Sporting Events.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Corbett's continued [illegible] is seeming the public. [illegible] will scarcely credit him with being the author of the interviews which have almost daily been credited to the Californian. They would rather seem to be the work of that pestiferous [illegible] Brady, who poses as his manager, and whose alleged inside knowledge of Governor Mitchell's intentions has certainly had the reverse effect of what was intended. The club should long ago have muzzled Brady.

One would imagine if he did not know to the contrary that some of Mr. Seagrave's horses were [illegible] at San Francisco. Sacramento and [illegible] are frequent starters there. Other Canadian horses have also figured as starters at other tracks, which, as a matter of fact, they were thousands of miles away. Mackenzie, the stock-schemer, was one day carried at the Lexington, and Mars, of the Hickory string, won among the entries recently in a sprinting race at New Orleans.

A bill having for its object the suppression of betting and gambling has been introduced in the New South Wales Parliament. A correspondent of an English [illegible] says: "[illegible] and that [illegible] is about to defeat some of the [illegible] bills put out are absurdly ridiculous, and one was to enforce fines and penalties upon anyone loitering within a hundred yards of any racing enclosure. The absurdity of this at first sight the same parent to the author of the bill, and he has amended it.

Walter Burnham will shortly visit Toronto with a view of inducing local capitalists to assist him in securing a franchise for this city in the Eastern Baseball League. The gentlemen who control the affairs of that body are anxious to have Toronto in their association. Buffalo more than any other city is against Toronto's admission on the backers of that club are said to be willing to furnish a portion of the funds of war. Mr. W. J. Smith the owner of the ball grounds, apparently holds the key to the situation. If he will deal liberally in the matter of the rental of the grounds, Mr. Burnham and his associates believe the point of locality will have been removed, and that thereafter there will be plain sailing.

THE TURF.

HOW THE PLUNGERS FARED.

American race tracks gave $5,000,000 in stakes and purses to horse-owners in 1893. They charged bookmakers about $[illegible] for the privilege of accommodating the betting public. That public bet about $[illegible],000,000 on tracks and in pool rooms and fully $100,000,000 played with the bookmakers. It was not a good year, either.

Money was scarce in the East. There was more of it in Chicago and the West, notably St. Louis. Eastern bookmakers said that at Hawthorne in the fall there was more average money in sight than on the Board of Control tracks. A $[illegible],000 book could be readily made. Of course there were casualties in the ranks of the dashing army of players that began the campaign last April. The public comes and goes in its unknown way, and keeps the game alive without recognition. But the "regulars," "plungers" and "handicappers" are familiar and fascinating figures in the betting ring, where sharp afternoon battles are fought and won and lost. Some notable warriors were knocked out during the season. Chief among them was Frank Shaw. He was "broke" when the season ended. A bad campaign against the Western bookmakers at Chicago followed a far from good start at St. Louis, and what with bad bets, personal and in his pool rooms, the intrepid little Minneapolis plunger was swamped. Shaw will come again, though. Chris. Smith was badly hurt at least. His stable cost $40,000, and he lost it and $25,000 more. That was all he had. Smith was an owner, but a good speculator, and when he lost or sells his horses will [illegible] and [illegible] not a cluster of [illegible] shooting, but when [illegible] the season's race, is Arthur White, now doing "the best he can" here with Clara White, Tim Murphy, and a few others. White is a daring player, yet, for what he has, but his possessions are intermittent. Barney Wolf lost heavily on the season. He was one of the big operators of the West. George Morgan of the Kentucky Stable, and a million bookmaker of courage and financial size, is in nearly as bad a way as Shaw. The turf, his Chicago gambling-house, and several side ventures were all losers, and Morgan is not flush. Jack Chinn shared his losses. Henry Brown is nearly "broke." Argo and Stubblefield had a bad year. So did Dan Hogan. His horses began at New Orleans in the early spring. A lot of the Western operators made profits on a season of ups and downs. Here is an estimate by one of the best-posted bookmakers in the West of the winners and their profits:—

John O'Neil, $60,000, made on and off the block in Frank Ecker, $40,000 [illegible] in the book, best for [illegible] Hoffman, $45,000, book with Lehr and on the outside Barney Schreier, $70,000, in the ring and with his stable; Abe Levy, $25,000, out of an unusually streaky season; Joe Ullman, $200,000, the profits of a good early season at East St. Louis, his Chicago gambling-house, and his interest in the Fair Break at Hawthorne; Max Blumenstein, $10,000, on a record more rocky than Levy's; Gus Bluhm, $50,000; Walters & Snyder, $50,000; Byron Mutt, $50,000; Leo Mayer, $100,000, made in book, card gambling, and as a bettor; Bill Beverly, $90,000; Bob Holloway, $60,000; Marcus Cartwright, $40,000; John Donovan, $40,000—a good show won on the election line last year; Leo Klein, side partner of Leigh & Rose, $12,000; Bob Rose, Clifford's owner, $35,000; Boley made, in betting, $25,000.

