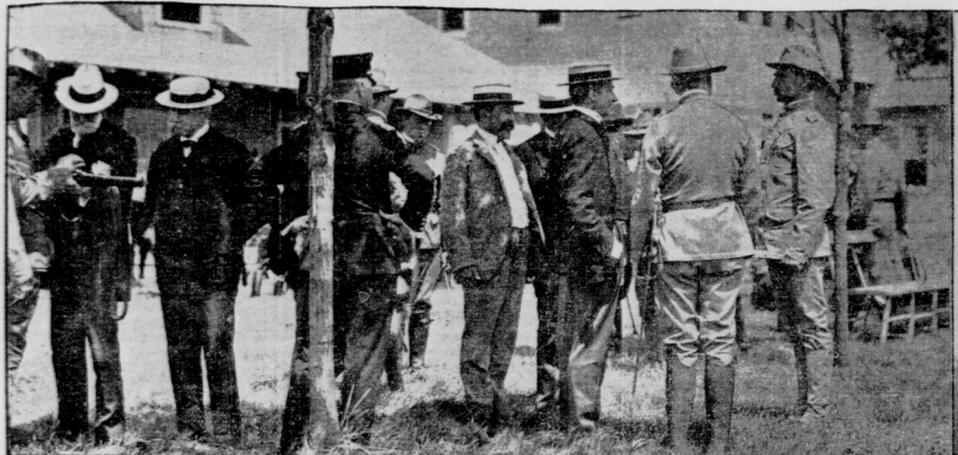


SECRETARY ROOT AND GOVERNOR MURPHY AND STAFF WATCHING RIFE PRACTICE.

RAPID FIRE TARGET PRACTICE BY OFFICERS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF SECRETARY ROOT.



OAKS FOR BIRCH BROOM. FAVORITE BADLY BEATEN.

Masterman Runs Good Race in Preparation for Saratoga Handicap.

The brown filly Birch Broom, a daughter of the famous Ben Brush, proved yesterday that a race-horse can be brought on from Chicago without becoming "tucked up" or unfitted for a contest to be run within three days of her arrival. Last Tuesday Dr. Street brought the filly on from Washington Park to start her in the Brighton Oaks—one of the best stakes of the year for three-year-olds—filled to be decided at the beach yesterday. The filly is the property of James R. Keene, and she carried his jacket yesterday, but in the West she has been raced in Dr. Street's name, and has won some fair contests.

The Brighton Oaks is at a mile and seventy yards, and Birch Broom had to meet the fast Ben Storme filly Eucenia Burch at even weights, in addition to Green B. Morris's Gravinia, who beat the Ben Storme filly the last time they met. Dr. Street was not at all sanguine of victory. It is said that he expected a pull in the weights, and also that he was praying for rain, not so much because the Keene filly was a decided mud rack as because Eucenia Burch's aversion to soft going. R. W. Wadsworth added his filly Tristesse, who, with 111 pounds, was obliged to give five pounds to the other three.

Eucenia Burch appeared to outclass the others, and as the track was fast and consequently to her liking, she was made favorite at a short price. Birch Broom was quoted at 5 to 1, Gravinia at 8 to 1 and Tristesse at 25 to 1. The start was a good one. Odum on the favorite, Redfern on Birch Broom and Cochran on Gravinia led Tristesse set the pace to the half mile post. Then Odum made his bid on the favorite, and from there to the three-eighths pole the filly fairly lunged. Tristesse gave it up, but Birch Broom was rounding into the stretch with a lead of about twenty yards, which she maintained to the end. She was a length in front. He succeeded in getting by the eighth pole first, but there the favorite had about enough and gave way to the Keene filly. Birch Broom was never in trouble after that, winning by a length from Gravinia, who caught the tired Eucenia Burch in the last fifty yards and took the place from her by a nose.

The Hastings three-year-old colt Masterman, who has been on the disabled list since the running of the Metropolitan Handicap, marked his return to the turf by beating a fair field, which included the fast mare Lux Casta and the gelding Lord Badger, in a handicap at a mile and an eighth, which covered the distance in 1:53, and was a length in front. The race was in preparation for the Saratoga Handicap, in which he is entered.

There was a tremendous play on W. L. Oliver's bay colt Hazelwood, to win at a short price. He was backed down from 5 to 2 to even money. The favorite had one of the best starts of the season, and he was never in trouble after that, winning by a length from the runner-up, Hazelwood, who was a length in front. The race was in preparation for the Saratoga Handicap, in which he is entered.

