

COMMENT ON SPORTS

THE MARATHON CRAZE. News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

In spite of the fact that the Marathon craze shows no signs of abating, the amusement seeking public did not take kindly to the six-day go-as-you-please race in Madison Square Garden last week.

It begins to look as if those who are catering to the present craze for Marathon running might "kill the goose that laid the golden egg" by carrying it along too far.

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There will be some racing this year. Dates have been allotted for nine amateur meetings. No wonder the followers of the sport are beginning to look cheerful.

The Cornell Daily Sun, in an editorial on March 8, takes up the question of college cheering at baseball games, and submits it to the undergraduates for consideration and discussion.

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LEES LEADS BIG FIELD. Warm Weather Attracts Nearly Two Hundred in Glencoe Race.

The warm weather which came to Manhattan yesterday attracted big fields in the numerous "cross-country runs" which took place in this borough and in Brooklyn. One of the largest fields that has ever started in a hill-and-dale run left the clubhouse of the Glencoe Athletic Club, in East 126th street.

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GIANTS IN REAL GAME. MARATHON ON TONIGHT.

Dallas, Tex., March 14.—The Giants got their first real chance at good pitchers and curved balls this afternoon, and when they had done the quiet and peaceful Texas air was shot as full of holes as a porous plaster.

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Other Sports

CHANGES AT COLUMBIA. CENTRAL ATHLETIC BODY. Association to Control All Sports at Morningside Heights.

Columbia's present system of athletics will be completely reorganized, if a plan for the formation of a general athletic association which has been drawn up by the board of student representatives is approved by the undergraduates and the university trustees.

The plan to restrict the field in the amateur championship tournament of Great Britain, at Morningside, to scratch and plus players has brought forth considerable criticism on the other side.

It is not improbable that the dates for the annual championship tournament of the Eastern Professional Golfers' Association will be changed, with a view to avoiding a conflict with the two metropolitan championships.

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TO HONOR ST. PATRICK

Elaborate Programme Arranged for Wednesday's Celebration. St. Patrick will have things pretty much his own way on Wednesday. Shamrocks will be worn by thousands of the natives of the Emerald Isle.

It is estimated that more than fifty thousand Irishmen, representing various Irish societies, will be in line in this year's parade, which is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock from Fifth avenue and 62d street. It will be reviewed by Archbishop Farley and other distinguished prelates.

Other societies to celebrate will be the St. Patrick Society and the Friends of Erin, of the Borough of the Bronx, at Huber's Casino, Jerome avenue and 162d street.

SEE "ORIENTAL" PICTURES

Prowlers Fool Police Captains, Prizefighters and Comstock. The entertainment committee of the Prowlers, an organization which has its headquarters at No. 70 West 34th street, "put up a job" on its members Sunday night, and incidentally on Anthony Comstock and the Police Department.

Postal cards sent to the members, with a red line in ink across their face, announced that members must show the card at the door to gain admittance. Anthony Comstock obtained one of the cards. He quickly sent word to Commissioner Blingh who, instead of directing Captain O'Brien, of the precinct in which the Prowlers "prowl," to be there, gave the order to Captain Ready, of the 68th street police station.

BRITH ABRAHAM REORGANIZATION.

Meeting To-night to Put Insurance Order on Better Business Basis. A meeting to reorganize the Independent Order Brith Abraham, an insurance organization, which was \$500 on the death of a member, will be held to-night in the Progress Assembly Rooms, No. 28 Avenue A. Delegates from all lodges of the order, which has about 120,000 members, have been asked to be present.

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