Commission is supreme.

It is reported that James Rowe will school The Huguenot over the jumps during the winter, so that he can go in for the big steeplechase events next season. The Huguenot, who is a full brother to Henry of Navarre, made his reappearance late this year, after an absence from the turf of four seasons, and won a couple of flat races in clever style. He is sound and well, and Rowe believes he will develop into a first-class timber topper.

Winnie O'Connor is said to have reconsidered his determination to quit New Orleans and will remain there to ride some of Senator P. H. McCarren's horses that are to be taken there by Frank Brown.

Princeton Meets Columbia in Athletics in This City on May 16.

The breach in track athletics between Princeton and Columbia which prevented dual games between the two last year has been healed and the teams will meet again in this city on May 16. Manager Stauffen of Columbia also has arranged for the Pennsylvania-Columbia meet to be held at Philadelphia on May 23. Other fixtures on the local schedule are announced as follows:

Feb. 28, indoor games and intercollegiate relay races at the Twenty-second Regiment armory; April 25, relay races at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, against Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania; May 9, dual meet with New York University in this city; 30, intercollegiate games at New York.

The dual meet with Syracuse, held for the past two years, does not yet appear on the schedule and the expense of sending a team so far up the State probably will occasion the abandonment of these games. Columbia will enter teams in indoor games throughout the winter and will send relay teams to Boston, Washington and Philadelphia.

BASEBALL.

National Leaguers Convene Here Tomorrow for Their Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the National League will begin here to-morrow, and much stress is being laid on the harmony that will prevail at the yearly session of the baseball men. Realizing that a solid front must be maintained to resist the aggressiveness of the energetic American League, the proceedings are to be thickly coated with harmony. One for all and all for one, and the deuce take the American League, such seems to be the spirit with which the legislative factors of the National League are assembling here.

There are no fights in sight in the National, and the meeting promises to be tame unless, for instance, the Philadelphia club should voice its objection to the New Yorks having signed Delehanty, as is said to be the case.

A president may be elected, and there is only one name mentioned for the place, that of W. C. Temple of Pittsburg, but the feeling is not universal that this is the time to have a president. Some think it would be as well to keep on with the Executive Committee of three—Brush, Hart and Soden—while there is a war on and the game in an uncertain state. It is the general opinion, however, that Mr. Temple would make a good man for the office if he would accept, being a sportsman for sport's sake. Mr. Temple a few years ago put up a trophy for the first and second teams to compete for at the end of the season. The Temple cup games added greatly to the interest in the race, and the magnates showed their appreciation of the gift by abolishing the Temple cup games. Brush said yesterday he could not see how any man outside the League would be better qualified to conduct affairs than those in it.

One thing that helps to make the coming meeting of interest is the fact that it is to be followed shortly by the American League meeting. The National League gathering takes on this vicarious interest because at the American League meeting it is promised that the location of the American League grounds in New York will be made known. That is far and away the most interesting subject before the baseball public this winter. National League officials say that the American is bluffing and has no grounds in New York. American League partisans say the National is whistling to keep up its courage, and that the only thing that remains to be announced about the grounds is their location. They say the National will wake up soon and find the enemy in a strong position right within its gates.

A topic that has created much discussion, and which the National Leaguers may consider, is the foul strike rule. Many players would like to see it abolished, while others would like to see it modified, while others are as strongly in favor of retaining it. That a handicap the weak batters is generally conceded, but it quickens the game and does not detract from its attractiveness as a game.

The official American League averages, just out, find Delehanty at the head of the batters with an average of .378. The next nine batters are as follows: Lajoie, .369; Hickman, .363; Bradley, .341; L. Cross, .339; Dougherty, .335; Mullen, .325; Collins, .324; Seibach, .321; Jones, .318; Bernhard, .306. In total pitching Powell with 22 wins, Wilde Wilson led the pitchers in fielding with 1.000 per cent. Warner leads the catchers with .979, Carey the first baseman, with .993; Lajoie, the second baseman, with .974; Collins, the third baseman, with .951; Wallace the shortstop, with .951, and Lenhe, the outfielders, with .987. Jones led the outfielders in putouts, with 451, and Lenhe, the outfielders, with 15 assists. Jones was the most prolific fielder of the outfielders. He has an average of .980 for 135 games, Lepine having played in only nineteen games. Hickman and Selbach are men who got away from their clubs late.

