THE FIELD OF SPORT.

COFFROTH AND BUNKER HAVE THEIR TROUBLES.

BY JOE CORBETT.

Thursday's Bulletin contained a little note calling attention to the fact that Mr. Bunker was now in full control of the San Francisco club. Mr. Coffroth, the other half of the team, was quite surprised on being apprised of the late developments in connection with the new change of management, and ventured the statement that if such was the case he was unaware as to the facts. Evidently some one not familiar with the peculiar workings of this Pacific Coast League gave the information to the Bulletin's representative. It averred that it was true. I am inclined to conjecture, however, that many a game will be played by the San Francisco club before one of its managers condescends to vacate. They both entertain a similar view of the situation, and being equally confident of their ability to properly adjust matters, the idea that the team is to be reorganized and placed under one head might just as well be dissipated. Coffroth does not propose stepping out, after all the troubles and inconvenience this team has caused him. Mr. Bunker is just as emphatic in declaring that he proposes a continuance in the managerial role, so it may be readily concluded, from the above statements that Messrs. Coffroth and Bunker are still and will continue to be the sole proprietors of that handsome (at times) collection of sinister "stars."

There never can be a change for the better until half of that team is released. This assertion is positive. True, if either Mr. Coffroth or Mr. Bunker retired, the chances for a revival of interest among the players would be excellent; yet, recent information, which is positively authentic, declares that the prime cause of all the trouble must be attributed to the two different factions which have existed in the team ever since the consolidation. It appears that Murphy, Monahan and H. Krug and the other players who were members of the late California Markets, with which organization Mr. Bunker was connected, entertain a silent contempt for Mr. Coffroth and the players who comprised part of the defunct Oakland-Bushnell-Alert team, but which at present composes the other half of the San Francisco club, and which might properly be termed the Coffroth end of the team. The Coffroth section is as cognizant of the fact as is Mr. Coffroth himself that the regard in which they are held by the Bunker clique is of a despicable nature, and in consequence return, so to say, tit for tat. The relations existing between Messrs. Coffroth and Bunker, I am inclined to believe, are in no manner strained. They greet each other in the usual friendly manner, characteristic of both, and it would seem that they could, if called upon to do so, arrange matters in a way satisfactory to all.

It goes without saying that if some means is not employed whereby these two cliques can be reconciled to working harmoniously for the club's and league's interest the feeling of disapprobation which at present guides the faithful rooter will increase until patience ceases to be a virtue. Should such an unfortunate situation ensue it would take years before the disgusted rooter could be coerced into again attending the games. Messrs. Coffroth and Bunker should, therefore, act with no little display of discretion. That they have much to contend with is admitted, but this fact should not be sufficient cause for a disinterested spirit. It is quite manifest that the usual amount of care which should be extended a ball club—especially one representing such a large city—by its managers, is woefully lacking in the running of the San Franciscos. If this is due to the antagonistic attitude taken by the players, there is but one remedy—release those who cause trouble. A team must play together, if it expects to win.

Individual work has demoralized more than one team, and it has already had its effect on the San Franciscos. They will never play together so long as an atmosphere of trouble hampers their efforts. It would be impossible. Yet if they could forget their grievances when on the field, as did the Baltimore players in the case of Doyle, it would be possible for them to play good ball and exhibit team work. However, such a move seems improbable, and the best and quickest method would be to release the trouble-makers immediately. I will not vouch for their places being filled by as good men; yet I would much rather see a game of ball in which the team struggling for supremacy were conscientious and earnest in the discharge of their duty, although not the best players in the world, than to see a collection of men reputed to be "stars," walk out upon a diamond and put up an indifferent don't-care sort of a game, playing but for their own records, with no thoughts of the team, as a whole, entering into their work.

It is not always the good playing of a team that is attractive to the spectators. They like to see men play hard and earnestly. They like to see them fight for every point to be gained. It is then that they realize the fact that the players are doing their best, and this kind of work is appreciated. If Coffroth and Bunker should gather in a team of players who would, at all times, look out for the interest of the organization as a team and play ball to win, I should consider them as doing as much for the game as any one. It is quite evident, however, that their present attitude, in not combining to down this unprovoked feeling of contempt existing among the players, is breeding no good, and is indirectly injuring the game's progress. Therefore, James, scribble off a little line to Bunker and see if something cannot be done to defeat the enemy.

