

THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW

The City Tennis Tournament is now a thing of the past, and Rockwood colors have not been lowered. Our Club had done so well all season that we looked for championship honors to come westward, although it was hardly expected that two championships would be captured. The entries were hardly as numerous as in other years, but the average tennis was better—decidedly so. Dr. Forster opened the ball for Rockwood and defeated Mr. Burstall, next day he followed up his success by defeating Mr. Harvey. "Jimmy" Gage made his appearance then, and as ill luck, or a poor draw would have it, was forced to play last year's champion, "Bobby" Irving. As Bobby is three parts Rockwood and one part City Club, we regarded this contest with dismay, as it meant the shutting out of one of our best. Bobby played beautiful tennis, but was beaten out at last. Dr. Clarke and Jimmy Gage played in doubles against Dyde and Burstall, winning easily, then against their club companions, Dr. Forster and Bobby Irving. This was a fine contest, fought out with determination, but was won by C. and G. Now came the finals against those who had been working up from the other end of the line, where our Mr. Forde had come to grief against the redoubtable Smith. The final doubles were first played, Smith and Robinson vs. Clarke and Gage. Things looked a little blue for Rockwood for a time, as S. and R. played a tremendous game, but endurance and skill at last enabled our players to win. The final singles developed one of the most exciting contests ever witnessed on the City Tennis Courts. A. Smith is one of the steady calculating players, able to get anything and to place with deadly precision. Jimmy is a "smasher," and plays with great speed. The contest finally resolved itself into

a question of endurance, so even was the play, but of course our young hero pulled out in the end. It was too bad that such brilliant players as Dr. Forster and Irving could not win too, but such is tennis. The ladies doubles were won by Miss Cherry Steers and Miss Drury—the singles by Miss Norton, Taylor. Miss Steers was looked on as a sure winner of the singles, but seemed to tire before the last set was finished.

The Skiff Races had rather a tame ending, as some of the city boys, for some unaccountable reason, seemed to lose interest. The score at one time stood, Wonka, one; Fearless, one; Trilby, one; this made a decidedly interesting state of affairs. The Wonka was allowed to win a second race without opposition, and the last race found merely the Wonka and Buzz at the starting line. The "Buzz" went to pieces "metaphorically," although she had given proof of being one of the fastest skiffs of the lot in earlier races, and there is an impression that she could do excellent work.

The Prizes—Silver Cups—will be presented to the winners, Flirt and Wonka, in a few days.

(FROM WHIG OF SEPT. 9. '95.)

"Yesterday afternoon a wild pigeon was noticed in a flock of tame ones, on Division street. This is an extraordinary occurrence. The pigeon went in with the flock a couple of days ago, and has been with them since. John Theobald who saw the pigeon, and who has hunted for such game all his life, says it is the first wild pigeon he has seen in this section for fifteen years."

[On March 31st, 1882, two wild pigeons were seen in the Rockwood grounds. These birds were here for some time. None have been noticed since that date.—C. K. C.]