GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE TURF IS LOOKED FOR.

Impossible to Estimate Amount of Money Wagered at Local Tracks During the Past Season—More Trouble for Ryan—Success for California Tracks.

The prosperity of racing, as exemplified by the State tax amounting to $170,085.88 this year, has caused no end of discussion as to the amount of money involved in the sport of kings. The gross receipts of all tracks operating in this State for the past year were $8,401,717.60. This amount includes money paid by the public for admission to the various racecourses where betting was allowed. The question naturally arises, therefore, how much money was wagered on the races at New York tracks in the same period? Bookmakers are not inclined to tell of their transactions in the ring and consequently an answer to this question is not obtainable from them. But those who have watched the magnitude of the ring operations all the year maintain that enough money was wagered to pay off the national debt.

"Take Futurity Day for instance," said a horseman who was discussing this point yesterday. "There were close to 50,000 persons at Sheepshead Bay when this event was run this year. Bookmakers upon that occasion said that half a million dollars was handled in the ring on the six races. It was frequently the case that the 'Big Store' book, operated by Ullman and Weller, handled $30,000 to a race. I do not believe that anybody can estimate the total amount of money wagered."

In keeping with the record-breaking attendance and receipts, the amount of the stakes and purses paid to turfmen was never greater. Yet, during the coming year the racing associations will offer richer stakes and more liberal purses than ever before. Though the popularity of the turf during this year was at a height never expected by the promoters of the sport, indications point to an even more successful campaign in 1903. The breeding industry is booming and the entries for the more important stakes have exceeded all prognostications. In a word, racing is still on the upward grade with the end not yet in sight.

"Outlaw" Ryan is still having his troubles at the Newport track. On Monday his star jockey, Cunningham, had the mount on Sandflea, who, because of her class, should have won the third race with ease. In the Ryan syndicate books the filly was held at even money while several opposition layers quoted 6 to 5 and 8 to 5 at post time. Ryan and his friends quickly took the latter prices but Sandflea lost, chiefly because of a poor ride by Cunningham. The jockey was called into the stewards' stand and informed that if he put up any more such rides he would be outlawed by the outlaws.

Racing in California this winter is of a higher class and of more real benefit to owners than ever before. President Tom Williams has made it a point to attract horsemen who have either raced at New Orleans or have remained idle during the winter months, and that he has succeeded is shown by the presence on the Coast of more prominent owners than have ever raced there in times past. The value of the stakes and purses has had much to do with drawing these owners away from the Crescent City where just now the sport cannot be pronounced the best. But New Orleans has made some rapid strides in public favor of late if only because of the alertness of the stewards who have conducted an active crusade against fraud and are determined to keep the racing free from taint in future. The fact that during the first month of racing at Ingleside twenty-eight owners have won for more than $1,000 with their stables and at least half a dozen of that number have exceeded the $2,000 mark, shows that there is money in racing during the winter for the non-betting owner if he possesses suitable material with which to compete for the prices hung up.

Arthur Redfern's young brother, a 40-pounder, is anxious to become a jockey. He is constantly begging his father to allow him to ride and the latter seems inclined to allow him to. The youngster is just such a boy as Arthur was three years ago and those who have seen him exercising horses say that he is a natural born rider. It is probable that he will be seen in some of the apprentice races here next season.

"Gil" Robinson, the showman, intends to have a racing stable. He is the youngest son of "Uncle John" Robinson, a veteran circus proprietor. Mr. Robinson is said to have purchased some English thoroughbreds who will carry his colors here next season.

President Bush of the New Orleans track is enforcing a rule which keeps the touts outside the gates. Whenever one of them is detected in the ring he is pounced upon and hustled away. This is a practice that other racetracks might pursue with benefit to their patrons, for the tout, though somewhat ancient personage, is objectionable at all times no matter how well informed he may be.

Harry Cochran, W. C. Whitney's former jockey, who went to California not long ago, has decided to come East because of his inability to secure a sufficient number of mounts to make his visit remunerative. Cochran seems to be experiencing a run of hard luck which he cannot shake off. Ever since he was injured at Saratoga in 1901, the boy has fallen off in his riding and last season was about the most unsuccessful in his experienced since he first got into the saddle. There was a time when Cochran apeared to have a brilliant future. He was considered a coming star and commanded a big salary, but just now he finds that his once valuable services are not in great demand and that the fortune that he might have laid away has vanished in thin air.

John W. Schorr will race these two-year-olds in the East next year: Cloverton, Escobar, Hexam, Doricourt, Monastic, Delemont, Lissardo, Martius, Pentaur, Molinos, Beneficent, Moharib, Istrian, Burleigh, Monet, Mountebank, Orfel, Dutiful, Escalera, Excentral, Fluella, Mordella, Morgana, Volto, Waterin, Mingore and Sweet Gretchen. Moharib is a full brother to Judith Campbell.

