THE FIELD OF SPORT.

La Blanche and Young Mitchell Sign Articles.

A Foot-Race at Central Park—Yachtsmen Getting Ready for the Season—The Wrestlers—Pigeon-Shooting.

THE fine weather of the past few weeks has greatly added to the pleasure of athletes, who have lost no time since the completion of the Olympic Club's new grounds to take advantage of the opportunities offered for training outside of the club-rooms.

In fistic circles life still prevails, and judging from the gatherings which assemble at the club-rooms on exhibition nights, the sport gives every promise of a long continuance, at least while the Democratic Prince holds in power.

Pigeon-shooting will be well patronized this summer. Several clubs have been organized since the close season for game birds.

The disciples of angling are in high spirits, and a very good season is assured.

Yachtsmen are making active preparations for the summer cruises.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Speedy Men Who Will Run at Central Park To-Day.

The amateur athletes have begun to train in earnest for the championship games. During the past week large numbers of the athletes of the Olympic Club took time by the forelock and did a lot of training on the new athletic grounds, which are spoken of so highly by those who have exercised upon them. The track is now in magnificent condition, and experts in foot-racing pronounce it the fastest in America.

Cooley will try to break the two-mile Pacific Coast record to-day, which he holds himself. He expects to make the distance under 10:30.

Cassady and Smith will have a set-to on the next ladies' night at the Olympic Club.

Plowden of the Olympics claims to have unearthed a phenomenal bantam-weight in Goucher. He is said to have a remarkably quick and heavy right propeller.

Among the coming middle-weights of the Olympic Club is Dan Kerrel, who, after a little more science, will be a formidable opponent.

Several members of the Olympic Club are now being instructed by Professor Micheling in tug-of-war pulling. The following have been chosen to give an exhibition on ladies' night on cleats: Winslow, Kolb, Belan and Humaley, as against Gras, Cole, Denhard and Lutgen. The contest will take place on the 23d inst.

A very fine performance was recently done at the Christ Church athletic games of Oxford University, England, held on Monday, March 10th. At these games W. Pollock-Hill ran from scratch the half-mile race in 1:58 and won it easily. In regard to the performance London Field had the following:

Strangers' handicap, half mile—W. Pollock-Hill, Keble, scratch, first; A. H. Bremaudz, Magdalen, 25 yards, second; C. H. Mullins, Keble, 42 yards, third; J. King, St. Catherine's, 30 yards, 0; J. B. Rye, Balliol, 30 yards, 0; A. W. Andrews, Magdalen, 32 yards, 0; G. R. Theobald, Exeter, 38 yards, 0; S. P. Davis, Hertford, 42 yards, 0; J. M. Mortimer, Balliol, 44 yards, 0; A. H. James, Hertford, 45 yards, 0; C. Brooks, Oxford Harriers, 46 yards, 0; H. S. Persse, Brasenose, 60 yards, 0. The leading men kept their places pretty well for half the journey, but on rounding the bottom bend Rye took second place, and soon afterward assumed command. Bremaudz went up to him on entering the straight, but shortly afterward the pair were joined by Mullins and Pollock-Hill. They ran level for a short distance, but a hundred yards from home Pollock-Hill drew away, and, having the pace of his opponents, won by eight yards. Bremaudz getting home a yard in advance of Mullins. Time, 1:57.

Weather permitting, twenty-eight sprinters will contest this afternoon at Central Park for the prize offered by the Foot-racers' Association. The distance run will be 135 yards, and four sprinters will be started in each heat. The winners of the heats will run in the final dash for first, second and third honors. The handicapping is very fair, considering that it is the first attempt to rate the speed of the contestants, many of whom are strangers to the handicapper.

The local men who have entered are placed on marks which should bring out a first-place winner from among them. Five or six of the fastest runners will compete, but they are placed on such "way-back" marks that it will be impossible to call a winner until the final heat is announced. A good day's sport is promised those who are interested in foot-racing.

SHEFFIELD EASTER HANDICAP.

Here is a list of the leading twenty-five entries for the Sheffield 203-yard Easter handicap, to be run April 7th and 9th, for a pool of 70 prizes, by which it will be seen that Americans are numerous: G. Grant, Edinburgh, 79½; H. Hutchens, Sheffield, 80½; A. Jennings, Cwmbl, L, 81¼; J. Rainson, Woodgreen, 81½; H. M. Johnson, America, 81½; J. H. Bethune, America, 81¾; C. Cutting, Brampton, 82½; J. Boyle, America, 82¾; E. Donovan, America, 83; W. South, Sheffield, 83; W. Martin, Sheffield, 83; J. Collins, America, 83; G. Smith, Pittsburg, 83¼; J. Tattersall, Clitheroe, 83½; C. Ashton, Newton Heath, 83½; S. Peet, America, 83¾; J. W. Flynn, America, 83¾; W. N. Dodd, Durham, 84¼; J. Jackson, Hawick, 84¼; W. Broadbent, Oldham, 84¾; J. H. Ernest, late America, 85; M. Donlan, America, 85; T. Burrows, Nelson, 85; A. Patterson, Hawick, 85; W. Mills, Water Town, America, 85¼; M. Clarkson, Leeds, 85¼; J. Dickinson, champion tipster, is the front man at the 88½-yard mark.

