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Bits of News and Gossip About Men Whom All Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

Harry Thurman and Will K. Park, of Philadelphia, are now members of the G. U. N. Club of America. They are the only two sportsmen in the Quaker City that have a past record which would be accepted by the Imperial Council. It is certainly a great honor bestowed upon two worthy sportsmen. They will receive the working degree when the Imperial Council goes into session at New York in the third week of March.

George McAlpin, of New York, is shooting a great race on live birds at the present time.

Colonel Tom Devine, of Memphis, Tenn., is becoming a very fine shot at live birds and expects to attend the Grand American Handicap this year. Colonel Tom will be a welcome visitor and the boys will endeavor to keep him from getting lonesome while in Gotham.

J. A. R. Elliott, of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., has gone South and will shoot a 100 live-bird match with J. D. Gay, champion shot of Kentucky, at Louisville, on Jan. 16. Elliott will stand at 31 yards and use the Winchester "pump" gun. From Louisville Elliott will go to San Antonio, where he will try and win his share of plunder in the shoot given by Ole Guessaz, Joe George and Albert Steves. Jim is shooting in fine form and will be heard from when the winners are called to the front.

Ben O. Bush, of Kalamazoo, Mich., a well-known trap shot, has invented a new shot shell for use in duck and goose shooting in wet weather. The shell has a light brass cover, which makes it waterproof.

Justus Von Lengerke, of New York, a member of the firm of Von Lengerke & Detmold, has just returned from a business trip to England. While abroad he had some game shooting, and enjoyed it immensely.

Geo. Mosher, of Syracuse, N. Y., manager of the Syracuse Arms Co., was in New York last week. Geo. has challenged J. L. Winston, 147, for the Du Pont trophy, and will try and make a hot race for 147. Mosher will attend the Erie shoot, given by Clover and Pope, on Jan. 12, 13 and 14, and the Buffalo shoot on 19, 20 and 21.

John 147 Winston, of the Austin Powder Co., is again in New York, and trying to stir up shooting matters. 147 will shoot the match with Geo. Mosher, who challenged him for the Du Pont trophy, on Chas. Zwirlein's grounds, at Yardville, N. J., on Saturday, Jan. 16.

John J. Sumpter, Jr., of Hot Springs, is the original "Arkansaw Traveler." John will run a great big shoot in Feb. and March, and the boys who attend can raise any kind of a noise and not get arrested, as Sumpter has just been appointed as constable for Hot Springs by Governor Clark, and will enter into his duties at once.

Crit Robinson, of San Francisco, defeated Mr. Beresford, an English pigeon shot, in a 100 live bird match for \$500 a side at Monte Carlo, on Jan. 5, by the score of 95 to 91.

The G. U. N. Club of America was organized recently in Detroit, but now has a branch council in New York. It is a secret organization and the members are placed under great obligations. The officers are Harry McMurchy, M. P. A.; Wm. Genioke, S. P. A.; Joe Marks, E. S. A.; Tom Keller, J. Parker and James Hill-dreth are members of the Imperial Council. The Imperial Council will go into session at San Antonio, Texas, on the evening of Jan. 25, at 8:27 P. M. Dick Merrill, Hon. Thomas Marshall and Charles W. Budd will join the order and take the working degree.

Sim Glover, of Rochester, and H. Kirkover, of Buffalo, were the most successful marksmen at the trap shoot at Buffalo, on Jan. 2.

Wayne Leeson won the club prize at the shoot of the Elwood (Ind.) Gun Club, on Jan. 1 by killing 21 out of 25 live birds.

John Parker, of Detroit, shot well in a tournament at Grosse Point on New Year's day, and won most of the prizes. "Jack" is now shooting a Smith gun and Peters' factory loaded ammunition.

David Brown defeated George Diefender-

fer in a live bird match at Gibraltar, Pa., on Jan. 6 by killing 10 to 9 out of 15 live birds.

Frank Class, of Morristown, N. J., and John Rehrig, of Lehighton, Pa., will shoot a match this month at 50 live birds for \$50 a side.

