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HERE ARE 99'S RACING DATES.

Jockey Club Makes a Fair Allotment for Next Season's Turf Sport.

SARATOGA WELL TREATED.

Washington Opens the Ball, and Then Follows Aqueduct and Morris Park.

The stewards of the Jockey Club met yesterday afternoon, Messrs. August Belmont, J. H. Bradford, James Galway and James R. Keene being present, and finally settled the all-important question of the hour in the turf world—the allotment of dates for the coming season. The dates were distributed as follows:

Washington Jockey Club, Spring meeting, April 3 to 15.
Queens County Jockey Club, Spring meeting, April 17 to May 4.
Westchester Racing Association, Spring meeting, May 6 to 25.
Brooklyn Jockey Club, Spring meeting, May 27 to June 15.
Coney Island Jockey Club, Summer meeting, June 17 to July 4.
Brighton Beach Racing Association, July 5 to August 5.
Saratoga Racing Association, July 26 to August 25.
Coney Island Jockey Club, Autumn meeting, August 26 to September 9.
Brooklyn Jockey Club, Autumn meeting, September 12 to 30.
Westchester Racing Association, Autumn meeting, October 2 to 21.
Queens County Jockey Club, Autumn meeting, October 23 to November 7.
Washington Jockey Club, Autumn meeting, November 11 to 30.

This allotment gives the various associations dates (week days) as follows: Washington Jockey Club, 29; Queens County Jockey Club, 26; Westchester Racing Association, 35; Brooklyn Jockey Club, 34; Coney Island Jockey Club, 28; Brighton Beach Racing Association, 28; Saratoga Racing Association, 27. Brighton Beach and Saratoga clash for ten days, leaving them eighteen and seventeen clear dates respectively.

This makes a total of 207 racing days, with seven dates, May 5, 26, June 16, September 11, November 8, 9, 10 left vacant. Of the holidays the Coney Island Jockey Club gets two, July 4 and Labor Day. The Brooklyn Jockey Club gets Memorial Day, the Queens County Jockey Club, Election Day, and the Washington Jockey Club, Thanksgiving Da. The Saturdays are evenly divided as far as possible.

The dates have been distributed with far greater impartiality than in any recent year. While Westchester seems to be rather specially favored in getting thirty-five days, it must be remembered that there is a great likelihood of bad weather at both the Spring and Fall meetings. If any one association has decidedly the best of it it is the Brooklyn Jockey Club with thirty-four dates, which are likely to be above the average in fine weather.

Saratoga's protest has been heard and the twenty-seven days alloted to her leave no ground for protest, especially as she is not asked to race in opposition to Sheepshead Bay and the attractions of the Futurity. Seventeen clear dates should suffice to insure a paying season.

The association followed up the publication of dates by announcing a list of stakes to close March 1 with great promptitude last night. These include the following events: For two-year-olds, Congress Hall, $2,000; Double Event, $10,000; Pepper, $3,000; Mumm & Co., $3,000; Fleischmann, $.000; Worden House, $2,000; McGrathiana, $2,000, for three-year-olds: Madden, $1,000 added; Hendrie, $750 added; United States, $1,000 added; for three-year-olds and upward, Spencer Handicap, $1,250 added; Citizen Merchants' Handicap, $5,000; Grand Prize, $5,000; for all ages, Kearney $1,000 added; Beverwyck Steeplechase, $1,000; Kensington Hurdle Handicap, $1,000.

A number of other stakes for the season of 1900 and 1901 will close December 1. These include the Saratoga Derby (1900) one and a half miles, $5,000; Criterion (1900) for two-year-olds, $10,000; Grand Prize (1900) for three-year-olds and upward, one and one-eighth miles, $10,000, and the Grand Prize (1901) $20,000. The promise for great racing at the time-honored Spa has taken a sudden boom which may work wonders next Summer.

YALE'S NEW TRAINER.

Copland Signs a Contract and Will Begin Work at New Haven About Feb. 1.

