CURRENT SPORTING EVENTS

GREAT ACTIVITY AT MAHER'S QUARTERS.

The Irishman, Now in the Best Health, Is a Demon for Exercise.

He Delights in the Roughest Sports, but Jim Hall Counsels More Moderation.

HOW PETER DOES HIS DAILY TASK.

Fitzsimmons Goes Out on His "Bike" and Is Greeted by Volleys from the Guns of the Texas Sharpshooters.

By W. W. Naughton.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 4.—The interior of Peter Maher's training quarters at Las Cruces had something the aspect of a Turkish bath establishment when I arrived there about noon today.

In several of the rooms fighters of greater or lesser note were stripped to the pelt, undergoing vigorous massage treatment by a corps of trainers and their assistants, and the atmosphere of the establishment fairly reeked with the odors of camphorated alcohol or some equally pungent muscle polish.

In the dining room, which has also been pressed into serivce as a cooling off and weighing room, ebony hued Jerry Marshall, George Dixon's prospective opponent, was balancing the scales the scales to see how much difference an eight-mile brisk tramp had made on his weight. In the same room, Pete Burns, who is matched with Billy Smith, was looking like a boiled lobster, owing to the heroic treatment received from a brace of horny handed rubbers, and in a rear room that shapely midget, Johnie Murphy, of Boston, made very bad faces indeed, as a particular henchman punched and kneaded the sensitive spots around his loins and short ribs.

In the best room in the house Peter Maher posed in "the altogether," while Jim Hall and Peter Lowry put the finishing touches on him. Peter seemed as smiling and content as if he had just laid the hated Fitz low with one of his jaw-breaking punches, but from those around it was learned his manifest good humor at that particular moment was not due to pleasant day dreams in connection with his pending contest.

WHY PETER LOOKED PLEASED.

Peter was simply at peace with himself and the world because he had, after days and nights of suffering, been released from the thraldom of an exceedingly troublesome boil and was once more free to run, jump or fog the ball, as fancy dictated, without setting his nerves throbbing. My first impression of Maher was that he looked a little light. He said his weight will be 172 pounds, and that he expected to be 174 when he stood up in the ring.

"That will make me a bit heavier than when I fought Fitzsimmons before," said Peter. "I only weighed 166 pounds that time." If, as Maher and his backers claim, he tips the beam at 172 now, he should certainly be able to take on a few pounds more before fight time, for I don't see that it would be possible to get a man of his frame much finer.

To me he appeared actually wasp-wasted as Hall during the kneading process sunk his knuckles into the flesh around Peter's mid-section. But this only served to show how vigorously and faithfully the strapping young colt has trained, and it goes without saying that, of course, that with such veteran handlers as his advisory committee is composed of it will be seen to that he tapers off in his work as the date of the carnival draws near.

MAHER TALKS OF HIS CHANCES.

Maher's idea of the outcome of the championship fight can be told in a few words. He considers firstly that his former defeat at Fitz's hands was a scratch. He feels that he has improved a great deal in workmanship, that he has profited by the experiences and that he has vastly more confidence in himself. He says he will weigh more and that he will be a fifty per cent better man physically, aside from the weight, and he makes the boast that the whole thing will be over within ten rounds and that he will be the winner.

Jim Hall, who may reasonably claim to know something of the methods of both Fitzsimmons and Maher, seeing that he has fought the former several times and has served as Peter Maher's sparring partner and trainer in turn, thinks he is undoubtedly attached to the winner's staff. Of course, many people will remark that Hall, being a prominent feature in the camp, would scarcely believe himself otherwise. Indeed, as I talked to Jim to-day memory flitted back to a time in Anastasia Island, Florida, when he informed me that Charley Mitchell had a "fighting chance" against Jim Corbett, but that is another story. In the present instance I believe Hall means what he says; that other time I believe he was hoping against hope.

JIM HALL'S CRITICISMS.

"I don't consider Maher as tricky a fighter as Fitzsimmons," said Hall. "In fact, I don't consider him tricky at all. But he is a strong, aggressive fellow, and who stands right up against his work, and I only remember one man in the whole of my experience who could punch like him. That was a chap they called "Jaw Breaker" Fogarty. He was an Australian. And whenever he landed yith his right it was all day with the fellow who got punched.

"Well, what Fogarty could do with his right Maher can do with either hand. He is a fearful hitter, and if he gets to Fitz and fights him the way I think he should I believe it will be all in a few rounds, and that our man will win."

I had hopes of seeing Maher have a set-to with Hall during the day, but it appears that sparring is eliminated from the Irishman's itinerary this time. His chief diversion during the afternoon hours seems to be kicking of a superannuated bag on the floor and up against the wall and in the spacious though low-roofed shed in which he does indoor work. Ever that Peter has been a Gaelic athlete in his time, but, whatever the Celt seems to take more genuine delight in kicking exercises than in any form of work he indulges in.

