GOSSIP OF THE RACETRACK.

WITH FEW CHANCES TO BET, PUBLIC HANKERS FOR SPORT.

Poolroom Men Say Their Old Graft Is Dead and That Successful Bookmakers Are Scalpers—Montgomery Handicap Run To-day, With Ram's Horn Favorite.

Although the race meeting at Bennings has been under way for only three days, there are already pronounced indications that when the season opens for metropolitan turf enthusiasts at Aqueduct on April 15 there will be a wild rush for the track side to see the thoroughbreds and to get a bet down. So far the Bennings races have drawn powerfully well. Many New Yorkers who have never shown marked interest in the doings of the horses until the big tracks open have taken the time and trouble to go to Washington just to enjoy the "old sensation" after a long weary winter in hotel cafés and clubs. The crusade against poolrooms has been so effective in this city since the racing season closed last fall that the public at large has had little or no chance to play the horses. This fact is alluded to as a reason why there will be a great boom in the attendance and in the general interest in horse racing when the Aqueduct track is opened for the first time this year. But the closing of the poolrooms, by the way, has not been wholly due to the crusades of the various legal authorities. According to good information which THE SUN received not long ago, they have been forced to put up their shutters because of the precarious nature of the game itself. The art of picking winners of horse races, according to some of the shrewdest bookmakers in town, has been narrowed down to such a science that many of the best known poolroom keepers have decided to quit the business because there are no longer any certain profits to be gleaned.

The men who make a business of playing the horses all the year round are too wise nowadays," said a prominent bookmaker yesterday. "They are expert judges of public form and when they go into a poolroom to play the races of an afternoon they make few errors. In every race there are about two or three horses that will get a play even if there are a dozen starters. The public's money, which is getting wiser every year, goes on one or another of the choices, while the other long shots do not attract a dollar. As form has been pretty consistent at all the winter tracks, what is the result? When a favorite or a second choice wins, the book has to dig to settle. It is just a case of gambling with the public, that is all. It isn't bookmaking at all any more, for there is no easy money such as one can find floating around the betting ring at a racetrack on a big day when there are thousands of people on hand who do not know one horse from another. No, there is no money in poolrooms any more, and nearly all of the big ones have thrown up the sponge for purely business reasons.

"It is amusing to read about how the poolrooms and the bookmakers fleece the poor public. Why, one would think that every dollar taken into a room or to a book is lost, whereas it is just the other way a greater part of the time in these days of track wisdom. Once upon a time the game was like a gold mine, but the public was green at it. It was only a matter of study and persistence to put the shoe on the other foot. Last year there were not more than half a dozen bookmakers who made money. They proved to be not too wise for the public, but the masters of their fellow bookmakers, for it is a matter of fact that the bookmaking game here to be successful has got to consist of 'scalping.' There were several expert 'scalpers' in the local betting rings last year. They made a practice of opening the prices against horses that ought to win and bunching the figures so that other bookmakers not so crafty would snap at the bait. They would lay 9 to 5, for instance, against a legitimate favorite and then have their commissioners ready to jump at the other books with stiff wagers for them at these odds. When the money was down they would generally lay off their bets with the public at shorter prices, so that they were sure of a profit with no risks. These successful layers are all extraordinarily quick thinkers and have professional mathematicians beaten a block. But even the 'scalping' game may fall down this year, as the other layers who have been burned are not inclined to be fooled again."

With few chances to play the horses, therefore, it is maintained that the patrons of racing have had an excellent chance to devote more time to private enterprises and can face the bookies with well replenished bank rolls. That many persons who never come into public notice at the racetracks have been beating the horses with various systems year in and year out is accepted by bookmakers as a fact. Last year, for instance, a former member of the Police Department, who played practically every race and was a regular at the track, won $26,000 on the season. He avoided tips and information of all kinds, but handicapped the horses himself, and backed his own opinion with supreme confidence. During the winter he has been taking things easy and says that he will surely win $100,000 this year, beginning at Aqueduct with a $10,000 bank roll and making nothing less than a $100 wager. Yet, with this former policeman's remarkable success, it may be said that one of the best known politicians on the East Side lost $35,000 before Saratoga opened last year and then decided to quit the turf until this spring. This politician has a big bank roll but he lacks the confidence of the former policeman.

While on the subject of poolrooms it might be well to repeat the comments heard by THE SUN man one day last week when the prospectus of the floating poolroom was sprung on an unsuspecting public for the first time.

