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March Sunshine is Putting New Life Into Rusty Muscles and Stronger Flow Into Sluggish Blood

SEVERAL STAR MEN LEAVE

Cornhusker Track Athletes Desert Sports and University.

BURRUSS WILL BE A BIG LOSS

Alden, Who Takes Captaincy, is One of Best Long-Distance Runners in West—Registration Fee Fight.

LINCOLN, March 21.—(Special.)—Track athletics at the University of Nebraska have received a hard blow by the loss of several star men, and the prospects which were so bright a few weeks ago for a strong track team have been greatly darkened. It now looks as if the Cornhuskers will be weaker on the track this spring than they have been for several seasons.

The great loss to the track team this year is due to the retirement of several strong men from university athletics. In some of the cases the men are still in school and have quit athletics only temporarily, but in a majority of the instances the men have left the university and probably will be permanently lost to Cornhusker sports. Included in the list of track men who are out of athletics this spring are Burruss, Chaloupka, Weller, Anthes and Dunlap.

The loss of Russell Burruss, who had been elected captain of the 1908 track team, will probably be felt the most. He is a fast sprinter, and Dr. Clapp was depending upon him to lead in the dashes this spring. He runs the 100-yard dash in about ten seconds, and three years ago did some remarkable work against Colorado and Minnesota. Last year he cleaned up Kansas in the short runs at Lawrence. Burruss will also be missed in other branches of university sports, especially in basket ball, where he was a star forward and one of the mainstays of the five. He has left school to engage in business with his father, a Lincoln lumber dealer. Claude L. Alden, a senior in the literary college, has been elected to succeed Burruss as captain of the track team.

Many Vacant Suits.

Some of the other men, while the loss of them is not considered so great as that of Burruss, will, nevertheless, be greatly missed this spring. Anthes, a high jumper, became delinquent in his studies last semester and quit the university a short time ago. He was in the high jump last year and his work equaled that of Knode, who now is doing the best work in that event. Weller, a strong man in the weight events, left the university at the beginning of the semester to take up work at Panama. In the Nebraska-Minnesota meet last year Weller took first place in the shot put and second place in the hammer throw. Chaloupka, another strong man in the weight events, injured his wrist in the St. Louis foot ball game on Thanksgiving and will be unable to take part in the sports this spring. In the Kansas-Nebraska meet last year he carried off first place in the shot put. Dunlap, who did some excellent running in the hurdles race on the 1907 team, has failed to return to school this semester. Last year he was one of the best men on the team and gave promise of doing some real great work this spring. In the Kansas-Nebraska meet he won both the 120-yard and 220-yard hurdles.

The loss of this bunch of men leaves this season's team with only three "N" track winners and puts it in a weakened condition. There are only a few eligible candidates for the team this spring who are considered as being real good material. The best men the Cornhuskers have for this season are Captain Alden, Penrod, Davis, Perry, McDonald, Wildman, Collins, Knode and Kroger.

Alden Good as Runner.

Alden, who succeeds Burruss as captain, is the best long distance runner in the university and is considered one of the best in the west. Last year he easily won the two-mile run in every meet in which he was entered. At the Minnesota meet, in Minneapolis, he made the run in 10:21, lowering the Nebraska record by seven seconds.

The other eligible men are depended upon to do some good work this spring. Knode has a good record in the high jump and last year won that event in the Kansas-Nebraska meet at 5 feet 9 inches. He has been kept out of indoor practice this year on account of a bad ankle. Penrod and Davis who are able to make good time in the quarter and mile runs are expected to show up well this spring. McDonald, who made some good time in the hurdle races a year ago, is in good form and probably will be able to win some points. Collins, a weight man, has done some wonderful work in the shot-put this spring and it is expected that he will open a few eyes this spring. Last week he smashed the university indoor record in this event, throwing the shot two or three feet farther than any previous Cornhusker had put it.

Outside of these few men, however, the Nebraska material for a track team is very slim. There are several good men in the freshman class who would add much strength to the team if they were eligible, but the first year conference ruling will prevent their participation this spring.