The game to-day will be a good one. The line-up is as follows:

San Jose.	Position.	San Francisco.
Kent	Catcher	Hammond
Donlin	Pitcher	Penrose
Hamlin	First base	Murphy
Egan	Second base	Dunleavy
McCarthy	Third base	Collins
Brockhoff	Shortstop	H. Krug
Hanley	Left field	Hearty
McGucken	Center field	Beaton
Stroeker	Right field	Foley

PLAYERS WHO WILL TOSS THE HANDBALL.

Phil Ryan, of the San Francisco handball court, will afford the patrons of Ireland's great game an opportunity of witnessing some good sport to-morrow. The teams selected to play are:

R. Housman and M. Basch vs. E. Barry and J. Kirby; J. Leonard and P. Hutchinson vs. P. Ryan and M. McClure; L. Waterman and E. McDonough vs. D. J. Sheehan and N. J. Prendergast; A. Pennoyer and J. Lawless vs. M. Dillon and G. Hutchinson; J. White and E. Curley vs. R. Murphy and J. Collins; J. Riordan and W. Kelly vs. M. J. Kigallon and J. Harlow; J. C. Nealon and R. Linehan vs. T. F. Bonnet and A. Hampton.

The Curse of the Camp
By Alice Rix
In Next Sunday's Call.

CYCLERS WILL GATHER AT SACRAMENTO.

The annual Fourth of July celebration of the wheelmen will be held this year at Sacramento, the same as it was last year. The Capital City Wheelmen of that place will be the hosts and will do all in their power to entertain the visitors Saturday evening and Sunday, with a "smoker" this evening and a series of pleasant runs to-morrow. Monday they will hold a big race meet on their speedy three-lap board track.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of governors of the C. A. C. C. will be held this evening at Sacramento, and a large delegation is expected to be present. For the delegates and all wheelmen visiting Sacramento a special round trip rate of $3 35 has been secured, good until the night of the 4th. After the meeting there will be a smoker at Foresters' Hall, I street, between Seventh and Eighth, at which the festivities will commence at 10 p. m.

A large number of the members of the Olympic Club Wheelmen will make the trip to Sacramento this afternoon, remaining over the Fourth. The club has quite a lot of racing men entered for the meet Monday.

James Wharfenby McClure, a prominent member of the Bay City Wheelmen during the days of the "good old ordinary," died in this city on June 23 at the age of 31 years. McClure was of a very jovial disposition, and had many friends in the wheeling fraternity.

The only other wheelmen's gathering of importance in the State on July 4 will be the meet at Paso Robles. A large number of riders from Santa Clara County and the southern part of the State will attend this meet, as the distance to Sacramento is for them too great. There will be races and a general good time for all.

Arthur H. Terrill of the Bay City Wheelmen will leave this morning on a trip to Lake County, making his headquarters at Highland Springs.

B. S. Dowling and H. J. Kinkead, two prominent wheelmen of Virginia City, Nev., are in the city on a visit over the holidays, having ridden down over the mountains.

Chester S. Myrick, chairman of the roadracing board of the C. A. C. C., has gone to Lake Tahoe for his vacation, and the duties will devolve on his fellow-committeeman, Theodore C. Dodge, for the time being.

The revised rules of the California Associated Cycling Clubs have just been published in pamphlet form, and are up to date, practically, being in force after July 1. The book includes the track and road racing rules, forms of claims for records, entry blanks, etc., and all Pacific Coast amateur and professional records. The book has been compiled under the personal supervision of Chairman R. M. Welch of the track racing committee, and can be had from him free at 532 California street, city, by calling or sending address. The book should be in the hands of every one interested in the sport.

The Turn Verein Cyclers of San Jose have reorganized under the name of the San Jose Cycling Club, with the following officers: President, Fred Doerr; vice-president, Eugene Coffin; recording secretary, J. Waterman; financial secretary, F. J. Hagen; treasurer, C. J. Belloli; marshal, Al Naylet; captain, J. T. Bailey. Committees have been appointed on by-laws, club rooms and emblem. The first run under the new regime will be to-morrow afternoon to Alum Rock.

The road book of the California Associated Cycling Clubs was duly copyrighted by President Adams, and any infringements of its rights thereunder will be prosecuted. The officials are not pleased with the fact that a local cycling writer on a morning paper is running copies of its maps and routes in his paper every Sunday, cribbed from the association's road book, without any credit therefor, and the delegates will be asked to take action on the matter at their meeting in Sacramento this evening.