A new betting scheme has been launched in Cincinnati. The plan is to form pools to be payable pro rata to the persons who successfully combine the names of the winners of stated feature events of the American turf in 1903. For instance, say that the first combination be the Montgomery Handicap, the Cumberland Derby and the Kentucky Derby. A fee of $1 will be charged for each combination of the names of horses and each dollar goes into the pool, which will be closed ten days before the running of the first race. After deducting a small percentage, the proprietors of the scheme will distribute the balance among the successful guessers. It may be seen that the originators of this plan stand to pick up some very easy money.

Sam Hildreth is cutting a wide swath at the Crescent City just at present. He has not only been beating the races for big money but has also been playing faro and roulette with marked success. Hildreth has also trained a number of selling platers with so much acumen that they have developed the form of stake horses, and every time they have started Sam has been aboard, together with a coterie of knowing friends. Hildreth has had John Peters and Harry Wilson in his care only a few days, but the improved form shown by these horses has been phenomenal.

Secretary Ed Jasper has completed the conditions of eight stake events to be run at the Worth spring meeting. The opening day's feature will be the Powers Handicap with $2,500 added. The only event exclusively for three-year-olds will be a condition affair in which beaten horses will receive an allowance of seven pounds. This will let in the winners of the Crescent City, California, Memphis and Louisville Derbies at 122 pounds for colts and 117 pounds for fillies.

The Canadian Government has granted a charter to the Fort Erie Jockey Club, Limited, "to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred horses and to hold race meetings and other lawful sports," the incorporators being John Hood and Moses Shire, both of Buffalo; William German, A. C. McDonnell and Joseph Battle. The Fort Erie club is capitalized at $80,000.

James W. Gerard, Jr., a son-in-law of the late Marcus Daly, is said to be preparing to take up the turf in a modest way for the present and will revive the popular "copper, silver and green" of the famous Daly stable.

The National Stallion race, to be run in 1904, has attracted a long list of entries, August Belmont and J. B. Haggin being the leading nominators.

Deeds Covering the Transfer of Belmont Park Filed.

MINEOLA, L. I., Dec. 24.—The deed covering the transfer of a tract comprising about 650 acres of land between Rosedale and Queens to the Westchester Racing Association, has been filed in the County Clerk's office here. The tract includes a number of farms and residence places, mostly fronting on the Hempstead and Jamaica road, which was purchased by Jarvis E. Smith last fall.

While most of the land was acquired by Smith last fall, the date of transfer of several pieces of property forming part of this vast track shows that preparations for acquiring this land for racing purposes were begun more than a year ago. The consideration named in the transfer is nominal.

BASEBALL.

John M. Ward Suggested for President of the New Club Here.

Whether Tom Loftus or Clark Griffith is the manager of the New York American League team, it may be said that Ban Johnson and his friends have received a suggestion from several prominent baseball enthusiasts that John M. Ward be elected for the presidency of the new ball club to be located in this city. Ward was recently mentioned as a candidate for the presidency of the National League and he might have been elected if he had been able to spare the time to devote to the duties of the office, but he asked that his name be withdrawn before he had really became a candidate. Ward has a large following here among baseball patrons because of his career as a player and as manager and captain of the New Yorks. He has never lost his love for the national game, in spite of his law business, and his friends believe that the American League would make a popular move by putting him at the head of the new club. His duties would not be arduous and he would be an able representative of the club at the meetings of the magnates. Whether Ward could be induced to accept such an office is a question, but it will not be at all surprising if he hears of a definite offer from the American League.

The Yale Varsity baseball candidates will begin practice on Feb. 5. The outlook for a good team is favorable. Pitcher Garvan has graduated but Patton will be on hand again, while Boardman of Hill School, Jackson of Exeter, Bush of Hotchkiss School and Brooks of the '05 team will receive trials in the box. Capt. Winslow will be the regular backstop, with Rockwell and Farmer of the Varsity eleven also candidates for this position. Littlefield and Chittenden will again be the candidates for first base, although the latter may play third to fill the vacancy left by Guernsey. Metcalf, the football half back, will play second base again. He is the fastest base runner that Yale has seen in years. Miller will probably play shortstop once more, with Cote and Barnwell back in the outfield. Cornwall and White, the best batters on the freshman team, are looked upon as the best men for right field. James H. O'Rourke, Jr., son of the famous old League player, who was ineligible last season, will be a candidate for short field, together with O'Brien, a promising player from Andover.

CALLS M'GOVERN'S BOUT OFF.

Contest With Young Corbett Cancelled as Far as Detroit Is Concerned.