If this floating poolroom ever goes to sea," said a sharp eyed man in one of the Broadway hotels, "the first thing you know Larry Summerfield will send word from Long Sing to one of his pals here to hire another steamer fitted with wireless apparatus, tap the race information from Bennings, jump into a row boat, board the floating poolroom and bet $1,000 on the winner before the flash is realized from the tapping steamer. The floating poolroom idea has caused much merriment among the sporting element. They cannot see why a man should want to spend six or eight hours in a stuffy steamboat, with dangers of seasickness, when the racetracks will be open here in a few weeks. According to these talented individuals, poolrooms were invented for those persons who did not have time to spend a whole afternoon at the racetrack, but could manage to dash out of the office, make a bet and hustle back without the loss of more than ten minutes. A floating poolroom crowded with $2 bettors would not pay at all, the wise fellows say.

Barring the Potomac Purse for three-year-olds to be run on Wednesday and the Hunters' Steeplechase on Saturday, there are no stakes to be decided at Bennings this week. The programme will be made up of selling races, handicaps, steeplechases and maiden two-year-old events. So far the fields have not been particularly large, but this is probably due to the fact that many horses are not yet ready for hard racing and are not sent to the post because of the fitness of the campaigners that have come East from the winter tracks. But to-day's card apparently abounds in numbers, judging from the entry list. The first race is a handicap for three-year-olds and over at five and a half furlongs. As it will be run over a slow track, Dave Johnson's Roseben, with the top impost of 126 pounds, may not go. This would leave H. J. Oxnard's fast filly Bohemia, Jack Bennett's Divination, the Sylvester Stable's Right and True, who ran second to Toscan in the Bennings Handicap last Thursday, and Virginia Bradley's Peter Paul to fight it out. In the second race, for two-year-olds at four and a half furlongs, there are some fair youngsters, including H. T. Griffin's Main, F. Foster's Little Rose and W. H. Snyder's Anodyne. In the third event, for three-year-olds at six furlongs, Trapper, with 118 pounds, is asked to give weight to Waddell II., Yorkshire Lad, Amberjack, Goldfleur and others. Little Woods may find favor in the fourth race, for platers at seven furlongs, although he has a fast sprinter in For Luck to beat, with Whorler a possible contender. A big bunch of selling platers is named to go in the fifth race, at six and a half furlongs, with Cascine, Toi San, Bob Murphy and Lord Advocate possible factors. Maidens will go in the last race at a mile and 40 yards. The best of a poor lot seems to include Fritzi Scheff, Lord Aintree, Salt and Pepper and Pete Dailey.

The annual spring meeting of the New Memphis Jockey Club will open at Montgomery Park to-day, the feature being the Montgomery Handicap, one of the most important events run under the auspices of the Western Jockey Club. For some time past the future books have been making W. S. Williams & Co.'s crack three-year-old colt, Ram's Horn, the favorite, and he will probably remain the choice in the closing prices this afternoon. The distance is one mile and a sixteenth and Ram's Horn will take up 106 pounds. He will be ridden by Mickey Crimmins, who left Bennings on Saturday to fill the engagement. Ram's Horn will meet some pretty fair horses, including J. W. Fuller's Tokalon, G. C. Bennett & Co.'s Little Scout and King's Trophy, M. H. Tichenor & Co.'s Dalvay, Mrs. H. Durnham's Spencerian, Mrs. M. Goldblatt's Old Stone, Joe Yeager's Canteen, Archie Zimmer's Aurumaster and others. The entries for the handicap, with the weights, as sent out from Memphis yesterday are as follows:

Fourth Race—The Montgomery Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and a sixteenth:

Horse.	Wt.	Horse.	Wt.
Tokalon	117	Otto Siffel	107
*Little Scout	116	†Ram's Horn	106
Dalvay	115	§Bondage	108
Spencerian	115	Aurumaster	100
†Phil Finch	115	Loralighter	100
‡Rainland	115	Terra Firma	100
‡Old Stone	114	Miss Doyle	98
Pretension	112	*King's Trophy	97
Canteen	110	§Falernian	98
Gregor K	108		

*Bennett entry. †Williams & Co. entry. ‡Goldblatt entry. §Arthur entry.

Jockey Creamer has signed a contract to ride for the Goughacres Stable this year. He has had several ups and downs since leaving the employ of Father Bill Daly, but he is considered a much improved rider since he was tried by Thomas & Shields and was quickly shelved. A report from the West says that "Puddin'" McDaniel has been unable to agree upon terms to ride for James R. Keene this year, and has, therefore, signed with M. H. Tichenor & Co. of Chicago. This firm will race in the East, so that McDaniel will be seen here after all.

Joe Ullman and Kid Weller, who created a world of talk on the local tracks two years ago with their "Big Store" book, have gone into partnership again, and say they will make another book with an enormous bank roll in the East this year. This will not be welcome news for the members of the Metropolitan Turf Association, who believe in "syndicate" prices. Ullman and Weller nearly turned the Mets upside down when they were operating together with a bankroll said to have been supplied by persons closely identified with the Drake-Gates combination.

