CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP.

LATEST YARN AS TO THE LOCAL RACING SITUATION.

Senator McCarren Said to Be Interested in Empire City's Demand for Dates—Judge Murphy Abandons the Western Jockey Club—Barney Dreyfuss Is Ill

The rumor factory as to news of the plans of the Jockey Club has been working overtime ever since the Empire City Trotting Club received official notice the other day that dates for a race meeting would not be granted. Although nothing authentic has been handed out by either side since this incident, the gossips have been very busy with all sorts of tales. Some of these yarns have seemed plausible, while others have been too absurd to warrant belief. They have been digested by turfmen, just the same, for what they are worth. The latest story to come from the factory has been wired from this city to a Western newspaper, the writer declaring that his information comes from "persons high in the councils of the turf." It is to the effect that the State Racing Commission has already granted a license to the Empire City Trotting Club, and that the question of dates will be decided later when the Jockey Club has had sufficient time to spar for wind. As the members of the Racing Commission are all members of the Jockey Club, it is but natural to suppose that the two bodies would act in perfect harmony. If the Racing Commission had already granted a license to the Empire City Trotting Club, James Butler would have known of it and made it public before this. This Western story does not stop abruptly, but goes on to say that the Empire City track is owned jointly by Mr. Butler and State Senator P. H. McCarren.

Joseph A. Murphy, who has been officiating as presiding judge at Essex Park, Hot Springs, under the auspices of the Western Jockey Club, has gone over to the American Turf Association and will accept a place in the stand at City Park, New Orleans.

"Buddin" McDaniel, the midget jockey, who has been creating a series of sensations at Los Angeles this winter, had four mounts there on Friday, riding three winners and a second. He continues to improve steadily and will come East.

George Odom has arrived here from Atlanta where he has been spending the winter and says he may do some riding for "Diamond Jim" Brady this year when the weights will permit. At present Odom weighs 125 pounds stripped, but says he will scale at 112 when the time to ride arrives. Mr. Brady, who purchased Oiseau for $27,000 last fall has not yet made an addition to his stable, but Matt Allen will receive carte blanche in the spring to make several purchases, as the former owner of Gold Heels and Major Daingerfield is anxious to win new turf laurels. He expects much from Oiseau, who has wintered well, but will not be sent to the races until the Sheepshead Bay meeting.

Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburg Nationals, who is a member of the board of directors who will try the case of Pitcher Jack Taylor next Tuesday, is confined to his bed threatened with pneumonia and may not be able to attend the meeting.

Jack O'Connor, the veteran catcher, has refused to sign another contract with the St. Louis Americans, alleging that his salary has been cut to the extent of $1,700 by owner Robert L. Hedges. The latter admits that the catcher's salary has been reduced, and says that if O'Connor does not sign he will have to get out of baseball. No wonder the ball players are in their element when the magnates are at war!

Speaking of the death of the old ball player Ed Cuthbert, Charley Comiskey has this to say of him: "He was one of the old time boys who started in the game in the early '70s and played for a number of years with the Philadelphia Athletics when Al Reach was a player. I knew Cuthbert well and played with him on the St. Louis Browns. He came from Chicago from Philadelphia and played on the old White Stockings after the big fire. He was considered one of the best left fielders in the country and was a good batsman and baserunner. He quit the game in 1882. Cuthbert was much liked by brother Mike Kelly, a good fellow and popular with everybody. He was a brother-in-law of Buck Weaver, the old Philadelphia player. Some time ago he suffered a palalytic stroke and was in bad shape."

Elmer Flick, the star outfielder of the Cleveland Americans, will be compelled to eat his meals off the mantelpiece for a few days. Flick has a weakness for pets, and when he visited a friend in the Forest City the other day he tried to make friends with a billy goat. Flick approached the animal in a friendly way, but the goat backed off and in an instant came like a streak of lightning at the ball player. Flick started the other way as if he was trying to steal a base, but Mr. Goat was too swift for him and quickly hooked him in the ribs. Then the animal began to butt for dear life and the ball player was in a predicament until he was rescued by stable hands. He was severely bruised.

"The Eastern teams of the National League seem to me to be much stronger than last year," said Garry Herrmann before leaving Cincinnati for this city, where he will arrive to-day. "This fact will make the race in our circuit more interesting than it was in 1904. The records show that the large percentage piled up by the New Yorks under McGraw was chiefly due to their phenomenal showing against the Bostons, Brooklyn and Philadelphia teams. The Western teams, on the other hand, came near splitting even on the season with McGraw's men. With the Eastern teams making any kind of a showing against the New Yorks this year there will be a greater chance for the Western teams to crawl up. It seems to me as if the other teams have been strengthened more than the New Yorks since last year."

Clark Griffith decided yesterday that the New York Americans will wear uniforms on the road this year patterned after those of the famous Providence Grays—gray shirts, trousers and caps, with blue stockings and belts. The home uniform will be white, as usual, with blue trimmings. Griffith has signed as substitute infielder Joe Yeager, who was drafted from Montreal last fall.