Sandy McPherson, of Pittsburg, has sent on his forfeit to enter himself in the Grand American Handicap. Old Hoss was No. 1, Sandy No. 2 and Will King No. 3. Pittsburg will be well represented in the big event this year.

Dr. Mason won the W. A. trophy, presented to the Peekskill (N. Y.) Gun Club by breaking 50 out of 58 targets shot at.

Neaf Appgar, of New York, now a representative of the Austin Powder Co., will be tendered a testimonial shoot by the Boiling Springs Gun Club, of Rutherford, N. J., on Jan. 16. Neaf has helped the club in many ways for several years and they evidently appreciate his efforts.

Fletcher Walters won the silver powder can given by the Laffin & Rand Powder Co. at the shoot of the Arlington Shooting Association on Dec. 24, '96, by breaking 23 out of 25 targets. Walters was a scratch man, while others had an allowance of from five to ten extra targets to shoot at.

Jimmie McAleer, the great base ball player of the Cleveland Club, was induced to try his hand recently in a clay bird shoot at Youngstown, but he found it different from hitting curves and inshoots, and his score of goose eggs was a sight to behold. Jimmie had better get a few pointers from "Your Uncle Anson."

The Red Dragon Canoe Club, of Philadelphia, held their annual club mess at Dooner's Hotel on the evening of Jan. 6. The banquet hall was decorated with club flags and colors. The menu card was a pretty one and was attached to a miniature paddle. About 30 of the club members were present and a most enjoyable evening was passed. Commodore W. J. Scott presided and Joseph Edward Murray acted as toast master. Speeches, songs and stories enlivened the occasion and the Red Dragon orchestra rendered several selections.

Tom Keller, of New York, started West on Tuesday last and will represent the Peters Cartridge Company and Kings Powder Company at the San Antonio shoot.

Bert W. Claridge, formerly of Baltimore, but now with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., at New Haven, and winner of the Du Pont trophy at Chicago last August, was recently married in Baltimore.

Frank Schelling and David Felton shot a tie on the North Philadelphia Gun Club grounds on Jan. 5, each killing 10 out of 12 live birds.

George Meiser, Harry Reese and John Scott, three horsemen of Philadelphia, tried their hand at targets at the Belmont Driving Park, Philadelphia, on Thursday of last week and each made a straight score of eighers. It was their first experience at trap shooting.

The trap shooting contingent of the Red Dragon Canoe Club will soon shoot a team match with members of the Philadelphia Yacht Club.

H. D. Kirkover, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., writes us that the dates of the Audubon winter shoot have been fixed for Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Live birds and targets will be used and the Audubons will try and give a big meet.

Phil Daly, Jr., writes us that there will be live bird shooting on the new grounds at Elkwood Park, Long Branch, N. J., every Saturday. In a few weeks Daly expects to have the three sets of traps in operation and will throw the grounds open to the public. Live crows will be shot on one set, live blackbirds on another and live pigeons on the third. There will be a main event at 25 live pigeons, \$25 entrance, handicap from 25 to 33 yards, with good added money.

D. A. Myers, of Greensburg, Ind., won the W. A. silver trophy at a club shoot on New Year's day, by breaking 47 out of 50 Blue Rocks.

J. G. Pontefraet, of Pittsburg, has gone to Monte Carlo to join the Denny brothers, and these three will try their guns in the Grand Prix.

"Crit" Robinson, of California, won another victory at Monte Carlo on Jan. 4, by defeating Captain d'All Orchardson, in a match at 100 live pigeons, 30 yards rise. The Californian killed 92, to 89 for the foreigner.

Jas. O'H. Denny and his brother Frank, of Pittsburg, are now at Monte Carlo, taking part in the big pigeon shooting events on these famous grounds. They are both good shots, and likely to win a big prize before they return.

