

BILLIARDISTS PRACTICING FOR COMING TOURNAMENTS

Professionals Preparing for 14.1 Championship Contest to Be Held in New York.

The professional billiard season opened recently in Chicago, where George Sutton scored an easy victory over Jake Schaefer for the 18.2 balkline championship. The winner's delicate touch was displayed in a remarkshowed him to be in splendid form so early in the season. He averaged 33 1-5, running out his string in fifteen innings. Schaefer was sadly out of form and averaged exactly half of of form and averaged exactly half of the points made by Sutton. The next big match will bring the same players together in a contest for the 18.1 title now held by Schaefer. The game will

also be played in Chicago soon. While Schaefer and Sutton are preparing for their second match, plans are being perfected for a big tournament to be held in New York early in January. This will be at 14.1, a new



GEORGE SUTTON. style of game, and will be essentially national, as foreign players will be barred. The 14.1 championship tourna-

ment will strike a medium between 18.1 and 18.2. The former is thought to be too tedious and long drawn out, while the latter is too speedy. Since the defeat of Vignaux and Cure there are no foreign players of note that would be of sufficient attraction to prove drawing cards, and for this reason it is proposed to confine the entries to Americans. George Slosson, ment, and George Sutton, Jake Schae fer and Willie Hoppe are expected to send their entries as soon as the plans

are properly matured. It was intended to hold the tournament early in December, but this plan was abandoned on account of the Sutton-Schaefer match at this time, and it the intention of the promoters of the tournament to include every player of note, so as to make it thoroughly representative. This will be the only professional tournament of note to be played in New York, but it promises to be the most important of the year According to the plans, matches will be arranged so that each man will play one match with every other entrant. The games are to be played at Madison Square Garden concert hall, and to be 500 points. A trophy emblem atic of the championship will go to the winner, and each contestant will be required to put up an entrance fee of not less than \$100, which will be added to the receipts and be divided between the four men ranking highest at the

Urges New Football Reform.

Dr. James T. Lees, president of the athletic board at Nebraska university and member from the Missouri valley section of the national rules commit-tee, is agitating another football re-Dr. Lees is radically opposed to allowing four points on a field goal and favors reducing its value to three or two points, preferably the latter. It is his purpose to present an amendment to the playing rules at the annual meeting of the national committee in December.

COACHES NOW PROTECT PLAYERS IN PRACTICE

Work Indoors on Rainy Days Which Is Something Out of the Ordinary.

Whether this has been a wetter fall than usual is a matter on which the weather bureau is best informed, but ally snow and rain are merely incidental to football campaigns, something the hardy gridiron scrapper takes as part of the day's work. No man who does more than limit his football to the clearest of skies and the most velvet turf can be looked on as a mollycoddle, but the fact that several teams were driven to cover by the rain for their practice indicates either that the players are getting tender or that the managers are getting more sensible.

Discretion is the better part of valor, and there are times when needless valor becomes foolhardiness, but it was not supposed that anything short of a cyclone, cloudburst or similar upheaval of nature would postpone a football game.

would take an earthquake, a blizzard, a landslide or something equally violent to prevent the playing of a Yale-Princeton, Harvard-Yale, Pennsylvania - Cornell, Army - Navy game or one of that class. Several years ago one of the most active snowstorms that ever struck that neck of the woods raged while Pennsylvania and Cornell were fighting it out on Franklin field. The Quakers slipped into dry clothing between halves, but the poor Ithacans, having brought only one suit apiece, had to go on as they were. In 1898 Harvard and Yale played in a drenching rain, but even then had it on the specta-tors in that they were able to get into a dry place between halves. The hold football has on the public is shown by the way spectators brave rheumatism, pneumonia and kindred dangers when the weather is bad.

Columbia and Williams played a game at the polo grounds a few seasons back in which a third of the gridiron was under water. When the players were not running they swimming. Goal kicking had to be abandoned, because there was nobody amphibious enough to kick a goal from out of the water, but though many a player was soaked to the skin, the game went on with unabated ardor. Practice under cover has its good and weak points. It keeps the men from taking unnecessary risks, but it also deprives them of just so much practice under conditions that may prevail during the big games

COBB LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE

Maurice Daly, Ora Morningstar and Detroit Outfielder Batted at .352 Clin During Season.

> "Ty" Cobb proved to be the best slugger in the American league last he leads with a fine aver age of .352 in the batch of official batting averages just given out. Detroit's fast outfielder was at bat 605 times, and out of those chances he smashed out 212 bingles. While Kay of Washington and Orth of the New York Sam Craw-Highlanders came next. ford of the American league pennant winners was really the second best hitter. He managed to finish son with a mark of .323. He managed to finish the sea part in 144 contests, while the two men that topped him tried their hands but 25 and 43 games respectively.

