

THE GUN.

CARTRIDGE AND SHELL.

It is stated that over 2,000 deer were killed in the Adirondack region during 1893.

The Country Club will hold their first shoot of the season on Saturday, February 24th.

The open season for quail, grouse, snipe and rail closed in Kern county on February 1st. In Siskiyou county ditto.

Through the efforts of the Country Club the open season for quail in Maria county has been extended to March 1st.

We are informed that two deer were openly exposed for sale at the Bay City Market this week. Here is a chance for the Fish Commissioners.

The Colgate rescuing party have been obliged to return owing to deep snow. They reached the mouth of Black Canon but were unable to proceed further.

At the recent tournament of the Hamilton Gun Club (Hamilton Co.), Mr. W. Edmond defeated J. A. R. Elliott in a 50 bird match, with a score of 47 to 45.

Shooting and Fishing, America's authority on the rifle, has removed its headquarters from Boston to 293 Broadway, N. Y. This leaves a clear field for the American Stock-keeper.

It is said that a bill will be presented at the next session of the Ontario Legislature to prevent live pigeon shooting at the traps in Canada. The gun clubs will oppose the measure and try to convince the legislators that such a law is unnecessary.

Messrs. Clabrough, Golcher & Co. have renewed their contract for the shooting privileges of the Oakland race track. They will be ready for business as soon as the weather permits them to get things in shape. They will give at least two of their popular tournaments during the season and the shooting will be open to all, as formerly.

The E. T. Allen Co. have just received a very fine line of cartridge cases, of all styles, clamoris lined, express cases and a full line of trap shooting supplies, also a sheep skin lined sleeping bag that is an indispensable article to those who, for either pleasure or business, are compelled to sleep in the open air, or in the mountains when after big game.

The late A. G. Dole, of Manchester, was a veteran sports man, says the Stock-keeper. He had rounded out four score years and had enjoyed many happy days with shot gun and rifle. Although confined to his house for a number of years before he died, with rheumatism, his interest and fondness for fishing and hunting never abated. One day, in conversation with his friend George Bisco, likewise an ardent and experienced sportsman he said: "George, hunt all you can. Don't put off the day until it is too late. I have had my share of fun and if I could live over again I would hunt and fish more than I have. Good health is better than money and in no way can you acquire it more surely than by companionship with the woods and streams."

The Gun Club.

The regular annual meeting of The Gun Club was held at the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, on Thursday afternoon February 8th, President J. O. Cadman in the chair. The other members present were Secretary J. K. Orr, J. M. Kilgarif, F. R. Webster, W. J. Golcher, E. Donahoe, R. H. Sprague, F. S. Butler, Robert Oxnard, R. B. Woodward, H. W. Woodward, E. P. Eyre and W. S. Kittle.

The secretary and treasurer's report was read and approved. The club is in the best financial condition that it has been for eighteen years, and do not owe a solitary dollar.

The following officers were the only persons nominated for the positions, and were elected unanimously: President, J. M. Kilgarif; Vice-President, H. W. Woodward; Secretary-Treasurer, J. K. Orr, his sixth year in office.

The first shoot of the season will be held on February 22d at Oakland Race Track at 10 A. M., arrangements having been made with Messrs. Clabrough, Golcher & Co. for the season.

The executive committee will handicap the shooters as soon as possible. All other arrangements, such as referee, scorer, lunch, etc., were placed with the executive committee. Messrs. Clabrough, Golcher & Co. will provide an officer to preserve order at the shooting stand and the club will provide another to attend to the outside.

Criticised the Alligator.

An amusing incident occurred on Main street one day last week in front of the aquarium in the window of E. P. Wonsen's lunch room and cigar store. Three young ladies, one from New York, the other from Kansas and the third from Florida, were interested spectators of the young alligator, which, as immovable as the sphinx, lay on the window ledge harking in the sun.

After watching the saurian for some minutes the young lady from the South spoke up, saying: "The man who stuffed that alligator did not know his business. Why, I have seen thousands of alligators, and none of them in life ever carry their tail or curve their leg in that ridiculous fashion."

Just then the alligator gave a quiver, opened his capacious jaws, snapped at a fly, and as he slid into a tank the young lady from Kansas is quite positive he winked an eye. The young lady from Florida subsided.—Gloucester (Mass.) Daily Times.

The Midwinter Tournament.

The Midwinter trap shooting tournament will be held on April 4th to 8th inclusive under the auspices of the California State Sportsmen's Association. That it will be a success under this management goes without saying. This tournament will be the attractive feature to the sportsmen of the Western States and Territories attending the Midwinter Fair. The programme will be ready for distribution very shortly. A very large attendance from the entire coast is assured.

Sporting Patents.

