

involve numerically strong teams being received or sent away, there are big possibilities ahead of it in an international way. Has anyone any suggestions to offer?

The appeal of Arthur F. Duffy, the American sprinter, who visited Sydney in 1905, in the suit which he brought against the Amateur Athletic Union of America, to restore his times to the record books, has failed. On his last return to America the Georgetown University sprinter was suspended by the A.A.U. for infringing the amateur definition, and the records which he set up when running as an amateur were deleted from the record books. In a suit which Duffy brought to compel the A.A.U. to reinstate his times, it was held that he had no right of action, and this decision has now been confirmed by the Appellate Division.

Mr. R. Coombes, president of the Amateur Athletic Association of Australasia, arrived in Wellington yesterday by the Monowai. He has come over to attend the Conference at Christchurch, and will also assist at the Championship games, which commence to-day.

The N.Z. amateur athletic championships commence to-day at Christchurch. There are no less than 453 entries for all events. These include 136 for championships and 317 for handicaps. The competitions number 152 all told. The following are the entries for each event:—Championship 100yds, 11; 220yds, 14; 440yds, 16; half-mile, 10; one mile, 9; three mile, 10; one mile walk, 4; three mile walk, 4; 120yds hurdles, 10; 440yds hurdles, 9; high jump, 8; long jump, 8; pole vault, 8; hammer, 8; weight, 7; centre relay race, 4 teams; club relay race, 5 teams; harrier steeplechase, 3 teams. Handicap events—50yds, 26; 75yds, 30; 120yds, 36; 220yds, 34; 440yds bracelet 33; half mile, 23; mile, 23; 120yds hurdles, 8; 440yds hurdles, 9; high jump, 14; hop, step and jump, 14; schools races, 16.

The conference of N.Z.A.A.A. centres takes place to-morrow, February 22, at the Pioneer Clubrooms. Among the subjects to be discussed are the reciprocal agreement with the New Zealand Athletic Union, and the reinstatement rules of the Australasian Union.

There is a further matter which, although not strictly confined to the N.Z.A.A.A., has still a strong bearing on sports government (writes "Sprinter" in the Canterbury "Times.") I refer to the extension

of the principle of reciprocity agreements to all the recognised sports bodies in the colony. These include football, rowing, cricket, lawn tennis, swimming, hockey, golf, athletics and cycling. The foundation of an agreement between each and all of the above bodies should be a full recognition of the principle that a disqualified person in one body should be disqualified in all. At present it is a common sight to see a disqualified swimmer or runner competing freely with footballers or cricketers. Hence the pains and penalties that should follow corrupt practices in sport are, to a certain extent, shorn of their terror to evil-doers. As soon as a man is convicted and outlawed in one sport, he can immediately pass on to another, and perhaps perpetrate further breaches of rules and bring more than one sport into bad odour. This should not be tolerated one day longer than necessary, and I feel sure that every sports governing body in the colony will readily fall in with any scheme of general disqualification, such as I have outlined, if the matter is brought officially before them by a recognised organisation such as the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association. A huge confederation of sports bodies must necessarily be for the benefit of all concerned, and could be made powerful enough to secure the passage of legislation in the direction of giving each organisation a legal status, which none but boxing now possesses. The time is ripe for reform in this direction, and I trust that steps will be taken forthwith to test the feeling of other sports organisations on the matter.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The models of cars to be placed on the market in 1907, and exhibited at the great Shows, particularly the Paris Salon, did not reveal any apparent advance in the matter of carburation. It was, however, noticeable that the use of the supplementary air inlet, placed on the induction pipe and controlled from the driving seat, has grown very rapidly in favour, and bids fair to become more

popular than the so-called "automatic" carburettor. Particularly is the supplementary air inlet suitable for Australian conditions, with the hot climate and rarefied air of this country. Only practical experience can prove to motorists the great advantage derivable from the use of this inexpensive fitment to their car engine. Not only does the extra supply of air keep down the cost of fuel, but the engine develops more power, the danger of overheating is removed, and the life of the wearing parts is greatly prolonged. It is quite safe to say that five motorists out of ten are using too rich a mixture of petrol vapour and air to produce the best results with the smallest consumption of petrol. The use of the supplementary air inlet-valve is desirable in this climate even on the engines of cars supplied with automatic carburettors.