Athletics in Upheaval.

The attempt to bring about the adoption of a new plan for the election of student members of the athletic board has caused more trouble than anybody expected. It has developed two factions who are waging a hot fight through the university and city papers. Some of the professors have taken a hand in the affair, and it promises to produce still more dissension before the matter is settled. The fight has grown so warm that the athletic board fears to take final action on the plan now and at a meeting Thursday, when it was to have been voted on, referred the resolution for the new method to a committee in order to sidetrack it for a while.

The new plan, which was proposed at a meeting of the athletic board Tuesday, will do away with the registration fee and straight ticket rule by which the annual elections are carried on. Under the present system the fraternities are able to control the elections through the use of the "slush" fund, and they are now opposing the proposed substitution, which will put the elections on an equitable basis and give the nonfraternity men an equal chance with the Greek letter men. The matter will come up before the athletic board at a special meeting next Thursday.

Coach Fox of the base ball team has weeded out the candidates this week and has spent his time in working out a few of the best men at the infield positions. "Mike" Denslow has been played at first base practically all the time and is con-

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EARLIER WORK AT FOOT BALL

Conditions Will Result in Spring Training for the Games Next Fall.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The near approach of spring, combined with the strictures set upon foot ball in the middle west, has caused a stirring in gridiron circles in the colleges of that section which augurs well for some strenuous work to come shortly and for a hard season next fall. The clinching of a game for November 14 between Cornell and the University of Chicago on the latter's Marshall Field has awakened interest even this early among the Maroons, and all the talk is of the hard schedule which has been prepared for Chicago in spite of the restrictions of the western college conference. Three big games now face Chicago, those with Minnesota, Cornell and Wisconsin, and the lesser contests are likely to bring some severe struggles for honors, as the opponents for the Maroons in these will be Illinois, Purdue and Indiana, with possibly another game, unless Coach Stagg decides that he wants his men to have a two weeks' rest before meeting the Ithacans. It was impossible for Chicago to arrange to come east this fall, when the invitation for a game came from Cornell, but the undergraduates hope that they can meet the Ithacans at home next year, as they have not been east since playing the Army at West Point several years ago.

As for the University of Michigan, which is in the cold as far as games with her near neighbors are concerned, but which has had several flattering offers from eastern colleges, there is every indication that there will be some hard spring practice this year. Coach Yost addressed his foot ball warriors a few nights ago and told them that when they returned to college on April 25, after the spring vacation, he intends to get them out on Ferry field in their togs and for the rest of the term put them through exercises in tackling, punting, charging and passing and getting down the field under the ball, so that when college reopens in the fall he can send them out into scrimmages much earlier than in past years.

"What we lose in the length of schedule has got to be made up some way," Yost told his men, "and as Pennsylvania has the jump on us with more games we have got to go the Quakers one better by beginning in April to train for that November game. You'll not forget in the summer so much of what is taught you this spring, but that a week's brushing up will not have it back for you in the fall, and in that way we will be at least four weeks to the good when the foot ball season opens."

WATER SPORTS LIKED BY PUBLIC

Swimming Carnival at Sportsmen's Show Proves Popular.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The swimming carnival held under the auspices of the Bath Beach Swimming club, in connection with the Sportsmen's show at Madison Square Garden proved conclusively that, given a chance, the public will flock to the support of water sports just as enthusiastically as in the case of track or field athletics, and plans are now afoot to organize a National Amateur Swimming association of America, an organization which will not in any way work in opposition to the Amateur Athletic association, but rather aid it in its efforts to advance amateur athletics by taking over one branch which in the past has been in a way neglected.

Aside from the New oYrk Swimming association, Bath Beach Swimming club, the American Life Saving society, the Young Men's Christian association, and the New York Athletic club, the clubs of the metropolitan district, while developing track and field athletes, have done little or nothing in the way of promoting the tank game. Most of them are without the necessary facilities in the way of pools.

