RESULT OF DERBY MUCH IN DOUBT.

Ostrich and Fort Plain the Only Candidates for New Orleans Feature That Can Be Rated.

LATE GOSSIP OF THE TRACK.

John Powers Has in Gravina What Is Thought to Be the Most Consistent Performer Racing at Crescent City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28.—With the possible exception of Ostrich and Fort Plain, the prominent Crescent City Derby candidates that have been racing here are a very uncertain lot. Floral King was in great favor after he split Captain Arnold and Tribes Hill while conceding great weight to both horses. On the strength of this performance he was made an odds-on favorite over Foresight. To the intense surprise of all hands Foresight beat him in the most impressive manner.

Then Redman, supposably only a cheap selling plater, came along and beat Foresight when the latter was held at odds on. Figuring on these races, Redman holds both Foresight and Floral King safe in the Derby. "Kansas" Price bought Redman recently from "Father Bill" Daly. Price thinks he has an outside chance of winning the stake with Redman.

After winning four straight races Fort Plain was finally beaten in the George Washington Handicap. The defeat was no disgrace to the colt, however, as he was giving away weight to every horse in the race. Floral King tried to do the same thing in the same race and likewise met Fort Plain's fate.

HILDRETH'S CAMPAIGN.

Sam Hildreth admitted to a friend the other day that his New Orleans winter campaign has cost him $50,000. He is a big better and seldom lets one of his horses run loose. Hildreth is no judge of price whatever. The shorter the odds are the better it suits him. He has shipped his entire stable to Memphis. This probably means that none of his horses will start in the Crescent City Derby. He has Cognomen, Monastic and Safety Light in the stake. Hildreth weeded out his stable before leaving here. He gave away two horses—Sarner and Friar Tuck. Both are cripples. Friar Tuck was injured here recently.

Ostrich ran a poor race behind Foresight the other day. It was not exactly a poor race either, as both colts carried weight and ran fast. The disappointing feature was Ostrich's defeat. He may have been a trifle short, as it was his first start in some time. Foresight, which belongs to "Bishop" Poole, and is trained by George Forbes, is the most uncertain quantity in the Derby. He seems to have a particular dislike for odds-on favorites. Should there be a prohibitive favorite in the big stake, Foresight will probably take him into camp. Foresight never runs so well himself when held at short odds. Mose Goldblatt says he will give Rainland a race or two before the Derby. Clangor, the Sire candidate for the big stake, will also receive a race or two between now and the running of the Derby.

DERBY ENTRIES.

A summary of the entrance money and forfeits in the race, the last declaration for which was made last week, shows that with a field of nine starters, which are almost sure to come to the post, the stake will be worth just $6,040. This is a sum that is well worth having a try for so early in the season; for that matter at any time, with the sort of colts that are booked to run.

This amount is obtained as follows:

100 nominations at $5 each	$ 500
22 declared January 1, leaving 68 at $20	1,360
39 declared February 21, leaving 39 at $20	780
Added money	2,500
Total	$5,140
9 probable starters at $100 each	900
Grand total	$6,040

The following are eligible to start:

Clangor,	Arnold K.,
Charlie Fisher,	Black Wolf,
Responsive,	Magdala,
Safety Light,	Early Boy,
Auditor,	Cognomen,
Red Man,	Myron Dale,
Blue Darter,	Fort Hunter,
Spencerian,	Louis Ries,
Lady Free Knight,	Eclectic,
King Croker,	Hiawatha,
Vestina Belle,	Mildred L.,
Harmakis,	Foresight,
Fort Plain,	Ostrich,
Floral King,	Tom O'Day,
Rainland,	Hogan,
Conkling,	Dentiful,
Diaphanous,	Monastic,
Walnut Hill,	Mountebank,
Lalla,	High Wind.
Gisbock,	

Gravina, the most consistent performer here at present, is a 4-year-old bay mare by Golden Garter—Pink Cottage, she by Buckden. Gravina belongs to Fred De Ruiz, and is trained by John Powers, formerly of the St. Louis racing firm of Gumperts & Powers. Powers has won four straight races with Gravina. Her record should have been six straight. W Fisher was left at the post on her one day, and Salling had her beaten under him on another occasion by his own mismanagement in the saddle.

Her best performance was a mile and a sixteenth in 1:47, stepping the first mile in 1:40 1-5 under a stout wrap.