As already foreshadowed, the contest is off between Terry McGovern and Young Corbett as far as the Metropolitan A. C. of Detroit is concerned, and the match is just as remote as ever. Sam Harris for McGovern yesterday cancelled his man's engagement, and if the two ever have it out the tilt will be held at either Louisville or San Francisco. It was definitely learned yesterday that the club had not posted a cent of forfeit money, although $5,000 was supposed to have been put up. This fact, it is believed, urged Harris to take the step he did more than anything else. Harris has notified Matchmaker Billy Considine of his decision, and the latter will probably officially call off the mill some time this week.

It is now understood that efforts will be made to have the fight held at Louisville, and that the fighters will unite reasonable overtures to Bob Gray of the Southern A. C. of that city to bid for the struggle. Harris telegraphed to Gray yesterday asking how much he would donate, and it is believed that any reasonable sum will be accepted. It is said that Gray will not offer any purse, but if the fighters wish to meet at Louisville under the auspices of the Southern A. C. they will have to do so on a percentage basis. This undoubtedly the rivals will consent to do, for if the scrap is eventually decided it will be one of the best drawing cards of the year. Should Gray demur Harris will negotiate with the San Francisco clubs. If the mill is finally clinched it will not be held until the second week in February, as the boxers want ample time in which to train.

In view of the strenuous opposition of Gov. Bliss of Michigan against prizefighting, the Metropolitan A. C. intends to hold a few bouts to-morrow night as a test case. McGovern has been chosen referee. Sheriff Dickson contends that he will not interfere with any of the contests held by the Metropolitan A. C. He says that as long as Mayor Maybury has issued a permit for these bouts to take place, he fails to see where it concerns him in any way, and that unless Gov. Bliss so orders he will not even attend the combats.

GOLF.

Christmas Day Fixtures—Points About Professionals.

If the storm that is moving down from Lake Superior does not get to the links to-day before the golfers there will be competitions at Lakewood, St. Andrew's, Westchester, Dyker Meadow and other courses in the M. G. A. district. A number of players have gone South for the holidays.

Alec Herd, the open champion of Great Britain, was elected captain at the last meeting of the Professional Golfers' Association in London. It was also voted to hold an annual professional match, Scotland against England, during the open championship meeting and a committee was appointed to arrange the details.

At the Atlantic City Country Club there will be an all-day Christmas competition for the caddy boys, who will be treated to a turkey dinner by Frederick Hemsley, president of the club.

Willie Anderson is not to go to a Chicago links next season, but on his return from Scotland will begin his third season at the Pittsfield Country Club. His brother Tom will also be in the Berkshires, having been engaged by the Stockbridge Golf Club, while Tom Anderson, Sr., stays on for another year at the Montclair Golf Club. Will Smith of the Midlothian Club will be at Santa Barbara this winter, and Horace Rawlins of the Waumbek Golf Club has returned for his third season to the Los Angeles Country Club.

Gymnastic Directors to Meet at New York A. C.

College gymnastic directors from all over the country are gathering in town to attend the sixth annual convention of the American Association of Physical Directors in the universities and colleges, which begins on Dec. 30. Meetings will be held at the New York A. C. instead of at Columbia University as formerly obtained. Dr. Paul C. Phillips of Amherst, the president of the association, will open the sessions with an address. Papers will be presented for discussion on Tuesday as follows: "The Growth of Gymnasium Apparatus," by Prof. Goldie of Princeton; "The Abuse of Preparatory School Training," by Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, director of the Harvard University gymnasium, and "The Place and Value of Correspondence Schools," by Dr. Watson Lewis Savage, physical director of Columbia University.

At the second session on Tuesday afternoon Dr. Jay W. Seaver of Yale will read a paper on "The Physiology of Exercises of Speed, Endurance and Strength." Dr. R. T. McKenzie of McGill University, Montreal, will present a paper on "The Effects of Overexertion in Athletics and Gymnastics," and Dr. William G. Anderson of Yale is to speak on "The Contributions for the Year from Scientific Laboratories."

On Wednesday, Dr. Alonzo A. Stagg, professor of physical education at the University of Chicago—the former Yale pitcher—will discuss the "Relations of the Society to the Secondary Schools." The remainder of the session will be devoted to the annual business meeting, the general reports of committees and the election of new officers for the ensuing calendar year.

For the first time this year the preparatory schools will be accorded representation at the convention. This step is the outgrowth of an organization of instructors in preparatory school gymnasiums formed last summer at Chautauqua. Its president is Dr. A. DeGrout of the Lewis Institute at Chicago, Michael F. Sweeney, the world's champion high-jumper, of Hill School, Pottstown, Pa., is treasurer, and Dr. Otto Monahan of the Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Conn., is secretary.

This society will hold its first annual meeting at the New York A. C. at the same time as the college directors meet, but in other rooms. One session of the college men will be thrown open to the preparatory school directors for general discussion and an exchange of views.

