SPORTING TALK OF INTEREST

MAJOR LEAGUES WILL OPEN THE SEASON ON APRIL 14.

McGraw's Team to Begin in Quakertown on That Day, With the Bostons in Brooklyn and the Athletics at American League Park—Miners Still Grumbling.

The decision reached by the schedule committees of the American and the National leagues to open the championship season on April 14 and to play a series of 154 games is not in accordance with the policy of Ban Johnson and his American League colleagues. Johnson and company have all along argued that the season should not open before April 20 at the earliest and that a schedule of 140 games is plenty long enough. But the National League men have never regarded such a plan with favor and as they have stuck together in the conference with the American leaguers just concluded at Cincinnati another early opening with possibly winter weather to contend with is on the cards. Last year, it will be recalled, the championship season began on April 11 and many of the games proved farcical in the extreme because of snow and frost, while many other contests were postponed because neither players nor spectators could stand the gaff. Because of these facts the American League men reached the conclusion that games in snowstorms were not desired by the public, but in this belief they received no encouragement from the National League people, who argued that every dollar in sight should be grabbed without ceremony.

While the schedules must first receive the indorsement of the two big leagues, it is understood that as far as the National League is concerned the New York team will play in Philadelphia on April 14 while the Bostons will be in Brooklyn on that day. In the West the Chicago Cubs will open in Cincinnati, with St. Louis at Pittsburg. The New York Americans will cut the season loose here on April 14 with the Philadelphia Athletics, while the Boston Americans will probably begin operations in Washington. The Chicago White Sox will possibly open the season at home with the Detroits, champions of the American League, while the Clevelands will set the ball rolling at St. Louis. It is said that as Decoration Day and the Fourth of July both fall on Saturdays the Cincinnati club will receive no holiday dates at home but will get seventeen or eighteen Sundays instead. The season will wind up on October 4, leaving about ten days in which to decide the world's series. The New York Americans will play here on Decoration Day, while the New York Nationals will receive at the Polo Grounds on the Fourth of July. Both New York teams will be at home on Labor Day as usual.

The turndown at the hands of the National Baseball Commission received by the American Association in reference to the proposed location of a new club in Chicago, coupled with several rulings that have not been relished by the minor league, has stirred the latter up to a high pitch of excitement. The minor league men as a result have been holding informal conferences in different parts of the country with the idea of hitting upon a plan by which the "high handed methods" of the big fellows may be resented. Some of the minor league fellows believe that they can paddle their own canoe and are in favor of cutting away from the major leagues, but in such an event there would be no money coming from the majors for drafted or purchased players, which would be a serious loss for the small leagues. In the event of a war the majors would go along intact, at the same time grabbing minor league players whenever they were needed without the expenditure of a dollar, while the minors would be unable to offer sufficient financial inducements to players in the big leagues to jump their engagements. Conservative baseball men say that if the minor league people do not lose their heads they will be satisfied to let well enough alone.

The statement coming from Pittsburg that the late J. Palmer O'Neill saved the National League from ruin in the Brotherhood war of 1890 by backing a losing venture in the Smoky City and personally sinking about $40,000 of his own money caused some amusement among veteran baseball men here yesterday. O'Neill was the paid agent of the National League, the money used by him in playing out the schedule with the Pittsburg tailenders being provided by the other clubs in the League. O'Neill was a well known promoter when A. G. Spalding got him to take hold of the game in Pittsburg, and there is no evidence to show that O'Neill lost a dollar of his own. It was not O'Neill's Pittsburg club which saved the National League, but the contributions of Spalding, Abell, Reach, Soden, Conant and Brush to John B. Day to keep the New York club alive. Later the diplomacy of Spalding, Byrne and Brush won the day for the National League at a time when the Brotherhood had the old organization beaten to a standstill, but was not aware of the fact.

Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals left yesterday for Los Angeles, where he will have a chance to see the horses run at Arcadia for at least a month or more before he goes to Marlin Springs, Tex., to take charge of his players, who will train there for the championship race. McGraw has evidently decided that further deals for new players are unnecessary and that the New York team, as at present constituted, will come up to the requirements of metropolitan fans.