Lewis C. Hunter, who was for years the secretary of the Olympic Club Wheelmen, and contributed many clever articles to the weekly cycling press, is to be married Monday, July 4, at San Jose, to Miss Florita Peet of this city. Miss Peet was also a cyclist of considerable prominence in the Garden City, being secretary of the Ladies' Cycling Club there and also writing some clever stories upon the sport. The pretty romance growing out of their meeting awheel will culminate in the ceremony to be performed Monday next.

Robert L. Long, the well-known professional racer, is in the city on a visit. "Bob" is now superintendent of a mine in Tuolumne County, and has given up all thought of future racing.

Charlie Wells, "Bob" Terrill and Harry Terrill of this city have not begun circuit chasing yet. Wells makes his home in New York and takes in all the meets roundabout for 200 miles or more, returning with his prizes won. Last week Wells and Harry Terrill won a tandem race from the best men in the country. Arthur Gardiner and his team mate, James Bowler, were in the race but fell easy victims to the big Californians, who practically sprinted the mile, riding the distance in 1:55 4-5. Wells, aside from his racing, devotes some of his spare time to pacing the middle distance cracks. Bob Terrill is permanently engaged by one of the largest organizations here, and is captain of his team, which does pacing for Fred Titus and Edouard Taylore. Harry Terrill takes in all the roundabout meets and is fast making for himself a name, and very seldom loses out in securing a prize. His brother "Bob" does not engage in racing at present, but as the season advances will in all probability be seen on the path again.

Robert C. Lennie has returned from an extended business trip through the northwest, and reports trade prospering, and the aspect good in spite of war times.

Wallace L. Thompson, of the Bay City Wheelmen, is back from Chicago. Thompson says it is estimated there are half a million cyclists in the Windy City, a statement not difficult to believe owing to the numbers one sees on the streets. He marvels that the wheel is not more used in business here, a state which will probably come about only with the advent of smooth pavements.

H. W. SPALDING.

GOOD TROTTING AT THE OAKLAND TRACK.

It seems a pity that the present meeting at Oakland does not draw thousands daily to the beautiful mile track, inasmuch as the game offers advantages similar to the running races, save that the distance is uniform—one mile. The betting is as uncertain a proposition as the winter races, and one sees a whole lot of exciting sport during the afternoon, yet reaches town early enough to dine at regular hours.

Starter Havey handles the fields with judgment, and does not tire his audience by waiting perfect scores ere giving the word. There is always a scramble for place and show money, and many of the finishes for the first money have been of the ding-dong variety throughout the week. Then, too, horses to win have in many cases had to take records several seconds below their last season's standard.

As yet no waits have occurred because of pulling shoes, breaking harness, etc., as used to be the case in the days of our forefathers, when it was "best three in five" and they trotted from noon till sundown—for the pool box—in far too many events. Now they must train their horses prior to the race and not in it. When the word "go" is sounded the fight begins, and the best ones go right out for the money instead of "laying up" so as to get the money on in the auctions at the expense of the "suckers."

In the stables are many of the very best trotters and pacers in the far West, and mornings at the track one sees workouts from 9 o'clock until noon with the homestretch quarter at top speed. There are always plenty of railbirds about to watch them, and very interesting is it to sit within earshot of a group of old-timers and listen to the things reminiscent one after another reels off. Now and again one sees some horse working to a high-wheel sulky; then the old horseman gets on his thinking cap and tells of the "good old days" of Goldsmith Maid, Rarus, Occident, St. Julien and the men who teamed them. Sometimes there is a story of a rare killing; at other times 'tis some "moonlight trial," and one after another tries to get first honors as they get warmed up.

Sky Pointer never jogs by that he doesn't open the discussion anent the two-minute performer, as he is own brother to that phenomenal pacer, Star Pointer, 1:59¾, the pioneer of that ilk. Walter Maben, who has him, will send him to the wire next week for his maiden start, and it may be he will in time become a very brilliant performer. Dick Havey still thinks Betonica, which he raced for Palo Alto last season, will eventually reach two minutes, as he stepped him in 2:06¾ last fall in a work-out. It's a mistaken idea that horses are not longer salable, for a good one can always be sold at good money, under the watch, if well behaved, and a prospect for a low record. California certainly has many of that sort, and meetings like that now on would attract many buyers.

Iran Alto, after being distanced the other day, returned to the track in another race and won at a fairly long price, thus showing one advantage of the dash system of racing. All horsemen should respond with liberal entries, and by putting their shoulder to the wheel aid in placing trotting here on a strong foundation, thus building up breeding and sale interests, while giving the public very welcome sport.