The Applegate confederacy won $250,000, including Riley Grannan's winnings here and in the East.

This same Grannan is a unique figure both as a bettor and book maker. He surprises one when first seen on the block shouting his odds. You hardly think he is a regular man until you find that he'll "lay you a thousand to 100" with calmness and hot the order denizens of the ring against their good things $1,000 a crack. To the uninitiated there's a mystery about the man. When he first came out he seemed to know where he got his money. It came from the Applegate clique. When he had won and lost and won and lost the game at New Orleans this spring, under Applegate's eyes Grannan went up the Western line, won a lot of money, and after the American Derby went East to board the turf from [illegible] he has been as he had boarded him in 189[illegible]. He won again, drifted out here, landed $50,000 on three or four races, and was ruled off. The Applegate influence will probably relieve the youngster. When the kid first went East the sharpers laughed at and played for him. He took their money and kept it. Then the old-time gamblers wondered who he was. Mike Dwyer offered him a $20,000 set. He took and kept it. Grannan's game is to knock down favourites, and many have fallen. Less than 28 per cent. win if a man can last and pick. The Bridge has cheap cost Grannan $15,000, but he has won $[illegible],000 in two seasons and some respect.

All the oldsters declare that the game is declining. That's the pessimism of age. It is growing in volume and losing in individuality. There are fewer $10,000 to $12,000 bets, and a great many more of $100 to $120.

We do not often hear of such big bets as the Pulsifer-Murphy $10,000 to $2,000 with George Whelock. Dwyer [illegible] Tommy Sheridan match. Dave Pulsifer keeps the ticket for a pocket piece yet. He lost. But it was not an average. There are far more $1,000 bets put down in these days than in those when "Plunger" Walton landed $800,000 on the Cacomewitch and Cambridgeshire Watch Foxhall won.

The Eastern winners and losers are both more numerously tabbed than those of the West. They are three times as numerous in the turf workshop. Gay and debonair Michael F. Dwyer is said to be $225,000 shy, while his grey and gloomy brother Phil is $12,000 to the good, and his ponderous partner and pupil, Dick Croker, is $40,000 ahead of the year's game. There's a suggestive story of even stake playing in the fortunes of this group. Adonis Dave Johnson is still a physical picture, but a financial horror, with a future and less confidence and more hope than he once had. "Fred." Walbaum beat the year some $250,000 on the race track and many books and turf curves. Nick Caustin, both [illegible] was a winner [illegible] was pocketed [illegible] the season [illegible] $[illegible] Ben B. [illegible] 1 1 3 Little [illegible] 2 2 2 Time—2.24, 2.26, 2.[illegible]

Name race purse $150—

[illegible]

CLOSING AT PORT HOPE RACES.

Port Hope, Jan. 18.—[illegible] last day of the Port Hope [illegible] follows:—

2.40 class—

Blamie B	[illegible]	1	1	1
Lady Rosdyke	[illegible]	3	4	2
Canadian Gold [illegible]	[illegible]	2	3	4
Last Chance	[illegible]	4	2	3
Corsican	[illegible]	5	5	5

Time—2.29½, 2.30, 2.23.

Free for all—

Leander	[illegible]	1	1	1
Gay Alan	[illegible]	3	2	2
Frank L	[illegible]	2	3	3
Little Jim	[illegible]	4	4	4

Time—2.20, 2.20, 2.27.

*Dropped out.

Attendance, 5,000; wet; track heavy.

ITEMS.

A number of range horses have left Colorado and Wyoming for a disease of the throat causing spasms of the glottis. The State veterinarians are trying to find the cause. The authority believes it due to a weed. The horses are apparently all right until they move around, then they are choked [illegible] spasms of the glottis. The horses linger for ten days to two months and then the horse is choked with it expires.

W. J. Andrews, the well-known professional rainman of Buffalo does not think that 2:10 will be beaten by any trotter or pacer this year, and is willing to back his opinion. Of all the horses that have a chance of lowering the pacing record he thinks that Robert J.'s prospects are the best, provided he comes out in as good form as when he was pulled last fall. He says that if Mascot were trained for a record-breaking only the time he could pace a mile in 2.03 [illegible].

