

Sporting World.

The Rival Claimants of the C. W. A. Meet.

Fish and Game Commissioners Down on Decoys.

Fitzsimmons Formally Surrenders the World's Fistic Championship.

Says He Was Offered \$500,000 to Let Corbett Whip Him.

Hampton yesterday, Tobin broke Harris's neck in the first round, and death was instantaneous. A SPEECH FROM CORBETT. Philadelphia, Pa., April 13.—Jack Daily, of Wilmington, and Jack Everhard, of New Orleans, sparred six rounds last night in the Arena of the Quaker City A. C. James J. Corbett came into the arena during the evening. The crowd cheered wildly, and there were loud cries for a speech. At the conclusion of the sixth round Corbett stepped into the ring and said: "Gentlemen,—I thank you kindly for this reception. I want to say to you all that I was whipped honestly and fairly by Mr. Fitzsimmons. I don't intend to go and drink myself to death worrying over my defeat. It was the first setback of my life. I am young yet, and I hope within the next year or so to prove to you that I am still champion of the world."

CLEAN SPORT. Luther Gulick, M.D., secretary of the Athletic League of the Y. M. C. A., has established a "clean sport roll," and the rules which the members subscribe to are well worth the attention of all clubs organized for athletic sports. The rules are as follows: 1. The rules of games are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which one should not endeavor to evade or break than one would any other agreement between gentlemen. The stealing of advantage in sport is to be regarded as stealing of any other kind. 2. Visiting teams are the honored guests of the home team, and the mutual relationships in all particulars to be governed by the spirit which is supposed to guide in such relationships. 3. No action is to be done, nor course of conduct is to be pursued which would seem ungentlemanly or dishonorable if known to one's opponents or the public. 4. No advantage is to be sought over others except those in which the game is supposed to show superiority. 5. Advantages which the laxity of the officials may allow in regard to the interpretation and enforcement of the rules are not to be taken. 6. Officers and opponents are to be regarded and treated as honest in intention. When opponents are evidently not gentlemen, and officers manifestly dishonest or incompetent, it is perfectly simple to avoid future relationships with them. 7. Decisions of officials, even when they seem unfair, are to be abided by. 8. Unpleasantly or unfair means are not to be resorted to even when they are used by the opponents. 9. Good points in others should be appreciated and suitable recognition given.

DOLLIE FARNSWORTHY WON. Detroit, Mich., April 12.—Dollie Farnsworth defeated H. Baldwin in a 25-mile race in the Auditorium last night. Time, 1:08:30.

BASEBALL. MONTREALERS MAY BE HERE. Mr. W. H. Rowe, manager of the Montreal baseball team, is about to return to Montreal through the Canadian League circuit, which embraces Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and London, and also other places where strong independent teams are located, such as Windsor, Chatham, Ottawa, etc., to arrange for the teams representing those cities to play here during the season. Ltd also for Montreal playing there.

THE TRIGGER. THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS DOWN ON DECOYS. The attention of sporting men is called to the following paragraph among the recommendations of the Ontario game and fish commission: "No person shall use any floating battery, skeg, monitor or other device whereby the hunter is concealed on the open water for the purpose of killing any of the above waterfowl or shoot out of any such floating battery machine or device at any wild goose, brant or duck in any of the waters of this province or use any decoy or construct any blind or bough house at a greater distance than 100 yards from the shore or natural point of rushes connected with the shore for the purpose of shooting at or killing any such birds."

ATHLETICS. THE CHAMPIONSHIP. Chicago, Ill., April 12.—Bob Fitzsimmons, in Battery D, in the presence of 5,000 persons, made the formal announcement that he resigned the title of champion of the world, and was willing that anyone else should have it. He didn't care for it, and would not fight for it, and it didn't interest him as to who assumed it. When Julian gave the cue for Bob's appearance, 5,000 people showed their interest and listened to the following talk, which the champion gave with a hearty voice: "I suppose you want to know something about the last contest. All I have to say is that I went in to win, and did win. I won fairly and squarely. There had been some rumors that I was going to throw the fight and let Corbett win. That was not so. After I defeated that 'stiff' Sharkey, I was offered \$500,000 to let Mr. Corbett defeat me. I refused it. I was also offered \$250,000 by a well-known banker in New York city. I refused that. I thought more of my future than I did of my millions. KILLED IN THE RING. Little Rock, Ark., April 12.—A youth named Harrison was killed in a glove contest with a boy named Tobin at

London and the Meet.

The Forest City's Claim Superior to All Others.

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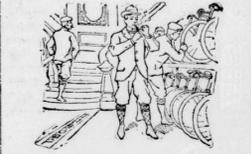
The absorbing local topic these days are wheels and the C. W. A. meet. The qualifications, the accommodations and facilities of the three rivals—London, Brantford and Chatham—have been pretty well threshed out. The Forest City is one of the oldest bicycle towns in Canada, and although it has, year after year, given several other cities a lift, there are many who would crush her claim to the meet of 1897 if they could. It is now fourteen years since London was given the meet, and surely she may justly expect it this year. At that time, the accommodation was poor, and the 52-inch wheels rolled round on the heavy turf tracks at the old exhibition grounds. Since that time, London has grown to nearly twice the size it was then, and with the growth came a bicycle track and an athletic grounds exceeded only in Montreal. There are dressing-rooms, with bath attached, and every convenience. There is a grand stand with a seating accommodation for eight thousand people, and all these, too, only a short distance from the center of the city. There is, for another thing, sufficient hotel accommodation, a thing that will be considered by every rider who attends the meet. There will be amusements of all kinds, and in the morning of July 1 the cyclists may build on seeing a game of ball worthy of the National League teams. London has been accused of leaving it until too late, and it is told that it should not be considered in the race. The wheelmen knew that if they wanted the meet it was theirs, and paid no attention to either Chatham or Brantford, who have no other claim to the meet than that they "asked for it." The last number of Cycling is full of praise for each of the other places, but the Forest City rings in for the worst of it. There is no doubt that both Chatham and Brantford are handsome places on paper, but any bicyclist who has ever been in London knows full well that to put London aside would be to put London aside. Chatham's flattery to the former, Chatham's flattery to the latter, would look decidedly antique beside that of the Forest City. Notwithstanding all the sly digs at the Forest City, she is prepared to go and fight for the meet, and offer better facilities and a better time than any of the towns that want it. H. C. McBride, Fred Beltz, "Nip" Ture, Wm. Wanless, Jun., W. E. Mullins, Dr. Geo. C. Davis, Dave Mills, Dr. Balfour and other leading wheelmen have organized a band of "jollies" who will carry the convention with a rush. Brantford is pictured in Cycling as place of immense importance, but all Brantford is seen in that one view of Colborne street. In Chatham, they are prepared to offer the wheelmen one thing in plenty, and that is mud, and if it should rain there would be hardly roofing enough in the town to allow the cyclists to get in out of the wet. The City Council and all other organizations here have helped the

and offered all the inducements in their power. Several hundred enthusiasts will go to Toronto on Thursday next to see that the meet comes to the place where it rightly should come—to London. The Musical Society Band will accompany them in full force.

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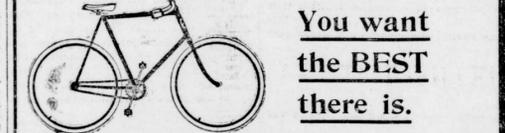


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