

PIGEONS.

Caught or Shot. (Have your birds registered and mark each one.)

Caught on the 11th inst. in Philadelphia, Pa. THE SPORTING LIFE, PHILADELPHIA, PA. We will act as the owner's pleasure in publishing those reported to us, but we will not correspond with finders except in case of birds entered in a journal for record.

Prince Albert, home yesterday from the start in Orange three days previous, is literally riddled with shot and has one wing broken. A postal from Mr. I. Eschenberg, 503 South Bond street, Baltimore, informs that he has my Freda, and a friend of his has my St. George, and that he will ship me the bird if I will send him a dollar. Of course this is not the first letter I have been asked to buy my own birds. Last fall the first one claiming to be a fancier—George S. Fell, Philadelphia.

Mr. E. H. Hughes, Chelney, Delaware county, Pa., says: "A pigeon marked 2,457 has been at my place all week." The bird caught in Cladins' notion department, was my O. O. B.—E. H. Platt, New York City. G. W. Crane, Rahway, N. J., reports O. C. N. as flying into the window of the P. R. R. Co.'s office at 7:30 p. m., Aug. 12.

Mr. W. S. Ayres, McConellville, N. J., writes: "My office boy, William Bunney, saw a bird marked 610 O. B. flying about the works this morning (Sept. 4) and threw a stone at and killed it." The bird was owned by Mr. J. F. Rice, Brooklyn, and was in training for the Volunteer Association races.

Mr. James Lynn, Brandywine, D. C., says under date of Aug. 27: "I have had a pigeon since Christmas, but never knew what it was until the other day when I found in my pigeon coop a feather, and it came out of its wings. The bird is well and has raised three pairs of young." The feather bears the three-winged caught—shot stamp, which Mr. L. W. Spangenberg's birds of 1887 were marked.

The Philadelphia's Youngsters. The Philadelphia Club had sixty birds for try in the first race with young birds. These were owned—George S. Fell 20, Charles Adam 15, Frank Devlin 14, John McFadden 5, Gottlieb Hutt 6. The start was from Orange, Va., at 6:41 A. M. on the 23, after a four days' wait in the basket. The first returns to each loft were:

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From Washington, D. C. An interesting race was flown the 21st inst. for a subscription race, engaging fifty-two birds from Newark, New York and Brooklyn lofts. The start was from the chief signal office, Washington. The average speed was in order as follows:

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Notes and Items. The entry in the pigeon classes at the Pennsylvania State Fair is about 430 birds, and comprises all ordinary breeds of the morning and evening races. The display is attractive in spite of the season. Pigeon fanciers are predominant, and the judges have a task in placing the awards, and the more so as the classification is by owners, and not varieties. The judges are G. F. Erb, Philadelphia; W. W. Wort, Landisville. The entry and awards will be given in next week's Sporting Life.

The Volunteer Association, Brooklyn, has its first race, weather permitting, the 8th inst. from Washington, D. C. The entry is G. W. Pangborn 5, O. R. Doane 4, Thomas Clark 3, George Fischer 2, Max Danhauser 4.

The Buffalo Federation. The birds of the Federation of Buffalo, N. Y., were liberated for their first journey in Westfield, N. Y., at 9 A. M., the 24 inst. The first return was of two birds to M. G. Reinhardt at 10:27 A. M. Next, one each to each J. C. Scheider and D. F. Welle at 10:35 A. M. All but three of the entry were reported at evening.

to say he was far and away the best man on the ground. The spectators gave him a most cordial and enthusiastic reception whenever he appeared on the track. Returns: Mile green race.—Final heat won by J. H. Gerrie, Waddlers, by 20ft. In 3:18 3-5; H. Woods, Toronto Club, 2d.

Mr. Howard P. Merrill, of Springfield, has been appointed referee of the Hartford cycling tournament. At Newport, R. I., August 3, W. Van Wagener rode a bicycle over the ocean drive, about 10 1/2 miles, in 41m. 5s, beating the best previous record by 6s.

The American team has returned home. The party reached New York Sunday Aug. 19. They brought Jack Lees and F. W. Allard, Englishmen, and Jules Dubois, the leading French cyclist, with them. They will all compete at Buffalo.

Howell won the 20-mile bicycle race at Leicester, Eng., Aug. 11, with ridiculous ease, covering the distance in 60m. 49s. Twenty thousand spectators were present. The race was for a stake of £200 and the championship of the world.

The Louisville, Ky., Cycle Club recently elected these new officers:—Dr. H. B. Tiltson, president; G. E. Johnson, vice president; W. E. Castle, secretary-treasurer; A. J. Lamb, captain; Chas. Crust, first lieutenant; Phil Allison, second lieutenant; G. G. Lucas, bugler.

Bert Myers is stated to have ridden a mile on a unicycle in 3m. 34 1/2 s., and 13 1/2-18 miles in an hour, in a trial against time at Lake View Park, Leominster, Ill., Aug. 22. We do not know under what conditions the performance was accomplished, or whether he is entitled to the record or not.

Races took place at Danvers, Mass., Sept. 3. The results were:—3 1/2 miles bicycle, H. Robinson, of Salem; time 3:30; half-mile, E. A. Bailey, of Somerville; 1:33; mile tandem tricycle, M. W. Robson and mate, of Salem; 5:35; three-mile bicycle, A. W. Porter, of Newton; 20:55; half-mile, M. W. Robson; 3:28; mile tricycle, W. M. McCrawton; 3:35; mile bicycle, A. W. Horton, of Newton; 3:41.

A union meet of cyclists was held at Cambridge Mass., Sept. 3, on Holmes' Field. Twelve clubs were represented. The races were won as follows:—Mile race for bicycles, J. P. Clark 1st in 3m. 7s.; A. P. Benson 2d, James Wilson 3d; three-mile race for bicycles, won by A. P. Benson in 5m. 25s.; mile race for bicycles, won by H. H. Hale in 3m. 54s.; one mile race for "ordinaries," won by D. Drimmond in 3m. 30s.; one mile race for "safeties," won by Theodore Rothe in 4m. 3s.

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