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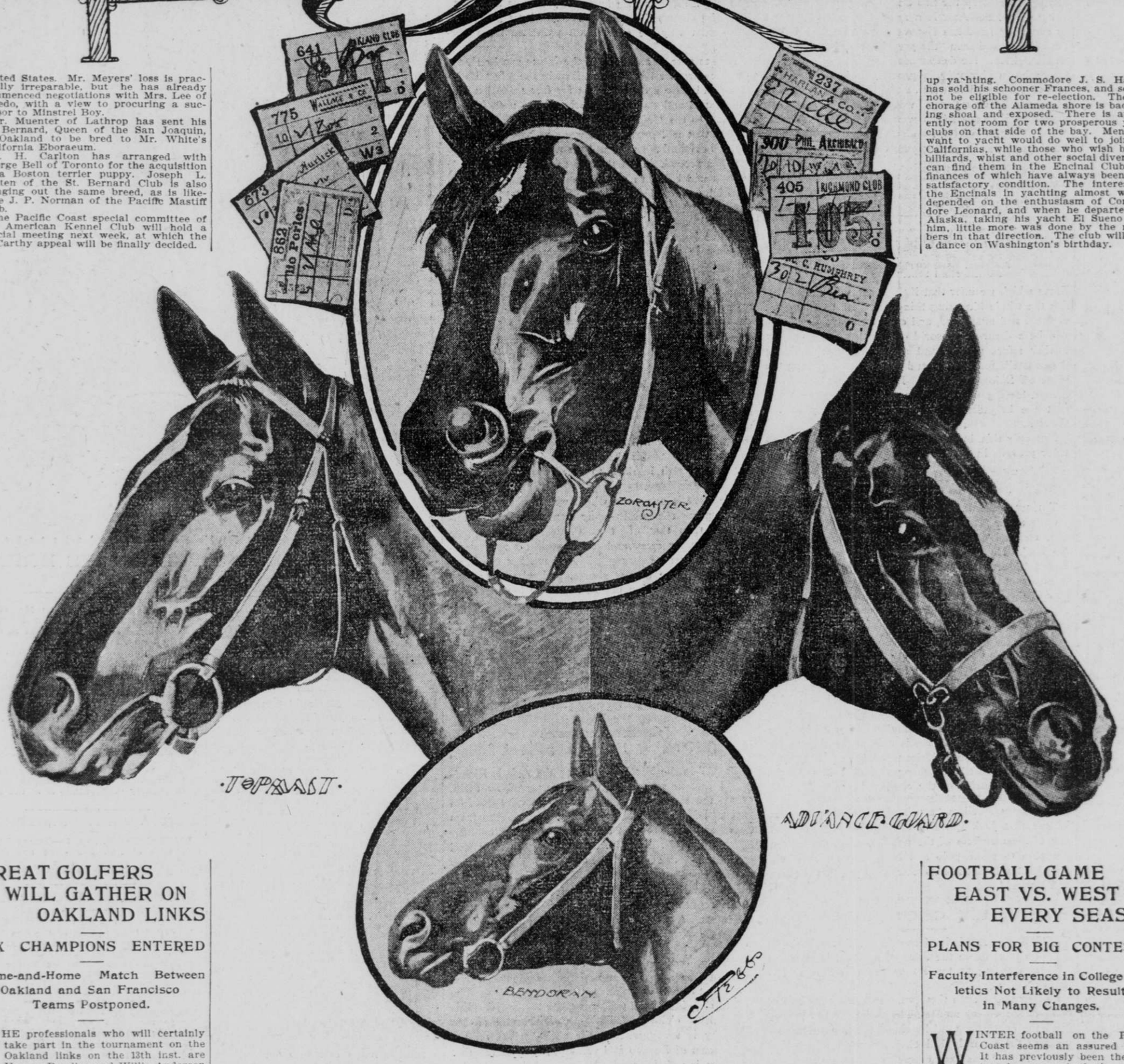

STAKE HORSES NOW RACING ON THE COAST.

Painted by C. Tebbs from Snapshots taken expressly for The Call.

WHEN Willie Shields purchased Zoroaster for $200 during his travels over the Canadian circuit last summer he secured one of the "pick-ups" of the season. The first time out in his new owner's colors at Fort Erie he won, galloping, at odds of 30 to 1. Of limited but symmetrical proportions, he is all horse from his racing plates up. Since his advent on the local track he has placed to his owner's credit $4250, numbering among other victories the Spring Valley and San Mateo stakes. He is by imp. Rayon d'Or and out of imp. Astoria. Advance Guard, the superbly furnished son of Great Tom, is one of the stars of the string of Carruthers & Shields. On December 23, over the Oakland track, carrying 93 pounds, he covered a mile in 1:39¾, world's record for a two-year-old. Three days later the same mark was equaled by the flying filly Flamora. Advance Guard was also winner of the Tanforan stakes, decided at the Western Turf Association track on December 13 last.