New Haven, Jan. 16.—Manager J. M. Magee, of the Yale Track Athletic Association, settled the question of a new track trainer this afternoon by signing Al F. Copland, of New York City. Copland was made a conditional offer of the position last week, but final action was deferred till he could come here and confer with President Magee. Copland arrived here this afternoon and promptly signed a contract. Manager Magee said to-night:

"Mr. Copeland was engaged to especially train the runners, hurdlers and jumpers. He will be assisted by former Yale field athletes in coaching the candidates for the weights."

Copland looked over the candidates at work in the gymnasium this afternoon, but did no coaching. He said to-night that he would return to his home in New York for the present, but would assume charge of the Yale track candidates about February 1. His salary is understood to be about $1,200 for the balance of the season.

TIGERS NAME EDWARDS.

The Big Guard Is Chosen to Lead Princeton's Football Forces Next Fall.

Princeton, Jan. 16.—William H. Edwards, 1900, was elected captain of the Princeton football team for 1899 at a meeting of the 'Varsity players held in University Hall to-night. Edwards prepared for Princeton at the Lawrenceville School, where he played guard on the football eleven for two years.

In his first year at Princeton he played on the scrub team and made the 'Varsity eleven at right guard in his sophomore year. He played the same position this year. He is twenty-one years of age, six feet one inch in height and weighs 235 pounds. His home is at Lisle, N. Y.

Sports Leave for the West.

Frank Erne, the light weight puglist, of Buffalo, accompanied by his manager, James C. Kennedy, and Tim Hurst, who refereed the Sharkey-McCoy fight, left here yesterday afternoon for New Orleans, en route to San Francisco. Erne is matched to meet Dal Hawkins at the Olympic Athletic Club, San Francisco, in a twenty-five-round bout, at 133 pounds, on March 1. Jimmy Michael, the champion bicyclist, will join the party and accompany them to the Pacific Slope, where he will give exhibitions during the six-day race and at other points on the return journey.

Lord Coleridge thought COOK'S IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE the best he ever tasted. Ordered fifteen cases to prove his opinion.

ONLY ONE CHOICE REWARDS BACKERS

Jim Gore I., Brought from Montana for a Killing, Beaten by Gath.

TWO JOCKEYS THROWN.

But Neither O'Connor Nor Ross Receives More Than a Shaking Up.

By Frank J. Bryan.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—Backers of favorites had a hard row to hoe at the Fair Grounds to-day. Gath was the only choice first to the finish. This did not mean, however, any great profits for the bookmakers, as in nearly every case the winners carried support enough from stable connections to offset the public play.

Tommy Burns's case took a new turn to-day. E. F. Simms, through his attorney, notified the boy's parents that they would expect them to live up to their contract and produce the boy at the stable at Louisville on Saturday to begin exercising the horses for the Spring campaign. The jockey states he will ignore this notice and take the consequences, in event of which some new complications will arise. It looks now as if the matter is as far from the settlement as ever.

Winnie O'Connor was thrown while riding Elsie Bramble in the closing event. Happily the boy escaped with a shaking up. In the second race Eddie Ross had an ugly looking tumble, but he, too, escaped injury.

Gath had no difficulty in capturing the opening event. He was the favorite, but his recent races had been disappointing and 2 to 1 was offered. He gave these doubters a chance to regret their desertion, for he made all the running and won under a stiff pull by a length and a half. A lot of money was lost on Jim Gore I. He had been brought on from Montana for a killing.

Ned Wickes made an exhibition of his field in the second race. Troxler just waited with him until well in the last quarter then came away and won in a romp. Tendresse made up considerable ground and easily beat May Droit out for second money.

O'Connor and School Girl captured first honors in the third race, which was over a journey of a mile and a half. The boy was really entitled to the lion's share of the glory, as his handling played an important part in the result.

Loiterer and Debride carried the bulk of the money bet on the handicap, but both failed to run up to expectations. Loiterer went off with one of his customary rushes, but the head of the home stretch found him in trouble and he just did stagger in third. Dr. Vaughan winning easily from Lady Callahan.

Saratoga, who has developed into a most unrellable property, scored in the fifth event. She was in front all the way and came home very tired. Tortugas, a cast off of M. F. Dwyer's, was second a head in front of Sedan. The closing event went to Monk Wayman with Nannie Davis second and Love Princess third. Elsie Bramble, the favorite fell.

