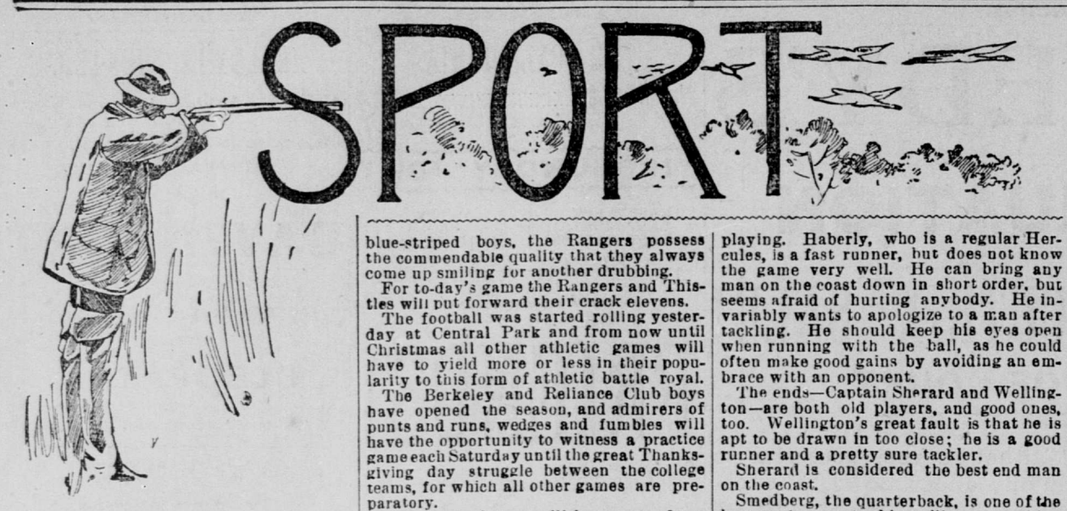

Football, that great college sport, is now the game which athletes delight to witness.

The college pastime is not the only line of amusement which football affords. There is the association game which from a scientific point of view is certainly the most desired by lovers of artistic sport. Then the Gaelic game, with its adherents, will help to swell the increasing numbers of football supporters.

Duck-shooting has been affording the gumboot wearers tolerably good sport of late. The first batch of foreign-raised bipeds has arrived and the cracking of guns on the marshes will be lively this morning.

The trout-fishing season will end on Tuesday, and the anglers should obey the laws and refrain from wetting lines, excepting in tidal waters, until April, 1894.

ATHLETIC.

Indoor Championships at the University of California.

The holding of an indoor university championship meeting at some time during the winter has been broached during the past week. The board of managers look with favor upon the project, and it will probably be adopted. It will not come, however, until after the football series are over, and perhaps not until next term—some time in February, perhaps. This will start the athletes to training early and insure their being in condition for the spring games. Such a meeting has never been held in Berkeley, and would doubtless arouse much enthusiasm. The only difficulty is the fact that the gymnasium is too small to accommodate all the friends of the 'varsity who would desire to attend.

Another new day proposed is an all-around championship day sometime next spring—something that has never been held on this coast, though some of the weeks of the Y. M. C. A. Club athletes have something of an all-around character about them. Morse '94 is perhaps the best all-around man on the coast, and other Berkeley men who would show up well in such a contest are Fred Koch '95, C. A. Woolsey '94 and Humphrey '97. These days, with the regular spring field day, the intercollegiate and championship games and Olympic Club days, insure plenty of incentive for training during the coming months on the part of all Berkeley athletes.

One of the surprises of the past week was the defeat of Sanborn, '94, by Rountree, '95, in the handicap tennis tournament of singles. When it is remembered that two years ago Sanborn at the San Rafael tournament worked up to the finals, being defeated only by Hubbard, the winner of the tournament, the reason for surprise is evident. Sanborn was then rated as the third best player on the coast, but since then he has fallen off in his play considerably and played in very poor form last week, while Rountree played never so well, thus defeating the university champion for three years past for the first time, though the two have often played together.