After spending various salubrious climates in boots of spring training for several seasons and not winning any pennants therefrom there will be a change next spring by the local management. The New York players will start in Washington on March 14 and from there go to Savannah where they will remain in the Atlantic Marine Band, which will start with playing exhibition games at Norfolk, March 27, Birmingham, 28 and 29, Memphis, 30 and 31, Nashville, April 1 and 2, Louisville, 3 and 4, Indianapolis, 5 and 6, Columbus, and possibly in Buffalo or Rochester on April 7. Then will report at the Polo Grounds April 8 for a series of exhibition games prior to the opening of the season.

COLLEGE REGATTA ON JUNE 26.

Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, Wisconsin and Syracuse Entered.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—The intercollegiate regatta of 1903 will be held at Poughkeepsie on Friday, June 26. This date was fixed at a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association in New York last Saturday afternoon. It will be necessary to hold the races on Friday because of the tide in the Hudson. The Varsity four is scheduled to be rowed first, followed by the freshman eights and the Varsity eights. The Varsity eight must be rowed not later than 4:30 o'clock.

The entries include Pennsylvania, Cornell and Columbia in all three races, also Wisconsin in the Varsity and freshman eights, Georgetown in the Varsity eight and Syracuse in the Varsity eight and freshman four.

The junior regatta will be held at Ithaca on May 30. Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell have entered. Cornell is making an effort to have Harvard and Syracuse also enter, but acceptances have not yet been received from those universities.

Syracuse Four Will Row at Poughkeepsie.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 7.—The Syracuse University crew will add a four-oared shell to their equipment and enter a four-oared crew in the Poughkeepsie races.

Insignia for Columbia Athletes.

The Athletic Council of Columbia University met last Saturday afternoon to decide on the award of Varsity insignia to men who participated in the various branches of sport this fall. Some difficulty was experienced in making the football awards, as there was no one big game to base decisions upon. After several hours of debate the Varsity "C" was awarded to the following men out of a squad of forty-five: Captain Weeks, Eckard S. Smith, William C. Duell, C. Brubach, J. R. Fisher, Frederick B. Boden, Robert C. Stanland, Duncan H. Robertson, Victor de L. Lord, Jr., J. Tomlinson, Frank V. Goodrich and William M. Lea.

Miss Miss W. Muller received the track team monogram and Varsity stripes as assistant manager of the track team, and William F. Gibbons received the baseball monogram and Varsity stripes as assistant manager of the baseball team. Class numerals were awarded to Norman W. Van Nostrand, for his work as assistant manager of the 1905 freshman crew. Class stripes were given to the following sophomore lacrosse players: E. W. Arnold, A. M. Sullivan, M. Gerard, J. J. Haines, W. Hemingway, H. Mestre, E. Gutenberg, William F. J. Park, L. W. Rothschild, F. W. Rochester, L. B. Smith, T. K. Fatt, Jr., John Van Beuren and Gustavus A. Younger.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Six furlongs.

Gaslana	112	Glenelle	102
Bassett	105	Frank Gore	105
Sir Ike	108	Ellie	103
Morandy	105	Judge Magie	103

Second Race—Six furlongs.

If you Dare	112	Precisely	105
Jack Corbett	112	Monon	102
Alfredia	107	Joe Jack Horner	102
Kiss Quick	107	Lady Alberta	101
Dr. Smart	106	Optional	99
Lorsan	104		

Third Race—For maiden two-year-old fillies, five furlongs.

Shot Proof	112	Black Patti	107
Sontag	112	Never Smile	107
Bridgeteen	112	Tara Rose	107
Vineland	112	Ulrica	107
Arthuria	109	Irene Mae	104
Nicolette	107	Woodsomt Belle	107

Fourth Race—Handicap, seven furlongs.

Rolling River	124	Northerner	100
Beath	119	Scotch Plaid	100
W. J. Deboe	105	Cornwall	98
Travers	102	Tangered	93

Fifth Race—One mile and a sixteenth.

