THE FIELD OF SPORT

SOME TURF NEWS ON THE WING

Something About Todd Sloane's Peculiar Seat in the Saddle.

Perhaps He Originated It, and Again He May Have Copied From Chevalier.

Patterson Thinks He Has Another Ornament—Starter Ferguson Might Give a Lecture to Advantage.

Much is now heard in the Eastern press of Tod Sloane's peculiar seat in the saddle, many likening it to that of "Snapper" Garrison, though thinking it an improvement. The writer does not give Sloane all credit for discovering this "improved seat" on the back of a horse. Some four years ago when Tod Sloane came to California things were not so easy for the diminutive rider. He did not get very many fancy mounts, and now and then it became necessary to ask for a temporary loan. A well known policeman stationed in the tenderloin district carried around in his wallet an immense sparkler that Tod found necessary to temporarily lay away.

Riding at that time at the Bay District track was a colored boy by the name of Hippolyte Chevalier, afterward made famous in turf circles by his connection with the notorious Little Pete frauds. Much criticism was indulged in on the part of racetrack patrons at the position assumed by Chevalier in the saddle. At times he almost looked to be lying on his belly after the attitude taken by a Creedmoor marksman before the rifle-pit. It brought out much adverse criticism, and many said he "couldn't ride in a boxcar with both doors locked." Nevertheless this colored boy piloted many winners. What were supposed to be good riders were placed on horses, but they finished beyond the coin.

A few days later Chevalier would be given the mount on the same horse, and he would walk in, to use turf vernacular. He was especially formidable on the back of a faint-hearted or sulking horse, it looking as though the animal imagined for the time as though he was running away, so distributed was the weight on his back and withers.

Tod Sloane finally went East and in a day it seemed became famous. The far Eastern press went into hysterics over his jockeyship. Pittsburg Phil became his mentor, and only the most select pieces of racing furniture were good enough for him to throw the leg over. He returned to his old camping ground, California, last winter, and many were the remarks heard, now much his style in the saddle resembled that of Chevalier.

Pessimists will say this is all bosh; that Chevalier never had any thoughts or fashions to dispense; that now that he is in affluence Tod always knew it all. Some year ago a poor Irishman out of employment, watching a telegraph lineman hammering glass insulators on to the pegs of a crosstree and breaking nearly every half of every dozen, remarked, "Be jabers, why don't they screw 'em on." A bystander heard the remark, got the idea patented and received $50,000 for his invention.

The Owen Brothers of Fresno have purchased for breeding purposes the grandly bred horse Wernberg. Zeke Abrahams tried to win a race with the Burns & Waterhouse cast-off, but found the task too difficult and gave it up. He should make a success in the stud, bred as he is.

The writer of this article always contended that some day "Curley" Brown would become the premier starter of the country, and it looks now as though these predictions were in a fair way of becoming true. To be sure, when Brown was here he was possessed of many roughened points that would bear polishing down. He came from Montana with the reputation preceding him of being a bad man. "Curley" lived here for a year or so and the city's mortality was seemingly not increased. There were shooting-scrapes, but his name never figured in them. A man's associations have much to do with his future. Brown appears to have killed no one since his sojourn in the East, and the latest piece of news is to the effect that he has been engaged to do the starting next year at Nashville, Highland Park, Detroit, Fort Erie, Toronto, and possibly one or two other tracks in Canada. His friends here are pleased to hear of his success.

His Lordship, a colt by Rayon d'Or-Sallie McClelland, is now tipped as the coming turf wonder. He was the pet of the late Byron McClelland and recently sold for $8000. Report says he has already worked three furlongs in 38 seconds.

It looks as though the Horsemen's Protective association in the East would end in a big fizzle.

The recent request of the Jockey Club to disband was not heeded by a majority of the members, in consequence of which quite a number of its prominent officials, among them the president, resigned. Fred Taral, the jockey, also dropped out. The finish can now be discerned.

