ROWING AND FISHING ✻ AMATEUR BASEBALL ✻ BASKET BALL

ST. LOUIS OARSMEN HAVE GOOD CHANCE IN INTERNATIONAL REGATTA.

So Thinks John Joachim, One of the Leading Local Entries in the Singles, and the Man Who Has Several Times Represented This City in Eastern Aquatic Events—Eight-Oared Events Will Go to Outside Crews, He Thinks, While Fours Will Come to This Harbor.

JOHN J. JOACHIM,
Leading oarsman of the Western Rowing Club, who will represent St. Louis in the singles at the National Regatta on Creve Coeur Lake.

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According to John Joachim, for several years the best known oarsman in St. Louis and the man who will represent this city in the singles at the International regatta, local crews will have a fair chance to carry off honors in the big event set for Creve Coeur Lake.

Not only in the fours, both intermediate and championship, does he think that the local crews have a first-class chance of defeating any foreign competitors, but he also believes that the city bids fair to be well represented in the doubles.

To the four of the Western Boat Club does he believe honors in the coming meet are most likely to fall, although he thinks that other crews of the local harbor have an excellent chance also.

"The Westerns have a first-class four this year," he said, "and I think the club ought to have an even break for first place in the championships. The four is composed of Frank Dummerth, stroke; Louis Heim, No. 3; John Prelzak, No. 2, and Gus Voerge, No. 1. This is about as good a collection of oarsmen as could be found anywhere.

"All have had plenty of experience in the game, all are seasoned men, and all have trained faithfully for the event. I think that this four stands an even chance with any crew that can be brought to this city from any other locality. In the intermediate fours, every crew in the local harbor has a strong chance.

"As for the eights, some Eastern crew ought to win. Personally, I believe the Argonauts of Canada, the Pennsylvania Barge Club crew of Philadelphia or the Vespers of the same city are most likely to carry off the prize. The Winnipegs won this event in the national regatta last year, but their presence here is uncertain.

COLLEGES HAVE NO SHOW.

"One thing I want to say right here, which may be deemed rank heresy by many who follow the rowing game, but which I believe is true: The college crews of the East have no show in the eights. I believe that the seasoned crews of the rowing clubs can beat them, and I do not look to see any Eastern college represented in the list of prime winners in the eight class or in any class, for that matter.

"Time made by college crew and by these barge club crews is about the same, but the difference in stroke is all in favor of our men, especially in the mile and one-half events, which will characterize the races in the international regatta.

"In the fours, where I think the local crews have a strong chance, the Winnipegs may be represented, as it is only their eight that is planning an English tour. President Schaub has been receiving communications from Eastern and English crews about this branch of the game, but I don't know just what the Britons can do over here. The Vespers, the crew of the Detroit Boat Club, and the East Boston Boat Club, should send dangerous crews here. But the Centuries, Mound Cities, St. Louis and Western crews ought to hold their own.

"In the pairs, I do not believe St. Louis has a chance. The pair is the hardest event to row. In this branch the men row with one oar each. In the doubles, they have two oars. In the pairs, accordingly, the men have to be matched in strength and length of stroke, as the slightest advantage in power of one man will necessitate the constant use of the rudder, making a strong drag always against the boat.

"In the pairs, however, I think Voerge and Dummerth have a fair chance, although the form would indicate that Duffield and Mow of Detroit should win. They won this event at the American Henley last season. In the doubles, I will row with Dummerth, and I believe we can hold our own with any men we may have to meet.

"Scholes and Smith from the Don Boat Club of Toronto will be the most dangerous men we will have to beat. I have rowed against them, and I think we can beat them. Without egotism, I also think I have a chance in the singles, as have several other local candidates. In the singles Frank Veasley of the Bohemian Boat Club of New York, Considine Titus of New York, Scholes of Toronto and Demarelle of New Orleans will all be dangerous men.

"Frank Greer will also be in this race. But I think I hold most of them safe and can make a hold bid for first place, at least. The lake has been raised several inches by narrowing the dam on its outlet, and all events will be rowed over a course of one mile and one-half, straightaway. It is the first time we have ever had this course of such a distance.

"Taken altogether, I believe St. Louis has as strong a chance to score the greatest number of points as any individual city of clubs which will participate in the international events."

WHAT THE AMATEUR TEAMS IN AND ABOUT ST. LOUIS ARE DOING.