It is a small matter to him that at the end of the ball from the floor and walls great clouds of dust rise to his nostrils and defile his nostrils. Other kickers may sneeze and cough in the open air, but Peter simply inhales the atmosphere of pulverized plaster and insists when the air becomes too keen for him to keep track of the ball he starts punching the bag. He has a series of tattoos on it, and it is a pretty sight to watch the lightning-like movements of his green and red shoulder as he delivers the blows.

He is a sandy-haired, diminutive Boatswain, resplendent in salmon-colored exercising drawers, paddled along at his heels. "He's just a trifle too fond of horse play, and he goes in for things that I can't see the good of," remarked Hall, who was keeping a critical eye on his charge.

WILL ABANDON FOOTBALL.

There were others beside the Australian who thought that there were certain forms of exercise which Peter might discontinue with advantage. In fact, there was a discussion over the matter during the afternoon, and the outcome of it was that Peter announced that he had played his last game of football. It was not the kicking in itself that was objected to, although its particular purpose of fitting a man for a fight was questioned. It was the accompanying dust clouds and the possible effect the inhalation of the dust might have on Peter's "wind" that the "advisory committee" dwelt upon.

"Before caving Las Cruces I learned that while Maher strongly objects to donning the gloves when there are any strangers around, he goes in for a quiet spar occasionally with Hall after nightfall. It appears that there is one defect in Peter's defence, and that is, he leaves his jaw a trifle exposed when reaching for passes with his left hand.

"The bulk of Hall's secret coaching is devoted to remedying this weak place in Peter's breastworks, so that the 'terrible right' which Fitzsimmons boasts of may not find a resting place on Maher's most vital point.

"FITZ" GETS A HEARTY RECEPTION.

Fitzsimmons wheeled out on his bicycle to-day to Ysleta, where a number of the Texas Rangers are encamped, and the rifle wielders gave him a unique reception.

"They fired their Winchesters in the air and made such a noisy demonstration that 'Fitz' for some little time felt dubious as to their intentions. When he finally became convinced that he was being given a kind of frontier serenade he acknowledged the compliment by bowing from his wheel, but he did not stop very long in the neighborhood of the sharpshooters."

M'AULIFFE TO BOX LAVIGNE.

They Will Spar in Madison Square Garden on March 11.

Jack McAuliffe and George ("Kid") Lavigne were matched last night to fight six rounds at the Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, March 11.

The announcement, made exclusively in these columns, that these famous lightweight pugilists would meet last night at the St. James Hotel for the purpose of making a match drew a large crowd of sporting men together. McAuliffe, accompanied by his friend and backer, Dick Roche, were on hand at 8 o'clock, and after a short wait Sam Fitzpatrick and "Kid" Lavigne arrived. McAuliffe and Lavigne shook hands warmly, and after some discussion the agreements were signed by both the principals.

McAuliffe will start in training to-morrow at Bath Beach. In speaking of the coming contest he said: "This will be a good fight. If I did not feel that I could whip Lavigne you can bet that I would not make the match. I am in better condition to-night than I was when I fought Billy Meyers at New Orleans three years ago."

Lavigne will make a flying trip to his home in Saginaw, Mich., returning here by February 16. He will then go into training at Oceanic, N. J.

After the men signed and while in the hotel, Barney Michaels, the well-nown bookmaker, offered to bet Sam Fitzpatrick from $50 to $5,000 that McAuliffe will defeat Lavigne in the coming bout.

WILL DRIVE FOR THE CZAR.

Myron McHenry to Start for the Russian Imperial Stables.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 4.—Myron E. McHenry, the well known driver, will not be seen on American tracks for some time.

He has signed a five years' contract with the imperial stud stables of the Czar of Russia, and train as well.

He will leave for St. Petersburg as soon as he can settle up his affairs in this country and dispose of some of his stock.

In a few days he will ship Phoebe Wilkes, 2:08¼, and a number of others to the Fasig sale at Madison Square Garden, New York, where they will be sold at auction.

Yale Has Not Yet Entered for Henley.

New Haven, Feb. 4.—A Yale senior, who does not give his name, has sent a communication to the Yale News criticising the action of the Yale navy managers in agreeing to send the crew to the Henley without asking the consent of the college at large. The Yale News answers the criticism in an editorial stating that the crew has not agreed to go to the Henley, but has simply written to England asking whether Yale will be allowed to enter. The News suggests that a mass meeting be called of Yale undergraduates to finally decide whether Yale shall or shall not send a crew across the water.

Joe Butler's Challenge to Heavy-Weights.