Summaries:

First Race—Six furlongs.—G. C. Bennett's b. g. Gath, by Donald A—Mollie Merrill, aged, 101 pounds (O'Leary), 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, won; Jim Gore II., 102 (T. Burns), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Aunt Maggie, 94 (Moody), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, third. Time—1:16¾. Glenmoyne, Ben Frost, General Macco, Loyaletta, Shuttlecock and Fachus also ran. Start good, won easily by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third.

Second Race—Six and a half furlongs.—J. J. McCafferty's b. c. by Kantaka or Perblaise—Genevieve, 100 pounds (Troxler), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, won; Tendresse, 102 (O'Connor), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; May Droit, 95 (Frost), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time—1:24¼. Prince Harry, Blenheim, Vignette, Siddella, Nailer, Fintan, The Dragon, Elizabeth T., Niola and Coanza also ran. Salvarse fell. Start fair, won easily by a length; a length and a half between second and third.

Third Race—One mile and a half.—P. Brownings' br. m. School Girl, by Dandie Dinmont—Miss Courtney, 4, 112 pounds (O'Connor), 5 to 2 and 3 to 5, won; Friar John, 92 (Troxler), 8 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Annie Taylor, 87 (Vititoe), 12 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time—2:43¾. Squan, Leaseman, Gonzo, Waterman and Weenatchie also ran. Start fair, won cleverly by three parts of a length; six lengths between second and third.

Fourth Race—One mile.—T. A. Magee's b. c. Judge Vaughn, by July—Panay, 3, 99 pounds (Troxler), 6 to 2 and 6 to 5, won; Lady Callahan, 100 (Frost), 8 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Loiterer, 112 (T. Burns), 11 to 5 and 9 to 10, third. Time—1:46¾. Debride, Egbert and Bona Dea also ran. Start good, won easily by a length and a half; a neck between second and third.

Fifth Race—Seven furlongs.—W. A. Porter's b. m. Saratoga, by Buchanan—Re-echo, 4, 101 (T. Burns), 7 to 1 and 5 to 2, won; Tortugas, 91 (O'Connor), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, second; Sedan, 106 (Southard), 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:32½. Can I See 'Em, Amber Glints, Reel, Tom Shannon, Franko Bober, Ida Hoer, Stanza and Ollie J. also ran. Start fair. Won in a drive by a length; a head between second and third.

Sixth Race—Six furlongs.—W. B. Ratterman's b. h. Monk Wayman, by Major Richards—Blue Bell, 4, 102 (Sanger), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Nannie Davis, 91 (Frost), 5 to 1 and 9 to 5 second; Love Princess, 92 (Vititoe), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:18½. Valle, McAlbert, Laverna, Annie Cook, Crystalline, Conan Doyle, Ben Bolt and Sugarfoot also ran. Elsie Bramble fell. Start fair. Won driving by a length and a half; half a length between second and third.

Notes of the Turf.

W. H. Clark's new trotting association, with headquarters between Yonkers and Mount Vernon, is to be known as the Empire City Trotting Club. Application for grand circuit dates will be made, and one thing is certain—that some trotting and pacing races worthy of the new track will be seen during the coming season if the management lives up to its present ideas.

Frank T. Clarke, the superintendent of the Coney Island Jockey Club, says that the chief plan of the alterations at the Sheepshead Bay racecourse will include the straightening of the Futurity course and its extension to seven furlongs. The new straight course will not, however, be absolutely level, but will include a dip and a rise, just as the Futurity course does. Operations will not be begun till Spring.

"Gunner" Lynch is only just thoroughly recovering from the effects of the fall he had at Gravesend so long ago as June 4 of last year, when Tabama was killed. The horse fell on Lynch, who was severely knocked about, so much so that his entire nervous system seems to have been upset. He wants to get back to school and train jumpers, at which game he is second to no one, but he never expects to ride in another race.

Some of the rules that have been adopted by the management of the race meeting at Tampa, Fla., are wild and wonderful. As an incentive to honest racing the following is unique: "Overweight may be carried, the judges consenting to the same before the race." Tom Flynn is said to have the management of the meeting, and is doing the starting, but he can scarcely be held responsible for this.

