STUART WILL TELL HIS SECRET TO-NIGHT.

The Texan Promises to Make the Battle Ground Known to Ticket Holders.

Fight Is to Be Held Early To-morrow Morning After an All Night Train Ride.

Discovering "Ring Sites" the Chief Occupation of Sports Now at El Paso.

EACH HAS THE REAL PLACE, SURELY.

Fitz Says He Has Found a Man Willing to Bet 100,000 American Dollars on Him. Maher to Wear a Screen Under an Umbrella.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 19.—Up to date over a dozen bona fide battle grounds, each having the name of Dan Stuart indelibly stamped on the wrapper, as it were, have been located by the Smart Alecks who are trying to spy out the carnival manager's mystic ring site. The trouble of it is that Stuart buttonholes each discoverer as he crops up and intimates to him in a crestfallen way that he, of all others, has hit upon the exact spot.

There is something ludicrous in the manner in which Stuart suggests to each inland Columbus in turn that if he (Columbus) lets even his dearest friends wrest his secret from him, all further efforts to bring Maher and Fitzsimmons together might as well be abandoned.

The boldest conjecture made yet is that the fight party is to take train for Galveston, Tex., and then journey out on the broad bosom of the deep on a tug, where Maher and Fitz will try to adapt themselves to the ground swell and the kinetoscope bearings while punching championship aspirations out of each other. When asked if there was anything in this startling story, Stuart, as usual, fenced with the question. He said there ought to be "something in it," which to my mind is the most convincing proof that there is "nothing in it."

I am sceptical enough to believe he does not know himself to within a circle of miles where the ring will be pitched.

MANY POSSIBLE RING SITES.

In former dispatches I told how I had reason to think Stuart was causing to be erected several decoy rings, so as to throw rangers, rurales and other carnival preventers off the scent. One of these decoys, or it may be a ring site that he really intended to use, was situated near Fort Hancock, a Texan post on the Rio Grande. According to the discoverers, there was a lot of ring paraphernalia on a high bluff across the river from the fort, and a pontoon bridge was also in readiness, so that the fight followers might cross to the Mexican side.

Stuart received warning to-day that a number of Mexican soldiers were congregated near this point.

"I hope they'll remain on watch in that locality," he muttered, and when I heard him I made up my mind that there would be no mill near Fort Hancock.

Stuart evidently resorts to decoys in other things besides ring sites. I am informed on good authority that late last night three carts, supposed to contain ring equipment, were sent out by him, of which two were dummies. There is no doubt that, so far as the sleuths of Texas, New Mexico and Old Mexico are concerned, as close a watch as possible will be kept on those carts, but it is just possible that the one which really contains the fight material may be juggled off under their noses.

STUART TO ASSESS THE RANGERS.

Stuart is said to have talked pretty straight to Adjutant-General Mabry last night. According to all accounts, he said to that high official:

"You people have endeavored to hamper me a good deal, and I guess you've succeeded in keeping many people away from this fight. I have told you before, and I tell you again now, that I have no intention of fighting in Texas, and I don't see that any of your rangers will have any right to board my train when it leaves here.

"If they do insist upon going with us, they will have to pay their fares, and it will cost not less than $12 per ranger."

Mabry said his men would keep watch until the last moment to prevent any infringement of the laws of Texas. There is scarcely a doubt that the rangers, as well as certain Deputy Sheriffs and United States Marshals, will insist on riding with the special until it passes out of the section they are supposed to guard. Such being the case, there is likely to be a lively scene at the train side.

Stuart has given out that some time to-morrow evening he will inform all who are entitled to see the fight what train to take, and what time they are to be aboard. The general impression is that the train will pull out between 8 and 10 o'clock in the evening, and that the fighters and excursionists are booked for an all-night ride. I know that Maher and Fitzsimmons have been warned that they will have to spend to-morrow night on the train, and that they both demurred.

"You will each have Pullman berths and be made as comfortable as the circumstances will permit," said Dan. "There is no get out of it, for you must sleep on the train."

FITZ TALKS OF A WILLING PLUNGER.

"Has any one heard of any betting on this fight?" asked Fitz to-day. "I can't hear of a dollar of Maher money, and it seems funny, after all the torchlight parades and brass bands they got up for him in Pittsburg. I suppose when I whip him they'll say, 'Well, he only licked a blind man.' I know a man across the river who'll bet $200,000 Mexican money, or $100,000 American money on me. He'd like to bet it at even money, but he'll take his cue from me if the other side wants odds."

Fitz says he believes he will weigh 182 pounds in fighting costume, and he thinks that at the outside the fight will last but five rounds. While Fitz was talking a boy came in with a telegram from J. J. Corbett.

