IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Shamrock Gives the American Yachtsmen Some Considerable Trouble.

CRAWFORD SAYS YALE IS NOT DECLINING

Managers of Foot Ball Teams in All the Universities Are Skirmishing for Good Men for the Fall Campaign.

When Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton came forward and blandly announced that he would build a yacht to compete for the America's cup in 1899 ,the declaration was regarded by English sportsmen as a bit of a bluff on the part of the eminent tea merchant, who is an indefatigable and enthusiastic self-advertiser, and is wont to occasionally indulge this habit on a scale worthy a man who raises tea in Ceylon, kills hogs in Chicago, manufactures ginger ale in Dublin, makes a superior article of candy in London and who pays wages to some 10,000 persons and has a fortune reputed to be in the neighborhood of $50,000,000.

Unheeding the sneers of the doubtful, Sir Thomas went calmly and quietly ahead. When he deposited a trifle of £60,000 to the credit of the builders of the projected boat the idea that he was merely indulging in a new dodge to exploit the cup that cheers, but does not inebriate, faded entirely from the minds of his countrymen. Now the multi-millionaire is being taken quite seriously, and the biggest international event of a sporting character, which ended in bad feeling last year on both sides of the Atlantic, will not be allowed to languish. And if Sir Thomas is after advertising on a gigantic scale he will unquestionably get his money's worth, dollar for dollar, as from this on until the race is sailed he will be a prominent figure before the English-speaking world, to whom the "America's cup" is the one great trophy sport offers to brains and seamanship.

Sir Thomas Lipton's whole attitude has been fair and manly. All he has stood for is that the course be kept clear of excursion boats—a matter as vital to the challenged as the challenger—and it is probable that before the race comes off a special law covering this point will be operative.

The Shamrock has been put in shape to cross the ocean and will leave for this side Tuesday. Not much is known of the speed of the challenger on this side, but the wise ones whisper that it is from three to eight minutes faster than our cup defender, the Columbia. But we will stay by the Columbia anyway, confident in the skill of American builders and American sailors.

OMAHA, July 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee—Dear Sir: In the sporting columns of The Omaha Bee of July 16 there was an article upon what you were pleased to call Yale's decline in athletics. For several years it has seemed to me that Yale was not getting its true deserts in your columns, but that on the other hand the other colleges were getting more than their due. The article above referred to, in particular, seemed to me to convey an erroneous impression and I resolved to answer it, without, however, claiming an exceptional knowledge of the way affairs are at present conducted in athletics at Yale and without fortifying myself with Yale's exact record in games won and lost in the last few years.

It is my contention first that the standard of Yale's teams for the last few years has been practically as high as it ever was; that they have been marvelously successful; that they have reflected great credit on the university; that when Yale has lost it has always lost with credit to itself; that it has always put up the hardest kind of a fight; that its generalship has invariably been good, its management all that could be asked for, and if it was worsted it was because of sheer physical inferiority. It is my contention that today Yale is the worthy rival of any American college in all branches of athletics; that it is so recognized among the colleges and that the other colleges consider it more of an honor to best Yale than any of the rest.

I am perfectly willing to admit that Yale's victories have not been so overwhelming as they used to be, but that is not because of its weakness, but rather on account of the strength of the other colleges and because of the number of the colleges that in these days must be ranked as in the first class in athletics, thereby greatly lessening the chances of superiority in any particular one.

Yale was greatly abused because it would not row Cornell a few years ago and because of the position which it took, that in justice to its men, who naturally desired a successful season, it could not row two races and was perfectly satisfied to beat its old and natural rival, Harvard. It is my judgment its position was absolutely correct; that one race is enough; that when the men train and work as hard as they do they should not be required to limit their chances of feeling that the season has been a success by rowing everybody. Cornell last year had a taste of what it is to row two races, when it beat Yale, and yet later was beaten by Pennsylvania and about equaled by Wisconsin. Can any one tell me whether Cornell considered last year as a successful year or the reverse or whether it still believes that every crew must meet all comers?