New Orleans Entries.

First Race—Six and a half furlongs.—Jim McCleery, Monomaniac, 90 pounds each; Banish, 92, Cathedral, 93; Uhler, 97; Eva Rice, 100; Guide Rock, Belle of Memphis, 102; Mizpah, John Baker, 105; The Star of Bethlehem, 109; David, 112.

Second Race—Seven furlongs.—Becky Ban, 95 pounds; Vignette, 96; Elmer S., Hardy Pardee, 101; Beckon, 104; Sir Blaze, 106.

Third Race—Six furlongs.—Xalissa, 98 pounds; Miss Lizzie, 100; Minnie Weldon, 101; Cherry Blumee II., 102; Tappan, Bastion, Fireball, 103; Melter, Dorah Wood, 105; Laureate, Waterproof, 107; Albert S., 108.

Fourth Race—One mile and a sixteenth.—Mr. Johnson, 90 pounds; Judge Magee, Joe Shelby, 94; Elkin, 95; Morosi, 96; Basquil, Molo, 104.

Fifth Race—One mile and twenty yards.—Kitty Regent, Marie O., 89 pounds each; Lafayette, 94; Ma Angeline, 104; Flop, 106; Nannie L., Evaline, 104; Sedan, 111.

Sixth Race—One mile.—Mandora, Arline C., 91 pounds each; Miser Dance, Easter John, 93; Enomnia, 104; Dominis, 106; Lieuanna, Sea Robber, Dousterswivel, Wilson, 109; Everst, 111; Van Brunt, Salisbury II., Redskin, Alvin W., 114.

To-day's Probable Winners.

At New Orleans.

FIRST RACE—BELLE OF MEMPHIS, DAVID.
SECOND RACE—BECKON, SIR BLAZE.
THIRD RACE—DORAH WOOD, FRISKAL.
FOURTH RACE—BASQUIL, MR. JOHNSON.
FIFTH RACE—MA ANGELINE, SEDAN.
SIXTH RACE—WILSON, SEA ROBBER.

JOCKEY O'CONNOR AND HIS RIVALS.

Crack Light Weight Says the Western Boys Are a Smart Lot.

They Take No Bluffs and Could Do Well on Eastern Tracks.

By Winfield ("Winnie") O'Connor.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16.—Riding in the South is not what I expected. They told me I would find some rough riding, and I have, but the boys here can at their best hold their own with any that I have ever mixed up with. They are not big guns with swelled heads, that go in for diamonds and dude clothes, but they can get away all right and can bring a horse home in front if he has the speed. At home—I mean around New York—we have some boys like Tod Sloane, Danny Maher, Fred Taral, Sims and Doggett that may outclass them, but the little boys ain't in it.

You can't do any bluffing here. You can yell all day for a jockey to pull out and let you through, but he will only grin at you. In a bunch you are just compelled to take a chance on getting an opening. The boy that wins has a lot of luck.

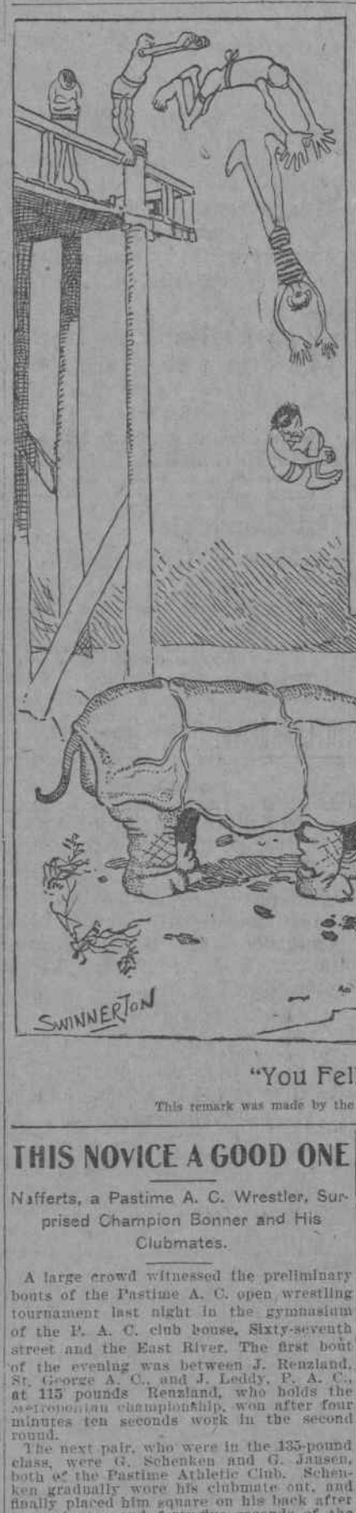
Winnie O'Connor.