It is believed that with a governing body which could devote its entire time to the sport this country might soon be placed on an equal footing with the rest of the world. Until recent years America was far behind in this sport, but the success of men like Daniels, Goodwin, Handy and Schwartz in competition with the best swimmers of other countries proves that with a national association to encourage them American swimmers would probably in a few years lead the world. It would take up distance swimming and diving in addition to the sprints and would probably organize a junior branch and give women swimmers recognition.

If the National American Swimming association is organized and an alliance formed with the American Athletic union, one of its chief aims will be to secure the revision of a rule which, as it stands, forbids an athlete to represent in competition two clubs at the same time. This regulation keeps many men who might otherwise develop into real good swimmers out of the game because the clubs to which they belong do not boast of tanks. If these men were permitted to compete on the track or field under one club's emblem and in aquatics under another's, there would be some inducement for them to take up a sport in which, just at present, America is not by any means as strong as she might be.

IOWA SQUAD READY FOR WORK

Practice Work Develops Number of Good Men for Team.

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 21.—(Special.)—The base ball squad of the university is out on the green doing the regulation stunts this week and is showing good form for the early season. The candidates for the positions this season are having an extra good race on account of the number of positions open. "Chick" Kirk, captain of the team, will receive the crooked ones again this season and on the firing line there will be an abundance of men. Dolley Cobb and Poyneer of the 1907 team will be there and Gittenger, Hanlon and Sutherland are working for a job on the staff. Comely, who is also a utility catcher, is working for the initial base, and at second and short there are a big bunch of men in an even race. Stewart and Gittenger are doing classy work, as also are Towne and McGregor. Wilson is out for his old job at third. In the outfield Johanson is trying for center, where he played last year, and there are thirty men trying for the other positions. Gittenger is almost sure of a place, as he is a first-class man in the infield as well as on the slab. Elliott, for the last two years guard on the 'varsity foot ball team, has shown up for work and is being tried out for the twirling force. He is a speedy man and has a good variety of curves. He will make someone hurry for a place on the regular pitching force. The new coach, Kent, is pleased with the outlook, and particularly with the stick work of the men.

Grand Old Man of the Game

MARTIN ("FARMER") BURNS, Big Rock, Ia.

THE FOOT FAULT RULE AGAIN

England Submits Suggestions for Our Vote.

MAY BE ONLY ONE BALL SERVED

Three Rules Proposed to Alter Present Plan and Make Delivery of Ball Fairer to the Receiver.

Letters have been sent to the prominent lawn tennis players of the country by a committee appointed at the recent annual meeting of the United States National Tennis association to obtain an expression of opinion on the rules regarding foot faulting submitted by the All England Lawn Tennis association for that purpose. The resolution adopted at the council meeting of the Lawn Tennis association was as follows:

1. To require the server to keep both feet on the ground behind the base line, and alter the rule as follows: "The server shall before commencing to serve place both feet firmly on the ground behind (i. e., further from the net then) the base line and within the limits of the imaginary continuation of the center service and side lines, and thereafter the server shall not by running, walking, jumping, or stepping, change the position so taken up before the service has been delivered."

2. To allow the server to raise one foot during the act of serving, provided such foot is replaced behind the base line before it or the other foot touches or crosses the base line and add to the rule as altered in No. 1 suggestion, the following words: "But if during the act of serving and prior to the actual delivery of the service the server shall raise one foot from the ground such foot shall be replaced on the ground behind the base line before it or the other foot of the server touches or crosses the base line."

3. To retain the principle of the present rule and allow the server to raise one foot during the act of serving, provided such foot is behind the base line at the time of actual delivery of the service, and add to the rule as altered in No. 1 suggestion the following words: "But the server may raise one foot from the ground during the act of serving, provided that both feet are behind the base line at the moment of actual delivery of the service."

