WILL FREEDMAN PUT UP?

RETURNS THE CIRCUIT AGREEMENT, UNSIGNED, TO N. E. YOUNG.

Rogers Refuses to Hand Over Slagle and Is Upheld by Robison, Who Says the League Cannot Be Blamed Now for New York's Weak Base Ball Team.

The Philadelphia Baseball Club has refuse, point blank to hand over or sell Outfielder Slagle to the New York club and President Freedman has sent the much talked of circuit agreement, unsigned, to President N. E. Young at Washington. John I. Rogers, in declining to recognize Freedman's demands for the services of Slagle, will probably be upheld by every club owner in the League and also by every fairminded person who will listen to a statement of facts. Slagle was refused by Freedman last Friday and Rogers bought the man on Monday. Then Freedman, prompted by his new manager, Ewing, put in a claim for the player when it was too late. On the strength of this Freedman says Rogers has acted unfairly and declares that he will make no further move to strengthen the New Yorks until the magnates show a disposition to let him have some of their surplus players. Contrary to a belief in some quarters, Freedman's action in sending the agreement to Washington without his signature will not affect the eight-club league circuit at all, except that the New York club, until the agreement is signed, will not pay $13,000 as its share of the $104,000 needed for the retirement of Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland and Louisville. Freedman believes that the old threat to let baseball go to the dogs at the Polo grounds will throw another scare into the magnates, so that they will give to him for nothing a number of star players. But New York is no longer in a twelve-club top-heavy circuit, but one of eight clubs, seven of which have powerful teams and are bound to make money. New York, unless Freedman strengthens, looks like a tailender and a big financial loser.

Freedman's argument for not signing the agreement, which he sent to N. E. Young yesterday, is simply this:

The New York club cannot buy players that are wanted, and cannot get players that have been promised.

Yet Freedman, according to League men, cannot show conclusive evidence that since the meeting here last week he has offered one dollar for any player on the market. If he had opened his "barrel," as soon as the circuit had had been reduced, the $1,000 Holmes line with interest had been returned and the rent of Manhattan Field, amounting to $15,000 annually, had been guaranteed by the other League clubs, Ewing, the handicapped manager, would now be training these men to represent New York in the coming League championship race:

Pitchers—Rusie, Seymour, Doheny, Carrick, Weyhing, Cunningham, Nops and Getz.

Catchers—Robinson, Warner, Grady and Bowerman.

Infield—McGann and Doyle, first base; Gleason and Keister, second base; McGraw, third base; Davis, short stop.

Outfielders—Donovan, Van Haltren, Brodie, Foster, Woodman and Fleming.

But Freedman refused to buy McGann, Donovan, McGraw, Robinson, Keister, Weyhing, Nops, Cunningham, Brodie and others, near all of whom have since been picked up by other clubs. There is no argument about this, for Freedman's refusal is a matter of record. Such a team as the above would have loomed the game here to an immeasurable degree, although it would have cost money to secure the men. Yet Freedman now says that the clubs will not sell good men to him and gives this as an excuse why he will not contribute $13,000 as his share toward reducing the circuit. In other words, Freedman appears to be saying to the other clubs as Delahanty, Lajoie, Tenney, Corcoran and a few others handed over to him in return for the $13,000 reduction money, else he will not sign. In spite of the wail of distress sent up by the New York club, the officials cannot give the names of any players they want and cannot get, barring Slagle, who was bought by Philadelphia for $750 after he was turned aside by Freedman; Tom O'Brien, the Pittsburg outfielder, who was merely loaned to the New Yorks last year and who is needed in Pittsburg this year; Billy Hamilton of Boston, who has been promised to the New York club as a gift if he turns out to be of no use to Soden, and Seibach of Cincinnati, for whom no price has been offered as yet. The only new players secured so far by Freedman since the League meeting are Mercer of Washington and Bowerman of Pittsburg, both of whom were pure gifts. It is a matter of record that Robison of St. Louis stood ready to bid $4,000 for Mercer, but agreed to keep hands off the moment Freedman said he wanted the man.

With the best talent "spurned" by Freedman, how can he say that the League men are not living up to promises? When Frank Robison, President of the St. Louis club, was asked this question last night he said:

"Freedman cannot place any blame upon the members of the League, all of whom have done their best to help him. There is no disposition now to keep strong players away from him, but, of course, there's a limit. He cannot expect us to let him have stars and wreck our own teams. He has a ready refused to take a number of great players who would have made the New Yorks a factor in the League race. I have offered to give him Dowd, Harley or Hughes for nothing, and he may take Hughes. But you could not ask me to give up McGraw, Burkett and others, could you? Freedman, I believe, has misunderstood the player question. It is possible that there is a difference of opinion between him and Ewing. Freedman may have wanted certain players before Ewing arrived but after Buck got to town the latter said there were other players he would like to have.