THE RING.

Corbett Has Something to Say on California Boxers.

The next fistic exhibition will take place in the California Club between Jimmie Carroll and Billy Smith, light heavy-weights, for a purse of $1600.

The contest will be decided on the evening of the 22d inst., after a preliminary ten-round contest between Danny Mahoney and Charley Rochette, who are aspirants for the title of champion bantam-weight of the Coast. It is said that Carroll and Smith have made many visits to this city from their training quarters recently, and that Smith is suffering from a very bad cold, which may lead eventually to a posponement of the match.

Carroll's trainer, Ellingsworth, was on the warpath last Friday evening, and in his rambles about town visited George la Blanche's saloon. The latter gave Mr. Ellingsworth a bit of good advice and admonished the pugilist and trainer for the manner in which he conducted himself when under the influence of boiled oil.

The Golden Gate Club has changed the date of the Turner-Kelliher fight from the 22d to the 25th inst. The conscientious manner in which the pugilists have trained since the match was decided upon is a strong evidence that the fight will be a good one, although it is apparent that Turner will sell a strong favorite in the pools. He is backed by a Stockton millionaire and a combination of Slough City sports which will lay large odds if necessary on him as against the money which will be placed on Kelliher by his friends.

The latter is said to be a very dangerous opponent when he is in condition, and as he is now in first-class trim Turner may expect a harder fight than he anticipates. There is one thing, however, about the Stockton colored pugilist which is admired by the patrons of fistic sports, and it is this: It matters not to Turner who his opponent may be, he never underrates an antagonist, and from the moment he settles down to train he loses not the least opportunity to have himself in first-class trim on the night of battle.

In this respect there are very few of Turner's profession who follow his example, hence the many unexpected surprises in the prize-ring of to-day. The Golden Gate Club will probably also add to the illumination of its gymnasium by having the gas caldron burnished up a little, otherwise Kelliher will become disheartened at not seeing the marks of his 4-ounceers appear on the clouded visage of his colored opponent.

Billy Mahan, who is training to fight Billy Shannon, does the greater portion of his work riding on a hearse between this city and the cemeteries. Billy says that the change of air does him great good.

Professor Corbett said to a reporter of the News of San Francisco a few days ago that the woods of San Francisco are full of rattling good amateur pugilists. Speaking of the style of boxing that prevails in the West, the Professor remarked:

It differs in many respects from the models of the East, but I think it is fully as effective. The best evidence of this is that our Western boxers are able to hold their own with the crack amateurs of the East without difficulty. Among the cleverest men in California are Joe Choynski of the Golden Gate Club, a 165-pounder, who is about the best two-handed heavy-weight boxer I ever saw. He lately has been matched against Billy Wilson, a St. Paul man, weighing 185 pounds. Besides possessing wonderful science, Choynski is a rusher. Another splendid two-handed fighter is J. L. Lafferty, a light-weight who has made a remarkable record. Jack Kilcher of Oakland is a heavy-weight who tips the scales at 180, stripped. Like Lafferty, he is a wonderful amateur, and I consider him a good deal cleverer than many men who are travelling around the country, posing as champions and making a show of themselves. I might easily mention a hundred others belonging to the Olympic and California clubs who could divide the honors with the best men in the East, if they did not capture them outright.

La Blanche has signed articles to fight Young Mitchell at 154 pounds on June 27th. The pugilists will weigh in at the ring side. Both have made their first deposit. The Marine and Mike Lucie will go East either on Wednesday or Thursday next.

Frank Allen of the California Club dressed himself in a suit of Chinese clothes last Friday on a wager. He did not go further than the end of the first block before he was attacked by an anti-Chinese bull-dog. Doggy yanked a mouthful of cloth from Frank's nether garment. No more Chinese suits will be worn by Frankie.

A telegram has been sent from this city to Jim Carney, champion light-weight of England, asking the latter if he will fight Jimmy Carroll in the California Club.

Peter Jackson is reported by Eastern papers as being a pugilist who can hold his own with John L. Sullivan in front of a saloon bar.

President Fulda of the California Club thinks that Jack Dempsey will be here to challenge the winner of the Mitchell-La Blanche fight. It is whispered that Dempsey will turn his back upon San Francisco for many months.

