



Horse vs. Bicycle.

Athletes are now figuring upon the probable winners of the championship games and boxing tournament.

The bicycle tournament at Central Park will be a great affair, as the races will be run at night.

Association Games Will Be Lively This Season—Laurie Bliss.

The irrepressible football player will soon again be in our midst, and signs of a revival in football sports is manifested by the meetings which have been held of the various local organizations.

The Association football players who took a leading part in the sport last season are again in the front and at a meeting of the league held last week committees of arrangement were appointed to perfect negotiations for grounds.

The league will be officered by the leading lights of last season. D. G. C. McKay, the general president of the league, will again take the wheel, and as a vice will be ably assisted by E. McKenzie, A. Mackillop, who helped so much to popularize the league last year, will wield the pen for the term, and the financial interests will be entrusted to W. Watson, president of the Thistle Club.

As a sort of entree to the season, which will not commence properly until about October 2, Fort Mifflin will be arranged to take place at Central Park under the electric light, and as this will be the first game ever played in California with the aid of electricity they will no doubt attract considerable attention by reason of the novelty.

For this series of electric games the following clubs have been selected and dates arranged as follows: Saturday evening, September 2, Fort Mifflin, Fort Mifflin vs. Rangers; Friday evening, September 8, the Thistles vs. Wanderers, and the winners of each game will play off the final on Sunday afternoon, September 10.

During the Midwinter Exposition the association will give a series of exhibition games, suitable grounds for which have been promised by the executive committee, and the championship interests making provision for the footballers in his grand plans.

The clubs forming the league will be about the same as last year, namely: Oakland Athletics and two new aggregations, which will add a national flavor to the games. The Alerts of Oakland, an English team, will compete for football honors, and the hardy sons of the Emerald Isle, in order not to be last in the procession, have organized a strong team, with the euphonious name of "Celtic," captained by M. Lynch.

With the various nationalities of the British Isles, Canada and the colonies, represented by their individual teams, and America by the army teams, a distinctly international feeling will be imported into the league games, which will make them exceedingly interesting and brimful of excitement.

The next meeting of the league will be held at headquarters on Friday, October 25, and a schedule drawn up for the season.

Laurie Bliss, the gentleman who was imported from the East a few weeks ago to teach Olympic Club athletes how to punt leather, will journey homeward tomorrow satisfied that he made a record in California for being a nice young man.

Racing Under Electric Light at Central Park.

The work of erecting the electric-light masts at Central Park for the tournament to be held there by the Bay City Wheelmen on the evenings of August 22, 24 and 26 is now being carried forward.

The greatest obstacle which has been encountered by the managers of this unique

and novel form of entertainment was that of placing the lights so as to diffuse a brilliancy without casting shadows from the riders to the track.

If shadows were cast it would probably be the means of causing numerous accidents, but after many consultations with the engineers of the Electric Light Company it is believed that this, the only danger, has been entirely overcome.

The lights, which will consist in the most part of twenty arc lights, have been placed alternately on the inside and outside of the track, and as they are not more than seventy-five feet apart at any point, it is believed that the grounds will be illuminated so that they will be quite as bright as during day.

A great number of entries have been received for the league tournament which was held on the 13, 3d and 4th of July. Among them are the names of some of the best riders in the State.

Walter F. Foster, who has been in the southern part of California, has entered, and although not so finely trained he is in much better physical condition than he was on the occasion of the last races. It is surprising to note the number of maiden racers who are abroad in the land at the

present time. It would seem as though a great number of events run off during the last two months would have caused the supply of new men to decrease, but the entry list of the maiden race is even larger than it was in July.

Probably one of the most interesting events at the coming meet will be the one in which several vaqueros from the wilds of Butchertown will compete against a bicyclist. The fence enclosing the central space for spectators is about twenty feet from the track.

Around this the ground has been prepared for the horses. The vaqueros of course will not have to ride as far as the bicyclist, and therefore will have a considerable advantage. This will be the first time in California in which horses have competed against amateur wheelmen, and therefore should be a very interesting event.

It is said that two of the riders of the horses who will compete have had their mounts training at the Bay District track for the last month in anticipation of the race, and are determined to make the wheelmen ride a killing pace to win. An especially fine set of prizes is offered in this race as an inducement to the vaqueros to exert themselves and their horses to the utmost.

The Olympic Club Cycling Annex will have a series of races on September 10, and the coming contests, has arranged for a race party to visit the races in a body.



and he says he has 250,000 pounds of fresh salmon now in freezers waiting shipment.

He explains that salmon are shipped to Tacoma in freezers specially built in vessels, thence by refrigerator-cars to the East.

Upon arrival there the salted fishes are smoked—as this big one was—and they are sold at about 25 cents per pound at retail.

This fish merchant intends to ship to New York, about next Christmas, a salmon in his freezers which is said to be the biggest salmon ever seen. It weighs 156 pounds.

Louis Rondeau and his partner Alfonso Smith had a very exciting experience last Sunday. According to the keeper of San Andreas Lake the anglers had landed for luncheon on the west side of the lake, when they heard a strange noise emanating from the heavy undergrowth near by.

Smith, who is very curious in some particulars, insisted, contrary to Mr. Rondeau's advice, on learning what the cause of the strange commotion meant.

After pushing his way a short distance into the thicket he leaped back quickly, and running toward his companion said, with trembling voice, that he had seen a ghost. Mr. Rondeau laughed at the idea, but agreed to go on a prospecting expedition.

Just as the two fishermen were about to start Mr. Bransford, "Young Sugarhouse," made his appearance, then the

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In regard to pheasants a correspondent of an Eastern exchange says: Pheasants, I mean the true pheasants, not the ruffed grouse, which should be always called by its proper name, are being introduced rapidly into nearly every State in the Union by private individuals.

came to save expenses in the meat line. "I saw over twenty start out this morning," he says. "If the mines had not been closed not a man would now be after game. If this camp is representative of others, then, good-by to the deer, elk and other game."

How many sportsmen keep game books in this country? Not many, I fear; yet nothing is more interesting than looking over the records of every day of good sport with pleasant companions.

I saw, the other day, a game book which had been kept most carefully by its owner for over twenty years, the record of sport enjoyed in hunting nearly every sort of game to be found in America, both North and South.

My own game book is to me like a diary; I put down every day I am out, and enjoy very much looking over the pages devoted to shooting and fishing all over the world.

In England I have seen some game books that have been kept for a great number of years; one, that is kept by a great friend of mine, gives the record of every head of game killed on his estate since 1803, with notes on weather, the breeding of the pheasants and partridges each year, and names of all who shot on the estate.

Many a pleasant hour have I spent reading the shooting records of ninety years ago in these old volumes.

The cut which accompanies this department represents Shattuck's house, a well-known landmark on the road leading from the base of San Andreas Lake to Pilarcitos Lake.

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