"Rogers has wired me that he will not give up Slagle for two reasons. One is that he is legally and morally entitled to the player, and the other is that as two of the Philadelphia players have not signed, Slagle is needed to fill up a gap. I wish to say that with the facts in the matter before me, the Philadelphia club is absolutely in the right and there is no ground for Freedman's claim. Rogers, I feel, quite sure that Freedman will change his mind."

Word comes to THE SUN from an authentic source that the managers have been goaded too far, that if Freedman refuses to pay over the $13,000 needed to reduce the circuit the club owners will resort to serious measures. It is said that the Circuit Committee has provided for just such a contingency. Expulsion, some baseball men say, would settle the whole wrangle, which the magnates, no matter how much they cringe, would be unable to stop.

Gradually various truths that have appeared exclusively in THE SUN, especially those relating to the attitude of Freedman toward his fellow club owners, are being confirmed. When it was announced by the League men last Friday that the circuit had been reduced to eight clubs for an expenditure of $104,000 and that every club owner, except Freedman, had signed an agreement to this effect, THE SUN alone published the statement that the agreement was signed over Freedman's head for the reason that there has been no intercourse between this particular, there would have been no reduction at all. Freedman was warm under the collar when the situation was explained to him by his secretary, Knowles, but when Soden of Boston, also a stockholder in the New York club, said to Freedman that the League had acted fairly and that it was up to the New York club to sign the agreement or say nothing, as the verdict had been left to the public, the New York man was temporarily stumped. He then gave out the usual statement that he was heart and soul in favor of the deal and that the circuit had been reduced to his satisfaction, but he didn't sign the agreement. It was a bitter pill, so certain magnates say, for Freedman to feel that, though he had most of his demands granted, he was unable to prevent the Brooklyn club from receiving $30,000 for the Baltimore club, when according to Freedman's argument $10,000 was too much to pay for the withdrawal of the Orioles. When THE SUN outlined the fact that Freedman had been overridden on this point, some of the magnates friendly to Freedman said that the story was not true. But it remained for the Philadelphia magnate, John I. Rogers, to confirm every statement originally made by THE SUN. Here is what Rogers said yesterday:

"Freedman did not sign that agreement to pay $104,000 to Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland and Louisville, because he was opposed to paying any such sum. Every other club in the League agreed that this amount was fair and just, but Freedman refused to listen to reason or facts. He just put his foot down and said the magnates would have to come to his way of thinking or there would be a twelve-club league. As the public demanded an eight-club league and as Freedman had been one of the strongest advocates of reduction, his reasons for blocking matters were not plain. So the other clubs went on without consulting him and reduced the circuit. Possibly this has caused Freedman some pain, but it was the only thing to do under the circumstances. I trust that Freedman has been misinformed by Ewing, for I cannot believe that he would refuse to sign an agreement that was perfectly acceptable to his partners in the League. As far as Slagle is concerned, Freedman turned him down last Friday. Then the Philadelphia club put in a claim for him and turned over the money to President Young. I do not see where New York's protest comes in at all."

One of the magnates said to THE SUN this afternoon:

"Freedman is putting his foot into the mire every day and yet does not know it. The League men did everything he asked of them at the recent meeting. They reduced the circuit and are ready to pay $13,000 per club to make things right. Freedman said in a speech at the meeting last Friday that he did not come there to make threats or to plead for anything. He said he was satisfied and that he would boom baseball. Few of the magnates believed him, but they concluded to put the situation up to him, so that he would have to make good his promises both to the public and the League. What has Freedman done in return? He has refused to sign the agreement to pay $13,000 as his share for the doing away of syndicate ball! He has refused to buy certain crack ball players who have since been snapped up by other clubs for big money! And now he makes a howl that he is being ill treated and will not do anything to boom baseball at the Polo Grounds unless the other clubs let him buy their surplus players. Buy them! That is all right, but Freedman really means 'give them.' He never intended to put up a dollar and has thrown down his friends, Brush and Soden. Buck Ewing is nobody in his present place and will soon follow in the footsteps of the other managers, Davis, Doyle, Watkins, Irwin, Joyce, Anson, Day and Hoey, who have failed to please Freedman, the man who knows it all; he thinks he has succeeded in terrorizing the National League into submission."

Meanwhile the "barrel of money" that Freedman was to spend for players has not been opened and the prospects for a tail-end team at the Polo Grounds this year are growing brighter every day as the season draws near. Friends of Ewing say that it will not be at all surprising if Buck packs his grip and leaves town in short order in search of another job. It was Ewing's friend, Brush, who placed him in his present fix.

Freedman's Friend Dreyfuss Talks.

PITTSBURG, March 15.—President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgs sharply criticised Freedman to-night when he learned that the latter will refuse to sign the eight-club agreement. Dreyfuss, after intimating that Freedman doesn't know one ball player from another, says his attitude doesn't matter as the eight-club league will go through without him.