Funeral services over the body of George Dixon, former champion featherweight pugilist of the world, who died in Bellevue Hospital on Monday, were held here yesterday morning, after which the body was sent to Boston on the 1 o'clock train in the care of an undertaker sent here by Dixon's wife. The funeral in Boston will be held at the Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church at 2 o'clock to-day, after which the dead boxer will be buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. Joe Gans has contributed $100 toward a monument to be placed over Dixon's grave, while other sporting men of prominence say they will help.

In a twelve round battle with Jimmy Gardner at Boston on Tuesday night Joe Walcott, who was easily outpointed, showed that he had lost practically all his former cleverness together with his remarkable hitting. Walcott actually wanted to quit at the end of the seventh round. He pretended that he had been hit below the belt, but his manager compelled him to go on. During the battle it is said that Gardner with a sharp left landed about 200 blows in Walcott's face. Walcott, by the way, felt the death of George Dixon keenly. It was Dixon who first discovered the Giant Killer and proceeded to teach him all he ever knew about the boxing game. Walcott and Dixon trained and travelled about the country together for nearly ten years and were fast friends.

It is highly probable that in view of the action of the New Orleans stewards in barring Jockey Mountain from the tracks at the Crescent City Mountain will find it a rather difficult matter to secure a license to ride on the Jockey Club's tracks this year. Mountain was released from his contract with August Belmont last summer because of several queer rides at Saratoga and quickly fell into general disfavor. The fact that New Orleans critics have been connecting Mountain with recent spectacular operations by Baldy Ryan has put the jockey in a decidedly bad light. It was said yesterday that if Ryan should attempt to do business on the Eastern tracks this year he would receive a quiet tip from the turf governors to stay away. Ryan has been winning big money at New Orleans, at the same time setting the pace for Tom Shaw, a well known bookmaker and plunger, and Charley Ellison, who is betting on a large scale this winter. Ryan, who is in Cincinnati, says that he left New Orleans of his own accord; that he was not warned away by the stewards, and that he will return in a few days. But men close to the Crescent City stewards say that Ryan will not indulge in further operations at the tracks this winter.

NEXT MONDAY

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DARTMOUTH WINS AT HOCKEY

DEFEATS PRINCETON'S TEAM IN A WELL CONTESTED GAME.

Result a Surprise to Hockey Enthusiasts—Princeton, Holder of the Championship, Outplayed at Every Point—Dartmouth Players Are Good Skaters.

Dartmouth's team of hockey players furnished a surprise at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink last night. They met Princeton's team, the holders of the championship, in an intercollegiate tournament game and won by a score of 3 to 2. The winners took the lead in the first half, scoring twice, while Princeton failed to land the puck in the net. In the second half Princeton's players did better work. They played an aggressive game and shot many times for goal, scoring twice, but the players from New Hampshire also scored and so kept the lead to the finish.

It was an interesting game. Both sides played good hockey, but the New Hampshire men skated better than the Princeton men, were faster and knew a little more about the game. They shot well too and were able to send the pucks toward the goal from almost any point without stopping to recover themselves, and in this they clearly had an advantage. Their team work too was good. The two goal keepers, Blunpied for Dartmouth and Peacock for Princeton, had plenty of work to do. Blunpied stopped several very hard shots and played a cool game. Peacock too stopped many accurate shots and did well. The game was a clean one. Not a player was sent to the bench and no one was hurt.

Dartmouth began the attack and soon had Princeton on the defensive, and after two minutes of play Foote snatched the puck in a scrimmage in front of Princeton's goal and landed it in the net. Then for several minutes the game was very open. Each side made strong attacks, but the defences were good and saved many goals. After twelve minutes play Perry cleverly dodged through the Princeton line. He carried the puck with him the whole length of the rink and just as he shot was tripped. His aim was good, though, and the rubber shot by Peacock and into the net, making the score 2 to 0 in favor of Dartmouth.

In the second half Leake went on as rover for Princeton in place of Cox. Princeton started in to rush things and several times nearly scored, and after several strong attacks Osborne got the puck from a pass out back of the net and sent it into the net.