The following list of United States patents relating to sporting interests, granted on the 16th and 23d of January, 1894, is reported for this paper by James Sangster, patent attorney, of Buffalo, N. Y.:

Issue of January 16, 1894.—Breech mechanism for ordnance, Edward G. Parkhurst, Hartford, Conn., assignor to Hotchkiss Ordnance Company, Limited, London, England. Twenty-three claims.

Guard for fish hooks, Joseph R. Payson, Chicago, Ill. Thirteen claims, we quote the first claim. "Claim 1.—A guard adapted to be pivoted at one end to the shank of a fish hook and to oscillate in a plane passing through the point of the hook."

Sight for ordnance, E. G. Parkhurst, Hartford, Conn., assignor to the Hotchkiss Ordnance Company, Limited, London, England.

Fishing tackle case, A. H. Handlan Jr., St. Louis, Mo. Issue of January 23, 1894.—Gun barrel, H. A. Kingsland, Belleville and W. P. Sanger, East Orange, N. J.

Breech loading gun, John M. Browning, Ogden, Utah. Gun carriage, Konrad Hausner, Ingolstadt, Germany.

Pistol, W. W. Kimball, Washington, D. C., assignor of one-half to George S. Prindle and Phillip G. Russell, same place. Twenty-four claims to this patent.

Combined billiard table, book case and desk, S. A. Faribault, Elsoon, Ill.

Sporting patents that have expired during the week ending January 23, 1894.—Revolving fire arm, H. L. Gardner, Springfield, Mass.

Revolving fire arm, Daniel B. Wesson, Springfield, Mass. Revolving fire arm, Stephen W. Wood, Cornwall, N. Y.

The Country Club.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 1, 1894.

EDITOR BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN:—The annual meeting of the Country Club, of San Francisco, will be held at the rooms of the Pacific-Union Club, on Wednesday evening, February 14, 1894, at 8:30 o'clock.

FREDERICK R. WEBSTER, President.

WILLIAM C. MURDOCH, Secretary-Treasurer.

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The Fly Casting Tournament.

The committee on Fly Casting Tournament at the Midwinter Fair, met on Tuesday last and considerable work was accomplished. Col. G. C. Edwards occupied the chair and W. D. Mansfield acted as temporary Secretary. A committee on rules and regulations to govern the tournament was elected as follows: Col. G. C. Edwards, H. C. Bassett, A. M. Cummings, John F. Siebe, Joseph E. Shain, E. T. Allen, W. J. Golcher, W. D. Mansfield, of San Francisco, A. J. Willis, of Truckee, Wm. J. Variel, of Los Angeles and Wm. Tevis, of Bakersfield. This committee will report on February 20th, at Parlor A, Palace Hotel, to a meeting open to all sportsmen that are interested in angling.

It was decided to hold the tournament early in May. The exact time and place to be determined upon at the meeting on February 20th.

One of the principal objects of holding an open meeting is the very laudable one of forming a fly casting or angling club. San Francisco is the only city of its size that does not support an angling club, and we believe that our most enthusiastic fly casters and practical anglers will eagerly embrace this opportunity of fostering their favorite sport. California should not be at the tail end of anything. We hope to see a large and enthusiastic attendance and the foundation laid for a solid club, that will make its influence felt far and wide.

Spearing Steelheads.

It has been the custom for local sportsmen to spear steelheads (commonly called salmon) as soon as the water in Las Uvas creek was sufficiently high to admit of them coming up the creek from the Pajaro river. The right to do this has never been questioned until now. We were asked to write to Joseph D. Redding, President of the Board of Fish Commissioners, and ascertain whether it was lawful to catch these fish at this season of the year and whether steelheads were classified as trout. In answer, President Redding says that Dr. Jordan has classed them as trout and cites our attention to page 20 and section 633 of the fish and game laws of California, which reads as follows:

"Every person who takes, catches or kills, or exposes for sale, or has in his possession, any speckled trout, brook or salmon trout, or any variety of trout, between the first day of November and the first day of April in the following year except salmon trout taken with rod and line in tide-water, is guilty of a misdemeanor." Approved March 17, 1891, Stats. 1891 p. 110.

It will be seen by the foregoing that it is unlawful to kill these fish at this season of the year and all who do so are subject to conviction and fine.—Gilroy Gazette.

There are 66 fish hatcheries in the United States, and 14 in Canada and Newfoundland; and they produce 1,616,027,192 fish hatched, while the 416 hatcheries in Europe yield only 277,973,016 young fish; the average production of one hatchery being 13,400,000 in North America and 668,000 in Europe. In America the expense is borne entirely by Government. In Europe the work is mostly private, the largest amount of money being contributed by Germany, although France led all countries in the early development of pisciculture. Small Government appropriations are made by Great Britain, Russia, Sweden, Italy and the Netherlands. According to Invention, \$35,000 represents a year's total expenditure for piscicultural work by all countries of Europe.