Illustrative of the ups and downs of a horse's career may be mentioned a little black daughter of Sidney, in Maben's string. She cost the paltry sum of $35, yet on Thursday, Brooks stepped her a very easy mile in 2:17½, the last quarter in 33 seconds, and to-day she certainly is worth $1000 to race. She has no name as yet, but will make a little turf history during the present meeting, beyond a doubt.

The sport is on a better footing than ever over East, and there the restrictions on the betting are such it is hard to make a wager at many tracks. What with the finest climate in the world, the best horses, the track first class—with the very best stabling to be found anywhere—all adjacent to two large cities with tributary points within easy traveling distance, trotting should be built up here in San Francisco till no section of the land could compete with us.

Should it be that proper support be accorded them the P. C. T. B. Association could attract the harness stars of the East another season, thus filling the long interval when the runners are East. It might be well to open some distance events, thus trying the stamina of the harness horses and establishing some fixed stake events like the trotting derby won by Monette, 2:14¾, at Chicago in 1893, a two-mile affair.

Muta Wilkes, 2:11, bred at San Mateo by William Corbitt, is now owned in far-off Russia, and our trotters, after leaving the Golden State, have been shipped all over the world. Despite the sales of champions to Eastern parties there is yet a chance to cause the whole trotting world to turn once again to this coast and encourage our large ranch owners to breed trotters and pacers which will repeat the performances of the old Palo Alto stars. There are the very best sires and brood mares left here, and every condition obtains so that when this revival shall be enacted every county in the State may be the richer and the old-time days of prosperity be well nigh universal.

Almost every one loves a fast horse and there was that sentiment in the old days of big matches much like the turf in England. Here the bicycle has not crowded out our road horse as in Eastern cities and on pleasant days beautiful Golden Gate Park is alive with fast ones hooked to speed vehicles, driven by our wealthy citizens. The association has done much to foster the local interest, and while liberal in conditions so to meet owners and trainers favorably, has also prepared a series of events well worth the popular prices charged at the gate.

The musical part of each afternoon's programme is a very entertaining feature, and all in all one cannot but be pleased if one will but visit the course and watch an afternoon's racing. Eastern visitors are convinced it ranks ahead of their game, and thus far the dash system must be conceded as a pleasing innovation.

SKIFF AND BARGE WILL RACE AT LONG BRIDGE.

In the first heat of the Junior outrigged skiffs at El Campo last Sunday O. Cagnieri of the Dolphins won, H. Wilder of the Pioneers and J. Lyons of the South Ends being swamped soon after rounding the stakes. As second place in a preliminary heat entitles the sculler to row in the final heat, Wilder and Lyons should race to decide this point. The four races postponed last Sunday will take place on July 10, and the barge races, originally set for July 17, will be rowed on July 24.

The regatta committee of the Pacific Athletic Association has arranged four races among the oarsmen, which will take place to-morrow over the Long Bridge course. They will be for Senior and Junior outrigged skiffs, and for Senior and Junior barges. Quite a large number of entries have been received, five for the Junior barge race, four for the Senior barge race, six for the Junior skiffs and five for the Senior skiffs. The entries are as follows:

Junior barge race: (1) Ariel crew—E. Lynch, stroke; F. Loth, afterwaist; A. Haughton, forwardwaist, and E. McDonough, bow.
(2) Dolphin crew—A. W. Pape, stroke; W. O. Patch, afterwaist; F. Schwarting, forwardwaist; Victor Caglieri, bow.
(3) South End crew—T. I. Fitzpatrick, stroke; A. McIsaac, afterwaist; J. Blumlein, forwardwaist; C. Jenkins, bow.
(4) Alameda crew—E. Hunter, stroke; D. Greenleaf, afterwaist; Chester Ayres, bow.
(5) Pioneer crew—H. Wilder, stroke; F. O'Neil, afterwaist; J. McCarthy, forwardwaist; L. von Harten, bow.

Junior outrigged skiff race—1, W. B. Hansen of the Alamedas; 2, William Howe of the Ariels; 3, J. Lyons of the South Ends; 4, Conrad Ochs of the Pioneers; 5, F. Orr of the Pioneers; 6, E. Hunter of the Alamedas.

Senior outrigged skiff race—1, F. Ayres of the Alamedas; 2, H. A. Wittkopf of the Ariels; 3, Chester Ayres of the Alamedas; 4, Frank Wilson of the Ariels; 5, W. O. Patch of the Dolphins.