The finals played on Wednesday gave Rountree the tournament, he defeating Crawford, the winner of the second-class series, who was given a handicap of half fifteen by a score of 6—1, 6—1, and Morrill, the winner of the third-class series, who had a handicap of fifteen, by the less creditable score of 6—5, 11—13, 6—1. This probably ends the tennis plays for this term, as it is not expected the handicap doubles will be set before next term. I understand the Hardy brothers, those two champion players of Oakland, will enter the university next year, which will be just in time to strengthen the tennis players, as Sanborn goes out with this year's class.

The athletes of the Olympic Club who patronize track and field sports are now taking a well-merited rest. In fact the athletic season is over for some time, and football will be the great outdoor pastime until the series of games arranged for the season is over. Among the football kickers of the club are athletes who have won honors on the sprinting path.

D. Carey, the Dublin policeman athlete, accomplished a notable performance at some games held at that place on September 30. Although the ground was as hard almost as bell metal, rendering it impossible for any one to let himself completely out, he covered 45 feet at the running hop, step and jump.

J. H. Tyers, the celebrated amateur champion swimmer of Great Britain, created another record at the 100-yard invitation race of the Life Saving Society, held at the Excelsior Baths, Bethnal Green, London, England, September 30. He lost the event by a yard, but covered the full distance in 3 min. 56 1-5 sec., the winner, H. T. Bosanquet, being conceded 33 seconds start.

John S. Prince, the well-known professional rider, well known in America, where he resides at Omaha, Nebr., but who is now on a visit to England, his native land, created two new records for professionals at Herne Hill, London, October 6. He rode a half mile against time in 1 min. 8 1-5 sec. from a standing start, and the same distance from a flying start in 1 min. 5 2-5 sec. He is to leave for the States on or about October 28.

FOOTBALL.

The Association and Intercollegiate Games.

The Pacific Association Football League has now got its schedule in full swing, and some exciting contests may be looked for during the season.

The Thistle Club has started out in good shape, and the easy manner in which they disposed of the Fort Mason team is an indication that the boys intend keeping their hold on the championship.

Jim Low, formerly of the Oaklands, will keep goal for the Thistles during the season, and he will prove a fitting successor to the veteran Lumsden, who has retired from the football arena.

The Pastimes are elated at the hard rub they gave the Wanderers on Sunday last at Central Park, and as the team contains a lot of good youthful material they will yet distinguish themselves in the league matches.

Steve Cassidy of the Pastimes has the makings of a good back, while Ulrick, the halfback, is a very promising player, and fetches the ball like a veteran.

For a crack team the Wanderers made a poor showing against an aggregation of novices like the Pastimes, and in their present form the Fort Masons should have no trouble in turning the tables on them on Sunday, November 5, when both teams are scheduled to play at Central Park.

The game to-day between the Thistles and Rangers will be bitterly contested, as keen rivalry exists between the two teams, and while the Thistles have never experienced much trouble in disposing of the blue-striped boys, the Rangers possess the commendable quality that they always come up smiling for another drubbing.

For to-day's game the Rangers and Thistles will put forward their crack elevens.

The football was started rolling yesterday at Central Park and from now until Christmas all other athletic games will have to yield more or less in their popularity to this form of athletic battle royal.

The Berkeley and Reliance Club boys have opened the season, and admirers of punts and runs, wedges and fumbles will have the opportunity to witness a practice game each Saturday until the great Thanksgiving day struggle between the college teams, for which all other games are preparatory.