There is one thing that don't seem regular, and that is going wide on the turns. Of course, we all do it, for it is bad going at all times next the rail, but it means defeat for the best horse in lots of races. If you are in a bunch when you swing round the corners you have to watch yourself or you will lose a lot of ground. Sometimes you can't help yourself, and then your chance is gone.

As to the little boys here, Troxler and three or four others are away better than "the kids" we have at home. They ride three or four times a day, and the practice gives them pluck. Why, you couldn't claim an apprentice allowance for them. They are jockeys now.

They keep us shut up in the dressing room here and won't let us warm up the horses we are going to ride. I suppose the officials know their business, but it comes a little hard, as it kills all chance of our touting. I guess it is all right.

I don't know as I can say who is the best rider here, but I do know that there is a whole bunch working for little more than their meals and a place to sleep, that could get good money up our way.



"You Fellows Have a Thicker Hide Than Me."

This remark was made by the Rhinoceros, who was present at the high diving contest in Gravesend Bay last Sunday.

LOOKS LIKE PO'KEEPSIE.

Yale Rowing Men Talk Over the Aquatic Situation with Harvard at Cambridge.

Cambridge, Jan. 16.—There was a conference to-day between the Harvard and Yale crew authorities on the question of the Harvard-Yale-Cornell boat race. Orde Preston, the president of the Yale Navy, journeyed to Cambridge, and during his stay here talked over crew matters from every standpoint with Captain Higginson, Manager C. C. Mann and Graduate Manager Fuller. The point developed was that Yale was on the lookout for information and was desirous of knowing just how the Harvard authorities felt in regard to the place of the race.

There was no secret made of the fact that Yale preferred the New London course, and every argument was presented for it. On the other hand, it was made very clear to Mr. Preston that for the present Harvard will occupy a strictly neutral position. It was conceded by the Harvard men, as well as by Mr. Preston, that despite the fact that Cornell had been defeated by the Quakers, this made no difference in the Harvard-Yale-Cornell affair, and that Harvard and Yale wanted and were willing to do everything in their power to try and lick Cornell this year, even at the cost of some inconvenience.

It is understood that Cornell wants the Poughkeepsie course, and one of the best of the Harvard authorities said this evening that there was more than a good chance that Cornell would gain her point, as Harvard and Yale could not expect Cornell to row two races in different places. It is hoped that the other colleges can be induced to come to New London and thus avoid all difficulty.

There is no need denying the fact that Harvard men almost to a man are against the Poughkeepsie course, and there is considerable irritation over the fact that Cornell still continues to talk of her race with Pennsylvania and the other colleges, always endeavoring to put Harvard and Yale in a secondary position, with whom a date is to be had subject to Cornell's other races.

There is no telling what the next few days will develop, but it seems likely now that in spite of all the race will be rowed at Poughkeepsie.

END OF POLO LEAGUE.

Teams of Roller Skaters Forced to Disband Owing to the Demise of the Jersey City Club.

The career of the American Roller Polo Association ended on Saturday night, when "Billy" Barnie, proprietor of the Jersey City team, refunded the admission money to the spectators rather than respond to the exorbitant demands of his players. With Jersey City out, the league would consist of only Yonkers and Stamford, and as these two towns did not figure how they could continue unaided, the American Association passed from existence. Most of the players belonging to New York and all of Jersey City's team have gone back to the New England cities' teams from which they came.

