

SPORTS OF THE WEEK.

News of the Cycling and Other Athletic Worlds.

The football fever is on the wane and field and track athletics will consequently occupy the attention of the athletic clubs during the remainder of the winter season.

Anglers are prospecting for steelheads, which have arrived in good numbers in the coast streams.

The sportsmen who cling to the gun are having good duck-shooting on the marshes adjacent to the bay.

Courting is now in full blast. The great interstate meeting will commence Monday on the plains near Merced.

Rowing is gaining ground. Judging from the number of boats that are being built for the oarsmen of the various clubs the sport will be well patronized next summer. Handball, shooting, bowling, etc., are by no means neglected.

THE WHEELMEN.

The Imperial Cycling Club's Road Races Postponed One Week.

The directors of the Imperial Cycling Club decided Thursday night to postpone their road events that were scheduled for to-morrow until Sunday, December 15. The recent rains have made the San Leandro-Haywards course quite muddy and fast time would be impossible. If the weather is fair during the coming week it is expected the roads will be in splendid shape. Many of the clubs had runs called to witness the Imperials' tandem race, which has attracted considerable attention as a novelty in road racing, and



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the large entry list insured its being exciting, ten teams having entered. The postponement will give them an additional week in which to train, and the race will be all the more creditable when it does come off.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the California Associated Cycling Clubs will be held this evening at the rooms of the Garden City Cyclers in San Jose and will be largely attended. The association's principal object is to foster road racing, and it numbers among its members all the prominent clubs of the State.

The theater party tendered Otto Ziegler Jr. last evening by the Olympic Club Wheelmen at the Columbia was largely attended and very enjoyable. The wheelmen had secured the four lower boxes of the theater and numerous orchestra seats, and it did not take long for them to acquaint the public with the fact that they were there. Everything was taken in good part, however, and the popular little champion, the guest of the evening, was given an ovation when he came in. After the performance the wheelmen adjourned to a neighboring restaurant and enjoyed a late supper.

We are soon to have another cycling party inflicted upon us. It will be styled the Bloomer, hails from Stockton, and will be edited by a Mr. Lomax. We have always welcomed the bloomer and its devotees, and this will be no exception to the rule.

The one great objection which several of the well-known circuit riders have in view now is riding thirty miles in the hour. Now this is traveling in wonderful form of speed, and wheelmen must be keyed up to the highest possible physical condition to successfully make the trial. A man cutting space at such a pace is going forty feet at every second of the time.

The Phoenix Cycling Club of this City had a run planned to Redwood City for to-morrow, but the rain has spoiled it. They will try again next week. The Bay City Wheelmen's run to the same place has not taken place yet, but Lieutenant Caldwell says they hope to get down there some time this winter. Meanwhile the park offers good riding, and the distance is not so long or tiresome.

The plan of Captain Murphy to ride a mile on a wheel in one minute, paced by a locomotive, has received considerable notice in the Eastern papers. Murphy's scheme is to build a board track, between the rails of a good straight railroad course, at least three miles long, thus allowing one mile to get started in, one to make the trial and another to slow up. In this connection Cycle Topics advances a startling suggestion, which is: Would there not be a likelihood of the rider being drawn under the wheels of the locomotive by the suction that would result from the engine going at such a high rate of speed?

Captain Williams has been called for the members of the San Francisco Road Club for to-morrow to Haywards, but it is now off one week. Members will please take notice. The club has just moved into new quarters at 802 Golden Gate avenue, near Polk street. A large two-story house has been secured, which is being fitted up in elegant style, and the club can soon boast of a home the equal of any club in the city. New members are coming in rapidly, and the club, unknown in the wheeling world a year ago, is one of the largest and strongest in the City to-day. This is due to the untiring efforts of a few of the members and the general cooperation of all. To Messrs. Cross, Peiser, O'Malley, Lewis, Korn, Williams, Crane and others a great deal of credit is due for the club's prosperity. Mr. Cross tendered new members at a champagne banquet last Wednesday evening, when the new clubhouse was opened.

There will be no abandonment of the use of steel-drop forgings the coming season as manufacturers of bicycles, as they have been successfully proved to be the only material for that important purpose upon which the makers can safely rely. The result of making frame connections with steel stampings is always problematical. They may last and they may not; but forgings can always be figured on as

reliable. Forgings cost far more than stampings, but this increased expense has been found by the manufacturers of the highest-grade goods to be more than offset by the results. At least four-fifths of every forging is consigned to the waste heap in the shape of borings, but the shell that remains is infallible, and when securely brazed to the frame by skilled workmen makes a combination that is practically indestructible under average or even extraordinary conditions.