Ralph Rose has a rival in Barry Conaway, a Drake University freshman. Conaway is taller than Rose, his shoulders are broader, he weighs more and his waist is smaller. From indications he will be a better proportioned man than the former Michigan giant after he has been through a year's training.

John Cooper, one of the organizers of the world renowned Henley regatta, died in England last Monday. He was 87 years old, and was secretary of the Henley Regatta up to the time of his death. He attended the first meeting in connection with the regatta in 1839.

An attempt will be made to have a bill legalizing boxing in the State of Connecticut. It is said that the business men in all of the leading cities want to see the sport revived and that they will try to induce Gov. Roberts to approve of the proposed measure.

Crescent A. C. Trap Shooting.

Nearly 4,000 inanimate targets were thrown in the Crescent Athletic Club trap shooting tournament yesterday. In the second of the series of competitions for the January cup, George G. Stephenson, who leads for the prize, Dr. H. L. O'Brien and G. E. Brower tied with clean scores of 25, and their averages go up a peg each, the triple tie not being shot off. A two man team trophy shoot for the general average prize of the season was won by Dr. S. P. Hopkins and Dr. J. J. Keyes with the fine tally of 49 for the team. Daniel C. Bennett and Charles A. Sykes were second, with 48.

A fifteen target trophy race was won by L. W. Snyder, after five men had tied for the event with scores of 15 each. In the shoot-off Snyder garnered 15, O'Brien, 14; G. G. Stephenson, Jr., 13; W. C. Damron, 12, and Harry B. Vanderveer, 9. A renewal of the event was won by Harry B. Vanderveer after a tie with Frederick T. Bedford, Jr., each getting 15, and in the shoot-off 15 to 12 being the final tally.

The stake trophy was captured for the day by Frank B. Stephenson with the big score of 49 breaks. Erskine H. Lott and Daniel C. Bennett tied for second honors with 48 each. The final event on the card was a red hot affair, three men—S. B. Camp, Lowell M. Palmer, Jr., and O. C. Grinnell—tying with 15 birds each. On the shoot-off Camp won with 15, Palmer was second with 14, and Grinnell withdrew.

BARNARD'S BOY ATHLETES WIN.

Take Point Honors at the Dwight School Games.

The Dwight School Athletic Association held its annual indoor games and relay carnival at the Eighth Regiment Armory yesterday, and the competitions attracted all the young athletes of the locality and many from outlying districts. A well arranged programme of fifteen events gave the boys of all ages, weights and grades ample opportunity to indulge their muscular energy, and they did so to their hearts' content, making lots of noise and having a roaring time generally as well.

The main feature of the meet was the scramble for the point honors, and when the final contest had been tallied it was found that Barnard School was the winner, with a total of 18 points, and St. Paul's School was a close second, with 17 points. High School of Commerce was third, with 13 points.

Owing to the entry of M. Sheppard of the Brown Preparatory School of Philadelphia in the mile, the race was closely watched by everybody. The Quaker, who looks rather advanced in years for a schoolboy, made the other contestants look like a lot of selling platers and won by a lap in the fine time of 4 minutes 35 3-5 seconds, figures which beat all records for the track. While Sheppard was chasing round the circuit curious stories were circulated touching his amateur status, and before long he may have to render an account of his doings to the ruling body in amateur sport.

The material for a first class sprinter was unearthed in the person of J. Browning of Barnard School. In the most decisive fashion he accounted for the 60 yard novice and 220 yard novice, and had he been properly extended must have set up new juvenile record figures for these races. There was some good fun in the "midget" relay race, and a quartet of little fellows from De Witt Clinton High School romped away with the first prize. The Xavier Preparatory School captured the half mile relay special, and Public School 89 secured the handicap relay for elementary school.

There was a mistake over the finish of the half mile handicap. The boys ran a lap more than the stipulated distance, and the referee ordered the race to be run over again at the Poly Prep games next Saturday in the Twenty-third Regiment Armory, Brooklyn.

60 Yard Run, Novice—Won by J. Browning, Barnard School; J. M. Atchison, Newark High School, second; G. Hopkins, MacKenzie School, third; William Wilkes, Xavier Preparatory School, fourth. Time, 7 seconds.

50 Yard Run, Junior—Won by J. Galvin, Fordham Preparatory School; E. MacKenzie, MacKenzie School, second; E. Scheel, Barnard School, third. Time, 6 1-5 seconds.

Pole Vault—Won by J. S. Colbran, St. Paul's School, with a vault of 9 feet 7 inches; W. Roberts, Polytechnic Preparatory, second, with a vault of 9 feet 5 inches; F. G. Crafts, Poly Prep, third, with a vault of 9 feet 1 inch; C. Robbins, Poly Prep, fourth, with a vault of 8 feet 9 inches.