ICE TROTTING AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Two splendid trotting races took place to-day on the Jacques Cartier ice track, [illegible] large a crowd as on Thursday, [illegible] the sport. The management of the track before the season opened guaranteed the public that their programme for the winter would surpass in fur that of last winter, and up to the present they have more than kept to their word. To-day there was a named race and a 2.28 class, and the heats were well split up. Four heats were trotted in the named race, and owing to darkness it was found necessary to postpone the finish till Monday. In the 2.28 class Caughnawaga Girl was well up very poorly on account of bad driving, and after the second heat the driver was taken out of the sulky for good work, but he was off in the first heat but won the three next, though in each she had nothing to spare. In the named race Mollie Stanton was [illegible] but in the four heats she could not get a position better than third. Alexis and Dexter each took two heats and the finish on Monday ought to be decided in one heat. Summary:

2.28 class, purse $[illegible]

Maud D.	[illegible]	2	1	1
Folly	[illegible]	1	3	4
Bartender	[illegible]	4	2	2
Caughnawaga Girl	[illegible]	3	4	3

Time—2.40, 2.41, 2.41, 2.43.

Named race, purse $150—

Alexis	[illegible]	1	2	1
Dexter	[illegible]	4	1	2
Lady of the Woods	[illegible]	2	6	3
Mollie Stanton	[illegible]	3	4	4
Minnie Williams	[illegible]	6	3	5
Rosey D	[illegible]	5	5	6

Time—2.41, 2.45, 2.46, 2.48.

A FEMALE BOOKMAKER.

Women who are anxious to try their luck in beating the races have until recently been [illegible] the habit of patronizing a pool-room "for women only" in the Rochester hotel, on Bleecker street, in New York city. This place was run by Miss Jennie Perrice, and was backed by [illegible] Allison. The place was closed recently, but Miss Perrice was [illegible] [illegible] would be continued in quiet [illegible] in the parlours of her residence, at 27 Charles street. Father [illegible] Miss Martha Belmont on Wednesday. She had a tip on Gaiety Brown, played it and won, but couldn't get her money. With the receipts to have paid up her winnings she went to Canada. Delaney and Miss Perrice were left up. Miss Belmont told Justice Ryan the pool-room did a large business, all its customers being women, and that many from uptown drove daily in their carriages to place their money on the horses.

THE RING.

DUVAL CLUB'S MANIFESTO.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 17.—The Duval Athletic Club announces the following:—"The Duval Athletic Club makes this their final and most positive announcement:

"The Corbett-Mitchell contest will take place on January 25th, 1894. Reports have been sent out that Governor Mitchell has ordered troops to Jacksonville for the sole purpose of suppressing the contest. Notwithstanding these reports the club reiterates its past assertions, and for a week has been arranging for an emergency of this kind. Should the troops be sent here, which the club does not believe, that any violence would be participated in by them yet we will not subject our patrons to the slightest danger of any kind. So thorough and complete are our arrangements that should an emergency of any kind arise on the morning of the 25th we are prepared to handle 6,000 people with the greatest convenience. This will be no fizzling affair, where the people were subjected to a long, tedious, and bad ride, but it will be done as quickly and conveniently as though it occurred in the arena now ready for this contest. Once more we say to all friends and lovers of boxing, if you are in Jacksonville on the 24th of January, 1894, and care to see the Corbett and Mitchell contest, you can do so after arranging for the necessary tickets."

The following statement from Corbett has also been given out:—

"I take this opportunity of informing my friends throughout the country that I have received assurances from the Duval Athletic Club which warrant me in saying that the contest between Chas. Mitchell and myself will positively take place in Jacksonville, Fla., in that city's immediate vicinity, January 25th, provided both of the principals appear in the ring."

The above statement by the club means that the fight will be fought in the woods. It is understood that the club people have purchased a huge circus tent, capable of holding 6,000 people, and will bring the men together under canvas. As to the precise location of the contest no hint will be given by the club officials.

ANOTHER CORBETT STORY.

New Orleans Jan. 17.—A telegram received by a well-known sport in this city from Jim Corbett, said that the fight would not come off in Jacksonville, and advised him not to leave the city on his contemplated trip to Florida.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana is expected to hand down a decision in the Olympic Club case next Monday, and if it sustains the jury's verdict a purse will be offered to the pugilists to come here.

CANNOT GO TO MONTANA.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 17.—Governor Rickard's attention was called to-day to two bids for the Corbett-Mitchell fight, stating that no interference from officers of the law of Montana need be feared. The Governor said that prize-fighting in Montana was a penitentiary offence, and declared that the Corbett-Mitchell fight would not be allowed.

TEST FIGHTS PROBABLE

Jacksonville, Jan. 17.—A special from Tampa says a glove contest has been arranged for Friday night between Joseph Robertson, of Tampa, and Jas. Johnson, of New York, for $1,000, and also one between Ed. Tillman, of Jacksonville, and Butler Green, of Baltimore, for $500. The Tampa City Council is anticipating contests, gambling, as does the Duval Athletic Club that there is no law in Florida against prize-fights. As Tampa is Governor Mitchell's home, he is likely to be heard from.