Senior barge race: (1) Ariel crew—William Howe, stroke; Robert Ellis, afterwaist; James O'Connell, forwardwaist; E. McKenna, bow.
(2) Pioneer crew—W. St. John, stroke; F. Orr, afterwaist; Conrad Ochs, forward waist; G. Larsen, bow.
(3) South End crew—E. Scully, stroke; J. Pallas, afterwaist; M. Breen, forwardwaist; S. Friend, bow.
(4) Alameda crew—F. Ayres, stroke; A. Webb, afterwaist; W. Hansen, forwardwaist; E. Hadcock, bow.

Officials in charge of the regatta—Regatta committee, A. H. Rothkopf of the Dolphins, J. R. Bockman of the Ariels, J. D. Mahoney of the South Ends, William Espy of the Pioneers and S. J. Pembroke of the Alamedas; referee, J. J. McCarthy; starter, J. T. Sullivan; marshal, John Nolan; assistant marshal, W. H. Brown; judges, T. Kennedy and E. Sullivan of the Dolphins; W. St. John and A. Smith of the Pioneers; H. A. Pless and D. O'Connell of the Ariels; A. H. Melitz and William Fox of the South Ends; L. Thomas and Charles Smith of the Alamedas; timers, J. Keenan of the Dolphins, J. O'Dea of the South Ends, F. O'Neil of the Pioneers, George Steffens of the Ariels and W. B. Hinchman of the Alamedas.

Swimming races will be held at the Lurline Baths on the 3d and 4th. J. E. Bartman of the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club will start in the fifty-yard and seventy-five-yard maiden races, V. Caglieri in the seventy-five-yard maiden race and A. W. Pape in the 220-yard championship race.

The South End Rowing Club at its last regular monthly meeting held its semi-annual election of officers. For the ensuing term they will be as follows: President, J. D. Mahoney; vice president, T. I. Fitzpatrick; recording secretary, Herbert Hawkins; financial secretary, James Feehan; treasurer, Joseph O'Dea; sergeant-at-arms, James Pallas; captain and coach, William Thomas; vice captain, Joseph Lyons; board of trustees, C. Creighton, W. Barry, Mat Breen, George Fox and Alex McGeorge. A committee was appointed to draft a set of resolutions expressing the good will and friendship of the club for and the club's appreciation of the services of its recently enlisted members, W. Duplissea, John Mitchell and the two Lynches. The Lynches and Duplissea rowed in the "Irish" crew which won the championship at the El Campo regatta on June 20 of last year. When they left on the transport Otto, many members of the South End Club, among whom were W. Thomas, T. I. Fitzpatrick and the Shortalls, went down to the wharf to bid them good-by.

The South Ends have entered two crews, a senior and a junior, for to-morrow's regatta, and have also an entry, J. Lyons, in the Junior skiff race. George Phelan of the Ariels has lent his racing skiff to Lyons, an act of kindness which is much appreciated by the South Ends.

The Alameda Boat Club has five new members and seven more names have been proposed. Charles Smith has been nominated as president, W. B. Hansen as vice president, W. B. Hinchman as secretary and E. Hunter as captain.

PROMINENT CRICKETERS OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Edward Brown, though he does not now play cricket, takes great interest in the game and is president of the California Cricket Association and also of the Alameda club. R. B. Hogue, an Australian by birth, is an excellent bat and a good bowler. Under his captaincy the Alameda team has been almost uniformly victorious. J. J. Theobald and Charles B. Hill, who were members of the old Merion club, have probably played cricket longer in California than any of the players whose pictures are here presented. A. E. Coates is the father of the Placer County Cricket Club, and has for several years been one of the vice-presidents of the association. H. A. Butt is a Jesus College (Cambridge) man, and is a steady bat and a good bowler. Butt and C. Simmonds are both useful members of the Placer County team, the latter playing in very pretty style. Henry Ward of the Alameda club is a cricket enthusiast, and has a son, Harold Ward, who was an excellent bowler and secretary of the Alamedas. J. J. Moriarty is one of the steadiest bats and most consistent scorers to be found in San Francisco. He rarely fails to "come off."

THE CRYSTAL SWIMMING BATHS.
Physicians recommend the Crystal warm sea water tub and swimming baths, North Beach.

ANNUAL CRUISE OF YACHTS TO MARE ISLAND.

Almost all the yachts in the San Francisco, Corinthian, Encinal and California clubs will start this afternoon on the Pacific Interclub Yacht Association cruise, and will anchor off Vallejo. The senior commodore will be in command, and his yacht as flagship will carry the pennant (which now has six stars) of the association at the main truck. Captains will report on board the flagship at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning. This is the third annual cruise of the association and there is every prospect of its being highly successful.