We are gradually learning something about the habits of fish. The world was startled some time ago when a gentleman proved that a tench, which had been out of the water four hours, could be revived with a dose of brandy. Dr. Lawrence Hamilton, who certainly is deserving of unstinted praise for his hard work in connection with fishing, found that river carp enjoyed water at 106 degrees Fah., but they died when it was at 116 degrees Fah. Saussure found eels in

the hot springs (113 degrees Fah.) of Aise, Savoy. Dr. Davy and others have found that trout, salmon, dace, tench and minnows die at temperatures of about 70 degrees to 90 degrees Fah. In India carp, perch, roach and some carnivorous fishes live in water from 90 to 115 degrees Fah. Moreover, in certain hot springs of Barbary, fishes flourish in a temperature of 172 degrees Fah., and at Manila in water at 187 degrees Fah. Humboldt states that while travelling in South America he saw fishes thrown up alive from a volcano in water at 210 degrees Fah., but this is very hard to credit.

The hatching and distribution of young salmon still goes merrily on at Sisson. The salmon will shortly give place to 100,000 Eastern brook trout spawn, the last of the lot taken during the past season at Marlett lake, Nev. The remaining 300,000 of the trout spawn are now in process of hatching at Bear valley. Distribution of the trout will be made in all the mountain streams where it is believed that these fish will thrive.

The Coming Napa Sale.

By referring to the advertising columns our readers will observe a synopsis of the catalogue of the sale of stock to be held at the Napa race track February 21st. This sale will include every trotter and pacer owned by the excellent judge of horseflesh H. W. Crabb. For years, this gentleman has been selecting a class of trotters and pacers that would fulfill his ideal of what a fine horse should be, and when these trotters are led into the salesring the unanimous verdict of those assembled will be that his ideal was a very good one. For size, color, individuality, disposition and gait, combined with that great desideratum, "speed," he made few mistakes, and if he did happen to make one, nobody was made the wiser of it, for the animal was disposed of at less than work horse prices. The list of producing mares, mares with records and colts and fillies by Eros, Grandissimo 2:23, San Diego, Alconer, Secretary, Black Pilot, Alcona 7:30, Alcona Jr., out of mares by Milton Medinn, Whippleton, Nauhuc, Sultan, A. W. Richmond, Vick's Ethan Allen, Hambletonian 7:25, and other famous broodmare sires, is large.

Besides these, Mrs. A. Skinner consigns to this sale all of her mares and colts, and as they are out of producing dams, and are by such sires as Noonday 2:30, Secretary, Alcona Clay and Alcona 7:30, buyers will be able to select some that will be useful on the track or road. Then there is that game stallion Blonde Wilkes 2:22½ by Guy Wilkes out of Blonde, by Arthurton, just the fellow to win money with at the races this fall.

J. B. Stevens sends the best matched, purest-gaited and most stylish road team ever offered for sale at public auction in this state.

There are also a large number of other choicely bred and finely developed youngsters that will pay for themselves anywhere this year. In our next week's issue we will give further particulars and advise all who have not had any catalogues, to send at once to this office for them or to F. W. Loeber, St. Helena.

Parkville Farm Loses Jay Wilkes.

For the second time this month John H. Shults has sustained the loss of a valuable trotter. Last week The Rider and Driver announced the death of the promising filly, Will helmine, for whom Mr. Shults gave \$1,500 last year. The same influenza that carried off Wilhelmine attacked Jay Wilkes soon after. Last Tuesday night, when he had apparently got over the worst of the trouble, the stallion walked to the corner of his stall in the farm hospital and tumbled over in a heap. Dr. William Sheppard had just left his patient and Superintendent W. W. Shuit, who remained to look at the sick trotter, found that he was dead.

The veterinary surgeon returned thunderstruck at the unexpected turn, and decided to hold a post mortem. This was done the next morning, and a lump of fibrous matter was found in the cleft of the heart, which was the immediate cause of death.

Jay Wilkes was foaled in 1890, bred at San Mateo Farm, California, got by Guy Wilkes, 2:15½, out of the famous mare Sweetness, by Volunteer, also the dam of Sidney, 2:19½. He was brought to New York last January along with others from the same farm, and Mr. Shults secured him for \$5,000. He was slow to becoming acclimated, but had been going well under Trainer Devy's banding, and was among the lot to be campaigned this year. A fine animal, chestnut in color, with a lot of speed. Jay Wilkes was a very valuable horse, and certain to have made a reputation on the turf had he lived.

JAMES CARPENTER, of Providence, R. I., who drove Henry C., 2:15, last year, will have Steve Whipple, 2:12, in his stable this year.

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