TURFMEN TALKING, ATHLETES WORKING.

Followers of the Bangtails Waiting for the Weights in the Brooklyn and Suburban Handicaps.

PLAYING POLO IN THE WATER.

Boxers Hitting Hard and Often in the Ring and Bowlers Scattering Pins on the Alley.

AS the weights for the spring handicaps are due in a few days, racing enthusiasts are beginning to talk of the Brooklyn and Suburban, though I have yet to hear of a bet being made on the probable top weight in either handicap. On Friday a well known Brooklyn turfman bet a suit of clothes that Tenny would finish in the first three in the Sheepshead Bay event and then wanted to post $50 against $500 that Mr. Pulsifer's swaybacked horse would run no worse than third in both the Brooklyn and Suburban. As it was stipulated that the horse was to go in both races, no one cared to lay the odds. A stanch supporter of the Dwyer nags made a small bet at evens that one of the brothers would run first or second in one or both of the two big handicaps. As they have Kingston, Raceland, Prince Royal, Eon, Potomac and Bolero in the Brooklyn and all these save Bolero in the Suburban their friend stands a good chance of picking up the money. When the weights are made public it is more than likely that many wagers will be made about town.

In the notice of Poolseller Frank Rommell's death, now going the rounds, the statement is made that he sold more and higher pools than any man in America, barring only Cathcart, of the old Louisville Turf Exchange. Such is not true, as the biggest pool ever sold in America was knocked down by the late Dr. Underwood, the originator of the auction pool system of betting on horse races. The pool in question was sold on the Saratoga Stakes at Saratoga, in 1866, and amounted to $15,000. Ruthless, the favorite, brought $7,500 in this pool and in the race was left at the post, Redwing, who sold for $1,500, winning. The noted sporting man, Henry Colton, bought Ruthless in this famous pool, while Barnard, afterward of the M'Daniel confederacy, held the winning ticket on Redwing. The largest ticket ever sold by any other man was a $11,000 pool on the Saratoga Cup race of 1875, which resulted in the historic dead heat between Preakness and Springbok. In that pool the latter brought $4,500, while the former only sold for $315. The late Robert Cathcart was the auctioneer on this occasion.

Imp. St. Blaise, Fiddlesticks, imp. The Ill Used and Magnetizer, the stallions of the Nursery Stud in Kentucky, will not be allowed to do stud service by the late Mr. August Belmont's heirs outside of the Nursery establishment. The demand for the services of the former is very great, applications coming in even from as far a point West as California. The Ill Used, however, is getting advanced in years, and his services cannot now be too severely taxed, while neither Fiddlesticks nor Magnetizer is in much favor with the management of this great stud. This therefore leaves Potomac's sire to do the bulk of the season's work at the Nursery; hence his withdrawal as well as the other horses owned by these gentlemen from the list of stallions seeking the patronage of the breeding public. The late Mr. Belmont had intended Prince Royal to be one of his stallions when the good horse's racing career was ended, but his death of course forced that performer on the market with the other members of his great racing stable.

There were many peculiarities about the deceased banker which, of course, would not have been in place to publish when he was alive, but now as the force of their offence is spent by his death it may be of interest to note a few of the same. He was, of course, a man of dollars and cents, and it was as hard to strike a trade with him for five dollars as it was for five thousand. When he was standing St. Blaise, upon that horse's arrival in America, for $250 a friend wrote him asking for a complimentary season to that horse. In reply Mr. Belmont said he had announced his horse's price and he could be compelled to exact the money for his services. If the same man had wanted a favor—in other words, a loan for the sum named—on account of friendship the deceased banker would probably have accommodated him without security, as he did hundreds of others in his time; but to charge one man $250 to breed a mare to his stallion and another one nothing did not conform to his idea of business affairs.

