

THE FIELD SPORTS.

What Sportsmen, Athletes and Cyclists Are Doing.

The wheelmen will take advantage of the beautiful weather for an outing in the country to-morrow, and a ride to Hayward...

Sportsmen will turn their backs on the marshes and uplands next Saturday, it being the last day of the game-shooting season.

The slaughter of fish in coast streams by poachers has caused anglers to wonder when the Fish Commissioners will wake up to a sense of duty.

Courting is a sport which is fast becoming popular. The Interstate Club will hold a very large meeting at Newark on the 22d inst.

The handball enthusiasts of the Olympic Club are in high feather over the proposed construction of a splendid court on the lot that adjoins the building.

Oarsmen, rifle-shooters and lovers of football are enjoying themselves thoroughly.

THE WHEELMEN.

Frank M. Byrne, the Class A Crack, Will Ride in Class B Hereafter. The roads in the park and country should be rideable to-morrow, for the northerly winds of the past few days have had a drying effect.

The Imperial Cycling Club has elected a great many new members within the last few weeks, among whom are L. Raymond and J. F. Staver, who are riding on men now at Santa Monica. E. Winsett of the Imperials is also training at Santa Monica.

The Imperial Club is taking a foremost position among the organized wheelmen of this city, and its success is in a considerable measure attributable to the energy and activity shown by President W. H. Tooker, Secretary John S. Egan, George J. Patton, Captain Richard and other hard workers for the club.

The National assembly of the league should take some steps to protect handicappers. Every rider who enters for a handicap event should be compelled to give a satisfactory explanation of the ladder of a race is figured out from a scientific standpoint, and then several competitors refuse to ride, it makes a bad break in the calculations, and in many instances the entire race is abandoned.

The regular monthly meeting of the officers of the North California Division, League of American Wheelmen, will be held this evening at the rooms of the Bay City Wheelmen. The annual league meet will probably be held at Petaluma, and considerable other business of importance will be transacted.

Captain Will I. Pixley has called a run of the members of the San Francisco Road Club to Hayward to-morrow. From High Street, Fruitvale, to Hayward is the road-racing devotees will have a try-out as a sort of preliminary training for the 26-mile race, and to judge the men's qualifications for positions on the club's relay team.

Gate money to the amount of \$50,000, representing the admission fees of 120,000 visitors, constitutes the most incontrovertible and satisfactory evidence of the amazing success of the recent New York cycle show. The attendance was as follows: Saturday 10,100, Monday 16,186, Tuesday 17,866, Wednesday 18,500, Thursday 17,023, Friday 10,165, Saturday 20,564.

The latest local racing news of any importance is that of the recent race at Fruitvale, the Imperial Cycling Club's best rider, will enter the class B events at the indoor tournament. He thus gives up his class A standing, which has been high, as there were few who could equal him.

The Olympic Gun Club held its annual meeting and election of officers on Thursday evening. The members will enjoy several artificial bird-shooting matches during the warm days of the year.

Frank Maskey and Al Hall barged 118 quail near Point Reyes last Tuesday. The first time some of the most prominent members of the Country Club resigned recently. The club, in major part, was composed of gentlemen who have seldom enjoyed fishing or shooting trips, and as the novelty of a country club outing has worn away to a great extent, the membership dwindled down to a comparatively few staunch supporters.

The club is well stocked with fish and the grounds are thickly settled with game birds and animals. The Sportsmen's Protective Association of this city has now a membership of over 800 staunch supporters.

The Fish and Game Commissioners of this State, and especially Messrs. Emerz and Morrison, who are interested in sports of the field, may find some good food for study in the following letter from a sportsman who suggests the introduction of foreign game birds into this State. The writer says:

"Speaking about foreign game birds, there is in Sweden a native bird somewhat like the pintail, and in fact a somewhat noisier bird than the American, but perhaps for the long neck feathers on the ghouse.

"However, it is only the female that is so noisy, and the male is a very quiet bird. It is a very handsome bird, and its tail feathers being turned outward. This is an exceedingly sporty bird, well up to one's marksmanship, and quick to mind. I remember right off a fine specimen of Sweden except in the southwestern part, where the country is too plain and en-

tirely without any woods at all. All winter through these birds occasionally be seen in scores sitting in birch trees existing in the little forest dividing one set of farms from another, and particularly toward thawing weather will be found perched rather high on the branches and they are not very shy. As spring approaches the hens disappear and only here and there an occasional cock is seen. In the early morning you hear their love songs from almost everywhere, one trying to overshadow the other with his joyous ho-ho-ho-ho-o-o-ho.

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THE ANGLER.

Shameful Destruction of Breeding Fishes in the Creeks. Of the streams which are largely patronized by the anglers of this city during the months of April, May and June, the Paper Mill, Lagunitas and Sonoma creeks head the list.