220 Yard Run, Novice—Won by J. Browning, Barnard School; J. Macauley, Dwight School, second; J. Martoccio, De Witt Clinton School, third; G. Hannibury, Erasmus High School, fourth. Time, 26 1-5 seconds.

One Mile Relay, High School Handicap—Won by De Witt Clinton, 40 yards, with J. Wiley, H. Lynch, J. Martoccio and H. Whitaker; Erasmus Hall, 16 yards, second, with E. O'Connor, G. Yale, E. Hutchings and R. McNulty; Flushing High, 80 yards, third, with A. Pierce, W. Powers, A. Wangler and N. Hildreth. Time, 3 minutes 59 3-5 seconds.

Midget Relay Race, 90 Pounds Limit. About 704 Yards—Won by DeWitt Clinton, with J. Sanders, J. Van Hook, T. Margoninsky and L. Chopac; Public School 89, second, with J. Fink, L. Atwood, J. DeLuna and M. Campbell; Public School 18, third, with J. King, M. Shaughnessy, J. Dobbyne and F. Brasde; Public School 67, fourth, with T. Ripple, A. Stephan, L. Maynes and O. Cassett. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

Half Mile Relay, Handicap, Elementary Schools—Won by Public School 89, 13 yards, with Wright, Bennett, Stevens and Sovar; Public School 3, Brooklyn, 7 yards, second, with Buttner, Saurez, Starr and Taylor; Public School 6, 12 yards, third, with Kahn, Walsh, Bugner and Prudential. Public School 23, Manhattan, 22 yards, fourth, with Goldstein, Rosenberg, Engelhardt and Riel. Time, 1 minute 50 1-5 seconds.

Half Mile Relay, Special—Won by Xavier Preparatory School, with Vallely, Lee, Walsh and Wilks. St. Paul's School, second, with Tillotson, Whitehead, Nicll and Klopecko; De La Salle Institute, third, with Hogan, Shanley, Shannon and Delaney; Public Grammar, fourth, with Massarsmith, Lippincott, Pallen and McDonell. Time 1 minute 48 4-5 seconds.

One Mile Run—Won by M. Sheppard, Brown Preparatory School; S. Hurlburt, De Witt Clinton, second, H. Bodgen, High School of Commerce, third; S. Parson, St. Paul's School, fourth. Time, 4 minutes 35 3-5 seconds.

220 Yard Run, Junior—Won by E. Scheel, Barnard School; J. Rewland, MacKenzie School, second; J. Barnes, DeWitt Clinton School, third. K. Moore of Newark Academy finished second, but was disqualified for cutting corners. Time, 26 2-5 seconds.

600 Yard Run, Novice—Won by F. Frantz, Dwight School; E. Leslie, Polytechnic Preparatory School, second; H. Earle, Newark Academy, third; C. Jones, Polytechnic Preparatory School, fourth. Time, 1 minute 18 2-5 seconds.

Putting 12 Pound Shot—Won by W. Watts, Newark Academy, with a put of 42 feet 9½ inches; S. Herchmann, High School of Commerce, second, with a put of 40 feet 9½ inches; P. Mackin, St. Paul's School, third, with a put of 39 feet 11 inches; P. Tomlinson, Newark Academy, fourth, with a put of 39 feet 9 inches.

440 Yard Run—Won by R. Gels, High School of Commerce; L. E. Packner, Boys' High School, second; C. Dunning, St. Paul's School, third; F. Tompkins, De Witt Clinton School, fourth. Time, 58 seconds.

60 Yard Run: Senior—Won by Everet Jessup, St. Paul's School; R. Perham, Rutherford High School, second; K. MacAlpin, High School of Commerce, third; E. H. Seward, Polytechnic Preparatory School, fourth. Time, 7 seconds.

Running High Jump—Won by H. Gumpelt, Packard Institute, with a jump of 5 feet 5 inches; D. Daws, Browning Academy, second, with a jump of 5 feet 4 inches; S. Whitehead, St. Paul's School, and H. Dorr, High School of Commerce, tied for third and fourth place at 5 feet 3 inches. In a the jump-off Whitehead cleared 5 feet 4¼ inches, and Hoffman, 5 feet 3¼ inches.

BARKS AFTER THE BALL.

Advance Squad of Westminster Show Dogs at the Garden.

While the workmen were clearing away at the Madison Square Garden yesterday the stage props, white pillars and arches, and a stack of empty champagne baskets, relics of the Arion ball on Friday night, the first of the dogs to be exhibited at the Westminster Kennel Club show to-morrow were coming in. The benches and judging rings were nearly ready by nightfall and the dogs were meanwhile in quarantine, although the owners were permitted to exercise them in the basement.