Last Sunday E. B. Lathrop's sloop Pride, with F. Thompson, R. Mitchell, O. Franks, E. Angelo and the Misses O'Brien on board, cruised in the Upper Bay. To-day the Corinthian yachts cruise to Martinez, to-morrow they sail through Montezuma Slough to Vallejo, returning on Monday. Nearly all the yachts in the fleet will attend the cruise.

Commodore E. A. Wiltsee having issued orders for a Pacific Club cruise to Santa Cruz, the schooner Aggie and Admiral J. D. Spreckels' schooner Lurline lay last night at Meiggs wharf, and at 5 o'clock this morning set sail.

The California fleet was well represented at the San Francisco Club house last week. The following yachts sailed over from Oakland Creek and lay on Saturday night at Sausalito: Treasurer E. N. Walter's sloop Embla, with Commodore C. J. Lancaster on board; Allen M. Clay's sloop Sea Fox, L. S. Sherman's sloop Royal, and George tum Suden's sloop Regina.

H. W. Brydges' yawl Hope started on Wednesday for an up-river cruise, with Arthur Duncombe, J. J. Hanlon, J. T. Carrier and others. She will join the rendezvous at Vallejo. The California representatives of the inter-club cruise will be: Embla, Sea Fox, Verona, Royal, Volante, Hope, Bachelor, Phoenicia, Pilgrim and Occident. The crew of U and I will be F. W. Delanoy, A. Bullion, F. Lopp, F. B. Langstroth and G. F. Gaither. The Hazel, Hope and U and I will go up river in July. The sloop Mist has been sold to Mr. Yale.

The South Bay Yacht Club held its first annual regatta last Sunday over a twenty-two-mile course, starting from the mouth of the estuary. The officials in charge of the race were as follows: Judge Charles R. Barker; time-keepers, S. G. Tompkins and Thomas McTiernan; starter, F. E. Coykendall; captain of stakeboat, A. Meads; measurer, William Ortley. The following yachts entered: Commodore J. McKee's Wanderer, Vice-Commodore Spencer's Rana, Captain Eaton's Feufollet, J. E. Auzerais' Papoose, and Oliver's schooner Dawn. The contest was for a handsome silver cup, presented by Martin Doerr, and to become the property of the yacht winning it three times. At 1 o'clock a preparatory gun was fired, and at 1:10 the signal to start. Wanderer crossed the line first, followed by Rana, Feufollet, Dawn and Papoose, in the order named. Wanderer had a good lead, but in rounding beacon 9 ran aground upon a mud flat and lost all chance of winning. Feufollet maintained her lead and crossed the winning line first, followed by Papoose, Dawn and Rana, in the order named. Papoose's actual sailing time being one minute and fifty-seven seconds faster than that of Feufollet, the cup was awarded to her. Time, 2 hours 34 minutes. The second regatta will be held this month, over the same course.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The eleventh annual lawn tennis tournament of the Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association of the United States Lawn Tennis Association is now in progress at San Rafael. The warring factions, each determined to have its own tournament, compromised, and the weaker gave way to the stronger, with a few tacit reservations. The first day's work on the Hotel Rafael courts was given over to preliminaries. To-day the more important matches of the tournament will be played.

The competition in tennis for honors is not so strong as in former years. The rivalry between the old Oakland club and the California club of this city was so intense that the members of each would go into active training for the big tournament at San Rafael, which was always an event of some magnitude, both from an athletic and a social standpoint. Of late years the first-class players have narrowed down to four men, two pairs of brothers. Walter Magee and George Bradshaw are ranked as first-class men, but they are just kept out of that class by the narrowest of margins. So it is that the present tournament, from an athletic standpoint, is not the event that it formerly was. As far as the merit of playing goes, the Hardys and the Whitneys surpass in quality the playing of any former champions. William Taylor, who for some years held the championship of the coast, was at his best an inferior player when compared with these men.

The drawing of the tournament at San Rafael will find the two Hardys contesting one another before either meets his San Francisco rival, Robert N. Whitney. It is never safe to prejudge a tennis match between the Hardy brothers. Their playing is of such an even quality that either is likely to prove the winner. Both Sam and Sumner have been before the public since 1891, when they were young boys, and but seldom have they experienced defeat by an outsider. This year one will have to surrender before the final round of the tournament is reached. Whether it will be Sam or Sumner who will meet Robert Whitney is a matter of great uncertainty.

