

Derby or Preakness for Champion Morvich, Racing Fan's Worry

Track Followers Anxious to Learn Where Last Year's Unbeaten 2 Year Old Will Run on May 13; Not Decided Yet.

New York, April 7.—Speculatively inclined turf enthusiasts would give a lot to know whether champion Morvich will go in the Kentucky derby or the Preakness as a beginning of his promising three-year-old career. Both stakes, of about equal value to the winner—\$50,000—are run the same day, May 13, one in Maryland and the other at Churchill Downs. Either is well worth winning.

At this writing no decision has been reached as to which the unbeaten two-year-old of last season will honor by his presence at the post. Owner Benjamin Block says it's all up to Trainer Fred Burlew, and the latter avers it all depends on how the colt will train. The Preakness is at a mile and a quarter, the Kentucky classic, over the Derby route, a mile and a quarter. Coming so early in the racing year, when horses are being nursed along, either is considered an unusual test for a three-year-old, even though he be a prospective champion. Then there is the long trip to Kentucky to be taken

into consideration as against the shorter ride in a box stall to Pimlico, not to mention the shorter distance of the Maryland stake.

4 to 1 in Derby Books

In the future books on the Derby, a play or pay system of wagering, Morvich is a 4 to 1 shot, quite a liberal quotation, but this is chiefly due to the doubt as to his starting. If he finally runs in the historic event, even money will be considered a good price against his winning. Those who profess to know say the colt will go to Kentucky, with one race at Jamaica before that. So far Morvich is going great guns in preparation for one or the other rich stakes. In fact, his trials have been sensational, so much so that instead of pleasing Trainer Burlew they have worried him. His first race at Jamaica hard held, in 1:44 3-5, would have been considered satisfactory at mid-season, but on a track not quite ready for fast work after a winter's frost it seemed unbelievable.

Of course Morvich may be, probably is, another Man O'War, a horse which trainers look for once in a generation, and work of this kind he did just as ordinary frolic for him.

May Not Continue

Still there is a chance that he will not continue his two-year-old triumphs. Trainer Burlew would have been better pleased with a mile in 1:30 or so from the champion, for then he could shape his training plans according to well regulated custom. Getting a horse on edge and keeping him there to fulfill rich stake engagements is a real job for the average trainer. Louis Fyestel's ability to keep Man O'War always on his toes, when weeks separated his important races, won him a big reputation as a handler and caretaker. Man O'War, however, was a remarkable horse. This year will show whether or not Morvich is of similar greatness.

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So little thought of was Morvich by his breeder, Adolph Spreckles, that he



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The entertainment will be added to by the Wilbur dancers, late of the New York Winter Garden, in a series of classical ballroom dances.

The Wilburs are a revelation to lovers of graceful motion with a tinge of novelty. Their dances are prettily costumed and up-to-date in every way.

They have been on the Orpheum and Pantages circuits, and after leaving the coast they filled engagements at the Elite in Missouri, and at the Twentieth Century in Butte. They were a week at Whitehead's in Spokane, Wash.; two weeks at the Bungalow, Seattle; at the opening of the Granada theater in San Francisco; the Ambassador hotel, Los Angeles, and other places on the coast, including an engagement at the Auditorium in Portland during a convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Admission for this super attraction will be 25c, then 5c per dance.

SAVE FORESTS IS OBJECT OF SPECIAL WEEK

April 16 to 22 Period for Studying Means of Conserving Timber.

"Forest Protection" week will be observed in Montana April 16 to 22, according to a letter received Friday by the Commercial club from the committee in charge of the week's work, which is headed by Kenneth Ross of Missoula, a prominent lumberman of the state, and of which Dorr Skeels, dean of the school of forestry of the state university, is a member.

Under the plans of the committee, forest supervisors and rangers will give talks before community organizations. The letter carried the following data collected on forest fires and the need of forest conservation:

"The original forest area in the United States was about 800,000,000 acres. There are now about 137,000,000 acres of virgin forest left.

"We are using timber faster than ever before.

"The annual consumption is about 28,000,000,000 cubic feet, while the annual growth is less than one-fourth that much.

"Fifty-six million acres were burned over in the five-year period from 1916 to 1920, and the loss amounted to more than \$85,000,000.

"In the year 1919 more than 1,500,000 acres were burned in Montana and northern Idaho alone.

"The damage to timber was nearly \$5,000,000 and the actual cost of fighting fires was nearly \$3,000,000.

"This small section of our country thus lost nearly \$8,000,000 from forest fires in one year.

"More than half of all fires are caused by man's ignorance, carelessness or vandalism.

"The permanency and purity of the water supply of hundreds of cities depend on the preservation of the forests.

"So does the water for irrigating hundreds of thousands of acres of farm and orchard lands.

"There would be little wild life and small scenic value in our country if the forests were destroyed.

"Floods would prevail; our fertile valleys would be washed away or buried under stones and gravel, and many of our cities would be ruined.

"Nature wisely forested all our steep mountain slopes.

"Man is very unwisely allowing them to be deforested, and man is suffering from the wrecking of nature's scheme.

Test on Kevin Oil Shows It Will Be Delight to Fliers

Crude oil from the Kevin well is suitable for the making of aviation gasoline, Earl W. Husted, president of the American Refining company, announced Friday night after a test of the gasoline had been made in the company's model refining and testing plant.

The miniature plant is on exhibition at 422 Central avenue. The tests were made after 6 o'clock Friday evening.