"I wonder what that means?" said Fitz.

"It means," said one of the bystanders, "that Corbett is coming here and that you had better look out."

Fitz laughed and said: "No such luck. I think Corbett likes long-distance fighting the best. I would wallop that big blowhard if I got the chance."

The news from Las Cruces is that Maher's eyes are improving rapidly. He discarded his colored glasses entirely to-day, but the sunlight still hurts his eyes and makes the tears run. Peter ran and walked a half dozen miles this forenoon and did sprinting work in the afternoon. He also put on the gloves with Jim Hall and treated visitors to an exhibition of neat sparring.

"There isn't a thing wrong with me now but the eyes," said Peter. "They'll be all right, though, and if I don't spring a surprise on Mr. Fitzsimmons, my name's not Peter Maher. I guess I'll weigh 172 in the ring."

THEY THINK FITZ WILL QUIT.

Quinn and others of Peter's friends profess to believe that Fitz wants to be nabbed, and that if he could have got Peter's forfeit last Monday he would have quit.

Buck Connelly said:

"If there is any chance of pitching the ring in a shady spot, I will ask Stuart to do it. I have brought a big green shade which Peter will wear up to the moment time is called. He will also wear it between the rounds. If there is no objection I will have a big umbrella to spread over Peter's head when he is in his corner."

W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAW THE BATTLE GROUND.

Warren Lewis Says the Ring Will Be Pitched in Texas and Tells of Plans for Evasion.

Warren Lewis, the Brooklyn sporting man and hotel keeper, who was one of a party of New Yorkers that left for El Paso to witness the expected fight between Maher and Fitzsimmons, returned home yesterday, after an absence of eleven days, nearly $[illegible]$ poorer than when he left here. When asked last night if he had any idea where the contest would take place, he said that he believed there would be no trouble in pulling off the fight if Maher insists upon going into the ring. Continuing, he said:

"Joe Vendig took me to the battle ground, which is between twenty and thirty miles from El Paso, on the banks of the Rio Grande, and on the Texas side. The railroad runs along the river, and Stuart intends to take the fighters and spectators there by a special train. It will stop near the battle ground, and the men will be carried across the river by Mexicans. The river at this point is very shallow, and reaches only to the knees in the deepest places.

"After reaching the Mexican side of the river, all will be compelled to walk a short distance, and then be carried back to the Texas side. The ring will then be pitched and the fighters will get down to business. This is Stuart's plan, and he says he can easily evade the Texas and Mexican authorities by it."

WOLCOTT FIGHT COMES HERE.

O'Rourke's Black Whirlwind to Meet "Bright Eyes" March 2.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 19.—Joe Wolcott and Scott Collins, better known as "Bright Eyes," will have their fight at the Old Puritan, now Eureka Club, Long Island, on March 12. The winner will get 75 per cent of the gate receipts.

Dan Stuart has assumed the management of "Bright Eyes" and says he will bet $1,500 against $3,000 that "Bright Eyes" will win.

MAHER MORE THAN WILLING.

Peter Says He Will Surely Fight To-morrow Unless Prevented.

Las Cruces, New Mexico, Feb. 19.—I will fight on Friday if the fight is not prevented by the authorities.

I am ready and more than willing to meet Fitzsimmons. PETER MAHER.

Judgment Against Fitzsimmons.

In the suit brought by Friend, House & Grossman against Robert Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, for $2,000, Justice Andrews yesterday signed an order allowing judgment against Fitzsimmons for $750, which he admits as due. The plaintiffs have the right to enter another claim for the balance within five days, and if this is not done the case will be dismissed.

MIDDLE STATES REGATTA.

Delegates Met Last Night and Discussed the Venue for the Next Regatta.

At the annual meeting of the Middle States Regatta Association of Amateur Oarsmen, at the Marlborough Hotel last night, the selection of a place for holding the annual regatta caused considerable discussion.

James Pilkington, although a Harlem man, made a strong plet in behalf of holding the regatta at whatever place held out the best inducements; he advocated the course at Poughkeepsie or Lake Hopatcong. He thought there was no reason why the regattas should always be held on the Harlem or Passaic rivers, when there were so many other adjacent courses.

Judge Tighe, of the Varuna Boat Club, expressed himself strongly in favor of the Passaic River course, which, he said, was the best in the vicinity. H. J. Behrens, of the Nonpariel Boat Club, made a strong fight for the Harlem course, and cited the fact that last year's regatta was the most successful held in years.

The matter was finally settled by the appointment of a committee to select the course and date for this year's regatta. James Pilkington, J. J. Murphy, William Vanderveer, E. J. Keane, A. Jenks, H. U. Walter, D. Mahone and J. G. Tighe.

