



PELL LOSES HIS TITLE

GRANT PUTS HIM OUT

Some Spirited Matches in Indoor Lawn Tennis Tournery.

Wylie C. Grant, an ex-champion, defeated Theodore Roosevelt Pell, the title holder, in the third round of the national indoor lawn tennis tournament yesterday.

The excellence of the tournament management continued yesterday, and upon courts well lighted the singles were brought down to the narrowing field of nine competitors.

The Pell-Grant match overshadowed all else, and there was even a larger gallery on hand than on Saturday.

In trying to pop a short volley over the net in the critical eighth game Grant sent the ball into the net.

While Grant appears to hold the top half of the draw safe for the finals, the lower section presents much doubt.

PLANS FOR OLYMPICS.

The American Team Will Sail for England on June 27.

Matthew P. Halpin, manager of the American team that will go to London for the Olympic games this summer, announced yesterday that some of the preliminary arrangements for transportation to London had been made.

WITH THE BALL PLAYERS.

New Grounds for Athletics—Tenney a Full Fledged Giant.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—An ordinance providing new playing grounds at 20th street and Lehigh avenue, in the northern section of the city, for the Philadelphia American League baseball club was signed to-day by Mayor Eshman.

BURNS AGAINST JOHNSON.

May Meet in England for the Heavyweight Championship.

London, Feb. 24.—Tommy Burns, the heavyweight pugilist, and Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight, may meet to battle for the championship here within the next few months.

FISHERMEN IN SESSION.

At the annual meeting of the Wa Wa Yanda Fishing Club, held at Liederkranz Hall on Sunday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

WATER SPORTS PLEASE

BIG CROWD IN GARDEN.

Touch of Realism in the Lifesaving Exhibition.

The second week of the Motor Boat and Sportsman Show at Madison Square Garden began yesterday, and for three Monday attracted larger crowds at all three sessions than had been expected.

The lifesaving exhibition by the United States Lifesaving Corps had a touch of realism in the afternoon.

A feature of the aquatic sports in the evening was a 40-yard swimming race, open to girls of the Bath Beach Swimming Club.

Four heats were decided in the canoe tilting contest, the final of which will be decided on Monday evening.

The water and fly casting contests in the afternoon aroused much interest.

The tug-of-war canoe contest furnished a desperate struggle.

In the single-handed fly casting for accuracy a target was placed thirty feet from the platform of the casters and under an overhanging bush.

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YALE-HARVARD ROWING.

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Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 24.—The Harvard varsity crew management announced to-night that arrangements have been completed with the Yale management for the annual Harvard-Yale races to be rowed on the Thames at New London on June 25.

AN IMPROMPTU AUTO RACE.

Laporte, Ind., Feb. 24.—The Studebaker automobile, carrying a message from General Grant from New York to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is trying to pass the leading automobile in the New York-to-Paris race.

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READY FOR AUTO RUN

HARD TEST PROMISED.

Twenty-three Cars to Start—Meeting of Racing Board.

The economy run of the Long Island Automobile Club will be held to-day. The start will be made from the clubhouse at No. 359 Cumberland street at 6 a. m. and the run will be to Montauk Point and return, a distance of 242 miles.

Among the officials are many well known in automobile circles, as follows: De Mont Thompson, chairman of the Vanderbilt Cup Commission and the American Automobile Association racing board; judges, Frank G. Webb, of the Automobile Club of America; Alfred Reeves, of the American Motor Car Manufacturers' Association; and Dr. C. B. Parker, of the Long Island Automobile Club.

The prizes, rules and conditions of the race follow: The sum of \$200 will be expended for the first prize, \$100 for the second and \$50 for the third.

Every car must carry its full quota of passengers according to catalogue specifications, the same to be observed by the contestants.

The winner will be the car which carries its full quota of passengers from Brooklyn to Montauk Point and return at the lowest cost a person, fuel and oil only to be considered.