Powers also scored twice with Icicle, and the speedy chestnut sprinter looks better now than he ever did. He had a bowed tendon when Powers took charge of him, but Johnny quickly straightened it up, and the gelding appears to be perfectly sound again. Powers will ship Gravina and Icicle to Hennings at the conclusion of the New Orleans meeting. Johnny is a clever, conscientious man with a horse and ought to do well in the East. He won twenty-three races in two months at St. Louis last season with such cheap platers as Lunar, Kisme, Sweet Dream and Clales.

ABEL STABLE TROUBLES.

Henry Schultz, a clocker at the track, is responsible for the doping charge preferred against James Devlin, trainer of the S. V. Abel stable. The Abel horses raced in St. Louis last season in the name of L. S. Sire, the well-known New York theatrical manager. Abel is Mr. Sire's brother-in-law. Schultz and Devlin had some trouble over a negro named Hathaway, who formerly cooked for the Sire stable. Hathaway and an exercise boy named England, another former employe of the Sire stable, made affidavits charging Devlin with having doped several horses in the stable.

When Leander Sire heard of the matter he asked the stewards to make a formal investigation. Hathaway and England disappeared when the stewards began to look into the case. One went to Memphis, and the other is thought to have gone to Hot Springs. Devlin is a former resident of St. Louis, and has had remarkable success with the Sire horses. Gus Barnes, another former St. Louisan, is with the stable, and acts as Mr. Sire's agent.

ROGERS GENEROUS.

"Kid" Rogers arrived from San Francisco in time to see his horse DeReszke win the George Washington Handicap, worth $1,475 to the winner, on February 22. Rogers spent the winter on the coast. Just before leaving Frisco he beat Phil Bollinger out of $2,000 on Chaule, the day Mike Daly's colt won the Palace Hotel Stakes. Rogers bought DeReszke out East for the insignificant sum of $100. The "Kid" then put the horse in M. L. Hayman's stable, after persuading Hayman to engage Dick Watkins of St. Louis as his trainer.

Watkins has been training DeReszke. Watkins brought out Jockey Willie Hennessy. Rogers, who was formerly a newsboy in St. Louis, is now one of the greatest plungers on the American turf. He gave away $500 in $5 and $10 bills to needy friends after DeReszke won the George Washington Handicap, and also paid the fare of at least a dozen "hustlers" to Hot Springs two nights later. The "Kid" went to Hot Springs himself.

Joseph E. Martin, treasurer of the Delmar Jockey Club, came down from St. Louis last week in response to a telegram from his wife to the effect that one of their children was very sick with pneumonia. Mrs. Martin has been here with some friends for several weeks. The child has improved materially, and Mr. Martin will probably return home in a few days.

After her impressive race behind Stella Allen the other day, Dick Watkins lost no time purchasing the filly from Pierre Lorillard's New Orleans agent, William Hueston, for $1,500. She got off last and ran Stella Allen to a half length. Stella was under wraps, however. O. G. Parke has received several fancy offers lately for Stella Allen and Arch Oldham. It will take a stiff price to persuade the Texan to part with either youngster.

Billy Duane of New York made a present of Semper Vivax to "Texas" Smith. The latter then turned in and gave the horse one of his own special preparations and Semper Vivax came out and lowered the New Orleans track record for one mile and three-eighths, clipping one half second off the best previous mark, which was 2:21½.

Smith has been awfully lucky with castoffs. He paid $100 for Tappan, and won all kinds of races with the horse. Sam Lazarus sold him Sid Silver for a song, and Smith has won a dozen races with the gelding in less than a year. Smith also picked up a horse called Benneville for practically nothing some years ago, and developed him into one of the handiest selling-platers ever trained in the West.

To-Day's Crescent City Entries.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28.—Entries for Monday:

First race, five and a half furlongs:

Tom Olney	99	Chanlry	107
I Must	99	St. Carlo	101
Ed Callahan	99	Kingsland	101
Sparrow Cop	107	St. Merry Legs	116
Arthur	107	Zama	116
Marianna	107	Tom O'Day	116

Second race, six furlongs:

Shortcake	92	Jim Ferris	109
Lady Free Lance	96	Our Lillie	109
Algonquin	98	Cyprienne	102
Wreath of Ivy	98	Charles Fisher	105

Third race, four furlongs:

Blaze Duchess	112	Guadaloupe	112
Lady Greenwood	112	Viperine	112
Georgia O'Carter	112	Modred Law	120

Fourth race, handicap, one mile:

Trojan	99	Gravina	105
Alfred Dewey	100	New York	110
Lew Dorsey	104		

Fifth race, one mile and seventy yards:

Hegira	95	Birdwood	102
Reckoner	102	Emigre	103
Frank Rice	102	Captain Gaston	104
Frozia	102	Icicle	106
Neither One	102	McWilliams	110
Blue Mint	102	The Messenger	112

Sixth race, six and a half furlongs:

Breaker	95	Filaceliar	100
William Sulser	95	Knived	100
Hall Hornet	95	Invincible	100
Safeguard	95	Foxy Kane	100
Apache	98	Malster	101
Zera	99	Hof Kinbry	101

CRESCENT CITY SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28.—Selections:

First Race—Sparrow Cop, I Must, Tom O'Day.

Second Race—Wreath of Ivy, Cyprienne, Our Lillie.

Third Race—Modred Law, Viperine, Guadaloupe.

Fourth Race—Gravina, Trojan, New York.

Fifth Race—Captain Gaston, Icicle, McWilliams.

Sixth Race—Malster, Foxy Kane, Breaker.

HOT SPRINGS IS "HORSE CRAZY."

Racing Enjoys Large Measure of Popularity.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 28.—Truly Hot Springs is now a sporting center, and since the opening of the races at Essex Park the city is "horse crazy." The beautiful spring weather to-day carried hundreds of people to the track, many spending the entire day there inspecting the horses, race course, grand stand, etc.

For a week or two before the meeting opened the Jockey Club found itself confronted with rather a serious problem as to the matter of stable accommodations. The influx of horses so far exceeded the expectations of the management that the stable room was wholly inadequate and several new barns are now in process of construction, about 150 men being employed to push the work to completion.

Frank Gehring, after placing his horses aboard the cars for Hot Springs, was notified by wire to ship them to Little Rock, as there was no stable room for them at the Hot Springs track. They came on here, however, and a barn was provided for them in less than two days.

Mr. Gehring had the good fortune to win the first race with Malay. This horse was not considered in good form, but he surprised a number of people and some of the wise ones.

Miss Aubrey, another excellent member of Gehring's string, had a "near fit" en route from Latonia to New Orleans, which, until very recently, has unfitted her for racing.

The fololwing bookmakers are installed at the track: Russell Baker, Claude Brownfield, Billy Walsh, Charley Noland, Shelby Oliver, Steve L'Hommedieu, Kid Weller and Pete McGrath.

To-Day's Hot Springs Entries.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 28.—Entries for Monday:

First race, selling, one mile and seventy yards:

Bob Hilliard	106	El Caney	114
Bluebells	111	Kingstelle	104
Lady Knighthood	104	Judge Cantrill	103
False	104	Full Back	104
Pay the Fiddler	111	Jerry	104
Russellton	111	Dawson	111

Second race, penalties and allowances, three and a half furlongs:

Tom Shelly	110	Hadrian	118
Captain Neroth	113	Marmes	110
King Constant	113	Little Jimmie	112

Tom Shelly and Captain Neroth, Schreiber entry.

Third race, selling, five and a half furlongs:

Woolsack	124	Nichols	114
O'Reilly	127	Slynor	106
Doctor Burns	128	Mike Strauss	128
Swan Dance	126	Hillanette	106
Grace Gumberts	111	Rosecourt	126
Joe Martin	120	Nero	127

Fourth race, selling, one mile and a sixteenth:

Easy Trade	101	Mamselle	94
Louisville	99	Kunja	104
Honolulu	104		

Fifth race, selling, five and a half furlongs:

Moor Hen	108	Dick Ripley	106
Jerry Hunt	108	Sam Hilton	108
Ellison	122	Excentral	106
Orleans	126	Caithness	121
Low Cut	106	Laura Hunter	117
Lolly Dale	116		

Sixth race, selling, six and a half furlongs:

Dean Lee	110	Billy Jackson	107
Ambora J.	112	Barney Dreyfus	104
Benton	107	Hazel Boyle	105
Marlboro	107	Ralph Young	110
Tennessean	110	Outfield	102
Equity	109		

HOT SPRINGS SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 28.—Selections:

First Race—Hinsella, Russellton, Dawson.

Second Race—King Constant, Hadrian, Little Jimmie.

Third Race—Rosecourt, Joe Martin, Doctor Burns.

Fourth Race—Louisville, Honolulu, Easy Trade.

