

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Julia L. at one time one of the most promising fillies on the turf, has been bred to George Kinney.

The Pittsburg league club has received back from the brotherhood club \$550 advance money paid to Beckley.

There is a chance that Danny Needham will be matched now to fight McAuliffe. The latter would doubtless prefer to meet almost anybody except Billy Myer.

The parties behind Carroll may have thought before the mill that there was something "wrong." After the fight, however, the opinion changed their opinion.

George Dixon says that he would be pleased to give Tommy Warren battle at 116 pounds for \$1,000 a side and a good purse offered by a San Francisco club.

Edward Corrigan has purchased from James B. Clay of Lexington, Ky., the bay colt Chesteron, 2 years old, by Longfellow, dam Insignia, with his engagements.

Billy Pinkerton, one of the Chicago stable's cast-offs, is now winning his oats at Memphis. Six or seven furlongs seems to be about as far as he wants to go, however.

Mr. Pickwick and August Belmont's St. Blaise are the only sons of the great English race horse and sire Hermit that are doing stud duty in America, and both are a success.

Unite, the useful race mare whose running qualities were leased by Ed Corrigan from F. B. Harper, has been returned to the stud and will not go upon the turf this season.

Old Leman, once a great favorite in Chicago, made his first appearance at New Orleans the other day and was beaten away off. His bread-winning days are probably over.

Miss L. Armando is anxious to ride from ten to 1,000 miles on a bicycle against any lady in the world for \$1,000 a side, the race to take place in Boston, Pittsburg, New York, or Omaha.

Isaac Murphy will remain in Kentucky until after the spring meeting of the Kentucky association, when he will weigh 133 pounds, but expects to reduce to 112 before the racing season begins.

"Spider" Weir cost the California Athletic club about one thousand dollars. He overwore his account \$500, and also run up a lot of bills, which the club has been called upon to pay.

Sam Blacklock is to fight Dave Burke, brother of Jack Burke, the "Irish Lad," this month in England for a purse of \$500. The men are to weigh in at 132 pounds, give or take one pound.

All the old-line guard of enthusiasts are at the quiet of excitement. The opening of the ball season makes the blood in their veins tingle. Like an old-time race-horse, they are eager for the start.

"Chappie" Moran has been offered a \$500 purse by the Erie County Athletic club to fight Tommy Kelly, the "Carleton" to a finish. Moran is willing to accept, but there is a doubt about Kelly.

The best looking animal in the Scully string at New Orleans is said to be the untierp 3-year-old Dalgetty, by Onondaga out of Keyle. He stands 16 hands high and is thought to be a wonder by his owner.

Johnny Reagan and Pete McCoy were matched in New York March 15 to fight ten rounds at catch-weights within four weeks from March 15, for \$500 a side, the winner to take 75 per cent. of the gate money.

The English middle-weight, Alf Mitchell, now matched to fight Ted Fitzard, offers to fight any middle-weight in the world at the California Athletic club if a purse of \$2,250 is given and expenses allowed.

The 2-year-olds in E. S. Gardner's Avondale stable are said to be the best on the New Orleans course. The filly Monta Rosa, by Imp., Mr. Pickwick-Mountain Range, by Glenary, has the reputation of being speedy.

Jack Riffe, middle-weight, of Dayton, O., and Harry Nikirk of Pittsburg are matched to fight to a finish with two-ounce gloves for \$300 a side and gate within a short time. Riffe is now teaching boxing in Dayton.

Rowe and White cost Pittsburg \$5,500. They played in the game about three months and then jumped. Sunday and Joyce cost the Toledo management \$600. They played ball a month and then jumped to the brotherhood.

H. Clay Ditmas, owner of Dunboyne, has made the bookies cry enough on that horse for both the Brooklyn and Suburban handicaps. Although the books have only been opened a few weeks Dunboyne is already quoted as "full."

Senator George Hearst has at the last moment entered 15 horses for the blood-horse spring meeting at San Francisco, among them being the crack 4-year-old Almont, Baggage and the imported colt and filly Del Mar and Gertrude, both by Somers.

The California turfmen have backed Rice from 120 down to 30 in Donovan's Suburban book. Rice is L. J. Rose's fast 3-year-old, and Flambeau is the only book that ever beat him. The same book is "full" on Proctor Knott who has been backed clean off the board.

Frank McHugh has returned to Cincinnati, telling his friends that the reason he did not fight George Dixon was because he would not get a fair treatment. "George would not fight in New York. Both stories are false.

Joe, the father of Peter Priddy, the pedestrian, died recently. He came from England, and during his early days fought a hard battle at Wigan, England. He came to America in the '60s and was closely connected with the American "page" of twenty years ago.

Of the two-year-olds in the Morris lot now at Westchester, Footlight, a grand-looking blood-like bay son of Luke Blackburn, who is built over like a weight carrier, with great power both behind and in front of the saddle, will probably hold his own with the best that can be brought against him.

The next event in the California club will be the fight between Jimmy Carroll of Brooklyn and Billy Smith of Australia. The date is not fixed, but it will be in the latter part of April. Carroll is already backed as a winner, but has no sure thing of it by any means, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

James Hayes of Ashland, Wis., the backer of Mike Conley, the "Ithaca Giant," and Danny Needham, the light-weight champion of the Northwest, offers to back the latter to fight Patsy Kerrigan of Boston for \$1,000 or \$1,500 a side, the fight to be decided within 500 miles of St. Paul in three months from signing articles.