Charley Patterson thinks he has another Ornament. He recently purchased from Owen Bradley a filly by Patron from Lady Hemphill for $3000. In a washout at Louisville she skipped off a half at 50¼ seconds with a lad weighing 115 pounds in the saddle, and report says she would have gone faster but for the fact that the lad was compelled to pull out to get around a dead horse on the track. How fast the dead horse was traveling was not mentioned.

The present starting of J. B. Ferguson is not up to the standard set by his rival J. F. Caldwell, starter at Ingleside. And it never will be as long as he allows boys to get a length or two back of the barrier and come with a rush. It never was so ordained by the inventor of the gate, and while it may be a good thing for one or two jockeys like Thorpe and Martin who get the swagger mounts, it will not do. The delays at Oakland have been long and tedious, and the starts far from being perfect. If Mr. Ferguson will read the boys a few chapters of common sense and when he says that "he will give them the meeting" let them have it, his starting will command a larger figure in the bouquet market.

F. E. MULHOLLAND.

TROUT-FISHING IN COAST RIVERS.

Last Sunday Point Reyes was visited by many anglers, but with one or two exceptions the fish-hunters were disappointed.

The trout in the tidewaters of Papermill Creek are of very good size this year and afford first class sport when they are feeding, but as the water is low and clear the fishes seek shelter during the day and feed at night. Del Cooper was the successful man of the many men who tried for a mess. He basketed thirty-eight trout on Saturday evening, much to the surprise of anglers who fished all day without seeing a scale.

Last Saturday night twenty rods were on duty and some fair catches were reported. Doc Watt and Frank Dolliver caught some very nice fish. The last named angler hooked and landed a seven-pound steelhead, which was raffled for and won by Frank Hall on Sunday last at the Hotel de Rockford.

John Butler, Dr. von Hoffman, Frank Maskey and Mr. Linn fished during the week with only fair success. Butler caught a ten-pounder and Maskey returned with a nice basket of 12 inch trout.

The fishing at the point should be very good after the first freshet, but at present the stream is too low for day fishing.

A dispatch from Duncans Mills on the Russian River, received yesterday, states that steelhead fishing is good now and that there are numbers of fresh run fishes in the stream. Six large steelheads have been taken on shrimp during the week.

Jack Lemmer and Otto Muser will leave to-day for Duncans Mills and John Gallagher is expected to make a start on Monday.

The Fish Commissioners ordered two deputies to Duncans Mills last Wednesday, and a late dispatch states that they succeeded in confiscating two gill nets.

The North Pacific Coast Railroad will run a special sportsman's train, leaving at 11:30 to-night, from Sausalito to Tomales.

WILD DUCKS ARE RETURNING

Shooting in the Marshes Improves With the Weather.

The Cold Snap Has Driven the Birds From the Grainfields of the Interior.

Pheasants Shipped From Oregon to the Fish and Game Commissioners.

The recent sharp north wind has materially interfered with the hoped-for comfort wild ducks expected to enjoy in the open fields of Southern California.

The many ponds formed by the late rain induced large flocks to turn tail upon the bay marshes, where they were constantly harassed by local sportsmen since the inaugural day of the shooting season. But the chilly blasts have dried the ponds and puddles that were within easy flight of the inland grain fields, thus cutting off from the feathered bipeds their drinking and loafing stations.

If the cold wave continues for a brief period thousands of ducks will return to the bay and swamp lands along the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the result must prove satisfactory to the local contingent of marsh trampers.

The Black Jack Club is contemplating many improvements at its preserve on Sherman Island. It expects to have a comfortable clubhouse and good shooting quarters.

The ducks that pay their best respects to the wild celery and other good things that grow in the preserve of the Country Club of Marin County have become so well acquainted with the shooting capacity of 10-bore guns, that in the evening when they are flying in to the feeding grounds from Tomales Bay they climb into space until they reach a distance of between 200 and 300 yards. At this height they wing their way over the marsh, much to the disgust of Frank Dolliver, Tom Irvine, Howard Vernon, Dr. Payne, "Dickey Boy" and other duck hunters, who remain on the ground with a view of giving the broadbills a warm reception. Tom Irvine has sent an order East for a gun that can kill at 300 yards range.