Billy Madden is having considerable difficulty in arranging a match for his champion, Joe Butler, the colored heavy-weight, of Philadelphia. Ed Smith's manager agreed and made a match to meet Butler, but Smith repudiated it and positively refused to fight, drawing the color line. Billy Brady, who is still managing Steve O'Donnell, next agreed to make a match, but for some unknown cause dropped the matter. Madden and his champion are at a loss to know what is the trouble with all the big fellows with aspirations. He now offers to match Butler against Jim Daly, of Buffalo, for a six round contest before any of the local clubs. If Daly or any other of the heavy-weights are anxious to fight, a challenge sent to this office will be promptly accepted by Madden.

Officers of the Staten Island Y. C.

At the annual meeting and election of the Staten Island Yacht Club, held at Stapleton, S. I., Monday night, there were several lively contests for offices. The successful ticket was: Commodore, Charles E. Hover; vice-commodore, Wallace D. MacDonald; treasurer, Eck W. Simonson; measurer, Adolph Paneck; secretary, George Carmer; trustees, Oscar E. Slater, Harry Van Duzer and Howard Hitchcock. The club is in excellent condition, and extensive preparations are already under way for the coming season.

Hand Crushed by Hot Rollers.

Anna Gallagher, eighteen years old, of No. 214 Wayne street, Jersey City, an employe of the Manhattan Laundry Company, yesterday allowed her right hand to rest too near the hot drying rollers. It was caught, crushed and badly burned.

IN THE ROPED ARENA.

Horace Leeds, who is matched to fight Jack Everhart during Dan Stuart's Mexican carnival, left Newark yesterday, accompanied by his manager, Captain Glori. Leeds is already down to weight, and on his arrival at El Paso he will devote his entire time to becoming acclimated and keeping down to the 135-pound limit.

Dave Wall, of England, and Sammy Kelly, of this city, will be probably matched to meet in a ten-round contest for a purse before one of the leading clubs during the early part of next month.

Ted Alexander, who first brought Young Griffo to this country will hereafter look out for the interests of Charley ("Kid") McCoy, who aspires to middle-weight championship honors.

Jack Madden started training yesterday for his fight with Caspar Leon. These boys will meet before the New York Athletic Club on February 22.

Frank Erne, of Buffalo, and Jack Downey, of Brooklyn, were matched late last night to box ten rounds at 126 pounds before the New Manhattan A. C. on February 13.

FOR A RETURN CYCLE PATH

Good Roads Association of Brooklyn Urge Its Completion.

Mayor Wurster's Action in the Glenmore Avenue Bill Is Further Discussed.

FAVOR THE BICYCLE BAGGAGE BILL,

And Resolutions Were Passed Calling Upon the State Legislature to Insure a Speedy Passage of the Measure.

The Good Roads Association of Brooklyn does not intend to allow the proposed bill providing for a return cycle path from Coney Island to share the fate of the Glenmore avenue measure, which Mayor Frederick W. Wurster has flagged by stating that there are no funds on hand to carry out its provisions.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the association, held Monday night in the Eagle building, Norman S. Dike, the chairman of the Return Cycle Path Committee, stated that the matter would be brought before Mayor Wurster at a conference to be held at the latter's office within a few days. Mr. Dike is certain that if the Mayor will favor the bill, it will be passed by the Legislature.

D. B. Van Vleck reported in behalf of the committee appointed to watch the progress of the Glenmore avenue bill. He said there was little hope for its passage in its present form, and, as announced in the Journal last week, the Mayor had decided not to approve any bills that provide for an expenditure of money, as the debt limit had been reached, and there was no money except for absolute necessities.

Under these circumstances it is not likely that the Mayor will look with any degree of favor on the return cycle path idea.

President A. H. Angell is ill, and was not present at the meeting. F. P. Share, of the Long Island Wheelmen, occupied the chair. No definite headquarters for the association have yet been selected, though the ground floor at No. 1217 Bedford avenue is considered a feasible location.

The bicycle baggage bill now before the State Legislature was indorsed by the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, There is now pending in the State Legislature a measure known as the Armstrong bill, which provides that bicycles shall be carried free as baggage on the railroads of the State when they are accompanied by their owners; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby indorse the measure and urge upon the State Legislature its speedy passage.

MUST CONTROL WATERWAYS,

Otherwise the State Protection of Fish Is Defeated.

The annual report of the State Fisheries, Game and Forest Commission has been filed at Albany. Among other things, it recommends that power be conferred upon the Commission to close streams or other bodies of water in which it has planted fish when it shall become necessary to protect the same until of sufficient size.

The Commission also recommends that all bills relating to the fisheries, game and forest interests be referred to them for consideration.

Experiments have shown that the waters of the Hudson River are well adapted to the propagation of salmon, but the unlawful depredations of shelt fishermen have conspired against the river becoming a self-sustaining salmon stream.