This gave the Princeton followers some courage, and they cheered enthusiastically, but Foote for Dartmouth offset this soon afterward by scoring on a neat shot from the side of the rink. Later Osborne scored, sending the puck into the net after Blunpied had stopped it, but before he could turn it away. The teams lined up as follows:

Dartmouth.	*Positions.*	*Princeton.*
Blunpied	Goal	Peacock
Pettingill	Point	C. Sallin
Leighton	Coverpoint	Read
Marston	Right wing	Brush
Noe	Left wing	Phillips
Foote	Rover	Cox
Perry	Centre	Osborne

Score—Dartmouth, 3; Princeton, 2. Goals—Foote (2), Perry (1) for Dartmouth; Osborne (2) for Princeton. Substitute—Leake for Cox. Referee—A. Castleman, New York A. C. Assistant referee—George Harmon, Hockey Club of New York. Goal umpires—Leake, Princeton; Arnstein, Dartmouth. Time of halves—twenty minutes each.

LAWN TENNIS.

William B. Cragin, Jr., Defeats His Brother for Seventh Regiment Title.

William B. Cragin, Jr., won the singles lawn tennis championship of the Seventh Regiment yesterday afternoon on the indoor courts of the Armory, Sixty-sixth street and Park avenue. He finished up his match with his brother, Calhoun Cragin, a former holder of the title, winning three sets to one by the score 6—4, 10—8, 3—6, 6—3.

Calhoun Cragin led off in the service yesterday and he was remarkably speedy in the third set. So aggressive was the attack at the net that the first four games of this set were scored against service. In winning the fourth Calhoun Cragin executed some brilliantly placed shots in a long rally. Then he took the next three games in order. William Cragin forced the sixth and seventh games to deuce only to lose them. William took the eighth game, but lost the set at 6—3. The games held even up to 3 all of the fourth set. William's service again prevailed, as he won the seventh game by a love score on his aces. He won the set and match at 6—3. The summary:

Seventh Regiment Championship Singles—Final and championship round—William B. Cragin, Jr., defeated Calhoun Cragin, 6—4, 10—8, 3—6, 6—3.

Class A, Handicap Singles—Semi-final round—Robert T. Bryan, minus 30, defeated L. H. Fitch, minus 15, 6—3, 6—4; William B. Cragin, Jr., minus 30, defeated Calhoun Cragin, minus 30, 6—3, 6—4.

Final Round—Robert T. Bryan, minus 30, defeated William B. Cragin, Jr., minus 30, by default.

Indian Harbor Yacht Club Officers.

Commodore Roy A. Rainey, owner of the schooner Invader, and who is now having a 228 foot steam yacht built on the Clyde, has been renominated by the nominating committee of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club. Commodore Rainey has worked hard in the interests of the club and his efforts have been appreciated by the members. H. W. Hanan, owner of the sloop Aspirant, has been nominated for the office of Vice-Commodore and Lorenzo D. Armstrong, owner of the schooner Grampus, as rear commodore. The nominations of other officers and committees will be announced shortly.

Tigers Sport With N. Y. U. Basketball Team.

PRINCETON, Jan. 8.—Princeton defeated New York University in basketball here this afternoon by the score of 44 to 13. A few minutes after the initial whistle Halliday, Meese and Ryan bombarded the basket for a total of 16 points. The half ended with the Tigers leading 30 to 8. The New Yorkers were pretty well petered out in the second round, while the Tigers let up perceptibly. Princeton made 14 points in this half and New York 10. Capt. Halliday and Meese of Princeton were especially fast throughout. Heiser and Capt. Howe proved to be the visitors' strongest asset.

New Jersey Rifle Association Elects Officers.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 8.—Officers were elected at the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Rifle Association in the Essex Club, Newark, on Monday night. Governor-elect John Franklin Fort, in accordance with custom as Chief Executive of the State, was elected to succeed Gov. Edward C. Stokes as honorary president. The others elected were: Vice-presidents, Gen. George E. P. Howard of South Orange, Judge-Advocate on the staff of Gen. F. A. Wallser, and William Hayes of Newark; secretary, Col. Augustus Reed, and treasurer, Gen. Bird W. Spencer of Passaic.

New Jersey Yacht Club Officers.