The Stanford team will journey up from its country practice grounds down the bay next Saturday and meet the Olympic Club team. This game will be of especial interest, affording as it will an opportunity to local adherents of the game to contrast the Palo Alto with the Berkeley boys' game and speculate—that which all minds enjoy doing—as to the game between the two and its results. And if all, or even the majority of the reports received from down the bay are true, neither 'varsity team can go on the field certain of defeating the other. Much has been said about the strength of the Berkeley center, and of the entire line, in fact, and of Stanford's weakness in corresponding points, and of Bliss' perplexity as how to find strong, heavy men to withstand the Berkeley line, but when it comes to figures, which do not lie, this can be seen to be anything but the case, and it looks as if the Stanford team will line up some six or seven pounds heavier per man than the one from Berkeley. Paul Downing, the regular center on the Stanford team, weighs 185, and is exceedingly active and agile. Foltz, the present center of the Berkeley team, weighs only 170, and is as yet only a novice at the game and lacking in experience. Applicants for position as guard on the Stanford team weigh: Burnet 185, Williams 195, Field 187, Eckert 190. Easton and Smith, who play these positions for Berkeley, weigh respectively 168 and 174. Burr, 173 pounds, and Hunt, 178 pounds, will be more nearly equal in weight with their opponent guards, Cochran 175 pounds and Whitehouse 177 pounds. A royal contest may be expected between these players. Whitehouse promises to make a splendid match for Hunt, and Cochran is an equally good player with Burr.

The Stanford end players will again outweigh the Berkeley men. Captain Wilson of the former weighs 155, while his namesake on the latter tips the beam a pound heavier, but Sherman, the other end, weighs only 141, while Frankenheimer 160, Spaulding 155, Claude Downing 177, the applicants for the other end position on the Palo Alto team, all outweigh him considerably. Behind the line the story is no different.

The Berkeley captain, Benson, quarterback, weighs 132 only, Humphreys 162, Ransome about 168, Rheinhardt 173, and Taylor 142. For Stanford, Code, quarterback, weighs 145, Walton 170, Harrelson 140, Lewis 140, and Russell 170, all applicants for halfbacks, and Kennedy, fullback, 175. Thus it would seem that the Berkeley team is liable to be outweighed at every point, and will have to make up in agility and endurance what is lacked in weight.

Coach Heffelfinger and Manager Denman visited Palo Alto last Wednesday at the invitation of Coach Bliss and Manager Maynard and witnessed the evening practice game. Upon their return they were besieged by an anxious crowd of students to learn how they sized up the players down the bay. But little satisfaction was obtained, as Sphinx-like silence was maintained by the two. But I understand the Stanford rush-line surprised the visitors on account of the weight and activity of the men. The varsity backs for the evening were the same quartet that played the Olympics last year—Kennedy, Frankenheimer, Harrelson and Code. The game was "snappy" throughout and consisted almost entirely of end runs and kicks, Stanford thus showing her old-established prediliction for an open game. Kennedy kicked in great form, showing much hard practice since last year's game. He promises to play the game of his life this year. The interference of the backs for each other was very good, but there was some fumbling.

The intercollegiate football season has now begun and the four teams in the league are working in earnest.

The Olympic teams are practicing by electric light at Haight-street grounds and are doing good work.

The Olympics showed a marked improvement in their game with St. Mary's College last Sunday over their game with the Sacramento Athletic Club the previous Sunday.

Of course, they are at a great disadvantage compared with the college teams, but if they continue their practice and improvement they will surprise the varsity teams.

The Olympic boys are most all strong and hardy athletes and are game and determined, and are sure to put up a good game of football when called upon.

Billy Sexton is showing up splendidly and is playing a strong game for a man of his weight. He should get closer to his man and learn to block better. He is rather slow yet in getting back into position. Cartwright, the right guard, is the heaviest man in the team and would play his position better if he was a trifle rougher and more aggressive. He blocks well.

Howard Taylor is a good man, but lacks time for practice.

Belcher is another good man, but is a trifle light for guard.

Wand should make an excellent guard with practice, he is strong and as quick as a flash.

The positions of right and left tackle are filled at present by Haberly and Graham, who should make the best pair of tackles on the coast, as they are both expert heavy-weight wrestlers and as strong as anchormen. Graham played tackle last year and did good work. He is a bit slow at starting and requires practice at quick playing. Haberly, who is a regular Hercules, is a fast runner, but does not know the game very well. He can bring any man on the coast down in short order, but seems afraid of hurting anybody. He invariably wants to apologize to a man after tackling. He should keep his eyes open when running with the ball, as he could often make good gains by avoiding an embrace with an opponent.