The correspondent of an Eastern paper at Melbourne says Duncan C. Ross was engaged to compete in the Caledonian sports at Goulburn, Australia, on January 26th, for which the society agreed to pay him £100; but, although he figured in all the competitions except the wrestling, because he refused to wrestle under peculiar rules, the society refused to pay the money. Ross engaged J. S. Davidson, and entered legal proceedings to recover the money, and also posted £50 with the Sportsman (Melbourne) with the following card:

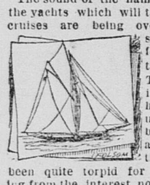
I protest strongly at the way I was treated at Goulburn. I was asked to wrestle the Scotch under ridiculous rules. In the hammer-throwing the handles were something the like of which Dinnie, McHardy's best friend, was obliged to admit he had never seen. But because I protested against the wrestling and the way the 56-pound was put (McHardy going a yard over the mark), the committee refused to pay me my £100 on the ground that I had broken my contract by not wrestling. Is that Australian fair play to a stranger? With regard to McHardy and his feats, I will agree to throw him eight times in one hour (Scotch style). I will give him 1 foot with the 56-pound weight. I will bet him £200 to £100 I will defeat him in an athletic contest, as per championship rules, all events to be governed by the recognized rules of the world. Donald Dinnie, McHardy's partner, can be accommodated on the same terms.

If Peter Jackson does not fall by the saloon-side in the next few weeks, he will land in San Francisco about the 23d of this month.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

Yachtsmen Preparing for the Coming Season.

The sound of the hammer at the docks where the yachts which will take part in the summer cruises are being overhauled and repaired, speaks the interest manifested by yachtsmen in the prospective races. The Corinthian Club with its big fleet of little craft has been having the usual sport right along, but the San Francisco and Pacific clubs with their sea-going craft have been quite torpid for two summers. Judging from the interest now displayed outings on the deep promise to be quite lively during the months of June and July.



Commodore Cadue is getting the Annie in commission, Vice-Commodore Spreckels is replanking the Lurline, Macdonald's new schooner will fly her canvas shortly, and the old crew of the Aggie is negotiating for the return of that crack schooner from southern waters.

The Virginia (formerly Con O'Connor) is for sale and may probably fall into the hands of a crew inclined to race a little bit. The fate of the Nellie, an asset of the estate of Colonel Donahue, is as yet undecided, but she is for sale nevertheless, and is as likely as the Virginia to fall into the hands of one of the three or four crews that are at present figuring on boats for the summer.

Commodore Gutte was re-elected at the annual meeting of the San Francisco Club, which means that the Chispa will be the flagship once again. Mr. Macdonough will fly the Vice-Commodore's flag on his new schooner. Captain Shelly will enter the lists this year with the Pearl, and the pilot-boat America will take a hand in any sport that may be going on during the vacation time.

The Spreckels brothers have already decided on a cruise to Santa Cruz during the Fourth-of-July week, and have been promised considerable company. Both of the old clubs will hold opening-day festivities next month, and the Corinthians will fix on the date very soon.

The Corinthian Yacht Club has issued the following programme for the year, which will be followed as closely as circumstances will permit:

February 22d—Cruise of rowing boats—Corte Madera.

April 26th—Opening day; 27th—Cruise in squadron.

May 3d and 4th—Cruise to Vallejo and return; 10th and 11th—Cruise in squadron to Sausalito and the fort; 17th—Meet at California City; 18th—First race for Okell and Orca cups; 24th and 25th—Ladies' day; 30th and 31st and June 1st—Club regatta and race for Kell trophy and cruise to Martinez.

June 7th and 8th—Second race for Okell and Orca cups; 14th and 15th—Ladies' day; 21st and 22d—Quarry Cove, fishing; 28th and 29th—Marine Islands, moonlight cruise.

July 5th, 6th and 7th—Three days' cruise; 12th and 13th—Recover at Camp Leale from three days' cruise; 19th and 20th—Third race for Okell and Orca cups; 26th and 27th—Ladies' day.

August 2d and 3d—Cruise to McNear's, moonlight; 9th and 10th—Cruise to Sausalito; 16th and 17th—Fourth race for Okell and Orca cups; 23d and 24th—Ladies' day; 30th and 31st—Cruise to Petaluma Creek.

September 6th and 7th—Fifth race for Okell and Orca cups; 9th—Cruise on bay; 13th and 14th—Cruise to Marine Islands, clam bake; 20th and 21st—Ladies' day; 27th and 28th—Corte Madera.

October 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th and 20th—Closing day.

A cable from Sydney, N. S. W., to an Eastern sporting paper on March 28th says: "A sculling match to-day on the Paramatta River between John McLean and Neil Matterson was won by the former.

