# REEDMAN SERIOUS IN HIS REFUSALS?

## M. Ward on the Recent Offers Made for the New York Franchise.

## Its Own Constitution the Minority Stockholders Are a Power in the Club.

## ABSOLUTE CONTROL NOT POSSIBLE.

## Inasmuch as Other League Magnates Have an Indirect Interest in Its Affairs, and They Can Demand Recognition.

A report which gained currency several months since to the effect that President Freedman had grown weary of the worries and responsibilities attached to the position of a "magnate" and was looking for a chance to sell out brought a prompt denial from that gentleman. Nevertheless, the same report has made its reappearance several times, with the additional information that certain individuals or "syndicates" were actually negotiating to buy.

Whether or not there is any truth in the rumor, it is impossible to say, but if President Freedman was quoted correctly as saying that $200,000 would not buy his interests, there is little likelihood of a change. For it should be borne in mind that he owns, or controls, only a little more than half of the stock; so that if he holds that interest at more than $200,000 it will be readily seen that the price for the entire club is practically prohibitive.

When the present New York Club, under its corporate name "The National Exhibition Company," was capitalized at $250,000, there were many persons who regarded the amount as absurdly high. And as a matter of fact, it did represent not only the total combined investments of the National League and Players' League teams for franchises, grounds, grand stands, players, fences and other equipments, but also the combined total losses of those two teams during the disastrous season of 1890. Before that time, $50,000 would no doubt have been considered a large capitalization for any baseball club; but, as certain gentlemen had advanced large sums to meet the losses of those two teams, it became necessary to capitalize the new amalgamated organization at a high figure, in order that there might be stock enough with which to repay them for the money advanced.

Not all of the 2,500 shares were issued, however, and, if I am not mistaken, some 100 or 200 shares, representing $20,000 or $30,000 face value were left in the treasury as a club asset and are probably still there. So that when Mr. Freedman started in to buy a controlling interest, he found that about 1,200 shares would be sufficient and, paying $40 per share, as was announced at the time, he was able to secure control of the club for about $48,000. Since then, it is said, he has purchased several other small blocks, so that his total investment now doubtless amounts to something between $50,000 and $60,000.

POSSIBILITY OF BIG PROFITS.

The New York Baseball Club, properly managed with a winning team, is capable of earning from $30,000 to $50,000 a year profit, and at first glance, therefore, $200,000 for a controling interest does not seem to very extravagant. Yet, on closer examination, reasons appear which might affect that estimate. It is true that any one who holds a controlling interest in any stock corporation in this State can do pretty much as he pleases with the corporation, but there are some features in connection with the stock of the New York club which to some degree affect this general rule. For instance, a vote of something more than a mere majority of the stock is necessary to fix the salary of the club officers; so that, while the majority of the stock may elect its own board of directors and thus control the choice of the club's officers, the minority interest may still retain the power of fixing the amount of salary to be paid to them. This makes it possible for the minority to wield a strong whip in controlling the club's policy.

But the great check upon any absolute or arbitrary control lies in the fact that a very large percentage of the minority interest is held by other League magnates, men who are powerful in League councils when it comes to shaping League legislation and who, therefore, have an indirect, though always possible, means of redress in case of any attempt to overlook their interests. Messrs. Soden, Brush and Abell make a combination that must always command recognition, and if Messrs. Spalding and Reach still retain their interests the strength of the minority is greatly increased. So that a controlling interest in the club does not mean precisely what it appears at first sight.

There is another circumstance which must always affect the value of a baseball franchise, namely, the difficulty of securing available grounds. This is a particularly pertinent consideration here in New York, where ground is so valuable and sufficient space so difficult to find. Outside the present site there is not another suitable spot below the Harlem River, and to go above that, with present means of transit, would undoubtedly greatly diminish attendance. The original lease on the Polo Grounds has now three more years to run, after which time James I. Coogan, agent for the estate, will have something to say.

UNCERTAIN VALUE OF FRANCHISE.

But the most serious drawback in connection with the value of a franchise is its instability. So long as the National League is able or willing to maintain the present monopoly of its territory the value of the franchises are likely to remain. But if some of these gentlemen or syndicates with money to invest in baseball were to determine that it was easier to organize an opposition league than to buy into the present one; or if some of the present League clubs should decide to resign their franchises and then reorganize a new league, the price of baseball stock would probably experience a sharp decline.

The first of these things has already happened several times in the last decade and the second is by no means beyond the limits of possibility.

JOHN M. WARD.

## ORANGE TO HAVE A STRONG XI.

They Will Open the Season Next Saturday, To Meet Yale October 10.

East Orange, N. J., Sept. 27.—"This year's football team will be the strongest this club has ever sent out," said Manager Gilman Callamore, of the Orange Athletic Club to a Journal reporter last night.