Wild geese are doing considerable damage to the grain fields near Willows, Colusa County. The ranchers are employing men to keep the noisy birds off their fields. The Willows Journal, in speaking of the large flocks of geese that are being herded by farm hands, says that the ranchers are offering the glad hand to every hunter who visits the vicinity of Williams on a goose-shooting expedition. The paper says that any person who has not visited Colusa County in the winter has no idea of the numbers of geese to be seen there. One day recently the flight stretched from Willows to the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas and Coast Range.

The Fish Commissioners are receiving Mongolian pheasants from Oregon. Of a recent shipment several pairs were liberated in the Country Club's demesne, but sportsmen are of the opinion that pheasants will not do well in Marin County, as the country is not suitable to them.

Smith, Middlemas, Sexton and Marriott of the Reliance Club had a good shoot last Sunday on the Petaluma marsh.

C. Carlson had an enjoyable shoot on the Alvarado marshes last Saturday.

B. Sherock bagged a nice string of ducks near Newark.

W. Murdock bagged fifteen sprig and teal near Reclamation. J. Shackleton, C. Pease, W. Price and Ed Foster also made good bags.

W. L. Frather Jr., John Kearney and Jules Bruns have had good shooting near Sears Point.

L. D. Owens and Walter Foster returned last Sunday from the Olympic Gun Club's preserve with sprig, widgeon, teal and mallard.

The starting of young grass has made the little upland plover quite plentiful on the plains.

With reference to shipping game from Kern County Game Warden Tibbet says in the Bakersfield Californian: "So far as the shipments from several express offices within the county limits I believe the practice is nearly if not quite stopped. I have kept a close watch for shipments, but have been unable to discover any of late. But the work of slaughtering game for the market continues. Down along the swamp there are market hunters and they evade the law by taking their game across the county into Tulare County and shipping from there. These cases are difficult to reach and it seems almost impossible to detect the culprits."

John W. Bourdette, the well-known attorney, and Peter Hanna, have just returned from a four days' duck-hunting trip in Kern County. At Delano they picked up Captain D. S. Cloverdale, Dr. H. Hildreth and Y. S. Valencia of that place, and the party went to William Horner's ranch in Kern County, near Goose Lake, shooting at Fanning Slough and Jerry Slough. They report plenty of ducks and thousands of wild geese. They brought back a wagon-load of ducks, and Valencia shot a large white swan that weighed over twenty pounds. Bourdette stated that he had no trouble to bring down ducks ninety yards high with his new gun of the Casey make.

The Petaluma Sportsman's Club are going after the "varmint," and for this purpose will hold a side hunt to-morrow. E. E. Drees and R. S. Adams are to be the captains of the respective sides, each marshaling their men for all there is in it, for on the shoulders of the defeated hosts—or rather out of their pockets has to be provided a sumptuous feast for the contending forces. That each side will shoot to win goes without saying, for not only are reputations at stake, but the further commendable destruction of noxious pests will prove an incentive to the hardest efforts of all concerned. If all of our gun clubs would hold one or two of these contests on "varmint" each year they would find that the increase in the supply of game would well pay them for their trouble.

During the war Senator Bate of Tennessee was struck by half a dozen bullets and seven horses were shot under him.

PROSPECTIVE INDOOR RACING

Cyclers Sure of a Pavilion Tournament the Coming Spring.

Three Different Meet Projects, One of Which Will Probably Materialize.

A Tale of E. Ross Lozier—Imperial Club's Entertainment—With the Clubs.

