

### Marksman's Topics.

The only ten shot highest possible ever made in revolver competition in England was scored in competition at 20 yards by Walter Winans at a meeting of the South London Rifle Club on the 21st May. The revolver used was a Colt, .45 calibre, 4½ lbs., trigger pull, factory ammunition, English army mark 1. Mr. Winans continuing shooting, put five more shots in the bull, making a string of 15.

One of the best known riflemen in Connecticut, who is rated as one of the best marksmen in the country, is Mr. W. H. Beardsley, of Bridgeport. He has made himself conspicuous among the fraternity during the past few years by his fine shooting. On May 30, at the Readmoor range, Bridgeport, Conn., he fired 60 shots on the Standard American target, at 200 yards off-hand, in series of ten shots, scoring 52 bull's-eyes. There were two consecutive clean scores and a run of 25 consecutive bull's-eyes, which is a feat few marksmen ever expect to equal.

As in 1887, the biennial competition of distinguished United States marksmen will take place at the Bellevue rifle range, near Omaha, under the superintendency of Col. Guy V. Henry, of Gen Brooke's Staff, which is a guarantee of success. The cavalry rifle competitions are divided between Forts Robinson, Leavenworth and Wingate. There is not quite so much excitement about these contests as formerly, but, nevertheless, some first class work may be expected, and the real practical benefit is ever on the increase, and the zealous efforts towards perfection in the use of the arm are unabated.

Capt. G. Henry Witthaus, a director of the National Rifle Association of America, well known to riflemen who have visited Creedmoor for several years past, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head May 30. The deceased was a popular New York gentleman, possessing wealth and a host of friends. He was a member of the 9th Regiment of the Old Guard, and belonged to the Hoboken Turtle Club, the Thirteen Club, the Press Club, the Liederkrantz and Arion Societies and the Young Men's Democratic Club. He was assistant to Gen. Charles F. Robbins, the Inspector of Rifle Practice for the State of New York, and rendered valuable assistance at Creedmoor as assistant executive officer, his uniform courtesy to the press representatives being well remembered. The deceased was 46 years of age.

The Massachusetts Rifle Team started for England this week. The team had a full practice over the ranges of Fort Warren, Boston Harbour, on Decoration Day. The weather was quite unpleasant, with rain and mist, the scoring, as much as could be learned of it, was not up to the standard desired. This can be accounted for, as the team had to shoot from the top of the fort across the main channel over to another island, and with no flags for windage it was impossible to keep in the four ring. There is but little change from the Creedmoor team of last year. The shooting men will probably be Major Hinman, Lieuts. Bumstead, Eads, Johnson and Hussey, Sergeants Merrill, Bull and Doyle, Privates Huddleson, Farrow, Farnsworth, Bull. Over \$5,000 has been subscribed, and there is no doubt about the balance. The first match of the team will be on July 2, with the Berkshire County Team, with London Rifle Brigade on July 3, with South London Team July 4, Sussex County Team July 5, and with the team of the Honourable Artillery Company on July 6. This completes the series; the team then goes to the Wimbledon meeting.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "A smokeless powder has been produced at last, so now the only possible objection to the introduction of a heavy quick firing gun for artillery purposes is conclusively removed. Captain Noble, of the Elswick firm at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has invented a powder which appears to be perfectly reliable, and which is at the same time practically smokeless and noiseless in its explosion. The War Office has almost decided upon its use not only for small arms, but, in a modified form, for machine and quick firing guns, and experimental trials are about to be instituted with it at Lydd on a very considerable scale. Noble's powder is a curious greyish-looking material, in long threads or a whipcord-like form, presumably from the shape it assumes under hydraulic pressure. Its action is most startling. At 300 yards range not a sound is heard when a volley is fired with it, and only a faint haze arises, which is almost imperceptible; whilst a shower of bullets is seen to fall upon the targets, an effect produced seemingly without a cause!"

AT CREEDMOOR.

The fall meeting of the National Rifle Association of America will probably commence at Creedmoor, Tuesday, September 10.

The Qualification Match of 1889.—100 and 200 yds., 5 shots at each range, Remington rifle, .50cal. (N. Y. State model), standing at 100 yds., kneeling or sitting at 200 yds. Competitors allowed re-entries in each competition at the discretion of the executive officer.

The directors of the National Rifle Association will hold a 10-days' shooting during the three summer months, with matches especially for National Guardsmen, according to the following programme:—

The Marksman's Badge Match.—Open to all members of the N. G. S. N. Y., 200 and 500 yds., 5 shots at each range, Remington rifle, .50 cal. (N. Y. State model), standing at 200yds., lying prone at 500yds.

The shooting days for the several matches are as follows:—June 8 and 15, July 4, 13 and 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17 and 24, and Sept. 2, commencing at 9.30 A.M., except July 4, when shooting will begin at 8.30.

The Sharpshooter's Match.—Conditions as to distance, weapon and position same as in the marksman's badge match; first prize 10; second, 8; third, 6; fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh, 4 per cent. of entrance money.

The competitor making the highest score in each match will be awarded a gold marksman's badge for 1889, offered by the National Rifle Association, to be held by him until the next succeeding match, the badge to finally become the property of the competitor who shall win it the greatest number of times prior to Nov. 5, 1889. In case of a tie it will be decided in favor of the competitor having the next highest total score (or scores) made on a date other than that on which he was a winner, and only the highest score made on any day to count.

Messrs. A. B. Van Heusen, Wm. Robertson, J. L. Price, C. H. Eagle, T. J. Dolan and H. T. Lockwood, winners of the champion marksman's badge for the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, and G. W. Munson, J. S. Shepherd, J. F. Klein, S. C. Pirie and G. S. Scott, Jr., winners of the gold marksman's badges of 1883, 1884, 1885, 1887 and 1889, also members of the National Rifle Association, are not eligible to win the principal prize in this match.

Any prize winner making a total of 45 or over may, if he so elects, receive a silver medal in lieu of cash, and a winner making a score of 43 or better may receive a bronze badge in place of a money prize, but any winner of a medal or badge cannot afterward compete for a money prize. Any winner accepting a cash prize may in any subsequent match win a silver medal by making a score of 45 or over, or a bronze badge by scoring 43 or over, and any winner of a bronze badge may, in any match, by making a score of at least 45 points, be entitled to exchange the same for a silver medal. No competitor can win both a badge and a medal or more than one cash prize. Winners of medals and badges of 1887 and 1888, who make scores entitling them to again receive such prizes may, if they so prefer, receive a bar for the year 1889.

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North-West Mounted Police.

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2nd "	50	5c.	55 "
3rd "	50	10	60 "
4th "	50	15	65 "
5th "	50	20	70 "

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