Fifth Race—Caithness, Orleans, Dick Ripley.

Sixth Race—Ambora J., Outfield, Benton.

Turf Exchange.

Trains leave Union Station, 12:50, 1:26, 2:06, 2:52. Washington avenue, 12:58, 1:34, 2:14, 3:00.

To-Day's Oakland Entries.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—Entries for Monday:

First race, selling, five and a half furlongs:

Penzance	104	Priestlike	99
Pearl Diver	104	Little Sister	108
Egyptian Princess	102	Cassie W	108
Argot	103	Dora I	108
Rustic Girl	104	Amoruna	92
Penance	99		

Second race, selling, six furlongs:

Lady Kent	102	Pickaway	99
Muresca	102	Planeur	104
Sol Lichtenstein	101	Sir Preston	104
Constantine	104	Yellowstone	107
Lansdowne	99		

Third race, selling, five and a half furlongs:

County Down	99	Tagette	97
Hox Elder	99	Hocco	97
The Jew	97	Redbird	97
Mendola	97	Hannah Van	102

Fourth race, selling, one mile:

Isabella	100	Joe John	102
Sue Johnston	100	Billy Moore	102
El Fonso	107	Dingle	105
Flyer	107	Dandie Belle	105
Mr. Farnum	107	Outburst	110
Keynote	102	Searcher	97

Fifth race, Futurity course:

Soufriere	102	Celebrant	107
Solanus	102	Ananias	107
Red Cross Nurse	102	Young Pepper	99
Lord Wadsworth	102		

Sixth race, purse, one mile and a sixteenth:

O'Hagen	104	Esterin	95
The Way	105	Veterano	102
Prince Blazes	100	Chickadee	105
Daisy Green	95		

OAKLAND SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Selections:

First Race—Egyptian Princess, Dora I., Pearl Diver.

Second Race—Lady Kent, Sir Preston, Yellowstone.

Third Race—Homeo, The Jew, Redbird.

Fourth Race—Searcher, Outburst, Dandie Belle.

Fifth Race—Celebrant, Lord Wadsworth, Soufriere.

Sixth Race—Daisy Green, The Way, O'Hagen.

To-Day's Ascot Entries.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 28.—Entries for Monday:

First race, selling, 2-year-olds, four furlongs:

Hilona	96	Peggy Mine	103
Brown Study	98	Pirella	103
Melor	102	Sinacado	106

Second race, selling, six furlongs:

Eva D.	95	Dargin	100
Durbar	85	Colonel Bogey	100
Metlatka	97		

Third race, five furlongs:

Eugenia B.	85	Elfin King	105
Revolt	90	Americano	104
Hilasful	98	Crusador	109
Nervator	104	Golden Rule	118
Hercules	102		

Americano and Crusador, Baldwin entry.

Fourth race, selling, one mile and seventy yards:

Mezzo	94	Straggler	106
Dupont	101	Doctor Shorb	106
Platonius	104	Henry Clay Rye	108

Fifth race, selling, Sinaloa course:

Murad	100	Nanon	115
Chief Aloha	109	Cardwelton	117
Eldred	110	Madam Bishop	118
Maresa	110	Sallie Goodwin	118
Criss Cross	110	Moor	120
MacFlecknoe	112	Farmer Jim	120
Military	112	Evander	120
John Hughes	115		

WILLIE FITZGERALD.

Eastern light-weight fighter, who will soon be in this city. Fitzgerald has been training with Jack Munro, and is anxious to fight here against some man of his own weight.

Sixth race, selling, one mile:

Flea	92	Long Walsh	106
Turtle	95	Autumn Time	107
Tras	103	Silver Bright	107
Merwan	104	Major Dixon	92
Cazador	104	Silver Fir	107
Blue Ridge	105	Mr. Robinson	110
Ohio Girl	106	Frank McKee	110
Lady Forse	96		

Weather cloudy; track fast.

ASCOT SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Los Angeles, Feb. 28.—Selections:

First Race—Hilona, Peggy Mine, Brown Study.

Second Race—Dargin, Eva D., Durbar.

Third Race—Golden Rule, Crusador, Nervator.

Fourth Race—Platonius, Dupont, Henry Clay Rye.

Fifth Race—Nanon, Evander, Chief Aloha.

Sixth Race—Turtle, Lady Forse, Merwan.

FOOTBALL AT COLLEGE CAMPUS.