The Garden Football Tournament.

Two noted Carlisle Indians, Hawley Pierce and his brother, Bemis Pierce, are expected to play on the professional eleven that will represent Syracuse at the coming indoor tournament in Madison Square Garden. The addition of the Pierces will make the Syracuse team so formidable that the New York and Philadelphia elevens will have to look to their laurels. The manager of the New York team says that he has thirty players in training, but will not divulge the names for the present. The Philadelphia eleven is made up of many former Pennsylvania stars.

THE KING'S RACING INTERESTS

ROYAL STABLE LARGER THAN GENERALLY SUPPOSED.

England's Ruler Has Forty-seven Thoroughbreds—Has Seven Two-Year-Olds by Persimmon—Diamond Jubilee and Florizel II. His Other Stallions.

King Edward's stud, including the thoroughbred stallions, brood mares, foals, horses in training and last year's Grand National winner, Ambush II., make the grand total of forty-seven animals. It is a formidable array to be trained and groomed, and its extent is perhaps not so well known to lovers of horseflesh in the outside world. Other studs outnumber this interesting bunch, but nowhere is there to be had bluer blood or stock that has contributed so much to the success of the English turf at the present hour.

Just now the royal stable is divided into three sections. Ambush II., with a special trainer and a couple of trial horses, is at the Curragh of Kildare in Ireland, undergoing rough winter work for the early spring steeplechase events; the horses in training, numbering eighteen, are with Richard Marsh at Egerton House, Newmarket. Here also are the three top-notch stallions, Persimmon, Diamond Jubilee and Florizel II., who, curiously enough, are brothers, located at the Heath Stud Farm. The foals to the number of ten and brood mares, sixteen, are at Sandringham stud. There has been some weeding out in the training material, leaving only one three-year-old filly, Nadejda, a remnant of the Perdita stock, and an own sister to his Majesty's Derby winners. She figures in the £10,000 events next year. This filly is the last of Perdita II.'s nine foals and the following table from the *Field* shows the work of this remarkable brood mare of the Sandringham stud:

		Races Won.	Races Lost.	Value.
1888	B. c. Derelict, by Barcaldine	1	8	£100
1889	B. f. Barracouta, by Barcaldine	1	3	227
1890	Barren	..	..	..
1891	Br. c. Florizel II., by St. Simon	11	11	7,858
1892	Barren	..	..	..
1893	B. c. Persimmon, by St. Simon	7	2	34,712
1894	B. c. Farrant, by Donovan	0	0	..
1895	B. f. Azeeza, by Surefoot	0	1	..
1896	Br. c. Sandringham, by St. Simon	0	0	..
1897	B. c. Diamond Jubilee, by St. Simon	6	10	28,185
1898	Slipped foal	..	..	..
1899	B. f. Nadejda, by St. Simon	0	0	..
	Total	26	35	£71,982

Seven of the two-year-olds at Egerton House are all by Persimmon, Meud being the only winner. In the nine approaching two-year-olds there is more variety, as the following list will show. One, Ortolan, is by Orme:

HORSES IN TRAINING.

Nadejda, b. f., by St. Simon, out of Perdita II., 3 years.

Email, ch. c., by Persimmon, out of Red Enamel, 2 years.

Mead, ch. c., by Persimmon, out of Meadow Chat, 2 years.

Persistence, br. c., by Persimmon, out of Laodamia, 2 years.

Plumassier, br. c., by Persimmon, out of Fauchette, 2 years.

Persifleur, ch. c., by Persimmon, out of Merrie Lassie, 2 years.

Lady Cor, ch. f., by Persimmon, out of La Carolina, 2 years.

Chestnut colt, by Persimmon, out of Sweet Muscat, 2 years.

Pitchfirmon, b. c., by Persimmon, out of Laodamia, yearling.

Pirl, b. f., by Persimmon, out of Nunsuch, yearling.

Bay colt, by Persimmon, out of Meadow Chat, yearling.

Brown colt, by Persimmon, out of La Carolina, yearling.

Chestnut filly, by Persimmon, out of Fauchette, yearling.

Chestnut filly, by Persimmon, out of Merrie Lassie, yearling.

Brown filly, by Florizel II., out of Eventail, yearling.

Bay colt, by St. Simon, out of Azeeza, yearling.

Ortolan, b. c., by Orme, out of Leveret, yearling.

Of this list all the two-year-olds have faced the starter's flag except the unnamed colt by Sweet Muscat. Email and Plumassier, Richard Marsh will have ten foals to take charge of next year. With the exception of La Paix, a brown filly by Persimmon, they have not yet been christened. The breeding stud at Sandringham now comprises the following list:

BROOD MARES.

Azeeza (1895), by Surefoot, out of Perdita II., by Hampton; covered by Nunthorpe, March 22.