As told in THE CALL some time ago there is a prospect of a big indoor tournament at the Mechanics' Pavilion some time early in March, conducted by the Eastern firm of Powers & Brady. They are now corresponding with parties here with that end in view and if satisfactory arrangements can be made will put on a six-day grind and short-distance professional events. There is small prospects of Michael showing here, however, as Powers writes he will have nothing to do with Shafer, Michael's manager. Instead they will bring out Gougoltz, Revierre, Taylore, Miller, Hale and Stephane and, possibly, A. A. Chase, the English middle-distance champion, who has just arrived in New York, being matched against Michael for $5000 a side.

There have been one or two other projects tending toward an indoor tournament which have been looked into by local promoters and are standing in abeyance. D. R. McNeill would like to again try his hand at it, encouraged by his success of two years ago, and confident that last year's failure was due to mismanagement, a fact well known. There has also been talk in club circles of the Associated Cycling Clubs taking up the matter and conducting a week's meet entirely under the direction of its officials.

At any rate it is unlikely that the spring will go by without some one taking a hand at the indoor game and making or dropping a few thousand shekels.

An interesting meeting of the executive committee of the Cycle Baseball League will be held this evening at the Olympic Club, at which the names of the fifteen players from each club will be considered as to their amateur status and eligibility. The schedule of games will begin with January 2. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the tournament, evidenced by the crowds and enthusiasm at preliminary practice games held recently. All games of the league will be played at the Velodrome.

To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock the Bay City nine will play a practice game with the Acme Club at the old bicycle grounds in Alameda.

The Pacific Cycling Club elected the following officers at a meeting Monday night: Lawrence W. Pryor, president; Jerome L. Regner, vice-president; Adolph Herbst, secretary-treasurer; Herbert R. Hick, captain; Frank W. Tiddy, lieutenant. The retiring captain, Adolph Herbst, was presented with a handsome gold medal.

President Potter of the L. A. W. is negotiating with the Government to obtain for league uses official maps covering practically the entire country. The idea is to have them made up in durable style, pocket size, and issue them free to members.

At the approaching National Assembly, L. A. W., an amendment to admit professionals to membership was again introduced, and this time it is almost assured of passage.

Ed Ross Lozier, the big, good-natured scion of the Cleveland House, is treating his friends to cigars now whenever they josh him about a little oversight of his of a month ago. "Bob" Lennie tells the story in his own inimitable style. It appears that Lozier decided on a wheeling trip from Cleveland to Sandusky, Ohio, to spend Sunday. Before leaving Cleveland he packed a dress-suit case with a change of apparel, including a business suit, and instructed a boy to take it to the express office.

On arriving at the hotel at Sandusky Lozier was assigned to his room and decided upon a bath. Removing his dusty bicycle clothes he wrapped them up and rang for the porter, instructing him to express them back to Cleveland, which he did promptly. Ed then asked for his dress-suit case, but it had not arrived. Well, he was in no hurry, so he would enjoy a smoke and wait for it. But the minutes lengthened into hours and no suit case came.

Finally he sent for the clerk and negotiated the loan of a suit temporarily, while he went over to the express office to inquire about his own. There they told him it had not arrived, but they would wire to Cleveland and inquire about it. The Cleveland office replied that there was a dress suit there with E. R. L. stamped on the name plate, but no tag or address attached, so they were holding it awaiting an owner. Lozier's disgust may well be imagined. He went out and bought a hand-me-down suit for $9 85, went back to his hotel to complete the change, returned the clerk's attire, paid his bill and took the next train back to Cleveland. Of course the hotel clerk could not keep such a good joke to himself, and that it has circulated industriously is best evidenced by the fact that it has reached "Bob" Lennie's ears way out here.

As the next regular meeting of the C. A. C. C. falls on Saturday, January 1, a legal holiday, President Adams should postpone the date to the 8th, and notify the delegates in ample time. The meeting is to be held at the Encinal Club, Alameda.

The Imperial Cycling Club members are making extensive arrangements for their minstrel show and entertainment, to be held at Native Sons' Hall next Tuesday evening, December 21. The programme will consist of a minstrel first part, interspersed with clever solos and negro dialect verse. After the entertainment there will be a dance. The I. C. C.'s never do things by halves, and the coming event will be on par with the excellence of their previous efforts in the direction of pleasure.