Thomas Dando, the crack shot of the Riverton Gun Club, Philadelphia, killed 94 out of 100 live birds at Riverton on Saturday last. The birds were specially selected and four fell dead out of bounds. Mr. Dando was using an L. C. Smith gun, and owing to a scarcity of shells finished the last fifty birds with shells loaded with Du Pont, Schulze, E. C. and Blue Ribbon Smokeless.

A. H. King defeated S. McPherson in a 100 live bird match at Pittsburg last week by killing 91 to 86.

William Ackerman, of Lima, defeated Simon Spellacy in a match at 50 birds at Lima, on Jan. 6 by killing 42 to 26.

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stepped into Robbins' store at Sixteenth and Diamond streets one day last week and saw a barrel marked "Blue Rock Pigeons." He asked if they were the pigeons that were to be used in a shooting match and received an affirmative answer. He at once advised Mr. Robbins to bore some holes in the top of the barrel so the poor things could get air.

We made an error in last week's issue in stating that Rolla Helkes had been barred from shooting on the Buckeye Gun Club, of Dayton, O., against the Limited Gun Club, of Indianapolis, because he was too clever with the shot gun. Rolla was detained at home, owing to sickness in his family, and none of the members of the Buckeye Gun Club was barred from the contest. The Limited Gun Club will never bar such a good fellow as Rolla Helkes from any team match, and all were sorry that he was absent.

Peter Murphy, the Philadelphia crack pigeon shot, who left recently for a Southern trip, has arrived safely in New Orleans. He wrote to a friend in Philadelphia telling about the shooting around New Orleans, and "Pete" says he killed 150 ducks the first day he went out.

John Parker, of Detroit, will be in attendance at the San Antonio shoot. Look out for "Deschreeshoska Jack" and his new load.

William Garbe, 2865 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y., will manage the midwinter shoot at Buffalo, N. Y., on Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Shooters desiring program should write to his address. Programme of events can be found in another column of this paper.

Eastern shooters going to San Antonio, Texas, by the way of Memphis, Tenn., should travel by the Zazoo & Mississippi Valley R. R., as that line affords quick and comfortable service from Louisville to Memphis.

Friends of Frank Parmelee, of Omaha, are anxious to back him in a pigeon match against Carver, Grimm or Budd, and claim they are willing to put up a forfeit to bind a match.

Milt Lindsley, of Cincinnati, is kept very busy now turning out the King's Smokeless powder, but he found time to shoot on a team against some Chicago sportsmen one day last week and the team he was on came out victorious. Milt was out of form, but was not the lowest man by any means.

Richard Lawrence defeated Will Smith at Reading, on Jan. 7, by breaking 41 to 32 out of 50 Blue Rocks.

Noel Money, secretary of the E. C. Powder Company, won first money in a sweep at Elkwood Park, N. J., on Jan. 9 by killing ten live birds straight.

John Esterley won first prize in a live-bird shoot at Reading, Pa., on Jan. 7, by killing 9 out of 10.

F. D. Kelsey, of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the old-timers in trap shooting, won a silver cup at the Buffalo Audubon Gun Club shoot a short time ago.

J. 147, L. Winston, of the Austin Powder Co., Cleveland, O., was a caller on "Sporting Life" on Tuesday of last week. He was feeling well and thought that he could hold the Du Pont trophy against George Mosher at Zwirlein's on Saturday of this week. 147 will be in attendance at the San Antonio shoot.

George McAlpin defeated George Work in a match at Babylon, L. I., on Jan. 12, by killing 151 to 142 out of 200 live birds. The match was for \$500 a side. The boundary was but 30 yards instead of 50 as ordinarily used.

A. B. Cartledge, secretary of the Florists' Gun Club of Philadelphia, notified us that the Florists' Gun Club will hold an all-day

shoot at Blue Rocks on their grounds at Wisconsin, Pa., on Monday, Feb. 22. A good warm club house, hot lunch, clear background, birds thrown smoothly, Rose system, and entrance fees from 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1.00 to \$1.50. The Florists' know how to run a pleasant shoot, and will have a big turnout on that day.

GEDDES AND WHITE

Made Best Record at the Crescent Athletic Club Shoot.