During the year ending September 30, 1895, the State planted 196,247,840 fish of various kinds and ages, 8,627,908 of which were brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, land-locked salmon, sea salmon, lauscalonge and black bass, the others being white fish, pike, perch, tomcod, smelts, ciscoes, shad, bullheads, frost fish and other commercial or "food" fish.

The Commission asks that two bodies of water in the Adirondack region be set aside as stock supply waters.

Trotting Meet at Saratoga.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The three days' meet of the Saratoga Trotting Association began at Saratoga Lake to-day. There was a fair attendance. The only race run off, however, was for a purse of $100, and it brought out five starters. The winner turned up in Will English, b. g., owned by Dr. Grey, of Greenwich, N. Y., who came in first in each of the three heats. The time of each heat was 2:30, 2:32, 2:34. W. J. Fitzpatrick acted as starter.

Plenty of Racing for Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—Although the Graziani bill, which is about to become a law, prevents pool rooms from operating in Kentucky, and limits each track to thirty days' racing, there will be plenty of the sport in the State this season. A number of sporting men have formed a combination and have already secured the consent of eighteen fair associations to hold running and trotting races in connection with their fairs. A meeting of representatives of these fairs will be held at Louisville on February 18, when details will be arranged.

THE WHIRL OF THE WHEEL.

The Kings County Wheelmen held their fifteenth annual entertainment last night at the Criterion Theatre, Brooklyn, and the members of the Gilbert Dramatic Association, who appeared in a four-act comedy, called "The Strategists," gave an exceptionally clever and artistic performance. Following the theatre programme came a collation and dance at the new clubhouse, in Grant square. The committee in charge of the affair comprised S. J. Graham, L. T. Perham and Durant McLean.

According to advices yesterday received from Secretary Abbott Bassett the membership figures of the L. A. W. for this week are 35,671. New York contributes 104 new members, and its total is now 10,404. Ohio's current contribution consists of 74 members.

The Executive Committee of the Quill Club Wheelmen will hold a session to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the office of the American Wheelman, No. 23 Park row.

The Century Wheelmen will be one year old on March 2, and the occasion will be observed in a fitting manner. It is intended to have 200 members before the date of the anniversary. It is not compulsory for any one to make a century before joining the club.

The Political Action Committee of the Metropolitan Association of Cycling Clubs will appear before the Law Committee of the Board of Aldermen at the hearing next Monday, and urge the passage of the brake ordinance.

W. R. Pitman, one of the oldest riders in the country and known as "Old Vet," is an opponent of the brake ordinance. He thinks that the use of toe clips greatly lessens the necessity for a brake.

Frank Waller, the well-known long distance rider, will sail for England on Saturday. He intends to compete in a six-day race at the Olympia, in London, and after that will visit France and Italy. He will return to this country next Fall to ride in the race in Madison Square Garden. A joke on the "Flying Dutchman" is that he trained for the recent women's race, thinking it was for men.

The National Cycle Board of Trade has sanctioned the cycle show to be held in the old armory of the Thirteenth Regiment, on Hanson place, in Brooklyn. The show will open March 6, and continue for one week, and the committee in charge will be Andrew Peters, chairman; G. F. Blandy, secretary; W. E. O. Beebe, treasurer, and Carroll J. Post, Jr. The Cycle Club, of Brooklyn, will endeavor to make it a society affair.

NEW TRIANGULAR COURSE.

Amendments to Racing Rules Adopted by the New Rochelle Yacht Club.

The following amendments to their racing rules have been issued by the committee of the New Rochelle Yasht Club:

COURSE NO 1.

For all classes above the 35-foot class.

From the starting line at Echo Bay to and around the black buoy known as "Gangway Buoy," leaving same on the port hand, thence to and around the black buoy known as "Old Hen Buoy," at westerly entrance to Hempstead Harbor, leaving same on the port hand, thence to and around the westerly stakeboat at starting line, leaving same on the port hand; repeating this course three times. Distance 22 nautical miles.

COURSE NO. 2.

For the 35-foot and all smaller classifications.

From the starting line at Echo Bay, to and and around the red buoy on southwesterly end of "Hen and Chicken Reef," leaving same on the starboard hand, thence to and around striped buoy, known as "Middle Grounds Buoy," being the most easterly buoy on Execution Reef, leaving same on starboard hand, thence to and around the easterly stakeboat at starting line, leaving same on starboard hand, repeating this course four times. Distance 17 nautical miles.

Competing yachts in both classes are not to sail between "Green's Flats" and black buoy to the eastward of said flats, between Sands Point and black buoy off Sands Point, and known as "Sands Point Buoy," nor between red buoy to east of Execution Reef and lighthouse, nor between the striped buoy on west end of Execution Reef and lighthouse.