I contend that Yale has the cleanest record of any American college in respect to freedom from professionalism, and it deserves the greatest credit for this, owing to the fact that Yale is great as a college rather than as a university and its divinity, medical and law schools furnish no athletes, and owing to the fact that there are few courses at Yale and that Greek and Latin are required for admission and that there are few special students, there has not been afforded at Yale the same opportunity to admit men who were interested in athletics alone. For this reason, and much more for the reason that wise and experienced men have been at the helm in athletics at Yale, there has rarely been the slightest question about the purely amateur standing of the men who have represented Yale. Others of the eastern colleges have been exemplary in this respect, but, on the other hand, some have violated the spirit of the law outrageously.

I wish to suggest that in my judgment Yale deserves the greater credit for the success that it has attained, because of the fact that it has the poorest material to choose from of any of the colleges of great prominence in athletics. Its pupils are younger and weaker physically than in the other colleges. I have observed this for years, and I attribute it largely to the fact that Greek has always been a perquisite at least until lately for admission to Yale proper, and this has served to keep away the sturdy men, who almost invariably desire an education in more practical branches. I do know that a large, strong man, such a one as is common in our western colleges, is almost a prodigy at Yale.

I do not care to say more. A word or two in praise of Yale will look well in print. Yale has always been modest. For years it has been put at the disadvantage of having to play Harvard and Princeton both when they did not play each other. Many times it has beaten both. Now it has lost to one, now to the other. This year for the first time in its history it has lost to both, but only after a hard fight in close contests. Yale maintains a crew, a base ball team, a foot ball team and a track athletic team. They have all been worthy of the support of the university. They have shown the Yale spirit in their contests, and the Yale spirit in their defeats. It cannot be expected that among so many any one should be always at the head, but we ought to give Yale credit for what it has done, and if its teams are as successful in the future as they have been in the past no one need mourn except its rivals.

FRANK CRAWFORD.

The following letter, received last week by Frank Crawford, former coach of the Michigan foot ball team, from Charles Baird, the present graduate director of athletics at the university, shows that the western colleges are not the only ones that have to worry over a scarcity of men and that Michigan will have to build up almost an entirely new line before it meets Pennsy this fall:

"ANN ARBOR, July 21.—Mr. Frank Crawford, Omaha: Entering upon the foot ball season, we find that we have lost from our old team the five largest men we had, Cunningham, France, Baker, Carley and Bennett, besides Widman, a large and very valuable halfback. The largest man we have left, White, weighs only 175 pounds, and with no center or guards we are really in a desperate condition. We play Pennsylvania November 11, and hope to beat them, but without weight to hold Penn's heavy line we cannot expect to win.

"I write to ask your aid in helping us get one or two heavy men and would be glad of any information you can give in regard to the heavy players in Nebraska and Iowa. Please do your best to persuade men this way. Write wherever you think it will do good and call upon our friends and alumni to rally to our aid in difficulty. We are trying to keep our teams distinctly Michigan, of a high grade and purely amateur, and the difficulties are great and success depends upon the interest shown and the work done by Michigan men, students and alumni.

"Our alumni game, one of the biggest events of the year here now, comes October 21, and if it is convenient for you, come, and, if you wish, you will get a chance to play part of the game with the alumni.

"We would also appreciate your kindness if you could get away and give us a week's help coaching the team. We have so many men to coach the work is heavy. We will have several men here all the time, but need more.

"Please let me hear from you at your convenience and remember me to old friends.

"CHARLES BAIRD."

In the international cricket match, which was played at Winnipeg Friday and Saturday between an all-American team and the Canadian team, Omaha was honored by the selection of two of its team for positions on the eleven. Bate and Robinson were chosen to do the bowling for the American team, and they did remarkably well, considering the heavy batsmen they had to face. Robinson got five wickets for 23 and Bate six for 28. Bate also made the remarkable record of getting three wickets with four balls.

BRIEF BASE BALL GOSSIP

The Pennant Race is Getting Quite Close for the Middle Teams of the League.

Indianapolis is taking a boost and has just won ten straight games.