[McLean is the bushman that Hanlan discovered and trained, and he will prove a tough nut for anybody to tackle. Except when a race was given to Nelson on a foul, he has never been beaten, and in that case he was so clearly right that his backers had recourse to the law, a thing rarely done in Australia. He is a fine, strong, muscular young fellow, and if O'Connor should succeed in beating the winner of the Matterson-Kemp race of April 25th he will have a far harder task to defeat McLean. The next match the latter will row will be against Stansbury, and the winner of that contest will row the winner of the race in which O'Connor takes part for the positive championship of the world. Much as the Toronto Empire thinks of O'Connor, it has grave doubts of his ability to come victoriously out of the vista of contests that is opening before him.]

A cablegram from London, dated on the evening of the university boat race, says: "There are always rows on the boat-race night, and this was no exception to the rule. At the Empire and Alhambra, the great music halls in Leicester square, extra precautions were taken in anticipation of the visit of the students from both universities. At the Empire, about 10 o'clock, a rush of the students, most of them intoxicated, took place. They soon ranged themselves in sides, Oxford against Cambridge, and a free fight ensued. Glasses from the bars were broken all over the place and sticks were broken over heads. The police were called in and the students joined together and charged the common foe. Sixty persons are reported to be seriously injured, and two policemen, it is feared, are fatally hurt. Women in the audience fainted, and many were hurt and carried on to the stage. The performance was stopped, the curtain lowered, and finally the police overcame the students, many of whom were arrested. Among the injured are, it is said, the son of a prominent lawyer, both of whose legs are broken, and the young Earl of Dudley, whose arm was broken in the scrimmage."

There is practically nothing doing in local rowing circles. Occasionally a report is circulated that a big race is on the tapis, but the interest in the proposed race, which seldom takes place, is always centered in the report.

THE GUN.

The Blue Rock Club Opens the Season at Birds Point.

Pigeon shooting before the traps is annually becoming a more popular amusement. There is at present quite a sprinkling of all-round shots among the clubs organized this season, and as a consequence the contests for the prizes offered for competition will be close and exciting as the season will draw to a close. It is said that two or three clubs will be organized at the next meeting composed of members of the sportsmen's Protective Association. In the association are many of the best duck and quail shots of the State, and when these men meet at the traps feathers and broken disks will scatter in all directions.

An Outalio genius wants to protect quail by forbidding the use of dogs in their pursuit. He thinks that perhaps it would not be necessary absolutely to forbid the use of dogs, but that a license fee of $100, to be paid by those who do shoot with dogs, would narrow down the sport sufficiently to preserve the game supply.

The international pigeon-shooting match between John L. Brewer of Philadelphia, the American champion, and Captain L. Clark, the Australian champion, at 100 birds, Melbourne rules (which are different to either English or American), for £400 and the pigeon-shooting championship of the world, ended in a victory for the American, who killed 35 straight and 92 out of 100, beating the champion here by 9 birds.

The Blue Rock Shooting Club held its first shoot of the season at Birds Point yesterday afternoon. There was not a large attendance as the weather was anything but inviting. It was a most successful shoot, however, and all were satisfied with the commencement of the season. No very good shooting was done.

On account of the rainy weather the March shoot was postponed and the event yesterday embraced both the March and April shoots. Owing to the lateness of the hour there was no money-shooting, such as usually follows monthly matches.

The sport commenced at 2 o'clock and continued until nearly 5. Mr. Cadwaller of San Jose proved himself a fine shot, both at singles and doubles, while some of the local men fell down badly when the score got close. The shooting for each month is at fifteen singles and five doubles, eighteen yards rise for ten-bore and sixteen for twelve-bore guns. For doubles the rise is fourteen yards for ten-bore and twelve for smaller bore guns. H. H. Briggs acted as referee. The score was as follows:

March shoot, fifteen singles—

A. F. Adams	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1—11
H. S. Golcher	0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1— 9
W. J. Fox	0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0— 8
R. A. Eddy	0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0— 7
F. G. Sanborn	0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1— 6
L. Abbott	1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1— 5
M. H. Cadwaller	0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1— 9
S. E. Knowles	1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0—11
W. E. Mayhew	0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1—6
C. F. Stone	1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0—5
R. E. Bell	0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0—8

At five doubles—

A. F. Adams	01 10 10 10 10—5
W. J. Fox	11 01 10 01 10—6
R. A. Eddy	10 10 10 10 00—4
F. J. Sanborn	01 11 11 10 00—6
S. L. Abbott	01 00 11 00 00—3
N. L. Cadwaller	11 10 11 11 01—8
S. E. Knowles	11 00 11 11 11—8
W. E. Mayhew	01 11 11 11 11—9
C. F. Stone	01 10 01 10 10—5
R. E. Bell	00 11 10 01 10—5