The New Jersey Yacht Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday night at the new club house on Newark Bay, Bayonne, and elected these officers for the ensuing year: John A. Dennin, commodore; Thomas Watson, vice-commodore; Charles Sage, rear commodore; James Owens, George Rinker and George Hughes, secretaries; James Dodd, treasurer, and Dr. Charles Limeburner, fleet surgeon. Thirty new members were elected.

Billiards.

A match has been arranged at 18.2 balk line billiards between George Slosson and George Sutton. The contest will extend for ten nights, 500 points being played at Slosson's Academy each night. The series will open on January 18.

At Daly's Academy last night Marcotte made 311 points to McLaughlin's 300 in their 18.2 balk line billiard match. The score for the two nights is: McLaughlin, 600; Marcotte, 400.

Basketball Notes.

De La Salle Academy outclassed the Groff School team in every way in a game at the De La Salle court yesterday afternoon, which ended 97 to 13 in De La Salle's favor. The winners' combination plays completely bewildered the Groff team, which at no time in the game had the slightest chance to win.

WORCESTER, Jan. 8.—The Holy Cross basketball team defeated the Amherst Aggie's here to night by the score of 55 to 4.

MORE TROUBLE OVER EWRY.

Legislation Committee of A. A. U. States That Jumper Has Suspended Himself.

The legislation committee of the Amateur Athletic Union held a meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of conferring on the recent doings of the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association in regard to the Ewry case and other matters of interest to amateur sport. At the trial of Ewry on Tuesday evening two members of the committee, Nevins and J. T. Mahoney, stated that they had given permission to Ewry to compete at unsanctioned meets, and on this Ewry built a good deal of his defence. Then the committee reserved decision, and the whole proceeding stirred those in higher authority.

Yesterday's conclave was held behind closed doors, but Bartow S. Weeks, chairman of the legislation committee and an authority in athletic law, pointed out a few things of vital importance which the local registration committee seemed not to observe. He drew attention to general rule IV. of the constitution, which says:

Any person competing or exhibiting at open sports, or any athletic entertainment that is not given under the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union or of any one of its affiliated members, shall thereby disqualify himself from competing at any sports given under sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The registration committee of the association in whose territory the offence was committed shall have the power to reinstate any one so disqualified if it shall think fit.

In making the case more clear Mr. Weeks said: "According to the correct interpretation of the A. A. U. rules Ewry is suspended and to bring him up for trial is all wrong. As the rule clearly states, he suspended himself by his own action. The only course open to the registration committee under the circumstances was to give him a hearing if he cared to apply for reinstatement. Ewry's assertion that members of the registration committee gave him permission to compete at these unsanctioned meets is of little account. No member of the registration committee has any such power or authority."

It was learned that a meeting of the national A. A. U. board of governors would be called in a few days, when matters of importance would be threshed out. It is admitted that the amateur question here is in bad shape and drastic measures will have to be adopted to set matters on an easier plane. "Local authorities have shown themselves unable to cope with the situation, so a higher authority will have to deal with the issue," said a man high in authority yesterday. "The local registration committee, especially Nevins and Mahoney, is a joke and ought to resign. They are unfit for the position as long as they are not competent to enforce the A. A. U. rules. These rules are before them and so simple that a child might digest them, yet the registration committee seems not to have the least conception of the proper way to act."

Harry L. Hillman explained yesterday that the $5 he received on the Montreal trip was for expenses.

BENSONHURST Y. C. MEETING.

Matter of Lipton Cup May Be Referred to Committee—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Bensonhurst Yacht Club was held last night in the Assembly, Fulton street, Brooklyn. Commodore William H. Childs presided. The officers and committees' reports showed that the club was flourishing and had had a good racing season.

Commodore Childs made some announcement of the Lipton cup. The Bensonhurst, owned by the club, scored the most points in the series for this trophy, but there has been some delay in announcing the winner because the boats did not comply with the conditions governing the cup. Commodore Childs explained that he had seen some correspondence with Sir Thomas Lipton and it had been suggested that the matter be referred to a committee composed of Addison G. Hanan and Harry L. Maxwell. The club decided to leave the matter in Commodore Childs's hands with power.