"Freedman hasn't even seen a game of baseball in two years," said Dreyfuss, "and he doesn't know anything about the value of players. At the League meeting, when he saw a list of Washington players from which to select what he wanted, he saw one name he knew, Winnie Mercer, and said he would take him. He wanted to consult Ewing before going any further. He overlooked Slagle and I told him to nab him, but he wouldn't do it, and Philadelphia grabbed that player. Freedman was angry, and when Col. Rogers later asked the League to put a price on two men, Morgan Murphy and Dick Cooley, to be turned over to New York, Freedman fairly stormed. I've given to Freedman Bowerman, a catcher worth $1,500, and he has asked us for another player, but I have been compelled to decline until we try him out. If he will do for Pittsburg we will keep him."

Louisville to Have a Western League Team.

LOUISVILLE, March 15.—Louisville fans are rejoicing to-night over the announcement made this evening by Col I. F. Whitesides, the promoter of a new baseball club in this city, that Louisville would almost certainly have a team in the field this year. He said that he had a lengthy interview over the long distance telephone with John T. Brush at Cincinnati this afternoon, and that the latter had informed him that he should be sure to attend the meeting of baseball men to be held at Chicago to-morrow. Brush told Col. Whitesides that it was a part of the National League circuit reduction scheme for Louisville and Cleveland to go into the Western League and Baltimore and Washington to go into the Eastern League.

Col. Whitesides left to-night for Chicago to make a final effort to keep this city on the baseball map, and the mysterious telegram of Harry Pulliam, advising the lease of the baseball park here for a period of four years, gives courage to the local enthusiasts that Louisville will have a baseball club in one of the important organizations this season. There is no trouble about raising the money for the team.

Baseball Notes.

Pitcher Doheny signed with the New York club yesterday.

The Tyros of St. John's College, Fordham, would like to arrange games with nine school teams averaging thirteen years. Address all challenges to R. Bourke, manager.

Lipton's Next Challenge Will Be in August or September.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 15.—Sir Thomas Lipton has asked the *Westminster Gazette* to state that the telegram printed in last Sunday's New York *Journal* in regard to his new yacht, which was signed "Lipton," was "entirely unauthorized." He had not sent this telegram and could not remember ever sending one to the *Journal*. He has not authorized any statement as to his future intentions.

The *Gazette* further states that Sir Thomas will challenge again for the America's cup next August or September. He will build a new yacht, but it will not be named Erin. The Shamrock will be used as a trial horse entirely. She will not be altered or held in reserve for the actual race.

Massachusetts Yachtsmen Have No Trouble at Their Annual Meeting.

BOSTON, March 15.—The annual meeting of the Yacht Racing Association of Massachusetts was held this evening and proved to be a harmonious gathering. Before the delegates were called to order, representatives from the Kingston and Duxbury Yacht clubs got wind of a rumor that an attempt was to be made to cut the south shore circuit of dates, and they were ready to withdraw from the meeting if any such action was taken. The rumor proved groundless, and the list of dates for the open races for the coming season went through without any serious conflicts. The old board of officers, with A. Henry Higginson as President, was reelected, and all the amendments to the racing rules as published in THE SUN to-day adopted, with the exception of the clause requiring that all races in order to count for percentage should be sailed in "a reasonable depth of water."

Quite a discussion was provoked by the above amendment. Louis M. Clark championed the cause but the majority of the delegates opposed it as being an injustice to clubs which are located in shallow water and have to hold their races when the tides are favorable. The proposed amendment was voted down. A resolution was adopted to the effect that it was the sense of the meeting that no changes in the restrictions for the cabin, schooner and yawl classes should be made within two years. The Hull Yacht Club will be a big factor in the season's racing, Delegate Clark announcing that his club would have twelve or fifteen open and club races.

Morton F. Plant Elected President of the New Haven Yacht Club.

NEW HAVEN, March 15.—Morton F. Plant, son of the late Henry Bradley Plant, President of the Plant Transportation Company, who died here last fall, has been elected President of the New Haven Yacht Club. Some of the members of the organization have ordered racing knockabouts of the Herreshoffs, with which they will compete in the various regattas in Eastern waters.

Yacht Owners Discuss Rules.

The owners of knockabouts and raceabouts met the Executive Committee of the Yacht Racing Association last night at the Yachtsmen's Club and discussed rules to govern their class of yachts. The Executive Committee will frame the rules at its next meeting.

Berkeley School Will Not Resign From the I. A. A.

There was a rumor yesterday that Berkeley would resign from the Interscholastic A. A. This was denied at the school. To a reporter of THE SUN Dr. White said:

"I don't know how such a rumor got around. I am almost certain that it did not come from any of my boys. We were the first school in the association and we will be the last to leave.