When the courses are announced to be sailed over more than once, the Regatta Committee may terminate the race at the end of any round, if in their judgment the weather conditions make it advisable, and the time allowance shall be shortened accordingly.

The signal for so terminating a race shall be a Blue Peter displayed on the Judges' boat, or in case of fog or darkness five long blasts from the whistle.

THIS HALF-RATER IS SPEEDY.

Designer Huntington's Latest Boat Proves a Flyer.

Larry Huntington, the designer who surprised the talent last season with the half-rater Question, which defeated both the Spruce IV. and champion Ethelwynn by more than fourteen minutes over the twelve-mile course in one of the international contests last Summer, has been at work on two tiny yachts for the same class, that are expected to show their heels to any of last year's fleet.

The first of this pair of lilliputian racers was built for Arthur Iselin and was launched Friday last. She was christened "Hope" and was given a trial against the Question yesterday, proving herself greatly the superior of last season's boat on every point of sailing.

In design the new boat is an improved Question, having considerably less freeboard and being much lighter in construction, weighing fully 400 pounds less, and while carrying a larger spread of canvas, measures two inches less in racing length than the Question.

The second boat in process of construction has three inches more freeboard than Mr. Iselin's boat and will have a greater sail spread than either of her rivals.

FLEETWOOD'S CLASS PURSES.

Entries to the Driving Club's Events All to Close February 15.

The Driving Club of New York has made a liberal bid for patronage in announcing the ten stakes to be decided at its grand circuit meeting. This association does not run its meetings for the revenue which accrues; in fact, the surplus remaining after expenses have been paid has always been used to secure special attractions as exhibitions.

The purse events to be decided during the meeting at Fleetwood are:

No. 1—2:15 class, trotting	$3,000
No. 2—2:19 class, trotting	3,000
No. 3—2:24 class, trotting	3,000
No. 4—2:30 class, trotting	3,000
No. 5—3:00 class, trotting	1,000
No. 6—Two-year-olds eligible to 2:50 class	2,000
No. 7—Three-year-olds eligible to 2:40 class	2,000
No. 8—2:10 class, pacing	2,000
No. 9—2:25 class, pacing	2,000
No. 10—3:00 class, pacing	1,000

Entrance fees to purses Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are payable in the following forfeits: February 15, $10; March 15, $25; April 15, $25; May 15, $25; June 15, $25; August 15, $15—in all, $140. To purses Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, in the following forfeits: February 15, $10; March 15, $10; April 15, $20; May 15, $20; June 15, $20; July 15, $10; August 15, $10—in all, $100. To purses Nos. 9 and 10, in the following forfeits: February 15, $5; March 15, $5; April 15, $10; May 15, $10; June 15, $10; July 15, $5; August 15, $5—in all, $50.

All entries close February 15.

TO AMEND TROTTING RULES.

The National Association to Take Action on Fradulent Practices.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—The president of the National Trotting Association, Major P. H. Johnson, has appointed the following Committee on Rules, which is to meet at the Murray Hill Hotel on Monday, February 10, at 8 p. m.:

W. B. Fasig, New York; R. L. Allen, Joliet, Ill.; William Edwards, Cleveland, O.; E. A. Tipton, Lexington, Ky.; J. C. Simpson, Oakland, Cal., and C. H. Page, Pennsylvania.

There is a strong feeling in favor of amending a number of the rules, and it is more than likely that the committee will propose some radical changes.

Something will no doubt be done regarding associations which do not pay their purses, and at the same time insist on ruling off horsemen who decline to pay their entrance fees when there is no possible chance to get the purses should they win them.

The Winners at St. Louis.

The races at St. Louis yesterday resulted as follows:

First Race—Five and a half furlongs. Owen Golden, II., 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Blackwoods, 6 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; Belshazzar third. Time, 1:04¾.

Second Race—Five and a half furlongs. Ruben, 3 to 1 and even, won; Keenanna, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Royal Lady third. Time, 1:15½.

Third Race—Half a mile. Parade, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Harry Warren, 8 to 1 and 3 to 2, second; Con Lacey third. Time, 0:52.

Fourth Race—Five and a half furlongs. St. Beage, 3 to 1 and even, won; Tannhauser, 12 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Catlan third. Time, 1:15¾.

Fifth Race—Seven and a half furlongs. Walter O., 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Smuggler, 3 to 1 and even, second; Little George, third. Time, 1:49¼.

The Card at St. Louis.

First Race—Four and a half furlongs. Miss Jessie, 105 pounds; King Faro III., 107; Little Bowling, 107; Extra, 107; Love Knot, 107; Folsom, 110; Mt. McGregor, 110; Arapahoe, 110.

Second Race—Six furlongs. Miss L. Rose, 103 pounds; Capriola, 103; Dan Farrell, 105; Gendarme, 105; Silver Bill, 105; Belshazzar, 108; Josephine Cassidy, 113.