"The players' positions have not yet been positively assigned, but the team will consist of the following: 'Pop' Buell, G. C. Lanzon, L. V. Moir, Gilman Callamore, W. B. Hopkins, W. Bird, Percy Marshall, Wilbur Kyle, John Kyle, all of last year's team, and Carl Sutphen, John De Hart, Clifford Brown, Otto Welters, A. Dally and W. Clark."

The opening game will be played next Saturday. On October 10 the team will meet the Yale University team, and on election day, a. m., Elizabeth A. C., Dates are also being arranged with the Lafayette College, Boston A. C., Duquesne A. C., Carlisle Indians, Harvard University and Lehigh College teams.

### Orioles Barnstorming at Newark.

Newark, Sept. 27.—The champion Baltimores with their full team in the field narrowly escaped defeat at the hands of the Newark Giants to-day. Big "Jim" Korwan pitched a clever game for the locals. The score:

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| Baltimore | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Newark | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 |

Batteries—Hofer, Nops and Robinson; Korwan and Rothfuss.

### Giants Will Play at Orange.

The last game of baseball to be played this season at the Orange Oval will take place to-morrow, at 4 p. m., between the New York League and Orange A. C. teams.

### Colts and Reds Will Meet To-day.

Cincinnati, Sept. 27.—Chicago and Cincinnati were to have played two games here to-day, but on account of heavy rain they were postponed until to-morrow.

## Comments on Cycle Racing.

Professional racing has now been on trial nearly a whole season, and the experiment of cash prizes is an experiment no longer. True it is that there have been a few disqualifications, and fines have been imposed, but the sport has been remarkably clean, and the riders have conducted themselves just as creditably as they did when they were racing for diamonds. The men realize that the game must be kept above reproach in order to retain the confidence of the public, which, once lost, is very hard to regain. Of course, sooner or later, there will be miscreants in this branch of sport, as there have been in all others, but the swiftness with which a heavy penalty will be imposed will be a lesson that will not be without its effect. The opponents of professionalism are now few in number, and one by one those of a contrary opinion are being won over by the exemplary conduct of the national circuit chasers. What the men might do were they all out for themselves and not controlled by manufacturers, with the amount of salary paid them gauged by their showing in races, raises a question which even a wise man would not care to answer. But, under present conditions, professionalism is a success.

Heat races, with big purses, in which only the top notch contingent will start, are certain to be the important contests of the future in cycle competition. It is the only way of deciding beyond doubt which one rider in a field is better than all the others. Even the best of them will make mistakes in a heat which are not likely to be repeated in the next. But the recent race at Manhattan Beach showed the necessity of a rule which would prevent any such jockeying as happened in the third heat, when Johnson, by declining to follow Butler, opened up a gap which took all interest out of that particular mile. The establishment of a distance limit of not more than one hundred and fifty yards would prevent tactics of such an objectionable sort. With the stars engaged in a heat race, the lesser lights, who are just as important at a meet as the big ones, would have a chance to win some of the money. The second raters, in contests among themselves, can furnish just as good racing as can the first-class men, even though the interest in their doings is not so great. A greater variety of events is needed at meets, and a heat race is a feature which is certain to find favor with a public that pays its money to see races and not processions of riders.

The old-time club yell has been heard but little at meets this season, owing to the rule which does not allow a rider to have his expenses paid by the organization under whose colors he competes. The amateur rule as it exists to-day is too much of a good thing, and another year ought to see more liberality in dealing with the "pure ones." Club rivalry formerly kept alive interest in racing, and it is only because the game has grown to such large proportions that it thrives without the existence of a feature which once was vital. But this feature should be created again, and the result will silence those critics who think the definition of an amateur means one who would not even accept the postage stamp for the letter conveying his entry blank to a meet promoter. Of course, the sons of rich men can race under these conditions, but those who have not the good fortune to be born with a silver spoon in their mouths are restricted to operations of the most limited nature. Is it a wonder that these riders surreptitiously accept expenses from manufacturers? Allow clubs to foot the bills for their men, the old rivalry will be awakened, and the sport will be benefited. If a rider knows that when he reaches a certain degree of speed his club will reward him in the way of expenses, he is furnished with an incentive to reach the top notch in his class. Then, when he is fast enough, he can graduate to professionalism.

Details of the racing in Boston Saturday are interesting. According to "Percival," Johnson defeated Butler in the special race through the fact that the trio pacing him proved superior to the men on the other triplet. The Jaltn brothers and Steensen were on the machine which carried "Johnnie" to victory, while L. P. Callahan, Walsh and Hoyt failed to give "Tommy" the best of assistance. Take any contest in which more than single pacing is used and "Johnny" Johnson is the hardest man in the game to beat, as he is an adept at following, no matter how warm the gait. The ten-mile match between Michael and McDuffee resulted in the withdrawal from the race of the foreigner. His action was based on what seemed to be a partiality for the Boston boy in the supplying of pacemakers. Michael only had a quad and triplet to assist him, while McDuffee was supplied with a sextet, a quint, a quad and a triplet. This enabled him to go ten miles in 20:18, which lowers the American record for the distance of 20:49 2-5, made by Michael in the hour race at the Quill Club meet. Michael was not in condition when he rode at Manhattan Beach, and his escape from defeat was by a margin far from comfortable. Tom Eck did not intend to allow the "Little Wonder" to ride any more races after he was thoroughly fit, but, apparently, the contest at Boston was not lost through lack of condition.