Dr. Frank H. Miller is the show veterinarian, and with his aids he will compel each dog to give a clean bill of health before it may be benched. The entries will be received throughout the day at the Fourth avenue and Twenty-seventh street door, which opens into the quarantine room, and the dogs will also be received to-morrow morning until 9 o'clock. The first lot to arrive yesterday were six Russian wolfhounds, including the new importations from the kennels of the Grand Duke Nicholas, Nenagladni of Perchina, Schalaste and Nayada, and two Dalmatians from the Valley Farm Kennels. An American foxhound and a beagle, sent by Harry W. Smith, M. H. of the Grafton Hunt, Worcester, Mass., and a St. Bernard from Washington were the next to arrive.

The two English experts, who arrived at Boston Thursday on the Saxonian, were among the callers at the Garden. They were George Raper, who has often judged here, and Arthur Maxwell of Eastbourne, who judged the terriers at Toronto last fall and will review similar classes for the first time at New York.

BASKETBALL.

Erasmus Hall and George William Curtis Girls Win in League Matches.

The girls' teams of the Metropolitan High School Athletic Association played the second round of the championship matches yesterday morning at the old Thirty-second Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. The Eastern District High School team lined up against Erasmus Hall High School in the first match. These teams met last year in the final match and Eastern District won by a point. Yesterday Erasmus Hall won a cleverly played match. The first half stood 7 points to 3 and the Eastern Districts made but a solitary goal in the second.

The score: Erasmus Hall High School, 12; Eastern District High School, 5.

The match betwee the Manual Training High School of Brooklyn and the George William Curtis High School of Staten Island was even more exciting. The Curtis team won out in the second half, scoring the only goal of the period and winning by 2 points.

The score: George William Curtis High School, 5; Manual Training High School, 3.

Cadets Defeat Columbia Fencers.

WEST POINT, Feb. 11.—The Cadets defeated the Columbia fencers here to-day, winning five out of the nine bouts. In the second round Ormond and Humphry tied. Ormond winning after fencing an extra two minutes. Summary:

First Round—Barber defeated Ormond; Kehrlein defeated Humphry, Williford defeated Lage.

Second Round—Ormond defeated Humphry, Williford defeated Kehrlein, Lage defeated Barber.

Third Round—Williford defeated Ormond, Barber defeated Kehrlein, Lage defeated Humphry.

NATIONAL GOLF LEGISLATION.

C. B. MACDONALD'S SPEECH AN EVENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

John M. Ward Elected President of a Six Club League in New Jersey—Membership and Quality of Links Make It a Most Important Team Organization.

Action regarding the admission of representatives of allied clubs to the executive committee will come up again at the annual meeting next year of the United States Golf Association. The delegates on Friday night were disposed to grant some such concession, but the amendment voted on was deemed unconstitutional, and this killed the project for the time being. The executive committee was asked to bring up the matter again in proper shape.

The vote of instruction to the executive committee killed off the two day qualifying round, and as the delegates had previously killed off a motion to have all match play, as in 1903, the one thing left, if there is to be no further quibbling with the expressed wishes of the players, is to resume the thirty-six hole qualifying round. This is what the best players have always declared for in public utterances, and President Thomas is the man to see that the will of the majority prevails. So said the golfers about town yesterday, and gossip of the sort is the straw that usually tells how the committee winds will blow.

There was more oratory than usual at the annual meeting. The technicalities involved in the constitutional amendments were as pleasing as a teed up ball to the lawyers, and Adrian H. Larkin, J. B. C. Tappan, Leighton Calkins and W. T. Stern played up the different points with much cleverness. Sidney Foster of Des Moines, Alan L. Reid of Chicago, A. B. Endicott of Atlantic City, Harvey Murdock, S. Y. Heebner, G. H. Windeler, F. O. Horstman and Tracy Harris were also active in the debates.

Herbert C. Leeds, the Myopia yachtsman and golfer, made the hit during the discussion over changing the title from associate clubs to active clubs, that it seemed to involve only the purity of language and might better be left to a committee of college professors.

Holders of the amateur championship were represented by Findlay S. Douglas and C. B. Macdonald. The latter's speech against the amendments to the constitution was declared the best ever made at an annual meeting, and it was an event of the council. He said, in part:

"It was my privilege with others to aid in the organization of the United States Golf Association some ten years ago. In the initial meetings there was much discussion as to what form the constitution should take, and the late Mr. Havemeyer, our first president, appointed me to draw up the constitution, with instructions to communicate with the leading authorities on golf in Scotland and England. There was a general consensus of opinion in all the replies on two points.

"One was praying us to play the game of golf in this country as it was played abroad, not to have an American and a Scotch game of golf, so that when coming to the tee one would not have to ask 'Are you playing American golf, or Scotch golf, or Oshkosh golf?'

"The other point they dwelt upon as important was that the legislative body should be kept small in order to be effective; to avoid mass meetings for golf legislation and to avoid politics. It seems to me the United States Golf Association is now drifting away from these principles.

"I well remember how Mr. Havemeyer, our first president, felt regarding the development and growth of the association. After mature deliberation, the organizers determined that it was necessary to have a property and educational qualification to merit golfers having a voice in its affairs, thereby making the legislation of the selected committee intelligent.