Anglers will regret to learn, however, that the prospects for good sport during the coming season on the streams in question are very poor, indeed, because of the great slaughter of breeding fishes which has been going on uninterruptedly ever since the rainstorm subsided. If Messrs. Emerz and Morrison, Fish Commissioners of this State, happened to be taking a constitutional walk between Camp Taylor and Tocaloma on last Wednesday afternoon, they would have seen at least one dozen poachers with spears and gaffs on the reefs murdering the large steelheads which, at this time of the year when the

water is comparatively clear and low, fall easy prey to the spearman. It is too bad that such a nefarious system of fish slaughter is allowed to go on unheeded by a Fish Commission and almost under their very noses.

There can be no reasonable excuse offered in this case by the commission for a neglect of duty. As previously stated in THE CALL, one deputy at least should be detailed to patrol those streams that are within reasonable distance of the anglers of this city during the months of February and March. The Commission, when asked why they do not dispatch officers to places where the law is being openly violated, answer that their funds are so extremely low that they cannot afford the expense. The Commissioners, however, when the appropriation which they received from the State has been exhausted in the maintenance of fish hatcheries and the labor employed in the stocking of far-away streams with fry.

This may be all well and good in its way, but it remains a fact, nevertheless, that the anglers of this City, of whom there are many, would be pleased to see the Commissioners levying some attention to the coast streams which are extensively whopped by the local fraternity when the trout season opens.

The breeding fishes are killed off by poachers who take their time to observe the law except when they repair to those well-known waters for a few days' trout-fishing. Anglers who can afford the time and expense that are attached to a long mountain journey to the near counties for a few days' outing.

It is hoped that the Commissioners will at least show some desire to stop the present slaughter of breeding fishes by detaching a deputy to patrol the principal angling streams near at home from now until the opening day of the trout-fishing season.

It is strange that of the many anglers who fish for large steelheads there are comparatively few among them who understand how to play a fish properly. To those who have had but a limited experience in playing game fishes the following instructions may be of value.

Immediately after striking a fish prepare for a little desperate play. If it rushes off you a great distance from you get near it again as quickly as possible and never allow a foot more line to be necessary. Keep your rod well up and a firm strain on it at all times. The reel should be always up and not underneath as sometimes seen when inexperienced anglers are handling a rod. Should the fish leap for the air, lower the point of the rod quickly so as to avoid his striking the line and tighten the line instantly he disappears.

Always keep your fish moving. Never allow him to lodge if possible and fight him up stream, keeping well below him. As soon as his wild rushes are over press him as hard as you can, according to the strength of your rod. Should the fish make a dash for the shore, you have selected for a landing. He will generally make a rush when he finds himself in shallow water, in which case let him go a safe distance, but be careful that he does not snag you, should there be any sunken roots or tree stumps near at hand.

A steelhead will invariably head for such places in his last dash for freedom. If a fish suks it is a good plan to get below him, if possible, and strike him with the point of your rod so that the weight of the stream will place the greatest vibration on the line, and this will generally get him to move; if not, hit the butt of the rod a few times and you will hear the real sign.

Should a fish dash down stream where you cannot follow and is likely to take all the line on your reel and leave you to soliloquize over a bad job, hold the rod tight in your right hand, and with the left throw off some five yards of line from the reel. At the same time your rod should be well up, and when you have your slack ready, throw your rod forward as if striking. This scheme has frequently proved successful, and it is a good plan of line and a good fish. The fish either turns on feeling the slack line before him, or more probably on being freed from the pressure of the line which he is free, and turns his head up stream against the current.

In gaffing a fish there are many ways, but the surest and best method is to watch quickly a favorable opportunity, with the gaff extended in the water, the point facing upward, and when the fish is brought fairly over the bank, strike it and hold the right arm well up so that the fish will not slip off. Several splendid fish have been lost by inexperienced handlers of the gaff.

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THE OARSMEN.

Crews in Training for a Regatta to Be Held on Lake Merritt. All arrangements for the coming rowing regatta, to be held on Lake Merritt on February 22, are now complete and awaiting the sanction of the Pacific Athletic Association.

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HONOR TO MRS. PEET.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union to Celebrate Her Birthday April 17. Mrs. Henrietta E. Brown, the corresponding secretary of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has issued the following orders for the celebration of Franchise day.

In recognition of the valuable services which our State president, Mrs. Sturtevant-Peet, rendered in the Legislature to the suffrage work, her birthday, the 27th of April, has been celebrated as Franchise day. The suggestive programme given below, which can be changed to suit any locality, was arranged by a committee appointed at the last State executive board meeting. It is hoped that every union in the State will at once begin arrangements for the observance of this day, and make it one which will count for an advance in suffrage sentiment.

Programme for franchise amendment mass-meeting, April 27, 1896: 2:00—Devotional exercises; singing, W. C. T. U. hymns, "Provision for Franchise," and remainder of chapter text (voluntary); recitation, "The Franchise"; short prayers, for success of amendment; singing, "Guide Me, O Great God." 3:00—2:30—Substance of amendment and its importance. 3:10—Reading, selecting from facts from following: Kansas, Colorado and Utah. 3:25—Recitation, "Pivotal Question." 3:30—Reading, "Objections Answered" or "The Sense of It." One reading questions, all read answers. 3:45—Song No. 6, "New Columbia." 4:00—Song No. 12, with chorus. EVENING SESSION. 7:30—Singing, Song Leaflet No. 3, "New America; No. 4, "Glad to be a Woman." 7:45—Sentiments from eminent opinions. 8:10—Recitation, "Der Ock und der Vine." 8:15—Song leaflet, "Resolved." The Progress of Civilization Demands the Ballot for Women; or a yellow ribbon contest, while the judges are out recite "The World's Loved Women," or several short essays or speeches by men and women on "Woman Suffrage." 9:15—Song leaflet, "Equal Rights Banner," with chorus.