Wheelmen's day at the great Interstate Fair, at Trenton, N. J., will be observed to-day with a national circuit meet, second to none ever held in this vicinity. All the stars of both classes are down to start, and the professionals include E. C. Bald, Tom Cooper, Tom Butler, John S. Johnson, Arthur Gardiner, C. M. Murphy, Otto Ziegler and Earl Kiser, besides a host of others of lesser reputation. In the professional mile special prizes are offered for the leaders at each quarter, and this should bring about a hard fought race relieved of known pacemakers. The amateur contingent brings together for the first time this season the best of the kind in Philadelphia and New York, with the usual good ones that New Jersey can produce. W. G. Douglas, J. A. Shomo, W. M. Trott, C. H. Henzel and P. C. Davis are among those entered from the Quaker City; Ray Dawson, Joe Harrison, Walter Rourke and Linford Lefferson compete for the honors in Jersey, while the honor of Mesopotamia, while J. T. Bean, A. B. Wise, F. B. Egelhoff, F. M. Holahan, W. H. Owen and A. C. Green will see that the metropolis is in evidence. All around, a great day of sport is certain at Trenton.

A. G. BATCHELDER.

## RAMAPO NOT FANCIED.

Critics Think the Values of Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch Too Small.

The London Field takes up the question of increasing the values of the two great English Autumn handicaps as follows: "There is no denying the popularity of large and valuable stakes, and it may be that the Newmarket authorities will some day see the necessity of working up the value of both the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire on more extensive lines. At the present day there is very little desire to wager on these two handicaps as compared with the sixties and seventies; again, neither race yearly reaches the value of £2,000. The popularity, we admit, yet exists, but there is no temptation for an owner to wait. Stakes of the value of the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire are almost of weekly occurrence, and if the up-to-date bookmaker seems not to care to wager on the future as in the past, why not try the "pool?" The Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire in the present era ought to be at least twice their average value. Competition, we are fully aware, is keen, and the Jockey Club have much work cut out to hold their own against the various gate meetings which have cropped up of late years. Still, Newmarket possesses the best course in the world, and races like the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire, if not kept up to as high a pressure as the Eclipse or Jockey Club stakes, should at least possess some further attraction than is now the case. The acceptances this season, we admit, are very fair, and are a compliment to the handicapper; but each event seems to lack public interest."

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The public opinion of Ramapo entertained in England has declined rapidly. His name is mentioned, but not favorably, in connection with the Autumn handicaps. For the Cambridgeshire, in which, at 113 pounds, he would on his best form seem to have a royal chance, he is quoted in the latest exchanges at 40 to 1. As regards the Cesarewitch, one writer says:

"Now that we may expect soft ground during the remainder of the campaign, the American bred Ramapo may do something to reward the fidelity of those who follow his fortunes. Very likely that desirable result will be brought about, but not according to my calculations, in the long distance handicap under notice."

Another critic writes: "Ramapo is not being trained for a race of this description according to our ideas of what is necessary in preparing a horse for a two-mile race, but he may run all the same, though, judging from his action when galloping, I should say that speed, and not stamina, was his forte."

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The question of who was entitled to the money for breeding the winner of this year's Futurity attracted attention on the other side. The London Sporting Times says: "Ogden travelled three thousand miles in a special carriage to run for the Futurity Stakes, which he won. He has since been beaten by Ornament, who finished behind him on the previous occasion. It has not yet transpired who gets the 'thousand' for the breeder of Ogden, though we believe that Mr. McCaig, who sent the mare to America, and Mr. Luscombe, who mated her with Kilwarlin, are both claimants."

# FOOTBALL CHAT OF THE "BIG FOUR."

## Why the Principal College Elevens Fight Shy of Athletic Club Players.

## New York Will See but Few Games This Year, as the Best Teams Play on Home Grounds.

## WHAT THE CHANGES IN RULES MEAN.

## "Interference" of '91, Before "Flying Wedges" Were Heard Of, Will Be Developed. Little Chance of a Yale-Pennsylvania Game.

A noteworthy feature of the football schedules which were issued last week by Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania is the few games that have been arranged with athletic club teams. Of course, the fact that the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn will not put an eleven into the field this year prevents Yale from following a time-honored custom of playing an early October game at Eastern Park, but as usual there will be a contest with the Orange A. C. at Orange Oval. The date of this meeting has been fixed for October 10. On Election Day the Boston Athletic Association team will play Yale at New Haven. The remainder of Yale's schedule is accorded to college teams.

