

THE SPORTING WORLD.

A Week's Record of the Doings of Athletes, Sportsmen and Anglers.

The Olympic Club will give a first-class boxing entertainment on Monday evening.

The wheelmen expect to witness some first-class racing on the Velodrome track this afternoon if the weather permits.

Football-players are deeply interested in the great game which will be decided on Christmas day at Central Park between the Olympic and Butte City teams.

There is comparatively nothing doing in aquatic circles. The oarsmen are resting on their oars until the spring days, when the shells will again be seen cleaving the waters of the bay.

There is quite a stir in amateur baseball. Several games are on the tapis which should attract considerable attention.

Sportsmen are having good duck-shooting in the lower country.

THE WHEELMEN.

Champion Ziegler Issues a Sweeping Challenge to All Professionals.

Walter B. Fawcett went to Fresno on Thursday in advance of the series of racing men who intended going down to take part in today's meet to see if the weather, track and all arrangements were in proper form.

The Garden City Cyclers' minstrel entertainment next Monday evening promises to be very entertaining.

President-elect Swain of the California Associated Cycling Clubs states that he will announce his committee appointments for the year next Tuesday.

Rear-Admiral Gherardi, senior admiral of the United States navy, has joined the League of American Wheelmen.

The membership committee of the North California division, League of American Wheelmen, offers two cash prizes of \$25 and \$10 for the persons who will send in the first and second largest number of applications for membership.

The programme for the meet to be held at the Velodrome on Christmas day is the best yet offered in the city.

It includes a one-third of a mile scratch and a mile handicap, professional; half a mile scratch and a mile handicap, amateur; also a match race between W. E. Baker (Mariposa) and C. E. Dow (Seattle) for the Velodrome shield.

The following is the latest bulletin of the racing board:

Bulletin No. 29. Sanctions granted—January 1, Crown City Cycling Club, Pasadena, Cal.; January 1 and 2, Capital City Cycling Club, Phoenix, Ariz.

Pacific Coast records accepted—One mile, professional competition, W. A. Terrill, San Francisco, November 31, 1896, 2:08 1/2; two miles, professional competition, W. A. Terrill, San Francisco, November 21, 1896, 4:37 3/4; 3 miles, professional competition, W. A. Terrill, San Francisco, November 21, 1896, 7:01 1/2; five miles, professional competition, W. A. Terrill, San Francisco, November 21, 1896, 11:13 1/2; one mile, amateur, flying start, paced, J. R. Kenna, San Francisco, November 21, 1896, 1:57 1/2; half-mile, amateur, flying start, paced, tandem, C. D. Goch and B. H. Eford, San Francisco, November 21, 1896, 3:17 1/2.

Transferred to professional class—W. M. Jenkins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lyman Royce, William Peters, Butte, Mont.; William Nagle, Dillon, Mont.

Suspended for competing in unseasoned and Sunday races—Carl Nichols, Lyman Royce, F. H. Conroy, Ed Mallico, E. Shields, Brown, William Peters, Charles Dell, Jack McLeod, Troy Pendleton, Butte, Mont., until July 1, 1897.

For competing in unseasoned races—Dean Cromwell, L. E. Chandler, Morgan Galbraith, W. B. Wainey, Harry Fish, Los Angeles, Cal.; Will Griffin, Herdington, Charles A. Hall, F. C. Thee, — Mills, Charles Thomas, Merle Rush, Arch Ridenour, Frank Fissel, Ed Hall, Harry Thee, Ernest Bond, Modera, Cal., until February 1, 1897.

For insubordinate conduct on the track—F. Bell, Los Angeles, Cal., until February 1, 1897.

For unfair riding—John Hertwick, Fresno, Cal., until January 1, 1897.

Suspended pending investigation—J. M. Long, Phoenix, Ariz.; Albert Cooper, Charles F. Hill, Tucson, Ariz.

Suspended from sanction privileges—Tucson L. A. W. Club, Tucson, Ariz. R. M. Welch, Member National Racing Board.

J. L. Dutton, the local consul of the League of American Wheelmen at Santa Cruz, has been particularly active in promoting the interests of the division in his locality in securing members and in divers other ways. He is an active wheelman

and has done much for the sport down there.

The Imperial Cycling Club is completing the erection of its gymnasium in the rear of the clubrooms on Van Ness avenue. There will be a members' meeting next Monday evening.

The following letter has been received from John W. Dermody of the Garden City Cyclers, San Jose, the trainer of Hardy Downing, and it explains itself:

Cycling Editor of The Call, San Francisco: I would like to state through the columns of your paper that we have not made arrangements with any one as yet in regard to joining a racing team with Allan Jones as the star.