Topmast is another useful member of the stable of Carruthers & Shields, having earned winning brackets on nearly every big track in the country. On December 16 he captured the Holiday handicap over one and a quarter miles at Tanforan, such good ones as Marcato, Morinel, Malay, Meadowthorpe, Rosormonde and Forte finishing in the wake. He is by imp. Topgallant-Essay. Walter Jennings has been deprived of the use of his noted performer Bendoran during the present season owing to an ailing shoulder. On November 21 last the big fellow won a sprint at Oakland, since which time he has been in retirement. The Sir Modred horse is considered one of the best handicap horses in training. He is out of imp. Oran.

JOHN GRACE CUP WILL DRAW THE FLEETEST DOGS

A RICH COURSING STAKE

One of the Classic Events of the Cashman's Year Will Be Run Late in February.

THE annual John Grace Cup stake, with its first prize of $750, $400 for the runner-up and others in proportion, is the one theme of conversation among owners and trainers of greyhounds. It will be run on the 24th and 25th of February at Union Coursing Park. The fleetest dogs in the country are being wound up gradually against the day they will be sent to the slips in this classic stake. Curtis & Sons will start Luxor, Beacon, Cavalier, McKinley—in fact, all their formidable string which has been running so consistently for months past. Frank McComb will give his great black dog, Royal Flush, a special "prep" for the event. Hugh Lynch will have his consistent little performer, Lottie M, fit to run for her life if the hands of "Johnny Maher" have not lost their cunning in the conditioning of animals intended for competition.

Gus Abercrombie will put his fortunes to the test with Rock Island King and Rock Island Boy. "Joe" Holton, the rotund manager of Pasha Kennels, won the cup last year with For Freedom, and will leave nothing undone with his candidates this year to make them run in winning form. H. F. Anderson's Crawford Lad and Crawford Braes will be among the starters and should prove worthy representatives of their owner. J. O'Shea will probably start Young America and others, while T. J. Cronin will have Wild Tralee, Thornhill and Rose of Tralee. D. J. Healey is expected to send something good from Petaluma and may start Sisquoc if that crack youngster rounds into form. Harry Fleming is devoting much attention to Sterl & Knowles' For Glory, which will probably be their best representative.

The stakes of the next few weeks will be watched closely by the bettors for likely candidates for the classic stake. The majority will be started for the practice it will give them in the slips and on the field. Overture, the Irish dog which defeated For Freedom in their puppy days, must also be reckoned on if he becomes acclimated.

For the Belle Brandon Cup stake, which will be competed for at the same time, there will also be sharp competition. All puppies whelped in 1899 are eligible. This will bring out a lot of sensational young performers. Up to the present time M. C. Delano seems to have the brightest chances with the saplings with which he divided the stake at Union Park recently. Pasha Kennels has some For Freedom-Sly Girl Jr. youngsters which are promising. Aeneid Kennels has some Wayfarer-Bed of Stone puppies which "Mike" Nealon thinks should do well. W. E. Thompson, Frank Schou and Al Austin each have a puppy by Master Glenkirk-High Born Lady which are eligible. The most promising of the litter is said to be Lady Glenkirk.

William Barry's Bella Mac will take a lot of beating, as will Sterl & Knowles' Blue Mist, a half-sister to Sleety Mist. H. F. Anderson's Crawford Lass is highly praised by coursing men, while D. J. Healey of Petaluma is sure to have something good in reserve. J. M. Carroll's Columbia, by Royal Crest-Clifton Lass, distinguished herself recently and must be reckoned with.

Union Park has a high class open stake as its offering to the coursing men this week. Out of the ninety-six entries there are many star performers. The dogs were closely matched in the drawing and from first to last good sport should result.

Ingleside Park has an eighty-dog stake that promises well.

Coursing men who have seen Overture, the Irish dog which arrived here some days since, are unanimous in their praise of him. He is a red dog and resembles Pasha Kennels' Firm Friend in size and conformation, although he is said to be built on more speedy lines. At present he weighs sixty-four pounds, but when trained this will be reduced to sixty-one pounds. It will require the test of competition to prove the place he will occupy in coursing annals in this city, but all who have seen him agree that he has been a decided acquisition to the coursing interests here. He will be trained by Mr. McCarthy, his first notable engagement being in the John Grace Cup stake.