"The question arose how much educational and property qualification should be demanded, and it was unanimously decided that the method of discrimination by which we should decide should be the quality of the course over which the members played. It not only requires intelligence, but it also takes money to build a good golf course.

"Our association was finally determined to have two classes of members. Any representative club, where the links, accommodations and by-laws were such as to make it representative, should be eligible as an associate member. Any other club could ally itself in its aims with the association by paying a small fee.

"Is it not clear to you that by the amendments proposed the association would cease to be what it has always been, a deliberate and conservative Senate? Does it not occur to you that, with clubs organized in thirty-five States, this organization has been growing and expanding about as satisfactorily as its best friends could wish? Do you know of any private club that has been, on the whole, more successfully managed? I am opposed to any change."

Six of the leading clubs in New Jersey were organized yesterday into a league for home and home matches to be played this season. In the aggregate membership of the clubs, the quality of the club houses accommodations and the fact that each is in possession of an eighteen hole course, the league is the most important ever organized in the East, if not in the country. Two of the clubs, Morris County and Baltusrol, are associate members of the United States Golf Association, and the other four, Montclair, North Jersey, Essex County and Englewood, are allied members that possess the qualifications to become associate members for the asking. All the six are loyal members of the New Jersey State Association, and the league is merely to systematize the matches that the clubs have had between themselves every season in an informal way.

In these respects the league is similar to the older New Jersey leagues of smaller clubs, the East Jersey and the Central, and the which have been maintained on the North Shore Jersey League. The delegates to the meeting, which was held at the office of John M. Ward, were:

Baltusrol, Louis P. Bayard, Jr., Englewood, W. E. F. Moore and Frank M. Wilson; Essex County, W. E. Wilson and Morris County, John G. Bates; Montclair, John M. Ward; North Jersey, Archibald Graham.

John M. Ward was elected president, C. W. O'Connor, vice-president, P. M. Wilson, secretary-treasurer, and Messrs. Bayard, Graham and Moore as the executive committee. The choice of a distinctive name for the league, the framing of by-laws and the playing schedule were left to a sub-committee, Messrs. Moore, Bayard and Wynant D. Vanderpoel of Morris county.

It was fixed definitely that each team shall play ten matches, five at home and five abroad and that a handsome trophy shall be awarded to the winning team, also that no club shall play on its team a member who has not belonged to the organization for at least sixty days.

NEW PLUNGING RECORD.

Cooke of Yale Does 68 Feet in New York A. C. Tank.

George P. Cooke of Yale University made a new American record in plunging for distance in the tank of the New York A. C. last night. In the limited time of 1 minute he ploughed through 68 feet of water, and the figures supplant the previous best record of 66 feet 9 inches, made by E. H. Adams of the New York A. C. about a month ago. Adams figured in the contest last night, and as the affair was a handicap Cooke received a start of 1½ feet, but like a good sportsman the Yale boy refused the handicap and declared he would start on level terms with Adams.

Cooke's first attempt was 68 feet, and there were cheers when it was announced that he had "busted" the record. His next was 66 feet 6 inches, and he was moving when the time limit was called. The same thing happened to him in the third attempt after he had gone 63 feet 6 inches. But, superior as was Cooke's plunging, it did not secure him the first prize, for Wiltshire, another Yale man, had a handicap of 10 feet, and he made 66 feet. Adams's best was 65 feet 9 inches.

The event formed the main attraction of the New York A. C. swimming races last night, but there were other good features, too. Kitching and Lawrence, both using the "crawl" stroke, swam a fine race in the final of the 100 yard handicap, Kitching winning by a touch. A big crowd entered for the 50 yard novice, which was secured by Bull, one of Gus Sundstrom's young pupils, whose time for the distance was very creditable.

Plunge for Distance, Handicap—Won by George Wiltshire, Yale University, 10 feet, with an actual distance of 60 feet; George P. Cooke, Yale University, scratch, second, with 68 feet; E. H. Adams, New York A. C., scratch, third, with 65 feet 9 inches. Cooke's plunge is a new American record.

One Hundred Yard Handicap—Won by T. E. Kitching, Jr., New York A. C., 3 seconds; J. W. Lawrence, New York A. C., 3 seconds, second. Time, 1 minute 6 3-5 seconds.

Fifty Yard, Novice—Won by A. C. Bull, New York A. C.; H. A. Walton, Yale University, second; Eugene C. Kelly, unattached, third. Time, 33 2-5 seconds.

BILLIARDS.

Conklin's Victory in Chicago the Outcome of Merit and Persistency.

The winning of the amateur billiard championship by Charles F. Conklin of Chicago is the result of merit and unwavering persistency. The man who won first place in the amateur tournament just finished in Chicago and the right to have his name engraved on the *Eagle* cup had not for a moment ceased to abandon hope of one day winning the amateur championship, although for eight years or so he has been a regular participant in the tournaments and as often disappointed, failing to reach the top. But discouragement never came with disappointment, and the quiet, stolid, thick set Westerner with the bulldog jaws has been such a cheerful, game loser that his victory now is very popular.