I would also like to state to Otto Ziegler Jr. that he will ride any man on the coast at the first meet given on San Jose track for a purse of any part of \$1000.

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MILTON P. HAYES 135 LBS. JOE GRAY 152 LBS. M. EAGAN 135 LBS. Three Clever Boxers Who Will Appear in Special Events at the Olympic Tournament.

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The pugilists will have three months to train for this great event, and if they are reported to be in good trim for a finish fight, it can be safely said, however, that if Corbett can prove to the sporting world that he will be fit and well to engage in a finish battle a few weeks before the day selected for a passage-at-arms the betting will be strongly in his favor, and unquestionably the superior of Fitzsimmons, that is, scientifically speaking.

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ON GRIDIRON FIELD. Some Christmas and New Year's Games in This City.

The big athletic event of Christmas day in this city will be the Butte-Olympic football match at Central Park in the afternoon, both teams being greatly improved over their form and personnel of last Christmas, when Olympic suffered a decisive defeat at the hands of the big men from the mining district of Montana.

Companies M and H of the League of the Cross Cadets will meet in a match game of football on Christmas afternoon at the Presidio grounds. Game will be called at 2:30 o'clock with the following

decoy for white geese and proved a most successful lure. Capt. Kilsen killed twenty of the birds over him.

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Company M. Postion. Company H. McGeran, 146.....L. E. R.....Nissen, 152 Robinson, 154.....L. T. R.....Olson, 154 Quirk, 159.....G. R.....Olson, 154 Johnson, 155.....C. G.....Olson, 156 Gresham, 157.....L. T. R.....Olson, 157 Greay, 116.....R. T. L.....Engelhardt, 142 Wilson, 149.....R. E. L.....McDonald, 163 Gleason, 147.....G. W. M.....Nab, 149 Fear, 139.....L. H. R.....Erbenheim, 128 Faure, 133.....R. H. L.....Greg, 133 Smith (captain), 127.....E. W. G.....Olson, 142 138 pounds.....Average weight.....143

On New Year's day, unless bigger attractions secure the grounds from the cadets, who have already engaged them for that afternoon, Company A and Company B, League of the Cross Cadets, will meet at Central Park to settle on the football field the question of athletic supremacy that has never been decided during the three years that these two intense rivals have contested on gridiron field and cinder path.

Company A represents St. Mary's Cathedral branch and Company B, St. Charles', two of the most prominent parishes of the city. Each company is well predicted the defeat of the other by the recent Stanford-California score.

BASEBALL. The Alameda Alerts Play the San Francisco Athletic Club Team To-morrow.

The San Francisco Athletic Club and the Alameda Alerts will cross bats at Central Park to-morrow. It is thought that the Alerts have met their match at last.

The Athletic club has shown what ability it possessed by defeating the crack amateur team of this city and winning the handsome banner offered by Will & Finck.

As both teams have a great many admirers Central Park will have a large and enthusiastic crowd to-morrow.

The Conway and Samuel Baseball Club has an open invitation to any amateur team on the coast, and are anxious to play the Alameda Alerts. All challenges should be sent to William Hart, 5 Sixth street.

The Call Baseball Club has reorganized for the season of '96-'97 and are anxious to hear from any amateur team in the State. The Calls refuse to allow the amateur championship of the city, as they never defeated the Calls and have been defeated by the Examiner's team.

The Calls have played a tie series with the Examiners and would like to hear from the San Francisco Athletic Club team or any amateur team in the State.

THE RIFLE. The Third Great American Bundes Shooting Festival.

On Sunday there will be several of the rifle shooting clubs represented at Schuetzen and Shell Mound Park ranges. The Norddeutscher Schuetzen Club, the Germania Schuetzen Verein and the Germania Schuetzen Club will hold monthly shooting contests at Shell Mound Park. The following is an extract from the Hebrew, Pulo Jacoby editor:

"We have published in a former issue that Comrade Ehrenport, in answer to his telegraphic invitation to the Independent New York Schuetzen to have them visit San Francisco in a body next year, has received an answer that they were going to attend the Germania Bundes Shooting Festival in Nuernberg. William W. Weber, the captain of the above-named association, writes to Comrade Ehrenport that it is the general desire of the Eastern marksmen to hold the third Great American Bundes Shooting Festival in San Francisco. The Independent New York Schuetzen besides attending the Bundes shooting festival in Nuernberg will visit Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Tyro, Switzerland, Neuchâtel, A. H. and Birmen, and travel by steamer up the Rhine. November 26 there were already eighty marksmen pledged to be of the party. Captain Weber sends his best wishes to all California marksmen, especially to those who composed the California delegation last year at the Bundes Shooting Festival in New York and won great honors and prizes there."