The Bay Citys and Olympic Cyclers are credited with a net profit of about $500 apiece on their recent minstrel show. Over 1600 people passed the door, and it was one of the largest crowds the hall was ever asked to hold.

H. W. SPALDING.

OSTLER JOE, the Black Horse From Montana, a Frequent Winner This Season.

OFFICERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COURSING CLUB.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Coursing has caught on in Los Angeles and it looks like it has come to stay. The sport was inaugurated in the southern metropolis with a grand Thanksgiving day meet at Agricultural Park, at which there were at least 3500 to 4000 people. Meetings have been held every Sunday since, with large crowds at each, and from present indications before the end of the season the Agricultural Park coursing grounds will occupy the same position in the southern part of the State as the famous Ingleside course does in the north.

In connection with the inauguration of coursing on a systematic basis in Southern California a brief resume of how it was brought about is of general interest to lovers of genuine sport throughout the State, as up to the present time the only coursing in Southern California were a few sporadic meets in the open at infrequent intervals.

Colonel F. D. Black took charge of Agricultural Park as lessee and manager just before the October race meeting of the Sixth District Agricultural Association, and at once took steps to inaugurate coursing as a permanent attraction at the park. The colonel is one of the most enthusiastic sportsmen in the State, and, while most of his attention and time has been devoted to the turf, he had seen what had been done at Ingleside and could see no good reason why, with proper management, the same success should not be repeated in Los Angeles. He at once had the infield of the racetrack fenced in, making an ideal coursing field forty acres in extent and as level and smooth as a floor, on which the hares and hounds are in plain view of the grand stand from start to finish, as the ground is free of stubble or brush of any description, after which the necessary pens and escapes were constructed on the most approved plans.

The organization of the Agricultural Park Coursing Club followed, with Colonel Black as the financial backer. It was formed at a meeting held at 143 South Broadway, the city office of the park, early in November, and is composed of the best-known coursing men in Southern California. At the first meeting J. Burton Hall was elected president; William G. Taylor, secretary; E. J. O'Shea, treasurer; D. R. Ladd, judge; W. F. Barber, clerk of the course; T. Hartnett, field steward; B. N. Smith Jr., flag steward. All these officers still hold their positions except Mr. Hall, who, for business reasons, was compelled to resign, and has been succeeded by Mr. Ladd as president, and Mr. Smith as flag steward, whose successor is William Cota. Among other well-known greyhound men on the club roll are J. Tonemacher, William Powers, H. Penning and C. Spiker, all of whom own good dogs and are enthusiastic lovers of the sport. The services of the veteran slipper, P. J. Jacoby, were secured, and he has officiated at all the meetings, giving general satisfaction.

So far the club has never put up less than a $50 purse, open to all. The money is paid directly to the winners on the track immediately after the races, and so far there has not been the slightest dissatisfaction.

The Christmas day meet will be for a purse of not less than $100, with no entrance fee, and open to the world. It is said that a number of dogs will come down from the north and great sport is anticipated. The park management is also negotiating for a balloon ascension on that day.

One noticeable feature of this revival of coursing is the sudden increase in the price of greyhounds. Dogs that a month ago could be had for $25 and $50 are now held at $50 to $150, and one of the club members, William Powers, has been offered and refused $500 for his bitch Queen B, regarded by many as the best south of the Tehachapi.

Sacramento Coursing.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 17.—A fine day's sport has been promised by Egan & Hanlon, managers of the Sacramento Coursing Association, for next Sunday's meet at Agricultural Park.

Following is the list of the dogs as they will go to Slipper Heenan, according to last night's drawing:

M. Walsh's Benedict against Schultz & Rought's Arrah Go On.

William O'Neil's Promise Me against Rosedale kennel's E V D.