F. Hitchcock, Jr., has named his crack jumper Good and Plenty for the Whitney Memorial Steeplechase, to be run at Belmont Park, but Foxhunter, who is at present turned out, will not be trained for steeplechase events for at least two months.

So far Tommy Burns has shown signs of taking a new lease on life in the saddle. He displayed all of his old form last week at Bennings and says that he will make all of the best jockeys hunch themselves this year. Burns is very light and has been taking excellent care of himself all winter.

To-day's entries for Bennings are as follows:

First Race—Handicap; five and a half furlongs:

Roseben	128	Et tu Brute	100
Right and True	114	Tramotor	97
Peter Paul	108	Divination	94
Bohemia	104	Rockland	90

Second Race—Selling; for two year olds; four and a half furlongs:

Main	110	Little Rose	102
Veribeat	107	Merry Belle	99
Anodyne	105	Barberloot	97
Gentian	102	Henry Waring	94

Third Race—For three year olds:

Trapper	118	Amberjack	101
Yeoman	104	Waddell II	101
Yorkshire Lad	104	Goldfleur	98
Tramotor	101		

Fourth Race—Selling; seven furlongs:

Whorler	114	Little Woods	92
For Luck	107	Monamour	90
Fairbury	101		

Fifth Race—Selling; six and a half furlongs:

Cascine	110	Stepaway	105
Colonist	107	Bob Murphy	105
Little Johnson	107	Mineral Boy	102
Lord Advocate	107	Royal Windsor	102
Temerity	107	Tol San	100
Jesselyn	106	Sue Mac	100
Adel Trebla	105	Parnasi	100

Sixth Race—For maidens; one mile and 40 yards:

Badger	112	Facetil	92
Bobbie Keene	111	Lord Amber	92
Cedric	108	Pete Dailey	92
Rosie Denham	108	Only One	89
Salt and Pepper	97	Fritzi Scheff	87

JEFFRIES'S PINK TEA.

Champion Talks of Fighting, Wrestling, Jiu-Jitsu and Mining.

Champion Jim Jeffries held a sort of pink tea reception last night at the Hotel Navarre. The brawny fighter, looking more stalwart than when he was in New York last, which will be a year ago next month, arrived in town yesterday afternoon in company with his wife, his manager, Billy Delaney, and sparring partner, Yank Kenny. He was met by a number of sports, including Sam Mott, Charles Cook, Henry MacMahon, Ben Hurtig, Sam Fitzpatrick, Dan O'Rourke, and Frank Simpson.

Mrs. Jeffries helped her husband to entertain callers and showed considerable interest in his affairs. The boilermaker announced immediately after his arrival that he has not as yet retired from the ring, but added that he was seriously thinking of doing so, unless some good Samaritan kindly furnished him with a worthy opponent.

"I am not particularly stuck on this acting business," said the pugilist. "I would rather engage in ten fights a year than appear before the footlights during a season. Yet I have no cause to complain, as I have been very successful. So far no one has shown his disapproval of my acting by firing heads of cabbage or overripe eggs or any other perishable goods at me. I have been hard at work this season and will be glad to get back to my home in Los Angeles and take a rest."

A reporter asked Jeffries the time honored question whether he would meet Jack Johnson in the event of the negro defeating Marvin Hart at San Francisco to-morrow night.

"No, I'm not fighting skunks as yet," he answered quickly. "Not while there are white men in the field. I'm not going to discuss Johnson's abilities as a boxer. He may be a wonder and all that. If any one is to take my title I want that man to be of my own color. If Hart wins I will cheerfully give him a fight. I suppose it will be up to me to do so. He's a young fellow and they say he has the physique, too. I hope he will draw though, for I am not going to be drawn into another Jack Munroe farce. That affair did not yield me a penny. In fact I lost money on it, and I don't like the idea of fighting for the love of it."

"Suppose Hart should refuse to meet you and there is no rival in sight for a year, what then?" was asked.

Jeffries promptly replied: "I guess I will have to quit, that's all. And when I retire I will not go into the saloon business, either. I have plenty of money, enough to tide me over for the rest of my life, and in luxury, too. When I step down and out I am going to become a miner. I am at present interested in a piece of property about 150 miles from Yuma, Ariz.

"It is a gold mine and there are 500,000 shares of the stock on the market. I hold $1 per cent. of the shares, which are worth about $1 each. I bought them for a mere song. I cannot tell how the mine will pan out, but if it comes up to my expectation I will be a rich man. All that is necessary is to develop it, and when the necessary machinery is purchased I think that the mine will make good. It will require an investment of $30,000 to do this."

Jeffries then branched out regarding jiu-jitsu and catch as catch can wrestling. He said that he had not heard about George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," and the foreigner's desire to either wrestle or box him. He declared that he would be flattered to meet Hackenschmidt in a fight, but would not hear of a match on the mat. He said the same thing applied to Frank Gotch.