Pasha Kennels' stake winner Metallic whelped a litter of six puppies to Emin Pasha on the 2d inst. Five of them have the strong black color, with white legs and nose, which the sire transmits to so much of his progeny. The youngsters were whelped at an opportune time, as they will be eligible for next year's Belle Brandon stake and also for the rich Futurity stake.

From the regularity with which the dogs representing the kennel of Curtis & Sons are winning stakes it can safely be stated they are the best on the field at the present time. Down in the Santa Clara Valley they have thirty puppies which will soon be ready for the slipper's hands. Mr. Curtis is particularly sweet on five puppies by Skyrocket-Vanity Fair. These are thirteen months old and give great promise of being sensational performers.

Gus Abercrombie's Irma and R. E. de B. Lopez's Quiver have been bred to N. P. Whiting's Rochester.

D. J. Healey's Procrastination has whelped a litter of five puppies to Aeneid Kennels' Pretender. Lady Thorndyke, the dam of Mt. Ida and Rienzi, has also whelped to Pretender.

J. O'Shea has had a notable addition to his kennels, Susie having whelped to H. F. Anderson's imported dog Crawford Lad.

Julius Horn has agreed to exchange a For Freedom-Bona puppy for one of the Emin Pasha-Metallic youngsters. It will require the test of competition to develop who has made the better bargain.

J. P. Thrift has been unfortunate in losing all the puppies in the Forget-St. Mary litter. He has mated Grasshopper with H. F. Anderson's great dog Crawford Lad. This is considered a splendid blending of blood lines and should result in a litter of winners.

E. M. Kellogg's Iowa Girl has whelped six puppies to H. F. Anderson's Crawford Lad. They were unfortunate in being whelped on December 20, which bars them from the Belle Brandon cup stake and also from the Futurity in 1901. Crawford Lad is by Faulkner, which stands as the best bred dog in England. The Lad, with Crawford Braes, are his only descendants here.

Mr. Kellogg's Kid McCoy has had a long let-up and has filled out wonderfully. He is again in training, and when properly wound up is expected to run better than ever.

J. H. Burfeind will start his Royal Prize-Kitty Creegan sapling for the first time next month at Union Park. He has named it Ready Money.

W. E. Thompson's High Born Lady is in whelp to Sylvanus. This will be her third litter of puppies within a year.

Only three of the promising Firm Friend-Bona litter have survived the ravages of disease. J. H. Rossiter is the owner of these and prizes them highly owing to their blood lines. They all resemble their sire.

J. Collins' Matchless died from the effects of cold contracted on the field during the recent heavy rain.

Clifette has whelped a fine litter of puppies to Pasha Kennels' Firm Friend.

KENNEL NOTES.

The secretary of the St. Bernard Club, Joseph L. Cutten, has issued a call for a regular meeting to take place on the 15th inst. Thomas H. Browne, the president, has entirely recovered from his late indisposition and will take the chair at the meeting.

Don H. Donnelly of Burlingame has had the misfortune to lose the prize-winning collie Floss, which was killed by the train on Monday last. Floss was Mr. Donnelly's personal pet and he feels the loss deeply.

One of the most promising young St. Bernards ever brought to this coast, Philip C. Meyers' dog Minstrel Boy, died on Tuesday of pleuro-pneumonia, in spite of the best efforts of the veterinary surgeon who attended him. Minstrel Boy, by Prince Tylira-Princess R, was ten months old and the best judges of the saintly breed declare that with time he would have developed into the champion of the United States. Mr. Meyers' loss is practically irreparable, but he has already commenced negotiations with Mrs. Lee of Toledo, with a view to procuring a successor to Minstrel Boy.

Mr. Muenter of Lathrop has sent his St. Bernard, Queen of the San Joaquin, to Oakland to be bred to Mr. White's California Eboraeum.

H. H. Carlton has arranged with George Bell of Toronto for the acquisition of a Boston terrier puppy. Joseph L. Cutten of the St. Bernard Club is also bringing out the same breed, as is likewise J. P. Norman of the Pacific Mastiff Club.

The Pacific Coast special committee of the American Kennel Club will hold a special meeting next week, at which the McCarthy appeal will be finally decided.

GREAT GOLFERS WILL GATHER ON OAKLAND LINKS

SIX CHAMPIONS ENTERED

Home-and-Home Match Between Oakland and San Francisco Teams Postponed.