The entries in full follow: No. Car. H. P. Entrant. Driver. 1. Pope-Hartford. 30 A. G. Southworth. Phil Hines. 2. Hol-Tan. 40 H. T. Hol-Tan. Harry Michener. 3. Leizer. 40 H. D. Leizer. Harry Michener. 4. Franklin. 16 Frank Auto Co. R. A. Vatt. 5. Acme. 45 J. W. Meers. J. Meers or M. Meers. 6. Acme. 45 J. W. Meers. J. Meers or M. Meers. 7. Acme. 45 J. W. Meers. J. Meers or M. Meers. 8. Cadillac. 10 Joseph D. Rourke. entrant. 9. Pullman. 20 Pullman. Robert Morton. 10. Buick. 24 Mora Motor Car Co. W. Hirsball. 11. Studebaker. 20 Studebaker Auto Co. John Tolm. 12. Not assigned. 13. Not assigned. 14. Pope-Hartford. 50 John W. Sutton. C. G. Arnold. 15. Rambler. 40 H. H. Schatz. Des. C. Tector. 16. Am. Motor. 40 St. Louis Car Co. H. A. Martin. 17. Maxwell. 24 H. C. Kirkham. J. C. Kirkham. 18. Maxwell. 24 H. C. Kirkham. J. C. Kirkham. 19. Frayne-Miller. 24 Harry H. Knopper. entrant. 20. Lutz. 20 Lutz. entrant. 21. Whitcomb. 60 C. A. Carlson. entrant. 22. T. M. Detroit. 40 Bruns Auto Co. W. H. Bowers, Jr. 23. Buick. 24 Buick. entrant. 24. Buick. 24 Buick. entrant. 25. Buick. 24 Buick. entrant.

Official cars—Mitchell, Mitchell Motor Car Company; Apperson, Apperson Brothers Company.

The American Automobile Association was held at the association's headquarters, No. 437 Fifth avenue, yesterday, at 10:30 o'clock. Those present were: Jefferson De Mont Thompson, chairman; William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., E. R. Thomas, A. Riker, Roy Alter, Washington, J. A. Elliott, K. Partridge, H. Elliott, secretary.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Automobile Club of St. Louis and the Savannah Automobile Club were desirous of submitting propositions for the holding of the Vanderbilt Cup race next fall and in the Vanderbilt requested that the propositions from these clubs be investigated and placed before the board at an early date.

The new rules of the racing board, which had been prepared by the special committee, consisting of Messrs. Thompson, Miles, Reeves and Riker, were read, and adopted, and sent to each member of the board for suggestions, to be submitted for final consideration at the next meeting of the racing board.

AMERICAN CAR STALLED.

Fast in Huge Snowdrift Not Far from Michigan City.

Michigan City, Ind., Feb. 24.—The automobiles in the race from New York to Paris, by the way of Alaska, are scattered to-night and generally stalled between cities. The Thomas car, the leader in the contest, left here last night for Chicago, but has failed to reach Hobart, seventeen miles away, up to a late hour to-night.

The lone automobile stuck in a huge snowdrift nine miles west of here and there it stays. Teamsters accompanying the car gave up in despair and returned to Michigan City. The crew temporarily abandoned the car and went to Chesterton, three miles further west, for more men and horses.

Word has been received here that the Zust (Italian) and De Dion (French) cars reached New Castle, Pa., to-day, and started for this city. Since then they have not been heard from and are probably stalled somewhere in the drifts.

Kendallville, Ind., Feb. 24.—The Protos (German) car is expected in this city some time to-night as it was at Coruna, a few miles from here at last reports. The Moto Bloc (French) machine is at Waterloo, ten miles further east, and word comes that the crew will stay there for the night.

HOLY CROSS TRACK TEAM DISBANDED.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 24.—By order of the faculty the Holy Cross College track team will be disbanded this week and all future meets cancelled. It is said the faculty's decision was primarily due to poor scholarship on the part of members of the team.

OPPOSE CHANGE IN RACING LAW.

Camden, N. Y., Feb. 24.—At an executive meeting to-day the Ontario County Agricultural Society officials voted down a resolution indorsing Governor Hughes's action on the racing law by 15 to 11.

THE GROWTH OF RACING

ANNUAL REPORT OUT.

What the State Commission Has to Say on Present Bills.

Albany, Feb. 24.—The annual report of the State Racing Commission, made up of James W. Macdonald, John Sanford and H. K. Knapp, was presented in both branches of the Legislature to-night, summarizing the season of 1907 by saying that it exceeded that of any previous year in point of attendance, in the matter of taxes paid for the benefit of the agricultural societies and in the amount of money distributed to horsemen.