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The failure of the Western boy Walnutright to obtain a license to ride the five-year-old gelding Joe Lesser in the last race yesterday prevented a well planned program of the horse, which is understood, was brought East for the express purpose of a killing.

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SECOND RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; high-weight handicap. Six furlongs.

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THIRD RACE—For two-year-olds; selling. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for the third race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

FOURTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; handicap. One mile and a furlong.

Table listing race results for the fourth race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

FIFTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; selling. One mile and a sixteenth.

Table listing race results for the fifth race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

SIXTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; maidens. One mile and a sixteenth.

Table listing race results for the sixth race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

SEVENTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; maidens. One mile and a sixteenth.

Table listing race results for the seventh race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

EIGHTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; maidens. One mile and a sixteenth.

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NINTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; maidens. One mile and a sixteenth.

Table listing race results for the ninth race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

TENTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; maidens. One mile and a sixteenth.

Table listing race results for the tenth race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

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Table listing race results for the eleventh race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

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Table listing race results for the twelfth race, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

HARNESS RACING.

Ida Highwood Trots Fast Heat to Ida Wagon at Empire City Track.

E. E. Smathers, who, as the owner of the thoroughbred racehorse McChesney, has been so much in the public eye on the running turf this season, yesterday made his first appearance on the trotting track, and drove his bay mare Ida Highwood a mile in 2:38, in a race to trot ever trotted at a meeting of the New-York Driving Club, and it caused unusual enthusiasm among the two thousand spectators present.

Swift and Axtello were Ida Highwood's competitors. The former got a poor start in the first heat, losing five lengths before reaching the furlong pole. But he trotted so fast from there to the wire that the mare beat him only an open length in 2:38. In the second heat Axtello brushed past Ida Highwood on the backstretch and carried her off her feet. He could not hold the lead, but by forcing the mare to break he won the heat for Swift, the latter going to the front at the half-mile pole and leading easily to the wire in 2:12 1/2.

Ida Highwood was loaded in the third heat. When Swift failed to pass him in the furlong pole, she stretched her fore end from the pole, carrying her weight over the wide track, in plain violation of the rules of harness racing. Mr. Smathers suddenly changed his trotter's course when he could get through on the inside. She could not do it, however. Horsemen expected to see the judges accept of Swift's award to Ida Highwood, on account of her speed, and the blue ribbon went to the horse that finished first.

Twenty-four heats were required to decide the trot races on the program, and darkness was gathering when the last mile was trotted. All of the races were well contested. A. E. Perren, one of the State Fair Commuters, drove five winners. The summaries follow:

Table listing harness racing results for the first race, including names of horses and drivers, and their finishing positions.

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BASEBALL.

Giants Defeat Philadelphia—Mertes Makes a Home Run.

Philadelphia, July 23.—The annual open handicap competition for the Taconic and Oudawa cups, presented by E. C. Orvis, began on the Ekwanok Country Club links here to-day, with a qualifying round of eight holes. This will be played on Saturday, and the final round will be played on Sunday. The conditions could not have been better, and low scores resulted. A field of sixty-four golfers, including many of the best players in the country, gathered at the end of the morning round.

J. M. Ward and C. M. Clark tied at 84 for the best gross score. The final sixteen in the qualifying round continued in match play this afternoon. The Taconic Cup will be played on Saturday, and the Oudawa Cup on Sunday. The final sixteen will compete to-morrow for the Battenkill Cup. The second sixteen played for the Oudawa Cup. A. J. S. G. 2, H. O. 2 (second game). Schenck, 1; Upton, 2 (second game). At Troy—Binghamton, 5; Troy, 4 (first game); Troy, 6; Binghamton, 3 (second game).

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NEWARK, 5; WORCESTER, 2.

Newark, N. J., July 23.—Luyster, a former Young Men's Christian Association pitcher of Elizabeth, was pitted against Newark by the Worcester team to-day. He did well until the sixth inning, when the local batsmen hit him hard. Newenham was hit freely. The score:

Table showing baseball scores for Newark vs Worcester, including runs, hits, and errors.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 10; Rochester, 10. At Buffalo—Buffalo, 2; Toronto, 4. At New London—New London, 6; Holyoke, 2. At Norwich—Norwich, 4; Bridgeport, 0. At Meriden—Meriden, 7; Springfield, 1. At Hartford—New Haven, 6; Hartford, 4.