The ends—Captain Sherard and Wellington—are both old players, and good ones, too. Wellington's great fault is that he is apt to be drawn in too close; he is a good runner and a pretty sure tackler.

Sherard is considered the best end man on the coast.

Smedberg, the quarterback, is one of the best on the coast; his military teaching makes him cool and collected; he gave his signals plainly and uses excellent judgment in directing the plays. He is a fine tackler, but lacks in interference.

Smedberg has played quarter for West Point.

Tomlinson, who is sub-quarter, has improved wonderfully, and is now playing a very good game. He played quarter against St. Mary's for the Olympics last Sunday.

Percy Morse and Casady are playing halfbacks and are doing good work. Morse is playing a splendid game. He is a strong runner and a hard man to stop. He can keep a tackler off in good shape, as he is an artful dodger.

This is Casady's first season at football. He is an old-time athlete and will make an excellent half, as he is very fast and strong and is almost sure to make ground every time he takes the ball. He must learn to run lower and do more fighting off. He played an exceptionally good game against St. Mary's last Sunday. He tackled well and did some fine interfering for the runners. On one occasion he interfered for Morse the whole length of the field and kept two men from him.

Miley, the fullback, is playing a splendid game for so young a man; he is a plucky and hard player, and is good for a gain every time he is called upon.

There are some excellent men among the second eleven.

THE GUN.

Shooting Ducks by the Light of the Moon—Birds Arriving.

Sportsmen who are patiently waiting a "tip" as to where good shooting is to be had frequently find the desired information by perusing the columns of the newspapers, and the sportsmen's department in particular.

At present there are in this city hundreds of young and middle-aged men who are praying for rain in the hope of meeting with reasonable success in the marshes within easy reach of home.

Up to the present duck-shooting has not been worth the trouble and expense of going after, as the northern flight of birds had not arrived. Within the past week a change for the better has come, and those who during the past month have returned homeward with empty bags can now look forward to a better time.

Reports received no later than yesterday state that duck-shooting on the Sonoma marshes has been tolerably good, but to procure a good bag the hunter must be in his "little coop" before the sun smiles upon the feathered tribe.

It is necessary, that is, to succeed in grassing what local gunners would call a nice string of birds, to have at least half a dozen decoys placed out within say fifty yards of the "blind" where the sportsman waits patiently the arrival of the foreigners.

Sprig, teal and widgeon, with an occasional canvasback and mallard, are the ducks which the Sonoma hunters have been puffing smoke at recently. The cold weather up north has driven the birds south, and local trigger-pullers may count upon enjoying the sport they have so dearly longed for from now until the heavy rains will "ship" them to the southern country.

Down about Alviso and Alvarado the shooting is reasonably good, and particularly by the light of the moon. Although hunters who have been making big bags of teal recently are keeping quiet so far as the giving of good news away, it is a well-known fact, however, that the majority of ducks that have arrived within the past week from what is known as the Alviso marshes have been shot on the small ponds of water created by the overflow of the artesian wells during the light of the moon.

The little blue and green winged teal suffer most, as they must have "a liquor up" after their day's picking on the salt marsh.

They generally dip quietly into the pond, in singles or in pairs, to remain just long enough to quench their thirst, when they are off again to the feeding-ground on the mud flats. The hunter who lies in wait for their arrival is aware that to secure his game he must shoot at the "drop of the bird," and before the little green heads have had time to wet their bills they are bowled over and quickly consigned to the bag.