April shoot, fifteen singles—

Adams	0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1—10
Golcher	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 —*
Fox	1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1—11
Eddy	1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—12
Sanborn	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1—12
Abbott	0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1—6
Cadwaller	1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—13
Knowles	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1—12
Mayhew	1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—12
Stone	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—5
Bell	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1—5

At five doubles—

A. F. Adams	00 00 00 10 01—2
W. J. Fox	00 10 10 00 10—3
R. A. Eddy	11 00 10 11 11—7
F. J. Sanborn	00 00 01 00 00—1
S. L. Abbott	00 10 10 11 10—5
N. L. Cadwaller	11 11 10 10 10—7
S. E. Knowles	10 10 01 01 10—5
W. E. Mayhew	11 10 10 00 10—5
C. F. Stone	10 10 00 11 01—5
R. E. Bell	10 11 11 10 10—

THE RIFLE.

Shoots Which Will Take Place To-Day at the Ranges.

The Gruetli Shooting-club will hold a medal-shoot at Harbor View to-day.

The Nationals will compete on Sunday next at Shell Mound Park for corps decorations.

The San Francisco Schuetzen-Verein will hold its monthly medal-shoot at Shell Mound Park on Sunday next.

Company B, Third Regiment, will assembly at Shell Mound Park on Sunday next for its monthly medal-shoot.

The California Schuetzen and the Germania clubs will hold their monthly medal-shoots at Harbor View to-day.

The city of Berlin, Germany, has given $1000 as an honorary prize to be competed for at the shooting festival, which will take place in that city in July.

The combined shooting associations of New York will leave on a specially chartered steamer, the Fulda, on June 3d, for the purpose of participating in the great German Bundes Shooting Festival in Berlin.

The Sacramento Rifle Club, lately reorganized by A. Ackerman, has secured a fine range in Oak Park, about three miles from the capital city. The range at present consists of four fine target-stands. The street-cars go direct to the place.

The medal-winners at the shoot of Company D, First Regiment, last Sunday were: C. Landdresse, first; W. Meek, second; Captain Jansen, third; C. Gielow, fourth; C. Gerlach, fifth. The medals won last year were distributed Wednesday evening last, to be retained as final by the following: First class, C. Gielow; second class, C. Gerlach; third class, W. Coyle. With the new year the members will compete for new decorations.

THE WHEEL.

Contemplated Tours to Lake Tahoe and the Yosemite Valley.

The warfare in the San Francisco Club is becoming more heated every day. One member, by his inordinate "kicking" and the rough way in which he does his objecting, has caused a feeling of disgust to spread among many of the older members. At a recent meeting two of the fastest riders in the club handed in their resignations. This action is said to have been taken solely from a desire not to be in the same organization with this objectionable member. When they learned, however, that his removal from the club was likely they withdrew their resignations, greatly to the satisfaction of the other members.

The committee from the Bay City Wheelmen, which was appointed to secure new quarters for the club is actively engaged in the search for a new home, and is determined before the year is over to secure a house for their brother members. Arrangements are pending with the owner of the lot at Franklin street and Golden Gate avenue to erect a building on plans prepared by the club. If the Bay City boys are successful in obtaining quarters at this point they will have secured a home that to wheelmen will have many and great advantages on account of its nearness to the best road leading to the park and Cliff House.

The San Franciscos will to-day have their postponed run to Haywards. The weather has been clear during the week and the roads are in good shape for the trip.

The Bay City picnic run, which was to have occurred last Sunday, was postponed until next Sunday, to-day being Easter. Lake Honda is the objective point, and a large attendance of visiting wheelmen from Napa, Stockton, San Jose and Oakland is expected.

Next Saturday night week the annual business meeting of the league will be held at Sachem Hall, in Red Men's Building, on Post street. At that time the selection of a place to hold the annual race meet will be made. San Jose is the place that it is expected will be determined on. The San Franciscos have determined to remove from their present home on McAllister street, and now have a committee looking for a more suitable place.

The Bay City Wheelmen will be well represented on the racing path. Wetmore, a new man, is pronounced a "phenom." at long distances, and is expected to give alive ballies to Smith, the San Jose crack, some very hard races. Plummer, Hammer, Rich, Doane and Elwell will in all probability be seen on the track. They are all old men, and have on a number of occasions shown what they could do. Turner will also ride, and will no doubt capture something. Browning, with Plummer as a partner, will go in the tandem race. If such an event is included in the programme.