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ELIHU ROOT AT SEA GIRT.

War Secretary Says Rifle Range There Is Best in World.

Sea Girt, N. J., July 23 (Special).—Elihu Root, Secretary of War, spent to-day here at the State Camp of the New-Jersey National Guard. He was the guest of Governor Murphy at the Governor's cottage, which is called at the camp "The Little White House." In the forenoon the Secretary inspected the entire camp, being escorted about the grounds by a platoon of the old Essex Troop of cavalry, which within a few years has been reorganized as the 1st Troop of the National Guard of New-Jersey. In the late afternoon dress parade was held, and the 1st Regiment, now in camp, and the cavalry were reviewed by the Secretary and the Governor.

Secretary Root arrived at Sea Girt yesterday evening and passed the night at the Governor's cottage. He had expressed a desire to visit the State rifle range, and the Governor and his staff arranged to entertain him appropriately. This morning the Secretary was early start, and after breakfast Governor Murphy and he started for a thorough inspection of the camp. They visited the messrooms, the commissary, the quarters of the men and the rifle range.

The Secretary's interest in the provisions for target practice was so great that, at his own request, he was conducted into every nook and corner, from the firing line to the beach. A detachment of troops from the United States Army was at practice on the long range targets when the party arrived at the firing line and suspended operations while the head of the War Department personally examined the targets at which they had been shooting.

After inspecting the butts and targets the Secretary was driven to the clubhouse of the New-Jersey State Rifle Association, just in the rear of the firing line, and, standing in the shade of one of the young trees, he and the Governor conferred for some time on the work of the marksmen. Some of the crack shots of the general and regimental staffs later gave an exhibition of rapid fire target practice, in which several excellent scores were made.

The party entered the clubhouse about 11 o'clock, and, after inspecting the rooms and the trophies on exhibition in the reception room, sat down to luncheon. Only properly accredited officers of the staff and line were invited to the quarters of the men and the rifle range.

Secretary Root seemed greatly pleased with the camp and especially with the rifle range. He said he had heard that it was the finest in the world, but had never before enjoyed an opportunity to reach that conclusion for himself.

The Secretary's busy day closed with a review of the troops at 3:30 o'clock, after which he left the camp.

Special orders prohibiting photography at the camp this year have been issued and are strictly enforced. Only properly accredited newspaper photographers are allowed to follow their vocations within the lines. To-day the rule was enforced even more strictly than ordinarily.

Phillips Leads Roething in Third Game for Rice Trophy.

Sylvan Beach, N. Y., July 23.—At the meeting of the New-York State Chess Association Roething and Phillips met in the third game for the possession of the Rice trophy. The game was adjourned after over seventy moves had been made. Phillips was a pawn ahead.

In a game between Dixon beat Mowry; F. Howard beat Sillipart; McMartin, W. Scripture; Schwietzer and Seale drew; Schwietzer beat Howard; Borwick beat Walter; Seale beat Mowry; Mowry beat Dixon; P. Scripture; Mowry, W. Scripture; Guckemus, Cole; Guckemus; Borwick; Schwietzer; Dixon; Howard; Walter; Seale; Borwick; Seale; Tally; McMartin; Cole; P. Scripture; W. Scripture.

"Barney" Oldfield Arrives.

"Barney" Oldfield arrived here yesterday and went to the Empire City track to prepare for his race on Saturday with F. A. La Roche. He declared that he felt confident of victory. He brought with him two special racing cars, each of 80 horse power. They are known as the 569 and the Red Devil. A special club run of the Long Island Automobile Club has been called for Saturday with the Empire City track automobile races as the destination.

BROOKLYN GOLFERS TO ORGANIZE.

Golfers who use the city's public links at Forest Park are to incorporate on August 3, under the name of the Brooklyn Golf Club. The organization will then apply for membership in the Metropolitan Golf Association, that its members may be eligible to compete in the open tournaments of metropolitan links. About fifty members are expected to form the new club, which is the first of its kind on Long Island. An effort will be made to have the Park Commissioners lengthen the course from nine to eleven holes. The playing length about three hundred yards. In the fall the members expect to resume the old links, and competitors will be started for the President's Cup and the Secretary's Cup.