Three-sackers were the leading swatters stronghold, as they have 15 and 17 to their credit. Stone of the St. Louis bunch, after making a poor start, got his stride toward the last of the season and finished fifth. Last year he led the organization, but did exceptionally good to land as high as he did this year, for earlier in the season he was hovering around the .150 mark.

Lajoie, said to be one of the hardest men to fool in the business, missed the charmed circle of .300 hitters by the smallest margin possible—one point. Other well-known topnotchers had a hard row to hoe and failed to make good.

Detroit nosed the Athletics out of team honors in about the same style as they did the pennant. The Tigers as a whole biffed the ball at a .266 clip, while the Philadelphia lads fell short but ten points. Boston brought up the tail end, with .235.

OFFICIALS CHANGE RULES ON COLLEGE ATHLETES

A. A. U. in New York Meeting Decides They May Compete for School and Home Teams.

After a long discussion at its annual meeting in New York city the Amateur Athletic union finally decided the wetness was more prominent in football plans than ever before. Usuture.

By the resolution which was finally passed it is decreed that college athletes may only register with the union from two places, their colleges and the homes of their parents or guardians. An attempt was made to confine college athletes to their colleges, but, the delegates believing that this change was altogether too drastic, resolution was amended to include their homes

James E. Sullivan was unanimously re-elected president of the union and Maj. John J. Dixon was continued in the position of secretary and treasurer.
John J. O'Connor, H. G. Penniman, Dr. George Orton, and Everett C. Brown were elected vice-presidents.

The annual report of the record committee, authorizing the records of the past year as follows, was approved:

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Nine Hundred Yard Run—M. W. Sheppard, Time—2:01 4-5,
Four Mile Run—George V. Bonhag, Irish-American A. C. Time—20::11 1-5.
One Hundred Yard Hurdle (eight flights, first hurdle 20 yards from start)—J. S. Hill. Time—0:12 1-5.
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One Hundred Yard Hurdle (ten flights, first hurdle 20 yards from start)—J. S. Hill. Time—0:2 1-5.
One Hundred Yard Hurdle (ten flights)—S. C. Northridge, I. A. A. C. Time—0:12 1-5.

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Sixty Yard Hurdle (five flights, three eet six inches)—S. C. Northridge, Time—198 1-15.

Pole Vault for Height—W. R. Dray, Yale, 12 feet 5½ inches.

Pole Vault for Distance—M. J. Sherlan, N. Y. A. C., 28 feet.

Throwing Sixteen Pound Hammer—M.
McGrath, N. Y. A. C., 173 feet 7 inches,
Throwing Twelve Pound Hammer—L.
Talbott, 190 feet, 9 inches.

Throwing Fifty-Six Pound Weight—I.

J. Flanagan, I. A. A. C., 38 feet 8 inches.
Shot Putting—By Ralph Rose, California: 8 pound, 67 feet 7 inches; 12 pound,
55 feet 11½ inches; 14 pound, 51 feet, 6½
inches; 18 pound, 43 feet 9½ inches; 21
pounds, 40 feet 3½ inches; 22 pound, 24
feet 5½ inches; 16 pound, 49 feet 7½ inches.

C. M. Daniels, N. Y. A. C., was awarded swimming records from 25 yards to one mile, including 31 intermediate distances, his one mile record being 23:40 3-5, with 87 turns.

ALL-AMERICAN END



Wister of Princeton, last year the opular choice for All-Star end and promising candidate this season.

Favor Abolition of Football. Dean George L. Collie of Beloit col-

lege announced the other day that at a meeting of Wisconsin college presidents football had been discussed, and it was the sense of the assembly that intercollegiate games should be abolished. He announced that he would bring the matter up for a vote at a faculty meeting of the college, and asked the professors to get the vote of the students on the point.

ALL STAR ELEVEN PICKED BY CRITIC

BRIGHT LIGHTS THAT HAVE SHOWN OUT ON WESTERN GRIDIRON DURING SEASON.

STEFFEN AND CAPRON BEST

Great Dodging of Maroon and Remarkable Drop Kicking Ability of Gopher Give Them Preference - Three Michigan, Minnesota and Chicago Men on the Team.

Now that the football season of 1907 is over, the picking of an all-star eleven to represent the west is in order. The following team, according to a Chicago sporting writer, is regarded as the best. In picking the representative band of gridiron heroes all the colleges in the middle west are included. Although Michigan met none of the conference teams there are several good men who are entitled to places on an all-star eleven.