Vaughn has been released by Cincinnati after many years of service.

Williams and Beaumont each won a game for Pittsburg on the same day by timely home runs.

St. Louis beat New York three straight last week and jumped into third place in the percentage column.

Garvin, Chicago's new pitcher, held Philadelphia down to three hits and yet Chicago lost the game. Connor did it.

Beaumont, Pittsburg's center, has been doing the star work of the league and has won games by his timely stick work.

Kansas City has again gone back to the tail end position and yet the fans stick by the team. How different from some other towns!

Williams of the Pittsburgs struck a snag when he went to Boston. Up to that time he batted safely in fifteen games running. He made but one hit in the three games there.

The race among the middle men in the league has become quite interesting, as there are five teams within four games of each other. A successful series for either changes the position on the list.

Speaking of Bergen's tantrums a Boston paper says: "The sport in Boston is too important to allow any ball player to have his own way at the expense of discipline. Then, again, a player forced to go in and work against his will is a poor investment. Big or little, stars or Texas leaguers, should either lay off without pay or get in and play ball the best they know how."

On Saturday, July 22, three National league batsmen made a batting average of 1,000. Beaumont, the Pittsburg outfielder, secured six hits, none going out of the diamond in that number of times at bat against Platt, the Philadelphia pitcher. Mike Kelly, the Colonel's new first baseman in three times at bat hit safely each time, and Selbach, the Cincinnati outfielder, was credited with a similar performance against Lewis, the Boston pitcher.

Beaumont, the boy who fought his way into Pittsburg team, is there to stay and he promises to be the find of the season. The fact that he has no bad habits, is intelligent, willing to learn and to be criticized are strong points in his favor. With Beaumont the all-important question is: "What is the score?" and not "How many hits did I get?" but despite his willingness to sacrifice his own record any time to help his team he did some remarkable stick work last week, getting sixteen hits for a total of eighteen bases in the six games. He was on the circuit twenty-three times and scored nine runs.—Pittsburg Press.

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Kid McCoy's Recent Visit Has Aroused Interest in Prize Ring Matters in This City.

"Kid" McCoy stopped over in Omaha two or three days last week as the guest of S. G. V. Griswold and was more than delighted with his reception at the hands of the Omaha people and also with the exposition. The exposition will surely have a good advertising agent all through the east in the person of the Kid, as he could not say enough in praise of the beautiful picture formed by the Lagoon and buildings, and also of the Midway.

McCoy left for Davenport, where he fights August 10, and he carried the best wishes of the host of friends which he had made in Omaha.

It was quite remarkable the way in which all expressed themselves upon meeting or seeing McCoy for the first time. Such remarks as "What show would a slight fellow like him have with Jeffries or Fitzsimmons?" or "He must have nerve to expect to whip any of the big ones." But these remarks only make the handsome Kid smile. He probably remembers how he had the great sailor, Sharkey, almost out in the third round of their recent fight and knows that he has a chance with any of them on account of his extreme cleverness.

McCoy is certainly a small man to aspire to heavyweight championship honors, as he is altogether too slight to long withstand the heavy onslaughts of such giants as Jeffries and Sharkey, and yet they can't beat him for his weight. He is the king of them all in his class.

McCoy promises to return later in the season and put on a match at one of the local houses.

From present indications the forthcoming battle between Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey for the heavyweight championship of the world will eclipse in public interest any similar event that ever took place. Notwithstanding that the date of the battle is three months away interest in the great affair is paramount to everything else of a pugilistic character and some idea of the manner in which it is regarded by promoters of sporting enterprises may be gathered from the fact that a $60,000 purse has been offered by one California syndicate, while $40,000 bids are so plentiful that little if any consideration is being given to them at all.

The first offer that made its appearance was one of $40,000 from Charles Newman, a San Franciscan. He put up a certified check for $5,000 as a guaranty of his sincerity in the affair. Newman, acting solely in his own behalf, wants the contest to be held in San Francisco, at the Velodrome, which was built several years ago for bicycle matches. It has a seating capacity of 15,000 persons. It is the purpose of the promoter, should he be the successful bidder, to bring off the match during the daytime.