As a striking instance of the faith of leading manufacturers in the future of the bicycle industry the fact may be cited that one company has placed an order for 1200 tons of the finest steel, a total of 2,400,000 pounds, to be used exclusively for drop forgings in 1896. When it is considered that fully 2,000,000 pounds of this expensive material goes into the waste heap in the form of borings some idea of the cost of material required for high-grade frame connections may be obtained. If steel stampings were used no waste would be produced, but drop forgings prove cheaper in the end when bicycles are fully guaranteed.

The champion "roast" of the year in cycling journalism appears in that very clever paper, the Cycling West of Denver, which is one of the foremost wheeling journals of America. As it will greatly interest all the wheelmen of this State, I quote it verbatim:

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Since the account of the recent National trotting meet at San Jose appeared in several of the Eastern cycling papers, local wheeling circles have been agitated by their deep faith. Cause of this was the description of the third-mile open race, in which Wells defeated Bald and Murphy. That description in question was false, false in every particular, and the author

of the "roast" was in Philadelphia. Recently there was held in the Quaker City a lantern parade wherein seventy different clubs were in line, forming a grand pageant. A Chicago cycling writer told me recently that you are over-worked because you have to cover sometimes two or three road races on a Sunday. I'll admit it is hard work, but what would you do in Chicago, where there are always ten to twenty every Sunday, all at different points within a radius of thirty miles? I told him I would ask for assistance from the city editor. He said the Chicago dailies invariably had four or five men detailed to cover bicycle road racing every Friday in good weather.

The latest arrival from the East is popular Dan Canary, who was at one time the foremost trick rider in the world. He is now on the road selling wheels and athletic goods. Canary was in the City last fall and had a riding-school at the Pavilion in conjunction with Wilbur Knapp, the announcer of all our bicycle meets. At the time the skating rink was in the Pavilion, a flight of stars was built at the Polk-street end of the gallery to the main floor. Canary rode down these steps, first on a safety bicycle with hard tires, and later on the big wheel of an ordinary bicycle. He made both attempts successfully, and it was a truly marvelous performance. At the Bay City Wheelmen's clubrooms one night he rode around the edge of a billiard table on one wheel of an ordinary bicycle. He always had a host of good stories to relate, or could mystify you with innumerable clever card tricks. He has traveled extensively, is well educated, and is one of the most popular sportsmen on the road.

SPALDING.

DOG AND GUN.

Suisun Marsh Troubles Are Settled. More Field-Trial Dogs Entered.

Sportsmen who have been anxiously waiting the result of the injunction suit in the case of the Teal Club against certain sportsmen who had entered the preserves near Suisun, will see by glancing over THE CALL'S Coast dispatches the opinion of Judge Buckles, before whom the case was argued.

The Judge has given his decision in favor of the defendants, and it is thought that the rich sportsmen of the Teal and Cordelia clubs will not rest satisfied until the matter is thoroughly aired in the Supreme Court of the State. In the meantime the lovers of duck-shooting, who do not favor duck-shooting preserves, will continue to enjoy an occasional day's shooting and outing on the unencultivated and unimproved swamp and overflowed lands west of the City of Suisun.

Among a coterie of sportsmen, who met yesterday at a prominent rendezvous, frequented by the lovers of field sports, was a gentleman who was at one time a



John Samme, Secretary of the San Francisco Rod and Gun Club.

staunch supporter of duck-shooting preserves. When intelligence arrived giving Judge Buckles' decision, this convert to open fields for all true sportsmen said:

I was a believer in what you call duck-shooting preserves some years ago, but time and experience have altered my ideas considerably. I was assayed by a particular friend one day how the game bird was which was a member managed to keep the birds within its boundary lines, and I must confess the only answer I could intelligently give was by shooting them. I had to acknowledge that duck-shooting preserves were beneficial only to the members who reaped the results of such preservation, which was by no means general.