Holy Names Won From St. Roses, While St. Anns Defeated C. B. C's.

The Holy Names defeated the St. Roses' by a score of 1 to 0, while the St. Anns won from the C. B. C's by a score of 2 to 0, in the double-header at the college campus yesterday afternoon.

Players of the defunct St. Louis Association Football League, attended the game and were amazed by the tenderfoot qualities displayed by the contestants.

The youngsters on all the teams are fast on their feet, and play fast football.

The Holy Names and St. Roses walloped through the mud some forty minutes before forward Hoffmann of the Holy Names found the desired opening and pasted the ball between the posts for a goal.

The forwards of both teams tried frequently to score, but their efforts were ill timed and too tame to make the necessary point. The line-up:

Holy Names.	Position.	St. Roses.
Barry	Goal	Frost
Finkenkeller	Full back	G. Cook
Corcoran	Full back	J. Cook
Lepper	Half back	Callahan
J. Royal	Half back	H. Tate
Peltier	Half back	Brady
Mulvihill	Forward	W. Tate
Hoffman	Forward	O'Connell
Patterson	Forward	Jameson
Whalen	Forward	Dooling
T. Royal	Forward	Cosgrove

The game between the C. B. C's and St. Anns was more evenly contested. The players showed more spirit, if less ability, and their efforts were continually cheered.

The college boys showed an unevenly balanced team. Their right wing worked well, while the players on the left side of the field failed to do much more than lend their presence to show that they were in the contest.

On defensive and offensive play the St. Anns showed better form than the college team. They kept the ball in the C. B. C's territory most of the time, and only for the defense of Downes and Brockmeyer would have scored half a dozen goals. The line-up:

St. Anns.	Position.	C. B. C's.
Schottmueller	Goal	Shea
L. Casey	Full back	Downes
Cullinane	Full back	T. January
Ring	Half back	Brockmeyer
Ruetter	Half back	H. January
Hesse	Half back	McLaughlin
Dunn	Forward	Monahan
Kelley	Forward	Powers
L. Casey	Forward	Lawler
Heckemeyer	Forward	Cochran
Bennett	Forward	McMahon

STANDING.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	Pts.
Holy Name	7	2	3	19
St. Anns	7	2	0	18
St. Roses	5	5	0	15
C. B. C.	3	11	1	7

LIVINGSTON RIDES IN GOOD FORM.

Negro Jockey Pilots Six Winners in One Week at New Orleans.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28.—Livingston's riding was the feature of the sport last week. He put six winners over the plate. Phillips resumed riding Tuesday and rode only two winners. He has a cinch on leading the winning jockeys, as Willie Hennessy, his great rival, is now laid up with a badly mashed foot and will hardly be able to ride again at this meeting.

J. R. Keene is after Robbins and the lad has agreed to ride in the East for $1,000 per month and the usual fees.

The standing of the jockeys:

Name.	First.	Second.	Third.	Unpl.
H. Phillips	58	42	37	159
W. Hennessy	45	23	22	140
Robbins	39	27	44	152
Fuller	25	20	19	45
W. Fisher	33	41	27	97
Livingston	29	17	20	68
W. Hicks	24	12	12	23

S. W. Street has a cinch on leading the winning owners at this meeting, now that Sam Hildreth and Charlie Ellison have shipped away. The most successful owners follow: S. W. Street & Co., $14,298; C. R. Ellison, $11,694; S. C. Hildreth, $10,927; G. C. Bennett & Co., $8,794; James Arthur, $8,463; E. Trotter & Co., $7,178; Mrs. M. Goldblatt, $6,425; J. W. Schorr, $6,166; T. D. Sullivan, $5,538; J. Phillips, $5,301; S. S. Brown, $5,346.

STEEPLECHASING AT LOUISVILLE.

Many High-Class Horses Nominated for Timber-Topping Stake.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28.—Steeplechase racing in Louisville this spring is going to be put on a higher plane than ever before. This fact was shown yesterday when Manager Charles F. Price of the New Louisville Jockey Club announced the nominations to the stake for timber-toppers.

There are fifty-seven nominations to the local jumping event, more than to any similar race in the West, and among this number are some of the most noted steeplechase performers in the country. W. F. Maclean, member of the Canadian Parliament, has named Step Lightly and Camembert to start in the Louisville race. Both are well known jumpers, and the fact that Mr. Maclean has nominated them for the local event is gratifying to the officials of the Louisville Jockey Club.