He also spoke of the proposed new class for which he had offered the price of the boat as a prize for the winner, but in view of the present financial stringency he thought it might be better perhaps to offer a good cup for the Lipton cup boats. A committee will meet at the commodore's office on Saturday to settle this matter.

The Commodore appointed Vice-Commodore O'Neill, John Brown and C. H. Clayton to confer with the Crescent Athletic Club and see if some arrangement could not be made by which the members of the Crescent club could avail themselves of the privileges of the Bensonhurst Yacht Club house and anchorage during the season.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Commodore, William H. Childs; vice commodore, William J. O'Neill; rear commodore, Samuel Cockram; secretary, W. W. Roberts; treasurer, Leo A. McTighe; measurer, Alfred Mackay. Race committee—John Brown, chairman; Richard W. Rummell, George L. Beaton, George R. Le Sauvage, William E. Black. House committee—Clayton, chairman; C. L. Dingens, Arthur T. Wells. Nominating committee—Arthur C. Bellows, chairman; Richard B. Moore, C. H. Clayton, John F. Eggert. Audit committee—A. H. Hawkins, chairman; Charles H. McKrell, W. R. Salnsbury. Directors—Alfred B. Mackay, Richard B. Moore, A. J. Boyd. Delegates to the Yacht Racing Association of Gravesend Bay—John Brown, George R. Le Sauvage. Delegates to the American Power Boat Association—Walter M. Bleling, Arthur T. Wells.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Old Honesty, 10 to 1, Wins the Old Hickory Handicap.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—Old Honesty, an added starter at 10 to 1, won the Old Hickory Handicap, at one mile and a quarter, at the Fair Grounds to-day. Old Honesty was splendidly handled by J. Lee. With the exception of Docile and Warner Griswell well played outsiders swept the card.

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—Javotte, 107 (C. Koerner), 8 to 1, won; Salnesaw, 106 (J. Lee), 4 to 1, second; Frescati, 97 (S. Flynn), 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 3-5. Divorcee, Aunonia, Thermal, Carr, Inauguration, Bitterly, Auspicious, Agnes Wood, Donaldo and Mannie May also ran.

Second Race—One mile and 70 yards—Warner Griswell, 105 (V. Powers), 13 to 5, won; Grenade, 103 (Lloyd), 9 to 2, second; J. D. Dunn, 95 (S. Flynn), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:53. Tudor, Plowaway, Monere, George Bailey, Don Hamilton, Creel, Charlie Thompson, Militades, Prince Fortunatus, Fonsoluca, Hammeraway and Proteus also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Pedro, 98 (J. McCahey), 8 to 1, won; Higginbotham, 93 (M. Sumter), 18 to 5, second; Cooney K., 98 (Kennedy), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 2-5. De Reszke, Hawkama, Goldproof, Refined, Sallie Preston, Frank Lord, Avauntcleer, Red Gauntlet and No Quarter also ran.

Fourth Race—Old Hickory Handicap; one mile and a quarter—Old Honesty, 108 (J. Lee), 10 to 1, won; Temaeco, 113 (Notter), 6 to 5, second; Plantland, 107 (Lloyd), 9 to 2, third. Time, 2:12 4-5. Flaviguy, Donna and Pasadena also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Miss Delaney, 92 (S. Flynn), 11 to 5, won; Coon, 90 (Molesworth), 6 to 1, second; Platoon, 95 (N. Kennedy), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 1-5. Chief Hayes, Our Boy, Keator and Klamesha also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and three-sixteenths—Docile, 104 (V. Powers), 11 to 5, won; John McBride, 101 (Molesworth), 12 to 1, second; Sister Polly, 91 (J. Sumter), 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:97 2-5. Javanese, Belieview, Kaile Powers and Klamesha II. also ran.

BUFFALO MEN CONTROL TRACK.

Syndicate Buys Interest of New York and Western Men in Racecourse.

BUFFALO, Jan. 8.—Buffalo men now control the Kenilworth Park racetrack in this city. A deal has just been closed whereby the interest held in the track by New York and Western men has been acquired by a syndicate of Buffalo men, consisting of John N. Scatherd, George Bleistein, S. H. Knox, Oliver J. Cabana, Jr., Daniel Good, George Lattimer, W. P. Taylor and H. Montgomery Gerrans, the last named of whom is president of the Buffalo Racing Association.