"There was no end of talk yesterday in regard to the scholarship question. The amendment which was found to be irregular at the last regular monthly meeting has caused widespread talk among the various schools. That the association does not care to lose Trinity is apparent, but President Draper is determined to see things straightened out in the proper way."

Physical Director Seixas of Trinity School will meet a committee from Hotchkiss to-morrow afternoon and arrange for a dual set of games.

The Greenwoods "Try-Outs."

Despite the stormy weather an unusually large crowd attended the "try-outs" at the Greenwood A. C. last night. Considerable excitement prevailed and the fighting was all that could be desired. Summary:

100-Pound Class—First bout, George Flannagan beat George Dixon in three rounds; second bout, John Mulligan defeated J. Fredella in three rounds.

105-Pound Class—William Bluett fought J. Dixon a three-round draw.

110-Pound Class—First bout, Jack O'Brien fought John Intentino to a draw; second bout, Bob Taul knocked young Sinicer out in one round.

115-pound Class—Jim McGuire knocked Harry Williams out in one round.

118-pound Class—First bout, S. Barnes of Brooklyn and P. Finnerty of Bayonne fought a ten-round draw; second bout, Young Donohue of Greenpoint beat Kid Brooks of Brooklyn in ten rounds.

120-pound Class—Jim Shea beat Patsy Hanlon in three rounds.

WING SHOTS AT CARTERET.

Bradley Defeats Duryea and Stuart Wins From Gordon.

GARDEN CITY, March 15.—Two interesting 100-bird matches were shot at the Carteret Gun Club grounds to-day. The first was between Daniel I. Bradley and Louis T. Duryea, each shooting from the 30-yard mark. Bradley won, killing 89 to 88. The second match was between J. P. W. Stuart and J. W. Gordon, each standing at twenty-eight yards. Stuart won by a score of 92 to 89. It was rather odd that the younger shooters should do better than the veterans. The matches were shot in a heavy snowstorm. There was a northeasterly wind, which made most of the birds drivers.

Bradley began the first match at about noon and killed. Duryea also scored. Bradley lost his fifth bird, a right driver, and his twenty-second, a right quarterer. Duryea had shot well and after killing 23 lost his next bird, a driver. At the end of the first string the score was: Duryea, 24; Bradley, 23. Duryea's twenty-seventh bird got away, and the score was a tie until the thirty-second, when Bradley lost a fast driver. Duryea missed his thirty-fifth, a towering driver, and the score was tied again. Duryea missed three more birds before he reached the fifty mark, and Bradley missed—one. With the contest half over the score was: Bradley, 46; Duryea, 44. In the third string each missed twice, and at the end of the string Bradley led by two birds. Each man did poorly in the last string, but Bradley won out by one bird.

Stuart in his match with Gordon started off well and gained a lead of two birds in the first twenty-five, which he increased to five at the fifty mark. Gordon improved in the second half and shot remarkably well. He killed 23 in his third string and 24 in his last. Although Stuart was outshot in the half he won the match by three birds. The scores follow:

Daniel I. Bradley, 30 yards—

	K.	M.
22220 22222 22222 22222 2*222	23	2
22222 20222 22*22 22222 22222	23	2
22222 2222* 22202 22222 22222	23	2
22202 22020 20222 22222 20222	20	5
Totals	89	11

Louis T. Duryea, 30 yards—

22122 22211 22222 21212 22202	24	1
20222 22220 222*0 *2222 20220	20	5
21221 22202 22122 22222 22222	23	2
02202 22220 22222 22220 22222	23	4
Totals	88	12

J. P. W. Stuart, 28 yards—

22222 22022 02222 22222 22222	23	2
22222 22220 22222 22222 22222	24	1
22201 22222 22222 *2222 *2222	22	3
22212 1122* 22120 22222 22222	23	2
Totals	92	8

J. W. Gordon, 28 yards—

20222 *2*22 22202 22222 22*22	20	5
22222 02220 22220 22222 22222	22	3
22222 22022 22202 22222 22222	23	2
22222 22222 21221 22012 22222	24	1
Totals	89	10

*Dead out of bounds.

Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 15.—Those who have pinned their faith to Sidney Lucas as the winner of the Crescent City Derby, which will be the pace de resistance of the Crescent City Jockey Club's meeting, styled the Crescent City Derby, and worth $4,000 to the winner, had their confidence somewhat shaken this afternoon when the Schorr candidate, F. W. Brode, fresh from his San Francisco triumphs, handily beat Prince of Veronia, Sidney Lucas's most formidable competitor. The two went at even weights, the distance being seven furlongs, each carried 112 pounds. In an excellent start they were sent away with Ben Chance in the lead. Prince of Veronia was cut off at the start through Mitchell's bad judgment, and while this mishap may have militated against his chances, there is hardly any doubt in the opinion of shrewd horsemen that Brode is a far better colt. The winner of several sensational races on the coast this winter picked up Ben Chance after going four furlongs and assuming command entered the stretch with a head the best. The Prince got through after the field was once straight and closed a gap of eleven lengths. Brode, however, was not to be denied, and, although hard ridden, managed to win by a length and a half. This race will make Brode the favorite in the Derby. Summaries:

First Race—Seven furlongs—F. W. Brode, 112 (T. Burns) 3 to 5, 1 to 5 and even, 0 to 1, second; Prince of Veronia, 112 (Mitchell), second; Ben Chance, 112 (J. Miller), third. Time, 1:33¾.