South of Mount Eden and immediately back of the town of Alvarado there are ponds which are well known to local hunters, who have for years enjoyed many moonlight pot-shoots at teal, widgeon, sprig and mallard. Another good moonlight shooting-ground is on the summit of the range of hills west of San Bruno, where two or three large ponds of water afford good drinking to the quackers that frequent the San Mateo marshes during daylight. Moonlight shooting, although enjoyed by the man who hunts for the pot, has no charm for the sportsmen who have mastered the practical science of wing-shooting, which is the only real sport on field or marsh.

Of the many sportsmen who delight in the ownership of a good gun it may seem strange to say, yet it is nevertheless a fact, that few of them understand how to choose a gun that will answer their requirements.

The majority of guns sold in this country are of English and American make, and of recent years those made in this country are having the greater sale, not because of their beauty and excellency of finish, as they cannot excel the English weapons in that particular, but as they are made with the aim for durability and for close and hard shooting the American sportsmen prefer them.

No guns are made in this country unless to order of smaller bore than 20 and rarely over 12. The most popular bores are 10 and 12, the latter being the more in use, although a good 12 gun should answer all purposes excepting, of course, the market-hunter, who would probably be better satisfied with an 8.

As a rule sportsmen shooting a smaller bore than 12 handicap themselves, for it is an acknowledged fact that a 16 bore is less effective than a 12, excepting, possibly, for quail-shooting, where snap shooting must be done.

Another thing against the 16 bore is the annoyance frequently incurred in procuring cartridges when away from home.

Should a sportsman decide when selecting a gun to purchase a 12-bore it may perhaps seem to him that everything is O. K. as long as the instrument fits snugly and is free from blemish.

It must be remembered that guns are bored in such a way that one which would be desirable for one style of shooting would prove totally unfit for another. The barrels of a gun, or tubes, as they are called in the rough state, are bored within in such a manner that they will throw a charge of shot so as to give an even distribution of the pellets at a certain distance. On the other hand they may be bored so as to give a desired pattern at a much longer range.

The various modes of boring a gun are known to the trade as cylinder-bored, meaning a tube or barrel bored perfectly or almost straight; next comes the modified choke, which means boring the barrel so that it will be slightly contracted at the muzzle end, and the third process is full choke, which means contracting the barrel to such an extent as to give a close pattern of shot at a limit of the positive effective range of the gun, which is recognized the world over as about forty yards.

If sportsmen intend a gun for, say, quail-shooting in heavy cover, where a majority of shots will be made inside of twenty-five yards, a cylinder bore would assuredly give the better results. Frequently in quail-shooting snap shots are taken when a bird is not more than twelve or fifteen yards from the gun, and a charge of shot at that distance if fired from a full-choked gun would tear the bird so badly that a well-broken dog would positively refuse to recognize it. On the other hand, if a sportsman was to confine his shooting to snipe or duck, the range would generally be from thirty to fifty yards, and, by using a choke-bore gun the charge of shot would be kept together so that at the above distance a good pattern would result.

Professor Cooper, the famous local snipe shot, who has a record of killing 125 birds straight, says that a 10-bore, when handled properly, is superior to all other guns, especially when birds are wild and a second is frequently necessary.

For trap-shooting a gun of full choke for both barrels would be the choice of a majority of people who have made a study of this kind of sport, if such it can be called.

At the present time hammerless guns are the fashion, but if a man's purse be limited, he can purchase a hammer gun at a much lower price; and it is not unlikely he may find those of the latter style of some famous maker which may be a much better gun, so far as wearing and shooting qualities are concerned, than a more fashionable gun less thoroughly made. Hammerless guns are admitted to contain advantages that the hammer guns do not; but there is one decided advantage which a hammer gun has over a hammerless gun, and that is, it is less complicated. If one is obliged to visit a remote section where he is liable to injure his gun, if accident occurs it is much easier to send the broken part to the factory and to replace it in a hammer gun than in a hammerless. The latter being so complicated, there are few persons, unless they possess considerable mechanical ingenuity, competent to take apart and put together a hammerless gun.