The officers elected by the association to serve during the coming season are: President, A. B. Hopper; Vice-President, W. H. Pinkney, New York A. C.; Secretary, A. D. Ballard, Palisade Rowing Club; Treasurer, D. E. Rembart, Staten Island Rowing Club.

The retiring treasurer, John E. Dempsey, Atlanta Boat Club, stated that there was a balance on hand of $94.34. The resignation of the Eureka Boat Club was laid on the table pending investigation.

The delegates present were:

James G. Tighe, Varuna Boat Club, Brooklyn; James Pilkington, Harlem Rowing Club; Frederick Pfortmeyer, Passaic Boat Club; Julius D. Mahr, Metropolitan Rowing Club; A. D. Ballard and George D. Skinner, Palisade Boat Club, Yonkers; E. J. Keene and R. P. Walden, New York Athletic Club; H. J. Behrens, Nonpariel Boat Club; Leon Meyer, Lone Star Boat Club; D. E. Reinhardt, Staten Island Boat Club; William Graham, Wyanoke Boat Club; Fred Vilmar, Nassau Boat Club; J. E. Dempey, Atlanta Boat Club.

SOUTH SIDE'S TARGET MATCH.

Only a Few Trap Shooters Turn Out for the Handicap.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 19.—Only a few trapshooters were on hand for the monthly handicap of the South Side Gun Club at Newark to-day. One hundred empire targets for an entrance fee of $5 and cost of targets, 28 to 32 yards rise, known traps at unknown angles, were the conditions of the contest.

Geoffrey took the lead early in the day and maintained it to the finish, winning first money by demolishing ninety-two of his hundred targets. Sinnoch came second, with a total of ninety. Edwards took third money. J. R. Elliott, of Kansas, did unusually poor, breaking but seventy. He was the only scratch man. Scores follow:

Geoffrey (3), 92; Sinnoch (8), 90; Edwards (8), 89; E. D. Miller (3), 88; Dutchey (4), 86; Collins (5), 83; Harrington (10), 81; Astfalk (10), 74; Elliot, (0), 70.

THE CARD AT BENNINGS.

Order of the Events to Be Decided at the Spring Meeting.

The stakes announced for the Spring meeting of the Washington Jockey Club will be run in the following order:

Saturday, April 18—Washington Handicap, 1 1-16 miles; Easter Steeplechase, 2 miles.

Monday, April 20—The Arlington, ½ mile.

Tuesday, April 21—The Potomac, ¾ mile.

Wednesday, April 22—Virginia Hurdle Race, 1½ miles.

Thursday, April 23—The Mount Vernon, ½ mile.

Friday, April 24—The Federal, 6½ furlongs.

Saturday, April 25—Blue and Gray Handicap, ¾ mile; Selling Steeplechase, 2½ miles.

Monday, April 27—Selling Hurdle Race, 1¾ miles.

Tuesday, April 28—The Congressional, ½ mile.

Wednesday, April 29—The Capitol, 1 mile.

Thursday, April 30—Maryland Hurdle Race, 2½ miles.

Friday, May 1—The Eastern Branch, 4½ furlongs.

Saturday, May 2—Army and Navy Handicap, 1 mile; Sheridan Steeplechase, 3 miles.

The weights for the Washington Handicap will be announced March 4, declarations to be made on or before March 25.

Mart Demarest to Drive for F. W. Smith.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 19.—Mart Demarest, the famous reinsman of this city, has been engaged for the season to drive for F. W. Smith, of Boston. As reinsman for Mr. Smith he will be whirled around by Paul, 2:07¼; Colonel Kuser, 2:11¼; Judge Austin, 2:12¼; Aleto, 2:10¾; Gretchen, 2:12¼; Brown Hill, 2:15¼; Sea Bird, 2:13½; Lee H., 2:13; Prince Alcyone, 2:15½, and The Dude, 2:13½.

In the World of Sport.

MINOR LEAGUES PROTEST.

Lesser Baseball Magnates to Meet on Monday, When the Big Presidents Confer.

Will Demand More Protection in the Matter of Players, Who Are Now Shuttlecocks.

GIANTS' PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE.

Local Season to Open at Polo Grounds with Jaspers April 4—Jersey City's New Team to Get Two Exhibition Games of the Series.

When the National League of Baseball Clubs meet in parlor F, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, next Monday, to receive the reports of the Rules and Schedules Committee and to attend to other affairs that will tend to elevate the national game, representatives of nearly all minor leagues will meet in another part of the hotel for the object of making a combined request of the National League, through the National Board, for special protection.