While last year Walter Eckersall of the Maroons stood far above all other players in the west, this season the premier honors must be divideed between Walter Steffen of Chicago and George Capron of Minnesota. The Maroon quarter back is by far the more valuable man, but the sensational drop kicking of the Gopher, which practic ally won two games and contributed all the scoring in the third, gives him a niche in the hall of fame. He is not an all around player, but is a fair ground gainer. On the defense his game is poor, and he does not get away well in running back punts. While he did not play full back, it is the only place on the team he will fit without displacing a good man. There were no really great full backs in the west this year, and, as it is the most natural position for a star kicker, Capron is given the place.

Steffen was not such a sensation as Capron, because he was with a better team and received superior backing in all his stunts. Steff is the best man in the west-and probably in the country-in carrying the ball through a broken field.

Eckersall was thought a wonder in that line of work, but Steffen has even surpassed the brilliant work of the greatest "little man" football has ever seen. Besides, Steffen is a field general who understands every angle of the new game and a good kicker. Leaving Capron's kicking out of consideration, there is no comparison between the

two men. Good ends were scarce in the west and there is little trouble in choosing Hammond of Michigan and Page of Chicago for the first team. This was the little Maroon's first year of intercollegiate football and he made a remarkable record. His strong forte lay in handling forward passes. Hammond is a more experienced man than Page, but he can learn a lot from the little Maroon. As a tackler and breaker of plays Hammond has no superior in this section of the country. He is fairly heavy for an end, but has a world of speed-a bad combination for any prospective gainer to bump.

Two tackles, Messmer of Wisconsin and Case of Minnesota, stand out by themselves. Both were developed under the old gridiron regime and are among the few veterans left in the game since the adoption of the threeyear eligibility rule and other legisla tion. They play the same sort of game. Both men are like rocks on defense and lightning fast in tearing holes in their enemy's line and getting the man with the ball. They can be taught nothing in the blocking or interfering line, and both are fair ground gainers.

At the guard positions Graham of Michigan and Van Hook of the Illini are young mountains. Both weigh Both weigh about 230 pounds and know how to get the best results from every ounce of Van Hook's that tremendous bulk. playing was sensational against the Maroons, and many Orange and Blue rooters attribute the defeat by Iowa to the indisposition of Van Hook. Graham has developed into a fair kicker and won the Vanderbilt game with two boots from the field. Bandelin of Minnesota and Harris of Chicago showed well throughout the season.

Schultz of Michigan is a wonderful center and is seriously considered as a candidate for the position of All-Amer ican center on account of his wonderful work in the Pennsylvania game There is no angle in the playing of the pivotal position the big German does not understand.

Capt. De Tray of Chicago is the best half back in the west, and combines great-line plunging ability with all the requisites which go to make a half back under the new rules. His absence from the game last season made him a greater player than ever this year, and he captained the fast Chicago eleven to the western championship in grand style.

Schucknecht of Minnesota is placed on the other side of full back, although he did not play up to his 1906 standard in this season's games. He is a great defensive player and end runner coupled with his inmate knowledge of all branches of the game, makes him a most valuable player.

From the above it will be seen the personnel of the first team contains three representatives each from Mich igan, Minnesota, and Chicago, and one each from Illinois and Wisconsin.

Clever Indian Sub. Island, the substitute quarter at Carlisle, is said to be as fast and clever as Mt. Pleasant, the regular.



A MUSICAL COMEDY FAVORITE



DANIELS AS AN ADMIRAL.

Was Hard on the "Crew" Who Is How Anna Held Was First Brought to Now Waiting for Revenge. Frank Daniels is as fond of fun in

private life as on the stage. Anent the sea, Daniels has a houseboat called the Hardly Ever, for the reason that it hardly ever leaves its moorings in its home at Rye, N. Y., and when it does it hardly ever escapes going arock or aground. There are two small boats, which serve as tenders, named the Why and the But, and it is in them that practically all locomotion is accomplished. Incidentally there are two giant anchors said to have been intended for the Lusitania. In order that the whole affair might have a truly saline flavor, one day near the close of the season, when the guests, save one who shall be named Peters, had departed, it was decided to have an admiral and a crew. By some ar rangement, arrived at after long and libationary discussion, Mr. Daniels was to be admiral one day and Peters the crew, the positions being reversed on the following day, the honors thus alternating. The first day this unique scheme was tried Mr. Daniels won the position of admiral. He arrayed himself in full uniform and proceeded to order the unfortunate Peters about with the severity of a martinet. Daniels went ashore an unnecessarily large number of times, always being rowed by the unhappy Peters, who nursed his wrath, thinking of the mor row, when his turn would come. When not engaged as a propeller the "crew" was weighing the anchors, throwing the main peak overboard or busied with other comic duties, and when night came Peters had mapped out a perfect campaign of revenge. But as morning dawned Mr. Daniels received a telegram calling him to New York for rehearsals and the crew's opportunity to "get even" was frustrated He is waiting patiently until next summer, an in the meantime consoles himself with the knowledge that the

Carle and the Orchestr

physical exercise "did him good."