The idea, in brief, is to do away with illegal charging to the net following or rather accompanying a service which in this country has not been watched with the attention that such tactics, really unfair, deserve. There were five proposals all told before the association, one of which dealt with the idea of limiting the services to one. This was rejected as being too radical a change. The other suggestion dealt with drawing an extra line behind the base line, parallel to it, to mark the service boundary more clearly. That was believed to be unnecessary.

Authoritative Opinion of Play.

However, the idea as to one service only, while rejected by the council as too radical to be suggested, has not downed. Of it Amateur Sport, the British successor to Lawn Tennis, says: "This suggestion is one that has been mooted in a tentative way for several seasons past, and there is at least one instance which we recorded a fortnight ago of its having been put to the test and favorably reported upon by two of our leading players, R. F. Doherty and G. M. Simond." These players had a match under the conditions of one service only. The British paper adds:

It would certainly go a long way toward solving the foot fault difficulty, because foot faults are largely a matter of mere carelessness, and if a player knew that a foot fault meant the loss of an ace he would soon learn to "be careful about his feet"—in the words of the warning so often heard on the courts. It would also tend to lessen the preponderating advantage at present held by the server.

Without stopping to discuss how far the suggestion is more drastic than the alternatives which were preferred to it, we venture to submit that the fact of a proposed legislative change being drastic is not in itself a sufficient ground for its rejection. We could point to several drastic changes in the laws of lawn tennis itself which have immensely improved the game, such as the change from the racquet method to the tennis method of scoring and the abolition of bisques in handicaps. And this reminds us that the reason why two services were originally allowed was probably because the racquets' method of scoring was then adopted. By that method the server, when once he has been put out, cannot score until he gets in again, and it was doubtless felt that he ought not to be put out on one fault. As against this it may be argued that tennis also allows one fault and that lawn tennis scoring is now modeled on tennis scoring.

But in tennis the server is to a large extent on the defensive. In lawn tennis he is very much on the aggressive, and we failed to see why the advantage which he already possesses owing to the mere fact of his being able to go up to the net at once while his opponent must of necessity stay back for his opening shot should be increased by allowing him a second barrel if the first one misses fire. We hope, then, that, although the one-service suggestion was so summarily dismissed at the council meeting, it will not be allowed to drop. It is open to all the various bodies about to be consulted to make further suggestions other than the three specified, and we feel convinced that anyone who has the courage to revive this one will be doing more than a little good to the game.

Position of Experts.

A suggestion was made by H. L. Doherty, captain of the British team that won the Davis cup in 1903, that a foot fault should lose the point, even if it be on the first service. This suggestion was made directly

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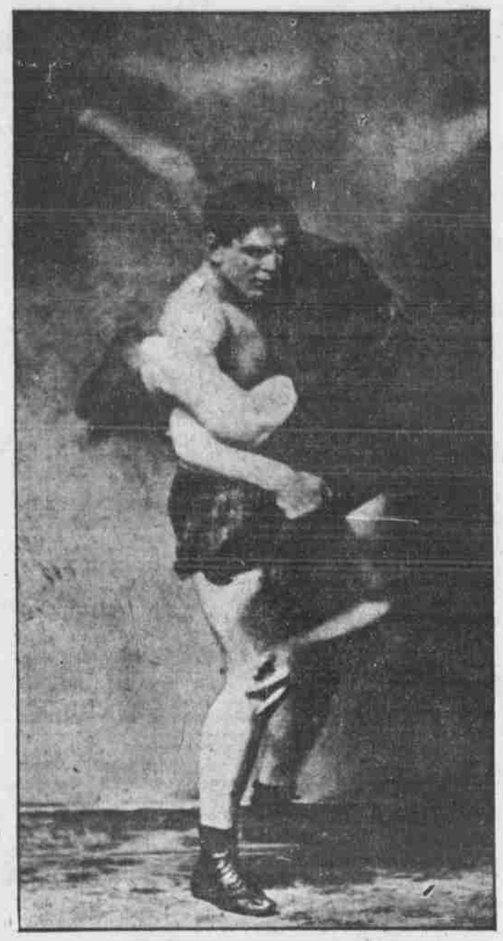
America's Champion Wrestler



FRANK GOTCH AND ONE OF THE HOLDS HE USED ON TOM JENKINS.