Though frequently placing bets on other people's horses Mr. Belmont would never do so until satisfied by the horse's owner that the latter had placed all his own money. In the race now known as the Excelsior Stakes at Saratoga some years ago Mr. Belmont started a good filly called Finesse, and with the addition of Hamburg and Chillicothe the race promised to be a great one. A then unknown horse by the name of Frogtown was also a probable starter, and a few days before the race he ran a fast mile, up to that date the best work ever done at Saratoga. The people who controlled the horse thought they alone were aware of his startling work, but Mr. Belmont's trainer, Jacob Pincus, saw the mare and noted the time. The day before the race Mr. Belmont went to him to canvass the situation and Pincus told him Finesse had a good chance to beat Hamburg and Chillicothe, but "not the unknown Western whirlwind; he will walk home." Mr. Belmont seemed surprised, but said nothing, and that night strolled into the pool room as he was wont to do, but it was to be noticed that he seemed more interested in the entries to the races than usual. The first pool on the stake in question was soon sold, and in an $1,800 ticket Frogtown brought $35. The plungers were divided as to favorites and the betting waxed hot, pool after pool, amounting into the thousands, being knocked down, but each time Frogtown, who always sold last of all, was reached no one seemed interested in him save a wiry, shrewd looking Kentuckian who quietly bought every pool. Finally the latter turned to go away and Mr. Belmont accosted him, at the same time inquiring if he had bought all the pools he wanted. An answer in the affirmative brought out the remark from Mr. Belmont that Jacob had told him that the colt would win, and from that on every Frogtown pool fell to the banker's bid.

The race was run the next day in spite of a hard rain which nearly precipitated a postponement, but Frogtown proved that he liked the mud as well as a dry track by leading from start to finish, and winning as he pleased. It is probable that Mr. Belmont won more outside money on this race than on any one horse he ever owned, and with the colt's Kentucky owner they literally divided the pool box. Frogtown afterward once held the record for both a mile and three-quarters and a mile and a quarter, and later, in the stud, sired Ascosia, Mamie Hunt and other good performers. He was one of the first horses to call attention to Bonnie Scotland's merits as a stallion, and was the cause of that sire's transportation to Belle Meade stud, where years after he died with the prestige of having been one of the most wonderful sires of his time.

Some of the importations of thoroughbred stallions to this country were secured at a bargain and later on proved great successes, Jordan, Tranby and Sarpedon, in the old days, and Prince Charlie, Speculator, Bonnie Scotland, Glen Athol, Billet, King Ban and Phaeton, in recent years, being notable examples. The success, however, of Diomed, Glencoe, Leamington, Rayon d'Or, St. Blaise and other fancy priced horses goes to prove that a breeder takes little risk when he buys a good horse, while a cheap one is always a source of great anxiety. The table below gives a list of the most costly horses imported from England, Australia and France into America in the last hundred years. Several stallions classed as imported, such as Glenelg, that have sold in this country for long prices, are not included in the table, as they reached these shores in utero, while others, like Rossington and Australian, sold for good sums here, but cost far from fancy prices on the other side:—

Name.	Price.	Name.	Price.
Rayon d'Or	$35,000	Blue Gown (died at sea)	$25,000
Mortemer	20,000	Priam	20,000
Glencoe	16,000	Alnderby	15,000
Consul	15,000	Darebin	15,000
Glenlyon	15,000	Loughsborough	15,000
St. Blaise	15,000	Sir Modred	12,500
Leviathan	12,000	Ossian	10,000
Ossora (died at sea)	10,000	Rowton	8,000
All Hearts	7,500	Great Tom	7,500
Leamington	7,500	Diomed	7,000
Kyrie Daly	7,000	Stonehenge	6,500
Buckden	6,000	Strachino	6,000
Balrownie	5,000	Hampton Court	5,000
Hurrah	5,000	King Ernest	5,000
Mr. Pickwick	5,000	Seythian	5,000
The Ill Used	5,000		

Looking carefully over the table the fact is readily readily suggested that while some good horses according to the English and French estimation have been brought to America, other countries have paid higher prices for stallions than we have and yet remarkable to state a comparison shows racing has proved more successful in this land than in any country on the face of the earth, a like period of time since its inception taken into consideration. This fact can only be attributed to the quality of native American breeds of mares, as English stallions have proved successes here, that breeders of other countries would not allow to have stalling room in their establishments, let alone pay the expenses necessary to importing same. These horses have fortunately struck the right kind of mares and thus made their way to fame, the breeder in his effort to boom his stallion evidently feigning forgetfulness as to the merits of the dam of the performer. While English horses have in many instances proved great successes, others from the same land have been equal failures, and a *résumé* of the racing guides, after all, bears out the statement of the noted Nelson Dudley that a foreign race horse might prove a successful stallion here, but a great American race horse was certain to sire phenomenal performers. On his judgment, passed after years of observation, the late Robert Alexander bought Lexington, who stands alone in American thoroughbred history, having only one counterpart, Hambletonian, among trotting sires.