Upon the heels of the first bid came one from the Glen Park company, with conditions identical with those made by Newman, except a purse of $60,000 was offered, the fight to take place some day in September between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

The amount of money that is involved seems to indicate that the New York fighting clubs, which have engineered so many big fistic ventures, will have to "stand a tap" if they secure the fight. To a club which has the facilities for making a photographic reproduction of the battle $50,000 would not be too much for the fighters to expect, but any club not possessing such facilities would be taking extremely hazardous chances. The kinetoscope exhibition of fistic contests has passed beyond the experimental stages. When Fitzsimmons and Corbett were shown the films were indistinct and unsatisfactory, yet how much money was made by exhibiting them in every country on the globe will never be known. To such an extent has the photographing of movable objects been perfected since then that a wholly satisfactory result may be obtained and considering the amount of interest that is now being taken in pugilistic affairs an exhibition of a genuine championship fight, such as the one forthcoming, ought to profit its promoters to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars. This is really the incentive for the offers of the large purses now under consideration. Some lively things will happen before a settlement is finally made.

The heavyweight problem will be more complicated than ever if the number of aspirants for championship honors continues to be added to with the same frequency that has characterized the situation during the last year. Already Joe Kennedy, the big Californian, who won a decision recently over Gus Ruhlin, is being boomed as a future factor in the disposition of titular honors and a half dozen self-constituted managers are falling over each other trying to get engagements for him in the east.

While speaking of the pugs, we have an old follower of the game right "in our midst," who is known the whole country over, and that is Colonel Tom Earley of Boston, but now in the show business on the exposition Midway. Earley is an Englishman and he became known as a boxer when but a lad of 15 years. He used to spar around at the then popular places of London. He became known to all the leading lights of England in the pugilistic world and when Jem Mace and Joe Goss came over to this side to get some of the good American coin they brought Earley along. Earley liked this country and located in Boston, where he has been in business ever since. He kept up his boxing and among those whom he has met in friendly exhibitions in the arena were John L. Sullivan, Jem Mace, Joe Goss, Jimmy Elliot, Johnny Dwyer and many others of prominence at that time.

Earley has always been a promoter of clean sports and was the first man to give George Dixon, George LaBlanche, Jimmy Carrol, Hank Brennan and other prominent boxers a chance to show what they could do in the ring. Earley was also the first man to recognize the ability and fighting qualities of John L. Sullivan and helped him to arrange his first match before he became the champion of champions.

Colonel Earley is a first-class showman and a prince of good fellows and you could not tell from seeing him on the Midway which show belongs to him, but the show goes on just the same, as the colonel has his business well in hand. He likes Omaha and the west so well that he will probably locate here after the exposition is over.

The international match between Terry McGovern and Pedlar Palmer is an assured fact. The forfeit money has been posted and the battle will take place, as previously announced, before the Westchester Athletic club September 1. Dr. Ordway posted the money for palmer, Sammy Harris for McGovern and G. W. B. Gray for the club.

MEN OF THE ROD AND GUN

Birds Are Plentiful and Rare Sport Will Be Enjoyed by All Hunters This Fall.

The first annual amateur tournament of the Waterloo Gun club will be held at Waterloo August 3 and 4. This tournament is open only to amateurs, and professionals are barred from the purses in the target events, but are welcome to shoot at the targets.

The two handicap live bird events are open to the world and are looked upon as the most interesting numbers on the program. Besides the twenty-one regular events an extra match race has been arranged between ten members of the Dupont Gun club and an equal number of men from the Valley Gun club. Excelent arrangements have been made for the care and entertainment of visitors. Further information can be secured from J. S. Nesbit, secretary, Waterloo.