Swordsmah	107	Wolfkop	98
Georgia Gardner	104	Lady Atlas	98
Hop	104	M. T. Sam	95
Flatbush	103	Joe Cox	90

Sixth Race—One mile.

Barrack	111	Escadera	98
Kansas	106	Optimo	96
Lomo	104	Uncle Joe	94
Mamie	104	Lochabar	94
Scotch Plaid	104		

Lexington Turf Notes.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 7.—John E. Madden has bought of A. Dalgerfield, Washington, D. C., the seven-year-old chestnut mare Lady Scarlet, by Imp. Pirate of Penzance—Pappoose. Lady Scarlet is half sister to Mythe Harness, the dam of Aceful. Harness. F. Hayes has sold to Frank Van Meter a half interest in his two-year-old colt Regulator, by Imp. Ingoldsby—Mrs. Chick. Van Meter will race the youngster next season. Hayes retains an interest in the colt.

Frank Bell, who made such a reputation in this city last year, has left for Mr. Taylor's place in Warren and is now engaged as trainer for Gen. Lazeroff of the Russian Army, has bought the brood mares Conrad and Rival Dare. He will breed them to his young sire Braw Lad.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Police, Mounted and on Foot, Chase Mohawk Athletes and Arrest One.

There was a slim gathering yesterday at the quarters of the Mohawk A. C. on Walton avenue to take part in the usual Sunday run. Only six men turned out at the start, but this lack of numbers was more than counterbalanced by the sensational happenings during the journey. The course extended along Jerome avenue to Burnside avenue and return on Girard avenue, a distance of four and one-half miles. On the way out the runners kept bunched and except that they caused a cloud of mud spatters to fly nothing worthy of note happened.

When the runners straightened out on the homeward stretch, however, there was instant commotion on Burnside avenue, for Policeman Sheridan of the Tremont station dashed at the athletes and commanded them to halt, but nobody seemed inclined to stop. Then Sheridan whistled for Mounted Policeman McCarthy to aid him and the two gave chase to the frightened runners. The cross-country men dashed into the Mount Hope woods and took the fences as nimbly as deer.

John Ochlfihager of the Mohawk A. C. was rather slow in his movements and he was grabbed by Sheridan and taken to the Tremont station. There he was arraigned, charged with violating the Sunday law, but Ochlfihager said he, with the others, received permission to run from the captain of the Morrisania police station. He was held, however, but bail was furnished by Commissioner of Public Works Henry Bruckner of the Bronx. The other runners who were out and who finished were L. Marks and M. Spring, Pastime A. C.; W. Mellny, F. Eckman and H. Maher, Mohawk A. C.

Neither the rain, snow, sleet nor sloppy condition of the roads had the least effect on the St. George A. C. Juniors who stripped for a speedy run of six and a half miles at Wilkinsburg. This run was arranged for the purpose of selecting a team of six to represent the club in a three-cornered match against the Queen A. C. and Jersey A. C. next Sunday. There were twenty starters, all of whom covered the course, though a little the worse for their acquaintance with the mud and slush. The first six home were Arthur Weyl, J. Kiernan, R. Cordicy, J. Boylan, G. Donovan and M. Juddman, and they finished in the order named. Weyl's time for the distance was 38 minutes 42 seconds.

Eleven hardy athletes of the National A. C. turned out for the regular weekly run, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the course was shortened to five miles. The roads were slippery and dangerous, and the men had considerable trouble in keeping at anything like a respectable pace. George Miller was the first man to cross the finish line, his time being 29 minutes. A. L. McKenna was second, about twenty yards behind Miller, and John Doyle was third, a similar distance in the rear of McKenna.

The weekly contests of the Star A. C. and Brooklyn A. C. were not held yesterday on account of the bad weather.

CONTRACTS FOR STEAM YACHTS.

One Being Built for Walter E. Duryea and One for Alfred Marshall.