CORBETT REPLIES TO JACKSON.

New York, Jan. 17.—A Jacksonville special quotes Corbett as speaking of the strictures of Jackson and Sullivan, published in the local papers as saying:—"I never said one word against Peter Jackson, nor his ability as a fighter and I think his remarks uncalled for. What I said was that as one of the officials in our match is a friend of mine, and this can be proven, Sullivan's remarks are equally out of place, as he is out of the question altogether.

"I wish to add this for the benefit of Jackson, Sullivan, or anyone else, that I can whip any man on earth to-day with my two hands, gloved or ungloved. I cast down the gauntlet to the whole brood of blowers, with the [illegible] [illegible] Manager Brady will leave [illegible] around Claverack [illegible] from the theatre, [illegible] bitter against Mitchell [illegible] that if the Kentuckian [illegible] that he will [illegible] however, is [illegible] at by those who are making bets [illegible] on the Englishman's success.

RYAN-THEBO WIN EASILY.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—The six-round bout at the Grand Opera House last night between Jack Ryan of the [illegible] and Jack Thebo, of the [illegible] drew a crowd which [illegible] of the days when the Old California Club was at its [illegible]. The ring was pitched in the middle of the floor, and was surrounded by a crowd of well-dressed men, representatives of the [illegible] Club was at its [illegible]. The [illegible] and closed with Ryan on the ropes. The referee promptly gave the decision to McAuliffe.

There seems no doubt that Ryan threw the fight before his reversal of form was evident to everyone. McAuliffe, however, showed up in his old-time form, as he may be accounted for by a good condition, he only having weeks of training.

KELLY HAS THE CHEQUE.

John Kelly, referee and stakeholder for the Corbett-Mitchell fight, has received the Duval Club's certified cheque for $20,000. This amount is the purse guaranteed the pugilists. The cheque is drawn to the order of Henry Mason, president of the Duval Athletic Club. On the back of the cheque is the following endorsement:—"Pay to the order of John Kelly, referee and stakeholder, for the use of the winner in the fight between James J. Corbett and Charles Mitchell, as per articles of agreement dated January 25, 1894. This cheque is payable the day after said contest shall have been held and concluded according to said articles. If the said contest is not held and concluded according to said articles, this cheque is to be returned to the maker, Henry Mason, president of the Duval Athletic Club, New York, for [illegible] and will take [illegible] Hall, and O'Donnell, and light [illegible] the sunshine [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] announced the series of [illegible] only in Adam's Fury [illegible] the claims which variously had [illegible] weight from 185 to 174. His hitherto promising career had completely left him. His limbs had been trained down finely. The muscles of his back stood out in ridges across an expanse which had been thinned down to the ribs. The flat [illegible] and hollow chin was gone, and altogether he looked no more like the Mitchell familiar to theatre [illegible] than if there was no affinity between the two. He was a bit backward about adjusting the weights on the bar in the presence of the reporter. He cogitated a moment, and then with a swagger "I don't care" dropped the index along until the weight came to a perfect balance. "There is the weight," said Mitchell, and the reporter, bending over saw that the beam registered 182 pounds.

When Mitchell had opened a package of mail matter, and reading it as he went along, sauntered up to the main cottage, and to dinner. After the meal he talked freely of the coming fight, and let the younger generation [illegible] the details day by day, that when they grow up they may tell their children the same story."

THE FIGHT A CERTAINTY.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 20.—The fight between Corbett and Mitchell will take place within thirty miles of this city on Thursday, again reiterated the Duval Athletic Club to-day. The members composing the corporation are sanguine to a degree. Individually and collectively they insist that no power on earth can stay the mill, unless it be one of the principals to the engagement. Owing to the secret operations essential to the evasion of Gov. Mitchell and his military forces, but little of a reassuring character can be given for publication. President Mason contends that the two men only will know the spot where the ring is to be pitched until they get there. One of these men, Bowden, will take up his position in the cab of the engine when it leaves the local depot Thursday morning, and the engineer's instructions will be to come to a halt wherever Bowden orders. The demand made by Mitchell that he be given information as to where the contest is to be pulled off by Thursday morning will probably be denied him. If he is told anything at all it will very likely be a point far removed from the scene of the contemplated action.

All manner of talk has been inaugurated of late as to the weight of Mitchell. A press representative was to-day taken to the quarters of the Britisher on Anastasia Island by Bat Masterson, and saw Mitchell mount the scales and weigh himself. Mitchell had just finished his morning exercise, which consisted of a 13-mile run, wrestling bouts with Porgarty, Hall, and O'Donnell, and light work with the punching bag. When he stepped on the scales [illegible] Adam's Fury [illegible] which variously had him weight from 185 to 174. His hitherto promising [illegible]