

SPORTING TALK OF INTEREST.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL TEAMS READY FOR TRAINING TRIPS.

New York Nationals Already Under Way. While Griffith's Americans Will Leave for Atlanta Next Week—First Quotations on the Big Spring Handicaps.

When Secretary Fred Knowles of the New York Nationals boarded the Pennsylvania Limited at 11 o'clock yesterday morning bound for Chicago he took along with him Shortstop Bill Dahler, Tommy Corcoran, the former Cincinnati player, who is a candidate for second base, John Gannan and Frank Burke, two young players from the Connecticut League, who were tried out last fall by McGraw, and Trainer Harry Tullih, who will have charge of the New York players all the season. Several members of the Detroit Americans left for Hot Springs on Saturday, but the New York players, who leave Chicago in a body for Los Angeles to-night, are really the first of the major league teams to start for their annual spring training quarters. The New York Americans, under Clark Griffith, will leave for Atlanta next Monday. Griffith will board the train in Jersey City with Keeler, Thomas Hoffman, Clarkson, Kleinow and former Mike Martin and Williams and Conroy on the way South. The other members of the team will leave from various points in the West on the same day and will go direct to the training quarters.

The Americans will spend nearly a whole month in Atlanta before starting home. The Brooklyns will leave early next week for Jacksonville, Fla., going by steamer all the way. On March 26 they will start with playing exhibition games at St. Paul, Minn., Atlanta, Lynchburg, Paterson, Holyoke, Mass., and Norwich, Conn., before they open the championship season in Boston on April 11. All told the three Greater New York teams will cover about 14,000 miles before they line up for the pennant race. While the New York Nationals will take the longest trip, the Chicago White Sox will travel almost as far in going to the City of Mexico. They leave Chicago a week from tomorrow and thirty-nine exhibition games will be played by the regular team and the second team before the Sox get back to the Windy City. The Chicago Cubs leave home next Saturday for West Baden, where they will spend one week before going to New Orleans, where they will remain until March 17. Then they will move toward home, playing at Mobile, Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville, Louisville, Columbus, Springfield, Indianapolis, Dayton and Toledo. The Pittsburghs will not leave the City before March 10, spending a week at West Baden and then going to Hot Springs, where they will train until April 3, playing at Little Rock, Memphis, Louisville and Indianapolis on their way to open the championship season at Cincinnati. The Philadelphia Nationals will set into shape at Savannah, where they are scheduled to arrive on March 4. They will play a series with the Philadelphia Americans at home. The latter, under Connie Mack, go to Martin, Tex., leaving the Quaker City next Friday. They will remain at Martin about two weeks and will then go to New Orleans, where they will hook up with McGraw's men in what may be an interesting series.

The Cincinnati also go to Martin, the men getting under way next Saturday. They will remain there four weeks and then work their way homeward by easy stages. The Boston Nationals will take about twenty-five players to Thomasville, Ga., and all the work at St. Louis Nationals will do all their work at Houston, Tex., both teams departing from home next week. Lajoie will lead the Cleveland pitchers and catchers to Hot Springs on Saturday, the rest of the players going to Macon on March 10, the two contingents meeting at Atlanta on April 1. The Detroit team will train in three divisions. One squad is already at Hot Springs. Another will go to Augusta, Ga., on Saturday and will be joined by the balance of the team there on March 9. The Boston Americans will get under way for Hot Springs on Friday, and will play the bats there for a few days the men will go to Little Rock, where actual training will begin. With the exception of two games in Cincinnati no exhibition contests have as yet been arranged. The St. Louis Americans will leave for San Antonio, Tex., next Monday, and during their stay they will meet the New York Nationals in one or more games. The Washingtons will get into shape at Galveston, Tex., after which they will take part in a long schedule. They are booked to show at their training camp on March 6. It is estimated that the total cost of all these training trips will be close to \$75,000.