During the past week several new contracts for steam yachts were placed with Charles L. Seabury & Co., to be built at their Morris Heights yard on the Harlem River. One of the most notable of these is a boat of special design for Walter E. Duryea of the New York Yacht Club. Three years ago Mr. Duryea sustained a serious accident at Coney Spring, L. I. He had his neck broken while diving into the water, but he now has so far recovered as to be able to participate a good deal in his favorite sport. The yacht for Mr. Duryea will measure 65 feet in length with a forward flush deck covered with awning. On the after deck will be a cabin commodiously fitted and taking in the full width of the boat, the upper part to have plate glass windows, arranged to drop into pockets. A roomy and artistically furnished saloon will be contained for dining, fitted with divans, chairs, &c.

The boat will steer from the cockpit forward, and the machinery will consist of an eight stroke triple-expansion engine and water tube Seabury boiler. The after deck will also have ample accommodations for guests. The yacht will be used in the vicinity of Clayton and the Thousand Islands for day service. The contract calls for her delivery about June 1, 1903.

Another steam yacht has been ordered for Alfred Marshall of Mamaroneck, a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club. She is to measure 90 feet between the same general design and arrangement as the Niagara IV., which Seabury is building for Howard Gould. The hull will be of oak with double planking of cedar. A comfortable and spacious saloon will be arranged for seating from a dozen to twenty persons. There will be a saloon aft as well, which in case of emergency may be transformed into a stateroom. Complete in every detail, the yacht will have an electric light plant and searchlight. Her motive power will be triple-expansion engines and a Seabury water tube boiler. The contract speed is twenty miles an hour. The yacht will be used principally on the Sound and is to be ready by May 15, 1903.

CUP DEFENDER WORK.

Fitting of the Keel for the Placing of the Keel Plate in Position.

BRISTOL, Dec. 7.—In the fitting of the keel for the boat here for the placing of the keel plate in position much work has to be done in the way of arranging the fastenings, which are principally heavy screws, nearly an inch in thickness. Here is the main connection between the framing and the keel of the craft. In view of the strain at this point the work has to be carried on with the utmost care, and in consequence the fitting of the keel plate is a job that cannot be accomplished under another week, after which the setting up of the frames will go on. Heavy forgings are being turned out in the shops for the connections to be made low down in the new yacht.

Business is rushing along in the department where some of the craft's fittings are being moulded, and the next work to be done there is the casting of the stem and the sternpost, the patterns for which have just been completed in the carpenter shop. Gun metal is to be used for these castings, and from accounts the castings will be turned out this week. It will be necessary to cast the stem in three or more sections, the pieces to be welded together by a new process, which has received tests in the shops satisfactory to the designer.

From the plans under way now the cast for the sternpost will be in two sections, the first to have a length of ten feet and the second to be eleven feet in length, a total of twenty-one feet. Regarding the lower section of the sternpost it is to be cast with offsets to engage a rudder like that of the Constitution.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

Major Taylor on His Way to Australia Nelson to Ride in France.

It came out last night at Madison Square Garden that Major Taylor, far from retiring from the track, is now on his way to Australia to compete in the big stake events to be run there this winter. He had a guarantee of $5,000 and slipped away unostentatiously. His wife went with him.

A contract was signed on Saturday under which Joe Nelson will ride at the Buffalo Velodrome, Paris, from April till June. Nelson is a remarkable development of young riding ability. He is only 17½ years old and two years ago he was a schoolboy. Now he holds the one-mile record behind pace and nearly every paced record from one mile to twenty inclusive. In France, where they permit pacing machines two feet wide to be used, the record for the hour is something more than forty-eight miles. It is an open secret that one of the objects of signing Nelson is to have him try to accomplish fifty miles in the hour behind the more favoring French style of pace.

The Royal Arcanum Wheelmen have elected the following officers for 1903: President, C. J. Reese; first vice president, G. W. Mooney; second vice president, S. T. Horton; recording secretary, George R. Freeman; financial secretary, E. M. Bradford; treasurer, W. G. Hoff; captain, J. F. Torsyth; first lieutenant, A. J. Reids; second lieutenant, W. C. Medhurst; first sergeant, C. H. Smith; second sergeant, J. Chalmers; third sergeant, P. J. Kelly; color bearers, W. F. Seaman and T. J. Heffarman; buglers, A. A. Rosander and J. M. Angle; surgeons, G. R. Freeman and Dr. T. A. Tyndall; board of directors, W. J. Cronin, A. D. Wallace, R. W. Forsyth, A. J. Reids and J. R. J. Ryan.