THE professionals who will certainly take part in the tournament on the Oakland links on the 13th inst. are Horace Rawlins and Willie Anderson of Oakland Golf Club; David Stephenson of San Francisco Golf Club; T. W. Tetley of San Rafael Golf Club; James Meiville of Del Monte; Alexander Smith of Coronado Golf Club, and John Dunn. The last named will reach Oakland on the 11th to secure some practice before the tournament. R. Foulis and Way have not been heard from, but William Watson of Pasadena writes that his time is so fully occupied in giving instruction that he has decided not to enter his name as a competitor. Of the players named Alexander Smith, then of Washington Park, was second, and Willie Anderson of the same place was third, for the open championship of the United States in 1898; H. Rawlins won the open championship in 1895 and was second for it in 1896; R. Foulis of Auwentsia was sixteenth in 1897. In the open championship at Baltimore in 1899, where the field is said to have been "by all odds the best ever gathered together in this country," Willie Anderson was fifth. Alexander Smith is a brother of Will Smith of the Midlothian Country Club of Chicago, the present open champion; he learned golf on the links at Carnoustie, Scotland, and is considered one of the cleanest of professionals. He is one of the longest drivers that ever teed a ball. The meeting of these fine players will be interesting. The home-and-home match between teams of the San Francisco and Oakland Golf clubs will probably be played on the 27th inst.

The final round between E. J. McCutchen and R. H. Gaylord for the Council's cup will probably be played this afternoon on the Presidio links, as also will the consolation handicap, open to all except the two foregoing. The San Francisco Golf Club will elect officers for the coming year to-day. The old board, having done its work and established the club on a secure basis, will retire and intrust the management to new directors.

There was no regular tournament on the links of the San Rafael Golf Club on New Year's day, though several members went around the course. No schedule of events will be prepared until the eighteen-hole course is ready for play. There will, however, probably be an opening and reception day during February, to which members of all the clubs near San Francisco will be invited. Instructor T. W. Tetley has been down with la grippe and acute tonsilitis for more than a week.

The greens committee of the Edison links, Tacoma, has altered the length of some of the holes, improved the teeing-grounds and added fresh hazards. In the men's foursomes on Christmas day Griggs and Sternberg, with a score of 97 less 5—92, tied Eberly and Baker, whose score was 98 less 6—92. The tie will be played off later. In the mixed foursomes, over fifteen holes, with handicap, Mrs. Potter and Mr. Hurley won with a score of 100 less 10—90, Mrs. Hurley and Mr. Munn being second with 98 less 7—91. Eight couples entered the event.

The regular monthly meeting of the Tacoma Golf Club was held on Christmas day on the South Tacoma links, which were in good condition, the grass being low, and the rains not having rendered the ground too soft for fast play. On New Year's day there were competitions for the Balfour medal for men and for the Tillinghast medal for women. The Balfour medal was presented about three years ago to the club by Sir Robert Balfour.

Twenty-one players handed in score cards in an eighteen-hole handicap for men, played on Christmas day on the Riverside links of the Waverley Golf Club at Portland, Or. The first prize was won by T. A. Linthicum, with a score of 110 less 10—100; R. Macleay, with a gross and net score of 102, tieing for second place with T. Strong, whose score was 108 less 6—102. The second prize was decided by drawing. The third prize went to a scratch man, T. A. Huggins, with a gross and net score of 104. Twelve couples entered the men's handicap foursomes, over eighteen holes, the first prize being won by Blyth and Huggins, with 94 plus 2—96; and the second going to Mills and H. C. Lewis, with 113 less 11—102. Handicaps and mixed foursomes were also played on New Year's day.

There was a good attendance at the links of the San Diego Country Club on Christmas day, about a dozen players taking part in a sweepstakes tournament, which was won by Griffing Bancroft.

William Robertson, formerly instructor at the San Francisco and the Santa Monica Golf clubs, was at Covina Christmas week laying out a new course on ground to the south of the town.

The first meeting of the golf club recently formed at Santa Ana was held at the San Joaquin Ranch House, Orange County, just before Christmas. The following officers were elected: James Irvine, president; W. H. Burnham of Orange, vice president; H. L. Baechtel of the San Joaquin, secretary, and R. H. Sanborn of Tustin, treasurer. The directors are James Irvine, R. H. Sanborn, W. H. Burnham, H. F. Gardner, W. S. Derby, P. R. Reynolds and D. H. Thomas. The club has about thirty-five members and is named the Santiago Golf Club. The entrance fee is $10 and the dues are 50 cents a month. The course will be on the mesa near the Orange County Park, where the ground is naturally suitable.

The golf tournament on the links of the Hotel Green, Pasadena, on December 23 was attended by so many spectators that the work of the players was somewhat interfered with. Walter Cosby of the Los Angeles Country Club won the championship easily, C. E. Orr of Pasadena not being in good form. Cosby made the first nine holes in 41, the second nine in 48, total 89, winning the gold medal for best gross score. The first handicap prize was won by R. J. C. Wood of Los Angeles, with a score of 44 for the first round and 47 for the second, total 91, less 12—79 net. B. O. Bruce of Pasadena and A. Perkins of Washington, D. C., tied for the second handicap prize, their scores being 102, less 16—86 net. The tie will be played off. Other competitors were Kendall of Los Angeles, 85 net; G. Thompson of Los Angeles, 88; H. P. Randall of Pasadena, 92; Hugh May of Los Angeles and J. E. Jardine of Pasadena, 93; H. R. Warner, F. A. Ryder and C. E. Orr of Pasadena, 94; V. Howard of Los Angeles, 94; C. W. Winston and Dr. Taylor of Pasadena, 97.

