TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Hunt Club Directors Will Take Action.

CREAGH SAYS, "NO CZAR FOR ME"

Rider Who Protests New Year's Day Race Reviews Club Affairs and Renews Charges of Favoritism.

The ripple over the calm surface of the affairs of the Portland Hunt Club, stirred up by John Creagh, will be inquired into at an executive meeting of the board of directors, to be held tomorrow at noon, in the Chamber of Commerce building. Until then, members of the club who are interested in the allegation that the decision for first place at last Thursday's meet is incorrect are reserving their opinions.

Another letter from Mr. Creagh follows, with a reply by President J. W. Cruthers, of the Hunt Club:

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—In your issue of this morning, under the caption, "Row in Hunt Club," I have just read a copy of my protest sent in in compliance with the request from Mr. Cruthers to do so. I now wish to correct a few more false statements made by some nondescript members of the Hunt Club. I have nothing against Mr. Latta more than that his protest was out of place and not according to facts. I have been always on the best of terms with him and have now no ill feeling toward him.

Mr. Howard's quotation of rule 9 is correct, but there is no rule authorizing the master of fox hounds to call in cowboys or anybody else on our chases. I did not mean to say that the two gentlemen referred to were not gentlemen fit to join our hunt, but that they were not members and therefore were disqualified. I have mixed with cowboys in Canada who were the cream of English society. Some people think that it is the kid glove and a large fold in the pants and an eyeglass that make a gentleman of a man. I call such dudes, and not gentlemen.

The nondescript who stated to your reporter that he was present at the paper chase New Year's morning and saw nothing the behavior of either Messrs. Jenkins or Latta is simply an ass. How could he have seen words spoken and complained of by me? There was nobody present when Jenkins spoke the words I complained of. Latta simply made a protest behind my back, which he had a right to do, I presume, so long as he did not state what was not a fact. The M. F. H.'s decision can and shall be questioned in the field when his acts are not proper. He must confine himself within the rules of the club and can't arbitrarily act. I will not tolerate a Czar of Russia in the Hunt Club or outside it.

The riders referred to as cowboys rode like such and wore cowboy hats; this is all I know of those gentlemen, and it is of very little importance who they were so long as they were not club members.

I must correct the paragraph referring to the "unfortunate finish." There was nothing unfortunate in this finish, as the best horse won, as is usual when such gets a fair start on racetrack or run home in a paper chase.

The supply of paper did not run out at any point. The trail was the best laid one I ever rode over; it was not like the erratic trail-laying of the Thanksgiving chase, when some person was thinking or dreaming of his lost best girl and ran 100 yards without a sprinkling of paper. The riders were sure where the trail was all the time, except at blinds occasionally laid. Even if this nondescript's assertion be correct then I was the more at liberty to take trail wherever I could find it. There is no logic in that reasoning.

I emphatically deny ever having ridden at any chase except where I had a trail before me. On New Year's day I rode past a given angle in the trail, but quickly pulled up and went back twice to find the trail where it was lost, and I don't care who says anything to the contrary. The fact is, most of the party were so excited they could not discern a horse and rider from a clump of trees.

I now say that the Hunt Club has, in the past, been run by three or four members, those styling themselves "we are the club." I can prove this by testimony of several witnesses and I can further prove that some of the members have been favoring certain horses and riders during chases. On one occasion when I rode "Captain S." this same M. O. F. favored certain parties and laid a blind right at run home and at an opposite point to the finish and a certain few were held at that point till five of us members—Miss Howard, Mr. Browne, myself and two others—ran 100 yards out of place, leaving the course clear to the favored few. This occurred on the road to the "Tank."

I have seen favoritism since then—notably on November 27—and I have a lady and her husband to corroborate my statement. This was on the occasion when Messrs. Cronin and Chase galloped in ahead of the rest of the club members by 1½ hours, not having taken the trail at the point where it was lost. I could have taken it where they did, but preferred not to gain a cup won in that way.

When I decide on forming a club I will not ask anybody's permission. I await result of Monday's decision and feel confident the directors of the Hunt Club will do what is right. J. CREAGH.