Third Race—Four and a half furlongs. Royal Lady, 105 pounds; Idyl, 105; Susie Pennington, 105; Belle of Springfield, 105; Arizona, 107; Will Fellow, 107; Backwood, 107; Walter Riggs, 110.

Fourth Race—Five and a half furlongs. Dutch Oven, 102 pounds; Dark Knight, 104; Ed Brown, 104; Butcher Boy, 104; Daddy Reed, 107; St. Beage, 107; Plebeian, 107; Abe Cohn, 113.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs. Bessemer, 104 pounds; Dixie, 105; Mollie May, 105; Mamie Duffy, 105; Lonchester McSweeney, 107; Little Lewis, 107; Dunlap, 107; Black Hawk, 110.

More Bargains in Trotters.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—Another large crowd attended the Woodard & Shanklin sale of trotters, and eighty-five head brought $13,000. Simmons only brought $3,300, while the stallions Guy Moor and Star Sultan sold for next to nothing. The best prices realized were: Simmons, 2:28, blk. s., 17, by George Wilkes, dam by Mambrino Patchen—George McKaig, Troy, O., $3,300; Lottie Thorne, 2:23¾, b. m., 17, by Mambrino Patchen, dam Lady Ayres, by Redmonds Abdallah—John E. Madden, Lexington, $800, and Winnie Baron, b. m., 4, by Baron Wilkes, dam by Strathmore—Young & Hudson, Lexington, $050.

WHO WANTS VALKYRIE III?

Anxiety on the Part of Her Owner to Dispose of Her at Any Price.

A cable despatch from London announces that the yacht Valkyrie III, now lying in Winter quarters at Erie Basin, is for sale, and owing to her great depth, which would be a handicap under the present racing rules in British waters, she will go at a sacrifice, providing she is sold on this side of the water.

H. M. Kersey, who has acted as Lord Dunraven's representative in this country, stated yesterday that the yacht had been on the market ever since she had been dismantled, and although several persons had made inquiries in reference to the sale of the boat, there had not been any definite bid for her, nor had he received instructions to send the yacht to England up to the present time, despite reports to the contrary.

Mr. Kersey further stated that $25,000 would buy the boat, although her original cost was far in excess of that sum.

It appears that the Philadelphia syndicate which created considerable comment last fall by offering $75,000 for her, immediately after her defeat, now have an opportunity of buying the yacht at one-third the price they said they were willing to pay.

FIRST CLASS BOXING BOUTS.

A Capital Programme Arranged by the New York A. C. for February 22.

The next boxing contest at the New York Athletic Club will be held on Saturday night, February 22, Washington's Birthday. Four bouts are on the card, and judging from the men engaged for the contests, this should be the gala boxing night of the season. The bout between Danny McBride, of this city, and Martin Flaherty, of Lowell, should be the means of filling the gymnasium, providing the men put up half as good a contest as they did at the recent show of the New Manhattan Athletic Club.

The principal bout of the night will be one of twelve rounds between Jack Madden, of Brooklyn, and Casper Leon, of this city. Both of these lads have been defeated by Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, for the bantamweight championship. This contest will decide the long disputed standing of these boys, who have been hurling defi's at each other for the past few months.

The other contests will be, Johnny Young, of Brooklyn vs. Jim Carter, of Paterson, eight rounds at 135 pounds, and Sam Tomkins, of Astoria, vs. Harry Peterson, of this city, eight rounds at 145 pounds.

HORSE SHOW FOR NEWPORT.

To Be Held Under Distinguished Patronage Next August.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 4.—Another attraction is to be added to the already long list of Summer amusements here and one that cannot fail to be a complete success. For several years the Summer and permanent residents have seen the desirability of an open air horse show, but for one reason or another it has not taken material form. However, it has just traspired that Messrs. Prescott Lawrence, Oliver H. P. Belmont, Francis M. Ware, William H. Mayer, Louis L. Lorillard, Henry F. Eldridge and Center Hitchcock have decided to organize the Newport Horse Show Association for the purpose of holding a two days' show during the month of August, the exact date to be fixed later, and it has already been decided to offer $3,500 in prizes.

No better place is fitted for such an event. Most of the patrons of the New York horse show summer here, and many horses that take prizes in New York will be seen at this show.

Mr. Prescott Lawrence has his prize stallion Fashion in this city, as well as a large stable of fine, high steppers.

BROOKDALE STABLE'S PLANS.

Colonel Thompson's Sons Will Not Withdraw from the Turf.

It is a little early as yet to state authoritatively what the plans of the Brookdale Farm and Stable will be, but it is almost certain that there will not be any changes this season at least.