Among the ladies who played at the Hotel Green tournament Mrs. Hugh Vail of Los Angeles made the lowest gross score, 113, winning the gold medal and the honor of having her name inscribed on the ladies' championship cup. The first handicap prize went to Mrs. E. B. Silent of Los Angeles, with a score of 123, less 24—99 net. Mrs. C. W. Winston of Pasadena won the second handicap prize, her score being 129, less 24—105 net.

The Los Angeles Country Club golfers held a tournament against "bogey" on Christmas day, there being twenty-one competitors, including E. B. Tufts, J. F. Sartori, R. H. Hay-Chapman, Hugh May and Walter Cosby. Cosby, who received a handicap of four from Colonel "Bogey," and R. J. C. Wood and R. H. Hay-Chapman, who received handicaps of 12, tied with 5 down. M. S. Severance was 6 down, and the last player was 18 down.

Among the British soldiers wounded at the battle of Magersfontein in South Africa was Lieutenant F. G. Tait of the Forty-second Highlanders, or "Black Watch." In 1896 and 1898 Lieutenant Tait, who always entered from the "Black Watch," won the amateur golf championship of Great Britain, and in the spring of this year on the Prestwick links he lost it after a tie with John Ball Jr., who was champion in 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894 and 1899. The match was a brilliant one and was marked by a curious incident. At the seventeenth hole both Tait and Ball drove into a water hazard. The former waded in and played the floating ball on to the green, and the latter, standing on the edge of the water, also played on to the green, the hole being halved in four. During the open championship week at Sandwich in June Tait beat Ball for the St. George challenge vase, one of the most valuable British trophies for amateurs, at medal play. In the open championship event this year Tait led all the amateurs, scoring 324 for seventy-two holes, Ball being eleven places below him, with a score of 389.

OARSMEN AWAIT THE FIVE-MILE BARGE CONTEST

SOUTH ENDS ARE HOPEFUL

Representatives of Both Crews Have Agreed to Refrain From Regular Training.

ON Sunday last the Foley-Dennis barge crew of the South End Rowing Club went out for practice, making a trip to the Dolphin boathouse and back. On the way out they made fast time and feel confident that they will give a good account of themselves in the race against the Alameda seniors. It is understood between the challengers and the acceptors that there shall be no regular night practice for the race, but that the crews shall race without systematic training. The South Ends will drop out if they find that the challengers are undergoing a course of training. It is likely that if both crews are untrained the South Ends can stand the long pull better than the Alamedans, for they are wiry, athletic men, whereas two of the Alameda crew, while strong men enough, will probably find four and a half miles a hard strain. The Alameda crew will be made up as follows: J. Lewis, bow; D. G. Greenleaf, No. 2; W. G. Hansen, No. 3; F. W. Ayers, stroke; E. Hansen, cockswain. The crew is rowing well. It has been said that it is foolish and even dangerous for men accustomed to mile and a quarter races to row a five-mile contest; but any man in sound condition and accustomed to rowing ought to find no difficulty in lasting for the distance, though, of course, he could not keep up a fast stroke. As both crews will be untrained they will be on equal terms and the race will probably resolve itself into a steady pull for the greater part of the distance, with a spurt at the end.

The newly elected officers of the South End Rowing Club will be initiated at the meeting next Tuesday. The handball tournament at the South End court made no progress last Sunday, but a close match was played, in which D. Dougherty and T. I. Fitzpatrick defeated C. Creighton and B. Clements, 51 to 48, the score having been 47 all for four innings in succession. To-morrow the final rounds will be played between the following teams: Judge Al J. Fritz and W. Humphrey versus M. J. Breen and T. I. Fitzpatrick; C. Creighton and B. Clements versus J. O'Dea and Joseph Walsh. The whole tournament will be concluded in about two weeks. It has been decided to give a social entertainment and dance in the handball court on the night of February 14. The arrangements are in the hands of a committee.

Now that the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union has a considerable sum of money in hand it is likely that a regatta will be given at no distant date, Oakland Creek being named as the course. The recent dredging operations have rendered Lake Merritt available for rowing races, as it provides a course three-quarters of a mile straight away (or of one and a half miles with a turn), the water being four and a half feet deep and wide enough for four or five barges abreast. As soon as the Lake Merritt course is found to be really practicable it is probable that shell rowing will become general among the clubs, as smooth water for regatta days will then be assured.