Prize winners in club run competition are: R. W. Forsyth, first prize, gold medal; Isidore Raichlefsky, second prize, silver medal; W. G. Hoff, third prize, bronze medal. Road officers attending most runs, J. H. Hewitt won first prize and M. Lorenze second prize.

Football Note.

Northwestern University of Illinois is anxious to secure Capt. Chadwick of Yale for coach next season, but it is more probable that Chadwick will be head coach at Yale next fall.

THE GOLF SEASON'S LEADERS.

TRAVIS HEADS THE LIST IN NATIONAL RENOWN.

Fourteen Who May Be Named Next in Order of Merit—Douglas in Second Place—The Amateur Champion Has Not Earned a Rating in the Selected Division

There is no official way of ranking the leading players in golf, due to the fact that aside from the amateur championship there is no tournament in which the entries are representative enough to furnish an absolute standard of comparison, as the tournaments are held in different parts of the country, under different playing conditions and between entrants of varying merit. It is possible, however, to strike a balance between the merits of the leading players, by passing an estimate on the character of their performances, whether in winnings or losings, in the fields in which each competed. The number of wins alone is of little value unless the character of the field and the value of the links as a test of golf be taken into account. Furthermore, the amateur championship cannot be regarded as an infallible verdict of the merits of the contestants, although the winner gains as a tangible reward the title of amateur champion. Yet, year after year, the competition may be relied on to bring out, in the long run, the best player as the winner, save always that a freshet, or some other unforeseen occurrence happens along to put the players from a distance at a special disadvantage over a links that is a strange one to them at the best.

This year, a freshet being to blame, it is generally held among golfers that the winner owed more to luck than to skill and that he is not really to be classed among the first fifteen of our golfers. It is not to be overlooked that under good golfing conditions Louis N. James put out H. H. Conklin, one of the best of the college golfers, in the amateur championship, yet this will not offset the weight of opinion against James's right to a high rating.

There is no question as to Travis's claim to first place in any alignment of the players, for his unparalleled performance in tying for second place in the open championship would alone make this certain, aside from his past record in the amateur championships and his tournament record this season, which included the M. G. A. championship. Douglass, all the greater part of the season, proved at the recent Atlantic City and Lakewood tournaments that he stands next to Travis alone. In third place comes a group of five—Eben M. Byers, who won honest victories from both Travis and H. C. Egan in the amateur championship and who has since won the open championship of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association and the championship of the Rhode Island Golf Association, H. Chandler Egan, champion of both the Western Golf Association and the Intercollegiate Golf Association; Charles B. Macdonald, who is playing a much better game than when he won the first U. S. G. A. amateur championship; George A. Ormiston, a young Scot who stands practically on even terms with Byers and who beat him when playing for Highlands against Allegheny in the final for the team championship of the W. G. A., and Frank O. Reinhart, an amateur championship semi-finalist, who beat Travis in the Morris County tournament, won at the Westbrook meeting, and was beaten only a hole by H. C. Egan in the Intercollegiate championship.

Bracketed in the fourth place may be placed C. H. Seely, twice winner of the Connecticut Golf Association championship, A. G. Lockwood, strongest of the Massachusetts players but erratic; W. E. Egan, runner up in the amateur championship of 1901; C. H. Hitchcock, Jr., the former intercollegiate champion, and H. B. McFarland, runner up in the two intercollegiate meetings of the year and the most promising of all the players in the Philadelphia district. Next to end the selected fifteen, only three more need be named and they seem to belong on the five mark from Travis, although there is not much difference between them and those put in the fourth place. The trio are Allan Brandau, champion of the New Jersey State League; H. B. Hollins, jr., only beaten by McFarland in the last intercollegiate semi-final on the nineteenth hole, although from lack of practice he did not do very well in the earlier team matches, and Louis G. Myers, the individual champion of the Midwestern Golf Association. As a contemporary of Byers at Yale, Myers has been a close student of the game for six or seven years. He was one of Vardon's opponents at the New Haven Golf Club in 1900, and the English expert said he had the best natural style of any of the Americans he had played against. Playing from a Eaglewood club, Myers won the Massachusetts championship of 1901, but on account of business he has not taken part in many tournaments since leaving college.