Captain Sam Brown, who retired from the turf at the close of the racing season last year, has come back again. It will be remembered that the Captain disposed of his champion in and outers at public auction, retaining only Senorita. This good mare and the following two-year-olds, now at Morris Park, comprise the Captain's string for '91:—Arnold, br. c., by Troubadour—Katie A.; Marsilloc, ch. c., by Troubadour—Nanon; Bell Ringer, b. c., by Troubadour—Bosque Belle; Mate, ch. c., by Troubadour—Matinee; N. G., ro. f., by Troubadour—Ellen Alice; Fashionable, ch. f., by imp. Richmond—Maggie Morgan; Silk Stockings, br. f., by imp. Richmond—Blue Garter; The Shark, ch. c., by Spendthrift — Miramur; Pickpocket, br. c., by Spendthrift—imp. Piccadilly; Absconder, br. c., by Spendthrift—Aggie Gross; Lamp Lighter, br. c., by Spendthrift—imp. Torchlight; Sunny South, b. c., by Trabadour or Richmond—Alabama; br. f., by Troubadour—Pet Galway; Bagpipes, b. c., by Richmond—Julia Bruce; Captain Rees, ch., by George Kinney—Kate Clark, and May Win, ch. g. (3), by Richmond—Mayfield.

With Messrs. Caldwell, Rowe, Ferguson and Sheridan in the box good starters will not be scarce this year. Rowe's success with the flag has caused him to give up any idea he entertained of opening a public training stable, and he has already been guaranteed nearly $15,000 for his first season's work at the starting post. In talking to this trainer of a Suburban and Futurity winner the other day he said:—"I like starting horses even better than training them, and as I believe I am cut out for the work I intend to stick to it." If Rowe can send off fifteen horses on even terms on a fifty foot track it is certain that he can do as well on a track nearly as wide again.

"Goodwin's Official Turf Guide for 1890" will be welcomed by every follower of the bang tails in America. It is by far the largest racing annual ever published in this country, its 1,100 pages containing the results of over six thousand races run in the United States and Canada. It also gives the names, with full pedigrees, of over five thousand horses; the betting rules now in vogue, the new Eastern rules of racing, fastest time on record, horses whose names have been changed, horses that have died in 1890, table of jockey mounts, largest paying five dollar mutuals, racing fixtures of the different clubs for 1891, jockeys names, lowest weight and to whom engaged for 1891; the dates of principal English races for 1891 and the scale of weights for the United States.

WATER POLO IS FASHIONABLE.

THE water polo team which will represent the New York Athletic Club in the regular match games was selected yesterday and played a game with the substitutes. The showing made by the members of the regular team was a brilliant one and thoroughly satisfied the two hundred members present. The team work of the regulars was remarkably good and they made many brilliant plays. Their tackling, passing and rushing was perfect and at times was very sharp. Judging from their performance they should be able to give a good account of themselves in their game with the crack team of the Boston Athletic Association, which will take place in the New York swimming bath on February 23. Two halfs of ten minutes each were played yesterday, the regulars winning by a score of 6 goals to 1. The teams lined up as follows:—

Regulars.	Positions.	Substitutes.
Schlesinger	Centre rush	Sundstrom
Kintner	Full back	Vilmar
R. O. Hanbold	Full back	Lottimer
Murray	Half back	Beecroft
Toussaint	Right end	Cavanagh
Knoedler	Left end	Welte

An interesting game was played between the teams known as the "Blacks" and "Reds" in the Manhattan Athletic Club swimming tank yesterday. The Reds won after a very interesting and exciting struggle by a score of 5 goals to 4. The teams lined up as follows:—

Reds.	Positions.	Blacks.
Cleaver	Centre rush	Magee
Waring	Full back	Hallock
Meffert	Full back	Mitchell
Sarre	Half back	W. J. Swan
Ing	Right end	Holden
Smith	Left end	C. de Cassanova

The first of a series of three games between the teams of the Boston Athletic Association and Providence Swimming Club, played in the Boston swimming bath last Friday night, resulted in a victory for the Rhode Island team. The winner of the series will receive a handsome cup.

LIVELY BOXING AT THE HUB.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 25, 1891.—The preliminary bouts of the Boston Athletic Association's boxing tournament last night were productive of lots of fun. Eleven bouts took place. The first pair were T. F. Connelly, of the Parmenter Street Chapel, and J. J. Gibbons, of the Lafayette Social Club. Connelly proved the better, but being too heavy for a bantam was rewarded with a cup, while Gibbons was given a chance to-morrow, when he will face Danny O'Brien, of the Manhattans.