I believe that every true sportsman who enjoys the pleasure of a good duck shoot should not be denied the privilege of entering upon unencultivated lands, where no damage other than that of an involuntary bath to himself occasionally can result. Wild ducks are common property and cannot be preserved. It is absurd to suppose that by the inauguration of preserves, such as have sprung up of late years, an increase in the aquatic game supply of this State will result. I will admit that duck-shooting preserves afford good sport for the members, because of the multitudinous feeding of ponds with grain, potatoes, etc. But this system of preservation of any benefit to the sportsmen at large who cannot afford to expend a couple of thousands a year for the pleasure of duck shooting?

If all the rich men and sportsmen of selfish mind the only hope for the middleman and the poor man to enjoy a few hours' duck-hunting would be in shooting from a balloon, when trespass would be out of the question, I am inclined to think that the day is fast approaching when duck shooting from balloons will be somewhat popular among the well-to-do sportsmen.

When speaking of preserves I must confess that I am strongly in favor of protection, and no true sportsman should enter a farmer's land without first having received permission to shoot thereon. I must remember that a quail is a home bird.

The late rain should scatter the wild ducks throughout the country, thus giving an opportunity to all sportsmen to shoot a few birds on Sunday. The sport was very poor. A few birds were seen at Sonoma and Alviso marshes, and it is thought that the shooting to-morrow will be up to its usual mark unless a good wind is blowing. On wet days when there is scarcely a wind, and the water becomes very lazy and will remain in one

place for several hours, unless disturbed by some unexpected hunter.

The sculling of sloughs will in the future may any sportsman who is fond of that kind of hunting. Dropping mallard are then "jump" on the sudden approach of a hunting skiff is considered the most pleasurable experience in duck-shooting.

J. Bell of Espinosa station, Suisun Marsh, sent word to E. Ladd a few days ago that sculling was first class and good bags were the rule and not the exception.

Sportsmen are reminded that a mass-meeting will be held at the Knights of the Red Branch Hall Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., for the purpose of devising measures for the protection of duck-shooters who shoot on salt marsh lands. The president of the Sportsmen's Protective Association is in hopes that every man who has an interest in shooting and fishing will be present.

Ralph K. Wolf and Aaron Crocker enjoyed a good duck-shoot on Tamales Bay last Saturday.

The entries for the Pacific Coast field trial meeting appeared in yesterday's paper, but since then two dogs have been added, namely: A. B. Truman's Irish setter dog Nemo II, and pointer dog Clay T. The dogs are reported to be in splendid form and will certainly give good accounts of themselves.

COURSING.

The Interstate Meeting Will Commence on Monday.

On Monday next will be commenced the

great annual coursing event of the State at Merced.

This will be the sixth meeting since the inauguration of the interstate meetings and it is certain that this one will be equal to, if it does not surpass, any of its predecessors. Some considerable new blood, not only of dogs but of humans, has of late taken much interest in the sport of the leash, and as a result considerable capital has been spent during the past year in procuring dogs of the very best quality and breeding, and as all these will go to slip on Monday on the far-famed plains it goes without saying that the interest in this, the great event of the year among the lovers of the leash, is

are in training and in all probability shell-racing will be a popular sport next spring.

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will be in the saddle, and that alone makes the sport of the leash in California superior to any that is ever seen on any of our coursing fields, as all the sportsmen are then satisfied that the best dog is sure to come out on top, as they have unlimited faith in both his integrity and ability.

The train which takes the "boys" and their dogs to the city of the plains leaves the ferry to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 9 o'clock, and will return on Wednesday or Thursday, as the sportsmen may desire. Five dollars is the cost of the round trip.

Since the consolidation of the two coursing parks, Cassery and Kerrigan have been busy making the necessary improvements on the old Ocean View grounds, and on the opening day a large paddock parallel with the Mission road will be constructed, and a choice lot of hares will be on hand for the big opening meeting. The managers have retained Eddie Canavan and John Grace Jr., who will act in their respective capacities as judge and slipper.

There will not be any coursing Sunday in the park, as Cassery and Kerrigan are desirous that the interstate meeting at Merced should not be interfered with.

THE OARSMEN.

A Shell Race Between the Olympic and University Is Talked Of.

The outlook for a four-oared shell race between the Berkeley University Boat Club and the Olympic Club's crew is decidedly good. The oarsmen of both clubs

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in the person of Al Bullion. He is 18 years old, weighs 160 pounds, and has already won the junior championship of the estuary in outrigger skiffs.