William P. Thompson, Jr., and his brother, Louis S., were full partners with their father in the property, as well as in the horses of both the breeding and racing departments. Both have given much time to the details of the establishments and have in a measure the great admiration for a horse that their father had.

William P. Thompson, Jr., spends almost his entire time at the farm, and both last year and this has officiated as manager of the place.

In the entries made for this year's stakes his name appears as manager, and in several cases Louis has signed himself assistant manager.

Another thing that would argue against any division or disposal of the properties is the immense loss that would surely come with the sale of their interests. The farm is one of the most complete in the country. The buildings they have erected, with those still in course of construction, have cost a fortune, and yet, were they to be sold, it would be difficult to get a purchaser at anything like a fair value.

As to the mares and stallions on the place, they are a royally bred lot, and their produce are certain to prove worthy representatives.

It is stated by a prominent turfman that before Colonel Thompson died he expressed a wish that in the event of his death his sons should continue to carry on Brookdale on the lines he had mapped out.

It is very probable that W. P. Thompson, Jr., will be elected a member of the Jockey Club at its next meeting.

Answers to Correspondents.

Douglass Gordon, Baltimore—We will give you the information you desire in a few days.

Mac, New York—The referee decided the bout a draw.

J. A. F., Brooklyn—The distance of the Brooklyn Handicap is one mile and a quarter. It is for three-year-olds and upward.

Ten Sweet Caporal Little Cigars for 5 cts.

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS.

BICYCLES.

5,000 Bicycles, $5 Up.

Singer, $5; Victor, $5; Ormonde, $12; Juno, $15; Majestic, $17; Liberty, $22. Waverly, $25; Columbia, $25; New Ladies' and Men's, $29, $35 and $39. Herald Cycle Co., 114 Nassau st., near Ann.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

BUSINESS WAGONS—BUY OF MANUFACTURER; save dealers' profits; Top Wagons, built on premises, warranted, $50. Washington Wagon Works, shops 463 Washington; salesrooms 294 Hudson.

NO CHANGE IN RACING BILL

Officials of the Jockey Club Deny Any Knowledge of Alteration.

Turf Magnates Doubt the Wisdom of Amendment to the Percy-Gray Law.

BUT THE TAX MAY BE MODIFIED.

The Racing Commissioners Will Recommend That the Impost Be Applied to Net Instead of Gross Receipts.

The reports from Albany that the principal racing associations in the State have prepared a bill that will alter the reading of the Percy-Gray Racing law in a way that will do away with the tax now imposed on the gross receipts of the various associations seem entirely without foundation.

The officials of the Jockey Club, as well as the officers of the principal tracks, deny the rumor, and it is probably based on the story sent abroad a couple of weeks ago to the effect that in the report of the State Racing Commissioners a suggestion will be made that the State's tax be imposed on the net in place of the gross receipts, or if it must be retained on the entire receipts that the percentage be reduced.

No attempt will be made to force a bill to this effect. If one is presented it will be by disinterested parties, and the Jockey Club will not make any effort to get it through.

Its passage would of course be of great benefit to the associations over which they hold jurisdiction, but those in charge realize that it would not be wise to attempt to push such a measure, as it might mean much trouble for the rest of the existing laws on the subject of racing.

August Belmont, James R. Keene and a number of others prominent in racing circles stated yesterday that there was absolutely no truth in the rumor that such a bill had or would be prsented in their interests. Some of the trotting people are willing to support such a measure, but it is very probable that they will be made to realize the danger of such a step, and rest content to let matters take their course.

If the Legislature sees fit to adopt the suggestion which the State Racing Commission will make, it will go a long way toward enabling the associations to make ends meet.

The total receipts of the Coney Island Jockey Club last season were $183,189.80, of which the State will receive $9,159.49. This sum is more than a quarter of the season's losses, and with a tax on the net receipts it would mean the saving of the entire sum.

In 1894 the receipts of this same club were $552,157.92, the falling off of the first year under the Percy-Gray law being $368,968.12. In the old days the payment of the tax was an easy matter, but under existing circumstances it comes pretty close to being a hardship.

Another story going the rounds is that if the reduction of the tax is made efforts will be made to obtain concessions that will bring other benefits in the way of revenue, but this, too, is denied in official quarters.

So far as returning to the old systems of the ring, it is a certainty that even if the laws were modified so as to permit bookmaking as of old, the better class of associations would not avail themselves of it, as they believe that racing can be kept at a higher standard under the system now in use.

STAKES CLOSED YESTERDAY.

Entries Promise Well for Morris Park and Bennings.

The stakes of the Westchester Racing Association, the Washington Jockey Club, and the New York Steeplechase Association closed yesterday.

Mr. H. G. Crickmore, who has charge of the entry lists, was unable to give any figures, in fact, it will be several days before the work will be completed, as it is a regular thing for owners and trainers to wait until the last minute to send in the names of their candidates. As many of these lists were only mailed yesterday, it will delay the completed official announcements until the latter part of the week at least.