John Breslin, of the Lafayettes, and John Moran, of Providence, had the next set-to. Breslin proved his superiority easily. F. B. Neilson and W. J. Conehan, both Boston boys, came next, and their bout was a hot one. Neilson won. M. J. Farrell defeated B. M. Flaherty in the fourth bout; J. Dodge, of Harvard, defeated M. Buckley, of Boston, in the fifth, after three rounds characterized by savage slugging, and G. D. Curtis, of Harvard, easily defeated J. McCarthy, of Cambridge.

In the welter weight class T. R. Peters, B.A.A., and C. H. Kelly fought a three round draw, and Kelly withdrawing, Peters got the decision. J. Mullen, of the West End A.C., Newark, N. J., defeated T. J. Kelly, of Cambridge, in four rattling rounds. J. E. Sullivan, of the Clinton A.C., Brooklyn, defeated D. Sullivan, of the B.Y.M.C.A. E. L. Hopkins, Trimount A.C., won a foul from J. Donahue, of Boston. Donahue was being badly punished and fouled on purpose. The last round was between G. D. Curtis, of Harvard, and J. I. Kane, of the Trimounts. Curtis was clearly overmatched and was knocked out. To morrow's exhibition will take place in Music Hall and first class sport is assured.

ATHLETIC SPIKES.

The Englewood (N. J.) Field Club voted unanimously to remain in the Amateur Baseball League at a special meeting held last Friday night.

Frank Rock, the clever feather weight boxer of the Standard A.C., has left that organization and hereafter will wear the colors of the Prospect Harriers at all coming competitions.

Wishing to increase the membership of the organization the officials of the Greenwich A.C. have decided to reduce the initiation fee to $1. All applications for membership should be addressed to C. W. Prelle, No. 22 Desbrosses street.

Jimmy Rose, the bantam weight boxer of the Pastime A.C., has accepted the challenge of Willie Forsythe, the 110 pound boxer of the Newburg A.C. The boys will box four rounds under A.A.U. rules for a $100 trophy, and the match will take place next month at Newburg.

The third series of swimming competitions among the members of the Manhattan A.C. will take place on Thursday night. The events to be contested include a one hundred foot race, breast stroke; two hundred and twenty foot race, handicap; four hundred foot race, handicap, and a tub race. Entries close on Wednesday night.

The Polytechnic Harriers had their usual road run of about three miles down the Boulevard Saturday, starting from the Prospect Park Parade Ground club house. They did some excellent running, as the first two in, White and Christopher, took only 23 minutes to cover the distance, finishing the last half mile at racing speed. Four others were close behind them. Time keeper—J. O'Brien.

The newly elected officers of that young and prosperous organization, the Hanover A.C., of Yorkville, are as follows:—President, John Mooney; Vice President, John C. O'Brien; Financial Secretary, James Brett; Recording Secretary, William O'Brien; Corresponding Secretary, T. A. Brodigan; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Carroll; Captain, Peter Hughes; Lieutenants, Martin Murphy and Flayer. The club's membership is growing so rapidly that it has been decided to secure larger quarters.

Several cricketers and ball players met at the Manhattan cottage, Coney Island road, Saturday night and formed the Prospect Park Open Air Club. Some of them had returned from a walk to Fort Hamilton, and this caused the formation of the club. The first man to cover the distance, W. S. Beardall, was elected president; T. Coyne, the second man, vice president. The secretary, who did not start, is J. W. Taylor, manager of the Kings County Register's office baseball nine; treasurer, J. O'Connell. Those present at the meeting were J. Walsh, H. Tyers, W. Adams, S. Smeed and H. Coyne. The club will take long distance walks every Saturday.

The aggregate number of miles covered by the active cyclers of the Elizabeth Wheelmen during the past year amounted to 28,661. The leaders were as follows:—Mr. Ensworth, 2,666⅔; H. McNiece, 2,528; N. H. White, 2,121; A. F. Calkins, 1,889; D. B. Bennett, 1,681; J. F. Diemer, 1,304⅔; F. C. Gilbert, 1,072; G. J. Martin, 994, and W. C. Pinck, 873. Mr. Ensworth receives a record medal for covering the most number of miles. He also obtains a medal for covering the first 1,000 miles during the year. L. B. Bennett was given a medal for being the first member to cover 10,000 miles. With an average of twenty miles per ride A. F. Calkins wins the medal for that type of performance.