Len Hausler is another man the club expects much of. He is considered a crack-jack in the singles, and with him and J. W. Pembroke in their new four-oared barge crew the Alameda ought to be well up to the leaders in any event they enter.

THE STEELHEAD TROUT.

A Game and Food Fish Which Should Be Protected at This Season.

If the merchants who deal in fish are permitted to have their own way regarding the naming and classification of fishes there certainly will be no need of a fish law, as the fish-dealers will regulate matters piscatorial and otherwise in such a way as to kill the goose that lays the golden egg, so to speak.

The fish merchants have combined to destroy, if possible, a law which was made solely to protect steelheads when they were on their winter's run to the freshwater streams, where they spawned, and returned again in the spring of the year to salt water.

The young of this fish afford anglers who wish the coast streams much enjoyment in the summer season, and as a consequence the fishers are interested in the outcome of the present contest between the Fish Commissioners and the fish merchants.

The fish law was made to protect fish from total extinction. If the denizens of the streams had no protection the net fishermen who live by the sale of their catch, and the poachers who cannot understand the goal of protection at any time and at any season, would destroy in a few years the anadromous fishes of every stream that empties into salt water.

Of course if there had been no fish law in existence there would be no room for a controversy between the Fish Commissioners and the fish-dealers as to whether a steelhead is a trout or a salmon simply because there would be such a small number of those fish remaining that fish-dealers would give the matter little or no attention.

Professors Jordan and Gilbert of the Stanford University have time and again explained in the clearest manner possible the difference in the habits and structural character of a salmon and a steelhead trout. The fishes are very much unlike in every particular and it would be considered an insult to such learned gentlemen as Professors Jordan and Gilbert for a country lawyer, who probably had never seen a steelhead in his life excepting when the fish was produced in court, to contend that the acknowledged authorities on fishes in America had made a most serious mistake in classifying the most valuable of our game and food fishes.

According to a recent decision given by a Judge in Eureka, Humboldt County, the steelhead is a salmon and may be slaughtered by net fishermen when it is on its journey to spawning beds.

It would certainly be a matter of much interest and curiosity to the anglers and scientists of this country if the learned legal and piscatorial authority of Humboldt County would contribute to one of Eureka's newspapers a letter giving his ideas of the steelhead and why he considers it a member of the salmon family, and if it is within easy access of trout streams, and anglers from this City and elsewhere who visit the streams that empty into this river during the angling season leave many a dollar in the towns that are within easy access of trout streams. Four years ago, before the steelheads could ascend the river, it was a rare thing to hear of trout being taken from streams that are now known to be splendid angling waters.

Football.

The following letter from Vallejo will be found to contain facts of interest to footballers.

VALLEJO, December 6.

Sporting Editor San Francisco Call: The Farraguts of Vallejo and Green C's of San Francisco will meet on the gridiron at Vallejo Sunday, December 8, and it promises to be a live game, and one that is expected to be a strong team and have been playing football for the past three years, while the Farraguts have been playing for a year and have not had the experience of other teams from San Francisco; but they have been having some hard practice of late and have strengthened their team, and they propose to win the game Sunday, as they have had more practice since their defeat by the Peerless eleven several weeks ago. A large crowd is expected to witness the game, as the people of Vallejo have the football fever and want to see their team win.

The Farragut's colors are blue and crimson. The Green C's will have a large crowd of "rooters," as the Fustlers of Battery C. N. G. C. are, give a dance in Vallejo Saturday evening and they will stay over Sunday and witness the football game.

The militia boys have chartered the Monticello, which will leave San Francisco at 4 and 9 o'clock Saturday afternoon and evening, leaving Vallejo at 11 A. M. on Sunday for San Francisco, so the visitors will have plenty of time to see the game. The makeup of the teams is as follows:

Position. Green C's. Kavanagh, Captain. Center. Daily Cooney. Right guard. Atkinson O'Hara. Left guard. Smith Carrroll. Right tackle. Stevens Hatweaver. Left tackle. Regan. Captain Dempsey. Right end. Lamey Corcoran. Left end. Hughes Moran. Left half. Mahony McNeary. Right half. Maroney Lee. Quarterback. Cannin Holland. Fullback. Fitzgerald.

McCAFFEE BROS' auction sale of Brittan Ranch, San Mateo Co., sure to-day. See advertisement.

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