GOLF SEASON TO BE LIVELY

Eastern Program Promises Much that Will Be Notable in Annals of Game.

NEW YORK, March 21.—It is expected that the coming season will go down as a memorable one in golf history. Most important, or, at least, of most general interest at this time, is the international phase of the game, of which there are unmistakable signs of activity along several lines.

The first installment of American women golfers sailed for England a few days ago. They were three Boston experts—the Misses Phelps and Miss Alice Underwood. Later Miss Margaret Curtis, the national titleholder, and her sister Harriet, the former champion, may decide to repeat their visits of a year ago. From this vicinity, Miss Elsa Hurlbut, the well known Morris county player, who was secretary of the Women's Metropolitan Golf association last year, will sail shortly.

Something decidedly novel, however, is the proposed invasion of the foreign links by a number of prominent college boys. Ellis Knowles of Yale, the present intercollegiate champion, and W. T. West of Princeton, will lead a team of American collegians. They may be joined by Robert Abbott of Yale, W. H. Wilder and W. Fellowes Morgan, jr., of Harvard and Ralph Peters, jr., of Princeton. As the golfers mentioned are among the best in the college world on this side of the Atlantic they would constitute a team in every way representative.

The only previous instance on record where rival collegians of this country and Great Britain met in international conflict on the links was in 1903, when the Oxford-Cambridge team made its memorable visit to America. How all this team, so ably captained by John L. Low, acquitted itself while here is to this day the subject of frequent "nineteenth hole" sessions. The visitors won every match they played save one, and among their victims was a team representing the Intercollegiate Golf association.

There has been a marked advancement in the game in this country since then, especially among the college boys. H. Chandler Egan twice won the national championship while a student at Harvard, and only last July W. T. West of Princeton has everyone guessing because of his sensational rounds in the national tournament at Euclid. The players who are likely to go abroad the coming summer are unquestionably strong, both individually and collectively. Abbott has been famous for several years as a titanic driver. His reaching of the second green at the Nassau County club during the last intercollegiate championship with a drive and a cleek is an instance of his prowess. This hole is 500 yards long and uphill.

BIG JEFF WANTS FINISH FIGHTS

Proposes to Establish Arena in Which Results Will Count.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Jim Jeffries, the retired heavyweight champion, has grown tired of looking at ten-round bouts without decisions and has secured an option on a piece of land just outside of the city limits, where he plans to erect a monster arena for the purpose of holding twenty-round battles. In speaking of his new scheme Jeffries said:

"I think those ten-round bouts at the Pacific Athletic club are the biggest kind of jokes. They lead to many a fight between the spectators who bet on them, as there are no decisions given, and before the contest is half over there is considerable wrangling. I have backing from some of the richest men in Los Angeles, who are willing to put through my scheme for the new club and longer contests. I expect to go to Europe this summer. I want to take my wife over to Germany, but expect to have the arena ready by then. Now, if Burns and Johnson will mix about that time I will referee the fight, but it will cost them $5,000. Nothing less goes."

ACCIDENTS ON BALL FIELDS

Numerous Serious Ones, but Few of Them Fatal.

BROKEN LEGS, BATTERED HEADS

Head-On Collision a Distressing Sight and Two of Worst Cases of This Kind Occurred in Greater New York.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The list of players in the two big leagues alone who have been the victims of serious accidents on the base ball field is long. There have been few fatalities in base ball, however, and it is also worthy of note that there have been few accidents in big league base ball that have left a permanently bad effect. There have been a good many bad and painful injuries to players of the first rank but in nearly every instance the player has returned to the game as sound as he ever was.