The Amateur Athletic Union has decided to hold the fencing championship competitions at the Central Turn Verein, in East Sixty-seventh street, on March 7. The classes are foil, dueling sword and sabre. Entries will close with Secretary James E. Sullivan February 24. The committee has adopted the following rules regarding the competitions:—Each contestant must provide his own foils and dueling swords; the regulation No. 5 blade must be used. The diameter of the hilt of the dueling sword shall not exceed five inches. All button points must be small. The sabres used will be provided by the committee. The costume worn must be dark fencing jacket and trousers, so that the chalk marks can be easily and plainly seen.

The second of the series of subscription boxing tournaments of the Varuna Boat Club, to be held at the club house, Atlantic and Clinton avenues, Brooklyn, on the 31st inst., should furnish some lively sport. Billy Robertson, who has charge of the arrangements, says the programme will include several special bouts between well known amateurs in the different classes. An effort will be made to arrange another meeting between Pat Cahill, the champion amateur middle weight boxer of America, and Jim Butler, of the Varunas. Both men are dissatisfied with the criticisms their recent fight occasioned, and as they are anxious for another "go" it is likely that they will meet. There will also be a four round bout between M. McAuliffe, the heavy weight boxer of the Bridge A.C., and Jake Fitz, of the Nationals. Matt Rice, the 110 pound sparrer of the Varunas, and R. Welsh, of the Clinton A.C., will spar four rounds. Welsh defeated Rice in the final bout for the first prize at the Middle States boxing championship competitions. There is a probability of James Rice, the amateur champion 125 pound boxer of America, and C. Leeds, of the Atlantic City A.C., meeting in a four round go. Leeds, it will be remembered, clearly outpointed Rice at the A.A.U. championships, but the latter got the decision.

SPORT WITH THE WOODEN BALL.

BROOKLYN BOWLERS LEAD IN THE ACADEMY TOURNAMENT—NOTES AND GOSSIP.

BROOKLYN'S crack club—the Apollos—again look like winners of the Academy tournament, which comes to an end this week. Still should the Fidelia club of this city be fortunate enough to win their remaining games they will then tie their rivals from over the Bridge for first honors. Up in Harlem the principal interest at present is centred in the games of the Knickerbocker tournament. To date the Bachelors lead with a clean string of four victories, but the Phœnix bowlers are very close up. Below are the present records of these and other local tournaments:—

ACADEMY TOURNAMENT.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Percentage.
Apollo	12	2	.851
Fidelia	10	2	.833
Spartan (New York)	9	3	.750
Atalanta	8	4	.667
Rosedale	8	4	.667
Fifth Ward	9	5	.633
Park Avenue	6	6	.500
Manhattan	5	5	.500
Glendale	6	8	.357
Spartan (Hoboken)	4	8	.333
Orchard	4	8	.333
Empire	4	10	.286
Gotham	3	9	.250
Krakehilla	3	9	.250
Fremont	2	10	.167

KNICKERBOCKER TOURNAMENT.

Bachelor	4	0	1.000
Phœnix	2	0	1.000
Prospect	3	1	.750
New York	1	1	.500
Madison	1	1	.500
Protection	1	1	.500
Kenilworth	0	2	.000
Friday Afternoon	0	2	.000
Metropolitan	0	4	.000

WHEELMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE.

New York	7	1	.875
Atalanta	6	1	.857
Harlem	6	3	.667
Hudson County	4	4	.500
Brooklyn	4	5	.444
Manhattan	1	7	.125
Riverside	1	8	.111

BANKS BOWLING LEAGUE.

Bank of Savings	7	3	.700
Park Bank	5	3	.625
Fourth National	4	4	.500
Hanover	3	3	.500
Ninth National	3	5	.375
Mount Morris	2	6	.250

BROOKLYN TOURNAMENTS.