During the last few seasons a few of the more enthusiastic have, during their vacations, taken long journeys on their "bikes." The splendid times they enjoyed, and their glowing accounts of the tours, have been fruitful, and this year quite a number of wheelmen will spend their vacations riding through the country. There are few places outside of California where can be found so many beautiful rides within a comparatively short distance of San Francisco. The Yosemite Valley, Geysers, Lake Tahoe, Santa Cruz, Pescadero and a hundred other places make very attractive objective points that can easily reached in the course of a fortnight's riding.

About the 1st of June a party of four riders, composed of Adams, Ray and Cox, of the Bay City Wheelmen, and Cole of San Jose, will start for Lake Tahoe. They will in all likelihood take the train from this city to Stockton in order to save time, and then start out on their wheels. Last year Wolff of Stockton made a delightful trip in five days. This year, however, the tourists will take their time, and not push themselves. After a day or two at Tahoe they intend to ride across to Virginia City. Here the mines and other points of interest, of which there are many, were to be visited, and then the ride back will commence. The riding is said to be very good, as a whole, although many of the grades will have to be walked.

Another party, under the direction of Meeker, B. C. W., will spend the holidays in the Yosemite Valley. Chief Consul Thompson will himself go on this trip, unless he can take his vacation a little earlier and go with Cole's party to Lake Tahoe. Mr. Meeker has a reputation as a planner of successful tours, which he earned while Captain of his club, and those who go with him this year are very sure to have a delightful time.

One of the most pleasant runs for Saturday afternoon and Sunday that can be imagined is to Mount Diablo and return. Last year this short trip was taken by the Bay City Club. The riders went up through Martinez and returned by way of Haywards. This run will be repeated this season.

UNBALANCED MINDS.

The Insanity Commissioners Dispose of Four Cases.

Mrs. Kate Counter, the woman who created a sensation in Judge Finn's department recently while testifying against a young man, was sent to the Napa Asylum for Insane yesterday. While detained in the County Jail as a witness she twice attempted to fire the place, and also assaulted the matron. Upon her release, she became drunk and was soon back in the jail, where she resumed her old tactics.

Mrs. Ellen Horn of 12 Valley street, who has noises in her head, was sent to Napa, and Mrs. Rosa C. Moon of 429 Bush street, who believes herself defrauded of millions of dollars, was consigned to Agnews.

Charles Waxsen, a Norwegian sailor, who recently jumped into the bay to commit suicide, but finding it too cold, swam back to shore, was sent to the Home for the Inebriates.

O'BRIEN'S DESPOILER.

Dominick McAuliffe Arrested for Stealing $290 From Him.

Dominick McAuliffe was arrested yesterday by Officer Hall of the North Harbor Police on complaint of Mr. L. O'Brien, a plumber of 520 Geary street. The latter charges him with having enticed him while under the influence of liquor into the Whale Saloon, at the corner of Kearny and Jackson streets, where McAuliffe's brother Jack is employed, and while there plying him with more liquor. While in a dazed condition he was taken to a disreputable house on the Barbary Coast and there relieved of $290, the proceeds of his day's collections. McAuliffe was arrested on Broadway while on his way to the steamer Umatilla, on which he had taken passage to Victoria.

The Marshall Statue.

The State Commissioners appointed to erect a monument in memory of James W. Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California, have decided to unveil the statue in Coloma, El Dorado County, immediately after the adjournment of the convention of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, which will convene in Chico on the 28th inst. The monument, which cost $5000, will be forty-one feet high, consisting of a bronze representation of Mr. Marshall eleven feet high, surmounting a granite base thirty feet high, and it will be placed in the lot wherein the discoverer of gold is buried.

A Chapel Added.

A chapel is being built on the right of the sanctuary of the Church of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe on Broadway, near Mason street. The chapel is dome shaped, thirty-two feet to the top of the cupola. There will be great ornamental arches of plaster and the whole will be frescoed by prominent artists. The rear will have three large windows of cathedral glass.

Suit on a Judgment.

An action has been commenced in the Superior Court against James McCarthy on a judgment rendered by the Superior Court of Oswego County, N. Y., on the 28th of December, 1885, in favor of Charles F. A. Heinrichs for $1125 87 and in favor of Isaac, Herman and Charles Scheuer for $500 16.

Trouble Over a Dog-Cart.

Ellen Corcoran began suit in the Justices' Court yesterday against Sheriff Laumeister to recover $250, the value of a dog-cart which he is alleged to have unlawfully taken on March 28th.

Everybody Praises It.

The hunter, when he makes a path,
Takes ax, and kindly "blazes" it;
Thus others try it, and, if good,
Each wand'ring trav'ler praises it.

The mind is apt to be misled,
Wrong information dazes it;
But you may on a thing rely
When everybody praises it.

And SOZODONT is such a thing.—
No glamor false o'erglazes it.
It cleans the teeth, perfumes the breath,
And everybody praises it.