Injuries to limbs—breaks or sprains—and raps on the head from pitched balls comprise a majority of the hurts received on the diamond. Sometimes, too, the player is gashed by an opponent's spikes, laying him off for several weeks; but whatever the nature of the injury it is seldom that prompt and efficient treatment does not prepare the patient so that with the restoring aid of nature he comes around all right in a reasonable length of time. Charleyhorse and kindred ills also afflict the ball player, but are not necessarily the result of accidents.

Nothing in the way of an accident on the field is more distressing for the spectator than a head-on collision between two players. The fatal outcome of the collision between Hub Collins and Darby O'Brien at Eastern park, Brooklyn, years ago is still vividly recalled by many present day patrons of the game and comes to mind invariably when two players collide. Collins and O'Brien collided in going after a fly ball. Collins was so badly hurt that he never got over the effects of the blow he received on the head and died not a great while afterwards.

Only Oblivion.

Equally fearsome in appearance, but without fatal results, was the collision between Dave Fultz and Norman Elberfeld at the New York American league grounds year before last. Fultz was running in and Elberfeld was running out for a fly ball. Both were looking up and both dropped flat when their heads met. Fultz's jaw was broken and he was taken to the hospital white and unconscious. Elberfeld was assisted off the field in a groggy condition. Neither played again that season—it was near the end of the race—and Fultz has not played since. He had made announcement, however, that it was to be his last year in base ball. When he recovered Fultz was asked what his sensations were when he was hit. "There weren't any," he replied; "just oblivion." Neither he nor the Kid suffered any permanent effects from the accident, though it was a parlous looking one.

Seeing a batter dropped by a pitched ball also brings the heart of the spectator to his mouth and makes him fear for the player's life. Back in the '80s John Burdock, the Boston second baseman, was felled by a ball pitched by Keefe and was in the hospital for some time. Burdock's physical distress was no greater than Keefe's mental distress. The noted pitcher would not stay in the box any longer that day and made frequent calls at the hospital to see the injured man.

A man with a physique less rugged than that of Hughy Jennings might have taken a couple of knockout blows from swiftly pitched balls less lightly. Jennings was plugged twice on the head at the Polo

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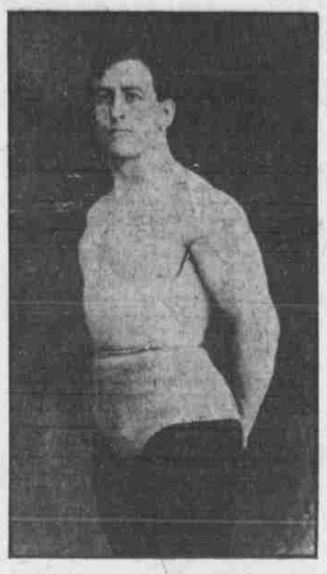
Comes from the Northwest



DR. B. F. ROLLER, Seattle, Wash.

TIME FOR SARATOGA STAKES

Entries for August Meeting Will Close Middle of Next Month.

NEW YORK, March 21.—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Saratoga association it was decided to close the stakes for the coming August meeting on April 18. This announcement applies to the various fixtures that have already been announced as making up the stake program for the meeting. Seven of the stakes have already closed. Five of them are for the 2-year-olds and two for 3-year-olds.

This leaves fifteen stakes still open. The list comprises the Saratoga handicap, Saratoga cup, merchants' and citizens' handicap, champion handicap, Delaware handicap, Amsterdam selling and the Catskill selling for 3-year-olds and upward. For the 3-year-olds there are the Aaranac handicap, Huron handicap, Mohawk selling and the Seneca selling. For 2-year-olds there are the Saratoga special, Adirondack handicap, Albany handicap, the Kentucky selling for fillies and the Troy selling.

The stakes which have already closed are the Hopeful, Spinaway, Grand Union hotel, United States hotel and Flash for 2-year-olds and the Travers and Alabama for 3-year-olds. The Great Republic for this year will be changed, in that it will be a prize of $10,000 added instead of having a guaranteed value.