In an interview, J. W. Cruthers, president of the Portland Hunt Club, said: "The above letter has been shown to me. I never requested Mr. Creagh to submit letters to the public press for decision. Last Friday, on making complaint, I asked him to submit the facts by letter direct to the board of directors, and that the matter would receive due consideration at the meeting to be held Tuesday, January 6. I regret that this matter has received such publicity, as I consider it as a matter only interesting to the board of directors."

FAIR ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

Northwest Organization to Arrange Dates for Circuit.

The Northwest Fair Association will hold its annual meeting Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the office of M. D. Wisdom, for the purpose of arranging dates for the fairs to be held in the different cities on the circuit next Summer. The association represents all the principal cities in the Northwest, and there will be much rivalry to secure good fair dates at this meeting.

The new Multnomah Fair Association, which was organized in December, will have a representative on hand to get dates for the Portland people, and attend to such other routine matters as will come up.

The association will hold fairs in the following cities: Salem, Portland, Seattle, Boise, Lewiston, Spokane, North Yakima, Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria, Everett and Whatcom. It is evident from the amount of interest that has already been displayed among horsemen that this will be one of the most successful years in the history of the organization. Portland will have a strong attraction, and the interest that has been lacking in this city for some time past will no doubt revive, now that a strong home organization is to have charge of the race meets.

Fred Stopplefield, who is training for Congressman Tongue at Hillsboro, has among others in his stable Mark Hanna, Rorklace, Bessie Lovelace, San Toy, three 2-year-olds by Mark Hanna and two by Lovelace. E. B. Tongue is jogging his stable along during the Winter months. Some of his horses are: Ben Bolt, Portia Knight, Lottie B. and a pacer by Lovelace and a trotter by Vinmont. W. H. Wehrung, also of Hillsboro, has a promising racer in Lovely Del, a 2-year-old by Lovelace (2:20) out of Alta Dell (2:16). Mr. Wehrung will fit the mare for the show ring at the State Fair next Fall.

A horse market should be started in Portland this year, says the Rural Spirit. There are a number of horses throughout the country in bunches of five to 20 head for sale; there is no doubt a buyer for every horse that is for sale and the economical way of bringing the buyer and seller together is a combination auction sale. There is a good opening here for a business of this kind, and if properly conducted would be a good thing for the horse business.

TEAM MAY GET ANDREWS.

Crack Third Baseman Has an Offer From Portland.

Jay Andrews, the crackerjack third baseman, who played with Tacoma last year, and who has been signed as manager of the Spokane team of the Pacific Northwest League, may become a member of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League. Andrews is now in the city, as the guest of Manager Sammy Vigneux, of the new Portland team, and he has been taking life easy under the sunny influence of Sammy and Pierce Chiles.

"They are two heavenly brothers," remarked Jay, as he puffed his cigar. "Take Sammy for his catching and Pierce for his hits, and you have got 'em."

"We have had them quite a number of times from others," was said.

"Yes, but not Chiles. You know Sammy as a hard worker against odds that another man would not want to go up against, but you do not know Pierce Chiles, who goes for everything in the field and at the bat."

"How about Jay Andrews?"

"Oh, he will be all right when play is called, but at present he is in the offing."

"Jay is throwing too many bouquets and he is giving us the air of a mutual admiration society," said Manager Sammy Vigneux, of the Portland team. "I like compliments, but Jay, don't throw me a lot in a bunch."

"Well, I'm just repeating what I have heard, and—"

"And I want to tell you what I have heard, and that is that Jay Andrews is the best third baseman and the—"

"Call it off, Sam; for we seem to be a tie on the question of opinions."

And while Sam and Jay gave that stony glare that usually follows a serious discussion, Chiles called all bets off.

Andrews really seems to be a possible member of the new Portland team. He was asked to sign for the season before the subject of the Pacific Coast League was broached, and at that time he was free from engagements. Through a slip he signed a contract for the management of the Spokane team of the old league.

"I am with them now and I suppose I have to stay," said Jay, explanatory of his failure to come to the Portland team.

"Why not leave the club?" was asked by an admirer of the great Jay.

"I can't; I have signed the contract and it is a question of honor."