George Whitney will not defend the championship which he won last year. He is out of condition and has not been feeling well of late. This is to be regretted, as a match between the winner of the tournament and George Whitney would be a splendid exhibition of tennis. Robert Whitney is pretty sure to come out in the finals. Though a good player, he is not steady, especially under the excitement of a tournament. But something may happen to steady him, and then he will be as formidable as his brother George.

OUR RIFLEMEN AT THE EASTERN RANGES.

The second grand annual shooting festival of the National Schuetzen-Bund of America opens to-morrow at the Glendale range, Long Island, N. Y., and will continue during the week, ending July 11. This is one of the greatest rifle events of the world, as riflemen from all over the globe will be in attendance. The prizes offered amount to thousands of dollars, to say nothing of the hundreds of trophies, medals and general prizes. The scores and records made will be watched with the greatest interest by the local marksmen, for they hope to see among the winners of honors and prizes the names of some of California's best shots. Four have already gone to the contests and it may be another will take his rifle and hasten to the East before the shooting is over.

Those who have gone are A. Stettin and J. D. Heise of the San Francisco Schuetzen Verein and Fred O. Young and D. W. McLaughlin of the Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club. Heise is the "shooting king" of the Schuetzen Verein, having won that honor at the last contest. Stettin has also run up some good scores and feels able to hold his own at Glendale Park. McLaughlin and Young are among the acknowledged champion shots of the world. Their scores in many a hard contested match show that they are able to keep up with any pace that may be set for them and be close to, if not at, the head of any kind of a match where there is a chance to win. These two clubs are the only ones in this city that are entitled to representation in the Bund. Stettin and Heise have taken their Winchester fine target rifles with them, while Young and McLaughlin have taken their Pope-Ballards. Young, who is the originator of the Columbia target, which received third choice in the voting contest for a standard target when it was scarce a year old, proposes to do some missionary work among the Eastern marksmen. The Columbia target has already been adopted by many of the clubs on this coast, the Northwest and not a few in the Eastern and Middle States. He will have a hard time to convert those who have become wedded to the standard American and German 25-ring targets. After the shoot Young will go on a visit to his folks "away down in Maine," returning about September 1.

From what can be learned it is believed that the others will return very soon after the festival is ended. While in the East the California delegates to the Bund will exert every effort to induce the powers that be to bring the Bund to this city in 1901, the next time the festival is held. It is known that many members of the association are very much in favor of having the event take place on the Pacific Coast, and those who have gone East have been instructed to pull all together to accomplish this end. At a recent meeting of the presidents of all of the dozen or more rifle clubs of this city the pledge was made for all to support the movement.

The Call will make arrangements to have daily telegraphic reports of the highest scores in the principal events during the present festival at Long Island, for all of the best shots of the East are well known to the marksmen of this city, and it goes without saying our sharpshooters who have been obliged to stay at home want to see how their own scores compare with those we have sent East and those already there.

There will be considerable rifle shooting at the Schuetzen Park range near San Rafael to-morrow, many clubs holding their regular bullseye and medal contests.

M. J. WHITE.

AMONG THE KENNELS AND HIGH CLASS DOGS

The local kennel world is much amused at a contretemps of which F. Van Sicklen is the victim. The event which has aroused the risibilities of the fanciers is a whelping of a phenomenal nature achieved by that gentleman's English setter bitch, Van's Belle. It appears that Van's Belle was sent to Pleasanton to the Verona kennels to be bred to John E. de Ruyter's crack English setter dog, Count Gladstone IV. The union was felicitously accomplished, so it was supposed, and Belle was returned to her owner. In due course the expected happened, and last Monday Belle became the happy mother of a litter of—Scotch collies! Now our breeders are in a quandary. Either English setters are exceptions to nature's laws or—well, the Verona kennels are, anyhow, noted for their Scotch collies. Still, it does seem remarkable, to say the least, that two thoroughbred English setters should produce a progeny of Borzois-headed Scotch collies. Which is it, the lady or the tiger?

The agitation among the collie club members for holding field trials of collies is gaining strength, and it is probable that an early attempt will be made to carry the proposition to a successful conclusion. D. W. Donnelly of Burlingame will enter four dogs that have achieved local celebrity by their clever work in herding sheep.