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NO REMUNERATION TO BE ALLOWED FOR EXTRA MILK INSPECTORS.

The Finance Committee of the Supervisors May Have a Legal Battle on Its Hands. There is every prospect of a lively legal battle between the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors and Auditor Broderick, one side and the Board of Health on the other over the salaries of the milk inspectors which the latter body has given notice that it will shortly appoint.

The matter came to the ears of the Finance Committee in an informal way and the subject was brought up at yesterday's meeting. Supervisor Taylor said that he understood that the Board of Health would shortly appoint three or more milk inspectors to be stationed at the ferries and on the roads leading into San Francisco for the purpose of examining milk and meat intended for the markets and restaurants as well as private families of this City. He wanted to know by what authority the board would make its appointments and how the proposed expenses were to be paid.

"As far as I know," said Mr. Taylor, "no provision has been made in the tax levy for the payment of salaries and as the law requires that on those who are appointed who have been provided for in this manner or by order of court, I do not see how we can allow such a thing to go on. As a matter of fact I don't believe that the salary of the present inspectors, and J. Dockery, figured in the levy. I move that Auditor Broderick be called in to enlighten the committee on this question."

A messenger was dispatched for the Auditor and he was requested to explain why the salary had been allowed. Mr. Broderick explained that he had signed Mr. Dockery's warrant under the law that permits the board of Health to employ such additional help as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the department. He was not at all sure that any further inspectors were necessary.

After some discussion as to the needs of the Board of Health, the Auditor explained that it was decided that any new ones who might be appointed cannot receive salary out of the City Treasury until after the beginning of the next fiscal year, unless the Board of Health wishes to provide the funds itself.

Auditor Broderick was instructed that if warrants are presented for additional inspectors, a passenger on the steamer Mariposa, which sailed for the antipodes yesterday afternoon. Jones during his comparatively brief residence in this City did more to promote the interests of handball than all the other players put together. He always drew a crowd of enthusiastic admirers wherever and whenever he played, and his handling of the ball was a revelation to them. He never was called upon here to show to the fullest extent what he was capable of doing, and his greatest regret was that an injury received while at Stockton prevented him from doing so before taking his departure.

Another champion of handball is John Jones, who is believed to have defeated any trio of players on the coast. Before leaving Jones expressed his warmest thanks to his numerous friends and to the press, particularly THE CALL, for the manner in which he had been reported while here and his hope that he would soon return again, as he would like to make his permanent home here.

His ambition is to meet Fitzgerald, the world champion at either here or in Australia, and play him for the championship. All lovers of handball would like to see his ambition gratified. Jones carries with him the heartiest wishes of his friends and admirers for his future success.

The investigation into the affairs of Alfred Clarke continued a good many days after noon before Judge Slack, but there was very little progress made toward ascertaining just what Clarke has done with his property. His type-writer, J. F. Turner, gave some testimony as to certain notes, and Jacob Smith, assignee of his creditors, was on the stand, but he did not definitely learn of the \$15,000 notes which were under inquiry.

Victim of Epilepsy. James A. Jackson, a man about 55 years of age, died at the Receiving Hospital yesterday afternoon after a long and painful illness. On Thursday he was taken to the hospital suffering from epilepsy, and after being treated was discharged. Yesterday morning he was taken to the morgue in a very poor condition, and gradually sank. His body was taken to the Morgue.

Sciatic Rheumatism and Its Cure. From the Gazette, Burlington, Iowa. The sciatic rheumatism is a familiar and large circle of acquaintances, but for the benefit of those who are similarly afflicted the Gazette has investigated the matter for publication. Mr. Tabor is secretary and treasurer of the Commercial Printing Company, with offices in the Federal Block, and resides at 247 Cass street, Burlington, Iowa. A Gazette man sought an interview with Mr. Tabor at his place of business to-day, and he was busily engaged with imperative duties, but he talked freely and feelingly on the subject of his recent sickness and subsequent wonderful cure.

"Yes," said Mr. Tabor, "I can testify that I am a well man, that is, my old trouble with sciatic rheumatism is entirely disappeared, but I am still taking Pink Pills for Pale People, and I continue to grow stronger and healthier as I have been every day since I began to take them. You will not wonder at my profound faith in the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, as I have heard of no other medicine which has so quickly and so completely cured me. I have suffered from sciatic rheumatism and its attendant tortures which horrible disease is capable of inflicting. At length, under the constant care of a local physician, I was enabled to return to my work, but only at intervals. I tried various remedies for rhe