

SPORTS FOR THE DULL SEASON

Doings of the Athletic World Both Ashore and Afloat. PRAIRIE CHICKEN, WILD RICE AND MALLARDS

Down at El Paso—The Harness King—Foot Ball Necessities—The Brooklyn Handicap—The Scullers and Questions Answered.

IT IS very reasonable to expect that the Intercollegiate association will again thoroughly revise the foot ball rules before the opening of the campaign for 1896.

It is quite certain the present code of rules can be very materially improved. They are wretchedly incomplete and complicated, and are not calculated to increase the popularity of the game.

At present subject I notice a bill was introduced last Wednesday in the Massachusetts legislature, which, if it passes, will make it necessary for judges to post themselves up on the rules laid down for the guidance of referees and umpires in most all athletic sports.

A study of the athletic season in England for 1895 will show, notwithstanding affairs over there were gotten into a tangle by those officious gody-goods in sport, who always stickle for absolute purity in the ranks of the so-called amateurs, the record is one of the best they have ever recorded in all sorts of pastimes.

The changes contemplated in the League of American Wheelmen racing rules for 1896 are of such moment, that it is not probable that it will be provided for in a way that will put it in line with professionalism more than ever before.

It may not be generally known, but is still a fact, that Azote, the big son of Whips, is racing along in his daily work in the most encouraging and satisfactory manner.

John Ward says he has no desire to return to base ball. He is making his case before the national board simply because he thinks he has been unjustly reserved by the New York club in a porcine's valley.

Washington has more players signed than any club in the league, and will probably lose more games. Now let the band play on. Uncle Anson has made his empty-second annual prediction that the Chicago's will win the pennant.

Some one has started the yarn that Fred Ely is going on the stage. Some of these days the vigilantes will get down to their old business again.

It looks now very much as if the Yale-Oxford-Cambridge race would not eventuate, but there is no good reason why these crews should not measure strength this summer.

The Brooklyn handicap closed on Thursday last with twenty-nine entries, the character of a large number of which is in admirably good shape. The candidates for the money are Dr. Rice, E. B. Kelly, the great 4-year-old Halma, St. Maxim, Ben Hursh, Helmar, Bright Phoebe, Clifford, Commodore, Tom, Brian, Emma, C. Flora Thornton, Forget, Governor, Sheehan, Handspring, Henry of Navarre, Hornpipe, Keenan, King Arthur III, Lake Shore, Lazarus, Nankiville, and Primrose.

A California paper says: It is gratifying to note that James Gordon Bennett's first year with trotters has been a success. It will be remembered that early in the year the proprietor of the New York Herald purchased three high class trotters in Australia, Helen Leyburn and Grace Simmons, for racing on the European turf.

ventures did wonders toward increasing the demand for the American-bred trotter. In England, the Washington Post, in its criticism he will still further enhance the interests of the breeding industry throughout the old world.

The Sydney, Australia, Referee says that John Stambury of Sydney and the antipodean champion sculler, and Wag Harding, the English crack, have about completed all arrangements for a match for the world's championship rowing match for \$2,500 a side, to take place on the Thames, London, next September.

Jim Hill and Joe Choyinski stacked up a splendid scrap in their meeting Monday afternoon at New York. There was no doubt but that the affair would end in a draw.

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A sandhills friend informs me that a big planting of wild rice is to be made in the spring, and desires dressings for putting in the seed. I fortunately know something of the manner in which this favorite duck food should be prepared.

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