"I like jiu-jitsu," said the champion, "and know several of the points, but I do not think that a little man can beat a big man by means of jiu-jitsu tricks."

COLLEGE CHESS DEADLOCK.

Selection of Team for International Cable Match Delayed.

George W. Tucker, Jr., '05 college, captain of the Columbia chess team, is having a hard time to make up the team to represent America in the international interuniversity cable chess match. This contest probably will be held April 28 and 29, between Oxford and Cambridge on one side and Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia on the other. Hitherto the team has been made up by selecting the best man in each of the four colleges and taking another man apiece from the colleges which finished first and second respectively in the intercollegiate tournament. This scheme was to have been pursued this year as well, but Harvard made an objection.

The Crimson chess masters contend that as their team won the championship, three or even all four of their men might well be better than the best players from the other colleges. Their contention is that in such a case it would be to the best interests of the Americans to select a team on the basis of actual superiority and not according to an arbitrary rule. However, the only men on the Harvard team who made clean scores last year were those who played on the third and fourth boards. On the basis of actual superiority these point winners for the Cambridge college would be surpassed, it would seem, by the first and second board men of the other colleges.

The matter has come to a deadlock on these terms. The chances are that the old scheme will prevail, but in the meantime Tucker, who is chairman of the "C. H. Y. P." committee, is having a lot of worry.

Columbia Sophomores Hockey Champions.

Columbia's sophomore hockey players won the final game in the university championship series recently, defeating the seniors by a score of 2 to 0. [illegible]

AT WORK ON GOLF HANDICAPS.

SECRETARY CALKINS SENDS LAST CALL TO OFFICIALS.

Nearly All the Clubs Have Adopted Regular Table—List Will Be Out on May 1—Interscholastic Tournament at Garden City—Dyker Meadow Schedule.

A fine progress is reported by the handicap committee of the Metropolitan Golf Association and there is now little fear that the list will not be out on May 1, with more uniformity in the ratings than ever before. Nearly all the clubs have adopted the official handicap table and have so notified the committee. In order to avoid inconsistencies in the official list by having any of the club handicaps returned by some different system, Secretary Calkins has sent this final letter to the few clubs that have failed so far to send the required certificate:

"We request you to let us know at once whether you have adopted the official table. Of course, we appreciate that it may be impossible for you to find out the three best scores of each player in your club last year, and it may, therefore, be impossible for you to strike an average of said three best scores. But what we require is:

"First. That you shall make a list of your players who receive handicaps, and put after the name of each the figures which represent his 'best score average.' (This is to be arrived at by taking the average of his three best scores; but if not known, put down figures which according to your best information represent his average best play when he is right 'on his game.' If you know little about a player's form, do not put him on the list at all.)

"Second. Having made up the list and having prepared a handicap table, as directed in the circular of March 7, allot all handicaps in strict accordance with the table, instead of giving to each player a handicap determined by the exact difference between the par for your links and his best score average.

"Third. Certify to the committee that you have done so. If we fail to receive the certificate as above quoted, we shall reserve the right either to arbitrarily lower or raise your handicaps, or to leave them off the M. G. A. list entirely. The reason for this is that we are unwilling to include names on our lists with handicaps allotted by us, unless we have the information which we deem necessary to make our work accurate and consistent as a whole."

This season the interscholastic tournament under the auspices of St. Paul's School will be over the links of the Garden City Golf Club, on May 18, 19 and 20. An effort is to be made to attract an entry from as many schools as possible outside of the Metropolitan Golf Association territory. Since the start of interscholastic golfing organizations in Boston and Chicago there has been a tendency to refer to the New York tournament as an M. G. A. interscholastic championship, which is not correct. The tournament has no connection with the M. G. A., and, first under the auspices of Cutler School and now of St. Paul's, it has always been maintained as a free for all, open to all boys attending preparatory or high schools, wherever situated. St. Paul's of Concord and Lawrenceville have furnished winners in three of the contests, and New York schools since the first two tournaments have not had the lion's share of the prizes.

J. D. Travers, the titleholder, will not be eligible to enter this year. Albert Partridge of St. Paul's of Garden City and Fred Herreschoff are regarded as likely starters. The play on May 18 will begin with an eighteen hole medal round, the scores counting in the team championship, the first sixteen qualifying for the championship and second sixteen for the consolation cup. Match play will begin in the afternoon and continue on Friday, the final for both cups, at thirty-six holes, being on Saturday. The prizes will be a gold medal for the best score in qualification round, two silver cups and gold medals to the four members of the winning team.

There is an entrance fee of $1 in the individual and of $2 in the team contest, which must be sent with the entries by Saturday, April 29, addressed to Jefferson W. Davis, St. Paul's School, Garden City. The entries have also to be certified by the head master of the school.