"The Pacific Northwest League hardly considered it a question of honor when President Lucas passed you out a gold brick," was observed drily. "When you accepted the Spokane management you understood that Portland and Seattle were to be in the circuit. Has not the old Lucas league violated a few obligations in that way?"

"I shall say nothing about what Mr. Lucas may do. I should certainly like to play in Portland, for the people are so appreciative of the efforts of a ball player. I do not care for all the hisses of a day, but when I do happen to make a play I like to have it recognized, and Portland is one of the few cities in the country that applauds the play of a stranger and affords him a royal welcome. I should like to play here. I have a good offer from the Portland club under consideration, but I cannot say whether I shall accept it or not."

"But if you should stay with Spokane you might find yourself in a four-club league—Spokane, Helena, Butte and Anaconda."

"That might be. I don't think I would cut a bad figure in any of them," and the baseman and hitter smiled in a superior way.

"But you would be below your class."

"I have been before. But to cut the matter short, I have nothing to say further than to tell a story."

"You know, I just came up from California."

No one doubted it.

"Well down there I umpired a game and gave satisfaction."

Everybody doubted it.

"And every player obeyed my orders."

Nobody believed it.

"The players were the most easily managed men I have ever seen. All you had to do was to tell them where to stay and they stayed there."

Everybody gasped.

"You don't believe that? Well, here is another. I played third for the All-Nationals at Sacramento, and after I had done some work that was classed as good, Hildebrand stepped up and patted me on the shoulder and said, 'Young fellow, you are all right. Is this your first game?'

"'Yes,' I told him, 'and don't you think I am doing pretty well for a "dub?"'

"'You bet you are!' he replied.

"Well, when he said that, I could scarcely keep from laughing. I was seven years on the diamond before he ever donned the clothes, and when I told Tannehill and Cooley about it they nearly had a fit."

PUGILISTIC NOTES.

Reilly's Manager Says There Was No Foul in Neill Fight.

Kelly, the manager of Tommy Reilly, passed through Portland from Seattle a few days ago, and he turned all kinds of colors when he was asked how his champion had fouled Al Neill.

"Foul!" ejaculated Kelly. "There was no foul; nothing but robbery. Reilly had Neill licked fair and square, and he should have been given the purse. But we are willing to meet Neill again. After the fight we went out and called on him, and found him sick and in bed. We asked for a return match and he promised to give it to us. We have $500 to put up any time for such a match."

While Portland sports are of the opinion that Reilly is a good man, they do not believe that he is a match for Neill, and they do not believe that he was "robbed." They look upon Reilly as a good rough fighter of the Jeffries style, a man who can take punishment and plenty of it without twitching a muscle, but a man who has not the science to support his brawn. Reilly may prove all right in a return match, but he is not expected to cut much of a figure so far as points go.

Young Gus Gardner and Jimmy Britt have been matched in San Francisco. Gardner is well thought of in the East, and he is picked as a winner. The defeated Erne says that Britt is as good a fighter as he is a man, and that means a whole lot.

Tom Tracey is still waiting to hear from Joe Walcott or his manager, William A. Pierce. Tracey dropped a letter to Pierce two weeks ago, and as no answer has been received, some of the Portland boy's friends think that the colored champion is shirking.

CHEAP RATE, LONG TIME.

O. R. & N. Extends Tickets to Kansas City to Sixty Days.

Those who desire to go East will be interested in knowing that the O. R. & N. has extended the limit of the tickets to Kansas City to 60 days. Tickets, $60, on sale January 8, 9 and 10, with stop-over privileges on return trip. Call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and learn particulars.

Derangement of the liver, with constipation, injures the complexion, induces pimples, sallow skin. Carter's Little Liver Pills remove the cause.

FOOTBALL SEASON ENDED

KNIGHTS OF THE GRIDIRON CEASE THEIR FRAY.

Reliance's Northern Tour Comes to Disastrous Close—Northwest College Season Indecisive.