Judging from those on hand, the prospects are exceedingly bright. There is hardly a stable of prominence in either the East or West that will not be represented.

Many believing that the fact of its being the first meeting of the season in this part of the country would tend to reduce the number of entries, but from present indications they will be more numerous than either those of Gravesend or Sheepshead Bay.

For the Bennings meeting the prospects are equally bright. The "pick" of the different stables will not be sent on, but on the whole the lists will show quality and quantity enough to assure a high class of sport.

GEORGE W.'S HANDICAP.

He Beats a Good Field at New Orleans and His Backers Cash at 10 to 1.

New Orleans, Feb. 4.—The weather was delightful here to-day and the attendance was very good, with a fast track to add to the day's enjoyment.

The surprise of the afternoon came in the handicap, when George W., a 10 to 1 chance, won easily from Orinda, the second choice. The start was a bad one, the favorite getting away seventh and Birdcatcher absolutely last. Dockstader made the pace to the stretch, when George W. raced through and won handily. Caywood made considerable use of Birdcatcher in the early part of the race, and, although he was second in the stretch, the earlier efforts left him without anything to finish with. Rosalind, the 4 to 5 favorite in the first race, was beaten in a drive by Elsie Ferguson.

The Morris Stable's colt, Parmesan, won the two-year-old race from Oxeye, the 8 to 5 favorite, in decisive style. He had 113 pounds up, but came away gallantly from a drive that lasted from the eighth pole home. Evanesca was a 3 to 5 favorite in the third event, and won handily from Fannie Rowena.

Prytania opened at 2 to 1 in the last race, but was backed down to 6 to 5. Bagpipe ran like a wild horse to the stretch, where he had a lead of two lengths, but Prytania caught and passed him in the final strides.

To-morrow there will be six races, with the Merchants' Handicap, of a mile and a quarter, as the extra attraction.

N. S. A. AND N. H. A. IN HARMONY

The Troubles Between the Two Steeplechase Associations Ended.

The meeting of the governors of the National Hunt Association, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed for a week, as a mark of respect to the memory of Colonel W. P. Thompson.

It is generally understood that when the meeting is held it will result in a clearing up of the trouble that has arisen between the two organizations that govern cross country racing.

A number of conferences have been held between representatives of both associations, and while no statements have been made as to what concessions have been granted, it is assured that peace has been declared.

This will be welcome news to the racing world. There is room for both organizations, and those at the head of affairs being thoroughly familiar with the matters they are compelled to handle, the evils of the class of racing they supervise will soon be eradicated.

The Brooklyn Horse Show.

The Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club will give its annual horse show on May 4 to 9 inclusive. The show will be given on nights only, with the exception of the last day—Saturday—when an afternoon exhibition will be given. The committee intend to make a special feature of the high-school class, and have secured Bonaparte, Mr. Seaman's purchase at the recent horse show in Madison Square Garden.

Domino Is Out of Danger.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—Domino arrived here to-day from Cincinnati and will be sent to Castleton to-morrow morning. The horse's condition is greatly improved and he is considered out of danger.

TO-DAY'S PROBABLE WINNERS.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

First Race—Lagniappe, 1; G. B. Cox, 2.

Second Race—Terrapin, 1; Festival, 2.

Third Race—Fate, 1; Koenigen, 2.

Fourth Race—Maurice, 1; Emin Bey, 2.

Fifth Race—Lizzie N., 1; McKee, 2.

Sixth Race—Dutch Arrow, 1; Fleta May, 2.

The Card at New Orleans.

First Race—Seven-eights of a mile; selling.

300	Sisseretta	103	309 Lagniappe 107
237	Mamie G.	97	(249) Rouble 107
301	Ben Johnson	98	274 Le Grande 110
299	Carrie B.	105	307 Jim Hogg 110
285	Favorine	105	(286) Ed Glenn 110
179	Tancred	107	(294) G. B. Cox 110

Second Race—Three-quarters of a mile; selling.

296	Festival	105	172 Nero 107
295	Vida	105	86 Terrapin 110
295	Master Fred	107	247 Boulerer 110
—	Herrman	107	— Rainmaker 110
—	Mark S.	107	256 Arkansas Trav. 110
68	Old Pugh	107	302 Fakir 110

Third Race—One-half mile; two-year-olds.

242	Koenigin	108	— Bonnie Bell 108
288	Fate	108	228 Ironstone 111
297	Ida May	108	228 Sanguine 111
297	Attie H.	108	

Fourth Race—One and a quarter miles; Merchants' Handicap.

(229)	Florence P.	110	(290) Roosevelt 105
299	Jamboree	115	(281) Emin Bey 113
286	Uncle Jim