The Usonas would like to hear from all out-of-town teams. For particulars and dates address A. J. Schoppe, No. 19 South Spring avenue.

The Edgebrooks would like to hear from all first-class teams. Address W. C. Notter, Maplewood, Mo.

The Empires will play the Kirkwoods this afternoon. For games with the former team address W. A. Schmidt, No. 2238 North Market street.

The Athletics would like to hear from all in and out of town teams, the Effingham, Ill., and Sullivan, Mo., teams preferred. For particulars and dates address P. J. Cormack, No. 1779 Glasgow avenue.

The Frisco defeated the Cubs Sunday by the score of 15 to 7. The winners would like to hear from all teams in the 13 and 15 year old class. For particulars and dates address R. J. Senn, No. 713 Frisco building.

The Schnurrs defeated the Favorites Sunday by the score of 4 to 2. The batteries: Flood and Walsh; Franklin and Harshan.

The Northwesterns would like to hear from all teams in the 14 and 15 year old class. Address H. S. Pilker, No. 2724 St. Louis avenue.

The Waterloo, Ill., team defeated the Capitols Sunday by the score of 11 to 10. For games with the locals address A. A. Graf, No. 1325 South Seventh.

A good catcher would like to join some team in the 14 and 15 year old class. Address John Binder, No. 1016 Geyer avenue.

The Stegers would like to hear from all out-of-town teams. For particulars address No. 2201 South King's Highway.

The St. Anns will play the team at Cape Girardeau to-day and to-morrow.

The Rivals would like to hear from the Jeffersons or Centurys. For particulars address D. B. O'Connor, No. 4231 Cottage avenue.

The Victors defeated the Silverdales Sunday by the score of 4 to 3. For games with the latter address E. Dolan, No. 2611 Hebert street.

The Courtneys would like to hear from all out-of-town teams. For particulars address R. D. Meyer, No. 1000 Washington avenue.

The White Eagles would like to hear from all teams in the 13 and 15 year old class. Address C. Mingle, No. 928 North Main street.

The Assumptions would like to hear from all teams in the 14 and 15 year old class. Address John Stephens, No. 2626 South Ninth street.

The Trenton, Ill., team defeated the Xenia, Ill., team Sunday by the score of 8 to 6. The winners will play the Americans to-day.

The Autocrats defeated the Troy, Mo., team Sunday by the score of 7 to 3. For games with the winners address J. Kramer, No. 204 South Fourth street.

The 40's, who claim the negro championship of the State, will play the undefeated champions of Jackson, Tenn., this afternoon at Handlan's Park. The batters will be: 40's, Gatewood and Crawford; Jacksons, Scott and Johnson.

The Lucas would like to hear from all teams in the 13 and 14 year old class. Address George J. Meier, No. 1517 South Second street.

The Bayards would like to hear from all teams in the 13 and 15 year old class. Address D. Reardon, No. 742 Bayard avenue.

The Monitors would like to hear from all teams in the 13 and 15 year old class. Address R. Schwaiger, No. 2007 North Fifteenth street.

The Imperials would like to hear from all teams in the 12 and 14 year old class. Address C. Schild, No. 2317 South Third street.

The Orphan Boys will play the R. J. B.'s this afternoon at Oak Hill avenue and Juniata street.

The Mound City will play the team at Poplar Bluff this afternoon. The locals will make a Southern trip consuming about one week.

The Woodchucks would like to hear from all good infielders playing in the 12 and 13 year old class. Address George Grant, No. 1328 Le Salle street.

The Pastimes would like to hear from all strong out-of-town teams. For particulars address O. H. Kleinsorge, No. 262 North Third street.

The Jordans would like to arrange games with all first-class teams. For particulars and dates address T. Reilly, No. 46 North Broadway.

The Stivers would like to hear from all teams in the 14 and 15 year old class. Address Chas. Kranz, No. 2041 North Fifteenth street.

The Unions will play the Covingtons this afternoon at Sarpis and Choteau avenues. The batteries, Durney and Frisbie; Eller and Clancy.

The Comets will play the Troop K team to-day at Jefferson Barracks.

The Marions will play the Victors this afternoon at Forest Park. For games with the former address Thomas Scally, No. 40 Olive street.

A good outfielder would like to join some good team in or out of town. For particulars address Ed Heffernan, No. 806 Laud street.

A good shortstop and third baseman would like to join some team in the 14 and 15 year old class. Address C. A. Bowlin, No. 4122 Humphry street.

