

SPORTS OF THE WEEK.

WHAT IS BEING DONE BY ATHLETES IN EVERY LINE.

THE long looked for Olympic games in connection with the Paris exposition are now close at hand. They were scheduled to begin on Sunday, July 15, but owing to the representations of Mr. A. G. Spalding, the American director of sports, the events in which our athletes have entered will not be held until the following day.

A large number of American athletes are now in France getting over their sea legs. Prominent among them are the teams from Princeton, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Georgetown and the New York A. C. Among the athletes who have entered individually may be mentioned Dave Hall of Brown university and John Bray, the crack distance runner of Williams college.

As probably a fourth of the athletes who have entered for the various track and field events hail from America, it is only to be expected that a fair share of the events will be won by our representatives, especially as several of the Americans are world beaters at their specialties. With Flanagan and Sheldon of the New York Athletic club and McCracken of Pennsylvania in the weight events, our boys should have practically a sweep in the hammer throwing and weight competitions.

The coming bout between Frank Erne, the lightweight champion, and Terry McGovern, who holds the title in the featherweight division, is making lots of talk. According to the articles of agreement, Erne must whip McGovern before the ten rounds of the encounter are over or lose the purse, which is said to be 99 per cent of the gate receipts. The pair will clash on July 16 at 125 pounds, time of weighing in to be at the ring side. The sports think Erne is foolish in making the match, for at 125 pounds he will be decidedly weak. Some people, indeed, go so far as to declare that instead of the lightweight stopping his opponent within the limit the chances are that McGovern will put Erne to sleep before ten rounds have elapsed.

The affair is to take place in Madison Square Garden, New York, and will inaugurate the opening of the new Twentieth Century A. C. in that city.

Terry McGovern's manager seems to believe in getting money while the sun shines, for he is making lots of engagements for his protégé. As most of Terry's fights so far have not been of long duration and have not given him more exercise than he would get in his gymnasium training, it is probable that this continuous performance business won't injure him. But if Terry should come up against a difficult proposition in the near future in the person of some hard hitter who will give him a good pummeling before succumbing to the onslaught of the lad from Gowanus it is possible that McGovern would soon find this business of meeting fighters "between meals," so to speak, a little too arduous.

The cycle racing season so far has certainly been very successful. The riders have shown such speed in the early part of the season as in former years was not attained until nearly the end of the summer. Several records have already gone by the board, and it is probable that more will be eclipsed before the month is over. Match races and motor paced events have been the principal features of the various meets.

While several of the leaders have shown splendid form, the champion of 1900 is not yet pre-eminent. The flier who is to wear the title has a hard fight ahead of him before he can claim the laurels. The forthcoming L. A. W. meet at Milwaukee, at which some of

the championship events are to be decided, ought to give the cranks a line on the probable standing of the aspirants at the end of the outdoor season. The fact that the L. A. W. and N. C. A. will work together at this meet for mutual benefit ought to make the affair a howling success.

The "whistlers" are supposed to be in their glory during the winter, but your true whist playing fiend does not desert from his favorite pastime because the days are hot and the long summer evenings make most people prefer to spend their time outdoors. As soon as

the summer comes the experts begin to look forward to their annual meet, which this year will be held at Niagara Falls. Last year the congress was held at Chicago, and, despite the reputation that city has for heat, was a great success.

It is thought that the added inducement of a week at the great summer resort will attract a host of players who otherwise would not attend. The congress, which is the tenth annual one of the American Whist league, will begin on July 9 and last until the following Saturday.

The amount of flesh that the average fighter takes off when preparing for a contest would surprise most people. "Spitz" Sullivan, the lightweight, fights at 150 or 155 pounds, but when not in training weighs about 150. George Mc-

Clain, another well known lightweight, weighs about 150 when not in training, yet gets down to 135 pounds or even lower. Joe Gans, the colored lightweight, weighs even heavier than either of these men when not preparing for a contest, his ordinary weight being about 155 pounds. Terry McGovern, the champion featherweight, can fight at 116 or 120 pounds, but as a rule he weighs in the neighborhood of 140 pounds.

Joe Youngs, the Buffalo pugilist, fights at 175 or even 180, yet when he gives up the hard work of taking off flesh he tips the scale at over 180 pounds. "Kid" Broad weighs 150 pounds, yet gets down to 124 when preparing for a bout. Jim Jeffries, the heavyweight champion, fought Corbett weighing probably 210 pounds, yet normally he weighs in the neighborhood of 245 pounds. And so it goes throughout the whole list.