T. Boyle's Glenbrook against Tom Toole's Little Mischief.

W. White's Forest Queen against M. Walsh's Tipperary Lass.

J. Kennedy's Little Delight against W. & C.'s Little I Am.

L. McMann's Lily of the West against T. Boyle's Mission Boy.

T. O'Hare's Skylight against J. Kendrick's Chance Shot.

Tilden & Phelps' Our Jack against Kenealy & Harbison's White Rockette.

J. H. Ryan's Montana against E. Boylan's Fire Chief.

Tilden & Phelps' Lilly T against T. Farrell's Defender.

M. C. Delano's Elco against William O'Neil's Mystery.

D. Sullivan's Iroquois against Kenealy & Harbison's Ingleside.

A new lot of hares arrived early in the week, and the managers say that if such a thing is possible they are even a better batch than were turned loose last Sunday.

Children's Books, Games and Dolls.

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Wandered From Home.

The police were notified yesterday of the disappearance of C. A. Barrows, an old soldier, from his residence, 618 Ellis street. He is weak-minded and arrangements had been made to send him to the Yountville Home. He is 52 years of age and six feet tall.

HOUNDS WILL COURSE FOR COIN

Distinguished Dogs Running at Ingleside This Week.

An Open Stake Embracing an Exceptional Entry.

Interest in the Sport Still Increasing and Leashmen Correspondingly Lively.

There will be coursing at Ingleside to-day and to-morrow. It is another open event and embraces an aggregation of performers that, for quality, have not been excelled this year. The local kennels have all put forward their best stock. Some of them have brought out several flyers; and the kennels of the surrounding counties are making a bid for the stake that should be hard to beat. The running, as usual, begins to-day at 1 P. M. and to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Dominick Shannon, the genial president of the Interstate Club, is daily awaiting the advent of several new youngsters and to make room for them is offering some of his stock for sale. The Montezuma kennels are also said to have a line out for something beyond the mountains.

J. Traynor's faithful old Flashlight is being rested up for a few weeks. He deserves it. For nearly a year he has hardly missed a stake to which he was eligible, and usually he has landed well up in the money.

Santa Clara County is making a strong bid for the stake to-day. Ordinarily, too, a bid from Santa Clara County commands much respect, but of late the boys from below have encountered hard luck. The Curtis dogs have been down with distemper since returning from Merced. Whitney's Theron had to be taken out of training last month for a much-needed rest. And while Portal has escaped accident and illness, none of Whitney's dogs have run quite up to form for several months.

O. V. Mendenhall's Cricket last Sunday showed the advantages—or perhaps disadvantages were better—of a new method of training. His preliminary work was done in a large cylindrical cage, where, after the manner of a squirrel, it was possible to accomplish miles without the inconveniences of muddy roads and barbed-wire fences. But Cricket's work when he finally went to the slips was hardly such as to commend the method. He lost his first course Saturday, and in the consolation stake Sunday was again beaten in his first appearance by Playmate.

The Orient kennels have turned over Uncle Sam to A. E. Bradbury for training. Bradbury at present is caring for a goodly quota of stock, having in charge the string belonging to the Montezuma kennels, besides a trio of his own.

Coursing continues to find favor with the horsemen. The Sloane brothers seldom miss a Sunday and with Tod's advent they anticipate going into the game as it obtains inside the fence. This, too, Sid Ragan has already done, having one greyhound now in his stable and his lines out for several more.

The candidates seeming most likely to raise a flag in to-day's run-down are: Mohawk, White Chief, Eclipse, Tom Hayes, Magnet, Lass o' Gowrie, Black Prince, Laurelwood, Myrtle, Tod Sloane, Susie, Granuale, Diana, Swinnerton, Sarcastic, Sweet Lips, White Lily, Gazelle, Sylvanus, Sylvia, Emerald, Snowbird, Blackette.

ROW AMONG THE BALLPLAYERS.

The Santa Cruz team, which is in the yellow journal's tournament, does not like the manner in which it has been treated by the governing board of the tournament. The manager of the nine filed a protest

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