The list of nominations also contains the name of Faraday, Jr., the jumper which won the Latonia steeplechase handicap at Latonia last year. This gelding is owned by C. T. Waltring, and his victory in the Latonia event was popular. In this same race, however, Faraday, Jr., was lucky in that he had only one contender going over the last jump and there is no reason why the Waltring gelding should not be made favorite.

John W. Schorr, the wealthy Memphis brewer-turfman, has named Duke of Connaught to start in the local race. This will be Mr. Schorr's initial effort to win a race over the jumps and his horse will be watched with interest. Other well known jumpers who have been nominated are Eva Moe, Theory, Crest and others. The full list of nominations follows:

Full course, about two miles—Mystic Shriner, Gin Spray, Miss Grannan, Beana, Wall, Eva Moe, Cardigan, Theory, Verify, Navigator, Salmagundi, Essence, Sea Lion, Leo Planter, Presgrave, Volantine, Balzac, Melbourne, Eclipse, Captain Foraker, Spinet, Doctor Nowlin, Handvice, Ben Rattle, John E. Owens, Jim Crow, Radford, Worthington, Lowly, Craven, Tatar, Fadeliz, Curate, Doonikipe, Yon, Crest, Golden Link, Circus Girl, Broadway, Governor Boyd, Step Lightly, Camembert, Miss Hume, Three Hot Irons, Ghnet, B. Degle, Bright Girl, Bob Alcine, Choice, Class Leader, Mr. Rose, Duke of Connaught, Tulip, Tulsa Curl, Longo, Quaturman, Mary Moore, Faraday, Jr., King Tatius.

MUNRO'S VICTORY MEETS WITH GENERAL APPROVAL.

Followers of Pugilism Glad to Welcome Possible Opponent for Jeffries—Notes of the Ring.

Jack Munro's conceded advantage over Tom Sharkey at the close of their bout Saturday night has furnished the chief topic of discussion in sporting circles for the last twenty-four hours. It has even overshadowed the Young Corbett-Sullivan mill, set for to-night at San Francisco.

That a man is in the field who seems really able to argue with Jeffries is the best bit of news heard in pugilistic circles for many a long day. If the two get together once more, Munro will not lack supporters.

In the last two days Munro has passed from a joke to a serious reality in the ring. In spite of his many supporters, the vast mass of adherents of pugilism persisted in considering him an accident. He seems to have shown that he must be considered a factor.

Now, that the Miner can be considered seriously in the ring, his chances are already a general topic. He surely has the physical strength necessary, and that he has gameness seems evidenced by the manner in which he withstood Sharkey's rushes.

Moreover, he has that all-important property, weight. Jack tipped the scales at 136 pounds Saturday night. He was about his normal figure, at that. This will not give Jeffries the great advantage over him he possessed when fighting Fitzsimmons or Corbett. Even when meeting Sharkey, Jeffries had close to forty pounds the better of the weight.

Jeffries weighed close to 220 pounds in his last battle. Twenty pounds is a big advantage, but it has been overcome before this in the heavy-weight class. He seems to be destined for a match with a man of rugged build and powerful frame, who has worked his way to recognition in distinctly creditable fashion.

Munro still lacks experience, although he has improved vastly since his bout with Maher. That he possesses generalship is evidenced by the manner in which he kept his head and changed his style of fighting to suit Sharkey's alternations in a rushing programme.

Jack must receive all credit for his transition from the humorous side of pugilism to his place amidst the stern realities of the ring.

Martin Duffy and Harry Gilmore, Jr., passed through the city yesterday on the way back to Chicago after Duffy's battle at Hot Springs. He defeated Rube Ferns in twenty rounds before Andy Mulligan's club on that occasion and is said to have shown good form throughout.

Speaking of the affair yesterday, Gilmore said:

"Martin had him beaten early in the fight, but Ferns came back gamely enough right straight through. It was admitted to be one of the fastest bouts seen at the Springs for a long time, and the crowd was yelling like mad all through the closing rounds. Martin has been offered another battle there, and he will likely accept."

Willie Fitzgerald, who has been training with Jack Munro, is due to reach this city in the next few days. Fitzgerald has announced that he would like a chance at some good man of his own weight before the local club and that he is not particular who his opponent may be.

Fitzgerald is a great friend of Johnny Regan and the two sparred together constantly while Regan was in the East recently. Johnny has been making arrangements for Fitzgerald to work with him when the latter reaches the city and when Johnny has returned from his fight with Clarence Forbes.