Conklin took part in the A. A. U. tournaments at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, and later in the last three tournaments of the N. A. A. B. one at the Hanover Club, one at the Liederkranz and the last one in Chicago. His showing in the different tournaments has been consistently good. He is anything but a showy player, but he has class and knows as much billiards as any of his competitors, with the possible exception of Poggenburg. He won his game from Foss two years ago, in Brooklyn. He executes well, is a fair nurser, a good position player and strong at open and around the table play. He is a sticker in a contest, and, like Edward Gardner, who was one of his most troublesome rivals in the recent tournament, he never loses heart. His is the fifth name to go on the *Eagle* Cup, the others being Arthur Townsend, Edward Gardner, Wilson Foss and Ferdinand Poggenburg, in the order named.

Next Tuesday night at Keeney's Academy in Brooklyn a 14-inch balk line tournament will be begun. It will be known as the Interborough Handicap tournament. Following are the players and their handicaps, C. E. White, 250; G. C. Seeley, 220; J. A. Keane, 200; L. A. Servatius, 230; W. Leonard, 200; J. M. Mullette, 225; H. Hoxie, 190; F. A. Boyde, 225.

Adequate rules to govern the amateur competitions for the national championship have been the subject of discussion by several of the leading amateurs for the last two weeks. On his return from Chicago, J. Ferdinand Poggenburg of the Liederkranz Club and president of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players, said: As has been the case in all the recent tournaments for the championship no rules were found that covered all the points, and in consequence the recognized standard rules were taken as a basis and many changes made to conform to amateur usage. These rules were copied, and then each competitor for the emblem signed them and received an additional copy for his use. Of course there should be some authoritative set of rules, and it now seems probable that the national association will take some action in this respect at its next meeting."

"As an instance of what I mean, continued Poggenberg, "the old rule on the books states that in case the ball rests upon the line in balk line it shall be declared 'in'. This is obviously wrong, so the rule was changed for Chicago, so that it allowed the referee to decide whether or not in his opinion the major portion of the ball rested within or without the square, and so rule.

"The old rule makes it necessary for a competitor to look after his own interests such as calling fouls and shooting with the wrong ball. This rule was also changed so that the competitor must take his seat when not actually playing at the table and leave these and all similar points to the referee. It was the failure to observe this rule that led to the difference between Gardner and Threshie in the tournament just finished, as each man made the mistake of shooting with his opponent's ball. Then a rule was framed that is distictly amateur, but we believe that it is needed. It provides for the referee cleaning the balls and table during the progress of a match if in his judgment it is necessary and one of the players requests him so to do. We think that this rule is a good one, for the chalk drops on the table from the cue during a long contest and sometimes it sticks to the balls causing them to roll off and making some shots impossible."

"These are only instances of what is needed in the way of rule reform," concluded the ex-champion, "and it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when all amateur competitions will be held under a uniform set of rules."

HOCKEY.

Yale Wins a Fast Game From Princeton for the Intercollegiate Championship.

The hockey teams of Yale and Princeton universities met last night in the St. Nicholas Rink for the first time this season. The game might be called the semi-final of the intercollegiate tournament, and Yale won, the score being 9 goals to 3.

The rink was crowded with enthusiastic admirers of each university, and the cheering was incessant from the time the game began until it ended. Yale won through excellence of team work; the forwards passed the puck well and rapidly, and in the first half put so much speed into the contest that they almost played themselves off their feet. The rules under which these teams play allow fresh players to be substituted for tired ones during the contest, and so Yale was able to keep a strong team on the ice till the finish.

Leake and Marcus faced off, and Yale got the puck, and after it had been rushed up and down the rink once or twice Marcus made the first shot for goal, but Chislett, Princeton's goalkeeper, succeeded in turning it aside. About four minutes after the game began, Behr by clever dodging got the puck in Princeton's zone and passed it to Marcus, who scored the first goal.

Soon after this Cornell shot from one side of the rink and, passing in front of the cage, quickly caught the puck on the rebound and landed it in the net. Then Cornell scored an easy goal on a pass from Marcus, and with three goals against them Princeton began to play a little wildly, and in order to quiet them down a bit Referee Postagent Zahneiser to the bench for two minutes for tripping.

Behr made the fourth goal unassisted. Then Princeton scored their first goal. Chew took up the puck and shot, and Goalkeeper Day managed to stop it. Behr, one of the Yale forwards, tried to put the rubber in a safe spot, but accidentally sent it in the cage, so that the only goal credited to Princeton in the first half was scored by a Yale player. Shepherd and Behr each scored before the half ended, making the score 6 to 1.