Following are the records of some of the tourneys now in progress in Brooklyn:—

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Average.	Percentage.
Monroe	11	1	837	.916
Recreation	11	1	817	.916
South Paw	10	2	803	.833
Pin Knights	10	2	784	.833
Echo	8	4	832	.666
Waverly	8	5	772	.615
Nameless	7	5	790	.583
Clermont	8	6	805	.571
Fearless	8	6	797	.571
Saranac	7	6	754	.538
Madison	7	7	762	.500
Lincoln	6	6	745	.500
Stag	6	8	740	.428
Kings County Wheelmen	4	9	728	.307
Pioneer	3	12	700	.200
Volunteer	2	10	694	.166
Peconic	1	13	717	.071
Chumps	0	14	681	.000

EASTERN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	High Score.	Percentage.
Pleasure	6	1	858	.857
Selus	6	3	867	.666
Equity	6	3	887	.666
Eckford	3	6	846	.333
Brooklyn	2	5	820	.285
Philia	1	6	812	.143

ARLINGTON HALL TOURNAMENT.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Average.	Percentage.
Monarch	8	2	815	.800
Exter No. 1	6	2	763	.750
Madison	7	3	768	.700
Clinton	7	3	731	.700
Kingston	5	3	763	.625
Exter No. 2	3	3	715	.500
Franklin	4	6	720	.400
Roinecke	4	6	736	.400
Sans Souci	4	6	711	.400
Eagle	2	4	687	.333
Winter's Eve	3	7	684	.300
Prospect	2	6	666	.250
Arlington	2	6	684	.250

PROSPECT HEIGHTS TOURNAMENT.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	High Score.	Percentage.
Calamity No. 1	6	1	801	.857
Ansonia No. 1	5	2	908	.714
Speedaway No. 1	4	3	827	.571
Occidental No. 1	4	3	821	.571
Ansonia No. 2	4	3	796	.571
Occidental No. 2	2	5	747	.285
Speedaway No. 2	2	5	782	.285
Calamity No. 2	1	6	768	.143

GOLDEN EAGLE TOURNAMENT.

Kings County	3	1	1,525	.750
Volunteer	4	2	1,547	.666
Poodle	3	3	1,581	.500
Carroll Park	2	2	1,413	.500
Golden Eagle	2	4	1,430	.333
A. D.	2	4	1,453	.333

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD TOURNAMENT.

Manhattan	13	5	1,018	.733
Twenty-sixth Ward	10	6	889	.625
Eccentric	12	8	819	.600
Washington Park	6	14	812	.300
Casino	3	11	777	.213

LEE AVENUE TOURNAMENT.

Peerless	5	1	783	.833
Wheat Hill	3	3	751	.500
Fountain	2	4	721	.333
Echo	2	4	711	.333

HOW THE JERSEY BOWLERS STAND.

The records of the Athletic Bowling League, Amateur Bowling Association League, Jersey City Amateur Bowling League and Bayonne Amateur Bowling League series follow:—

ATHLETIC BOWLING LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Average.	Percentage.
New York	16	4	166	.800
Jersey City	15	5	160	.750
Manhattan	13	9	162	.591
Roseville	13	9	161	.591
Staten Island	12	10	160	.545
North End	10	12	150	.454
Orange	4	18	150	.182
Montclair	3	19	143	.136

AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

Club's.	Won.	Lost.	Average.	Percentage.
Palma	6	1	158	.857
Elizabeth	4	2	159	.667
Jersey City	4	3	150	.571
Staten Island	3	3	147	.500
Oritani	3	4	152	.429
Riverside	3	4	150	.429
New Jersey	0	6	139	.000

JERSEY CITY AMATEUR BOWLING LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Average.	Percentage.
Volunteer	9	4	151	.692
Independent	9	4	148	.692
Atalanta	8	5	145	.615
Fairmount	6	7	145	.462
Pin Knight	6	8	151	.429
Pleasure	4	9	134	.308
Century	4	9	137	.308

BAYONNE AMATEUR BOWLING LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Percentage.
Newark Bay	5	2	.714
New Jersey	4	3	.571
Pamrapo	4	4	.500
Bayonne	2	6	.250

RECORD OF INDOOR BALL PLAY.

The race for the indoor baseball championship between the six teams at the Seventh regiment armory is still going on each week, with an increase of attendance as well as of interest. Last week's play did not change the relative standing of the leading clubs any, but the crisis is likely to be reached this week. The correct standing of the clubs to date follows:—

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Percentage.
Company F	3	0	1.000
Company H	2	0	1.000
Company A	2	1	.667
Company C	1	2	.333
Company B	0	2	.000
Company D	0	3	.000

GENERAL SPORTING NOTES.

