Varsity Oarsmen To Contest In Intercollegiate Rowing Regatta at Poughkeepsie

Yale Versus Harvard on the Thames

DURING the next two months several boating contests of national importance will be scheduled to take place. On the side of the north the great inter-collegiate rowing regatta between crews of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia and Wisconsin will take place on the Hudson river near Poughkeepsie. The crews there will be a fast racing now between contending Cornell and Pennsylvania, and the Columbia eights of the Pacific coast will also make a long jaunt for supremacy.

This regatta, referred to in full on the Hudson river will be the first trial of the long talked of American Henley. The idea of having a representative organization to take charge of the many details connected with college and prep school rowing on the Hudson, and the stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association last January in New York. At that meeting there were present a number of well known men who are interested in the success of amateur oarsmanship, and it was voted to organize under the title of the Poughkeepsie Regatta Association. Mr. Theodore C. E. Lambert was elected president and Fred R. Furbender, the popular secretary of the N. A. A. C., was made secretary of the new association. He was also appointed chairman of the regatta committee and has charge of all the details connected with the carnival except the work of looking after the visiting crews.

Two days after the regatta on the Hudson there will be held three races on the Thames, near New London, Conn., between crews representing Harvard and Yale. On that day, June 24, the President of the two universities will row two crews with the boys. The start is to be made at 9 o'clock in the morning. The course will be two miles in length. At 2:30 in the afternoon the freshmen of the two varsity crews will row down stream with the tide, now a two mile course in four oared shells with coxswains. At 4:30 in the afternoon the varsity fours will row upstream against the tide, the crews rowed four miles with the tide over the regular four mile course. Should it be necessary to postpone these races for any reason they will take place the next day at the same hours.

It will be remembered by those who are interested in college rowing matters that Yale and Harvard defeated Cornell, their rivals, to take part in their race at New London. Cornell decided to retire, owing to her crews meeting with the Alert other universities and also owing to her awkwardness in rowing on the Thames.

There is a great increase of interest in rowing this year, especially in the ranks of the college crews. Two crews which were the recent cause between the "Jewett" crews of Cornell and Yale and the contest between a Yale crew and the second crew of Harvard, Cornell have an idea that we are now hearing the end of the competition period in the life of the sport and that henceforth it will be more fraternal and limited than heretofore and its merits fittingly acknowledged. Cornell has probably more cause to resent the rowing interest than any other American college, and her attitude has always been thoroughly sportsmanlike. The crew that year will be sure to be Poughkeepsie Courier knows how to do business and appreciate a good thing better than any professional oarsman in America, and he generally has good stuff to select from. His particular crew will become and have been so successful in past years for him to change them. Nevertheless he is far too good a general not to show that whom their he progressive "Yale" hotel, in circumstances. Consequently he is continually picking up new gents and importing them to his crews. The result, unfortunately of Ireland in the rabbit hole has wonderfully added him to developing the eight.

Cornell's most dangerous competitor this year will be left Columbia in Pacific. The boys and crew were the first to get to the course and are practically on their home water. They have a splendid coach in the boat and he has frequently expressed himself as being pleased with the fine work of the crews. The varsity eight will probably be as follows: Bow, Ryan; 2, Ryan; 3, Bryant; 4, Le Fever; 5, Nash; 6, Harvey; 7, Nolan; stroke, Fitzsimmons; coxswain, Hogle. This is an eight so strong about 10 pounds and will prob-

SOME VARSITY CREW CAPTAINS.

to the last four. This year Wisconsin will have about six days practice over the course and should be in good shape. Regatta Secretary Furbender tells me that Coach McGrath has absolute confidence in the ability of his men to win the race. McGrath, who has replaced Andy O'Day, last year's coach, has had a lot of experience with the Yours Terse" strike and, moreover, has the material to work with.

The difficulty of weight was one which troubled the authorities at Yale to some extent at the beginning of the season. This has been solved to some extent, but still the average weight of the crew is certainly a matter for grave consideration. The head coach, not to test all rumors about at the beginning of the contest practice which claimed that the crews had something wrong, but that attention from the one known as the Cook crew. He said that while he would rather that he has of late years been in the habit of having the crew weight reduced, the difficulty made it necessary to the practice of 1896 and 1897 rather than the adoption of a new style. But Cook always claimed that he would strongly prefer to compete with Dean England and caught at New Haven but been modified to the Yonkers contest rather than to him. After the experience at Henley he thought it best to return to four oarsmen, and this is what has been done this season.

The eight as at present constituted is as follows: Bow, Greenleaf; 2, Wilson; 3, Gaylord; 4, Flint; 5, Brown; 6, Allen; 7, Sieberling; stroke, Williams; coxswain, Driscoll and Wilson are the only one from last year. The others are veterans of two years' service. Greenleaf, Gaylord, Brown and Williams will be the new to represent Yale in the four oared race with Harvard. Brown rowed in last year's varsity crew and Greenleaf is the 'Jr varsity boat.

Harvard's varsity eight as at present distributed in the boat is Parker in bow, Ryder in 2, Dwight in 3, Bowditch in the crew will probably be mixed from the following men: Higginson, Parker, Tilton, Bowditch, Ryder, Brett, Hayes, Shaler, Lawrence, Hayes, Ryder, Peirce, Adams, Hooker and Morris. This system of not setting the crew until all the men have been tried and is a good one. Harvard's crew last year was not so. How much better it have been undoubtedly against a number of men than for only a month for it to be tried and the crew's make up. The Newell and Weld boat Cliff have been of immense aid in developing Harvard oarsmen during the past two years. To the same structure and the selection of varsity crews from them. In fact, a new spirit of sportsmanship has been seen and the assurance that the result of the contest will be good in all that pertains to athletics.

There have been a good deal of talk and numerous discussions of late in regard to the proper distance for a four-oared boat race. A great many people are in favor of making the course two miles instead of four. Some have stated that the allowance of three miles instead of four, as is the custom at present. The advocates of the change assert that it would be better for the rowing crews to row a two mile course than a four mile one. The Yale and Harvard crews were the crews were there when the race was first rowed. Yale and Harvard crews were the crews were there when the race was first rowed. Yale and Harvard crews were the crews were there when the race was first rowed.