The Reliance-Chemawa football game of Saturday ended the season of 1902-03, and those who have athletic inclinations will now turn their energies in other directions. The season throughout the Pacific Northwest has been a highly successful one, the quality of play showing a marked improvement over last year. The leading college elevens appear to have been very evenly matched, with Multnomah's splendid eleven slightly superior to any of them. Although not as heavy as previous teams, the M. A. A. C. eleven made an excellent record this year, defeating every team it went up against except the Oregon 'varsity-alumni combination, and being scored against by none. Multnomah's teamwork during the season was surprisingly good, and Coach McMillan is certainly entitled to great credit for his painstaking work. In games with college elevens Multnomah permitted none but amateurs to play, thus holding the sport up to its proper standard.

In McMillan, Pratt, Stott and Bishop, Multnomah has a quartet of splendid ground-gainers, while Cook has shown himself to be a punter of exceptional ability. Multnomah's failure to win the Christmas game can be attributed to the fact that the club was playing against a team that was its equal in every way. The 'varsity-alumni eleven was stronger than any team that ever represented Oregon, and with such a defense as Jakway, Ziegler, Scott and the Templetons were able to make, allied by the best men from Oregon's regular team, it is no wonder that Multnomah failed to score.

The New Year's victory over Reliance marked the conclusion of a most successful season for the local clubmen, who showed the Californians that the wearers of the winged "M" are by no means "easy." Chemawa's scoreless game with Reliance indicates one of two things—either that the Oakland aggregation is decidedly weak or that Chemawa has improved considerably since the game with Multnomah.

The race for the Northwest Inter-Collegiate championship ended with the University of Washington in the lead, but without a clear title to the coveted honor. Washington had a good team, and Coach Knight proved himself a competent man for his position, but the Seattle 'varsity's honor is an empty one, as it did not try conclusions with two of the strongest elevens of this state—the Oregon 'varsity and Albany College. With one or two exceptions, the college football record is a clean one, and the newly-formed Northwest Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association promises to keep the sport in its present wholesome condition. It is hoped that next season's schedules can be so arranged that some one team can establish an undisputed title to the championship and that newspaper wars, such as existed between Albany and Corvallis last season, will be eliminated. The outlook for next year is flattering, indeed, as there will be many evenly-matched teams in the field.

Several Oregon boys distinguished themselves on Eastern gridirons during the season just closed, chief among them being Rockwell, of this city, who played quarterback on Yale's famous team, and was selected as a member of Casper Whitney's All-American eleven. R. S. Smith, of Klamath Falls, played his second season behind Columbia's line, winning honorable mention from Mr. Whitney's pen. Smith will captain the Columbia team next season. Thomas W. Hammond, fullback on the University of Oregon in 1899, occupied the position of tackle on the West Point eleven, which was rated by Mr. Whitney as the third best in the country. Martin Heston, of Grant's Pass, played his usual star game as a halfback on Michigan's famous team, and Ralph Knapp, another Oregonian, played center for the University of Chicago. Bartell, the crack end on Stanford University, lives at The Dalles, he being another Oregon lad who has won laurels.

The football review, as published in the January Outing, makes the following comment on the Pacific Coast situation:

"The University of California won against Stanford, with two field goals and a goal from touchdown. The 14,000 spectators saw an exhibition of hard, clean football, but most probably all who had been reading the newspapers anticipated a more or less gory slugging match, in consequence of the bitterness of feeling engendered by Stanford's protest of W. W. Smith, Berkeley's strongest man back of the line. Smith had received $450 for coaching the University of Oregon in '01. He claimed that the sum was entirely used for expenses, and his claim was allowed by the Pacific Athletic Association, which issued Smith a certificate of amateurism. . . . Accordingly an arbitration committee tried the case and found unanimously that, according to the intercollegiate agreement, Smith was not an amateur.

"The Pacific Athletic Association has on its membership several clubs whose gymnasium equipment is limited almost entirely to punching-bags, skipping-ropes and six-ounce gloves, and whose paying members consist chiefly of the club's 'backers.' Among those organizations are the Hayes Valley Athletic Club, which promoted the championship fight between those eminent amateurs, Messrs. Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, and the San Francisco Athletic Club, which has been seeking 'to foster and improve amateur athletics' by bringing Messrs. Gardner and Jackson together in a 20-foot ring before a highly remunerative gathering.

"That a great institution like the University of California should have permitted its standard of amateurism to be set by an organization which counts these 'sluggers' clubs' among its members, is little to the credit of the athletic authorities of the university."

SPORTSMEN TO MEET.