J. A. R. Elliot and Mr. A. B. Daniels were arrested in Denver a week ago at the instance of the humane society for killing live pigeons The case was set for July 26. Mr. Daniels is a millionaire and able and willing to back himself in the courts and if necessary to carry the matter to the supreme court. The Colorado statute permits shooting pigeons at the trap, but the humane society holds that the law is invalid. The society is getting good just as the boxing game and other sports are beginning to flourish and make Denver a real live town. It was an amusing sight to see the women with their hats decorated with the most beautiful song birds in court protesting against the killing of pigeons.

The Soo Gun club of Sioux City is watching the weekly scores of the Omaha Gun club with considerable interest on account of the approaching match between the two clubs. In three target events the leading ten shots broke a total of 522 targets out of 600 thrown, a percentage of .870.

"Comparisons are more interesting than accurate and valuable," remarked a Soo Gun club member the other day, "but they serve to give some sort of a pointer on the skill of shooters. A comparison of the scores of the Omaha club and those that have been made in the Smelzer trophy shoot show that the two clubs are pretty evenly matched and it indicates that the team shoot at live birds this fall is going to be one of the warmest events ever shot off in this western country. The average percentage of the best ten shots who have taken part in the Smelzer trophy shoot has been .870 also, but the Soo Gun club men have shot at 1,500 targets, more than again as many as the Omaha shots."

At a recent shoot of the Omaha club the members made use of English sparrows, fifteen to the man. They made a rather difficult target, darting about at a lively rate and they were quite hard to kill. Out of 195 shot at 141 were killed, a percentage of .723.

From Chanute Kan., comes the report that twenty local sportsmen who enjoy hunting the quail and chicken have each contributed $1 for the purpose of stocking the surrounding country with game birds. The variety of birds used will be the English pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, two of the finest game birds in the world. The intention of the sportsmen, says a local press correspondent, is to buy a few old birds and invest the remainder in eggs at $3 a setting. Then they intend to hatch the eggs with the help of some local hens, raise the little pheasants by hand and next fall turn nearly the whole flock loose in the black jack country, which extends for five miles up and down the east bank of the Neosho.

All of the farmers in the neighborhood of this timber are to be interested in the scheme and every effort will be made to prevent poaching. The aid of the law will be invoked in every instance of transgression. The birds thrive anywhere on earth and are the most prolific breeders known. The female will lay sixty eggs during the season. They are very pretty birds and have tails of considerable length, showing every color of the rainbow. In flavor they resemble the Kansas prairie chicken.

"DUNNING, Neb., July 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Enclosed find address of party sending prairie chickens to southern markets out of season. The chickens are but little larger than quail. He has been shipping for two weeks. They go as dressed poultry and are shipped from Dunning and transferred at Lincoln and Table Rock to B. & M. railroad and sent to market. Please notify game warden of the same and oblige a SPORTSMAN."

The name is known at this office.

SPORTING EDITOR.

Sandy Griswold and Charles Thomas drove to Paxton's stock farm Thursday and secured a nice bag of birds. Among the number were some golden-backed plover, a variety seldom seen around here.

John Schmelzer and "Mat" Matthes spent Wednesday at Cut-Off lake and returned with two nice strings of croppies.

G. A. Hilwell of South Omaha bought a fine outfit of tackle last week and went to Langdon for a short visit to those famous bass and croppie grounds.

The fourth annual tournament of the Dupont Gun club will be held at the Twin-City shooting grounds at the east end of the bridge on September 5, 6 and 7. The club will add $400 to purses and also merchandise averages. This is a strictly anfateur shoot and the program will be out in a few days.

W. D. Townsend and L. E. Lucas returned from Lake Quinnebaugh last week They left Ed Furane, Herman Metz and Fred Goodrich enjoying the fishing. W. H. Sheldon and family have joined the Camp Omaha contingent.

C. H. Curtiss caught ninety-seven croppies at Cut-Off lake in six hours' fishing last Sunday.

Fred and Sam Spratlin made a good catch of croppies and perch at Cut-Off lake last Sunday.

ABOUT HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Several Recent Deals Show Light Harness Performer Still a Favorite with Horsemen.