The Queens of Society

Are among the stanchest advocates of beautifying SOZODONT, which communicates to the teeth the glistening whiteness of snow, arrests their decay, renders spongy and ulcerated gums healthy, and breath made offensive by defective teeth as sweet as honeysuckle. Ladies, ye were made to captivate; make your conquests sure and swift, your empire over male hearts lasting, by its sovereign aid. The fashionable world declares there is nothing like it.

THE UNIVERSITY AT BERKELEY.

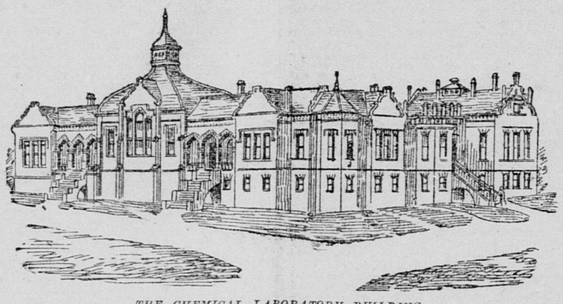
Description of the Buildings and Interesting Collections.

The New Chemical Laboratory Now Being Erected—The Students' Observatory—The Museum and the Curator.

Written for THE SUNDAY CALL.

THE building at the State University at Berkeley at present attracting the greatest amount of interest is the large new structure in course of erection a little to the east of the Bacon Library and Art Building, namely, the Chemical Laboratory. For some time past the accommodations have been found insufficient for the increasing number of students in that department, and some of the space afforded for the purpose, a basement, proved unhealthy and consequently undesirable.

The study of chemistry, becoming so popular owing to its prominence in so many branches of higher education, and covering as it does so wide a field, it has long been acknowledged that a new and superior chemical laboratory was a necessity for the university. The plans of the building were drawn three years ago at the request of Professor Holden, then the President, but lack of the necessary funds retarded the work of construction. The Legislature, having been applied to for an appropriation, responded so liberally by granting the university one cent of the taxation on every $100 of taxable property of the State that now there are ample funds not only for the new building, but for the large amount of expensive apparatus needed in addition. The building now in course of erection covers a greater area than any other connected with the university, though it does not follow that it is the greatest in magnitude, as nearly the whole consists of but one story and basement, that being found the most convenient form of structure for the purpose. The building is substantial and elegant, such as to prove a credit to the university and the State, and is found to compare favorably with similar institutions in Germany, a country noted among scientists for its laboratories, and from whence many of the requisites for that at Berkeley are being obtained.



THE CHEMICAL LABORATORY BUILDING.

The main laboratories will be on the principal floor, and the basement will be lighted and ventilated, so as to be adapted to many useful purposes. Rooms there will be devoted to gas analysis thermo-chemistry, physiological chemistry, toxicology, water analysis and sanitary chemistry. Here will also be the fusion and muffle furnaces and rooms for coal and stores. The building will contain in all forty-four rooms, and it is the desire and intention of the Regent to make the work carried on there useful in many ways to the State, making returns in that way for the liberality shown by the Legislature.

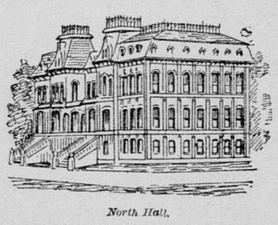
The north hall contains besides the offices of President Horace Davis and the Recorder the departments of philosophy, letters, languages and history. The south Hall is devoted to chemistry, mineralogy, geology and botany. The chemical laboratory for the present occupying a portion of one floor and the basement. It also contains the physical and botanic laboratories and the balance room.

Professor J. J. Rivers, Curator of Museum.

A students' observatory has been constructed and equipped with a 6-inch equatorial refracting telescope, with solar eye-piece, micrometer, driving clock and mountings complete, a spectroscope, capable of being attached to the equatorial, a Davidson combination transit and zenith telescope, a sextant, a Harkness spherometer, a level-tripe, an electro-chronograph, a sidereal chronometer and an astronomical clock. In a separate building, mounted on a solid pier of masonry, so as to insure from jarring, are one Ewing, one Gray and two duplex seismographs.

The observatory is adapted to the practical study of the principles of geodesy and to students of engineering in acquiring facility in the astronomical determination of time, latitude and longitude, as required in extended surveys, navigation and practical astronomy. One room is provided with a set of meteorological instruments, by means of which observations are taken and forwarded to the United States Signal Service Office in this city. The observatory is open to the public twice a month, the second and fourth Mondays, from sunset till 10 o'clock, under the direction of Professor Soule.