The effect this taking off of flesh has on different men is very peculiar. Some ordinarily are perceptibly fat when out of training, and when in fighting trim look fit to battle for their lives; others, again, when ready to enter the ring look as if they were candidates for a consumptive's sanitarium. Tommy White, the Chicago boy who was recently defeated by Terry McGovern, is one of these. When in the ring, he is

very pale and looks as if he had not an ounce of strength in his body.

Although cries for the restoration of the double umpire system in the National Baseball league have gone up all over the country, no attempt has been made by the magnates to put it into effect. Instead they have had interviews put in the papers with John B. Day, chief of umpires, and others who are paid salaries by the league and consequently dare not say what they really think. In which the present plan is lauded to the skies in spite of its utter inefficiency.

Every day disgraceful scenes are enacted on the diamond, and the need for two umpires in each game is more and more apparent. As the season draws to a close and the real race for the flag narrows down to two or three teams this need will be emphasized. Every game will be hotly fought, and base runners will be bated in their anxiety to reach the home plate and will interfere with fielders and in various ways endeavor to win games fairly or otherwise.

It is possible that the magnates will then come to a realization of their great mistake, though it is probable that men who will not heed the cry now will pay no attention later on, however forcibly their attention may be called to the trouble.

All the oarsmen who intend to take part in the races on the speedway course on the Harlem river, where the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will hold its annual regatta on July 19, 20 and 21, are busy putting the final touches to their training. As over 20 of these oarsmen will be sent by the association as its representatives at the Olympic games to be held at Paris, the greatest of care is being taken by all who think they have a chance to go over to get into the finest possible shape for the coming races.

Our oarsmen when in Paris will find that the rivals they have most to fear are those who represent English clubs. In that country rowing has been a national sport for half a century, and the art is learned by most of the English experts when small children. Still our neutral waters as they would if the races were to be contested on the home waters of the Britishers. Both will have to get acclimatized, though in that one point probably the Englishmen will have a little the better of our fellows. The races will be a splendid test of the skill and endurance of the oarsmen of the two great rowing countries of the world, and our only hope is that no accident will arise which will mar the sport and not bring the best men to the front in every race.

LEO ETHERINGTON.

CAME OF AGE AND DIED.

The Church and Stage guild, which has existed 21 years in England, has given up the ghost. The clergyman who founded it was at first prohibited from preaching in London, but later had the offer of a curacy from the bishop of Canterbury as a reward for the good his society had accomplished.

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THE L. A. W. MEET.

GAY TIMES AHEAD FOR CYCLISTS AT MILWAUKEE.

THE twenty-first annual national meet of the League of American Wheelmen will be held at Milwaukee, July 10-15. During the week everything in cycling will center on the Wisconsin city, for the meet is the one great gathering of the year for wheelmen. The spirit of the wheel in all its most pleasant forms will pervade the affair; everything done will have pleasure as its objective. The business meeting, known as the national assembly, is held in February; consequently there will be no consideration of weighty measures, ways and means or constitutions and bylaws to keep the participants from having all the fun they can crowd into one week.

Milwaukee has provided an elaborate programme for the entertainment of her visitors. Tuesday morning, July 10,

at Chicago for the trip to Milwaukee, and those from the west and northwest to meet at St. Paul and Minneapolis, whence they will take trains to within 100 miles of Milwaukee, when the run will start. A reception committee will meet both divisions on the road, and it is planned to have both parties enter the city together.

A special committee to entertain women visitors has been appointed. It consists of the leading wheelwomen of the city, who will have representatives at all the leading hotels, and guests of the fair sex will have entertainments entirely independent of the men.

The meet would not be complete without races, and these will be provided under sanction of the National Cycling association. They will be held in the Exposition building on a track especial-



A GREAT CHESS PLAYER.

One of the most striking features of the recent international chess masters' tournament at Paris was the wonderful showing made by Frank J. Marshall, the young American expert who tied for third place with Maroczy. Marshall's first experience in an international tourney took place only a year ago, when he won in a minor tournament in London. He also had a place in the match between this country and Great Britain last spring. Marshall is a New Yorker and belongs to the Manhattan Chess club of that city.

plementary meet Sunday night. Amateur: 1 C. U. trial, one-third mile. Dornier handicap, two miles; prizes valued at \$35, \$20 and \$10. Saturday, July 14.—Professional: National championship, two miles; prizes, \$150, \$75 and \$25. Sanger handicap, one mile; prizes, \$100, \$50, \$20 and \$10. Middle distance match, 15 miles; prizes, \$150 and \$100. Amateur: 1 C. U. trial, two miles. One-third mile handicap; prizes valued at \$35, \$20 and \$10.