Fish and Game Association Will Hold Annual Gathering Tomorrow.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game Association will be held at 7 P. M. tomorrow evening in the hall of the Mining Stock Exchange, Chamber of Commerce building. This meeting will be of unusual interest to sportsmen, as the committee on legislation will present its final report on proposed changes in the present fish and game laws, and a vote will be taken on its adoption. All who are interested in game laws are invited to be present.

The association has had this matter of changes in the law under consideration for some time. It is understood that the committee is opposed to any wholesale alterations, and that they will propose but few. Such of these changes as are adopted by the association will be presented to the coming Legislature for consideration, with a recommendation that they be carried into effect. The fact that the association comprises 450 members, who take an interest in the protection of game and fish, and have done a good deal of work to that end, entitles them to offer such suggestions to the Legislature.

In regard to pheasant shooting, it will be recommended that the open season begin September 15, and end November 1, and that this be uniform throughout the Willamette Valley; also that the sale of pheasants be prohibited for one or two years.

In the matter of duck shooting, it will probably be recommended that the open season be shortened, so as to begin September 1, and close February 1. The limit will remain at 50 ducks, as at present. This will probably give general satisfaction, though some say that shooting of Summer or wood ducks should begin before September 1, and others that about the only canvasback shooting there is here now is after February 1. There will be no recommendation to prohibit feeding ducks, as it would be unjust, and could not be enforced. There are a number of sportsmen here who pay out $350 to $400 per year for wheat to feed ducks, so that they can enjoy the sport of shooting. They are not market hunters, and never sell a duck or shoot more than the limit.

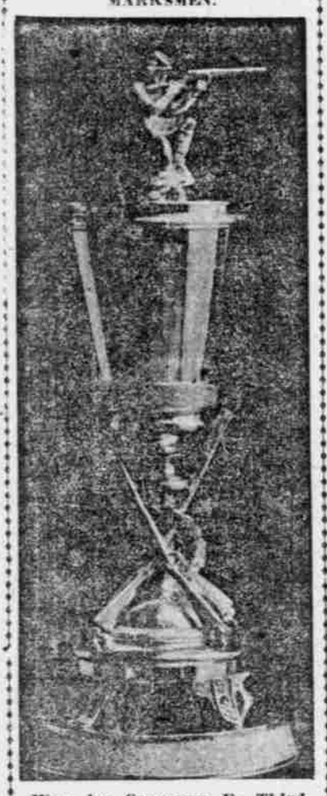
No change in the law regulating trout fishing will be proposed, as the present law gives general satisfaction. Members of the Board of Fish Propagation say that the Oregon law is the best of the kind in the Union.

There will probably be no change proposed in the statute regarding trespass by hunters, as the present law affords property-owners all necessary protection.

It may be said here that an earnest effort is being made in New Jersey to have the game laws of that state amended so as to shorten the open season. At a meeting of a rod and gun club in Paterson recently, there was a long discussion on the prohibition of the distribution of fish and game by the State Commissioners among the owners of private lands where the general public is not allowed to hunt or fish.

It was the general sense of the meeting that an injustice was being done to the general public and the sportsmen of the state in having the owners of private lands receive quail or trout from the State Commission which were paid for out of public funds, and then have the public prohibited from hunting on their grounds.

SILVER TROPHY FOR CRACK MARKSMEN.



Won by Company F, Third Regiment, O. N. G.

The silver trophy, reproduced above, was presented by the officers of Third Regiment, O. N. G., and won by Company F, Third Regiment, Captain F. S. Baker commanding, for highest average score at target practice. This cup was presented to Company F by Governor T. T. Geer at the quarterly inspection held December 30 at the Armory.

BASEBALL AVERAGES.

Record of the National League Players for Past Season.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The official averages of National League players who participated in 15 or more games during the season of 1902, as compiled by Secretary N. E. Young, were made public tonight. They show that the leading 10 players were: W. J. Wagner, Pittsburg, leading; Clarke, Pittsburg; Beaumont, Pittsburg; Leach, Pittsburg; Crawford, Cincinnati; Tenney, Boston; R. Thomas, Philadelphia; Keeler, Brooklyn; Sheckard, Brooklyn; Beckley, Cincinnati.