The minor leagues claim that they are being unfairly treated in the matter of protection by the big body, and for the welfare of the younger organizations the National League will be asked to give them firmer recognition.

The minor leagues will ask that when a National League club drafts a player from one of the minor leagues at the end of the season, that club shall be made to pay for the player in the usual way.

Heretofore the major league clubs have gobbled up many State minor league players at the end of the minor league season, which closes September 15, and given them a trial before the National League season closed, on October 1. Unless the players drafted showed up to expectations, they were turned loose, and the clubs from which they were drafted were forced to take them back into the fold.

President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern League, has sent letters requesting presidents of all the minor league clubs to send a representative to the meeting on Monday.

The Spring schedule of games between the New York and minor league and college clubs has been finished. The Giants will open the season at the Polo Grounds with the Jaspers, of Manhattan College, April 4. April 6 they will open the grounds at Bergen Field with the Jersey City Club, of the Atlantic Association. April 7 they are to meet the Syracuse team, of the Eastern League, at the Polo Grounds, and April 8 the Jersey City team crosses over to this side of the river. The Brocktons, of the New England League, play here April 9; Pawtuckets, of the same league, on April 10.

On Saturday, April 11, the Princeton Tigers will cross bats with the Giants at the Polo Grounds, and on April 13 (Harry Wright Day) the Jersey City team will again make its appearance at the Polo Grounds. The entire receipts of this game will be turned over to the committee in charge of the Monument Fund. Yale plays the Giants at the Polo Grounds on April 14. On the 16th, the regular league season will open, and the Giants will probably have the Washingtons for opponents at the Polo Grounds.

President Freedman yesterday gave his ultimatum in the Farrell case. He said that if Farrell does not report for duty by April 1 his salary will be reduced to $2,000, and if he causes more annoyance his salary will be reduced to $1,600.

The new college outfielder whom Manager Irwin expected to sign yesterday called at Baseball Headquarters, but refused to affix his signature to a contract until he conferred with his father. He says he will let Irwin know on Friday what he will do.

PRIZES FOR YACHTSMEN.

A Lengthy Programme and Valuable Trophies Offered by the Atlantic Yacht Club.

The officials of the Atlantic Yacht Club, of which George Gould is commodore, have planned an elaborate programme for the coming season. In addition to the sport the amateur tars expect to enjoy will be a series for prizes the total value of which will be more than $10,000, offered for competition during the year.

The following schedule, with the trophies to be competed for and their values, were given out yesterday by Colonel David E. Austin, the club's secretary:

Saturday, May 30—Decoration Day excursion; 18 classes; prizes each class, $30; total, $540.

Saturday, June 6—Regatta for special prizes in upper bay; ladies' souvenirs for winning yachts; 9 sloop classes, $25 each; 3 cat classes, $25 each; also races for Adams Plate; total, $225.

Saturday, June 13—Regatta for special classes in upper bay; 9 sloop classes, $25 each; 3 cat classes, $25 each; also races for Adams Plate and Washington Cup for 30-footers; total, $225.

Plate presented for competition by Vice-Commodore Fred P. Adams; silver centre piece for sloops, $200; silver shell pitcher for cats, $100. To be raced for off clubhouse June 6 and 13, and in case of six or more races such yachts will sail off for the prize on Saturday, September 5.

Washington Cup, presented for competition by Allen C. Washington, to be raced for by special 30-foot class on June 13.

Tuesday, June 16—Annual regatta (open to all clubs).

Valuable prizes are offered schooners, sloops and cats in each class.

ANNUAL CRUISE.

Friday, July 3, rendezvous at Larchmont, at 4 p. m.; Saturday, July 4, races at Larchmont; Sunday, July 5, informal run from Larchmont to Black Rock, 27 miles.

Monday, July 6—First squadron run, Black Rock to Morris Cove; start 9 a. m.; value of prizes, $360; distributed between 18 classes, $20 each class.

Tuesday, July 7—Second squadron run, Morris Cove to New London, 40 miles; 18 classes, $35 each class; total, $630.

Wednesday, July 8—Third squadron run, New London to Shelter Island, 25 miles; 18 classes; $40 each class; total, $720.

Thursday, July 9—Lie anchor o ffShelter Island, dress ship, gig races, etc.; appropriation for prizes, $300.

Friday, July 10—Fourth squadron run, Shelter Island to Morris Cove, 37 miles; 18 classes, $70 each class; total, $1,260.

Saturday, July 11—Fifth squadron run, Morris Cove to Oyster Bay, 33 miles; 18 classes, $80 each class; total, $1,440.