Regan departed for Kansas City late Saturday evening. He will be back in the city in the next few days.

Mike Schreck of Cincinnati and Tommy Burns of Philadelphia fought six rounds to a draw last Saturday evening before the Milwaukee Athletic Club.

WILL JACK MUNRO MEET JEFFRIES?

Ringside Followers Now Anxious for Match Between the Miner and the Champion.

BUTTE MAN IMITATES McCOY.

Critics Agree When He Gets Faster on His Feet He Will Make It Interesting for Boilermaker.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 28.—By the splendid showing he made against Tom Sharkey in Philadelphia Saturday night, Jack Munro convinced many good judges who occupied seats at the ringside that he is a pugilist with whom all heavy weights will have to reckon.

Some persons were so carried away by the thumping the miner gave Sharkey that they now regard the Butte pugilist as a fit match for Jeffries. Those who entertain the latter opinion may be right, but Munro will have to improve considerable to cope successfully with the champion.

It is not beyond the realms of possibility that Munro may eventually display form to justify him in seeking a match with Jeffries. The Montana man is a young, strong and level-headed chap. He displayed great coolness in his battle with Sharkey and used both hands effectively.

IMITATES McCOY.

Munro's manner of attack and defense suggested in a crude way the ring tactics of his mentor, Kid McCoy. Unlike McCoy, Munro's most effective blows were delivered from a set position.

He will have to improve his foot work considerably before he will be able to use the Kid's best blows advantageously in a battle with a man like the boilermaker. But if he can develop the nimbleness of leg of his mentor he will certainly make an interesting set-to with the champion, because he has the hitting power as well as the knack of placing a blow where it counts most against his opponent.

Taken all in all, Munro made a decidedly creditable exhibition against the sailor and surprised several pugilistic experts, who felt before the battle that Munro was a counterfeit boxer and that Sharkey would knock him out in jig time. The same men who expected to see the winner go down to defeat were the loudest in their praise of the victor after the contest. They ventured the opinion that Munro could defeat Sharkey or Ruhlin in twenty rounds and might possibly make things interesting for Jeffries.

Regardless of the probable outcome of a meeting between Jeffries and Munro, the fact remains that the miner's coming-out trial was much more impressive than Jeffries's debut at the old Lenox Athletic Club, when he met Bob Armstrong. Munro's taskmaker was much more severe, being plucky and experienced.

SHARKEY NOT IN CONDITION.

In justice to Sharkey it is only fair to say that his physical condition was by no means up to the standard he displayed on the occasion of his meeting with Jeffries at Coney Island several years ago. In the fight with Jeffries the sailor received injuries on the left side which Doctor John Erdman, who set the damaged ribs at the time, said would prove troublesome to Tom in a fight.

Munro evidently had been posted as to Sharkey's physical weaknesses, for he hammered away at the sailor's short ribs and in the region of the heart from start to finish.

Under the constant smashing on the injured side, the sailor showed facial expressions of distress and gradually sank into a weakened state, as the bout progressed. Munro's blows were still directed and had Sharkey almost in a state of collapse when the sixth and final round ended.

BILLIARDS.

TO HOLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Amateur Pool Players Will Meet in Special Event at the Broadway.

To decide the amateur State championship at pool, Frank Benson of the Broadway announced last night that he would institute a tournament at his hall, commencing next Monday evening, March 7, for all nonprofessional players of the State, and that he would hang up a handsome medal, emblematic of the event.

The tourney will be at continuous pool, and word has already been received from Kansas City that several amateurs of that place will be down to compete. Entries close next Thursday, and the first game is set.

A gold medal, costing $150, will be awarded as first prize, and additional trophies, to the extent of $300, will be awarded to those who make creditable showings in the tournament.

WONDER LEADS FALK.

Has Won Four Games and Lost None in Three-Cushion Tournament.

Wonder still leads in the three-cushion amateur tourney at Hauser's, having four games to his credit. Falk has the same amount of victories, but has one defeat recorded against him.

King won from Murray Saturday evening in a runaway game of 30 to 16. King made high runs of 4 and 5, while Murray scored but 3. Sternberg meets Wonder to-night, Chamberlain and Withers tie up tomorrow, Falk opposes McMillan Wednesday, and Fodie meets Thomas Thursday. Pennelton and King meet Friday.