A big deal in light harness horses was consummated at San Francisco last week when Budd Doble, the famous reinsman, purchased twenty-eight trotters from A. B. Spreckels. This is probably the biggest single purchase in some time, and virtually includes all the horses bred at the Aptos ranch, with the exception of the 2-year-olds and yearlings. The transaction was private and no price was made public, but a good round sum must have been paid, as several of the trotters are brothers and sisters to well known performers.

In the lot purchased are four 5-year-olds, thirteen 4-year-olds and twelve 3-year-olds. Fourteen are sired by Aptos Wilkes, nine by Cupid, four by Dexter Prince and one by Wildnut. The dams of the Doble purchases are principally by such sires as Speculation, Abbotsford, Director, Dexter Prince and Cresco

Aptos Wilkes is a full brother to Hulda, 2:08½, one of the gamest campaigners ever seen on the grand circuit. He is also one of the most promising young sires in the country. Cupid, the sire of nine out of the twenty-eight, was a resolute and fast performer, and the only three horses by this young sire that have been trained can beat 2:20. As Spreckles has already bred such stars as Hulda, Dione and Venus, the chances are that Doble has secured several embryo stars, as none have been developed for speed.

Doble will develop the twenty-eight trotters in California, but he expects to ship them east late in the fall.

For twenty-four consecutive years until 1898, the black, with red maltese cross of E. J. Baldwin was seen at the Saratoga meeting. During these many years dozens of California horses scored winning brackets and the Santa Anita stable enjoyed a reputation second to none. Early in 1898 Baldwin became disgusted with his turf ventures and vowed that he would never race another horse east of the Rockies. He has now changed his mind, and a few days ago announced that the Santa Anita stable would be represented on the eastern tracks in 1900 with a bigger stable than ever before.

The master of Santa Anita has also decided that he will not hold any more auction sales, but will train and race every horse bred at his famous farm in Los Angeles county. At present there are sixteen horses in training at Santa Anita, while there are no less than forty-six coming 2-year-olds, principally by Emperor of Norfolk and the Prince Charlie stallion, Amigo. Connoisseurs who have examined these youngsters pronounce the Emperor of Norfolk-Miss Ford colt to be one of the grandest appearing individuals ever raised at the ranch.

The Santa Anita stable has not held its own the last three or four years, but Baldwin intends to be in the swim once again next year. He cannot forget the brilliant victories achieved by Emperor of Norfolk, Los Angeles, Rey el Santa Anita, Lucky B., Volante, Santa Ana, Gano, Sinaloa, Mollie McCarthy and many other turf stars that first saw light of day at Santa Anita.

In his palmy days Baldwin made some of the shrewdest purchases known to the turf. He bought Emperor of Norfolk for $2,650, while Los Angeles was secured for $3,500. He paid $10,000 each for Mollie McCarthy, the queen of the California turf, in her day; Grinstead, the most famous sire of stamina ever imported to California, and Rutherford, a crack racehorse and almost a failure in the stud. Although almost a quarter of a century has passed away since Baldwin took a string across the Rocky mountains, Clara D., a member of that string, is still alive with a foal at her side. In those days it cost $1,800 to ship a carload of horses from California to Chicago, while the jockeys, trainers and stable boys were all assessed $95.

Budd Doble, who is acting as starter on California trotting tracks this season, holds to the belief that the fast records now made by trotters and pacers do not indicate that there is any marked superiority in the animals themselves over those campaigned twenty-five or thirty years ago.

"I should like to have Dexter and Goldsmith Maid in their prime," says Doble. There is quite a difference between their records and those of Alix and Nancy Hanks, but there is a marked difference between the tracks and sulkies of now and then. Twenty years ago we had not so many good horses in all probability, but we had a few that compared with the best of the present time. Goldsmith Maid was a sensational campaigner. She was driven in races over all kinds of tracks and in many different climes from Maine to California and won no less than $364,000 in purses, which record has never been equaled. Goldsmith Maid rarely broke when trotting at her highest speed. Her last great race in a big field was in 1876 in Hartford, where she won a six-heat race, beating Smuggler, Judge Fullerton, Bodine and others. Smuggler came dangerously close to beating Goldsmith Maid. He won the first two heats, but the third resulted in a dead heat between Smuggler and Goldsmith Maid, but the mare won the fourth, fifth and sixth heats. She possessed wonderful stamina, although she was a little bit on the small order and weighed only 820 pounds. She was retired when she was 21 years old and had three foals before she died, one of them being Stranger, who has been fairly successful as a sire. Goldsmith Maid was not such an easy mare to drive as Nancy Hanks. The latter never would break and on that account was easy to drive.