Sunday, July 12—Banks Plate, silver punch bowl, presented by ex-Commodore David Banks, for club schooners; value $350. Hannan Plate, silver punch bowl, presented by Rear-Commodore Hannan, for club sloops, cutters and yawls; value, $250. Saturday, September 5, regatta for special classes in upper bay; 9 classes, $30 each class; total value, $270.

All the races will be sailed o on this day over special courses as directed by the Regatta Committee. The Regatta Committee have set aside $1,500 for the season's expenses, and the total amount of money to be expended during the year is, therefore, $10,515, of which $9,715 is given in prizes.

Thistles Win the Bonspiel.

The Thistle Club of this city won the first prize in the big bonspiel at the Hoboken rink last night. The award consisted of four pairs of curling "stanes." The second prize, four diamond pins, went to the Manhattan Club. The two rinks from the Caledonian Club played off for third and fourth prizes, David Foulis's rink winning.

Dolan's Prix d'Ocillets.

Monte Carlo, Feb. 19.—The international pigeon shooting match for the Prix d'Ocillets to-day was won by Dolan, who killed eighteen birds. Roberts, Poizat and Necca were tied for the second prize of 2,170 francs, and the money was divided among them. There were fifty-two competitors.

Waterbury May Still Play Ball.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 19.—Tommy York, the baseball manager, writes from Brooklyn that, failing to secure a franchise for Waterbury in the Atlantic League, he will try to get a club for this city in the Naugatuck Valley League, which was organized early in the month at Bridgeport.

MAY ROW AT SARATOGA.

People at the Spa Will Bid High for the Four-Cornered 'Varsity Contest.

Interested Citizens Now in This City to Negotiate with the Committee.

FEATURES OF THE LAKE COURSE.

Advantages of a Smooth Four-Mile Stretch to Be Urged—Non-Interference from Steamers and Ideal Point of View.

Guy Richards, representing Columbia College, stated yesterday that the course on which the 'varsity eight-oared race between Cornell, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia will take place will be chosen within the next ten days, but he positively refuses to state whether it will be Poughkeepsie or Saratoga.

While it is rumored that the committee, which is composed of Guy Richards, Columbia; Thomas Reath, Pennsylvania; Dean White, Cornell, and R. C. Watson, Harvard, is divided as to the location, there is every indication that Saratoga will capture the prize, as well as that of the National Regatta. This is claimed from the fact that Guy Richards and Thomas Reath visited Saratoga and met a number of the Spa's prominent citizens, who accompanied them to the lake and went over the entire course, and that both of the committeemen were much impressed, and so expressed themselves.

On the other hand, it is claimed that the business men of Poughkeepsie are not over-anxious for the regatta, as they will benefit but little from the event, as was demonstrated last year, when the visitors came on excursion boats and West Shore trains, remained aboard the boats and cars, and hurried out of town when the race was finished. The tradesmen did little more than their ordinary holiday business, and it is even said that many lost money, having calculated on an immense throng visiting the city and remaining for two days at least.

Those who favor Saratoga Lake assert that the real opposition comes from the West Shore Railroad, which desires Poughkeepsie in order to insure the transportation. That Saratoga means to make a stubborn fight for the regatta is proven by the fact that several wealthy residents are at present in this city awaiting the arrival of Dean White and R. C. Watson in order to make efforts to capture the big event. One of the Saratogians, who is an ex-bank president of this city, said yesterday: "Saratoga is greatly interested in securing this varsity race and is willing to do anything in reason to obtain it. Mind, I am not interesting myself because I believe that it will benefit business in our town, but more because we, who are landed owners, desire to cater to all clean sports and believe that our lake is not only suitable but is the best rowing course in America."

"Saratoga Lake is seven miles long and more than one mile wide; it is without current, and for weeks at a time is without a ripple. The prevailing winds are westerly, and the only possible winds that could affect the water would be southerly, and are of rare occurrence. We have every facility and can handle and cater to twenty-five thousand visitors. The lake is only three and a half miles from our prominent hotels, while the Fitchburg and electric railroads run right to the start of the four-mile course.

"While I know that comparisons are odious, still I cannot permit Saratoga to suffer when I hear Poughkeepsie mentioned for the race. If we can get this race we will provide the crews with elegant boat houses, stake and flag the course, and wind up the regatta with a grand collegiate ball. Will Poughkeepsie do as much? I think not."

A very prominent boating man, who is also interested in Saratoga capturing the regatta, said:

"If these college men decide upon Saratoga Lake, I venture to prophesy that they will never look elsewhere for a course in the future. I will venture the opinion that if last year's course is selected, and the four crews start, they will not all finish—some of them will swamp. Last year there were fully forty excursion boats on the river, and this year, with Harvard in the race, there will be at least fifty. These boats will naturally follow the crews the entire distance and crowd them.