Second Race—Half mile—Blink, 105 (Mitchell), 6 to 5 and even, 0 to 1, second; French Kris, 104 (Winfield), 7 to 2 and even, second; Dionysius, 108 (Weddenstrand), third. Time, 50¾.

Third Race—Selling, one mile and one-eighth—Judge Steadman, 107 (Winfield), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, won; Ben B. Cox, 110 (Round), 6 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; Can I See Em, 105 (Southard), third. Time, 2:01.

Fourth Race—Handicap, seven furlongs—Aratoma, 98 (Landry), 7 to 5 and even, won; Acuchita, 94 (Bradford), 20 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Tom Collins, 99 (W. Shaw), third. Time, 1:31¾.

Fifth Race—Selling, six furlongs—Arrellaga, 111 (Rola), 4 to 1 and 7 to 5, won; Sal Rogers, 108 (Bellerie), 50 to 1 and 20 to 1, second; Kid, 108 (Concidine), third. Time, 1:18.

Sixth Race—Selling, one mile—Prince Real, 107 (Bruce), 6 to 5 and 7 to 10, won; Jibbo, 99 (W. Shaw), 4 to 5 and 1 to 5, second; Sorrel Rose, 99 (Fitch), third. Time, 1:48.

The following is the programme for to-morrow:

First Race—Six furlongs—Princess Maleen, Jamaica, Dilliard's Lee and Troubeline, 105; Discobite, 108; Scottish Gem, 107; Lady Wade, 99.

Second Race—Five furlongs—Corrillo and Rebus, 110; Scottish Gem, 107; Rebecca Wells, 104; Champagne and Fair American, 105; Mecrathana (race and Ingane, 102; Jean Spencer, Eva Moe and Wilkeren, 99.

Third Race—One mile and seventy yards, selling—Alvin W., 107; Alnistas and Tom Kingsley, 104; Cathedral and Pat Garrett, 103; Hitherful, 102; Knight of Malta, 99; Lillian Reed, 96; Gravelas, 92; Swordsman and Shield Bearer, 90; Lillian Reed, 88; Bill Powell and Langdon, 86; Lost Time, 85.

Fourth Race—One mile, handicap—Albert Vale, 113; Strangest, 106; Miss Mae Day, 100; Cathedral, 97; Caviar, 92; Avator, 91.

Fifth Race—Selling, one mile—Ben Chance, 112; Russell Br., 107; Little Smoke, Polly Bates, Tiffee and Indian, 102; Harry Lucesco, 99; Allie Hale, 97.

Sixth Race—Six and a half furlongs; selling—Musket, Leando and Volandies, 110; Palarim, Springer and Holzenstuffen, 107; Bannie Mae, Linda Mae, Lucy Gaitney, Sister F. A., 105; Gravelas, 102; Monometallist, 99; Fiylotta and Sylvian, 97.

New York Men Buy Trotters in the West.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 15.—The John S. Lackey horse sales, which have become an annual feature at Cambridge City, began at that place on Tuesday. Something like 500 horses have been disposed of in the three days. Horsemen and lovers of fine stock from all parts of the country are present. Prices have been fair, but not quite the average of such sales. Nearly all the best animals have gone to Eastern parties and many of the buyers were New York men. The sale will continue the remainder of the week. Those bringing over $500 since the sale began are as follows:

Ed. Oglesby, b. g.; D. W. C. Flannigan, New York	$ 700
Lena, a. f.; Johnson, New York	1,100
Gus Harris, blk. g.; J. R. Smith, New York	1,000
A. J., b. g.; F. B. Argo, Clinton, Ill.	1,500
Gamel, br. s.; James Morrison, Shelbyville, Ky.	775
Dole Jack, b. g.; H. A. Lewis, Memphis	500
Rand, 2:18¾; Abraham Jounson, Brockton, Mass.	2,000
Endala B., 2:19¾; Thomas Deienger, Portland, Ind.	1,475

Praytell and Maxine to Race to Road Wagons.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Praytell, the crack trotter to road wagon, recently secured by E. E. McCargo at the Bonner sale, and the pacer Maxine were matched for $2,500 a side yesterday, to race June 21, best two in three heats, to road wagon, under National Association rules, with the spring hopples eliminated. Two checks for $1,250 each were deposited in Joshua Evans's hands as forfeits. No place has been named for the decision of the contest.