In the second half some changes were made on both teams. Lang played for Day at Yale's goal, and King took Rafferty's place for Princeton team, and before the game ended Shepherd moved over into Marcus's wing, and Dilworth went on in place of Shepherd. Leake scored the first goal in this half for Princeton, taking the puck up very cleverly and shooting at the opportune moment. Behr, Cornell and Behr again, made the three goals for Yale in this half, and Levis scored the last goal for Princeton. The line-up:

Yale.	*Positions.*	*Princeton.*
Day	Goal	Chislett
Feltner	Point	Rafferty
Flinn	Cover point	Zahneiser
Marcus	Forward	Leake
Shepherd	Forward	Chew
Behr	Forward	Winter
Cornell	Forward	Levis

Score—Yale, 9; Princeton, 6. Goals—By Behr, 4; by Shepherd, 2; by Cornell, 2; by Marcus, Leake, Levis and Behr for Princeton. Substitutes—Lang for Day, King for Rafferty, Shepherd for Marcus, Dilworth for Shepherd. Referee—T. W. Post.

CURLING.

Canadians Win International Championship.

UTICA, Feb. 11.—The contest for the Gordon International Championship medal between curling clubs representing the United States and Canada was fought out at Rutger Rink in this city to-day and this evening, and resulted in a victory for the Canadian curlers. The aggregate score was 34 to 32. It was a closely played match and attracted hundreds of curlers from Canada and New York State to this city. The line-up was as follows:

RINK NO. 1.

Canada.		*United States.*	
George Darling,		J. R. Baxter,	
O. W. Evans,		H. I. Johnson,	
F. W. Southam,		H. L. Hidings,	
D. Williamson, skip,	—18	A. S. Brinckerhoff, skip,	—21

RINK NO. 2.

Canada.		*United States.*	
D. Beattie,		Forrest MacNee,	
C. A. Hutchinson,		D. G. Morrison,	
C. Tofield,		A. Dickson,	
W. B. Hutch'n, skip,	—16	Tom Watt, skip,	—11

The Utica team won the Crawford trophy to-day from the Thistles of New York.

Skating Races at Beacom's Rink.

At Beacom's Ice Rink, 165th street and Jerome avenue, there were two handicap skating races last night. The first, for class A skaters, was won by G. Stolz, handicapped at 175 yards. P. P. Lawrence, 100 yards, was second and Jim Wray, scratch, third. The time was 3 minutes 7 seconds. The class B event was won by W. J. Duffy, with a 50 yard handicap, in 3 minutes 32 seconds. E. Wenbacker, 150 yards, was second and R. Curley, 175 yards, third.

Princeton Beats Cornell at Basketball.

ITHACA, Feb. 11.—Princeton easily defeated Cornell at basketball here to-night, the Tigers winning by a score of 37 to 18. The Princeton men were superior in every respect to the Cornellians. They were heavier and faster and their passing and shooting for goals were far more accurate.

RECORDS AT BOSTON GAMES.

W. D. EATON RUNS FORTY YARDS IN 4 2-5 SECONDS.

Ralph Rose Puts the Shot 47 Feet 9 Inches—Yale and Pennsylvania Beat Harvard Teams in the Relay Races—Bonhag Wins an Exciting Two Mile Run.

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—Most of the stars of the college athletic world as well as the leading men connected with athletic associations competed at the annual indoor meeting of the Boston A. A. in Mechanics' Building tonight. The great auditorium was crowded to its limits and rival college yells rang out as some of the events were run off. The expectations were that some of the indoor records would be broken and the meeting had not proceeded very far when it was announced that W. D. Eaton, the former Amherst College crack sprinter, had cut the time for the 40 yard dash in the invitation scratch event from 4 3-5 seconds to 4 2-5 seconds.

The 1,000 yard run, a handicap event, furnished some exciting sport until the big bunch of men started on the final lap, when James, a little chap wearing the colors of Stone School, dashed into the lead and finished five yards to the good.

Following this race a number of team races were held, and they furnished a lot of excitement.

The 45 yard high hurdles furnished some exciting sport. Ellery Clark, the former all round athletic champion, won his heat, but was beaten out in the final, Castleman of Colgate taking the event in fine style.

There were nine starters in the two mile invitation run, including Sammie Mellor of Yonkers, Michael Spring of the Pastime A. C., Brooklyn; G. V. Bonhag of New York, the champion two miler, and several Cornell men. Spring led for a time and then C. F. Magoffin, a tall Cornell lad, moved up to the front with C. H. Nasmith of New York second and the champion in third place. Mellor was soon lapped and was taken off the track. Before the race had gone two-thirds of the distance it settled down into a fight between Magoffin, Bonhag and Nasmith. The champion took the lead with six laps to run and hit up the pace, Magoffin following him closely. Nasmith was soon dropped and on the last lap Bonhag was pushed hard by Magoffin, winning by less than a foot from the Cornell runner.