This year, by reason of the great number of high-class 3-year-olds, and notably Colin, some material additions will be made to the penalties for winners. Under the conditions that prevailed last year Colin would not have to pick up any penalty for all his magnificent victories. The penalty clauses did not in any manner affect 3-year-olds. It was "Winners in 1906 or 1907, when 3-year-olds or upward, to carry three pounds extra, of two such races five pounds extra."

The change in the conditions has not been definitely agreed upon, but there will be a clause penalizing the 3-year-olds that have won as 2-year-olds, while some other changes will be made looking to a good contest.

INTER-CLASS BASE BALL AT YALE

Steps Taken to Increase Interest in the Game.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 21.—For the purpose of creating an increased interest in base ball in the university and as a part of the system for developing material for the university nine the base ball management at Yale proposes this year to institute a series of interclass games. The plan in outline is to organize a team from each of the three upper classes of the academic department and each of the two upper classes of the scientific department, making five teams in all. These teams will compose what is to be called the Yale Interclass league, and a series of games will be arranged between them. As an incentive to the men to come out for these teams it is proposed to give the privilege of wearing class numerals to the members of the winning team of the series. The management proposes to supply the teams with base balls, bats and the necessary paraphernalia, and also to build and maintain diamonds at Yale field and Pratt field for the purpose of practice. Besides the coaching of the captains, the teams will receive instruction from the university players. It is intended to begin practice about April 1.

CORNELL'S CREW ON REAL WATER

Courtney Gets His Boys Out for Early Trial Work.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 21.—The Cornell varsity oarsmen dipped their sweeps into real water last week for the first time this year. The recent warm spell broke up the ice on the inlet and when Coach Courtney saw a stretch of open water he immediately ran up the flag which serves as a call to the crew candidates. Three crews were boated, and while Courtney trotted up and down the banks of the inlet the sweep swingers paddled away in short stretches to the tune of oral instructions from the "old man of rowing." The coach is much pleased with the early opportunity for practice.

Jack Dods, a member of the crews of 1906 and 1906, who was displaced last year because he was too heavy, rowed in the first boat. He has trained down ten pounds and is considered a sure man for the varsity. Four veterans were in the first combination. The crew rowed as follows: Clarke, bow; Dods, 2; Gavett, 3; Bayer, 4; Brinton, 5; Weede, 6; Koerner, 7; Cox, stroke; Clark, coxswain.

NEW IRISH WELTERWEIGHT HERE

Jack Killeen of Ballinasloe is Looking for a Fight.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A new Irish welterweight, Jack Killeen, a native of Ballinasloe, Ireland, has arrived in town, and his appearance at one of the local clubs may be expected in the near future. Killeen, although only 21 year old, has been fighting since the latter part of 1904 and has had twenty-one battles in that time, losing only two on points and winning fourteen by knockouts.

WITH THE COLLEGE ATHLETES

Doings in the Field of Sport in East and West.

ROWING SEASON STARTS EARLY

Better Results Expected Because of the More Favorable Weather—Cornell is in Need of a Coxswain.

The college rowing season of 1908 ought to produce crews of better quality than last year, if for no other reason than that the season has been so much earlier. About this time last spring the coaches were quite in despair. The waterways were frozen up, or where rivers were open for navigation the air was so cold that rowing could not be attempted. The coaches who came to the Hudson early in June all wanted to get in as much rowing as possible there, because with few exceptions the crews were short of work. Georgetown and the Naval academy, ts the most southern of the institutions represented, did not suffer as much as the others. Columbia, Cornell, Syracuse and Wisconsin all had complaint to make. The conditions at Wisconsin, hardly ever of the best, were probably the most unfavorable.

This season all the colleges have made progress and Cornell in particular was out on the water on March 11, much the earliest date in several years for the Ithacans. Last year Courtney complained when he reached the Hudson that his crew was nowhere near fit to race. He is bound, therefore, to take every possible advantage of favorable weather this season. The Cornell 'varsity crew viewed on its machine work only is composed of excellent elements. Courtney has Gavett, Dods and Cox of last year's 'varsity eight; Weed, who stroked the '09 class eight at Poughkeepsie and was a substitute last year; John Dods, who rowed in the 'varsity crew as a freshman and a sophomore, but was a substitute last year; Koerner of last year's freshman eight, and Brinton, the foot ball player, who has essayed rowing unsuccessfuly before, but this year looks like a 'varsity certainty. The only new man is Clarke.