While the venture was an unprofitable one this year, Barnie is confident that with proper management a roller polo league around New York will pay. He said: "Next year I will run a roller polo team down here and make money. It is a fast, exciting game, and all that is necessary is to bring it properly before the public. But this year everything was arranged hastily, the players not properly controlled, and the season started too late.

"Over in Jersey City I dropped some money, but I am thoroughly convinced that if the New York team had not dropped out I would have been doing a profitable business before the season was over."

THIS NOVICE A GOOD ONE

Nifferts, a Pastime A. C. Wrestler, Surprised Champion Bonner and His Clubmates.

A large crowd witnessed the preliminary bouts of the Pastime A. C. open wrestling tournament last night in the gymnasium of the P. A. C. club house, Sixty-seventh street and the East River. The first bout of the evening was between J. Renzland, St. George A. C., and J. Leddy, P. A. C., at 115 pounds Renzland, who holds the metropolitan championship, won after four minutes ten seconds work in the second round.

The next pair, who were in the 135-pound class, were G. Schenken and G. Jansen, both of the Pastime Athletic Club. Schenken gradually wore his clubmate out, and finally placed him square on his back after two minutes and forty-five seconds of the second round had expired.

The third bout proved the most interesting of the evening. It was between R. Bonner, the national amateur champion, who hails from the Newark Turn Verein and I. Nifferts, a novice of the P. A. C. Nifferts astonished his fellow "Indians" by holding his own with the champion. He had Bonner exhausted at the end of the first bout. At the end of the two bouts of six minutes neither man had secured a fall. Referee O'Brien gave the bout to Bonner on points.

Bedell to Become a "Pro."

Howard Y. Bedell, of Hackensack, N. J., a crack amateur cyclist, the holder of the amateur paced ten-mile record, has decided to join the professional ranks and engage in paced races exclusively. Bedell is a member of the Riverside Wheelmen and the Hackensack Wheelmen. He captured honors for the former club on New Year's Day and distinguished himself by riding to Tarrytown from New York in the blizzard, being the only one to finish.

Michael Furst Is President.

Officers for the coming year were elected last night at the annual meeting of the Associated Cycling Clubs of Long Island, in the club house of the Brooklyn Bicycle Club, No. 80 Hanson place. These officers were chosen without opposition: President, Michael Furst, Brooklyn Bicycle Club; first vice-president, W. H. McKay, Kings County Wheelmen;; second vice-president, James R. Brennan, Nassau Wheelmen; secretary, Benjamin Anckell, Bushwick Wheelmen; trustees, John Barnett, Logan Wheelmen; H. Glensen, Williamsburg Wheelmen; J. H. Tierney, Tamaqua Wheelmen; J. C. Klinck, Central Y. M. C. A. Wheelmen; R. W. Jones, Waverly Bicycle Club, and B. R. Gray, South Brooklyn Wheelmen.

National's Members' Games.

The National Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, will to-night hold the first of a series of indoor competitions to be held weekly and open to members only.

GET THE SET.

Companion miniature to the one given away last Sunday, free to everybody who inserts a paid "Want" ad. in next Sunday's Journal. Don't fail to get it.

Want to buy, sell or exchange anything? 16-word ad. costs 50 cents.

Want to rent rooms, flats or apartments? 16-word ad. costs 30 cents.

NEWS OF THE BOXERS.

Dick Moore, the once top-notch middle weight, who has been in several boxing battles during the last three years, has realized that his turn in the road is near at hand. Richard has gone to work punching the bag and taking long runs, and is in perfect shape for the first time in several seasons, weighing 159 pounds. He will go to Chicago shortly and take on Billy Stift or Jack Root.

Peter Maher is in fine shape for his battle with "Stockings" Conroy, to be decided at Bridgeport on January 26. Peter has been training for this bout at Westchester, and he anticipates little difficulty in disposing of Conroy. He is preparing himself in anticipation of a fight with Jeffries or Sharkey.

A twenty-round bout between Tommy West and Abe Ullman will be the star attraction at the Greenwood Athletic Club Saturday night. Ullman has two good fights with Mysterious Billy Smith to his credit. The twelve-round preliminary bout will show George Monroe and Patsy Carrigan, of Trenton, at 112 pounds.