"The wash of these steamers will undoubtedly interfere and cause one or more of the boats to swamp. This condition of affairs cannot exist at Saratoga, as no excursion steamers will be on the lake, and the only boats will be the launches of the officials, and perhaps those of a few private parties—probably not a dozen altogether. There is a grand drive around the entire lake, situated on a bluff, and which will enable fully twenty-five thousand persons to witness the race. It is also the intention of the citizens committee to advertise the race east of Buffalo, and arrange for low railroad fares from all points."

FOUR FRESHMEN CREWS.

Columbia, Cornell, Harvard and "Pennsy" to Meet in June in an Eight-Oared Contest.

Either during the afternoon of June 25 or on the morning of June 26 the freshman crews of the universities of Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Harvard will meet in an eight-oared boat race over a two-mile course. Guy Richards, of Columbia, said yesterday that he was unable to state definitely where the race will take place. However, inasmuch as the boats will be pulled over the very stretch of water that the 'Varsity crews of these same universities will use, the youngsters will row either at Poughkeepsie or at Saratoga.

For months intercollegiate rowing authorities have been doing their utmost to bring about this contest. Harvard, '99, and Columbia, '99, had agreed upon a dual race over the Poughkeepsie course, while Pennsylvania, '99, and Cornell, '99, had arranged a similar competition over two miles of the Delaware River.

When the proposition to amalgamate these races and to have a quadrangular test of speed arose, Columbia and Harvard objected, claiming that the University of Pennsylvania acounted all first year men, in any department, freshmen. Columbia and Harvard, on the other hand, permit only first year men in the schools of arts and mines to bear that title. Pennsylvania would thus have a manifest advantage in the number of candidates from which to pick a crew, over her adversaries. Cornell did not raise any objections to this.

The Pennsylvanians decided, however, about ten days ago, to draft the material for their '99 crew in accordance with the rules in vogue at the other institutions. The rest of the arrangements were easily brought about.

Illinois Cyclists Support the L. A. W.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—The L. A. W. membership up to date is 40,508 exactly, 466 members coming into the fold since last week. Out of this number Illinois furnished themost, 116, bringing in the entire Illinois Cycling Club as a League club. New York still leads in largest membership, bringing 114 members last week, aggregating 10,587, while Massachusetts comes second with 6,062 and brought in but 27 membership, and Pennsylvania next with 4,595 members, enrolling 42 this week.

CYCLIST ZALAMEA HERE.

The South American Champion Anxious to Try His Luck Again.

Will Ride as a Professional if He Finds He Can Attain Enough Speed.

"ZIMMY" IS ON HIS WAY EAST.

He May Go to France in April—A Business Proposition Causes Him to Cut Short His Stay in San Francisco.

B. Zalamea, who holds the title of amateur champion of South America, was one of the passengers who arrived yesterday morning on the steamer Allegany, from the United States of Colombia. This is his second visit to this country, and those who followed the New York spring circuit in 1894 will remember the dark hued and pleasant mannered foreigner. Zalamea trained at Syracuse for several weeks before that season opened, and negotiated a paced mile in 2:07, which was very fair going for that year. He was close to scratch in the handicap at the outset, and could hold Johnson in a short sprint. An unfortunate illness, precipitated by too arduous training, gradually caused the South American to lose his speed, and it was not long before he was granted the limit in the handicaps. He finally became discouraged, and suddenly disappeared from the circuit. No one knew where he had gone, though it was surmised that he had sailed for home, which proved, upon investigation, to be the case.

Last year Zalamea was invincible in the South American countries where cycle racing has a foothold, and a yearning to try his luck again with the speed merchants of the United States caused him to revisit the scenes of his former disastrous campaign.

"If I can, after a course of conscientious training, ride fast enough to keep warm, I'll compete as a professional," said Zalamea yesterday. "There is nothing in riding as an amateur, and I am not here wholly for pleasure, as on my previous visit. My wife accompanies me, and this is our honeymoon. How long I will remain circumstances alone will determine, but I am anxious to race again with your riders. Near my home city, Bogota, we have a third of a mile clay track, but meets are not numerous, and there is little sport. The weather there is never extremely hot, as the city is some distance above the level of the sea, up among the Andes mountains.

ZIMMY ON HIS WAY EAST.

Arthur Augustus Zimmerman, of Freehold, N. J., is on his way East, according to a dispatch last night received from San Francisco. It is understood that a recent business proposition from a cycle company has something to do with his decision not to remain for a time on the Pacific coast. From a reliable source it is learned that "the Grinder" may make another visit to France, sailing some time in April.