At Shreve's ice rink, in Hoboken, this evening, Stephen O'Brien, ex-champion amateur five mile skater of America, will attempt to lower the record for that distance.

The annual meeting of the Bijou Yacht Club, of Gravesend Bay, was held at No. 431 Ninth street, Brooklyn. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President—William B. Mann, Secretary—Edward S. Waller, Treasurer—Charles W. Tribken, Commodore—M. Albion Hopkins, Trustees—William B. Mann, Mort Summers and M. Albion Hopkins. Membership Committee—Mort Summers, chairman; Charles W. Tribken and Edward S. Waller.

At the annual meeting of the Central Gun Club, of Long Branch, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President—William D. Campbell, Vice President—A. B. Cubberly, Secretary—Edward W. Reed, Corresponding Secretary—Edward L. Pitcher, Treasurer—John L. Price, Handicap Committee—J. Van Dyke, W. C. Price, W. O. Cubberly, E. W. Price and William Barbour. The gold badge and club cup were awarded to E. W. Price and E. W. Reed respectively for having made the best average score during the year.

BRISK DAYS FOR HOOFS AND WHEELS.

The Great Sale of Senator Stanford's Trotting Stock To Be Held at the American Institute This Week.

ELECTIONEER WELL REPRESENTED.

Dulness Gradually Departing from the Local Horse and Carriage Market as the Year Grows Older.

THOSE men that love the trotting horse above all others of his kind have a rare treat in store for them in the sale of the stock bred by Senator Leland Stanford, of California, which commences at the American Institute to-morrow morning and lasts for three days. The sale will be held under the management of Messrs. Peter C. Kellogg & Co., and upward of one hundred and forty head will be disposed of. Conservative judges prophecy that the sum total for the lot will not fall short of $200,000, which, indeed, can scarcely fail to come to pass if the average of past years is maintained. When the Stanford stock was sold a year ago forty-four head reached a total of $60,895, or an average of $1,384, those by Electioneer averaging $2,925 per head.

Nineteen of the lot to be sold this week are by Electioneer, fourteen of them being colts and five fillies. Of the others in the catalogue many are by the best sons of Electioneer that are now in the stud and many more are out of the famous stallion's best daughters. The sale will therefore be essentially of Electioneer blood.

The veteran trainer Charles Marvin, who was in charge of the stock on the eastward journey from California, freely claims that this is one of the most valuable lots of trotters that he has ever had in hand for sale. I saw him at the American Institute Building, where he was supervising the work of preparing the horses for exhibition in the auction ring, and he was particularly jubilant over the good luck that he had experienced in transporting the lot from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic. Naturally the horses were pretty thoroughly fatigued by their close confinement during the six days they were *en route*, but in their warm and cosey box stalls in the Institute they have already completely recovered from the effects of their journey, and when the first of them is led up before the auctioneer to-morrow it will be a critical judge that will be able to detect any indication of their having travelled many thousand miles during the past ten days.

The virtues of the Electioneer stock are already known from one end of the country to the other, so that the present lot will need no introduction to the horse loving public. Visitors can see the stock at the Institute to-day, where many of them will be at exercise on the furlong track that has been constructed within the building. The sale begins promptly at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE LOCAL HORSE MARKET.

The Palo Alto sale, however, will not be the only attractive feature in the local horse world this week. The leading firms of Bull's Head announce important sales to be held before next Saturday, and people in search of select animals for family and business use will have almost endless opportunities to select and buy both at auction and privately. Once more snow and slush have come to the aid of the dealer to enliven the market, quicken sales and enhance prices, and the present week should show a marked departure from the dullness that has somewhat characterized the past two or three weeks.

In addition to their regular sales this week the firm of Fiss & Doerr, of the Blue Front Auction Mart, at No. 147 East Twenty-fourth street, announce a special sale to be held in South Brooklyn on Wednesday morning, when they will dispose of upward of sixty trotters and pacers, coach horses and matched road teams. This will be an event of no small importance, as among the horses to be sold are many well bred ones that have shown their ability to cover miles far inside the three minute limit. These should be in great demand with people in search of good horses for road or driving purposes. Among the best to be sold are Billy Smiley, bay gelding, six years, by Dauntless, dam by Green's Bashaw, who can now show a thirty gait; S. S. Gay, bay gelding, six years, by Hamilton, dam by George H. Lowe, who can show a twenty-five gait; Sunrise, brown pacing gelding, five years, by Hambletonian George, dam by Johnnie Sloucher, and Colonel Fox, sorrel geldidg, five years, by Hamilton, dam by Fred B. Hine.