Eddie Barry, the Boston light weight, called at the Journal office yesterday and said he would accept the challenge issued by Eddie Darrell, of London, to fight any one in his class. Barry has not fought for over a year, but says he is in better shape now than when he gave up the game. He will meet Darrell at 133 to 135 pounds for the best purse offered and a side bet if necessary.

Eddie Hayes and Marty McCue, the New York feather weight, are scheduled to box twenty rounds at 128 pounds before the Bridgeport Athletic Club to-morrow night. Billy Barret, of Brooklyn, and Mike Lyons, of New York, will box ten rounds at 118 pounds in the preliminary bout.

"L" Men's Smoker a Success.

The smoker given last night by the New York Elevated Conductors' Benevolent Association at Teutonia Assembly Rooms was attended by four hundred guests. The cast, though all amateurs, showed to good advantage, and all hands enjoyed themselves. It proved such a success that the association in all probability will have one every season.

DUNS UNCLE SAM AT LAST.

Farragut's Pilot Files a Claim Thirty-five Years Old for $72,500.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 16.—Captain William Taylor, of this city, has forwarded to Washington a claim against the Government for $72,500.

Captain Taylor was building a canal from Bayou Teche, La., to the Mississippi River when Farragut ran the forts. Taylor offered the services of his light draught boats and himself as pilot, which were accepted. He was not paid, Farragut's death preventing the audit of his claim.

M'MILLIN IS INAUGURATED.

Tennessee's Governor Takes Office in the Presence of a Great Gathering.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 16.—In the hall of the House of Representatives to-day in the presence of an immense throng Benton McMillin was inaugurated as oGvernor. The hall was decorated with the national colors and flowers.

After prayer by the Rev. John Matthews, of McKendree Church, Governor Taylor delivered his farewell address. Governor McMillin then spoke, and at the conclusion of his address took the oath of office, which was administered by Chief Justice Snodgrass, of the Supreme Court.

LaGrippe

It's here again! The doctors say it mostly attacks the weak, the thin, those with poor blood and nerves all unstrung. Escape is easy, simply by taking

Scott's Emulsion

The oil is the very best food for making rich blood and producing force and energy. The hypophosphites give stability and strength to the nerves. The germs of La Grippe cannot affect a body thus fortified.

50c. and $1.00; all druggists.

DEFENDER'S METAL NOT YET CHOSEN.

Herreshoff Still Testing Material for the New Yacht's Top Sides.

MAY BE THE "PHOSPHER."

The Builders Will Be Sure They Have the Right Kind, Finally.

Bristol, Jan. 16.—The ceaseless activity apparent in the Herreshoff machine shops during the past two weeks, testing innumerable "samples" of Tobin bronze, "phospher" pronze, aluminum, nickel steel and other metals said to be eligible for the new defender's plating, lead to the belief that if the Herreshoffs have selected the metal with which to plate the champion's top sides they have not taken many of the big foundries and few of their own metal workers into their confidence.

It is suspected that the metal has been only contingently selected by the Iselin-Morgan syndicate, and if the severe chemical and salt-water tests to which the samples have been repeatedly submitted demonstrate the superiority of another metal for that already chosen, it will be laid aside without scruples and the better metal substituted. All this, however, is based on the assumption that no contract has yet been made for metal or wood plating. Those in position to know best what is done in the big plant here still incline to the view that "phospher" bronze will be selected.

The recent laying off for several weeks of fifteen steel workers, who had been touching up the '95 Defender during the past two months, has little bearing on the kind of material with which the new boat will be plated other than to show that it will probably not be ready for at least two months, as the keel, stern post and stem must be laid and securely fastened, the bulb angle bar steel frames must be attached to them, an immense amount of interior bracing accomplished, and much other metal work done before the hull frame is ready for the upper plates.

The Herreshoffs have shown no particular desire to have on hand prematurely too much of the material which will enter into the new boat. Two weeks before they needed keel-plate, stem and stern post they sent patterns for them to the Connecticut foundries, and a part of these castings arrived but two days before Defender was launched that work might begin on her successor. They will probably have the plates shipped here as they are needed, and considerable time is left, therefore, for experimenting with all kinds of available metals.