A test of a portion of the high power gasoline distilled from the Kevin crude oil established a gravity of 66.2 baume, an initial of 90 degrees Fahrenheit and an end point of 369. The day's run of gasoline contained an initial of 115, which is remarkably low for the ordinary run of gasoline, Mr. Husted said.

The crude oil from the Kevin well is the finest blending oil that he has seen in the northwest, Mr. Husted said, and announced that as a commercial oil he believes it to be the most valuable to the state of any oil now produced in Montana.

Because of its blending qualities and the low initial of the gasoline distilled from the oil it can be blended successfully with other oils in the state which have a high gasoline initial, he said.

DEEP FREEZING KILLS FISH IN LAKE AT PARK

Park Board Finds It Necessary to Drain Water So Pool Can Be Cleaned.

Cold weather of the past winter proved the doom of thousands of fish that inhabited Gibson lake, investigation by Park Superintendent Frank Reimer has revealed. The bottom of the lake is literally covered with fish that were caught when the water froze to almost the entire depth. Examination of the hundreds of dead fish that have already been retrieved from the lake show that carp and suckers predominated while there were a few trout, bass and ling.

The presence of the dead fish has emphasized the necessity of draining the lake in order that the bottom can be cleaned. Superintendent Reimer started the work Friday, but it will be several days before the work can be well under way because of the fact that the lake is still covered with a heavy coat of ice. The lake has not been drained since it was constructed.

Fish Pumped From River. It is not known definitely how the fish came to find their way to the lake, but it is believed that they were caught in the sweep of the water drawn from the river by pumps. The lake has been filled several times during its existence and it evidently proved to be suitable for propagation, judging from the uncountable number of fish. It is believed that there are still a number of live fish at the northwest end, where the lake is of greater depth.

EWALD CARRIES CASE TO POLLS AS CANDIDATE

Former Deputy Prosecutor Will Seek Republican Nomination for County Attorney.

The rift within the ranks of the republican party in Great Falls that came to the surface last January when Fred A. Ewald refused the office of chief deputy under W. J. Tighe following Mr. Tighe's appointment as attorney by the board of commissioners, apparently widened Friday with Mr. Ewald's announcement that he would oppose Mr. Tighe in the August primaries.

Mr. Ewald was deputy county attorney for three years under Howard G. Bennet and has charged that Mr. Bennet resigned at the end of the year as a political maneuver designed to give Mr. Tighe an added leverage on the 1922 nomination. Mr. Bennet gave as his reason for retiring a desire to return to his private law practice.

During his three years with Mr. Bennet, Mr. Ewald was largely in charge of the law enforcement work of the county attorney's office.

"Many of my friends are urging me to make a formal announcement," Mr. Ewald stated, "and it has been talked around that I would not be a candidate. This is untrue and I am making preparations to enter the race for the republican nomination."

Labor Assembly Backs Miners in Coal Strike

New York, April 7.—Eight hundred delegates of the Central Trades and Labor council of Greater New York, claiming to represent 700,000 workers, Thursday night adopted a resolution pledging its support and urging all labor organizations to back the miners against their "united moral and financial support."

"The trades and labor council, besides pledging its support and urging all labor organizations to back the miners against their common foe, masked behind the coal operators," called upon congress "to take such action."

NO BIDS OBTAINED ON SHIP OFFERED FOR \$200,000. New York, April 7.—The cargo steamer Poznan offered at public sale by federal court order Friday at a minimum price of \$200,000, or approximately \$19 a ton, failed to find a single bidder among the thousands of persons who attended the auction.

PASTOR ILL. CHURCH INSTALLS RADIOPHONE FOR SERMONS. Wheeling, W. Va., April 7.—On account of the continued ill health of Dr. G. E. Lockhart, pastor of Wheeling Baptist temple, a radio phone has been installed in the church and sermons will be received every Sunday morning from Pittsburgh.

TELLS MEN'S CLUB OF OIL'S FUTURE

Howard Predicts Sweetgrass Arch Will Prove Biggest Structure in U. S.

Seventy persons attended the dinner meeting of the Men's club of the First Congregational church held Friday night at the church, when an oil program was given.

Four reels of moving pictures obtained from the United States bureau of mines were shown on the screen carrying the development of the oil industry from time of the drilling of the well to the refinery and the making of oils and by-products.

Major G. G. Howard of the firm of Jamieson & Howard, geologists, spoke on the possibilities of the northern Montana fields. He gave a brief survey of the development of oil structures as revealed by geology and described the geological formation of the Sweetgrass arch. He predicted that the Sweetgrass arch will prove one of the largest oil structures in the United States.

The Men's club authorized officers of the organization to co-operate with other men's clubs of the city churches to hold a joint meeting in May to terminate the social meetings of the club until the fall.

Ship Loses Propeller Off Nicaragua Coast

Panama, April 7.—The steamship Wilpo, bound for San Pedro, has sent a wireless appeal for assistance to Balboa, having lost her propeller, 120 miles off Corinto, Nicaragua. The canal authorities are awaiting the owners' orders before sending assistance.

RESERVOIRS ARE FILLED. Havre, April 7.—All the Great Northern railway reservoirs on the high line between Havre and Cut Bank have been filled during the recent rains. James Shores and a carpenter crew were sent to Gildford Tuesday to watch the reservoir dam at that point and to prevent trouble developing from leakage.

Porto Rico's new commissioner of education is the first native ever appointed to that post.

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