Courtly (1901), by Hampton, out of Little Lady, by Rosicrucian; covered by Persimmon, May 5.

Chatelaine (1885), by Bend Or, out of Chanoinesse, by Newminster; covered by Persimmon, March 19.

Cheveremo (1892), by Cheveley, out of Cheveline, by Dutch Skater; covered by Persimmon, March 31.

Fauchette (1890), by Speculum, out of Reticence, by Vespacian; covered by Diamond Jubilee, June 16.

Laodamia (1900), by Kendal, out of Chrysalis, by Lecturer; covered by Diamond Jubilee, Feb. 25.

La Caroline (1899), by Sterling, out of Merry Duchess, by The Duke; covered by Persimmon, May 15.

Leveret (1891), by Galopin, out of Sacrifice, by Hampton; covered by Orme, April 14.

Meadow Chat (1892), by Minting, out of Stone Clink, by Speculum; covered by Diamond Jubilee, April 23.

Mousme (1895), by St. Simon, out of Fauchette, by Speculum; covered by Queen's Birthday, Feb. 19.

Nunsuch (1894), by Nunthorpe, out of La Morlaye, by Doncaster; covered by St. Simon, April 19.

Rose Madden (1889), by Rosebery, out of Madrigal, by Mandrake; covered by Persimmon, May 17.

Spyglass (1895), by Royal Hampton, out of I Spy, by Speculum; covered by Diamond Jubilee, June 12.

Tears of Joy (1895), by Amphion, out of Merry Dance, by Doncaster; covered by Persimmon, June 7.

Vesta, sister to Flying Fox (1897), by Orme, out of Vampire, by Galopin; covered by Ladas, April 16.

Wheatley (1895), by Orme, out of Shotover, by Hermit; covered by Persimmon, April 16.

STALLIONS.

Persimmon (1893), by St. Simon, out of Perdita II., by Hampton, out of Hermione, by Young Melbourne.

Diamond Jubilee (1897), by St. Simon, out of Perdita II., by Hampton, out of Hermione, by Young Melbourne.

Florizel II., (1891), by St. Simon, out of Perdita II., by Hampton, out of Hermione, by Young Melbourne. At Heath Stud Farm, Newmarket.

Florizel II. got the Derby winner Ardpatrick and Persimmon headed the list of winning sires with sixteen races worth £36,810.

SHARKEY RETURNS TO RING.

Ex-Sailor Wants a Chance to Fight Either Jim Jeffries or Jack Monroe.

Tom Sharkey has just emerged from his retirement and wishes to fight again. Some time ago Sharkey announced that he had quit the ring, but the introduction of a championship possibility in the person of Jack Monroe, the Anaconda miner who succeeded in staying four rounds with Jim Jeffries, caused the ex-sailor to change his mind and appear on the fistic horizon again. In an interview yesterday Sharkey stated his willingness to meet either Monroe or Jim Jeffries in any sort of bout for a purse and side bet limited from $1,000 to $5,000. Tom declares that he means business and that if Jeffries or Monroe shows any inclination to accept he will post a forfeit to prove that business is meant.

"Jeffries is quoted as saying that Monroe can whip me," said Sharkey. "Well, if that is so I will fight him or Monroe at any time for a big sum on the outside. When I said that I had quit the game I meant it. But the fact that Monroe and Jeffries think they are 'it' has spurred me on to show my hand and they are the only two scrappers that I will meet. I have seen Monroe in action and although he is a strong, rugged fellow I know that I can beat him and there is nothing that I would like better than another chance at Jeffries."

FORBES AND TOKELL MATCHED.

To Meet at San Francisco for the Bantam Title Next February Before Yosemite A. C.

Prof. Jimmy Kelly, who has Andrew Tokell, the English bantam champion, under his wing, has received a liberal offer to meet Harry Forbes at San Francisco in February. The offer came from the Yosemite A. C. and was promptly accepted by Kelly, who immediately posted $500 as a forfeit. The club, according to Kelly, will have to do the same. Kelly and Tokell will receive transportation both ways as soon as the articles of agreement are signed. Much interest will naturally be centred on the outcome as the contest will be for the bantam title of the world. Those who have seen Tokell work in private say that he has more than an even chance against Forbes and predict that the mill will really be a slasher. Kelly says Tokell will train for the mill at a place not very far from San Francisco. The weight will be 115 pounds.

Skating.

The skating races which were scheduled to take place at Verona Lake, N. J., to-day have been postponed until New Year's Day. The ice on the lake is not thick enough to insure safety. Entries for the races will be open until Saturday.

TRICK WEIGHT MAKES RECORDS.

Short Handle for Official Measurement Changes to Long One for Throwing.