There doubtless will be some objections to the exclusion of many well-known players from this list, especially from those who believe they are quite as good as the last trio, but the compilation has been made with a due regard to both the public and private "form" of those enrolled. Those "knocking on the door" for admission on this basis number Desmereaux Emmet, J. Thorp, Jerome R. Pyne, F. J. Allen, L. H. Conklin, C. B. Cory, M. G. McDonald, a Florida star, Archibald Graham, W. C. Chick, G. T. Brokaw, Phelps B. Hoyt, Harold C. Smith, Louis N. James, A. M. Brown, U. A. Murdock, J. W. Boker, Norman S. Campbell, W. L. Glenney, Howard A. Colby, H. L. Gaw, Louis Livingston, R. C. Watson, Jr., Jesse G. Madeira, Walter Fairbanks and others capable of brilliant work when at their best. The list:

Scratch, Walter J. Travis; 2, Findlay S. Douglas; 3, E. M. Byers; H. Chandler Egan; C. B. Macdonald, George A. Ormiston, Frank O. Reinhart, C. H. Seely, A. G. Lockwood, Walter E. Egan, C. Hitchcock, Jr.; H. D. McFarland; S. Allen Kennaday, H. B. Hollins, Jr., Louis G. Myers.

College boys, here and abroad, often rush in where adults would fear to tread. The Oxford Golf Club Committee has passed a resolution "asserting the adherence of the committee to the principle of standardization."

Arrangements have been made to put on a stable basis the picked team international match between England and Scotland as an annual addition to the amateur championship, the first match, held at Hoylake last year, having been in the nature of an experiment. It will hereafter be in charge of a board of management made up of two representatives of the three Scottish clubs, St. Andrews, Prestwick and the Edinburgh Company, and two representatives from the two English clubs, Sandwich and Hoylake. There will be nine players a side, each match to be played to a finish at thirty-six holes, but the winner to score but one point for his side (our Tuxedo system), the committee to choose the players and the match to be played on the Saturday before the amateur championship each year.

In the final of the Class B championship series at the Marine and Field Club last Saturday I. H. Smith beat W. S. Spalding by 1 up.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 7.—A circular has been issued by the officers of the East Orange Golf Club, which is one of the clubs affiliated with the East Jersey Golf League, asking for an expression of opinion from the various members as to whether it will be advisable to disband the club before the opening of the next season. The club has been one of the largest and most prosperous in the vicinity of New York, and while the interest in the game has not waned it is feared the property on which the club is located may be wanted for building purposes by the man who has leased it to the club for the last few years. It is believed a majority of the members will vote in favor of going on. It is thought an agreement will be reached with the owner of the links whereby the club may continue with the proviso that it shall withdraw at any time the owner may want his property. The annual election of the club will be held next Saturday afternoon, and at that time the matter will be settled.

Sprinter Burroughs Dies of Typhoid Fever.

Charles Lindley Burroughs, the Western intercollegiate sprinter and holder of the 220-yard record of 21 3-5 seconds for the Central Association, died on Friday last in Paris of typhoid fever. Burroughs graduated from the University of Chicago in 1899 and went with the Chicago team to the Olympic games of 1900 held in connection with the Paris Exposition. He was 28 years of age and once won a fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. His body will be taken to Des Moines, Ia., for interment.

Bowling Games To-night.

American National Tournament—New Jersey, Belvidere and Keystone, at the White Elephant alleys.

New York League Tournament—Linwood, Bryant and National, at Amann & Treiss's alleys.

Stock Exchange League tournament—Stewart, Barr & Co., Vermilye & Co. and Clark, Dodge & Co., at the White Elephant alleys.

Knights of Columbus League Tournament—St. Nicholas Council, Vera Cruz Council and New Amsterdam Council, at Starr's alleys.

Harlem League Tournament—Premier, Hyperion, and Lotus, at Thum & Schlofer's alleys.

Yorkville League Tournament—Park, Park Hill and Yorkville Grocers, at Schutte's alleys.

Gas Companies Tournament—Consolidated Gas Company, Bronch 1 Standard Gas Company, Forty-ninth street branch and Standard Gas Company, 125th street branch, at the Riverside alleys.