The Alameda Boat Club, which was organized in February, 1890, will celebrate its tenth anniversary next month.

AQUATICS AT SUTRO'S.

The usual programme of aquatic sports will be presented to-morrow at Sutro Baths. The entries follow:

Fifty-yard dash, juveniles—P. Lowenthal, R. Rining, F. Ritter, R. Cook, G. Childs, F. Neal, H. Leicke, G. Schilling, O. Owens, E. Minter, W. Fleming. 100-yard race, amateurs—C. Lundin, F. Ralston, T. Lahusen, H. Seebach, J. Laird, J. O'Brien, E. Smith, S. Wilson, H. Steltjes, G. Wallace, J. Wilier, J. Sterna, P. Sunberg, C. Sullivan. Tub race, 100 yards—P. Sunberg, W. McCormick, E. Stanton, T. Herman, E. Beyers, E. Rawlinson, W. Olsen, A. Baudain, E. Wells, O. Ehrman, E. Lievoldt. High diving for boys—Open to all. Trick and fancy springboard diving—G. Charles, L. Blondin, R. Cordell, J. Davis, W. Douglass, J. O'Brien, H. Freeman, J. Cathcart, O. Misner, R. Riding.

YACHSTMEN ARE PLANNING.

On the 10th inst. a meeting of the members of San Francisco Yacht Club will be held, at which a nominating committee of three will be appointed. The election will take place on February 14 at the annual meeting. Dr. T. L. Hill, having served as commodore for two years, during which he has done much good work for the club, will not be a candidate for renomination. W. N. McCarthy, ex-commodore and owner of the schooner Ramona, is spoken of as likely to succeed him. He would make an excellent commodore, as he is a good sailor, an active yachtsman and the owner of a handsome boat. James Kitterman, owner of the fine launch America, is also named for the office of commodore. For vice commodore H. R. Simpkins of the yawl Tramontana and J. R. Savory of the sloop Juanita are mentioned. The former has belonged to the club for too short a time to be well known to the members, while the latter has on several occasions done good service. E. C. Bartlett will probably be the next recording secretary, succeeding himself, while W. G. Morrow will be re-elected financial secretary and R. B. Hogue treasurer. A new measurer will probably be chosen, and ex-Vice Commodore G. T. S. White, formerly owner of the sloop Will o' the Wisp, is likely to be nominated.

The annual dinner of the Corinthians at their Tiburon clubhouse was a most successful affair. It served well to close the season of 1899 and open that of 1900. H. D. Hawks, the nominee for commodore, made a good speech. To be nominated for an office in the Corinthian Yacht Club is almost equivalent to being elected, for the nominating committee endeavors to reconcile all parties and to secure candidates who will be acceptable to the members. Thus it may be regarded as certain that the following will be elected at the annual meeting as officers and directors for the coming year: H. D. Hawks of the sloop May, commodore; E. F. Sagar of the sloop Edna, vice commodore; Charles L. Barrett, treasurer; John H. Keefe, port captain; T. L. Miller of the yawl Guinevere and the sloop Idler, secretary; W. S. Grover of the yawl Arcturus and J. V. O'Brien, directors.

The Encinals seem to have almost given up yachting. Commodore J. S. Hanley has sold his schooner Frances, and so will not be eligible for re-election. The anchorage off the Alameda shore is bad, being shoal and exposed. There is apparently not room for two prosperous yacht clubs on that side of the bay. Men who want to yacht would do well to join the Californias, while those who wish bowls, billiards, whist and other social diversions can find them in the Encinal Club, the finances of which have always been in a satisfactory condition. The interest of the Encinals in yachting almost wholly depended on the enthusiasm of Commodore Leonard, and when he departed for Alaska, taking his yacht El Sueno with him, little more was done by the members in that direction. The club will give a dance on Washington's birthday.

FOOTBALL GAME EAST VS. WEST EVERY SEASON

PLANS FOR BIG CONTESTS

Faculty Interference in College Athletics Not Likely to Result in Many Changes.

WINTER football on the Pacific Coast seems an assured sport. It has previously been the custom for one or both the college teams to take trips either north or south during the winter vacation, meeting representative Pacific Coast elevens, usually from the athletic clubs. But this season a precedent has been established which will, in all probability, set a custom for one big San Francisco game on Christmas day, in which the winner of the intercollegiate contest and some famous Eastern team will figure. The loser will then "take to the tail timber" and meet the brawn of the north or south.