The men now in control have applied to the Jockey Club for racing dates from June 20 to July 25, making thirty-one racing days in all. It is understood that Joseph A. Murphy, who was manager of the track last year, will continue this year in the same capacity.

C. C. N. Y. FRESHMEN WIN.

Crippled Stuyvesant Basketball Team Beaten by 21 to 15.

The C. C. N. Y. freshman basketball team took the Stuyvesant High School boys into camp yesterday afternoon at the Stuyvesant gymnasium with a score of 21 to 15.

Only two of the regular Stuyvesant team were playing, the others being ineligible, because of studies, and there was consequently lack of team work on that side. The freshmen played an exceedingly rough game, and most of Stuyvesant's points were scored from fouls. Dowling of Stuyvesant was very clever at caging the ball on these goals from fouls, and made a large majority of his team's points.

New York Nationals Get a Week to Pay $1,000 Fine.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—The National Baseball Commission at its closing session to-day directed that John T. Brush, president of the New York National League Club, be notified at once by wire that the fine of $1,000 assessed against the New York club by the commission several weeks ago must be paid within a week from to-day. The fine was a sequel to the quitting by McGraw and his men in an exhibition game last spring at New Orleans with the Philadelphia Athletics.

AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

CHICAGO SHOW DATE CHANGED BACK TO FEBRUARY.

National Association of Automobile Manufacturers to Hold Exhibition Two Weeks After Garden Function—Joseph Tracy to Test Benzol as Motor Fuel.

Following the lead of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers in changing back to the old show dates, the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers has decided to hold the next Chicago show in February of 1909. This was settled yesterday at a meeting of the N. A. A. M. executive committee held in the offices of the association in the Transit Building at 7 East Forty-second street. The general manager's report of the affairs of the Chicago show showed that despite the unfavorable conditions prevailing at the time the public attendance was larger than ever before, and the financial results more satisfactory than ever. The subject of future shows was briefly discussed and referred to the show committee, which subsequently decided to recommend at the next meeting of the executive committee that the next Chicago show be held two weeks after the Madison Square Garden show; that is to say, during the first week of February, 1909.

At the request of the American Automobile Association, S. D. Waldon and Windsor T. White were appointed to represent the N. A. A. M. in an advisory capacity, and these two, with H. O. Smith, were appointed a committee to attend the meeting of the A. A. A. touring board some time late this month. The association contemplates establishing a comprehensive traffic department. The subject was referred to the transportation committee, of which Benajmin Briscoe is chairman. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas this association has been apprised of the sad death of M. L. Goss, a member of its executive committee and one of the veteran members of the automobile industry, be it

Resolved, That the executive committee, on behalf of the members and itself, deeply deplores the loss of an efficient associate, a man of valued counsels, a gentleman of endearing personal qualities and a friend, and that the sincere sympathy of this association as a body be extended to his bereaved widow and family; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and that a copy of them be forwarded to the widow of the deceased.

Those present at the meeting were: Thomas Henderson, Winton Motor Carriage Company; Windsor T. White, White Company; C. C. Hildebrand, Stevens-Duryea Company; S. T. Davis, Jr., Locomobile Company of America; William E. Metzger, Cadillac Motor Car Company; L. H. Kittredge, Peerless Motor Car Company; William R. Innis, Studebaker Automobile Company; R. D. Chapin, E. R. Thomas Motor Company; A. L. Pope, Pope Manufacturing Company, and Charles Clifton, George N. Pierce Company. H. E. Coffin, representing the E. R. Thomas Detroit Company, was elected a member, being the first to pay the new initiation fee of $500.

The New York Automobile Trade Association held a special meeting yesterday at the Hotel Cumberland to discuss the proposed plan of holding an "Opening Week" or "Automobile Week" in the early spring. President Percy Owen presiding. After some discussion Gen. John T. Cutting introduced a resolution that it was the sense of the meeting that an "Opening Week" or "Automobile Week" be held under the auspices of the Trade Association during the early spring. A number of those present gave their views on the subject and President Owen appointed a committee to work out the details. Gen. Cutting was appointed chairman, the other members of the committee being Col. E. C. Pardee, Richard Scrimgeour, C. E. Theobold, and C. W. Wyckoff with E. V. Stratton, secretary of the Trade Association, as secretary. Thirty-four members of the Trade Association were present at the meeting and three representatives of local firms that are non-members.