Germania National Tournament—St. Marks, Nassau and Krakehlia, at the Germania Assembly Rooms' alleys.

Athletic League—Elizabeth Club vs. Roseville A. A., at the Elizabeth Club alleys.

BOWLING RECORDS AND GAMES.

AMERICAN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

	W.	L.	High Sc.		W.	L.	High Sc.
				Team.			
Spartan	8	2	1039	New Jersey	6	6	985
Fidelia	11	3	1062	Belvidere	6	6	940
Corinthian	12	4	995	Knickerbocker	5	7	1021
Algonquin	7	3	1020	Keystone	4	8	982
Sylvan	7	3	961	Phoenix	4	8	949
Empire	8	4	1021	Hyperion	3	7	958
Montgomery	9	5	1036	Newburg W	3	7	926
Berkeley	6	4	948	7-20-4	4	10	971
Metropolitan	7	5	1038	Nyack	2	10	943
Rosedale	7	7	941	West. Cyclone	1	11	900
Columbia	6	6	1031				

NEW YORK LEAGUE.

Metropolitan	11	1	1014	Dipper	5	5	946
Spartan	10	2	988	Empire City	4	4	952
New Jersey	10	4	1060	Orchard	5	7	997
Bryant	7	3	993	Stickers	3	5	967
Monarch	7	3	960	Hawthorne	3	7	1009
Algonquin	8	4	1013	Morningside	3	7	957
Fidelia	8	4	1068	Oriental	4	10	936
Linwood	6	4	983	St. Marks	2	6	920
Hyperion	7	5	965	Arlington	1	11	808
Columbia	7	7	974	Hudson	1	13	898
National	5	5	984				

ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

Columbia	5	1	896	North End	4	5	896
Century W	8	4	981	Jersey City	3	6	924
Roseville A. A.	6	3	929	Elizabeth	3	6	905
Newark A. A.	6	3	919	Montclair	2	4	804
New York A. C.	5	4	962	New'k Bay B.C.	3	9	896

HARLEM LEAGUE.

Corinthian	7	1	925	Century W	6	6	962
Morris	10	2	974	Westchester W	6	6	936
Lotus	10	2	943	Colonial	6	6	866
Friendship	8	4	884	Cyclone	5	7	910
Bronxdale	6	4	900	Phoenix	4	8	928
Mohawk	6	4	977	Hyperion	3	7	987
Premier	6	4	941	Audubon	3	9	947
Central Park	7	5	968	Roy. Arc. W.	2	8	854
Wash. Hgts.	7	5	948	New Rochelle	2	10	973
Lafayette	8	6	1020	Atalanta	2	10	875
Belvidere	6	6	972				

COLUMBIA LEAGUE.

Algonquin	9	1	1008	Iyago	6	6	970
Mohawk	10	2	1052	Yonkers	6	6	965
Empire City	8	2	1030	Oriental	5	7	944
Orchard	7	3	969	Empire	4	6	964
Hooker	8	4	1011	Cyclone	4	8	921
Oak	9	5	973	Columbus	3	7	972
Roy. Arc. W.	7	5	972	Circle	3	9	1010
Rosedale	8	6	1013	Wash. Hgt's	3	9	917
Linwood	8	6	978	Aurania	3	11	1000
Belvidere	7	7	1020	Century W	2	10	963
Bleecker	6	6	978				

WHOLESALE DRUG TRADE ASSOCIATION.

Seabury & J.	6	0	872	Sharp & D.	2	4	773
Colgate & Co.	6	1	865	Geo. Chem. Co.	3	3	809
Johnson & J.	7	1	861	Lanman & K.	2	6	780
Parke, D. & Co.	6	2	803	Nat. Lead Co.	2	6	760
Roessler & H.	5	3	811	N. Y. Glu. Co.	2	6	762
Dodge & O.	3	5	828	Bruen R. & Co.	1	7	722

NORTH SIDE LEAGUE.

Dipper	10	2	972	Tremont	5	7	878
Hyperion	10	2	936	Tecumseh	4	8	882
Metropolitan	10	2	917	North N. Y.	4