California's game with Carlisle proved conclusively that bringing an Eastern team out to San Francisco is no such hazardous venture as was at first supposed. The Indians traveled in a special car, stayed at the Palace Hotel for four days and there were twenty men in the party at that. With all this expense California came out $1000 ahead of the game. Then, again, it is imagined that the faculties of the Eastern colleges are averse to such trips. It was a mere accident that prevented the University of Chicago eleven from visiting the coast this winter. Princeton at one time was scheduled to come and but a single vote in a faculty meeting turned the tide and put the ban upon a continental journey by the Tigers.

Long before the football season opens this year plans will be laid by both college managers to secure pledges of games from some of the big Eastern elevens. Now that it has been demonstrated that California can vie with the East on the gridiron the local men will go into the battle with more assurance and less fear of defeat. The crowd that was in attendance at the Christmas day game will be enlarged next year, for the reason that a close contest might well be expected.

As indicated shortly after the intercollegiate game the faculty athletic committees of the two universities expressed a desire to take the helm of the athletic ship and steer it where they willed. No imported coaches, a shorter season and games on the college campus was the cry of the professors.

But there is one man in Berkeley who is pretty much the whole thing and that is President Wheeler. He has said authoritatively that he will not interfere with the students' affairs, especially in athletics, so long as there is no trend toward professionalism. President Wheeler, who is a whole-souled man of the world, believes the student can work out his own salvation on the athletic field and the least interference with his plans by those in higher authority the purer and more harmonious will be the result.

There is not likely to be a change made this year. Instead of one big game in San Francisco there will probably be two each year and coaches will be imported just as of old. In fact it is agreed upon by all the college men that the Eastern coach is still essential to Western football. How long he will be necessary is another question, which time alone can answer.

MAY HUNT A COYOTE.

It has been suggested that the master of the San Mateo Hunt replace for one day the aniseed bag with a coyote, which would be a novelty and would surely provide exciting sport. Coyotes can be had from the rabbit catchers in the San Joaquin Valley for the mere freight charges.

The coyote could be released where there is the least fencing to mar the sport and would provide a fast run and an exciting kill. A little oil of aniseed applied to his pads would give the required scent for the hounds.

Why the Highbinders Love to Kill Each Other.

The highbinders are at it again and this time worse than ever. Do you know the history of their war? Well, they say that the little Chinese maid is at the bottom of the difficulty. Read in next Sunday's Call all about it and decide for yourself.

Witness Disappears.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Henry Brammerman, the only eye-witness to the shooting of Frank Bowman by "Doc" Crandall, now on trial for the third time, has disappeared. The prosecution depended upon his testimony to a large extent. He is supposed to be in hiding.

RAIN COMES TO SPOIL THE SPORT OF THE GUNMEN

DUCKS AGAIN SCATTERED

The Legal Season for Duck and Quail Shooting Is Drawing Rapidly to a Close.

JUST as the sportsmen were settling down to the enjoyment of high-class shooting the recent threatening weather broke and a deluge of water ensued. The club men who were on the marshes last Saturday had the best of the shooting. On Sunday moderate bags were the rule, while on Monday the returns were generally small, the storm having scattered the birds by that time. The marshes are completely overflowed now and the birds scattered over a wide area. The preserves are one sheet of water, all marks of ponds being obliterated. Until the water subsides the returns to the gun men will be small. During the storm immense flocks of sprig were seen wending their way southward.

Secretary W. E. Robertson of the Marin County Fish and Game Protective Association is sending out notices to gun men, calling their attention to the fact that the season for quail shooting closes on the 15th inst.

H. L. Miller was "high gun" at the Olympic Gun Club preserve during the New Year's shooting. He secured 20 birds. W. D. McArthur and J. Homer Fritch had a joint bag of 23. L. H. Harpham killed 18; H. B. Hosmer, 16; J. J. Wirtner, William Bay, R. H. Delafield, J. C. Jenson, H. L. Rose and L. Titus, 6 each.

The officers of the Olympic Gun Club are sanguine of being able to concentrate the trap shooting done in the metropolitan district during the forthcoming season at their grounds. The idea is pronounced an excellent one by the gun men. It will centralize the sport, meaning large fields and more valuable prizes. This will help the clubs, as the shooters will all be brought together. It will also mean greater rivalry and better shooting. There is but little money invested in other grounds, so that to abandon them will not entail a loss.

President John Lemmer of the Black Jack Club enjoyed the cream of the shooting over the club's Sherman Island preserve on Saturday. The heavy wind preceding the storm which broke on Monday, had the effect of sending down a great flight of ducks. Mr. Lemmer bagged fifty-six fine canvasbacks during the day and retired satisfied. Newton Hickman, Bert Patrick, Fred Johnson and Billy Swain did their shooting on Monday and had to be content with a total bag of thirty-eight birds. There will be no shooting on the preserve this week, as the island is completely overflowed. Bert Patrick will try the sport on Richardson Bay to-day in a launch with Charles Arnold of Sacramento. The bay is fairly alive with canvasbacks, but they are not fit to eat. They live on fish and the fishy taste destroys the flavor of the meat.