There came to light yesterday a piece of information which may cause several 56-pound weight throwing records of standard fame to be scratched from the record tables. All this is concerning a 56-pound missile which has been used at Celtic Park for some time past and with which John Flanagan, Richard J. Sheridan and James S. Mitchel have made records. It is not known whether this "56" is the property of Flanagan or the Greater New York Irish A. A. but, whether it is or not, it is the one produced on all State occasions for competition at the Irish grounds.

A short time ago, owing to a couple of applications for records made last fall at the Star A. C. and at Celtic Park with this implement, J. E. Sullivan chairman of the A. A. U. record committee asked to see the weight and yesterday it was brought on from Long Island by M. J. Flynn of the Star A. C. It was weighed by a city weigher and found to be 1½ ounces short of the required 56 pounds, but when its length was taken at the longest angle it measured 18¾ inches over all, and at the shortest 16½ inches both in excess of the stipulated 16 inches.

The weight itself is a leaden sphere, flattened at the top, with a triangular handle which was evidently constructed with the purpose of deceiving athletic authorities. This triangle, which is attached to the ball with a swivel is reversible. The shortest angle was the one intended to be measured by the officials for it comes nearest the rules. But by changing the handle to either of the other angles the length is found to be 18¾ inches. As the extra leverage of 2¼ inches in an exercise of this kind means an advantage of about 18 inches in the length of the throw it was no wonder that records fell by the wayside.

On Oct. 20, 1901, Flanagan broke the previous world's records by throwing the 56-pound weight 36 feet 9½ inches from a seven-foot circle and the record was accepted, yet no man can be found to-day who will swear he measured the weight and found it 16 inches. Thomas F. O'Brien, official handicapper of the A. A. U., told a reporter of THE SUN that he weighed the weight but he could not be sure about the measurement nor could he identify the missile afterward. Nor can anybody be found to testify that Flanagan's record was accomplished with a different weight from this one now in question. On Oct. 20 last at Celtic Park, Sheridan with unlimited run and follow threw this weight 38 feet 4½ inches, establishing an American record. On Nov. 1 at the Star A. C. games, Long Island City, J. S. Mitchel broke the world's record from stand without follow by sending the same weight 30 feet 2 inches and this too should be blacklisted. On the strength of the discovery about this trick weight an investigation is to be started by the A. A. U. record committee and all records made with it may be thrown out.

Bowling Games.

The Columbia Club bowlers, who lead in the Athletic League, sustained their first setback of the season on Tuesday night, losing two of the games played in the Jersey City club alleys. The scores:

AT THE JERSEY CITY CLUB ALLEYS—FIRST GAME.

Columbia Club—Garrison, 159; Kimball, 184; Hulsmann, 135; Hartzell, 169; Keller, 152. Total, 799.

Jersey City Club—Glass, 170; H. H. Starrett, 167; Cordner, 174; W. R. Starrett, 156; Meyer, 181. Total, 848.

SECOND GAME.

Columbia Club—Garrison, 222; Kimball, 171; Hulsmann, 188; Hartzell, 166; Keller, 161. Total, 908.

Jersey City Club—Glass, 158; H. H. Starrett, 193; Cordner, 152; W. R. Starrett, 166; Meyer, 179. Total, 838.

THIRD GAME.

Columbia Club—Garrison, 196; Kimball, 147; Hulsmann, 163; Hartzell, 176; Keller, 180. Total, 861.

Jersey City Club—Glass, 174; H. H. Starrett, 177; Cordner, 186; W. R. Starrett, 166; Meyer, 227. Total, 930.

AT THE NEWARK BAY BOAT CLUB ALLEYS—FIRST GAME.

Newark Bay Boat Club—Vreeland, 177; Barnard, 189; Woodward, 205; Jaeger, 143; Davies, 179. Total, 893.

Elizabeth Club—Nolte, 155; Acker, 158; Hunting, 160; Karr, 137; Pope, 179. Total, 789.

SECOND GAME.

Newark Bay Boat Club—Vreeland, 193; Barnard, 184; Woodward, 168; Jaeger, 150; Davies, 190. Total, 885.

Elizabeth Club—Nolte, 169; Acker, 169; Hunting, 178; Karr, 179; Pope, 182. Total, 877.

THIRD GAME.

Newark Bay Boat Club—Vreeland, 185; Barnard, 155; Woodward, 196; Jaeger, 178; Davies, 167. Total, 881.

Elizabeth Club—Nolte, 202; Acker, 166; Hunting, 179; Karr, 181; Pope, 189. Total, 917.

In the Staten Island Bowling League on Tuesday night the Buffalos won two games. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Night Owl—Bienert, 142; McGovern, 142; Thompson, 143; Daley, 143; McNeill, 155. Total, 735.

Olympia—Roetger, 141; Heckler, 120; Andrews, 141; Connell, 128. Total, 503.