"Richard Carle is back in New York after a tour of the one night stands of Pennsylvania," writes William Et ten. "The tall comedian says he is convinced that music and the trades cannot go hand in hand without more

or less danger to the hand.
"In one Pennsylvania town Mr. Carle noticed that the flute player of the home talent orchestra had one of his fingers bandaged. When the comedian made sympathetic inquiry he learned that this important member was a carpenter who had planed off part of the finger the day before

'Too bad,' said Mr. Carle, but he didn't know how bad it really was until he tried to sing at the evening per formance. Every time the flute player brought the bandaged finger into ac tion he covered the instrument with something worse than confusion, and drove Mr. Carle off the key.

"After trying his second song, Mr. Carle stopped; and, leaning over the footlights, said: 'Never mind, boys you may go home. I'll hum the rest

Pertinent to the End.

The late Richard Mansfield was a patient sufferer in his last illness, and he retained his good cheer to a marked degree. One day he told his physician that he believed he would not live many weeks longer.
"Bosh!" said the physician.

are good for a long time yet. Why, man alive, did you ever hear of anybody near death with legs and feet as warm as yours?

"Yes," replied Mr. Mansfield, "lots of them. For instance, there was Joan of Arc and the Salem witches."

STAR PRESS AGENT FAKE.

Public Notice

The serious illness with pneumonia of Anna Held recalls one of the best press agent fakes ever successfully on the local papers. It was vorked when Miss Held first came to this country, and while she was yet known only as the singer of "Won't You Come and Play With Me?" She needed more booming, and on broader lines. The press agent tried, by getting printed the report that Miss Held's remarkably good complexion was the result of daily milk baths. This was treated more or less as a cioke but one day a suit was recularly joke, but one day a suit was regularly begun in court by a Long Island dairy-man against Miss Held for an amazing amount of milk, hundreds of gallons. This looked like the real goods, so reporters were sent to the dairyman for confirmation. He confirmed all right. B'gum he meant to have his rights against the play actress, he did, Anna was interviewed. she had refused to pay for her bath milk because it did not stand the test for percentage of cream. The papers printed columns about it. Years the press agent confessed. He had given the dairyman \$20 to let the suit be brought in his name and to "stand for" the story. That was all.

The Author's Risk.

David Belasco was being congratulated on the success of his new G. A. R. drama.

"Writing plays is perilous business," said Mr. Belasco, thoughtfully. "With every fresh play an author risks his all. Past triumphs don't count. He who has written 20 superb pieces is just as likely to be damned on his 21st

piece as any tyro.
"The public is critical and just before it is kind. I remember once Mr. Belasco laughed.

"There was once," he resumed, "a playwright who sat in the front row of stalls at the first night of a new piece of his. This piece failed. It failed dreadfully. In fact, in the middle of the third act the entire company was hissed off the stage.

"As the playwright sat, pale and sad, amid the uproar, a lady behind him leaned forward and said:

'Excuse me, sir; but, knowing you to be the author of this play, I took the liberty, at the beginning of the performance, of nipping off a lock of your hair. Allow me now to return it

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Mme. Lina Abarbanell, the former grand opera soubrette, has been engaged by Henry W. Savage to sing the role of Sonia in "The Merry Widow." Charles Richman has returned to the role of Capt. Kearney in "The

Rose of the Rancho." Andrew Robson will succeed John

Mason as Alexis Karenina in support of Miss Virginia Harned in "Anna Karenina." Mr. Robson was a member of the late Charles Coghlan's company for several years and on the road has starred in "The Royal Box" and "Rich-Carvel."

Messrs. Leigh and Pether, authors of "Waiting at the Church" and "Poor John," both of which songs were phenomenally successful after their introduction by Miss Vesta Victoria, have been engaged by Charles Frohman to write a special song for Miss Hattie Williams for the "Fluffy Ruffles" production.

Mrs. Rida Johnson Young is busily engaged rewriting "The Lancers" which is taken from the old "Passing Regiment," for its production in t guise of a musical comedy at De', s theater, New York, in December.