A schedule of weekly competitions from April 1 to June 17, inclusive, has been issued by the Dyker Meadow Golf Club, a new schedule will be issued of subsequent dates. There will be monthly handicaps on April 8, May 13 and June 10, with first and second prizes, and in which the reserves will compete to qualify for the championship in October. This will be at match play between the sixteen who return the lowest gross scores in the monthly handicaps for the championship cup presented by Alfred L. Norris, which has to be won twice to be permanently held. George H. Barnes won in 1903 and Amos T. Dwight last year. The spring events will also include sweepstakes and play for cups presented by Dr. William Jarvie, Donald G. Cadenhead and William R. Rhett. The Memorial Day competition, a thirty-six hole handicap, will be for a cup presented annually by J. Rogers Maxwell, Jr., in memory of his uncle, Henry W. Maxwell, a former member of the Dyker Meadow Club. The return match with the Montclair Golf Club, in which the Brooklyn team won the first half last fall on the New Jersey links, will be played on April 29. An interesting and necessary statement on a city links of the special ground rules, snow rules and definitions of hazards is sent out with the schedule of dates.

The Princeton Golf Association has again under consideration an open or invitation tournament on the Princeton links. It was outlined last year, but did not materialize, and, as such a tournament would be a novelty in American golf, the players generally would like the opportunity to visit Princeton for such a contest this season. Three team matches have been arranged by the Princeton boys, all away from home. The fixtures are: April 22, Baltusrol Golf Club; April 29, Essex County Country Club; May 13, Richmond County Country Club.

Pinehurst's great annual meet of the golfers, in which the winner will gain possession of the North and South championship trophy, will be held from April 4 to 8, inclusive. There will be the women's and the open championship besides the amateur event. Mrs. M. D. Paterson of Englewood, who won last year, being at the links for the former and Will Anderson, Bernard Nicholls, George Low and the Ross brothers for the professional tournament. All entries should be sent at once—they close on April 4, the amateurs who are expected for the North and South championship include W. C. Fownes, Jr.; Sterling Beckwith of Cleveland, Charles B. Corr and Dr. Lee Harban.

Florida's closing tournaments begin to-day at the Palm Beach Golf Club. The open tournament is on for decision first, to be followed at the same links by the winter championship, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Nassau Country Club will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday.

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association championship will be played this year on June 13, 14 and 15, at the Baltusrol Golf Club course.

AIKEN, S. C., March 26.—In the thirty-six hole professional medal play at the Palmetto links for a purse the results were as follows: James Mackrell, Palmetto Club, 153; Willie Anderson, open champion, 154; John Jones, Palmetto, 156; Bernard Nicholls, 160; David Ogilvie, 160; George Low, 161; William Braid, 165.

New York A. C. Runner Protested and Prize Witheld.

F. Nebrick of the New York A. C., who ran such a fast mile at the Y. M. C. A. games in Brooklyn on Saturday night, was protested and his prize withheld pending an investigation. Nebrick was protested under Rule X., Section 2, of the Y. M. C. A. constitution, which says that an athlete a member of a club in the union cannot compete for another club within three months of the time he competed for his original club. Nebrick competed about Christmas time for the Sixty-fifth Regiment A. A. of Buffalo, but since then he has changed his residence and is now a student at Fordham.

A Horse Lives to Be 45 Years Old.

A late copy of an exchange—the *Australasian* of Melbourne—has the photograph of a horse which is now rising 45 years of age. His name is Nugget and he is owned by Lieut.-Col. Heath of Apollo Bay on the Victorian coast. Col. Heath purchased Nugget when a yearling and used him as a charger for a number of years. For the greater part of his life Nugget saw nothing but hard work, he covering 100 miles a day when mustering cattle.

Kilian Makes New World's Record for Running Long Dive.

ORANGE, N. J., March 26.—At the annual gymnasium exhibition of the Orange Y. M. C. A., held last night, Louis Kilian made a new world's record for the running long dive, placing the new figures at 14 feet 8 inches. Kilian formerly held the record with 13 feet 9½ inches. A. A. U. officials measured the distance so that the record will be accepted.

New Polo Ponies for George Gould.

AUSTIN, TEX., March 26.—Henry Tappin, who conducts a polo pony ranch near San Antonio, to-day shipped seven fine polo ponies to George Gould at Lakewood, N. J. The animals were selected in person by Mr. Gould when he visited Mr. Tappin's ranch on his recent trip to Texas.

COLUMBIA'S FOOTBALL COACH.

Big Problem of Crucial Year of Gridiron Sport—Sanford, Morley or Smith?