The 10 leaders in sacrifice hits were as follows:

Tenney, of Boston, leading with 29; Dobbs, Cincinnati and Chicago; Demontreville, Boston; Keeler, Brooklyn; Dexter, Chicago and Boston; Flood, Brooklyn; Dunn, New York; Ritchey, Pittsburg; Tinker, Chicago; Smoot, St. Louis.

The 10 players who lead in stolen bases were:

J. Wagner, Pittsburg, 45; Slagle, Chicago; P. Donovan, St. Louis; Barclay, St. Louis; Clarke, Pittsburg; Carney, Boston; Smith, New York; Dumont, Pittsburg; Lush, Boston; Dexter, Chicago and Boston.

The batting averages of the leaders follow:

Player and club—	Average.
Beaumont, Pittsburg	.357
Seymour, Cincinnati	.349
Keeler, Brooklyn	.342
Sebring, Pittsburg	.338
Crawford, Cincinnati	.333
Phillips, Cincinnati	.333
Beckley, Cincinnati	.331
J. Wagner, Pittsburg	.329
Kelly, Cincinnati	.327
Clarke, Pittsburg	.321
M. O'Neill, St. Louis	.318
Tenney, Boston	.314
Peitz, Cincinnati	.313
Slagle, Chicago	.313
Smoot, St. Louis	.313
Jones, Chicago	.310

RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

At Oakland for Coming Month—Stakes at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The racing scene will be transferred tomorrow to the Oakland track, where it will continue up to and including February 6. On the 7th of that month the sport will be resumed at Ingleside, with the $10,000 Burns handicap as the main attraction. The meeting will continue there until February 29, and the remainder of the season will be run at Oakland.

During the 43 days of the Ingleside meeting, ending Saturday, the new California Jockey Club distributed $127,524 in stakes and purses. W. B. Jennings & Co. still maintain a strong lead over the other owners, having $15,680 to their credit. Burns & Waterhouse have jumped into second place with $8045, and Green B. Morris is third with $6595. Over 30 owners have won sums in excess of $1000. Others who have won over $3000 are:

James Coffey, $5720; W. H. Ketcherman, $4800; W. O'B. Macdonough, $3995; C. T. Boots, $3585.

Commissions on California Races

Accepted. Portland Club Cafe, 130 Fifth street. Direct from the tracks.

Depositors Will Get Their Money.

DENVER, Jan. 4.—A special to the News says that Thomas Annear has been appointed receiver of the Bank of Silverton, at Silverton, Colo., which closed its doors Friday, after the disappearance of its president, J. H. Robin, who later was found dead near a water tank three miles from Silverton, from a self-inflicted wound in the head. Although no official statement has been issued by the committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the bank, one of the members is credited with saying that the depositors would be paid in full.

TWO CLUBS MAY COMBINE

LOCAL AQUATIC ASSOCIATIONS DISCUSS THE MATTER.

Yachtsmen and Rowers Generally Believe That Consolidation Would Benefit Water Sports.

The consolidation of the Portland Rowing Club and the Oregon Yacht Club is being talked of in aquatic circles. Neither party will admit that it was the first to start the movement, for both claim that the step would be to the advantage of the other club. The two organizations are formed on such an entirely different basis that a consolidation would be no easy matter to effect, though there is no doubt in the minds of prominent members of both clubs that such a move would greatly benefit aquatic sports in general. In the Rowing Club, the club as an organization bears the greater part of the expense, while in the other club, the members as individuals pay for the boats. The directors of the Yacht Club will hold a meeting on Thursday and the question of consolidation will doubtless be then discussed, and may be decided, so far as the sail-boat society is concerned.

The Rowing Club recently purchased 300 feet of waterfront north of the new location of the Yacht Club near Bundy's bathhouse on the East Side, opposite Ross Island. This has had much to do with the agitation for combining the two clubs. Though the brawny oarsmen do not anticipate a removal during the present year, they believe it is best to be prepared for any emergency, and the property was bought with this intention.

The membership of the Rowing Club is much larger than that of the other club, but the yachtsmen will insist that the identity of their prosperous organization be not entirely submerged through the consolidation.