"I'm not one who delights in going back to the 'has beens' and claiming that they were better than the stars of the present, but the difference between the 2:17¼ of Dexter and the 2:03¾ of Alix is not as great as the figures would indicate. Dexter was nearly a perfect trotter. His action was so true and accurate that stride for stride could be measured by the same rule. He rarely ever broke. I think that the two years I had Dexter before he was purchased by Robert Bonner and the year afterward, during which time I managed him, he never made more than half a dozen breaks. He is the only horse that I have ever driven that could go mile after mile in a path no wider than this," and Doble indicated a distance of three feet or less with his hands.

"There's one thing sure. Horses don't last now as they did in the old days. Why, Goldsmith Maid was 20 years old and had been campaigned hard for ten years when she trotted a mile on the Chico (Cal.) track in 2:14¼ in a race against Rarus. The reason? Well, every man to his own way of thinking, but I believe the racing of immature animals tends to lessen their usefulness on the turf. We never started them at 2 and 3 years of age in the '70s."

Doble was born near Philadelphia and started driving in 1865. He spent thirty-four years in the sulky and has driven almost every famous horse during that period. After lowering the world's record time with Dexter, five times with Goldsmith Maid and three times with Nancy Hanks Doble retired three years ago. Among other harness stars driven by Doble were Judge Fullerton, Martha Wilkes, 2:08; Jack, 2:12; Monbars, Delmarch, Stamboul, Arion and Axtell. Doble resurrected the once noted pacer, Johnston, after he had been retired for ten years and drove him a mile in 2:06½, which was within a quarter of a second of his own world's record. He gave Monroe Chief a two-mile world's record to harness and also drove George M. Patchen to his two-mile record. Jessie Wales and Darkness, driven by Doble, once held the team record.

CHESS.

The summer tournament of the Nebraska Chess association, to be held at Danhebrog on August 2, 3 and 4, promises to be an enjoyable affair. Messrs. Biddle, Bartoo, Bruner, De France, Edwards, Griffin, Patterson and Powell have entered the tournament and Hammond, Barron and Rettenmayer will come if possible and Sedwick, Clark, Kinniburgh, Crosby, Hartzell, Black and others are also expected. The hours of regular tournament play will be from 2 to 5 and 8 to 10 p. m. The forenoons will be employed in getting acquainted, playing informal games, etc. If the number of contestants be small, each will play two games with every other. Every Nebraska chess player is invited and it is hoped that the meeting will be the starting point for a series of successful tournaments. N. Hald, Dannebrog, Neb., should be communicated with by those wishing to attend.

Play in the Nebraska Chess association's second annual correspondence tournament is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. This tournament began January 21, 1899, with twenty-four contestants playing in three sections of eight each. Each contestant plays one game with each of the other players in his section, thus making twenty-eight games to the section, or eighty-four all told.

Up to July 22 forty-five games have been completed, nine of which were resigned without play. Of the thirty-six games played to a finish the openings and results are as follows:

Opening.	Won by White.	Won by Black.	Drawn.
Ruy Lopez	4	1	1
Q Gambit dec.	3	2	1
KB Opening	0	4	0
Irregular	1	2	0
Evans	2	1	0
Evans dec.	2	1	0
Two Kts.	1	1	0
Petroff	1	0	0
Philidor	1	0	0
P-Q 4	1	0	0
Kieseritzky	1	0	0
KKt Gam. dec.	1	0	0
Scotch dec.	1	0	0
Sicilian	0	1	0
French	1	0	0
Totals	21	13	2

The standing of players by sections is as follows:

SECTION A.