A London dispatch to a New York sporting paper says: "John Roberts, the champion billiard player of England, has decided to go to New York next month. On his arrival in America he will issue a challenge in the Police Gazette to play any billiardist in America, both according to English and American rules, for £500 or £1,000 a side and the championship of the world."

"Corbett is the quickest big man I ever boxed with. Kilrain is not in it with this fellow, for he is a wonder, and no mistake," says Mike Donovan. "As for Jackson I think that Corbett could do him

handily, and McCaffrey, quick as he is, would be no match for the California six-footer. He's only 23 years old, but watch him. There's no good reason why he shouldn't become a champion."

Claude M. Thomas, late owner of the sensational Edgemark, 2:16 as a four-year-old, has introduced a bill in the Kentucky legislature making it unlawful for any party acting as official timer at any trotting contest in that state to announce a slower or a faster time than that actually made. The penalty is a fine not exceeding \$500 and imprisonment for six months.

Geraldine, in Porter Ashe's string, has spread and filled out into a beautiful mare, and to look at it is a picture. Kelly, her trainer, says she can be ready for racing with a few weeks' work. Frontenac, who is trained by W. Walker, and over whose victory in a sweepstakes at the Westchester summer meeting the colored brigade had such a hoarse-bling, has neither grown nor thickened since last year, and will probably never be much better than third class.

Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, says: "If Wallace desires to fight Dixon he can come to this country. I am ready to arrange a match for from \$2,500 to \$7,500 a side and if the Englishman consents to fight in the United States we will allow him \$500 expenses. I expect that Dixon will be matched against a likely youngster within a month and he can make more money out of this fight if he wins than he could by defeating Wallace."

Joe Lannon, who has been trying to get on a match with Jack Fallon, the Brooklyn pugilist, has returned to Boston. "Fallon makes me tired," said Lannon before leaving. "Here I have come on from Boston twice to make a match and he will not fight. The Parnell club will give a \$1,200 purse for the fight and that ought to tempt him. If he won't fight with gloves I'll meet him under London rules for from \$500 to \$2,500 a side."

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Chris Von der Ahe's heart is as full of joy to-day as the swollen Mississippi is full of water, and his face wears a smile as broad as an Indian reservation. Elton Chambers is the cause of this. The star pitcher of the Browns, who a few days ago declared he would not play this season in St. Louis, and who was reported as seeking admission to the brotherhood, has changed his mind and will cut supper this side of the big bridge to-night."

New York Herald: It looks as if the "reserve" rule must go. It has made base ball what it is. It has made it possible for the smallest cities to retain their expert players and thereby have great teams. It has built up clubs and leagues which otherwise could not have existed. But the game has taken immeasurable strides during the last few years, and now some other binding force must be introduced. Long-term contracts will hereafter be available, and an era of exorbitant and extravagant salaries seems at hand.

A week ago last Saturday the horses at Louisville were permitted to take their gallops on the track, which is the active work they have been given for two weeks, in consequence of the frequent rains. Spokane is looking well, but Trainer Elmore does not seem to feel very sanguine about his standing the training ordeal. Trainer West is putting Colonel Clark's Longfellow colt Longevity through his lessons, which he takes kindly to, and his admirers expect great things of him. No book has been opened at Louisville on the Kentucky Derby, but among the horse-men and turf patrons there Riley, Grayson and Good-by seem to be most in favor.

Alcohol Lunacy in France. Recent investigations conducted by M. Paul Garnier, and embodied in a report to a convention of French doctors gives startling facts as to the increase of insanity in that country, and especially as to the increase of that form of insanity due to the excessive use of alcoholic drinks. From 1871 to 1888 insanity increased in France by 30 per cent. Fifty-six per cent. of the insane are men and 44 per cent. are women. The increase during the last 17 years has been almost entirely in the branches of alcoholic insanity and of general paralysis, or paresis. There has been very little increase in mania, melancholia, and chronic delirium. Alcohol and overwork are therefore held responsible for the greater part of the increase of insanity during recent years. The frequency of alcoholic insanity has doubled in 15 years, and the cases have increased 25 per cent. in the last three years. Fifteen years ago the proportion of women among the cases of alcoholic insanity was one-sixth. Now it is one-fifth. A singular fact noted is that the number of new cases of insanity is greatest in the spring, and this is especially true of general paresis, of which the month of May seems to inaugurate annually an epidemic.

A Decline in Value. From the Jeweler's Review. Auctioneer: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, what do I hear for the massive gold-mounted Carrara marble Eiffel-tower movement mantel timepiece, worth at the lowest, patriotic figure \$100—did I hear \$75?" Man in the crowd: "I said \$5." Auctioneer: "Going—going—gone!"

He Took Her Advice. From the Washington Post. "Now, Charley," said young Mrs. Tucker, "you know your health is delicate, and you must be careful about what you eat. As long as you can't get your oatmeal or cracked wheat while you're down town, you might as well try some of the old dry that I see advertised in the store windows."

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