The plan of those in favor of the combination is to form a general aquatic club, whose members may be either oarsmen or yachtsmen. The rowing men aver that the sailors would receive the greater benefit from the consolidation, as they could use the shells and other light craft of the Rowing Club without paying any more dues than at present. If the oarsmen wish to own sail-boats they will have the opportunity of competing with the more experienced yachtsmen and suitable anchorages will be provided. This step, they claim, will greatly encourage water sports in every way, as regattas of both rowing and sailing could then be given at the same time, instead of separately, as at present. Larger crowds would be attracted, as those interested in either sailing or boat racing would find something to their liking. Therefore it has mainly been the friends of those participating that have attended the regattas, but it is hoped that the general public will take more interest in water sports in the future, and the consolidation of the two clubs seems to be the best means of bringing this about.

The formation of a one-design class is now receiving the attention of the Yacht Club men, and this scheme in itself is arousing a new interest in sailing. The plan is to build a half dozen or more small boats of exactly similar design, and when these are entered in a race the winner will be the man who handles his boat with the most skill, instead of the one who has the swiftest yacht. When the consolidation is effected it is expected that many of the members of the former rowing club will build boats of this class, as they will involve no great expense, and will be small and easy to handle.

There is a wide divergence of opinion among the members of both clubs in regard to the combination. Some declare emphatically that it would undoubtedly benefit water sports, while others think that the two organizations are too widely divergent in purpose to consolidate with any benefit.

"I believe that it would greatly aid aquatic sports," declared Richard Hart, of the Rowing Club; "the formation of a general club of the kind proposed would help both organizations, and interest in water sports would at once be revived."

"It would be a good thing, I think," said J. S. Taylor, of the Yacht Club. "Nothing official has as yet been done about it, but the question will probably be discussed at the meeting of the directors on Thursday evening of this week."

Others do not seem so well disposed toward the project. "I cannot see how it would benefit the Yacht Club," said J. A. Marlitt, one of the yachtsmen. "The purpose of the Yacht Club is sailing, while the other club has an entirely different end in view. I think that the two clubs are too far apart in this way to be brought together with any advantage."

MAY YET BE PEACE.

Committee Has Full Power to Carry on Negotiations.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—Chairman Herrmann of the National Baseball League peace committee today made the positive statement that his committee had full power to act in negotiations for peace in the big league fight. Herrmann protested against the construction which President Ban Johnson placed on his letter of last Friday and added:

"The National League wants peace. In obtaining it there will be no objection on our part to have a fair and frank and open discussion of all the points about which there may be a difference of opinion."

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—There is still a chance for peace in baseball, according to Ban Johnson, president of the American League, who says his organization is prepared and willing to hold a conference with the National League to further best interests of baseball, "but he also insists that the meeting be held in the open."

WORKED FOR DREYFUS.

Du Paty du Clam Says Humberts Helped Him.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Temps has published an interview with Colonel Du Paty du Clam on the articles published in the Gaulois by Gaston Pollanais, in which it was asserted that the Colonel recently made a deposition before the Magistrate investigating the Humbert case to the effect that the archives of the general staff contained documents showing that the Humberts were active in trying to save Dreyfus. Du Paty du Clam confirms the accuracy of M. Pollanais' statements. He adds that he was struck during the Dreyfus affair with the activity of the Humberts in behalf of Dreyfus. He says the former were especially active in 1897 when everybody whom the Humberts could command worked hard to save Dreyfus. What the Humberts wanted was money, says Colonel Du Paty du Clam, for money gave all the influence in behalf of Dreyfus and the Humberts were able to set many springs at work.

WOMAN SHOOTS WELL.

But Her Husband Took the Prize at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—There was a large gathering of trap shooters today at the meeting of the San Francisco Trap Shooting Association. Although noted experts were shooting in their best form all eyes were centered on Mrs. W. F. Sheard, of Tacoma, Wash., who was present at the shoot with her husband. The gun she held was fully as tall as herself, but she faced the traps like a veteran and made an excellent showing, taking part in many of the events. She was the recipient of many compliments during the day on her skill with a shotgun. Mrs. Sheard was not successful in any of the matches but Mr. Sheard won a special shoot at 25 blue-rocks at 25 yards, making a clean score and with Nauman as partner defeated Feudner and Fanning.