A meeting of the San Francisco Kennel Club was held on Wednesday evening. J. P. Norman of Belmont was elected a member of the club. A resolution was carried to the effect that as the present rules were not satisfactory to the dog-breeders of the coast it would be advisable to formulate a new set of rules to be submitted to the A. K. C. for adoption. These rules have been already published in The Call. It was also resolved that a meeting should be held on the 29th inst., and the secretary was instructed to issue the necessary invitations to the country clubs. Each club holding shows will send two delegates and specialty clubs one delegate. The delegates elected by the San Francisco Kennel Club were Dr. F. W. d'Evelyn and J. G. Barker. The Pacific Fox-Terrier Club has elected N. H. Hickman of San Mateo; the Pacific Mastiff Club will be represented by the secretary, J. P. Norman and the California Collie Club by H. H. Carlton. W. Gibson will be delegated by the Stockton Kennel Club and A. W. Keen by the Portland Gun Club.

FOR THREE DAYS THE DOGS WILL COURSE.

The greyhounds continue to enjoy "dog days." And while the "muggy" heat of the Eastern dog days is lacking on this coast the greyhounds generate considerable sultriness..

At both parks there will be coursing to-day, to-morrow and on Monday.

At Union Park to-day the stake is an open feature, comprising seventy-two grand performers, and on Monday a consolation contest will also be pulled off. At Union Park the performers are unquestionably of high class. The celebrated For Freedom is again entered and is very naturally picked by the talent to win out. False Flatterer, though, is in the game, and "there are others."

Arthur Massey has divided his Eastern string for this week's running, and has a portion at both parks. Hot Stuff should do well at Union Park; Beauty's work there is doubtful. At Ingleside he should stray well up into the coin, as the dogs are accustomed to the park and appear to like the hard going.

Magnet is said to be in excellent shape for his work at Union Park to-day. In his days of only a year ago "excellent shape" meant a stake for Magnet.

Lady Jane is at Ingleside again to-day and may be heard from. Lady Jane is one of the coming ones. And she'll not be long in coming. She is fast, close and clever.

Dave Winders is down from Stockton again to-day with Arno. Arno is up against Lady Blanche at Union and stands as little show as she would against a cyclone. At the same time it's not Dave's fault. He has done his best at buying a dog, but after his usual proclivities he wants a good one or none, and good ones are scarce.

Little Dell will not be seen to-day. She would have been up again from San Jose but she met the poisoner and she was "his'n." It was a dastardly trick and the perpetrator deserves lynching.

The Union Park managers will inaugurate several more valuable improvements during the coming week. The hares have been brought to a wonderfully additional strength during the past few weeks, and it is now the design of Mr. Jerome that every point of the inclosure shall show perfection.

The winners at Union Park for to-day's run down should be as follows: Laurelwood, Magnet, Mayflower, B B, Douglass, Black Patti, Lord Byron, Forget, Minneapolis, St. Carlo, Skyball, Jesse Moore, O'Grady, Lissak, Blackstone, Jester, Gilt Edge, Lady Blanche, Royal Chief, Beauty, Telephone Girl, Flying Buck, For Freedom, Morning Glory, Glenwood, Sarcastic, Beatrice, Vanity Fair, Miller's Maid, False Flatterer, Hot Stuff, Glenstone, Waratah, Firm Friend, Right Bower, Rosette.

SPORTSMEN READY FOR DEER AND DOVE.

As sportsmen have had sufficient practice since the shooting season terminated smashing bluerocks, preparations are now being made for dove and deer shooting. The season when "the coopers" and monarchs of the glen can be grassed according to law will open on the 15th inst., but hunters must be careful that they trespass on the right ground, as the Supervisors of some of the different counties have passed ordinances curtailing the shooting seasons, which privilege they have according to the State law.

Last year the Supervisors of Alameda County made no change in the general law and doubtless no alteration has been made for this year. In the nearby counties the changes of last season were as follows: Contra Costa—Deer shooting from July 20 to September 2; use of dogs prohibited. Lake County—Deer shooting from August 1 to October 1. Marin—No change in the general law. Mendocino—No change. San Benito—Deer hunting from August 1 to September 15.

The San Mateo Supervisors changed the law on doves from July 1 to December 1, but as the ordinance conflicts with the general law it becomes void.

The Golden Gate Gun Club will meet to-morrow on the Pacific tournament grounds, and after the regular shoot a team will be selected to try conclusions with the South End Gun Club on July 10.

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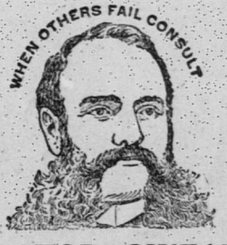

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