Turf Note.

LEXINGTON, March 15.—Frank A. Jones left here to-day for Morris Park with two three-year-old thoroughbred colts, owned by Col. Frank H. Whitley of this county. Among them is Prince of Melrose, a colt entered in the big Jockey Club stake events and quite promising. Dominor, a saddle horse owned by C. L. Bailey of this county, will be exhibited at the Paris Exposition. He will be shipped to New York for export on Saturday.

MEMPHIS, March 15.—P. Tomlinson will ship his colt, The Conqueror, to New Orleans to-night in the same car with C. T. Ellis's Lamplighter. The Conqueror took no exercise on the track at daybreak this morning. The track was heavy, and the wind strong, but after warming up The Conqueror breezed one mile and an eighth in 2:05, stepping the first mile in 1:48. Neither The Conqueror nor Lamplighter has ever raced on a heavy track, but the former has convinced Tomlinson that he has no dislike for the mud. From indications to-night the Crescent City Derby will be run on a heavy track, if the weather is what it ought to be. Lamplighter, while Boland will have the mount on The Conqueror in the Derby.

Basketball Notes.

On Wednesday night the Grace Brownies were defeated by the Clifions by the score of 18 to 0. The Clifions wish to hear from all teams averaging ninety pounds and upward. Address John O'Connor, 414 First avenue.

The crack Knickerbocker A. C. team were easily defeated in a game in their gymnasium last night by the Pastime A. C. five in a contest in which the Pastime outplayed the "Cherry Diamond" experts at every stage of the game. By a fast rushing style of play that carried everything before it, the Pastime men captured the first half by 10 to 2. The K. A. C. men tried hard to break up the interference and passing of their opponents in the second half, but failed. The final score was: Pastime A. C., 19; Knickerbocker A. C., 8.

KEANE HOLDS HIS TITLE.

THE N. Y. A. C. MAN AGAIN WINS FIGURE-SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Successor to the Veteran George D. Phillips Holds Five Clever Rivals Safe in the Picturesque Annual Tourney of the N. S. A.—Duffy Finishes a Good Second.

For the third year in succession Arthur G. Keane of the New York A. C. yesterday won the amateur figure skating championship of America. The picturesque event was held, as usual, under the auspices of the National Skating Association and the line-up of officials represented an array of champions at this and other games extending back to 1868, when President W. B. Curtis won his spurs. He was on hand yesterday, together with ex-champions Samuel J. Montgomery, George D. Phillips, Louis Rubenstein of Montreal, and several other prominent exponents of skating. About the only thing artificial around the St. Nicholas Skating Rink during the proceedings was the ice and the manufacturers in the basement broke more than even on the argument with the weather gods who were slinging snow and sleet outside.

In fact nature was distanced before the sport got through in the opinion of the enthusiasts who scrambled through the snow outside to the brilliancy and comfort which marked the scene of the competition. The contestants were Arthur G. Keane, New York A. C.; W. F. Duffy, Maple Leaf Skating Club; F. E. Dusenbury, St. Nicholas Skating Club; Richard Loewenherz, New York; J. T. Hill, Boston, and W. W. Arnold, Pawtucket.

The competition opened in the afternoon with what might be called the kindergarten section of the programme—plain forward and backward skating, edge rolls, figure eights and strivedeagles.

Before the adjournment for supper figure 13 had been disposed of. This was the first of the really complicated movements, the conditions calling for curved angles—three, single, double, chain and dying, beginning on inside or outside edge. In this, as in all the preceding figures Keane secured the maximum score and the points at recess were: Keane, 78; Duffy, 61; Loewenherz, 52; Dusenbury, 39; Arnold, 27, and Hill, 24. The scoring system which had been found the most effective in the experience of the association, again prevailed and the judging was done on a scale of points running from the number of contestants down to 0. The rule is:

The number to be given to the one standing first in an section shall be that of the number of contestants. Should there be two or more of equal merit they should be marked the same number, and the one coming next below takes the number resulting from subtracting the number of competitors above him from the number entered. A total failure is marked zero.

Accordingly, as there were only half a dozen competitors yesterday, the maximum attainable in each section was six points, and the fact that Keane's total for the first thirteen figures reached 78, bore flattering evidence to his superiority up to this stage. Duffy also showed consistency, with a steady average of five points for each figure, and Loewenherz also held his ground well.