During the past few years there has been a great rage for light guns, and manufacturers vying with each other have in some cases produced guns so light that it has given rise to a doubt as to their safety. It is of course desirable to procure lightness if you can secure strength with it, for carrying a heavy gun all day is a burden, and every ounce seems like a pound at the end of a day. But it should be remembered that the lighter the gun the greater the recoil, and the greater the recoil the poorer the shooting.

Generally speaking a majority of sportsmen who use the scatter-gun are willing to admit that when a gun is less than seven pounds in weight it is not capable of using charges that one might desire to in all styles of shooting, and that a gun weighing over eight pounds is unnecessarily heavy.

The fit of a gun has considerable to do with its shooting. An ill-fitting gun is uncomfortable to shoot, and the sportsman is generally unable to do satisfactory work with it. The average man will find a gun with a 14-inch stock and a drop of three inches approximately correct. If he be a tall man with a long neck he may prefer a gun with more drop to it; but if he be stout with a short neck it is more than likely a gun with a straight stock, having a drop of from 2 to 2½ inches, would be preferred.

Messrs. Murdoch, Kittle and Webster left yesterday for a duck and snipe shoot on the Country Club preserve in Marin County. Kittle expects to stop the flight of a dozen canvasback to-day.

Dave Flemming says that it will give him much pleasure to back Richard Brooks against English Snipe Cooper in a pigeon match, twelve birds per man, the use of the second barrel barred.

Thomas Kennedy, the talking sportsman, is on the lookout for a preserve where gun trials can be held. Kennedy is a great admirer of the pump gun.

Thomas E. Flynn of the celebrated Quinn-Flynn case has informed John Muirhead that he intends to have a skiff constructed for winter shooting on the bay. If Flynn is as slow with the gun as he is with the oar there will be no danger that markets will be flooded with bilge-water game this winter.

Louis Rondeau and Al Smith had a great day's quail-shooting at Point Reyes last Sunday. Their bag of birds was not exceptionally heavy, however.

Mike Leahy is authority for the statement that cottontail rabbit shooting is better sport than quail-shooting.

CHASING FUR.

THE ROD.

Wind Up of a Very Successful Season.

After Tuesday, the 31st inst., it will be unlawful to catch trout above tidal water.

The season has been, generally speaking, very satisfactory, and local anglers have no great reason to complain.

At the present time any member of the fraternity of rod handlers who desires to wind up the season appropriately and with good results should pay a visit to Pescadero, where good sport awaits the man who can use a spoon properly.

Grilse have begun to put in an appearance at the mouth of the coast streams, and as they are very gamy fish anglers need not expect satisfactory results unless they journey to the streams armed with thin but strong tackle. All of the streams north of this city are good now. Latest intelligence from the Garcia and Big rivers, in Mendocino County, give very flattering accounts of the catches that have been made of late. The fish run from half a pound to five pounds.

Last Sunday William Cooney lost two very nice fish at Point Reyes, one of which looked like a four-pounder.

The following cleverly written article on the Chicago fly-casting tournament, which appeared in the Fishing Gazette, is worthy of note in these columns:

If fly-casting is fascinating exercise and exhilarating sport to the one who holds the rod it is no less a matter of curiosity and wonder to the average onlooker. One might have stood on the shore of the north pond at the World's Columbian Exposition last week during the fly-casting tournament and gained more knowledge in ten minutes from the crowd lined up along the chain which keeps people off the grass in front of the Walton cottage than would fill a dozen books on angling. And that knowledge, once attained, would keep the person upon whom it was gratuitously thrust in a stew for the rest of his natural life, and he would realize that his day for enticing fish was done, as fly-casting had usurped his duty.

A man from Indiana, who stood as close to the grass-protecting chain as his tender shins would permit, watched with open mouth and bulging eyes the light rods swish backward and forward, and with strained ears heard the hiss of the line as in graceful curves it cut the air, then turning to the countryman at his elbow said, "Sam, what be them durned fools a-doin,?" and he was not the only one who watched the expert casters and asked far sillier questions.