Standing of the players:

Name.	W.	L.	Name.	W.	L.
Wonder	4	0	Withers	2	2
Falk	4	1	King	2	3
Chamberlain	5	2	Pennelton	2	3
McMillen	4	2	Fodie	1	4
Murray	5	4	Thomas	0	5
Sternberg	3	2			

AMATEUR BOXING FINALS TO-NIGHT.

Wind-Up Is Scheduled for Tournament at Business Men's Gymnasium.

HEAVY WEIGHTS WILL APPEAR.

Big Fellows to Go On in the Closing Contests of the Tourney—Same Officials as Saturday.

Finals in the amateur boxing tournament of the Business Men's Gymnasium will be held this evening, the first event being set for 8 o'clock sharp. Even a longer card than was set last Saturday is scheduled, and this will necessitate an early opening.

Three men are left in the 106, 112 and 125 pound classes. This will make it necessary for the winner in the opening bout to contest with who ever draws a bye. In the 118-pound division Joe Lydon of the First Regiment and Owen Pickett are scheduled to come together. On the showing of each on Saturday Lydon should win.

In the 132-pound division Charley Cohn and George Stamms will come together. Cohn won his fight after a hard struggle Saturday and is meeting an unknown quantity in his opponent, who has not appeared in the ring.

In the middle-weight class, Willie Alvers, who won last Saturday's preliminary, is in with George Stallman and J. Becker. Stallman is also in the heavy-weight class, as is Ben Spradley, who went against Alvers. These men are also in the 145-pound division.

George Knebel, who won rather handily in the preliminary, is in with J. O'Keefe and John Burt, in his own division. The card is of more promise than that of the opening night and should afford some good contests. The same officials will take charge, Joe Stewart being referee, with John C. Meyers, and Pete Nolan as judges.

The entries are:

106-Pound Class—Albert Dunn, Carol C[illegible], P. T. Carroll.

112-Pound Class—Reno Ivy, Frank Thompson, J. Jordan.

118-Pound Class—John Ray, O. L. Kirk, Martin Duffy, A. Jordan.

125-Pound Class—J. F. O'Keefe, John Burt, George Knebel.

132-Pound Class—Charles A. Cohn, George Stamms.

138-Pound Class—Joe P. Lydons, Owen Pickett.

145-Pound Class—J. W. McConaughy, [illegible] Gordon, James Leddin.

158-Pound Class—George Stallman, J. [illegible], Willie Alvers.

Heavy-weight Class—Ben Spradley, [illegible] Stallman, M. St. Clair Shaw.

CORBETT AND SULLIVAN TO-[illegible]

Men to Go Twenty Rounds at [illegible] Weighing In at 130 Pounds.

Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan battle to-night at San Francisco, the so-called feather weights being scheduled to go twenty rounds at 130 pounds. This will be the most important contest in which Sullivan has engaged since his match with McGovern and Corbett is thought to have a stronger proposition on his hands than is generally believed.

With the Munro-Sharkey affair overshadowing the battle on the Coast, surmises about the result of to-night's fight seem to be whether Young Corbett will put Sullivan away early or late in the battle. Few local sports can be found who expect Dave to last the distance. And yet, when Sullivan's good work of late is considered and his hard fight against McGovern recalled, it cannot be seen wherein Corbett has such an easy conquest before him.

Pugilistic authorities on the Coast are agreed that Dave has been working faithfully. They all state that he has trained rigorously; that he is in perfect shape, so far as they can see, and that he seems as fast as ever. Under those circumstances, he should be able to give Corbett a hard rub.

One feature of the battle may be the graduation of Young Corbett into the legitimate light-weight class. He is to fight Jimmy Britt after he gets through with Sullivan, and it is said that he may decide to change his title and announce himself as the light-weight champion—always assuming that he wins.

Joe Gans has admittedly outgrown the light-weight limit and is to battle Joe Walcott some time in the indefinite future for the welter-weight title. This puts Corbett where he can claim the light-weight title with justice.

About the sole sporting man who believes that Sullivan has a chance for a draw is Frank Benson, who said last evening that he thought Dave might outbox Corbett and stay away from him for twenty rounds.

"Sullivan is a clever fighter," he said, "and he can certainly box with any of them. I do not believe that he can put Corbett away. But I think he can put up the hardest battle the champion has had for many a day."

Frank Hart picks Young Corbett.

"He will win in a knockout in about fourteen rounds, and Sullivan will have to hustle to last that long. Dave will give him a hard fight for the early