The Cornell crew will be heavy, probably heavier than almost any other college boat. But the oarsmen have adaptability, in that they are able to row at a high stroke. Ordinarily a weighty crew is geared low. But Cox, who is commodore and stroke, has been taking the men along on the machines for short pieces at a very high stroke. In one case, a forty to the minute pace was maintained for about five minutes.

Cornell Crew Fast.

This need not be taken to mean that the Ithacans are going to try to row forty to the minute for four miles of Hudson water on June 27. But to the observer it looks as if Coach Courtney wasn't going to take any chances of another finish like that of last year. The Ithaca men won not because they spurted, but because Columbia faded away slightly at the end. So, perhaps, Courtney has his mind all made up that if there is going to be another close race his men will be prepared to get away from the others by pure speed and not make a three-foot victory of it by endurance. It is all very pretty to draw the finishes fine, but as Columbia is going to get different and better preliminary training this year, Cornell will have to adopt different tactics.

The average person is apt to regard the coxswain of a crew as a necessary encumbrance. He looks at the little chap who sits in the rear of the boat as a sort of impertinence, a fellow to talk it up among the oarsmen and to spur them on by sarcasm, appeal to loyalty or what not. Now, as a matter of fact, a coxswain has his very decided uses as a governor on the machine. It is he who directs the effort of the eight oarsmen, and he can by poor judgment nullify much of their effort. It was Taylor, the Cornell coxswain, who by deft management and clever steering was not a little responsible for the Cornell victory last spring, and the thing that Cornell most lacks this time is a man as clever as Taylor. The latter has been graduated and a severe competition now is on for a man to fill the place. Brainy steering and good management are huge factors in a close race, and Courtney will be badly off, no matter what the quality of the sweepmen in his boat, if he cannot get hold of a capable coxswain.

Harvard's Chances Good.

Harvard and Yale both have their crews on the water, the Cambridge men being not only ten days ahead of Yale, but in advance of the other colleges in starting the river work. Harvard's chances for a victory in the varsity race at New London on June 25 apparently are excellent. The material form the crimson rarely has been better, from points of quality and quantity, and there are some prophets who are willing to say that with the men left over from the eight Harvard should make up a four that would do for Yale's quartet. The New Haven men on their side have some veterans, but not so many as Harvard, and, in spite of the beating that Yale gave Harvard last spring at New London in the big race, hardly of as good quality.

In Harvard's veteran squad are Captain Richardson, Lunt, Severance, Faulkner and Fish, of whom Richardson and Fish have had two years' of 'varsity experience. Lunt is the man who replaced Glass the day before the big race last year. E. Bacon, stroke and captain of the 1910 freshman crew; Morgan, who rowed in the 'varsity two years ago and was a substitute last year, and Sargent, who was at No. 2 in last year's winning freshman eight, are the other men from whom the 'varsity probably will be made up. This is a heavy combination and powerful. It may be that the Harvard crew will hardly be as sluggish as it was last year. In the race against Columbia on the Charles the Harvard eight did not show to advantage through its somewhat dead style. The Yale crew was polished and snappy and therein was all the difference in the regatta at New London. The freshman candidates at Harvard this year have unique records. With but one exception the men who at present are seated as the 1911 boat have had rowing experience. Probably no other college ever has had such material for a first year crew. With men of this kind another winning freshman crew should be the result.

CLASSIC OF THE BICYCLE RACERS

Irvington-Milburn Twenty-Five Miles on Decoration Day.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The historic Irvington-Milburn twenty-five-mile bicycle road race will be held on Decoration day, May 30. The race will be held in the morning, as usual, starting at 11 o'cl