C. A. Wardle, who has been manager of the agency department of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers for the last four years, announced last night that he had resigned his position. Before being with the A. L. A. M. Mr. Wardle was with the Locomobile and Ford concerns.

Joe Tracy, who has evidently kept track of some of the fuel experiments made in England and other European countries for the last couple of years, has announced that he has been testing the virtues of benzol as a fuel for automobile engines. On Friday of this week he will start from this city in a 25 horse-power Hol-Tan for Philadelphia and will return to this city on Saturday. No attempt will be made at record breaking, as the trip will be made for the gathering of statistics as to the cost of the fuel.

The British Board of Trade reports that for November, 1907, the imports of automobiles and parts thereof into that country show an increase over the same month of 1906. The number of complete cars imported during the month of November, 1907, was 409, and for the corresponding month of 1906 and 1905 the number was 352 and 359 respectively.

The local speed limit of eight miles an hour bothers a number of the physicians and surgeons of Saginaw, Mich., and twelve of them have asked the city council for permission to exceed this rate of speed when answering emergency calls. They have suggested that a red cross be carried on automobiles owned by physicians and surgeons so they would not be stopped by police officers when hurrying to a tend patients.

MONUMENT TO HANLAN.

Rice, the Columbia Coach, Starts Fund to Honor Great Oarsman.

A movement has been started by James Rice, the coach of the Columbia crews, to raise a fund to erect a monument in memory of the late Ned Hanlan, the ex-champion oarsman and former coach at Columbia. Rice coached and trained Hanlan for upward of eight years and was a very close friend of the famous oarsman. Rice has interested the citizens of Toronto and the students and alumni at Columbia in the scheme, and yesterday started the subscription list by contributing $100.

The monument is to be built in the waters of Lake Ontario, opposite Hanlan's Point, on the new rowing course. Rice returned from Toronto yesterday, where he had attended the funeral of the former champion. He was much moved by the death of his old friend, and when he returned to Columbia he immediately started the subscription. Already many of the alumni have sent in contributions, which in turn will be forwarded to Toronto, where another fund has been started.

Golf.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 8.—Four ball handicap subscription foursomes, the combined scores of the pairs on the best selected twelve holes, 6 out and 6 in to count, provided a novel contest to-day. Emerson-Armstrong of Fox Hills and Chisholm Beach of Garden City, each playing with handicaps of two, won over a field of ten pairs. The scores:

Emerson Armstrong, Fox Hills, 2 and Chisholm Beach, Garden City, 2, 100. H. M. Hamilton, Wykagyl, 9 and M. J. Condon, Wykagyl, 5, 107. N. S. Hurd, Pittsburg Country, 4 and A. B. Black, Buffalo, 8, 107. Dr. G. S. Hill, Marblehead, 17 and A. J. Creamer, Damariscotta, Maine, 7, 112. F. E. Belden, Hartford Country, 11 and C. L. Becker, Woodland, 2, 113. H. G. White, Ridgewood, 5 and H. W. Ormsbee, Alpine, Trinity, N. J., 9, 114. W. L. Murphy, Pittsburg, 14 and Paul A. Bay, Pittsburg, 34, 114. G. A. Peck, South Egremont, Mass., 19 and J. M. Robinson, Littleton, 17, 116. S. V. Blake, Toronto, 27 and Charles Sayles, South Shore Field, 34, 116.

Yale Also Drops Rowing Race With Columbia.

It was announced yesterday by H. N. Moore, manager of the Columbia crews, that no race will take place between either Harvard or Yale and Columbia next spring. No reason is given for the discontinuance of the Harvard-Columbia contests, while the Yale management is inaugurating a new policy of having only intercollege contests in addition to those with Harvard. The Columbia oarsmen, and Coach Rice in particular, were very desirous of meeting the Blue either in New York or at New Haven, but no final arrangements could be made, although it is understood that the undergraduates of both institutions were in favor of the contest. Columbia will row Annapolis if the middies do not receive permission to row at Poughkeepsie, otherwise no race will take place between the two crews.