This tax has increased from the sum of \$27,200.74 in 1905—the first year of the operation of the present racing law—to the sum of \$26,429.16 in 1907. The largest tax paid in any preceding year was \$201,053.71. The total amount of this tax which has been paid under the present racing statutes is \$1,740,692.87.

The amount of moneys distributed by the racing associations as purses and premiums to the winners of the races conducted in 1907 exceeds by \$209,000 the figures of any previous year. A statement of these figures for the last six years follows:

Table with columns for Year and Amount. 1902: \$1,848,880; 1903: 2,165,487; 1904: 2,487,274; 1905: 2,352,207; 1906: 2,487,274; 1907: 2,645,900.

Ten years ago, viz., in the year 1897, the amount of these purses and premiums was \$300,000. The 6 per cent tax paid by the racing associations under the law, for the year 1907, was made up as follows:

Table with columns for Association and Amount. Coney Island Jockey Club: \$54,001.20; Brooklyn Jockey Club: 49,622.73; Westchester Racing Association: 32,809.26; Queens County Jockey Club: 19,401.75; Metropolitan Jockey Club: 12,435.48; Buffalo Jockey Club: 7,426.52; United Hunts Association: 250.00; Total: \$174,062.87.

The commission refers to the litigation had during the year and in warmest manner commends not only the breeding bureau of the Jockey Club but also the voluntary offering of prizes by the Coney Island Jockey Club, the Brooklyn Jockey Club and Westchester Racing Association and Brighton Beach Racetrack Association for the direct encouragement of the improvement of the horse product of the state.

An interesting contribution to the present discussion over the Agnew-Hart bills now before the Legislature is found in an addendum which is as follows:

"Since this report was prepared the following correspondence has taken place between the chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and this commission, in reference to certain legislation proposed at the session of 1908, and inasmuch as the statute provides that the commission shall annually make such recommendations to the Legislature as it may deem desirable, the correspondence is appended."

The letter addressed to the chairman of the commission by George A. Davis, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, follows:

Senate bill No. 80 (ent. 29), proposing certain amendments to Chapter 579, Laws of 1896, which bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee, of which I am the chairman.

Inasmuch as your commission is directly charged with the administration of this law, and inasmuch as you are in a position to be kept advised of the progress of the bill, any written statement that you may care to submit in respect to the desirability of this proposed legislation.

The answer of the State Racing Commission follows: In response to your request, on behalf of your committee in respect of the bill proposing the amendments to Chapter 579, Laws of 1896, which bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee, which requires this commission to make recommendations to the Legislature from time to time, the State Racing Commission has the honor to reply as follows:

"Prior to the enactment of the racing law the sport of horse racing, in this State, was in a precarious and unsatisfactory condition. Horses bred for the purpose of racing were of a high quality and value, and the racing associations were reluctant to offer substantial purses, because the law as it then stood afforded no inducement for the investment of money and protection for the investment when made.

It was not until the present law was enacted in 1896 that the industry of thousands more. It would be impossible to enumerate in a short space the many improvements which have resulted from the farming and the laboring man—that in any way or otherwise may be affected by racing. A great amount of money has been invested in the building and operation of race courses, and in the purchase, maintenance and breeding of horses.

The present racing law in this state does not merely give effect to the restrictive racing acts which have been so long and so successfully in operation in England and France, and other countries, but it also provides that some of its provisions are unenforceable. On the contrary, it is in fact a law which is that the Court of Appeals has three times held this statute to be constitutional.

Since the passage of this law, the industry of horse racing in this state has thriven in every way and has become a great and successful operation, and we think that the millions of dollars of capital invested in reliance upon the statute which has been so well established and so well safeguarded that it rose to the importance of an industry and gave occupations directly to thousands of men, and indirectly to many more.

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Advertisement for the Thomas car, featuring the slogan 'The Car That Defends AMERICA Against the WORLD' and 'Safety and Reliability'. It includes details about the 24-hour endurance derby and contact information for Harry S. Houpt Company.

Advertisement for the Carter horse race, titled 'BIG ENTRY FOR CARTER. Fifty-six Horses Named for Opening Handicap of Season.' It details the race conditions and lists the names of the participating horses.

Advertisement for the New Orleans racing scene, titled 'RACING AT NEW ORLEANS. Steeplechase Jockey Suspended for Balance of the Season.'

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