While James O'Leary, Kid Walker and other speculators who usually make future books on the big handicaps have not announced their plans or quotations as yet, a well known handicapper of the Metropolitan Turf Association has compiled a set of figures which are being perused just now with some interest by Turfmen. For the Brooklyn Handicap Accountant is made the favorite at 12 to 1, with second choice at 12, followed by Dandelion, Dr. Gardner, J. C. Core and Whirlwind at 20, Diablahie, Nealon, Tiptoe, Horace E. and Go Between at 30, and all sorts of prices against the others. For the Suburban, Argomaster, Artful and Accountant are made equal favorites at 10 to 1, with Salverbia and Bunning Water at 30, Dr. Gardner, J. C. Core and Dandelion at 40, Horace E. Disablahie, Nealon, Ballot, Frank Gill and Election at 50, and so on.

Jack Finn has been suspended by the Ascot Park stewards for a bad looking ride for La Gloria on Saturday. Finn rode in the East last year and was under contract to Bobby Smith. On several occasions he was severely criticised for apparent indifference in the saddle, but he escaped punishment. He is now riding all winter at Los Angeles, but it was not until Saturday that the stewards saw anything on his part that warranted an investigation.

Friends of Jack Martin, the jockey who was recently suspended by the stewards at the Fair Grounds for an alleged poor ride on Orly II, are still making efforts to have him reinstated. It is said that the day that Orly II was beaten, with Martin up, both Jesse M. Lewisohn and Dave Johnson lost large wagers on the horse that had been made by them on the advice of the jockey. Martin's friends have asked to know the inside facts in the matter laid bare and say that if the boy is not guilty of crooked work, it is only fair that he should be restored to good standing at once so that he can apply to the Jockey Club for a license to begin riding when the local season at Aqueduct opens, on April 15.

Horsemen in general hope that the State Racing Commission will see its way clear to grant a license to the Empire City track of Yonkers for a race meeting there next August. They say that such a meeting would be a boon to poor owners who cannot race at Saratoga and that it would in no way affect the quality of the sport or the attendance at the Spa.

A week from next Wednesday Honey Melody of Boston will meet the champion Snooky in a six round bout in Philadelphia that is bound to attract wide spread attention. According to the articles of agreement that have been signed by the men they will weigh 145 pounds at 3 o'clock and will fight for the welterweight title, at the same time receiving 40 per cent. of the receipts. They will each post a forfeit of \$1,000, \$500 for weight and \$500 for appearance, while they have agreed upon Jack McGraw as the referee. Last year in a fight at the same weight Thomas knocked Melody out in eleven rounds. Since then there has been considerable ill feeling between them and much wrangling, so that they will probably go to each other in earnest when they meet this time.

Tommy Ryan, the middleweight champion, and Hugo Kelly, who is after the title, will meet in a six round bout at Rochester on Thursday night. They will weigh 158 pounds at 8 o'clock and receive 70 per cent. of the receipts. Evidently there is not as much opposition to glove contests in Rochester as there is in this city.

Battling Nelson is a recent interview in

The Sporting Life of London said some interesting things, among them being this: "You will note that there is quite a difference in the interpretations of the Queensberry rules in America and in England. For instance, the Americans will not tolerate what you English call 'stand off, hit and break away,' every time you clinch while in all big fights in the United States the boys box under what we term straight Queensberry rules, which means that a fighter can battle with his opponent so long as he has one hand free. By this I do not mean that they can clinch and hold on. If you were to give a contest in America and advertise, we will say for the sake of argument, a twenty round contest and bill it 'clean break' you would not have a corporal's guard in the house. The public will demand for boxers over there. They want a fight and when it is over there is no argument in other words, a knockout. There is nothing that hurts the boxing game so much as bouts that go the limit, for there is always room for a dispute as to the fairness of the decision." Nelson forgot to add that the American public does not advocate foul tactics such as he employed at Goldfield in his fight with Joe Gans. If Nelson should take part in a contest before the National Sporting Club of London sporting men say that it would be 10 to 1 that the referee would disqualify him if he made use of the tricks that are characteristic of him in the ring.