The question of next season's football coach at Columbia has been discussed at some length by undergraduates at the local college for the past week. This coming season is regarded as crucial in Columbia football affairs. For six years the Light Blue and White has had a 'varsity football team. The first three years, under George Foster Sanford of Yale as professional coach, were more than moderately successful so far as games won were concerned. Since 1901, the system of having a graduate coach, under William Raymond Morley, has been tried. Morley had one decidedly good season—that of 1903—but his two other years can hardly be said to have been so good. Having given three years to both systems, Columbia is now, it may be said authoritatively, considering a practical return to a system like that of Sanford. The season of 1905, the seventh since Sanford inaugurated winning football at Columbia, will certainly see a change in coaching matters. Whether the coach will be Sanford, Morley or Richard Smith, '03 law, remains to be seen. The Columbia people have nothing to announce that is definite, but the source of information is authoritative.

Sanford took charge of the first Columbia 'varsity football eleven in 1899. From practically nothing, he got together a team which beat Yale by 5 to 0 and played good games against other colleges, notably Harvard and Princeton. The end of the season was followed by a number of unfortunate disclosures regarding the status of several Columbia players as bona fide students. The blame for the presence of these men on the team was put on the manager, William E. Mitchell. The next season Columbia defeated Princeton and held Yale to a small score, after playing creditably against Harvard and Pennsylvania, a good showing for a second year team. The third season, the local players defeated Pennsylvania and again held Yale to a small score. That season saw Sanford's farewell to Columbia football. His demands for a bigger salary, it was said, resulted in severing the connection.

The régime of Morley began in 1902. To the former Columbia captain the college owes much. He refused a salary and devoted three years to football without a single cent as recompense. His first season was poor. There was no Yale game. Amherst and Brown beat Columbia, and Syracuse tied the locals. In 1903, Columbia had its best year under Morley. Amherst, Cornell and Pennsylvania were beaten. Relations with Yale were resumed, but Morley did not seem to know the Yale play as well as did Sanford. After a 0 to 0 score in the first half, Yale won by 34 to 0. The season of 1904 was a crusher. Amherst, Pennsylvania and Yale administered defeats by increasing scores. The only important victory was over Cornell, the last game of the season.

Columbia wants a good team this year.

"How are we to get it?" ask the students, "and who is the man to coach it?"

The sentimental question involved by the sacrifices of his time made by Morley makes it hard for the Columbia men to decline to ask him to coach again. But plainly there is something wrong. The intervention of Smith is considered by some men as the saving possibility. Smith was captain of the '03 eleven. He was a great full back and a man of assertive and authoritative presence. He coached the University of Oregon last season and did fairly well. His personal influence is hardly the same as that of Morley. Smith is not a strict disciplinarian on training matters that Morley is.

The situation was stated frankly yesterday by a graduate who has been prominent in Columbia athletics since 1898. This man is in complete touch with athletic affairs on Morningside Heights. "To me," he said, "it looks like a return to first principles. Sanford was the best coach we have had, but the stigma of the '99 eleven still clings to his name whether he was in any way at fault or not. Under Morley the purists had their innings. What we seem to want now is a winning team. It is all very well to be the unspotted sister among the colleges, but it doesn't pay, as far as our athletic reputations are concerned. Mind, I don't want to see professionals at Columbia. I am a loyal graduate and I don't want any college to be able to throw mud at us. But we have gone to the other extreme. Nowadays we don't even go after the good schoolboys. We don't make the slightest effort to get men who want to come to Columbia and would if there were the least encouragement.

"Those in charge of football are erring on the other side. Like every other Columbia man, I want to have a team that will win. We can have a team like that and still be perfectly on the square. The vital defect is in the coaching system. Get Sanford or Smith or Morley or whoever we can, but let us get the man who can give us victory with honor. What's the use of having a team that gets beaten? I am for sport for sport's sake; but what man can feel anything but contempt for a college of the size of ours which is so poorly represented by its athletic teams?

"It is all very well to attribute our poor showing to lack of candidates, but I have seen eleven good Columbia men, physically capable of as much as their opponents, beaten badly. We ought to win, and this year should see a parting of the ways. Columbia's athletic future depends upon it."

ROAD DRIVERS OUT.

Speedway in Fair Condition, but Racing Is Limited.

If the driving public could have known how well the Speedway had dried under the influence of a few hours sunshine, the crowd yesterday would have come in light driving order prepared for a morning of good sport. As it was, only a few came in speed wagons. With a crowd on the walks numbering many thousands and the drive filled with vehicles, the actual racing was limited.

The best winner of the day was C. H. Lott, behind the bay trotter Sprightly. Beginning with the black trotter Wilnot, 2:22¼, Mr. Lott's show ring trotter took him into camp quite handily. Henry Heuman's chestnut pacer Harry H. had been winning easily for him, but when he tried to take the measure of Sprightly it was a different proposition. Then Sprightly met his first defeat, but it was really an accident. George Hollerith with the bay pacer Gretchen was making the brush nip and tuck when both horses broke. Gretchen is as handy as a rubber ball and she was back on her stride in two jumps and won out.