When they resumed in the evening Dusenbury decided that he had enough and his withdrawal accounts for the drop of one point all round in the scores. Keane continued to maintain his advantage, but in the grapevine section, including the Philadelphia twist, Duffy pressed him so closely that the judges awarded full marks to each man. This was the only instance where Keane's supremacy was ever seriously in doubt, and he held such a decisive lead toward the end that a couple of the figures were dropped. Loewenherz, a new factor in the game coming unnoticed by the leaders from start to finish and his perseverance was rewarded with third place. An amusing anti-climax was furnished by Arnold and Hill, the latter escaping last place by the narrow margin of one point in the final test. Keane was heartily applauded by clubmates and outside admirers, and was fairly ironized later on when the fact leaked out that yesterday was his twenty-fourth birthday. Summary:

Plain forward and backward skating in various ways—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Dusenbury, 5; Loewenherz, 3; Hill, 2; Arnold, 1.

Outside edge roll, forward—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Loewenherz, 5; Dusenbury, 3; Arnold, 2; Hill, 1.

Outside edge roll, backward—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Dusenbury, 4; Loewenherz, 4; Hill, 3; Arnold, 2.

Inside edge roll, forward—Keane, 6; Loewenherz, 5; Duffy, 4; Hill, 3; Dusenbury, 3; Arnold, 2.

Inside edge roll, backward—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Loewenherz, 4; Dusenbury, 3; Hill, 2; Arnold, 1.

Figure Eight, on one foot, forward—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Arnold, 4; Loewenherz, 3; Dusenbury, 2; Hill, 1.

Figure Eight, on one foot, backward—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Loewenherz, 4; Arnold, 3; Dusenbury, 2; Hill, 0.

Crossroll forward in field and eights, single and double circle—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Hill, 4; Loewenherz, 3; Dusenbury, 2; Arnold, 1.

Crossroll backward in field of eights, single and double circle—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Arnold, 4; Loewenherz, 3; Hill, 2; Dusenbury, 1.

Change of edge roll, forward, beginning on either outside or inside edge—Keane, 6; Loewenherz, 5; Dusenbury, 4; Duffy, 3; Hill, 2; Arnold, 1.

Change of edge roll, backward, beginning on either outside or inside edge—Keane, 6; Loewenherz, 5; Duffy, 4; Dusenbury, 3; Hill, 2; Arnold, 1.

Second angle, on inside or outside edge—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Loewenherz, 4; Dusenbury, 3; Arnold, 2; Hill, 0.

Curved angles—Three single, double, chain and dying, beginning on inside or outside edge—Keane, 6; Duffy, 5; Loewenherz, 4; Dusenbury, 3; Hill, 2; Arnold, 1.

Grapevine, including Philadelphia twist—Keane, 5; Duffy, 5; Loewenherz, 3; Hill, 2; Arnold, 1.

Toe and heel movements embracing pivot circling, pirouettes and movements on both toes—Keane, 5; Duffy, 4; Loewenherz, 0; Arnold, 2; Hill, 3.

Single and double flatfoot spins, crossfoot and twofoot with leg—Keane, 5; Duffy, 4; Loewenherz, 1; Arnold, 2; Hill, 0.

Loops and ringlets on inside and outside edges, single and in combination—Keane, 5; Duffy, 4; Loewenherz, 2; Arnold, 1; Hill, 3.

Total points—Keane, 108; Duffy, 86; Loewenherz, 64; Hill, 37; Arnold, 34; Dusenbury, withdrew.

EASY FOR M'GOVERN.

He Knocks All the Fighting Out of Lenny in Second Round.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Despite the snow and hail storm, Industrial Hall was jammed to the doors to-night to see the six-round battle between the featherweight champion, Terry McGovern, and Eddy Lenny of Chester. Terry, as usual, added another scalp, and that quickly, to his string, knocking his man out when the second round was 1 minute and 45 seconds old. Lenny was knocked down three times in the second round, the first by a good stiff right on the jaw and the others by trivial, almost imperceptible blows. It was clearly a case of one of two things—either Lenny had to close he never fully recovered from the force of the first blow. The vast majority of spectators, among them many experienced in the ring, think Lenny quit. Dr. David Houston was sitting close to the ring and at the spot where Lenny was first knocked down. He said the blow was a very heavy one and that Lenny never got over it. Whether he did or not, he did not stagger when he arose and continued the fight.

After the opening moments of the first round Lenny seemed far from his usual self. He appeared frightened and would not go close enough to admit of the blows he landed having any force. There was a troubled look on his face, too.

Charley White of New York was referee. The men agreed to box straight Marquis of Queensberry rules.

The first round was rather tame, no blows that counted being landed. McGovern was taking his time, evidently looking for a knockout blow, while Lenny was retreating around the ring. They went to a clinch. Then Lenny slipped to his knees. Lenny landed two light lefts on the face and McGovern sent a right to the ribs. They exchanged light lefts on the face and then Terry sent left and right to the head. Lenny landed a right on the ribs. McGovern fought him on to the ropes twice, landing lefts and rights on body.