A party of friends were at the dock yesterday morning to see George Banker off for Europe, and the best of wishes accompany the popular Pittsburg boy. That he will be successful on the other side with the foreign riders is almost certain, but how he and Johnson will come out is another question.

N. Y. A. C. CYCLISTS TO DINE.

The Armstrong Baggage Bill Will Be Formally Discussed.

The wheelmen of the New York Athletic Club will hold a big banquet at the clubhouse to-morrow evening.

Many men prominent in various walks of life will be among the guests, and speeches will be heard from Colonel Waring, Simeon Ford, President Theodore Roosevelt, Colonel John C. Shepherd, Bartow S. Weeks, George T. Wilson, Police Commissioner Parker, President James Whitely, J. Seymour Wood and others.

One important question which will be a fruitful subject for comment on this occasion will be the provisions of the Armstrong Bicycle Baggage bill, now before the Legislature.

Yale-Princeton Track Games May 16

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19.—The final arrangements for the Yale-Princeton track games have just been completed. It has been settled that the games shall be held at the Yale field on Saturday, May 16, and shall be according to the I. C. A. A. A. rules.

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CLASS '97 WON THE CUP.

Final Competition in the Brooklyn Polytechnic's Indoor Athletic Games.

The Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute boys held their finals in the athletic contests that have been going on this week, yesterday afternoon in their gymnasium. A big crowd of college boys, as well as "prep." students, saw the sport. The officials were: Referee and judge, Professor Andrews; associate judges, A. A. Crosby, '96, and J. P. Carlin, '96.

In the fence vaulting the indoor record was broken by Bristol, a '97 man. Simmons, who is a good vaulter, an excellent wrestler and a good all-round athlete, is likely to make a mark in the athletic world.

The cup was won by the '97 class, with the boys of '96 a good second.

Summaries follow:

30-yard dash—Final heat won by Madden, '96; Watkins, '98, second. Time, 38 sec.

Standing high jump—Won by Bristol, '97, with a jump of 4 feet 2 inches; Simmons, '97, second, with a jump of 3 feet 11 inches.

Pole vault—Won by Simmons, '97, with a vault of 7 feet 6 inches; Bristol, '97, second, with a vault of 7 feet 3 inches.

Shot put—Won by Howes, '97, with a put of 34 feet 5 inches; Lichenstein, '96, second, with a put of 34 feet 5 inches; Liebmann, '96, third.

Standing broad jump—Won by Cocks, '97, with a jump of 9 feet 4 inches; Bristol, '97, second, with a jump of 9 feet 2¾ inches.

Potato race—Won by Huntington, '99, with West, '99, a close second.

Running high jump—Won by Bristol, '97, with a jump of 4 feet 11 inches; Simmons, '97, second.

Light-weight wrestling—Won by Simmons, '97; Ackerman, '99, second.

Fence vault—Won by Bristol, '97, with a vault of 5 feet 10½ inches. This breaks the record for indoor fence vaulting. Howes, '97, was second, and Simmons, '97, third.

The swimming match was won by Lichenstein, '96, with Beardsley, '97, second, and Ackerman, '99, third.

TO-DAY'S PROBABCE WINNERS

AT NEW ORLEANS.

First Race—Van Brunt, 1; Chattanooga, 2.
Second Race—Tit-for-Tat, 1; Pisa, 2
Third Race—Lillian E., 1; Stanza, 2.
Fourth Race—Sun Up, 1; Midstar, 2.
Fifth Race—Haeckel, 1; Blackball, 2
Sixth Race—Carl Holland, 1; Willis, 2.

The Card at New Orleans.

First Race—Seven and one-half furlongs; selling.

376	Little Billy...102	376	B. F. Fly, Jr..107
352	Buckmore 104	358	Tommie Rutter.107
308	Rapidan 105	371	Bob Neville...108
257	Springvale ...105	277	Mate 109
360	Chenoa 105	354	Lochinvar 110
358	Van Brunt....105	355	Chattanooga ...111

Second Race—Three-quarters of a mile.

296	Festival 102	868	Pisa 102
48	Tit for Tat...102	352	Lettie 102
—	Saucy Kate...102	385	Bagpipe 104
329	Lizzie N 102	386	Alamo 104
—	Minnie W.....102	292	Prince Williams104
178	Pontlear 102	3	Old Gentleman.107

Third Race—Seven-eighths of a mile; selling.

313	Gladiola 102	378	Ben Johnson...107
378	Lillian E.....102	378	Stanza 107
382	War Song.....104	(364)	Newhouse 107
389	Billy Kinney...104	382	Pert 104
370	Albert S.....102		

Fourth Race—One mile; Leap Year Handicap.