Donald G. Geddes and George C. White showed the most skill in smashing targets on Jan. 9 at the regular shoot of the Crescent Athletic Club, at Bay Ridge, L. I., while that clever marksman, Bert Fish, captured one event.

Five contests were decided, four at known traps and angles and one under expert rules. Scores:

First match, 25 targets; known angles:
Geo. White... 01011 01100 11111 01111 11111-19
Bert Fish... 00011 11001 11011 11111 11011-18
D. G. Geddes... 11100 01111 10011 11011 11111-18
E. H. Lott... 01011 01000 10010 00000 01011-10
H. Werleman... 00000 10110 10011 11100 00100-10

Second match, same conditions:
Bert Fish... 11110 01010 10100 11010 11111-16
Geo. White... 00011 01100 00111 11011 10110-14
E. H. Lott... 00100 11110 00100 00000 00100-7

Third match, 25 targets; expert rules:
Geo. White... 00111 10011 01011 11011 11011-17
D. G. Geddes... 00010 11110 11100 10101 10111-15
H. Werleman... 00000 00000 01000 01001 00000-3
E. H. Lott... 00110 withdrawn -2

Fourth match, 25 targets; known angles:
D. G. Geddes... 10110 11111 10111 11111 11111-22
Geo. White... 00101 10101 11111 11110 01000-15
E. H. Lott... 11011 11010 00010 00101 00010-11
H. Werleman... 00000 00000 00001 01000 11000-4

Fifth match, same conditions:
D. G. Geddes... 10111 11111 01111 11111 01111-22
Geo. White... 11111 11011 00111 11111 01111-21
Bert Fish... 11101 11101 11001 11101 10111-19
E. H. Lott... 01101 01011 10011 01010 00001-12

EAST PITTSBURG GUN CLUB.

An All-Day Shoot Held on New Year's Day.

The East Pittsburg, Pa., Gun Club held a well-attended shoot on New Year's day and some good scores were made. Blue Rock traps and targets were used, and the day was pleasantly spent by all present. Mack and Malz did the best shooting. Following are the scores:

Events 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Targets 10 15 10 15 10 15 10 15 10 15 10 15

Peters	7	9	8	11	8	10	8	12	8	10	10	11
Mack	9	12	7	12	5	13	7	13	9	12	8	15
Motz	9	13	8	13	10	13	9	15	8	10	10	10
Buck	11	8	11	4	14	8	11	8	10	6	10	6
Shaw	8	9	12	6	10	7	10	8	10	10	10	10
Rambo	2	11	7	10	7	7	8	7	5	9	5	9
Krop	4	12	8	7	10	5	9	7	7	7	7	7
McIntosh	7	7	3	13	5	11	3	8	8	8	8	8
Hamilton	9	8	11	6	14	9	13	6	9	9	9	9
Tim	5	6	11	6	10	5	6	6	6	6	6	6
Hofmeister	11	9	10	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Born	11	10	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Williams	8	11	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Carbates	4	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Wymer	6	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sharrard	6	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rund	7	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

LIVE BIRDS AT BLOOMSBURG.

Mercer Led the List With Quick and McHenry Second.

The Bloomsburg, Pa., Gun Club held a live bird shoot on Jan. 1, which drew out a fair attendance. The birds were exceptionally fine and only three refused to fly at the opening of the traps. James Mercer led the list with 12 out of 15, followed by Oinet and McHenry, who grassed 10 each. Following are the scores, 15 live birds, 30 yards rise, 50 yards boundary:

Mercer	21111	10211	20120	12
Quick	00010	11022	12221	10
McHenry	11021	00211	01111	10
Ibler	20102	01010	00200	8
McKelvey	11100	05160	*1*1*	8
Wirt	01022	00*22	1000w	8
Rushton	00*1	*0111	*0110	8
Byrder	0*010	21230	w	5
Sloan	01000	01211	*0w	5
Shoch	000*2	00100	1210w	5
Funston	0*000	00100	1111w	5