After a little out-fighting in the second round, McGovern came in and with a good stiff right on the jaw sent Eddy to the floor, where he stayed until "eight" was counted. Hurling up before McGovern, fought him to the ropes with body blows that did not look damaging when all of a sudden and to the surprise of the spectators, Lenny pitched forward on his face to the floor. Nine counts were tolled off this time. When he got up he seemed a bit the worse for the wear, and a light left on the body and right on the jaw sent him down and out.

In the preliminary bout, Tommy Feltz of Brooklyn, in the fifth round, knocked Jack Lansing of Camden through the ropes and the latter's back was so lame hurt that he could not continue. This was the hottest fight of the night.

Sharkey's Easy Victory.

HARTFORD, March 15.—It took but one minute and thirty-five seconds to show that Texas Jim McCormick had no business in Sharkey's class before the Nutmeg Athletic Club to-night. He was knocked out in that time after one attempt to mix in a fight, which resulted disastrously. Sharkey appeared inclined to take it easy, and let it go alone for a while, but McCormick started in with a terrific rush, apparently intent on putting the Sailor out of business at once. Sharkey swung his left on the jaw, at the same time driving his right into the body, and McCormick went down and out. He had to be carried to his corner, Sharkey assisted, and it was ten minutes before he came to with the aid of a physician.

In a preliminary "Kid" Thomas knocked out Joe Flaherty in 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

A Local Organization for Greater New York to be Effected.

The evidences that the energies of the League of American Wheelmen are being turned in the proper direction since it dropped the control of racing are multiplying. There was a meeting of the local consuls of the greater city held at the Grand Union Hotel on Wednesday night. It was called for the purpose of perfecting a plan for more efficient work through the medium of local consulates. The sign of interest in the matter was the presence of thirty odd consuls. There was a free discussion. Ex-President I. B. Potter made a pointed speech in which he said that he thought one of the chief reasons why the L. A. W. had dwindled in membership was because the members did not know each other, could see little evidences of its work that appealed to them locally, and seldom heard anything of the organization beyond the receipt for their dues and the feeble weekly sheet, except what they read about its racing affairs and other affairs in the papers. It did not appeal sufficiently to local interests and needed local organization. There were men up the state, he argued, who were enthusiastic wheelmen, who work for wheeling interests, who if spoken to about joining the League, would, in case they had ever heard of it, reply by asking: "What has it done for this county or this town?" The League he thought should have its activity and influence brought home to riders more than is done. Its work at present is too general, too subtle and not sufficiently appreciated by the many riders who reap the benefits and do not help to support it. Local organization of bodies that will do local work he thought was a necessity of the time.

Consul John B. Uhle spoke in favor of individual enthusiasm and said that he found the best way to get a thing done was to do it yourself.

H. C. White and Clarence Shedd between them formulated suggestions that favored a central organization for the greater city, with branches in the boroughs to be added as warranted. The idea expressed was that district organizations of L. A. W. members would insure unity, sociability and more effective activity than is now obtainable through the clubs. Chief Consul John M. Belding, who presided, it was voted, should appoint a committee to draft a constitution and set of by-laws for a prime consulate of all the boroughs. Yesterday the Chief Consul appointed the following committee: H. C. White, chairman; George C. Fotrell, H. M. Valentine, Alexander Schwarbach, John B. Uhle and C. J. Obermayer.

Mark Twain seems to have recounted to some one a story about a wheel ride from Hartford to Boston. The trip is one that is made by many cyclers during the summer, but it seems evidently was unaccustomed to long rides at the time he undertook the journey. The *Christian Leader* World says that the humorist started with his friend, Joseph H. Twichell. Twain had notified a mutual friend at Boston of the proposed ride and the latter was prepared to receive and entertain them at a certain time. After pedaling twelve or fifteen miles Twain and Twichell became uncommunicative. They had started early in the morning and the day was an ideal one for riding. The road was good and the scenery fine, but each seemed to be waiting for the other to propose something. The silent pedaling went on until a railway station came into view and Twain suggested that it would be quicker to take the train the rest of the way and surprise their waiting host by getting in ahead of time. This seemed to be the suggestion of a joke for which the other was waiting, so the pair took a train to Boston. Their host was surprised. He said:

"You have made first time, haven't you?"

"O, pretty good for novices," replied Twain.

"What time did you leave Hartford?" asked the host.

"At 7 A. M.," replied Mark, with careful intention.

"And do you mean to say that you have wheeled all the way here since then?"

Twain answered deliberately and with great calmness: "No, but we wheeled far enough to demonstrate that it could be done."

Charley Miller, the six-day champion, said yesterday that he had decided not to go to Paris, but to remain here and engage in motor-paced races. Miller looks well and, according to his own statement, weighs 188 pounds. He says that he will stay in the East and begin training in a few weeks. He expects to introduce motor cycles on the track during the summer that will surprise the other riders