SECOND GAME.

Buffalo—Eagelson, 173; Bossert, 169; Uhlfoss, 146; Kaufman, 234; Latourette, 189. Total, 911.

Olympia—Roetger, 186; Heckler, 155; Andrews, 162; Connell, 159. Total, 656.

THIRD GAME.

Night Owl—McGovern, 152; Michel, 243; Thompson, 177; Daley, 146; McNeill, 138. Total, 856.

Buffalo—Eagelson, 180; Bossert, 168; Uhlfoss, 185; Kaufman, 177; Latourette, 172. Total, 882.

The Union Middlesex League games rolled on Tuesday night resulted as follows:

AT RAHWAY—FIRST GAME.

Ilderan Outing Club—W. Berry, 159; W. Martin, 176; H. Berry, 119; J. L. Martin, 137; Black, 170. Total, 761.

Woodbridge A. A.—Webber, 147; Pratt, 120; Brown, 202; Westlake, 120; Fernald, 157. Total, 746.

SECOND GAME.

Ilderan Outing Club—W. Berry, 157; W. Martin, 196; H. Berry, 207; J. L. Martin, 156; Black, 192. Total, 902.

Woodbridge A. A.—Webber, 180; Pratt, 182; Brown, 146; Westlake, 154; Fernald, 179. Total, 841.

THIRD GAME.

Ilderan Outing Club—W. Berry, 156; W. Martin, 153; H. Berry, 160; J. L. Martin, 143; Black, 178. Total, 790.

Woodbridge A. A.—Webber, 132; Pratt, 167; Brown, 144; Westlake, 143; Fernald, 119. Total, 707.

AT METUCHEN—FIRST GAME.

Metuchen Club—Breck, 146; Robins, 166; Strong, 197; Morris, 147; McCormick, 161. Total, 857.

Christ Church—Watson, 155; Rastell, 165; Parker, 135; Deshler, 184; Sperling, 199. Total, 838.

SECOND GAME.

Metuchen Club—Breck, 176; Robins, 176; Strong, 150; Morris, 159; McCormick, 149; Total, 810.

Christ Church—Watson, 135; Rastell, 146; Parker, 148; Deshler, 159; Sperling, 161. Total, 749.

THIRD GAME.

Metuchen Club—Breck, 156; Robins, 150; Strong, 149; Morris, 191; McCormick, 162; Total, 748.

Christ Church—Watson, 141; Rastell, 143; Parker, 115; Deshler, 141; Sperling, 149. Total, 689.

NOT A WINNER FOR REDFERN.

CRACK JOCKEY HAS FIRST MOUNT AT NEW ORLEANS.

Christmas Money Hard to Get as Only Two Popular Choices Win—Killing on Elsie L. in the Chief Event—Boundlee First at 20 to 1, With 100 to 1 Shot Second.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—It was no easy task to get Christmas money at the Fair Grounds this afternoon. The first three races went to long shots, the next two to popular choices, the last event to the one second in demand. The track was almost at its best. Good time was made in all of the races.

Jockey Redfern made his début in the colors of Durnell & Herz. His mounts were all backed, but he failed to land a winner. A killing was made on Elsie L. in the feature event, a mile purse. Elsie opened at 2 to 1 but was quickly backed to 6 to 5. Little Scout got a good play also. To a straggling start Elsie got away third, but quickly secured the lead. Helgerson held her in front at the quarter, well in hand. She won all the way, although she was out at the end to stall off Little Scout. Winkfield brought Artena in third.

The first race, for three-year-olds and upward, was won by Hiram Johnson, who had quite a following at a comfortable price. He went to the front when ready and won easily from Major Tenny, the even-money favorite. Harry was thought to be a cinch in the second race, but Athlana proved the winner, racing Mrs. Frank Foster into the ground and coming home by herself. The best Harry could do was to get third money.

For the third race Eva Rice was always the choice. She was practically left at the post. Barney Schreiber's Boundlee, off in the first flight, got the money in a driving finish from Sister Kate II., a 100 to 1 shot. Sarilla was backed from 7 to 5 to even money in the fifth race and was pounds the best. She could have won by a city block, but Munro drew a close finish and only got in by a length. Criterion was a good thing in the sixth race at six and a half furlongs with Bummer the second choice. Bummer was off flying and won all out from Edward L. Criterion had no chance from where he got off.

First Race—For maidens, 3 years old and upward; seven furlongs—Hiram Johnson, 109 (Hoar), 7 to 1, won; Major Tenny, 109 (Gannon), even and 1 to 2, second; Lemoyne, 102 (Redfern), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:28 3-5. John Potter, Lawrence M., Wang Doodle, Maxille, Thane and Bushnell also ran.