Harvard plays only college teams, with the exception of one contest with the Newton Athletic Association on October 27. Princeton's and Pennsylvania's dates make no mention of athletic clubs. The contemplated Eastern tour of the Chicago A. A. had to be abandoned because it was found impossible to get on games with the big colleges.

The reason for all this is that the athletic clubs are composed mostly of old graduates, who waste little time in training, and in order to hold their own against the men opposite them in the line resort to questionable tactics. As a rule, athletic club teams lack skill simply because the players haven't time or inclination to practise, and it is only early in the season that they can hope to score against a big college eleven. And when the beefy graduate finds himself up against the hard-playing collegian he soon loses his temper, and the game often does more harm than good. Of course, there are exceptions, athletic club teams sometimes score late in the season against the strong college elevens, and sometimes they play "straight" football, but the exceptions are rare. For this reason college managers fight shy of the athletic club managers, preferring to arrange their dates mostly with other colleges.

Another thing that one notices in glancing over the schedules is that New York City is about out of it as a football centre. Three or four years ago Harvard played here once a year, Princeton was here three or four times, Pennsylvania came over once or twice and Yale played here at least three times. Then there were half a dozen more games distributed between Eastern Park and Orange Oval. This year New York gets just two games, the Yale-Princeton and the Yale-Carlisle Indians contests. The only other time New Yorkers will see any of the "big four" is when Yale plays the Orange Athletic Club.

The truth of the matter is, the big teams are playing more on home grounds nowadays than formerly. This is partly due to a matter of convenience and partly in respect of the wishes of the undergraduates. Some years ago there was a great clamor among the students at New Haven because Yale had arranged to play nearly all her games on foreign grounds. This year we find Yale has scheduled five of her ten games for New Haven. Princeton goes only to Easton, West Point, Cambridge and New York. Harvard plays all her games on Soldiers' Field except with Pennsylvania and Cornell, and these are alternate affairs, while every one of Pennsylvania's contests are to be fought out on Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

The only football I have seen this year was a short practice at New Haven last week. It would seem, however, as though the changes in the rules simply bring the game back to where it was in 1891, before the flying wedge was thought of or the mass play perfected. That is to say, there is hardly anything for a team to do now but "buck the line" or supply its "interference" from the line, as was the case when interference play was first brought to notice. I fancy that kicking will play a prominent part in games between the big teams, because it was fairly well established in 1891 that a good defence could break up the old style interference.

Of course, there will be improvements over the old style, or, rather, it will be perfected, and the week before the big games we shall hear rumors galore of some new systems that are being practiced in secret; but it seems to me the team that puts up the best game of "old-fashioned football" will carry the day, bar accidents.

It seems almost certain that Yale will decline the challenge of the University of Pennsylvania. Various reasons have been assigned for Yale's probable action. One is that she wants nothing to stand in the way for a game with Harvard next year, and for years to come. The unofficial reason sent out from New Haven is that Yale has arranged a hard game with the Boston Athletic Association for November 3, plays Brown on November 7, and could not undertake a game with Pennsylvania between that day and the time set for the annual contest with Princeton on November 21. Another reason, not sent out from New Haven, however, is that the Quaker team is three weeks ahead of Yale in the matter of preliminary practice, and Yale is too good a matchmaker to take any chances with a team that is one of the very strongest in the country. It is to be hoped, however, that another year may find the two elevens playing again.

Time was when Pennsylvania was not free from the suspicion of professionalism. Yale rightfully objected to playing Pennsylvania on the ground that the latter had men on its team who were directly or indirectly paid for playing. But this year, at least as far as Pennsylvania's football team is concerned, there is no good reason why Yale should not renew its former relations with the Quakers on the gridiron.

A. H. C. MITCHELL.

### Talmage Won the Road Race.

Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 27.—The annual five-mile bicycle race of the Bloomfield Cycling and Athletic Association for the club's cup, took place on the Broad street course yesterday afternoon, and was won by William Talmage, with a handicap of 3 minutes; John Hague (scratch) was second, Stanley Baldwin (scratch) third, and Charles Gerstebill (scratch) fourth. Time, 14 minutes 57 seconds.