The Blue Wings would like to arrange games with all out-of-town teams. For particulars address A. J. Flynn, No. 1906 Morgan street.

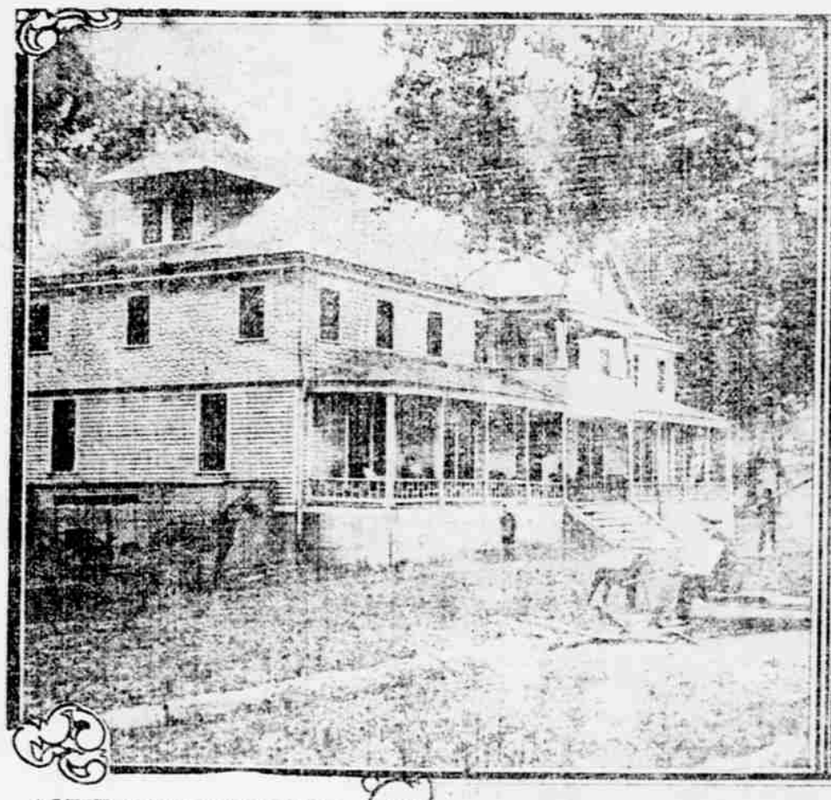
The A. & F.'s will play the Riders this morning at Handlan's Park. The batteries will be Brinkman and Malotki; Vierman and Washington.

The Emeralds will play the Okawville, Ill., team to-day. For games with the former team address W. H. Kelly, No. 911 Washington avenue.

The Schapers will play the Lindell Hotels this afternoon at Newstead avenue and Penrose street.

DELIGHTS OF THE SNI FISHING CLUB

This Well-Known Missouri Outing Resort Is Now Thirteen Years Old.



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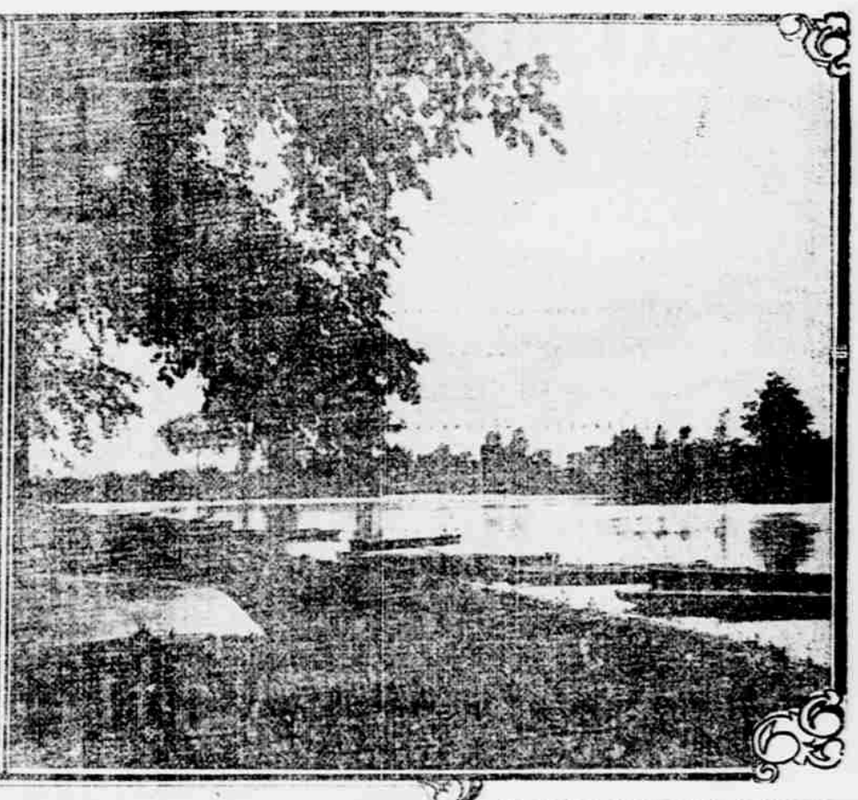