Second Race—For two-year-olds; five furlongs—Athlana, 109 (B. Race), 16 to 1, won; Agnes Mee, 99 (Fuller), 25 to 1, second; Mrs. Frank Foster, 109 (Helgerson), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:02. Mis. Frank Foster, Farmer Jim, Latuka, Shrine, Daddy Bender, Hindi and Ring Dove, also ran.

Third Race—Selling; six and one half furlongs—Boundlee, 103 (Donegan), 20 to 1, won; Sister Kate II., 103 (A. Hall), 60 to 1 and 20 to 1, second; Three Bronze Demon, 105 (Scully), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:21 1-5. Montanic, Zack Ford, Limelight, Ben Frost, Elsie Rice, Kiss Quick, Boomerack, Iris and Sue Johnson also ran.

Fourth Race—For three-year-olds and upward; one mile—Elsie L., 102 (Helgerson), 6 to 5, won; Little Scout, 105 (Buchanan), 5 to 2 and 7 to 10, second; Artena, 107 (J. Winkfield), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:41 2-5. Nitrate, Rough Rider and Antonius also ran. Telegram and Bay Boy at the post.

Fifth Race—One mile and a sixteenth; Sarilla, 105 (Munro), 7 to 5, won; Mosketo, 102 (Pollak), 7 to 2 and 4 to 5, second; Marcos, 99 (Scully), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:47. Pizarro, Annie Laurette, Satin Coat and Crocus also ran.

Sixth Race—Six and a half furlongs—Bummer, 105 (Fuller), 3 to 1 and 4 to 5, won; Edward L., 105 (Donegan), 3 to 1 and 7 to 10, second; Flaneur, 100 (D. Gilmore), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:21 4-5. Prince of Melrose, Gala Day, Alfred C., Sir Vere Vere, Frank Kenny, Moroni and Criterion also ran.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—For fillies and mares; all ages; six furlongs.

Swalin	110	Latuka	97
Jane Holly	107	Epidemic	92
St. Ab	105	Heroine	92
Glennville	103	Apple Rose	92
White Owl	103	Parvenue	90
Marie Bell	100	Fair Lass	90

Second Race—Selling; one mile.

Potente	107	Scotch Plaid	101
Gnome	107	Bonitoona	100
Blue Blaze	104	O Hagen	100
Chopin	104	Paul Creyton	100
Joe Doughty	104	Blue Rider	92
Andes	103	Judge Durelle	90

Third Race—Handicap; seven furlongs.

John Peters	120	Tom Kingsley	100
W. J. Deboe	115	Antonius	98
De Reszke	113	Farmer Jim	96
Bard of Avon	100		

Fourth Race—Christmas Handicap; $1,000 added; one mile.

McChesney	128	Moor	110
Federal	116	Harry New	110
Cambrian	116	Elmshee	108
Wasatch	115	Whiskey King	100
Old Hutch	113	Ben Chance	100
The Conqueror II	111	Brief	98

Fifth Race—For all ages; five furlongs.

Golden Rule	123	Terry McDaniel	97
John Peters	122	Tanred	93
Imp. l'Etrenne	107	Glendon	93
Capt. Gaston	107	Klavara	90
Ben Mora	103	Apple Sweet	90
Okla	103	Agnes Mack	90

Sixth Race—Selling; one mile and a quarter.

Lady Chorister	108	Gin Spray	102
Bastus	104	Pay The Fiddler	102
Adelaide	104	Hattie Davis	88
Cogswell	103		

At Newport.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The talent in search of Christmas money had the worst of the argument with the bookies at Newport to-day. But two out of the five winners were favorites. The worst disappointment of the day was the defeat of Flop in the third race.

First Race—Six and a half furlongs—Postillion, 114 (Goodycar), 8 to 5, won; Julietta B., 110 (Mountain), 20 to 1, second; Ringleader, 124 (Morgan), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:29. Title, Old Huss, Omela and Puritan also ran.

Second Race—Five furlongs—Dr. Carr, 105 (Mountain), 7 to 1, won; Belle Barnard, 110 (Cunningham), 10 to 1, second; Frank Coisinger, 113 (Burns), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:07. Solber, Bottid, The Phantom and Budget of Fun also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Little Emmy, 113 (Goodycar), 3 to 1, won; Jumper, 116 (Mountain), 6 to 1, second; Flop, 116 (Cunningham), 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:21. Frank B. and Mayo also ran.

Fourth Race—Five furlongs—Hi Kollar, 102 (Gaines), 7 to 10, won; Ben Boy, 121 (Enos), 7 to 2, second; Maggie Young, 108 (Fitzmorris), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:07½. J. B. Hayes, Alvin W. and Allarie also ran.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs—Orrie Goan, 108 (Mountain), 2 to 1, won; Ada Russell, 111 (Goodyear), 12 to 1, second; Sand Flea, 103 (Johnson), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1