The shot put attracted a lot of attention because of the presence among the competitors of Ralph Rose, the Western giant. Rose was handicapped at "owe six inches," but he had no difficulty in taking first prize with an actual put of 47 feet 9 inches, a new record indoors.

The team race between Harvard and Pennsylvania was hotly contested, but Taylor, the colored sprinter from Philadelphia, clinched matters for his college in the last relay. Green of Pennsylvania fouled Doyle of Harvard, but the Crimson team captain refused to take the foul from the head Harvard in the two mile relay in record time.

40 Yard Dash, Handicap—Won by J. McGuiness, Cathedral A. A., 9 feet; J. S. Bell, Jr., Harvard A. A., 8 feet, second; A. C. Cronin, Harvard A. A., 9 feet, third. Time, 4 3-5 seconds.

40 Yard Dash, Invitation Scratch—Won by W. D. Eaton, Cambridgeport Gymnasium Association; Charles McCarthy, Georgetown Union, second; M. Williams, Boston A. A., third. Time, 4 2-5 seconds.

1,000 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by B. James, Stone School, 50 yards; C. C. O'Connell, Dedham High School, 20 yards, second; A. C. Hemenway, Cornell, 40 yards, third. Time, 2 minutes 24 seconds.

Team Race—1500 yards, teams of four men, each man running 300 yards—Dartmouth defeated Williams, time 3 minutes 13 3-5 seconds; Cambridge M. M. C. A. defeated Boston M. M. C. A., time 3 minutes 23 2-5 seconds; Bowdoin defeated Massachusetts Tech., time 3 minutes 18 1-5 seconds; Harvard, '05, defeated Harvard, '06, time 3 minutes 25 seconds; Harvard, '07, defeated Harvard, '08, time 3 minutes 23 1-5 seconds; University of Maine defeated Tufts, time 3 minutes 18 4-5 seconds.

45 Yard High Hurdles, Handicap—Won by R. R. Castleman, Colgate University, 4 feet; O. T. Rogers, Harvard A. A., 4 feet, second; H. G. Leavitt, Williams, scratch, third. Time, 6 seconds.

Two Mile Run, Invitation, Scratch—Won by G. V. Bonhag, Greater New York Irish A. A.; C. F. Magoffin, Cornell, second; C. H. Nasmith, Greater New York I. A. A., third. Time, 9 minutes, 51 3-5 seconds.

Team Races—Cambridgeport G. A. defeated Newton Y. M. C. A., time 3 minutes 19 1-5 seconds; Exeter Academy defeated Andover Academy. Time, 3 minutes 16 2-5 seconds. University of Pennsylvania defeated Harvard. Time, 3 minutes 14 seconds.

Putting 16 Pound Shot, Handicap—Won by Ralph W. Rose, Chicago A. C., owe six inches, distance, 47 feet 3 inches; J. A. Body, University of Pennsylvania, 5 feet 9 inches, second, distance, 46 feet 11½ inches; M. W. Ryan, unattached, scratch, third, distance, 46 feet 6 inches.

Running High Jump, Handicap—Won by J. W. Marshall, Yale, 3 inches, with an actual jump of 5 feet 4½ inches; W. Ford, Brown, Andover, 4 inches, second, with an actual jump of 5 feet 9½ inches; H. Barber, Newton Y. M. C. A., 3 inches, third, with an actual jump of 5 feet 7¼ inches.

440 Yard Run, Novice, Scratch—Won by L. L. McClure, Worcester Academy; R. W. Hitchcock, Exeter Academy, second; W. S. Ayers, Williams, third. Time, 57 seconds.

Team Race—Westerly defeated Brown. Time, 3 minutes 18 seconds; Harvard, '07, defeated Harvard, '05. Time, 3 minutes 18 2-5 seconds.

600 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by J. S. O'Brien, Roxbury Latin School, 30 yards; H. Swift, Stone School, 20 yards, second; J. J. O'Connell, Exeter Academy, 25 yards, third. Time, 1 minute 16 seconds.

New England Intercollegiate Championship Relay Race—Yale, Brown, Dartmouth College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, each man to run 780 yards—Won by Dartmouth. Time, 7 minutes 28 3-5 seconds.

Team Races—Yale defeated Harvard at two miles. Time, 7 minutes 13 3-5 seconds, a new record. Amherst defeated Cornell. Time, 3 minutes 15 2-5 seconds.

One Mile Run, Handicap—Won by B. F. Sullivan, Cambridgeport G. A., 15 yards; T. F. Reardon, Cambridgeport G. A., 20 yards, second; W. F. Farrell, unattached, 60 yards, third. Time, 4 minutes 42 1-5 seconds.

MAY RUN BENNETT CUP RACE.

Opposition of Clubs and Individuals to French Plan Is Strenuous.

Feeling is running strongly in automobile circles, both in organizations and among individuals, against the proposal of the Automobile Club de France to make the Bennett cup race a sort of tail to the kite by running it in conjunction with a larger race to be pretentiously called the Grand Prix. So pronounced has the antagon