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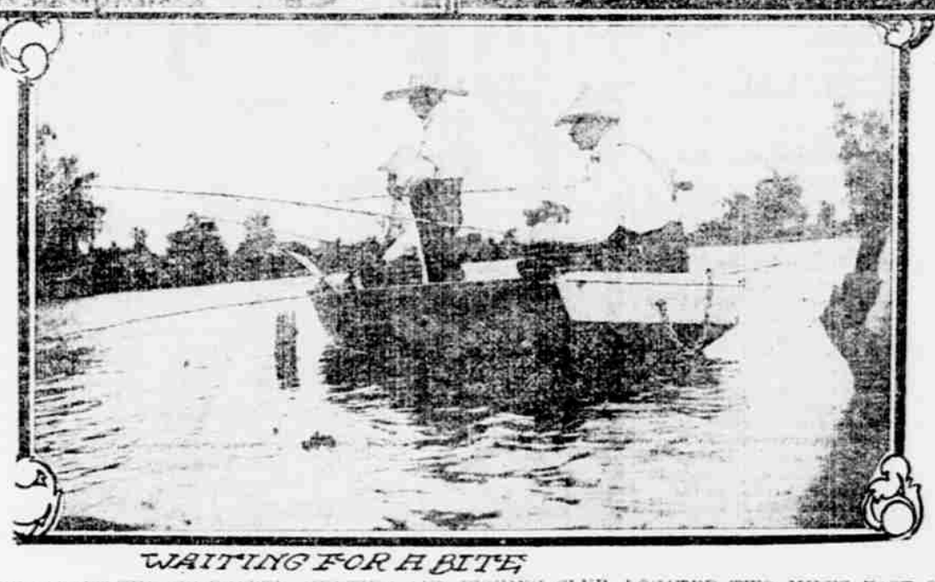

WAITING FOR A BITE.

SCENES ABOUT THE SNI ECARTE HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB, LOCATED TWO MILES EAST OF HANNIBAL, ON THE BANKS OF THE SNI RIVER IN ILLINOIS.

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Casual newspaper readers have more than once run across an item like this:

The Honorable Mr. So-and-So left this city yesterday on an outing. He is at the Sni Ecarte Hunting and Fishing Club house.

And that settles it. To the initiated the fact that the Honorable Citizen has gone to the Sni Club means that the affairs of State, law, school or business must drag along in some sort of shape without his presence. By his own free will and pleasure, the absentee from the general wake of life is hoodwinked and will remain so until the appointed time.

The unwritten law of the club's domain is that the plots of mice and men are not to be discussed, considered or thought of within its confines.

When Judge Alexander Waller of Moberly shattered a lonesome bachelorhood by surprising his friends, he disappeared from view between terms of court by taking his bride over to the Sni Clubhouse and spending his honeymoon contemplating his other love—the fish of the Sni River.

The Missourian who lives in Northeast Missouri and who does not know of the Sni Clubhouse argues himself unknown. It is the one distinctly prosperous fishing clubs of that part of the State.

It is only two miles from Hannibal. Shady roads through deep woods lead to the clubhouse, which is across the Mississippi River on the Illinois side of the river. The house itself is on the banks of the placid Sni—that lazy stream which carelessly meanders down through the American bottoms and comes out below Louisiana.

Hardly a more ideal inland situation could be found. The club has eight miles of fishing ground and the house is almost in the middle. It is surrounded by some of the largest trees to that part of the country, so that its broad porches are shaded throughout the entire day. It has kitchens and a large dining-room, which is at the side of the dancing hall. A reception-room, a smoking-room, ten double bedrooms, dressing-rooms, lockers for old clothes and living-rooms for the superintendent and his family occupy the remainder of the house.