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULES OF THE "BIG FOUR."

| Date. | Harvard. | Yale. | Princeton. | University of Pennsylvania. |
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| Oct. 3 | Williams at Cambridge | | Rutgers at Princeton | Bucknell at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 7 | Newton A. A. at Cambridge | Brown at New Haven | Lafayette at Easton | Univ. of Va. at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 10 | | Orange A. C. at Orange | Lehigh at Princeton | Dartmouth at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 14 | | Williams at New Haven | Carlisle Ind. at Princeton | Cadets at Annapolis |
| Oct. 17 | Brown at Cambridge | Dartmouth at New Haven | Cadets at West Point | Lafayette at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 21 | | Wesleyan at New Haven | Univ. of Va. at Princeton | Brown at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 24 | Cornell at Ithaca | Carlisle Indiant at N. Y. | Penn. State at Princeton | Lafayette at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 28 | | | | Brown at Philadelphia |
| Oct. 31 | Carlisle Indians at Cambridge | Cadets at West Point | Cornell at Princeton | Lehigh at Philadelphia |
| Nov. 3 | | Boston A. A. at New Haven | | |
| Nov. 7 | Princeton at Cambridge | Brown at Providence | Harvard at Cambridge | State College at Philadelphia |
| Nov. 21 | Pennsylvania at Philadelphia | Princeton at New York | Yale at New York | Harvard at Philadelphia |
| Nov. 26 | | | | Cornell at Philadelphia |

## On Matters Pugilistic.

Frank Erne, the clever Buffalo featherweight, is out with a challenge to fight either George Dixon or Tommy White for the championship. Erne arrived in this city yesterday. "For months," he says, "I have endeavored to arrange a match with George Dixon, but have been unsuccessful, although I offered all kinds of inducements—inducements that a champion should jump at. In fact, ever since I fought Dixon a draw before the Manhattan A. C. he has done everything to prevent a second meeting. I now desire to challenge Dixon to a bout for twenty or twenty-five rounds, to take place before the club offering the best inducement, and on the same conditions that governed our last meeting. If Dixon does not accept this challenge it is open to Tommy White on the same terms."

One of the most important of local featherweight battles will be decided to-night before the Brooklyn Bridge Athletic Club, Fiftieth street and Third avenue, South Brooklyn. It is the fifteen-round contest for scientific points between Jack Downey, of this city, and Martin Flaherty, of Lowell, Mass. The men are to meet at 128 pounds and both report having made the limit. It is sure to be a most interesting battle. There are two preliminary bouts, as follows: Martie McCue, of New York, vs. Eddie Carry, of New York, eight rounds at 125 pounds, and Tommy Tully, of New York, vs. Fred Mayo, of this city, eight rounds, at 108 pounds.

Tommy White will never be a champion. He has a marvellous defence, but his hitting powers would not do credit to a ninety-pound fighter. In order to get a line on White it is worth mention that he met both Danny McBride and Johnny Gorman in this city last Spring, and, although he had the advantage in the earlier part of the ten-round bouts, he was just in such a condition at the close as Dixon found himself the other evening.

The Clipper Athletic Club has arranged its initial Fall boxing bouts, which will be decided in their clubhouse, No. 156 East One Hundred and Fifth street, on Wednesday evening, October 7. Two bouts will be decided between Tom Moriarty, of Boston, and Harry Peterson, of this city, who will box ten rounds at 138 pounds, while Joe Hopkins and George McFadden, both of this city, will meet in a twelve-round bout at 125 pounds.

Although Al Smith was named as final stakeholder by both Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons, neither of them has a dollar posted. Now perhaps they will take the trouble to tell why, and Al Smith might at the same time explain why he told the newspaper men that he had Corbett's $5,000 in his hands. Funny business, this.

Tommy Ryan is after "Kid" McCoy for a return match. Tommy has a backer who will wager $2,500 on the result of a second meeting with McCoy. "I understand that McCoy is in the Transvaal, says Ryan, "but is coming back before November. I will put up a forfeit any place agreeable to Dick Cook, McCoy's manager, if he will cover it."

Jim Corbett offers to back Dal Hawkins to the extent of $2,500 against either George Dixon or Tommy White. Hawkins formally challenged the winner of the Dixon-White contest previous to their bout last Friday night, and while the contest was on Hawkins is reported to have said that he could beat the pair of them.

Mac—John L. Sullivan was never the champion of the world. Charlie Mitchell was never the recognized champion of England, and even had Sullivan won from Mitchell he would not be champion of the world.

"Al" Herford is in town trying to arrange for a match between Casper Leon and Jack Ward, of Newark, or Jack Madden or Ward, to be decided at the Eureka A. C. of Baltimore.

Apropos of the featherweight championship it is worth mentioning that both Dixon and White were nearer 130 than 125 pounds on Friday evening.

The New York Outing Club, which has a magnificent house at Bath Beach, will give a series of first-class boxing bouts during the Winter.

Constant Reader—Neither Frank Slavin nor his brother Bill or Jack ever fought John L. Sullivan.

A. B.—Steve O'Donnell knocked out Jake Kilrain in the twenty-first round. They met at Coney Island, May 6, 1894.

## IN SPITE OF THE HORTON BILL.

A Unique Boxing Show in Which Principals and Spectators Took Part.