Sunday Night, July 15.—Professional: One-third mile dash; prizes, \$100, \$50 and \$25. Amateur: One mile open; prizes valued at \$35, \$25 and \$10.

To the above programme will be added a number of special events, including match races, record breaking attempts and motor races.

In summing up all that is promised for the twenty-first national meet of the League of American Wheelmen one cannot help feeling assured that it will eclipse all of its predecessors. The revival of cycling, the complete harmony of the L. A. W. and the N. C. A. and the longing of the wheelmen from all parts of the country to visit Milwaukee, "the

A SURE SHOT INDEED.

Annie Oakley, the little woman with Buffalo Bill's show, thinks she will have to retire from shooting, as she cannot keep pace with the marksmanship described in an article published in that great New York daily that gives its readers more shooting and fishing stories that are not true than any other paper in the country. Some country man recently managed to get hold of this particular story and took particular pains to send it to Little Sure Shot.

It appears that Jack Vance, a cowboy, was on trial in a small town on a charge of shooting at a brakeman on the Burlington route with intent to kill. Vance claimed in court that he was able to prove his innocence if given a chance. So everybody, court included, adjourned to the open, and then Vance, with a borrowed revolver, held a postage stamp between the thumb and forefinger of his left hand and blazed away, clipping off each corner of the stamp in rapid succession. Next he asked a spectator to suspend a hickory nut from a thread. Walking off 30 feet, he turned about, and at the first shot cut the thread. Taking six tacks, he placed them loosely in a piece of wood 25 yards away. Borrowing a watch from a bystander, he opened it, and, using the case for a mirror, shot with his back to the mark and drove each tack home without a miss. Whew! Wouldn't that jar you? The brakeman, after witnessing this exhibition, was satisfied that the cowboy was not shooting at him, and Vance was discharged—at least so the story goes.

As a matter of fact, Miss Oakley will probably soon have to give up shooting for a very different and very pathetic reason—her eyesight is going back on her so that she cannot see as well as she used to do.

BOWLING RECORD BROKEN.

It has taken just ten years for the record five men team score of 1,102, made by the Fearless Bowling club of Brooklyn in the Arlington tournament, to be lowered. The Empire team in the Harlem league, Manhattan, recently made 1,102.

Some idea of the difficulty of making such a score, as well as the progress of the sport since the adoption of the new style and size of pins in 1890, can be obtained from the following facts and figures: Till 1890, when the Fearless made its score, 1,000 had never been rolled by five men in a tournament game. In 1894 three clubs succeeded in passing it—Alpha, Newark, 1,011; Apollo, Brooklyn, 1,025; Inosquo, Newark, 1,064. The following year one club—the Orchard of New York—rolled 1,067. Up to the present time only 18 clubs have rolled between 1,000 and 1,100 out of the many thousands of games played.

While Brooklyn has lost the high five men team tournament record, she still retains, and is likely to for some time to come, the high individual tournament score of 298, made by C. T. Walters in Gordon's tournament in 1895. This score is within two pins of the maximum score. The possible 300 has only been rolled three times, and then in practice games, by W. B. Sellers, Brooklyn; G. Wadleigh, Jersey City A. C. and Whittlessey of New York.

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JEROME SYKES, A NEW COMIC OPERA STAR.

Jerome Sykes, whose principal fame as a comedian rests upon his interpretation of the role of Foxy Quiller in Smith and De Koven's comic opera, "The Highwayman," will be sent out next season as the star of a new opera by the same authors entitled "Foxy Quiller." While there are those who regard Mr. Sykes as a veritable buffoon, there are others who think he is about the drollest comedian on the American stage. At any rate he succeeds in making his auditors laugh, which, after all, is what comedians are supposed to do.

THE MIDSUMMER STAGE.

Edmond Rostand's next play will be written for Sara Bernhardt, but will not provide for her another male character. The scene is in Rome under the rule of Nero. A young Christian girl gives herself to the emperor to save her lover from death, but the tyrant does not keep his word and determines that his old rival shall, with an old bishop,

be given to the lions. The girl throws herself from the royal box between her lover and the beasts, but in vain. Both are torn by the beasts and die in the arena to the last blessing of the wounded bishop.

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To Mr. T. J. Sullivan, the representative of the Citizens' Business league, the meet will owe all of its more successful features. Mr. Sullivan has fairly filled the programme with attractive events, and it is owing to his efforts and to those of the Business league that the meet was located in Milwaukee.

GEORGE L. MCCARTHY.

Henrik Ibsen sometimes has his troubles, even in his own country. A National League For the Suppression of Immoral Plays has been formed in Norway and Sweden, and Ibsen's dramas are specifically mentioned among those which should not be permitted.

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