It is proposed to hold the Grand Prix de France between the dates of June 25 and July 8 next, but it is almost certain that the contest will be robbed of much of its distinction by the action of the Italian and German makers in transferring their patronage to the Emperor's Cup, a race for a Cup given by the German Emperor over the famous course on which the Gordon-Bennett contest of 1904 was run. Several of the new conditions of the Grand Prix do not meet with approval, particularly that condition which allows an increase in the weight of the vehicle, but imposes a test of consumption of fuel. The Emperor's Cup contest practically adopts the old Gordon-Bennett rules, and, following on the lead given by the German Automobile Club, the Automobile Club of Italy is moving to have the Florist Cup contest run under similar rules. However, it is certain that, although Italy has raised a protest officially, some Italian makers will compete in the French race.

The growth of the motor car industry is and will be the marvel of the twentieth century. It is divided between six countries—viz., France, England, United States of America, Germany, Italy and Belgium. One of the leading authorities in France recently compiled a table to show the growth of the industry between the years 1898 to 1906. The figures are

as follows:—France—1898, 1631; 1906, 55,000. England—1898, 682; 1906, 28,000. Germany—1898, 894; 1906, 22,000. Belgium—1900, 400; 1906, 12,000. Italy—1901, 300; 1906, 19,000. United States—1902, 314; 1906, 60,000. It will be seen that, although the Americans started late in building, they have made very rapid progress. The same remark applies to Italy and Belgium, who have profited by the work of France. France holds the record for having produced the greatest number of cars—viz., 240,000 in eight years, with a value of about £50,000,000. One wonders who have bought them, and where they have all gone.

BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

[The writer of this column will be glad to answer any questions on the game.]

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One of the most convenient and up-to-date billiard saloons in the South is the Ranfurly, situated in Ridgway-street, Wanganui, conducted by Mr. Chas. H. Hunt. It is handy to the main street, fitted with two first-class tables, and is very nicely furnished. The proprietor will extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Inman had not much difficulty in defeating Stevenson in the Burroughes and Watts' tournament. The former was in receipt of 2250, and when game was called he had won by no fewer than 1879 points. In the last two sessions the winner scored 562 in eight innings to his opponent's 226 in the afternoon, and 503 to 327 in the evening.

There was a good deal of excitement at the concluding stages of the Harrison v. Weiss match of 12,000 on level terms. When Weiss wanted 70 he was 250 in front. Before he ran out a winner by 117 he came to grief many times, and while Harrison was wiping off 133 there was much uneasiness.

When files to January 11 closed Dawson and Diggle were engaged in their heat in Burroughes and Watts' tournament. Diggle was in receipt of 1000 in 9000. Dawson from the start showed much the better form, and soon overhauled his opponent. The latest scores show Dawson 6001, Diggle 4566.

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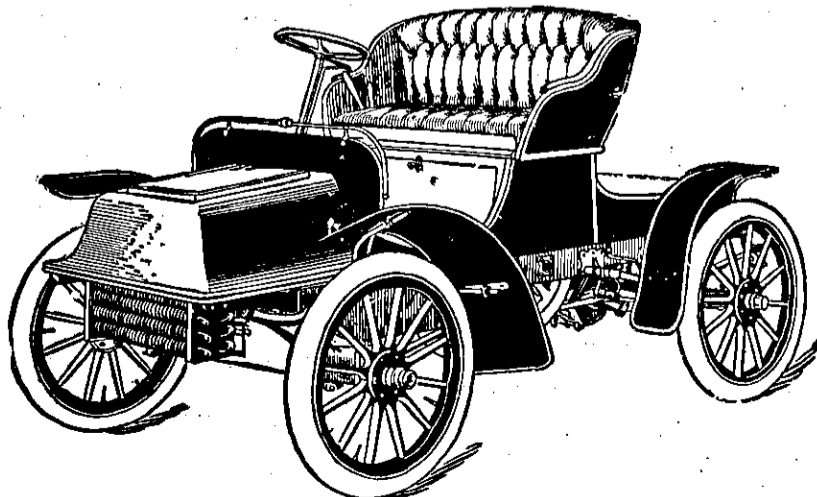
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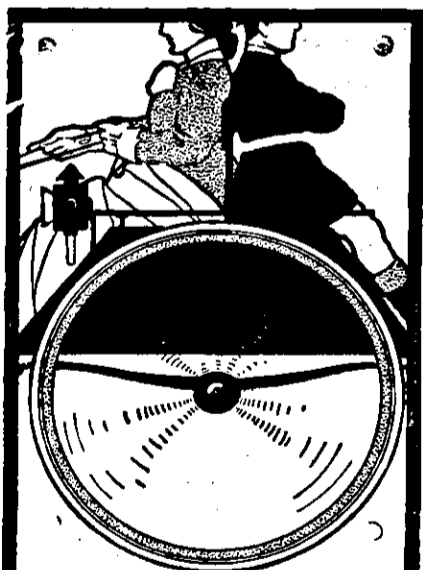
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