TRAP SHOOTING.

F. W. Howard Carries Off the Honors in Wykagyl Country Club Meet. In the weekly shoot of the Wykagyl Country Club the members who had the courage to take traps were greeted by a driving blizzard; nevertheless seven events were contested. Of these Fred Howard came out with the honors. He won two events, one of which was the club championship fifty targets. Howard broke 40 out of the lot, and his nearest opponent was Talcott, with 38. Howard also won the February cup outright. A variation from the regular 25 target handicap was a nine and out event, and it was won by Talcott, who broke 11 before the others were disposed of. The pick up doubles of 25 targets was another novelty and it was the last event of the day. Henderson and Ogden won their joint score being 23 out of the 25. Scoble, who won the opening event, and Ogden, who secured the second event, were the other winners.

DARTMOUTH TO THE FORE.

New Engla nders in Front in College Basketball, Although Out of the League. Except for the fact that Yale strengthened its hold a little more on the first place and that Pennsylvania slid a little further to the rear in third place there were few changes in intercollegiate basketball the last week, when Columbia meets Yale. If the New Yorkers can win this they will be tied for first place. If they lose with the defeat go all chances ever of overtaking Yale. So that on this game the championship for the season may hang. Outside of that game there are only five games left on the schedule of the association. In passing it may be well to note that Dartmouth defeated Harvard very handsily at basketball in the last week. Yale, with every regular player in, managed to beat Harvard only by one point in the game in the Mechanics Hall in Boston. Dartmouth fairly slaughtered the Crimson in Hanover. There can be small question as to which is the best college team in this section. Dartmouth won the championship of the New England League under a pull and boat Pennsylvania, Harvard and Yale in the Intercollegiate League. That ought to be enough to entitle the team to some recognition.

HOCKEY.

Crescent Team Beaten in Toronto by 15 Goals to 5. Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Crescent Athletic Club hockey team did not have a very successful trip this time and lost again last night to the Toronto University team. Wall and Shirreff were not on the Crescent team, which meant that it was much weaker than when it played in the tournament. This was rather disappointing to the followers of the team who came with the players from Brooklyn, but each one admitted that the Canadians have been so hospitable and done so much to make all have a good time that it would be unkind to brook any defeat. The Crescent team was beaten by a score of 15 to 5. All from Brooklyn admitted that the Canadians can play hockey some. The lineup: Toronto. Positions. Crescent. Keith, Goal; Mackenzie, Forward; O'Connell, Cover point; Nichols, Right wing; Clark, Left wing; Liffiton, Centre; Davidson, Centre; Shebrier, C. Rover; Kennedy, Score Toronto, 15; Crescent A. C. 5. Goals—By H. Clark, 5; Southern, 2; Davidson, 1; for Toronto; Dobby, 2; Liffiton, 2; Shebrier, 1; for Crescent; Heffer, 5; Van Hynde, 1; Turner—George T. Stebbins and Fred Studdard.

New Yawl for Commodore Malar.

Commodore Frank Maier, who last year won the Lipton Bermuda cup with his yawl the Tanager, is to have a new yacht this year with which he hopes to win the Bermuda race again. This yacht will be a compromise in model between the old Panhauke and the Tanager, the latter being 127 feet 6 inches over all, 37 feet 6 inches on the water line, 13 feet beam, 7 feet 4 inches draught.

New Orleans Entries for Today.

Table listing race entries for New Orleans, including names of horses, jockeys, and odds.

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The Bay State Automobile Association of Boston has placed a limit of 800 for its active membership and 200 for its associate membership. To secure a uniform flow of gasoline several automobile manufacturers are sloping the bottoms of their fuel tanks toward the rear of the car, and the second cabin of the car, taking the feed pipe from the rear of the tank rather than the front. This also gives increased fuel pressure in hill climbing.

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