New York Yacht Club's Next Meeting.

The first general meeting of the New York Yacht Club for this year will be held in the club house on West Forty-fourth street on Thursday evening, January 16. At this meeting the secretary and treasurer will make their annual reports, and reports will be made by the regatta, house, library and model committees.

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YACHT FOR A LONG CRUISE.

W. Harry Brown Orders Big Schooner for Trip Around the World.

W. Harry Brown, who has given an order for a big auxiliary schooner, intends to cruise around the world in his new yacht as soon as it is finished. This yacht, which will be the largest vessel built in this country this winter and will also be the largest vessel of its type owned on this side of the Atlantic, has been designed by Swazey, Raymond & Page and is to be built at Lawley's Boston yard. The yacht is to be named Visitor II. and it is said will cost about $300,000. Mr. Brown is a Pittsburg man and he has owned for some seasons the fast steam yacht Visitor, in which he has cruised up and down the coast.

The new yacht will be much larger than the Alcyone, which was built last winter at Lawley's for H. W. Putnam, Jr., and will be very luxuriously fitted.

The general dimensions of the boat will be: Over all, 197 feet 6 inches; water line, 150 feet; beam, 32 feet 6 inches; normal draught, 15 feet. She will have a displacement of 800 tons and a coal capacity of 250 tons. Her fresh water capacity will be about 60 tons. She will have for auxiliary power a triple expansion engine of 750 horse-power. She will have one Scotch boiler. Her contract speed under steam will be 11 knots. She will be a complete steel vessel of three decks.

All the modern appliances that go to make for comfort on a pleasure craft will be found in the Visitor II. She will have a special distilling plant and a most elaborate ventilating system. She will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity. In addition to her complement of lifeboats she will have two steam launches to use in navigating waters where the big yacht cannot go.

She will be magnificently fitted throughout and will be a veritable floating palace with all the luxuries one could obtain at a first class hotel. There will be a large library and music room, smoking and lounging rooms and suites of staterooms with baths connected.

The vessel has been designed and will be built with a view to seaworthiness and comfort. She will be quite a fine auxiliary cruiser for she will have a complete armory of small arms, with rapid fire guns.

In the spring of 1909 Mr. Brown and his wife and two children will start on a tour of the world. A trip will be made to the Gulf of Mexico first, then to the Panama Canal and then to South America. A trip up the Amazon River will be one of the features of the first voyage. Mr. Brown will keep the yacht in commission for several years all the year round, for he contemplates a trip to little known regions in the south Pacific, among the islands and to Asiatic ports. She will fly the flag of the New York and Indian Harbor Yacht clubs.

Noted Race Mare Imp Makes New Record.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 8.—Imp, the noted "Black Whirlwind" of the West, winner of the Suburban Handicap and other great races during her long career on the turf, has made a new record. She is the first thoroughbred mare in Kentucky to foal in 1908. On Monday night at the Hamburg Place of her owner, John E. Madden, she foaled a brown colt by Yankee, the Futurity winner.

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Games Will Be Held in May to Aid in Selection of Olympic Team.

The executive committee of the American Olympic games committee, consisting of Caspar Whitney, Julian W. Curtiss, Bartow S. Weeks, Gustavus T. Kirby, Joseph B. Macadee, Everett C. Brown, Luther H. Gulick and James E. Sullivan, has decided that it is advisable to have an Olympic tryout on the Pacific Coast, open to the athletes in the territory of the Pacific Coast Association and the Pacific Northwest Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. This tryout will be held some time in May under the same conditions as the tryouts which will be held in Chicago and in the East.

In allotting this tryout to the Pacific Coast the committee stipulates that it will be held with the distinct understanding that it is its aim to be guided in the selection of the team by the winners of the events, but by no means will include on the selected team every athlete who wins an event on the programme.

The committee appointed to look out for this meeting are S. S. Peixotto, R. R. L'Hommedieu and Herbert Hauser of the Pacific Coast Association; E. E. Morgan, C. C. Holzell and A. S. Goldsmith of the Pacific Northwest Association.

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