Fishing and loafing are the prime occupations of the members who can slip away from the business of the day and hide themselves in this retreat. Exclusive as it is, it is the most democratic club imaginable.

No fisherman ever fails to return to suppers. For the Sni Ecarte Hunting and Fishing Club holds as one of its choicest attractions the hospitality and culinary attainments of Superintendent J. D. Trew, his wife, son and daughter. Let the fisherman's luck be good or bad, Mrs. Trew will manage to have an excellent meal on the table for the delectation of her guests. There are ways and ways of cooking fish and frogs, but the old-fashioned way still survives the test of every fad, and Hostess Trew knows its innermost secrets.

The Sni Club is now thirteen years old. It was incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

The first directors were Doctor D. H. Shields, Harry F. Dakin, Colonel C. Voorhees, George A. Mahan of Hannibal and J. M. Bush of Pittsfield. The membership is limited to 150 persons. Among the more prominent men who have been members are the late Congressman of the Fifth Missouri District, William H. Hatch; Colonel John H. Garth, the well-known banker; Judge Adam Theis and former Congressman Scott Wike of Illinois.

Among those who now avail themselves of the privileges of the club are James Hagerman of St. Louis, president of the National Bar Association and general attorney of the M., K. & T. R. R.; Colonel R. E. Anderson and George A. Mahan of Hannibal; State Senator H. Clay Heather of Palmyra, Judge Alexander Waller of Moberly, Judge Harry Higbee, Judge Jeff Orr, United States District Attorney Thomas Worthington of Pittsfield and many others. The present officers are: President, Harry F. Dakin of Hannibal, and Colonel [illegible] more of the Hannibal United States Court.

[illegible] the Sni Club looks well to keeping up its stock. Bass, crappie, jack salmon, sunfish, channel cat and many other kinds are there in plenty.

SCIENTIST TELLS OF HUGE SEA SERPENT

Reptile Sighted by the French Gunboat Avalanche on the Coast of Tonquin.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paris, May 28.—In a bulletin issued appropriately enough from a building in the Rue Serpente the French Zoological Society gives to the world a mass of information regarding a creature which was a few years ago denounced as a creature of mythology and the summer resort reporter's imagination, but is now recognized as at least a possible reality. As Emile G. [illegible] mation regarding a creature which was a Laboratory, remarks in his paper leading up to the new evidence now published few naturalists go to sea, and that is the reason why sailors' yarns have been the only foundation for such inquiry as has been made thus far regarding the sea serpent. Making allowance for inaccurate observation and downright romancing, the stories put on record from time to time in the last 400 years have agreed on so many points that it has been possible to make a rough composite picture of the creature.

The French gunboat Avalanche was in 1897 in the Bay of Fai-tsi-Long, on the coast of Tonquin. Her commander, Lieutenant Legrenille, declares that on one July day he saw in the waters of the bay two swimming creatures twenty meters long and two or three meters in diameter. He could not go into particulars, for, with the instinct of the hunter, he immediately took a shot at them at a range of [illegible] meters, whereupon they sank and did not appear again. On the 15th of the following February, however, while again crossing the bay, he saw two more of the same creatures—possibly the same pair—and gave chase for an hour and a half, firing at them from time to time. Once, he is sure, one of the creatures was hit, but the ball glanced off harmlessly [illegible]. The chase was given up, as the Lieutenant quickly put it, because the sea serpent had greater endurance than the Avalanche.

But some observations were made. The animal was gray and it seemed to him that it had many flippers. Here a scientist remarks that probably it had only four, but that they moved too rapidly to be counted. It swam with an undulatory movement in a vertical plane, its body not being rigid like that of a whale, but extremely flexible.

HEAD LIKE SEAL'S.

Nine days later, when the Avalanche had on board the commander and eight officers of the French ship Bayard, another of these monsters was encountered and pursued for thirty-five minutes. This time the boat came close enough for the men to see that the creature's head was like that of a seal, though much larger. When it came up after diving, it blew water into the air as a whale does, but this was in the form of a cloud of spray and not a single jet.

The officers of the Bayard had photographic apparatus with them, and when they recovered from their surprise, ran at once to get their cameras, but before they had taken any pictures the creature, with the shipmen recorded as one of the invariable characteristics of the species, dived and was seen no more.