Besides the scheduled bouts there were several impromptu scrimmages at the boxing show held by the American Athletic Club on Saturday night in the rear of a little lager beer saloon on Gwinnett street, near Broadway, Brooklyn. The stuffy little "hall," about 16x19, was jammed to the ceiling with a very boisterous lot of "sports," some of whom were bent on doing the fighting instead of the fighters. The quick application of Sergeant Hayes's club stopped one fight near the ring side, but shortly after two of the seconds had it "out" in grand style upstairs in the dressing room. Both were pretty well done up before the police had a chance to interfere.

There were three scheduled matches on the programme. The first, between Tommy McDermott and Jack Henigan, was stopped by the police in the third round. The referee called it a draw. The second bout, six rounds, between Marty Gallagher and Billy West, was also declared a draw. In the third fight Eddie Sweeney defeated Jack Derricks in eight rounds by a close margin.

## WILL NOT PUT THE MONEY UP.

Little Likelihood of Corbett and Sharkey Fighting in Frisco.

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The Examiner received the following dispatch from J. J. Corbett last night: "If either Groom or Ellinghouse don't put up $10,000 by Monday next the Sharkey match is off. I can't afford to lose any more time. This is final."

Groom is manager of the National Athletic Club, which offered $10,000 for the fight, and Ellinghouse is at the head of the Eureka Athletic Club, which bid $12,000. Both men were seen, and both admitted that they could not or would not meet Corbett's demand. This ends matters, so far as this city is concerned.

## MRS. HARRIS WANTS LIBERTY.

Sues Her Husband, Son of Tennessee's Senator, for Divorce.

Washington, Sept. 27.—A number of divorce papers involving the names of prominent people of this city, have been filed in the District Court during the past few weeks, the latest suit being that filed yesterday by Mrs. Sallie Harris, daughter-in-law of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, against her husband, Charles Harris. The papers have been placed under lock and key, but it is understood that the suit is based on statutory grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married in Memphis, Tenn., in 1883, and have one child, now in the custody of the mother. They have been separated several months. Mr. Harris has remained in the city during this time, however, acting as the private secretary of his father. Mrs. Harris claims that when she was married, she had a small fortune, which her husband squandered on himself, and this charge is also contained in the suit. The friends of Mr. Harris claim, however, that incompatibility of temperament had much to do with the separation. Mr. Harris admitted, when questioned, that he had heard that the divorce papers had been filed, but said he had not yet been legally notified of it.

### Opening of Y.M.C.A. Harlem Branch.

The annual opening of the Harlem Branch Young Men's Christian Association at No. 5 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street will occur this evening. Rev. Henry E. Cobb, D. D., the pastor of the West End Avenue Collegiate Church, will deliver the address. The chairman of the branch and representatives of the various departments will present the plans for the season. Music will be provided by Miss Alma Reynolds, C. J. Bushnell and Florence Brown Shepard.

# STEWARDS' VERDICT WILL BE WELCOME.

## Mr. Belmont Will Probably Ship a Small String of Horses to England.

## Henry of Navarre May Be One of the Lot That Will Carry the "Maroon and Scarlet" Abroad.

## CLOSE OF GRAVESEND'S MEETING.

## Question of Whether Autumn Racing Will Be Seen This Year at the Bennings Racecourse Will Soon Be Decided.

At the meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club which will be held this evening final judgment will be passed on the testimony gathered within the last few weeks as to the existence or non-existence of a combination in local racing affairs. And for this relief "much thanks." Whatever the outcome, there can be no question that some finding is in order.

A mass of testimony has been submitted to the stewards, which Mr. Belmont has had to digest since his return from England. Secrets have been well kept, and any attempt to prognosticate as to the stewards' decision is mere guess work. It is certain that, if any actual proof of fraud has been obtained prompt action will be taken, and that is all to be said. But, happily, it is only necessary to wait till to-morrow morning to learn the issue.

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Mr. Belmont has not altogether abandoned his idea of sending a string of horses to England. While he has not had leisure to inspect his stable since his return, and consequently is not yet in a position to formulate definite plans, the chances are that he will ship some two-year-olds and yearlings. Meanwhile Mr. Belmont is in rather a quandary. He has no desire to send over a lot of horses that cannot win, and he does not fancy having a stable in England, except in charge of an American trainer. John Hyland, of course, in preference. Mr. Belmont would like to have Henry of Navarre to represent him on the other side, and there is nothing in the horse's present condition to prevent his going. His splint has yielded to treatment, and he has suffered comparatively little from the outbreak of sickness in the stable, which was an aftermath of the trouble contracted at Bennings last Spring. But, while Henry of Navarre has not suffered much, the younger horses have, especially Octagon, of whom higher hopes seem to have been entertained than was generally known. If Octagon mends he is one of the two-year-olds that Mr. Belmont will ship.

