

AMONG AMATEURS.

Pleasant Weather Brings Out All of the Enthusiastic Athletes.

PLANS FOR TOURNAMENTS.

In Embryo, Mature Rapidly in All Directions of the Compass.

'CYCLERS OFF TO THE STATE MEET.

Athletic Associations to Give Great Field Programmes.

NOTES OF THE TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS

"Too hot to move" has been the general comment during the last half fortnight, but the complainers retired only to the noon hours. The early mornings and the late afternoons have been "just right" in the opinion of the wheelmen, the tennis players, the ball enthusiasts and others who find delight in open air amusements. In fact, it seems as if this little stretch of good weather has roused the slumbering forces to a starting point.

The whole city, which during the long wet spell was as dead, has suddenly awakened, and every minute that can be stolen from business is employed in building up the health, impaired perhaps by months of indoor life. The residence streets, the recreation parks and the pleasure grounds teem with lightsome life. The

real enjoyment than many of its predecessors. The State meet of wheelmen commences today at Scranton. Pittsburgh will not be so well represented as she should be. The trouble is that there are many of the "cyclers here who can afford to take the time necessary to attend a meet but once during the season, and they are holding back for the National meet at Washington. Nevertheless, the State meet at Scranton is one which should



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not have been missed. The programme of events is a good one. It contains a half-mile race for the State League championship; a mile race for the S. B. C. championship; a two-mile race for the State League championship, a mile race for the State League championship and a one-half mile race on ordinary for the State championship. Some of Pittsburgh's representatives should be entered in these races, but it begins to look as if our wheelmen will not be it and the State championships will go elsewhere. Pittsburgh is represented on the committees by S. H. Murray and J. W. McGowan, the latter of whom is also a delegate to the National assembly.

The "3 A's" have been taking in quite a distinguished lot of new members lately. Among these recently admitted to fraternal relationship are S. W. Haley, one of the fastest mile and a half runners in Western Pennsylvania. Harry S. Calvert, manager of the inter-collegiate field meeting of May 28; Edward B. Goehring, of the Allegheny County Law Students nine; J. E. McClung of the Western University nine, and Arthur L. Banker of the East End; T. P. Courtney and A. H. Langenhain, wheelmen of great speed. At this rate it will not be long until the "3 A's" will include all of "our best" in the county.

The courts of the Pittsburgh Tennis Club were occupied every day during the week. They were in excellent condition and some very interesting sets were played by the crack players. This club is fast increasing its membership and by the end of the season will have from 150 to 175 members. Among those added to the rolls recently are W. P. Lynam, William Schoonmaker, M. Hunsicker, James I. Kay, W. P. Bahe, J. Schwartz, J. A. Briggs, C. P. Briggs, C. H. Gillespie, A. H. Dilworth, Bryan A. Sierik, J. L. Neal and J. H. Hayes. There is talk in the club of starting the tournaments that were so popular last year among the members.

The ten courts belonging to the Sewickley Athletic Association have been kept busy recently, and the game seems to be gaining in popularity in this suburb. Quite a large percentage of the players there are experts. They include J. J. Brooks, Jr.; M. A. Christy, the winner of the Grogan cup in 1890; C. G. Woods and L. Woods, who are hard to beat in doubles; W. W. Osburn, R. R. Miller and J. E. Porter, who also have

more than a local fame. The association will have a field day some time next month, and it is expected that it will be one of the greatest events of the year.

Pittsburgh has quite a number of cyclists who are able to hold their own against wheelmen in other parts of the Union. Perhaps the most remarkable family is that in which are included the four Banker brothers, whose names are published in these columns. They have all won honors, sometimes when pitted against the fastest men of the country. W. D. Banker, the oldest, commenced riding the "Ordinary" as far back as eight years ago, and won many prizes which now decorate his home. He and his next younger brother, A. G., held the tandem record of the country until within the last year. He is now located in New York. The next eldest brother, A. C., took to the wheel about six years ago, and he also has been victorious in many races through the Eastern and Western States. He holds many valuable prizes, several championships, having carried off the tennis race last fall. Lately he has not ridden much, having turned his attention to business in New York. He is also interested in business with his brothers in this city.

Arthur L. Banker, the next in age, has been riding about four years and has also been swift enough to win many prizes. He seems to call his brothers in for riding contests and has been victorious often in this line, while his brothers devoted their attention to the track. Still he has a great array of watches, medals, pitchers, cups, etc., that adorn his home. He is a member of the Allegheny Athletic Association and will ride with their colors this season. His name appears elsewhere in to-day's issue in connection with the "3 A's" field day.

The youngest of the brothers is George A. Banker, who no later than last Wednesday won the New York City four-mile championship at Rochester. He commenced riding about three years ago and has shown more speed, considering his age, than any other young man in this country. He has carried off prizes at New York, Niagara Falls, Detroit and Rochester, where he defeated such men as A. Rich and Brinker. He is wearing the New York Manhattan Club colors and has carried



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them to victory even against odds. He has gained notoriety by his fast sprint on the home stretch, which wins every time. He has a bright future before him.

There seems to be but one way to account for the talent of this family, and that is that the boys all inherit it from their father, who some 20 years or more ago was an expert on the old-fashioned wheels.

hands of Prof. Kirohner, but it has lately transpired that other parties are representing that they are to issue the official sheet. Unless these persons possess documents, a letter from the Mayor, countersigned by Prof. Kirohner, they may be assumed to be selling without authority. There is to be but one official programme and that is under Prof. Kirohner's personal supervision.