The work of casting the keel is not child's play by any means. It is expected to be complete within two days. While, as has been stated in the Journal, the big bulbfin keel will be considerably shorter than Defender's, and deductions have been made in favor of a considerable decrease in its weight, the impression is gaining ground that the larger bulb in the new boat is likely to make her require even more lead. It is argued that a flatter floor in the new champion, with practically the same beam as the old, will give considerably less displacement and enable her to carry more lead if necessary.

A glance at the keel mould in the south construction shop shows, in addition to the dimensions that have already been given in these columns, that in outline it does not differ radically from Defender's keel, the same inward curve forward and acute angle aft being apparent, though the forward line is slightly more concave. The chief difference in the keels of the old and new champions is in their bulbs.

In Defender this bulb is only 36 inches through at its greatest diameter, while the new flyer's measures nearly half as much again, being fully 53 inches in maximum thickness. It also averages 6½ feet in height to less than 6 feet for Defender, and on the keel floor a length of 18 feet almost in a straight line is found, tapering from 20 feet 10 inches at the top of the keel.

WILL DIXON BEAT THIS CHAMPION?

Pluto, the Australian Fighter, Goes Against the Colored Boy To-night.

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The Antipodean Is Heralded as a Fast Man and a Terrific Puncher.

The twenty-five-round international match between Young Pluto, champion of Australia, and George Dixon, to be decided at the Lenox Club to-night, promises to be the event of the season between little fellows. Pluto, heralded as a champion of champions, will make his first public appearance in this country when he faces the famous colored boxer. Those who are close to the Antipodean claim that not only will Dixon be defeated, but that he will suffer his first knockout.

The Australian has fought ninety battles, not one of which he has lost. His best performances in the ring were five drawn contests with Young Griffo before the latter came to this country. The last was a seventy-five-round encounter, with two-ounce gloves, on the turf, which impartial sports state was duly won by Pluto, but as Young Griffo had a friend in the referee the bout was declared a draw.

Pluto's weight will not be above 116 pounds to-night, although the articles will permit Dixon to come in at 122 pounds. The Australian is a smaller man than Dixon, but has a remarkable reach for a boy of his height. He is said to be as quick as lightning and to be a terrific punisher. If he is successful in vanquishing Dixon he will be ready to take on Ben Jordan, of England, at the feather-weight limit, and Pedlar Palmer at 116 pounds.

Dixon realizes that he is going up against a tough man in the foreigner, and has prepared himself accordingly. The colored wonder has met champions before, and is one of those who talks very little. His one object after signing articles is to get the big end of the purse, and it matters little to him whether his opponent be a champion or a novice. He goes in to win, and generally succeeds. Those who back the colored man are sure of a run for their money.

Dixon is the favorite in what little betting has been done at 100 to 90.

There will be but one preliminary to-night—a twelve-round affair at catch weights, between Frank Haut and Rheinhart Kramer.

Jim Corbett has not yet made up his mind whether to accept the offer of the Lenox Athletic Club for a twenty-round bout with Kid McCoy, and the sports are wondering if Jim has decided to retire from the ring. The Lenox Club has offered $10,000 for the match, and McCoy has notified O'Rourke that he would fight the ex-champion. In fact, the Kid is anxious to get on a match with Corbett, and will come to terms immediately. Corbett knows well that Sharkey will not fight until he (Corbett) has defeated McCoy, Maher or Jeffries. By defeating McCoy Corbett could induce Sharkey to meet him again.

Billy Phelon, the Chicago sport, who is domiciled in New York, will send a likely string of boxers to the coming Tattersall tourney in Chicago. Among the men who will go on this scrapping excursion will be Dick Moore, Jack Everhardt, Owen Ziegler, Andy Walsh, Jimmy Clare and Jack Farrel, of Washington. Phelon would like to sign Jack O'Brien to meet some good featherweight.

George Kerwin, the Chicago mystery, who was reported to have retired from the ring, has been matched to box Joe Gans twenty rounds at the Lenox Club within four weeks.

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