The museum contains the State Geological collection, placed at the disposal of the University, a number of fossils and minerals collected by C. D. Voy and presented by D. O. Mills, a collection of minerals, rocks, ores and shells,



North Hall.

presented by the late F. L. A. Pioche; miscellaneous minerals and rocks presented by James R. Keene, purchases by the University and other donations. These collections are classified into the following departments: Ethnology, consisting of skulls and stone implements found along the Pacific Coast, with articles relating to residents of islands in the Pacific, Peruvian pottery and Indian curios; botany, including an herbarium of Australian plants, native woods, cones, etc., and photographs of remarkable trees of California by Watkins, and the private collection of plants belonging to Professor Hilgard, arranged and classified for purposes of study, is found in the agricultural lecture-room; zoology, embracing a good collection of mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes, mostly from this Coast; palæontology, a complete collection of the fossils of California and one representing the geological history of the whole earth; also casts of many extinct animals; structural geology and economic geology, the latter consisting largely of a variety of ores from Pacific Coast mines; mineralogy; petrography, showing rocks from many countries; metallurgy, models and agriculture, the latter showing 1200 specimens of soils of this State, and 300 varieties of grain illustrating the diversities caused by soils and climate. A collection of seeds is also being formed.

South Hall.

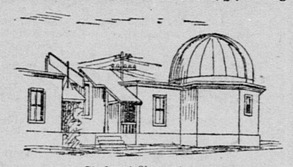
Entering the museum of the University, the representative of THE CALL, addressing that handsome and genial gentleman, who seems a veritable part and parcel of the institution, Professor John J. Rivers, said: "Are there any recent additions to the collection of interest?"

"We have a pair of mountain goats," replied the professor, "sometimes confounded with mountain sheep, but found on greater altitudes of the Rocky Mountains than the latter. They are only found in that locality and are fast becoming extinct. Their inaccessibility is all that saves them from absolute annihilation."

An inspection of the animals inclosed within a glass case showed to the uninitiated eye that they undoubtedly belonged to the goat family. White in color, with black horns, hoofs and noses, they are larger than the ordinary goat and peculiarly clothed about the legs, having short hair on the lower joint and long full growths on the upper part, giving the effect of a boy who has outgrown his last year's pantaloons.

"You see," said the professor, "in the matter of horns how widely they differ from the mountain sheep," at the same time drawing attention to the rough and curved horns detached from a head of the latter. "These goats belong to a certain class of antelope, which is shown by the height of their shoulders; the covering of their legs is adapted to keep them warm in the snow."

Passing from these to a group of humming birds, whose tiny breasts outshone the brightest jewels, the professor remarked that they were mostly Californian, though a few were from Arizona, and included examples of the adult, the immature and the young; also one of their nests, containing the full number of two eggs, having



Students' Observatory.

the peculiarity of being shaped equal at both ends. Not far from these minute eggs are the gigantic productions of the ostriches in Los Angeles County, also eccentric in form, being nearly spherical. A bird of paradise is there from Guatemala of different plumage from those generally known and favored by ladies for their millinery, having coloring of red and green, approaching the parrot plumage.

"There," said the professor, "is the silver sword, a plant growing on the extinct craters of the Hawaiian Islands." In form this curious specimen resembles a mop composed of some substance such as Alpine flowers.

Approaching a group of such unattractive creatures as snakes, lizards and scorpions, that make the unlearned in such reseach shiver and quit with an expressive pauge! the professor, lingering among their scaly coils with the affectionate adherence of a savant, related how, on one occasion, when a party of ladies accompanied him into the country when in quest of specimens, one of them, shrinking at something she had found, drew him to the spot, when it proved to be a live specimen of a rare description of beetle, a treasure to the appreciative collector.

Among recent acquisitions the museum contains a number of new birds belonging to the family of Trionychilds, found in the Sacramento River, near Sacramento, by the following students of the university when fishing there: Messrs. J. J. Terry, F. B. Denson and J. C. Jones, who seeing they had captured something unusual sent it to the University Museum.

By this time a twinge of rheumatism drove the Professor to take refuge in his warmer study adjoining the museum, the reporter following said: "Professor Rivers, I have long had a wish to take your portrait. Will you kindly oblige by posing a few minutes for the purpose. I will not interrupt your work, which you can continue at the same time?"

And while the professor wrote, surrounded by fossils, specimens of Zoology and mineralogy, the outline of his picture was taken for THE CALL.

E. S. RYDER.

A DAY ON THE WHARVES.

Everything Quiet All Around the Water Front.

A Novel Race Set for This Morning—Sailing of Steamers—Overhauling of the Bear. The Charleston Ready for Sea.

The ferry-boat San Rafael and the steam launch Aquila have both been on the ways and have undergone complete overhauling. The Aquila shipped a new three-blade screw, instead of her old four-blade. The friends of the