The sale will be held at the stables, No. 250 Lorraine street, South Brooklyn.

Daily shipments from the west during the past week have materially added to the stock in the stables of Messrs. Whitson & Sons, at No. 144 East Twenty-fourth street, near Lexington avenue. At the auction sale to be held this morning over one hundred and twenty-five head will be sold to the highest bidder. Among these are some selected driving horses from the Northwest, in matched pairs, saddlers and roadsters, with some extra fine business horses. All will be knocked down without reserve. The firm expects to receive this week the first consignment this year from the Green Mountain Stock Ranching Company, comprising coach, road and draught horses.

SOME OTHER DEALERS.

Seligman & Hahn, of No. 152 East Twenty-fourth street, are much elated over the success of their inaugural sales, held last week, prices ruling very good. A feature of the auctions held by this firm is the corps of salesman, who are all arrayed in tasty blue uniform, and who are more than usually attentive to the wants of customers.

Bargains in all kinds of horses are offered at the stables of Isaac H. Dahlman, on East Twenty-fourth street, between Second and Third avenues, and as the stock is rapidly changing hands, that end of the Bull's Head district is very lively every day with the incoming of fresh consignments.

At Van Tassell & Kearney's establishment, No. 130 East Thirteenth street, where a purchaser can get a complete outfit, including horse, vehicle, harness, and all other equipments without stepping outside the building, I am told there is a steady increase in the demand for all classes of heavy carriages, while even the lighter kinds of running gear are not altogether a drug on the market. The large five story building is filled to overflowing with the finest of vehicles, both new and second hand, and among them are many that can be secured at bargains, as a large number of them must be disposed of during the next few days to make room for new stock.

At the American Horse Exchange, Broadway and Fiftieth street, as soon as the improvements on the building are completed everything will be gotten in readiness for the spring trade, in the full expectation that there is going to be a rush when the season opens. The new display rooms for carriages and harness will be models of their kind.

AMONG THE CARRIAGE HOUSES.

Messrs. J. B. Brewster & Co., of Twenty-fifth street, say that there is a fairly good call for elegant carriages, such as broughams, coupés, landaus and the like, although most buyers have already secured their winter vehicles. Business, nevertheless, at this old established house is in all respects satisfactory, and the demand is as good as usual at this time of the year.

Flandrau & Company, of Broome street, make their usual fine display of vehicles, including all kinds of broughams, many varieties of rockaways, laudaus and gigs, besides patent buckboards and well made road wagons. They are still feeling the good effects of Mr. Wilson's recent trip through the South and West, to which part of the country they continue to consign some of the very best work sent out from their warerooms.

The repository of Mr. William H. Gray, at No. 20 Wooster street, is a great resort for carriage buyers in search of novelties, for there is nothing in the line of wheeled vehicles that cannot be found here, from the tiniest pony cart to the mightiest drag or brake.

Mr. James W. Renwick, of No. 39 Wooster street, is doing a lively business in slightly used carriages made by such builders as Brewster, Demarest and Stivers. He has in stock a full line of broughams of the most elegant manufacture and most fashionable design.

CONCEALED IN THE ICEBOX.

James Duffy, twenty-three years of age, of No. 17 East Ninty-seventh street, and Hiram Knapps, twenty-two years of age, of No. 214 East Ninty-seventh street, were arraigned before Police Justice Welde, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday morning charged with burglary. The prisoners were held in $1,000 bail each for trial.

It was shortly after three o'clock yesterday morning when Policeman Smith, of the East Eighty-eighth street police station, looked in the window of John D. Strohmeyer's saloon, at No. 1,240 Lexington avenue, and saw Duffy and Knapps removing the cash register.

The policeman rapped for assistance and Policeman Brown answered. The two made their way into the cellar and thence to the saloon, where they found a dim light and nothing else.

They were about to retire when Policeman Brown opened the door to the icebox and discovered Duffy. Knapps was in hiding on the top of the icebox. Both men were locked up in the East Eighty-eighth street police station.

ORATORY FOR THE PRESS CLUB.

DANIEL DOUGHERTY DELIGHTS A LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE BROADWAY THEATRE.

Daniel Dougherty gave a lecture last