The Blending of Many Furs.

New York Evening Post.

Formerly it was considered pathchy looking and in bad taste to wear two kinds of furs at one and the same time. Now a mosaic sort of fur blending is fashionable. Sealskin is made up with sable, ermine or otter, black marten with Persian lamb, skunk with caracal, otter with squirrel, moleskin with astrakhan, and so on, and some of the Winter "dress" capes show a union of three different furs on a single wrap, and to these is not infrequently added a crowning finish of costly lace in the shape of a spreading directoire shoulder collar, enhanced with tiny gold and jet sequins, and bordered with fur.

LAWYER HOWE'S METHOD

Dramatic Effects the Famous Criminal Attorney Made Use Of.

New York Tribune.

A group of men, including several criminal lawyers, a few detectives, some clerks and one or two others, stood in the big rotunda of the Criminal Courts building the other afternoon talking about the sudden death of William F. Howe, the senior partner of Howe & Hummell. One after another passed some eulogy on the dead man and then began to recall some incident of his unique career of 74 years. One told what a love the lawyer had for dress and jewelry; how he always wore diamond cluster pins in his shirt front, some striking kind of headgear, such as a blue yachting cap or a low-topped Derby, coats heavy with fur, and waistcoats of elaborate design. Other stories illustrated Mr. Howe's remarkable personality, his ability to influence a jury, even in the face of the strongest evidence, the scope and range of his voice, which would fluctuate from a low, sobbing whisper, meant to stir the sympathy of the jury, to a roar of indignation and anger.

"Yes," said one of the lawyers in the group, "Howe would have won as great fame on the stage as he did at the criminal bar." And then he told the following story:

"It was when John K. Hackett was Recorder and Howe was counsel for a man who had been charged with murder. Of course, the wife and children were there, so the jury could see them to the best advantage. In the midst of the plea of the District Attorney, asking that the jury return a verdict of murder in the first degree, the baby, which was sitting on the knee of the prisoner's wife, began to sob as if its little heart would break. Finally Recorder Hackett interrupted the District Attorney by shouting so as to be heard above the infant's screams:

"'Stop that. If counsel for defendant pushes that pin deeper that baby will do more than yell.'"

Other such incidents were called to mind by different members of the group. One told the story of how Mr. Howe defended Ella Wilson, as another example of the dramatic effect which the lawyer used with such a measure of success. Ella Wilson, who was charged with having shot the man who had betrayed her, was seated next to her counsel. In the middle of his impassioned appeal he suddenly stopped, turned on his heel and gazed at her. The woman was dressed in black, with her face buried in her hands. There was a hush, as if everybody had stopped breathing, when, to the surprise of all, Mr. Howe leaped forward, seized her wrists, quickly pulled them apart, held her arms extended, so that the features were exposed to the gaze of the jury, and then exclaimed:

"Look at those features, proclaiming a broken heart!" The celerity of the action had frightened the woman. Her face, which was ashy pale, was deluged with tears, and the aroused sympathy of many a juror could be seen in the spasmodic working of his mouth and eyelids. Despite the pleas of the District Attorney the jury found her "not guilty."

No "Prerog" Over American Girls.

New York Tribune.

Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador, as the guest of the Tantalus Club, in Washington, the other night, was the recipient of much genial hospitality and a few sly hits. The most direct hit came from Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania. After a mock serious discussion of the Speakership and the prerogatives of American citizens, he mentioned one of the rights of British citizens, according to Blackstone, which was "the right to beat his wife with a stick no larger than his thumb." "That is coupled with the proviso," added Mr. Palmer, with a courteous bow to the British Ambassador, "that he has not married a Yankee girl. In that case the prerogative doesn't 'prerog.'"

Protection's Greatest Danger.

Lewiston Tribune.

After the inequalities and evils are duly considered, it will be found that the greatest of all dangers growing out of protection is the danger that comes of thus giving private business of the country over to the politicians as so much trading capital. Protection begins by taking from the citizen the right to buy and sell where he pleases, and ends by making of home consumers merely so many bundles of assets in the hand of the high priest in politics.

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