279	Chugnut 90	(379)	Roosevelt 105
(390)	Salvivar 92	(378)	Midstar 106
(334)	Bloomer 98	355	Sun Up.....108
391	Dockstader 100	(356)	Emin Bey.....121
372	Jim Flood.....102		

Fifth Race—Seven-eighths of a mile.

382	Equinox 89	369	Joco 104
377	Haeckel 89	374	Master Fred...104
344	Conductor Cox. 92	392	San Blas 107
381	Blackball 101	374	Oak Forest 107
386	Alto June.....102	386	Masonic Home.107
385	La B France...102	375	Borderer 107

Sixth Race—Seven-eighths of a mile; selling.

341	Care Holland.. 92	390	Panway 102
390	Campania 99	390	Dobbins 104
384	Ringmaster ...102	385	Kitch 104
351	The Eel 101	—	Bennett Young.104
386	Willis 101	333	Nevada Boy....104
287	Rockwall 101	343	Remus 107

The Winners at St. Louis.

The races at St. Louis yesterday resulted as follows:

First Race—Four and a half furlongs. J. H. McC., 3 to 1 and even, won; Paddy Flynn, 3 to 1 and even, second; Too High, third. Time, 0:59½.

Second Race—Five furlongs. Miss L., 3 to 1 and even, won; Anna K., 4 to 1 and 7 to 5, second; Nellie K., third. Time, 1:05½.

Third Race—Five and a half furlongs. Ambushed, 4 to 1 and 7 to 5, won; Madecia, 3 to 1 and even, second; Claude Martin, third. Time, 1:13.

Fourth Race—One-half mile. Mollie May, 5 to 2 and even, won; Mollie Slosser, 3 to 1 and even, second; Mountain Belle, third. Time, 1:51.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs. Pennington, 7 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Doley Brown, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Keenanna, thmird. Time, 1:04¾.

JOCKEY CAYWOOD INJURED.

Sustained a Couple of Fractures Through the Falling of Wolsey.

Was Internally Injured, Too, and Doubts Have Been Expressed About His Recovery.

ELSIE FERGUSON LOST BY A HEAD.

The Fourth Race Furnished a Surprise, Peytonia, at 20 to 1, Winning by a Length from the Favorite, Dockstader.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—Caywood, one of the best boys riding here, was seriously if not fatally injured in the fourth race this afternoon. He was on Wolsey, the favorite in the handicap, and was well up as the field swung into the backstretch. Here the horse ruptured a blood vessel and the flow of blood was so severe he choked and fell. Caywood did not have time to get off, and he fell, too. Willing hands soon rushed to his aid and he was carried to the weighing room, where it was found that he was suffering from a broken arm and a leg, and internal injuries that make it doubtful if he will recover.

The accident put a damper on what would have been an excellent day's sport.

Sims captured the opening race with Maurice. He had a strong following, but the friends of Tartarian were equally confident and the final quotations found them equal favorites at 3 to 2. Tartarian was last of the bunch when the flag was lowered, but he soon raced into the lead and to the home stretch he had plain sailing. Sims then brought up Maurice and for a few strides the struggle was a keen one, but nearing the end Tartarian tired, and he was beaten a length. David was third. He was heavily backed for the place.

Elsie Ferguson was heavily played for the second race, but she just failed to land the money. She looked to be winning easily at the sixteenth pole, but Fritzie's rush in the last couple of jumps upset these calculations, as the latter was first to the line by a head. Winchester was third.

Campania, who was voted a good thing for the third race, finished fourth. He had plenty of speed, but failed to stay in the final drive. Zoldiver, an 8 to 1 shot, was the victor. He won handily, with Lulu T. second.

The fourth race brought the surprise of the afternoon. Peytonia, who was quoted at 20 to 1, getting the verdict. He was one of the rear rank at the start, but improved his position with every stride, and in a real good finish won by a length, with Dockstader, the favorite, in the place, a head in front of Blasco, who was closing fast.

The backers of favorites scored in the fifth event. Herman was their choice, and when their money was all up, 9 to 10 was the best offered. The result warranted the price, as he made all the running and won easily. Marden's Pet was second.

Hippogriffe captured the closing event. He was well backed—still, a plunge on Galley West enabled his admirers to get a good price against him. He won with considerable to spare.

The Card at St. Louis.

First Race—Five and a half furlongs. Alopathy, 103 pounds; Royal Lady, 103; Kitty Van, 103; Zender, 105; Anawan, 105; Extera, 105; Little Fellow,