A. C. Schuyler, with the crack pair Mourzouk, 2:09¼, and Elmer, quite caught the favor of the crowd. There were many requests for a team race, but no one seemed to care to tackle Mr. Schuyler's pair. Finally Mr. Schuyler decided to take a shy at Sprightly and the crowd saw the best brush of the day. The three trotted like a triple hitch for nearly the entire journey. Finally the clip grew so fast that Mourzouk jumped from his stride, and then Elmer tipped over. This left Sprightly a winner. Mourzouk and Elmer showed just how good they were by winning from the fast mare Sister to Dr. Book, 2:10.

A. E. Samuels, with the black pacer Grover G., 2:16¼, was a good winner. Mr. Dean, driving the chestnut pacer Harry H., 2:24½, took a shy at Grover and finished in second place. William Scott was out behind the $2,500 trotter Kitty Wilkes, 2:17¼, and she acted like a winner. George Huber, with the busy little trotter Gracie T. made two persistent attempts to take the measure of Kitty Wilkes, but failed. Gracie T. did clean up a big field of pacers and showed that she belongs in the 2:20 class. Over the lower stretch Gracie T. had a keen brush with the bay trotter Saint Kris and beat him.

Cornell 'Varsity Crew Selected.

ITHACA, March 26. The Cornell crews will go to the training table to-morrow morning at Mrs. A. V. Atkin's boarding house at the quarters used in previous years. Work may now be said to have commenced in earnest and from this time on the competition for places on the two combinations, first 'varsity and the second crew, will be unusually warm. The personnel of the first 'varsity is as follows: Boesch, bow; Barton, 2; Bill Newman, 3; Corman, 4; G. W. Foote, 5; Fernow, 6; W. F. Lee, 7; E. T. Foote, stroke. The second 'varsity is made up as follows: Sturdevant, bow; Folger, 2; Chapman, 3; Goodier, 4; C. P. Johnson, 5; Barnhart, 6; Stowell, 7; Adams, stroke.

LILLEY WINS MOHAWK RUN.

W. G. FRANK TAKES THE TIME PRIZE IN BIG FIELD.

Cross Country Men Wind Up the Season in Fine Style—Sixty-four Starters in Road Run on Jerome Avenue—English, Irish and Scotch Championships.

The Mohawk A. C. brought the cross country season to a close officially yesterday with a road run of five miles. The start was from Huber's at 163d street and Jerome avenue, and the runners went as far as the fire house at Mosholu Parkway and return. Out of an entry of seventy-five sixty-four went to the scratch, and forty-five of these finished in good shape. A. Lilley of the Olympia A. C. led from start to finish and won the individual honors, while the team honors were secured by the Mohawk A. C. with 38 points. The prize for the fastest time over the course was awarded to W. G. Frank of the Irish A. A. C. D. Osborne of the Tremont A. C. won the novice prize. Following was the order at the finish:

Name.	Club.	H'cap. M. S.	Actual Time. M. S.
A. Lilley, Olympic A. C.		4 00	25 45
J. Hayes, St. Barth. A. C.		3 45	26 57
D. Osborne, Tremont A. C.		5 00	27 37
L. B. Price, New York City		5 00	27 45
G. F. Weeks, Young Men's Club		4 30	27 19
F. Lorz, Mohawk A. C.		4 15	27 06
F. Jessocy, Boys' Club		4 30	27 26
C. Connington, Mott Haven A. C.		5 00	28 23
E. C. Clark, N. W. S. A. C.		4 00	27 25
W. S. Noble, Mohawk A. C.		3 45	27 21
F. Lorz, Mohawk A. C.		3 30	27 10
E. Smith, Mohawk A. C.		3 45	27 30
H. P. Odell, Mott Haven A. C.		3 00	26 04
E. B. Fairclough, Mohawk A. C.		3 15	27 54
O. C. Dalmar, Mohawk A. C.		4 00	28 18
H. Meyer, Mohawk A. C.		3 45	28 18
M. F. Becker, Thirteenth Regiment		5 00	29 38
A. Loewy, Y. M. C. A.		4 00	28 50
J. Donaldson, Mohawk A. C.		3 30	28 25
W. McDonough, Independent A. A.		3 45	27 12
C. J. Senlobsum, Mohawk A. C.		4 00	28 57
W. Boyle, Mohawk A. C.		3 15	29 30
W. G. Frank, Irish A. A. C.		scratch	25 20
L. Marks, Pastime A. C.		1 30	28 51
E. W. Frisbie, Star A. C.		3 45	29 09
E. B. Merowitz, Mohawk A. C.		3 45	30 17
J. J. Moriarty, Star A. C.		4 00	29 43
W. F. Hayes, St. Barth. A. C.		3 45	29 30
S. A. Meller, Jr., Mohawk A. C.		scratch	26 47
A. Barthold, Tremont A. C.		4 00	30 06
G. Chu, Tremont A. C.		3 45	29 51
M. P. Kyne, New York City		3 45	30 13
A. Michel, Mohawk A. C.		3 15	30 21
O. Mark, New York City		3 45	30 30
L. Schoeffer, W. S. N. H.		4 00	30 50
B. Sunshine, Independent A. A.		4 15	32 10
J. Bruce, Mohawk A. C.		4 00	31 16
J. Rock, Boys' Club		4 30	32 14
G. A. Leimbach, Mohawk A. C.		4 00	32 45
G. E. White, Tremont A. C.		3 45	31 50
J. Beyer, Tremont A. C.		4 30	32 45
J. Dooney, Tremont A. C.		5 00	33 45
J. Chapman, Mohawk A. C.		3 15	32 15
C. J. Smith, Jr., Tremont A. C.		3 45	32 50
J. L. Harris, Boys' Club		4 45	34 00