An officer of the Bayard ruefully remarked in a letter that "the apparatus was too small, the beast too far off and its movements too unexpected," but he added the observation that there was a sort of a crest along the animal's back.

The popular idea that there is but one sea serpent, a solitary monarch of the deep, is upset by the conclusion drawn by the story just told. The megophias, a scientist says, is abundant on the coast of Tonquin, which bears the general name of the Bay of Along. It is important, therefore, that anyone who goes to that region or to points on the North Atlantic, another of its haunts, should bear the directions which he gives as to what to do on seeing a sea serpent.

"It cannot be doubted," he says, "that the capture of the great sea serpent would be an important scientific exploit, but this capture, as we have seen, is almost impossible to have with a merchant vessel or a warship with its ordinary armament. It will be much more useful and just as interesting for ships like these to approach the animal as near as possible to make photographs and sketches.

"The worst thing to do is to shoot it on sight, because it probably keeps on the surface only by swimming, and will sink like a hump-backed whale when killed. Attack it, therefore, only in the shallow water, or with a harpoon gun. Supposing that the creature should venture into a shallow harbor, the proper tactics are to approach it slowly in a concentric curve as quietly as possible, to a distance of a half mile or so, and then make the direct attack cautiously in a small boat.

WOMEN TO LEARN COACHING.

Society's Fair Sex at Newport to Take Up Fad.

Newport, R. I., May 28.—Newport will be the scene of a general revival of four-in-hand coaching this summer. A number of the women are to take up coaching, and a mixed parade of society whips will take place next August. Aurel Batonyi, the professional whip, besides running a public coach between the Casino and Narragansett Pier, will begin instructing the women in four-in-hand driving next month.

Those who will this summer will be Mrs. Burke Roche, Miss Cynthia Roche, Miss Marian Fish, daughter of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish; Mrs. DeForest Danielson, Mrs. William T. Bull, Miss Beatrice Mill and others. The revival of coaching is attributed to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who with his brother Reginald, will have their three coaches out a great deal, as will Perry and Oliver Belmont, George Peabody Wetmore, Prescott Lawrence, James Van Alen, Watts Sherman, Robert Gerry, Stewart Barney, Ogden Mills, William H. Carter and Joseph Widener.

WIFE SEIZES HUSBAND'S FARM

Levies on Judgment Note He Gave on Taking Pledge.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Reading, Pa., May 28.—Because she alleges he broke his agreement not to use liquor to excess, the wife of D. A. Wiser, a farmer of Greenwich, caused the Sheriff to levy on her husband's farm on a judgment note of $800. The note was given to her three months ago by the husband on condition that she return to his home after their separation.

Attached to it was an agreement in which Wiser promises not to use liquor to excess.

BILLY BERGEN'S INSTINCT ON FOULS CAUSES COMMENT.

"It is claimed for Billy Bergen that he possesses a faculty, instinct, or call it a sixth sense, if you like, that is possessed by no other catcher in the profession," says Abe Yager. "He is credited with being able to judge by the sound made by the ball fouling off the bat what direction it will take and whether he will be able to reach it or not. Sounds like a pipe dream, doesn't it. And yet stranger things than that are noticeable in baseball.

"Watching Bergen catch during a game one is led to believe that he is possessed of that sixth sense. He acts differently on foul flies than any other backstop in the business. If the ball is hit so that it goes straight back towards the grand stand or so in the air high and far enough to drop on the roof of the stand, Bergen merely turns around and watches the sphere go out of sight. But when it goes up in the air within reaching distance, he is all animation, quick as a cat and as full of execution as a bulldog.

"A single twist of the hand removes the mask, and without an upward glance he is off in the direction of the ball. He never misses anything within reach and seldom goes after anything out of reach. Whether the ball is to the right or left or behind him, he never goes wrong as to direction, hence the belief that he possesses the faculty of judging the speed and direction according to the crack of the bat and ball.

"Whether this is true or not, it remains that Bergen is the best catcher in the profession in judging foul flies. He has few equals and no superi[illegible] in the art of throwing to base—as [illegible] coacher of catchers he ranks with t[illegible] best. No one can complain of his b[illegible]ting, either, for it has been good and timely all season. His only shortcoming is a bit of slowness on the bases, but that is merely incidental. Taken altogether, his work thus far is the best of the season, and no better proof of this can be found than the fact that Heydon is sending him behind the bat every day."

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