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The closing week at Gravesend does not present any striking features, but the fields are sure to be large, even if the standard of quality is not high. A good many of the best horses will have the chance of a brief "let up" during the short meeting at Aqueduct, and consequently their owners will be all the more anxious to earn Winter oats with them this week. To-morrow has the Neptune Stakes, a selling event for two-year-olds, at six furlongs. A lot of good performers are entered and several of them will probably start, in spite of the bidding-up excitement of last week. Among them are Cleophus, Sulsun, Tragedian, George Rose, Remp, Divide, Coloso, Passover, Break o' Day, Thomas Cat, Arbuckle and Flying Squadron. The Culver Handicap for all ages, at six furlongs, will also be run to-morrow.

Wednesday has only purse events, including a two-mile hurdle race over eight hurdles. Midgley's performance on Saturday should go far toward arousing genuine interest in these events. The four-year-old ran the mile and six furlongs in 3:16¾, with 142 pounds on his back. The best indication of how good a race this was from the time standpoint can be gathered from the fact that the record on the flat for the distance is only 1¾ seconds faster, and was made by a five-year-old, with 25 pounds less on his back, over a very much faster course. Article and Sun Up also both made their debuts and ran useful races, and if Saturday's event gave a fair sample of the kind of fresh material that is coming on, the horses whose form is known will for the most part have to take a back seat.

On Thursday Gravesend has the Woodlawn Handicap at a mile and the Seabreeze Stakes for three-year-olds, selling allowances, also at a mile. Roundsman, Captive, Ben Eder, Tom Cromwell, Rondo, Souffle, Damien and Volley are among those eligible for the latter. The last day of the meeting, Saturday, has two handicaps, the Holly, for two-years-olds, at five furlongs, and the Oceanview, for three-year-olds, at a mile and a sixteenth. The last event is a handicap at two and a half miles over ten flights of hurdles, which should try out the pick of the timber toppers pretty thoroughly.

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No official notice has yet been given as to a Fall meeting of the Washington Jockey Club at Bennings, but an announcement may be expected in a few days, when Mr. Belmont has time to get to the consideration of the matter. It is more than doubtful whether a meeting can result in other than considerable financial loss, although the Spring meeting helped materially to prepare the ground for racing at Washington. The weather is a big consideration when one reaches the month of November. It may be beautiful, clear and bright, or quite the reverse. If a meeting is given there will be no lack of stables in attendance, although some few will have been shipped to San Francisco and many will have been retired for the Winter. Most of the horses that will be sent to New Orleans would stop over at Washington, as the Crescent City Jockey Club's meeting does not begin till November 14.

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## COBWEB'S FAST MILE.

If Sunday Were Not a "Dies Non," Nathan Straus's Gelding Would Have Made a World's Record.

Many members of the Driving Club of New York were at Fleetwood Park yesterday, and they were well rewarded. The weather was perfect, with a strong breeze blowing. Mr. Nathan Straus drove up early, and gave the spectators a sensation.

Mr. Straus has for some time been satisfied that his gelding, Cobwebs, could beat the world's record to road wagon, and has been driving him with that purpose in view all the Summer. Some time ago Mr. Straus drove Cobwebs over the Parkville track in 2:16¾, and later in 2:15¾. Yesterday the great gelding was in good shape and, in spite of the stiff wind, which blew across the stretch, trotted a mile which, had it been a legal day and at a meeting, would have been a world's record.

At the first time of asking, he came down the stretch at full speed. Mr. Straus nodded, and the timer's watch began to tick. Cobwebs shot to the quarter in 0:32, and to the half-mile pole in 1:04¾. Coming up the hill he had to go around a team, but he got to the three-quarter pole in 1:33. Without a break, he came on, straight and true, to the wire in 2:14¾. If Cobwebs has a chance this Fall at a regular meeting, it is quite on the cards that he will beat the record of 2:16¾ to road wagon.

This week brings us into the sere and yellow leaves of October, and yet the trotting season shows no signs of decadence. In fact, this week there is the great meeting of the New England Association of Trotting Horse Breeders at Boston, with a programme of $40,000 in stakes and purses, and from October 6 to 16 there will be held at Lexington, Ky., the meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Association Breeders, with its gigantic programme of $75,000.

The New England meeting promises a most brilliant wind up for the Eastern season, and all the cracks will be there, including John R. Gentry, 2:00¾, the horse that promises to realize the brightest dreams of the enthusiast by going a mile to record in 2:00. Every class has filled abundantly, with the exception of the free-for-all trot. This association is probably the strongest on the continent. John E. Thayer, of Lancaster, Mass., is the president, and that he is willing to pay for good horses is proved by the fact that he gave $30,000 for Ralph Wilkes, and when that young champion died replaced him in the stud with Baron Wilkes, for whom he paid $25,000.