The twenty-ninth annual championship of England was held recently at the Langfield Park racecourse and the distance was ten miles. There were twelve teams, making 126 runners which faced the starter. And all of these save the champion of Yale finished in good shape. From the reports it appears that the contests had one drawback, and that was that the going was light, there not being enough ploughed land on the course, nor were there any big water jumps on the start the runners were off at a fast clip, but after a mile or so Aldridge of the Highgate Harriers went to the front and stayed there to the finish, winning by 150 yards from G. Pearce of the Polytechnic. The winner's time was 56 minutes 35 seconds, a really fine piece of running. Highgate Harriers won the team honors, with Crewe Harriers second and Birchfield Harriers third.

The Irish championship was this year held at Elm Park, Dublin, but only four teams competed. The champion of 1903, Daly, holder of the individual title, robbed the contest of a good deal of interest, but his place was ably filled by T. Hynes, a fellow clubman, who covered the eight miles in 47 minutes 27 seconds. The club placings were: Galway Harriers, first; Ballinasloe, second, and Haddington, third.

The championship of Scotland was held at Scotstown, Glasgow, on March 11 over a course of eleven miles on the grounds of the Glasgow Agricultural Society. Ranken of the Watsonians Cross Country Club won the individual prize after a fine tussle with P. C. Russell of the Bellhouston Harriers, his time being 67 minutes 34 seconds. The West of Scotland Harriers won the team prize with Edinburgh Harriers second and Clydesdale Harriers third.

TIMELY BOXING TALK.

Jabez White and His Chances Against Jimmy Britt.

The arrival of Jabez White, the English lightweight champion, and the prospects of a match between the Briton and Jimmy Britt have stirred up the boxing situation in town to a considerable extent. The appearance of a foreign champion invariably helps to boost the sport. White is a modest young man and made a fine impression upon his arrival. But how he will fare in America is another matter. There is no doubt that the native pugilists are up to date in every point of the manly art, and the aspiring boxer, whether he be foreign or native born, must know a lot about the business to make good over here. Those who have seen White put up his hands have nothing but words of praise for his talent. Such excellent critics as Frank Erne, Sam Fitzpatrick, Charley Mitchell and Ben Benton are of the opinion that White will justify all the nice things that have been said about his skill, &c. Naturally, Mitchell, being interested in White as the Englishman's backer and manager, would speak in glowing terms of White's prowess. It is to his credit to say so. But Mitchell, aside from this, is a boxer himself and can tell a fighter from a pretender any time. And he seldom makes a mistake when it comes to anything appertaining to his profession. Mitchell choose White because he thinks he is the best scrapper that England has produced in many a day, and feels confident that after the Britt bout the American people will indorse his opinion in this respect.

A good deal has been said about White's personal appearance. But as to his style and gameness but little is known. White is a combination of the American-Australian pugilist. He has the cleverness of the American and the aggressiveness of the antipodean. He is as cool as an iceberg in the ring and executes all of his punches after careful and deliberate planning. Some critics have belittled White's ability to punch, but most of his friends say that he has the power in both hands to land a knockout. Britt in most of his fights has failed to prove that he is a man who can drop his opponent for the full count with a single punch. Most of his mills have gone the limit and his rivals have not left the ring with many marks upon them. But as regards cleverness Britt is a past master and always has something in reserve. Britt had Joe Gans on the run in their recent fight. He trounced the top proud negro plenty and toppled Gans to the boards once or twice. The punches that sent his opponent down were well aimed, but Gans arose well able to continue the fray until the next punch came