THE ANGLER. Steelhead Fishing Will Be Good When the Rivers Run Clear.

Latest intelligence from the angling reports is to the effect that the rivers will not be in condition for steelhead fishing until after a week, at least, of fine weather. It is said that a number of large fish are now far above the tide waters, and that the spearmen are sharpening their instruments of torture in expectation of having "some great sport" when the rivers are running clear.

John Butler and some companions will leave for Duncan's Mills to-day. A dispatch from Mr. Morgan states that the Russian River is clearing rapidly and that good sport should result on Sunday.

At Point Reyes a large gathering of fishermen "roed" for trout last Sunday, but as the stream was very muddy, very little sport was had. Dr. James What hooked a projecting limb of a tree in making a long-distance cast and succeeded

in landing a Scotch thistle, much to the amusement of Chaplain Terry, who informed the venerable disciple of bait fishing that a less muscular effort would have sufficed in securing a polished angler.

The doctor is a firm believer in muscular effort, and he has been known to land a 15-pound steelhead with one mighty yank of his powerful right arm.

Francis Marcus is said to have fish by emulating the tactics of the doctor. A few small fish were taken during the day.

Should the weather remain fine Point Reyes Creek will be in good condition in a week or so.

Some fine fish were caught in Sonoma Creek near Shellville last Sunday.

THE OARSMEN. Dolings of the Boating Clubs Along the Bay Shore.

A committee has been appointed by the Carnival of the Golden Gate and that committee has set aside the day for a regatta, which will be a good idea if the committee appoints a prominent amateur oarsman to take charge of the affair.

Rowing on this coast has reached such a magnitude that a regatta conducted properly would attract great attention.

It is the intention of the carnival committee to hold a regatta it should notify the Pacific Amateur Association at once, that a sanction may be granted.

Adam Schuppert, the old-time oarsman, is coaching the members of the Doling Club, and every Sunday he has a crew out for practice. Under his instruction they are making rapid progress.

To-morrow he will take out C. M. Farrell, T. R. Keenan and W. O. Patch for a practice spin. Charles Farrell defeated Peter von Hadeln in an exciting canoe race last Sunday.

T. J. Sullivan was out in Keenan's wherry, and was doing well until he lost a wheel off his sliding-seat.

William Schumacher and Thomas Hopkins are doing steady work in the skiffs, with intentions of entering the next regatta.

The British ship captains have arranged a series of races to be held at Sausalito to-day at 3 P. M. Nearly every vessel flying the British flag has entered a boat, and some exciting contests are expected.

HANDBALL. The handball games which will take place to-morrow at the San Francisco court are:

P. Barrett and J. O'Leary vs. Hugh Moffit vs. William Schumacher and J. O'Leary vs. M. Edwards and W. Stensbury, P. Ryan and D. Rodgers vs. M. McNeil and G. McDonald, J. White and J. Collins vs. M. Murphy and E. Hutchinson and P. Kelly, J. C. Neeson and T. E. Bonnet vs. M. J. Kilgallon and P. Donnelly.

SACRAMENTO SPORTING NEWS. SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 18.—The cloud of gloom and sadness which has hung over many members of the Sacramento Athletic Club since the defeat of their champion by Theodore Van Buskirk and the disappearance of many a hard-earned dollar is gradually passing, but there are many who are sore for time immemorial.

Johnson's science as displayed in the first two rounds, when Van Buskirk "found it was as hard to find him" as the Irishman's flea, has simply impressed many with the idea that he would eventually have won out, and they are sore, "so sore," but the majority are satisfied that it was a simple impossibility for Johnson to stop or avoid the big one's mad rushes. It is said that an endeavor will be made to induce Van Buskirk to give Van Buskirk and Stenzler, who is again anxious to meet the former during the coming month.

Courtesy still continues to boom here and the party to inaugurate success is gradually particular. There was a twenty-five dog puppy stake last Sunday, in which S. A. Cummings' self in religion defeated the champion, S. A. Cummings' Lord Lonsdale took second prize, Neuchâtel's Captain Nemo third and Hall's Electricity fourth. Next Sunday there will be at least forty-four entries. H. E. Devine, who is acting as judge, is rendering decisions which are given with a universal satisfaction. S. A. Cummings is slipping. On Sunday next there will also be a stake for \$100, in which the champion, S. A. Cummings, will be pitted against the champion, S. A. Cummings.

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