At the next meeting (the first Monday in July) of the East End Gym, the new officers will be installed and the revised



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constitution will come up for adoption. Several important, but necessary, changes are made by this instrument. It provides for the appointment of special committees in each of the branches of athletics and sports included in the Gym. For instance there will be a committee on tennis, one on bowling, another on baseball, etc. This is as it should be. It was too much to expect one to attend to working up all the events in the different lines. When the committees are appointed, they can get to work and arrange for tournaments, games, etc., and keep matters moving along at a lively gait.

Nearly every day adds another lady cyclist to the already large list. It is estimated that there are now over 500 of them in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and during the pleasant evenings of the past week they were out in full force. Among others observed on the streets of the East End were Miss Donie Konle, Miss Mamie Dope, Miss Belle Mathews, Miss Annie B. Edelen, Miss Armstrong, Miss Marie D. Coyle, Miss Davis, of Penn avenue; Miss Jennie Halley, Miss Margaret McQuinn, Miss Agnes M. Gill, Miss Elizabeth Fawcett, Miss Cora R. Wells and Miss G. McCleery.

The victory of the Pittsburgh Cricket Club last Monday and Tuesday over the Detroit team has rather alarmed the Chicago players and they are hustling about in practice as if their lives depended on the result of the next game. One of the Chicago papers in speaking of the matter says: "The recent defeat of Detroit by Pittsburgh in the Inter-City League match has set Chicago players to thinking whether they can get an eleven strong enough to defeat the representatives of the Smoky City. Good judges rather favor the latter." The only thing required now is for the home team to keep up its practice so that the Chicagoes shall find it a harder nut to crack than did the Detroitis.

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Wheelmen's Whispers. J. F. CULLENBERG will probably go to the Washington meet, riding most of the way on his wheel. Miss BEATRICE HUBBARD, of Stanton avenue, was out on her wheel several evenings during the past week. The East End Gym wheelmen joined in the lantern parade last night in place of taking their regular run. C. H. FETTERSON is now an L. A. W. Consul.

He is preparing for his attempt to beat the record between this city and Buffalo.

There are more numerous seen on the streets nowadays. Five or six of them may be seen every evening on Highland avenue. The regular meeting of the Keystone is set for to-morrow evening, but it will probably be postponed a week owing to the State meet.

The associated cycling clubs of New Jersey will hold their race meet at Rahway on July 2 to 4. There will be several division races. W. R. COLEMAN, J. L. ENRIETA, W. W. MYER, J. F. BALLEW and J. W. McERWIN, of the Keystone Club, left yesterday morning on the express for the State meet at Scranton.

In France lady cyclists dress very much like men, in tunics and cloth knickerbockers, the chief difference between the man and a woman being in the rather longer cut of the lady's tunic. The roads are now in a much improved condition, especially those out of town. The repairs in the city streets go on very slowly and some of them are quite dangerous to wheelmen after night.

ANTWERP ZIKEMAN is making the English cyclists open their eyes. He has recently lowered the 1/2 mile (1/2 m.) record 1/3 seconds, reduced the 1/4 mile to 1 minute and 4 seconds and the open mile to 10 minutes and 40 seconds.

The Executive Committee in charge of the National League meet at Washington have arranged to receive over 5,000 visiting wheelmen. It is expected that there will be over 8,000 cyclists in line in the parade on July 10. The features of the parade will be 40 policemen on wheels.

Tennis Tournaments. The bowlerite tennis players are talking of a tournament in the near future. The epicketers at Wilkensburg have turned their attention to tennis lately and a tournament is one of the events of the near future. Several very interesting sets were played on the courts of the Misses Abel on Thursday evening between Mr. B. and Miss E. Squires and the Misses Abel.

The Misses Maxwell, on Walnut street, near O'Hara, have been entertaining quite a number of sets of tennis lately. The net has been up every day. The Pittsburgh Tennis Club's new house is not approaching completion, that is so far along now that some idea may be obtained as to how it will appear when finished. A TOURNAMENT between the members of the Superior Athletic Association is announced for to-morrow. It was to have been held last week, but was postponed to give the players more time for practice.

Next Tuesday the tournament for the championship of the United States in ladies' singles and doubles, and in mixed doubles will be held under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, at Chestnut Hill, Pa.

A cover has been laid off by Mr. A. C. Schindler in the grounds of Miss Kleinferd, near South Highland avenue. It is intended for an afternoon, and it is said that the club which has formed about its precincts is preparing to do battle with a rival organization in the neighborhood. The ladies of the East End Gym Tennis Division had a pleasant afternoon last Tuesday when they were cheated out of their Friday afternoon games by reason of the fact that the Tarentum-Keystone ball game was played there. Arrangements are on foot for a series of tournaments commencing next month.

General Field Notes. The Superior Athletic Association will probably enter Messrs. Krohn and Follansbee in the "Three A's" field meeting on July 2. The East End Gym's next field day will be July 8, when it is expected that the number of entries will be much larger than on any previous occasion. The "3 A's" have just finished the first straightway cipher path, 100 yards, in this part of the country. They intend to make the whole course of the same material. The Pittsburgh and Chicago cricket teams will play here on July 4 and 5, and the winner of this game will be pitted against the winner of the Eastern series on September 17 and 18 for the championship. The Superior Athletic Association will have field sports of their own on July 4. If the programme of events is as good as was that on Decoration Day they will draw out all the winners at their own expense of the county. The Detroit Athletic Association will enter ten men at the "Three A's" field day July 4. It begins to look as if this day will be the greatest in the history of the city. Michigan will also send other representatives, the names of whom will be given later on.

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