To one of the uninitiated it is really wonderful to what a distance a fly can be propelled by the use of a rod in the hands of an expert, and the frequent bursts of applause that greeted some unusually long or accurate bit of casting were sufficient to show the appreciation of the audience.

Of Mr. Leonard's casting it might be said that up to sixty to sixty-five feet no more graceful angler ever handled a rod, but after passing that distance his casting loses that grace and naturalness and becomes rather labored and awkward, but he gets there just the same.

Mr. Hewitt is the Adonis of all anglers who participated. He is of a lithe, sinewy build, and his movements, from the time he picks up the tip to set up his rod until he carelessly reels in his line after the final cast, are grace personified. He may without fear of contradiction be called "the ideal fly-caster."

E. E. Wilkinson, who is a jolly, heavy-set gentleman with a short, gray mustache and good humor beaming from every feature, is a very graceful caster, his one fault being the straightening of his arm to full length in the forward cast.

F. B. Davidson makes very pretty bits of casting, but rather lacks delicacy. This same fault might be found with three out of every five who participated in the tourney.

COURSING.

Some Talk of Holding a Meeting at Merced.

Coursing should be well patronized this winter. With inclosed parks at Newark and Ocean View the patrons of the leash should certainly have all the sport they will need.

There is some talk of holding a meeting at Merced about January, and allowing that among the people who will journey to this city this winter there will be a number of men who are fond of coursing, the idea of an open meeting on the great plains is certainly worthy of consideration.

Inclosed parks as a rule are good for sprinters, as a majority of the courses are, indeed, shorter than those that have been witnessed on the plains.

Dogs that would cut quite a dash in an inclosure are very liable to bring up at the tail of the hunt on the plains, although they may score quite a lead in the early part of the race. Endurance cuts just as big a figure as speed at an open meeting, but the dog that has both of these qualities need never fear an opponent in the inclosed field or on the wild open prairie.

The Pacific Coursing Club will wind up the month to-day at Ocean View Park, and, as a good programme is offered, the sport should be worth seeing.

The recent meeting at Wexford, Ireland, was a somewhat sensational one. In the Slaney stakes Mr. Bever's Bohemian Boy ran a rattling good course with Blue Green II, but in the second round, when down with Anim, he tumbled about in so queer a fashion as to suggest foul play. In fact he was quite incapable of making any consistent effort and the stewards afterward held a preliminary inquiry with a view to full investigation by the National Coursing Club. In the Wexford stakes Full Captain (the conqueror of Fullerton) ran such a grueling course with Hillside that he had to be drawn from the second round, the stake ultimately falling to Mr. Baily's Geoffrey. A number of Colonel North's greyhounds were sold at Rymill's Repository, Barbican, London, at prices ranging from two guineas to forty. The latter price was paid by Mr. Thurston for Quickly Wise, a fawn dog by Troughend — Glendyne. Never Yet, a brindle dog, by Huic Holloa, went to Mr. Cooper for 35 guineas. Another litter by Huic Holloa (out of Tic Tac), Nuttree, No Tic, Now Go and Nuncia II, fetched an average of 33 guineas each. Not So Slow, New Eltham II and Nevertheless, all by Gay City—Sparkling Gem, went for 2 guineas each. Some saplings from Mr. Gardner's kennels fetched good prices—the best being 35, 34 and 20 guineas for three youngsters by Herschell-Handysides Pet.

Swimming.

Harry A. Harmon and Arthur Wallace, two of the best known swimmers of the Pacific Coast, will swim a race at Alameda mole on Sunday, November 5, for a purse of $500, distance to be a half mile, both men are training faithfully, and the event promises to be very interesting.

HE'D BEEN TO THE SHOW.

And Found That There Was Always Somebody Watching Him.

Buffalo Express.

A man with a silk hat jammed down over his forehead sat in the smoking-room of one of the sleepers of an eastbound Michigan Central train on Tuesday afternoon and chewed viciously an unlighted cigar.

"What's the matter, pardner?" asked a fat little man, who had been smoking in silence for fifty miles.