	Won.	Lost.	Unfinished.
Barron	1	2	4
Edwards	2½	1½	3
Hald	2	3	2
Hammond	5½	1½	0
Hartzell	2	1	4
Owen	4	3	0
Rasmussen	3	1	3
Tyson	0	7	0
Totals	20	20	8

SECTION B.

	Won.	Lost.	Unfinished.
Biddle	3	0	4
Black	1	1	5
Brega	2	2	3
De France	4	1	2
Ellis	1	1	5
Patterson	0	5	2
Powell	2	2	3
Swim	0	1	6
Totals	13	13	15

SECTION C.

	Won.	Lost.	Unfinished.
Bruner	1½	½	5
Carroll	0	7	0
Crosby	1	2	4
Griffin	3½	1½	2
Hinman	1	0	6
Nelson	1	1	5
Rice	1	0	6
Winchester	3	0	4
Totals	12	12	16

Mr. Hammond has the lead in section A; however, it is possible for Edwards to tie or Rasmussen or Hartzell to win first place by winning all of their unfinished games. In section B, Biddle, Black, De France, Ellis and Swim may win first place, although from the condition of the unfinished games Biddle's chances are perhaps the best. Winchester, Rice and Hinman in section C have a hard fight for supremacy, neither having lost a game.

In the Kansas-Nebraska correspondence match N. Hald of Dannebrog lost a Scotch opening to Dr. John J. Parker of Olathe, Kan., in thirty-six moves. This makes the score: Kansas, 4½; Nebraska, 2½; unfinished, 9.

In the Nebraska correspondence tournament N. Hald won a Ruy Lopez from H. B. Hammond in forty-five moves, N. G. Griffin won an irregular opening from Paul Nelson in thirty moves and T. C. Patterson lost a KB opening to F. W. Biddle in forty moves and a KB opening to R. E. Brega in thirty-three moves.

Score of the seventh game completed in the Kansas-Nebraska correspondence match, between Nelson Hald of Dannebrog, Neb., and Dr. John J. Parker of Olathe, Kan.:

SCOTCH OPENING.

White—Hald.	Black—Parker.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—P-Q 4.	3—P x P.
4—Kt x P.	4—Kt-B 3.
5—Kt x Kt.	5—Kt P x Kt.
6—B-Q 3.	6—P-Q 4.
7—P x P.	7—P x P.
8—Castles.	8—B-K 2.
9—Kt-B 3.	9—Castles.
10—P-Q Kt 3.	10—B-Q Kt 2.
11—B-Q Kt 2.	11—B-Q 3.
12—Kt-K 2.	12—Kt-K 5.
13—Kt-Kt 3.	13—P-K B 4.
14—B x Kt.	14—Q P x B.
15—Q-Q 4.	15—Q-K 2.
16—Q R Q.	16—R-K B 2.
17—K R-K.	17—P-Q R 3.
18—Q-B 4.	18—Q-K Kt 4.
19—B-B.	19—Q-Kt 3.
20—K-B.	20—P-K R 4.
21—P-K R 4.	21—Q-Kt 5.
22—B-Kt 5.	22—R-K.
23—Kt-R.	23—K-B.
24—R x B.	24—P x R.
25—P-K B 3.	25—P x P.
26—R x R ch.	26—K x R.
27—Q-K 6 ch.	27—K-B.
28—Q x Q P ch.	28—K-Kt.
29—P x P.	29—Q-R 6 ch.
30—K-Kt.	30—Q x K B P.
31—Q-R 2.	31—Q-Q 8 ch.
32—K-B 2.	32—Q x Kt.
33—Q x Q.	33—B x Q.
34—P-Q B 4.	34—P-B 5.
35—P-Kt 4.	35—B-B 3.
36—P-R 3.	36—P-B 6.
37—Resigns.	

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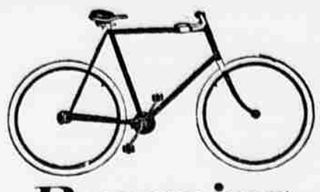

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