The sport at Mt. Eden and along the shores of the bay was excellent. At Mt. Eden the Hightmeyer brothers and a guest secured a total bag of ninety ducks. These included canvasbacks, spoonbills and bluebills.

McDonald brothers, shooting at the same place, secured 100 birds between them.

At the preserve of the Pastime Club a total of 200 birds fell to six guns during a shoot extending over two days.

L. R. Larzalere and J. H. Burfeind had the Spoony Club preserve near Alvarado to themselves and enjoyed good sport.

At Willow Lodge Dr. Lane, W. E. Shaw and a third party secured ninety birds.

Dan Ross, Plummer and McPhillips had a good shoot at Newark, securing nearly 100 ducks of various varieties.

Big bags have been secured at Jersey, near Antioch, on the overflowed lands. One sportsman secured ninety-six "cans" in the course of a day's shooting.

Hart Williams and Dr. Marsh shot over the Cordelia Gun Club's preserve. The former killed forty ducks, of which sixteen were "cans," while his companion killed seventy-six, of which thirty-one were the muchly sought "cans."

Otto Feudner, Achille Roos and A. M. Shields shot over the Pringle Club ponds and secured 179 ducks, the majority being "cans."

Lloyd Eaton and Charley Dietz had poor luck last Sunday, the best bird they bagged being a goose.

W. E. Murdock killed fifteen "cans" at Reclamation last Saturday.

WHEELMEN WILL MEET.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the California Associated Cycling Clubs will be held this evening in the rooms of the Cycle Board of Trade, room 557 Parrott building. Besides the election the important question of the surrender of the control of track racing on the Pacific Coast to the National Cycling Association will be considered and acted upon. It is desirable that all delegates should attend this meeting or send their proxies to Secretary Scovern to-day.

R. C. Lennie, the popular starter, formerly of Chicago, then of this city and now of Los Angeles, is never happy unless he is taking an active part in the cycling game. Besides serving in his old capacity at the new saucer track in the City of Angels, "Bob" has been busying himself organizing a cycling annex to the Los Angeles Athletic Club, which assumed shape last week with a charter roll of seventeen. The following are the officers-elect: President, Robert C. Lennie; vice president, J. Farmer; secretary, Harry Hough; treasurer, Morris M. Cook; captain, R. C. Hamilin; first lieutenant, Harry ("Trilby") Fowler.

The editor of Los Angeles Wheeling does not take kindly to Lennie's autocratic ways in cycling, but it is nevertheless the fact that if there were more men of "Bob's" stamp active in the sport cycling would never know a dull minute, particularly in the racing line.

"Trilby" Fowler, the clever local trick rider, who went south with Lennie and Ostendorf, was badly injured while riding on the street at Los Angeles Christmas morning. While gyrating down a street he was thrown from his wheel, landing on his head. If he escapes concussion of the brain it will be a wonder.

Lace Downing of San Jose, who has developed into the fastest amateur in the State within the past few months, went to Los Angeles with his brother, the crack professional, to try his speed against the southern cracks. Last Sunday Downing rode from scratch in a mile handicap in 2:03, breaking the coast record seven seconds. In the scratch events Downing is in a class by himself as against the riders south of the Tehachapi.

James Marshall, the well-known Chicago wheelman, who has been visiting relatives in this city for the past fortnight, will leave for his home in the Windy City to-morrow.

If the weather is fair the California Cycling Club will have a run to the park to-morrow under Captain Buttgenbach.

The annual election of the Olympic Club Wheelmen will be held Tuesday evening, the 9th inst. The nominating committee has not yet submitted its report.

FLY-CASTERS IN SESSION.

The first dinner of the San Francisco Flycasting Club in 1900 will be held on the 9th inst. The contests for next year will commence in February at Stow Lake. Alex Vogelsang, who has just returned from Washington, will speak at the dinner on the subject, "What McKinley Thinks of the Flycasting Club."

Nobody to Blame.

The Coroner's jury yesterday in the case of Edward Walsh, the painter who was killed last Thursday afternoon by being jammed in an elevator in the building at 218 Beale street, rendered a verdict of accidental death. Walsh and his companions had rigged a ladder across the elevator shaft and were engaged in painting the walls, when the elevator descended and knocked Walsh into the pit.

The Right Time.

This is the right time, the right place, is Zinkand's for lunch, dinner and everything good to eat and drink.