"Matter?" growled the other man: "matter? Why, there's plenty enough the matter." He sat in silence for about fifteen minutes and then he straightened up and said: "I suppose you have been to the World's Fair?"

"Oh, yes," replied the little fat man, cheerily.

"Seen all them big crowds?"

"Yes."

"Noticed how few times you met anybody you knew?"

"Yes."

"Well, so've I. I went out there last week. Went alone and put in four days walking around those blamed grounds. I met 16,000,000 people, and didn't know a dod-rotted one of them. Not a friend or an acquaintance could I find in all that mob. On the fifth day I flirted with a pretty girl I met and we started out to do the Art building together. Inside of thirty minutes I met seven women who belong to my wife's church and sewing society. Matter? Why, I'm booked for the toughest time mortal man ever had before I explain that transaction."

And the fat little man said he knew how to sympathize with him.

Among the Kondeh people, who live on Lake Nyassa, in Africa, the favorite form of suicide is to enter the water and allow one's self to be devoured by a crocodile.

Bald Heads!

What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors held on the 28th day of September, 1893, an assessment, No. 19, of ten (10) cents per share, was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the secretary, at the office of the company, 310 Pine street, rooms 15 and 17, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 2d day of November, 1893, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on FRIDAY, the 24th day of November, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the board of directors.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors, held on the twenty-third day of October, 1893, an assessment (No. 25) of 5 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin to the secretary at the office of the company, room 56, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1893, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on TUESDAY, the nineteenth day of December, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the board of directors.

J. STADTFELD JR., Secretary.

Office—Room 56, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco, California. oc24 td

GOULD & CURRY SILVER MINING COMPANY—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California; location of works, Virginia, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the board of trustees, held on the 14th day of October, 1893, an assessment (No. 72) of ten cents (10c) per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the secretary, at the office of the company, room 69, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 16th day of November, 1893, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on THURSDAY, the 7th day of December, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the board of trustees.

Office — Room 69, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco California. oc15 td

CONSOLIDATED NEW YORK MINING COMPANY—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, Cal.; location of works, Gold Hill, Storey County, Nev.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors, held on the 27th day of September, 1893, an assessment (No. 11) of five (5) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin to the secretary at the office of the company, room 79, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 1st day of November, 1893, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on WEDNESDAY, the 22d day of November, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the board of directors.

CHAS. E. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

Office—Room 79, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery st., San Francisco, Cal. se28 td

CROWN POINT GOLD AND SILVER MINING Company — Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California; location of works, Gold Hill, Storey County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on TUESDAY, the 26th day of September, 1893, an assessment (No. 62) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, room 35, 3d floor of Mills building, NE. corner Montgomery and Bush streets, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 31st day of October, 1893, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on TUESDAY, the 21st day of November, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors. JAMES NEWLAND, Secretary.

Office—Room 35, 3d floor of Mills building, NE. corner Bush and Montgomery streets, San Francisco, California. se27 td

CHALLENGE CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California; location of works, Gold Hill, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th day of October, 1893, an assessment (No. 15) of five cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, room 35, 3d floor Mills building, cor. Bush and Montgomery sts., San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 14th day of November, 1893, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on TUESDAY, the 5th day of December, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors. C. L. McCOY, Secretary.

Office—Room 35, third floor Mills building, cor. Bush and Montgomery sts., San Francisco, California. oc11 td

CHOLLAR MINING COMPANY — LOCATION of principal place of business, San Francisco, Cal; location of works, Virginia, Storey County, Nev.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 9th day of October, 1893, an assessment (No. 36) of ten (10) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin to the secretary, at the office of the company, room 79, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 14th day of November, 1893, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on THURSDAY, the 7th day of December, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS. E. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

Office—Room 79, Nevada block, 309 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal. oc10 td

OCCIDENTAL CONSOLIDATED MINING Company—Location of principal place of business San Francisco, Cal.; location of works, Silver Star Mining District, Storey County, N