J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, is a member and still stands at the head of the buyers, having paid $125,000 for his great stallion Arion when he was a two-year-old. W. R. Allen, whose stock farm and stock at Pittsfield, Mass., cost over half a million, is another member. These are only a few samples in a long list. The association owns its own track, which cost $150,000 and, with its appointments, is probably the finest home of the light harness horse on the continent.

Nearer home the big attraction will be the Interstate Fair at Trenton, N. J., which begins to-day and will last until October 2. The speed department of this fair is always a great attraction, and as the various classes have secured very superior lists of entries, a capital week's sport may be expected.

The export market for trotters has been exceedingly full during the past three or four months, but has begun to revive. On Saturday Messrs. D. H. Grand & Co., of Buffalo, shipped to their London establishment from this port by the Atlantic Transport Line five head of high-class stock. They were as follows: Black mare Bluebird, by Lightheart, he by Cuyler; bay mare Madame, by Jerome Eddy, 2:16¾; black gelding Jerome O'Rell, by Harry O'Rell; chestnut mare Lucille, by Brightmount; bay mare Modina, by Belmont.

It is not yet definitely settled whether there will be a meeting at Fleetwood Park during the latter part of October, or not, but the probabilities are in its favor. The Executive Committee of the Parkway Driving Club, however, has definitely decided to hold a three days' meeting, and has already issued its programme. The dates are October 14, 15 and 16, and the purses are for the 2:50, 2:40, 2:35, 2:29 and the 2:24 trotting classes, and a free-for-all for both trotters and pacers.

## TO MEET PRINCE HILKOFF.

Arrival of a Russian Messenger Who Will Greet the Imperial Cabinet Officer.

Monsieur Henri Moser, the explorer of Central Asia, honorary member of the Geographical and Natural History societies, of Switzerland, and corresponding member of the Geographical societies of France and Russia, arrived here yesterday on the French Line steamer La Bretagne. He comes with a commission from the Russian Government to meet Prince Hilkoff, Minister of Public Works and Railways in the Cabinet of the Czar, who is expected to pass through the United States on his return journey from Japan early in October.

M. Moser will attend His Excellency from the moment of his landing on our shores until his arrival in St. Petersburg. He left last evening for Washington to consult with the Russian Minister to the United States, and to be advised whether the Imperial Cabinet officer will return by way of San Francisco or Vancouver, B. C.

Prince Hilkoff left Russia about six months ago on a tour of inspection of the new Trans-Siberian Railway. After reaching Vladivostock he left the Czar's dominions for Japan, and is now hastening homeward.

This will be his second visit to the United States. When quite a young man he came here, and gained the practical experience he sought by serving as a locomotive engineer on Western roads.

## TO-DAY'S PROBABLE WINNERS.

AT WINDSOR.

First Race—James V. Carter, Designer.
Second Race—Hickey, Vano.
Third Race—Miss Kitty, Gladioli.
Fourth Race—J. W. Cook, If.
Fifth Race—Jennie June, Sky Blue.

### Belleville Wheelmen's Races.

Belleville, N. J., Sept. 27.—The Belleville Wheelmen held their annual road races on Washington avenue, Nutley, yesterday. Bert Smith won the mile novice race in 2 minutes 31 seconds, and the quarter-mile, scratch, in 28 seconds. Walter Kelsall won the one-mile handicap in 2 minutes 23 seconds. Kelsall also won the two-mile handicap, with W. Douglass a good second.

## HORSE SHOW'S FEATURES.

High Jumpers Will Again Have a Chance, but the Fences Will Be Limited in Height.

Though entries to the National Horse Show Association's twelfth annual exhibition will not close until October 17, the prize list is out and preparations for New York's great horse carnival are in active progress. So much has been said about the depression in the horse trade that it would at least have been expected that the gross value of the premiums offered would not be larger than in previous years. As a matter of fact, $33,000 will be given away, which is an increase of $3,000 over last year.

The distribution of prizes in cash to the several breeds is as follows: Thoroughbreds, $525; (trotters (breeding classes), $2,055; trotters (driving classes), $1,148; roadsters (standard or non-standard), $1,480; hackneys, $4,030; hackney half-breeds, $350; Morgan bred stallions, $175; French coach horses, $1,655; heavy draught stallions (any breed), $200; horses and delivery wagons, $175; cab horses and hansom cabs, $85; horses in harness (light and medium weight), $2,440; carriage horses (heavy weight), $960; horses, carriages and appointments, $900; champion prizes for horses in harness, $400; tandems, $875; four-in-hands, $1,650; ponies in harness, $1,085; saddle horses, $2,870; ponies under saddle, $945; pony stallions and brood mares, $890; qualified hunters, $1,660; green hunters, $1,310; jumping classes, including championship, $2,085; city police horses, $350; park police horses, $350, and a special prize of $200 for competitive exhibition by the Second Battery, First Brigade of the State of New York.

Several new classes have been established, including premiums for Morgan bred stallions and French coach horses. Another popular feature will be the competition for a $200 prize by