

Canoeists, Oarsmen, and Yachtsmen Welcome Warm Days That Come With March

PRESENT MONTHS HAILED WITH JOY BY LOCAL OARSMEN

Great Activity Is Being Shown Along Bank of Upper River.

CANOEISTS AWAITING FIRST WARM SUNDAY

Potomac Boat Club and Washington Canoe Club Expect Big Season.

Oarsmen, canoeists, and yachtsmen hail with delight the advent of March as the first month of the boating season, and great activity is being shown along the Potomac by devotees of the sport, some being engaged in overhauling shells, some re-canvassing and generally repairing canoes, and others tinkering with hulls and engines of various types of motor boats.

Will Draw Many.

The Middle States regatta will bring representatives of at least thirty competing clubs to this city, and approximately \$3,000 will be spent in prizes.

Down at the Capital Yacht Club, plans are being made for the opening of the boating season as observed by that organization, which is to start on the first day of April. From that time on there will hardly be a cessation of activity with the Washington-Annapolis race for yachtsmen on the Potomac and several club regattas at Annapolis during June and the Big Chesapeake Bay Yacht Race.

Adopt International.

The Capital yachtsmen have adopted the international code of flag signals for the exchange of messages between the boats of the fleet this season and it is expected that it will prove to be invaluable during races and cruises. Several members of the club have ordered or are planning new yachts for the season and probably what will prove to be the most pretentious craft is anchored in the local harbor before long is the eight-horsepower motor yacht, to be purchased by Herman Holthorst.

Water Covers Field.

WEST BADEN, Ind., March 1.—The Cardinals, Browns, and Charlie Doolin's Phillies are fast rounding into the championship form in the checkers, billiards, bowling, and water drinking league. The baseball field was still covered with water today.

Bowling Matches on Local Alleys Taking Place This Evening

- District League—Toledos vs. Hummers.
- National Capital League—Mt. Vernons vs. Immaculates.
- Commercial League—W. & L. vs. Washington Tobacco Company.
- Arcade League—Laborites vs. Argyles.
- Departmental League—Bureau vs. Agriculture.
- Southern By. Clerks' League—Car Record vs. Mechanical.
- Northeastern League—Fatimas vs. Easterns.

It's Always the Same

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MOTOR CAR OWNERS FACE PROSECUTION OVER WHEEL TAXES

Delinquents Likely to Find Warrants Served By Assessor Richards.

By HARRY WARD.

Automobile owners who have failed to pay the wheel tax on their machines are likely to find themselves served with a warrant to appear in the Police Court within the next few days. Assessor W. P. Richards has outlined an aggressive campaign to secure the collection of the tax, and it will be put into operation at once. A fine double the amount of the tax will likely be assessed when the delinquents appear before Judge Fugh, charged with failure to pay their wheel tax.

As the Court of Appeals has upheld the validity of this law, said Assessor Richards, "it is up to this office to secure the payment of the tax, and unless the motorists voluntarily come to the office and settle, it will be necessary for us to serve warrants on all those who fail to pay. Inspectors are now being sent out from this office to obtain information as to the capacity of the different machines, and as fast as they report, bills for the amount of the tax are sent to the owners. Where they fail to pay the tax within a reasonable time we have warrants issued for them, but so far the motorists have no prosecutions, as the motorists have invariably paid the tax as soon as the warrant was served. To date 25 motorists have paid the tax, the total revenue being \$1,001."

One of the eighteen proposed official contests now awaiting official assignment of dates by the contest board of the American Automobile Association is the Chesapeake Reliability Tour of the automobile clubs of Washington, Maryland, Norfolk, and Richmond, June 6 to the tentatively date suggested by the Washington club, which is making plans for the proposed run.

It is expected the official sanction will be issued as soon as all the clubs interested in the event have come to an understanding as to the date of starting the contest.

At the last meeting of the contest board in New York eleven scheduled events were given definite dates, as follows:

- March 4 to 5—Track, Montgomery, Ala.
- March 10—Alabama Automobile Association
- March 17—Track, San Jose, Cal.; Emilio Agras and W. T. Buehner
- May 5—Santa Monica road race; A. M. Young, chairman
- May 11 to 17—Commerical Vehicle Reliability Run; Chicago Motor Club
- May 20—Speedway race, Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- May 23—Track, Salem, N. H.; Rock-Inchard
- June 20—Algonquin Hill Climb, Chicago Motor Club
- August 10 to 16—Beach races, Galveston, Tex.; Galveston Automobile Club
- August 23 and 24—Elgin road races, Chicago Motor Club
- September 2—Speedway, Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- October 7 to 11—Reliability run, Chicago Motor Club

A roadster, with the ingenious name of the "Bachelorette Jackrabbit," is the latest addition to the Apperson family, according to advice received by Emerson & Orme. It is designed as a special car for men, although, of course there is no ban on women buyers.

Very often an automobile that is driven on a wet pavement, without the use of chains does not skid, and the credit is likely to be given to the tires. In a large number of cases, however, the fear is due to the construction and balance of the automobile, which would not skid even with smooth tread tires. Then, too, skidding is caused by the chauffeur is apt to have not a little to do with it.

Mrs. Frank L. Perin, of Cincinnati, sister of President Taft, has just bought a six-cylinder Alco touring car. Mrs. Perin first was attracted by the car while visiting the automobile show in Cincinnati, and made arrangements to take it as soon as the exhibit closed. The machine selected by the President's sister has long, straight lines and is distinguished by a broad white stripe about the body. There is an electric bulb concealed beneath the tonneau door which illuminates the step at night.

Following the automobile shows which have been held throughout the country for the past two months, orders for Overland cars have assumed such proportions that President John N. Willys has ordered his factory force increased by many hundreds. Not only will the payroll be increased immediately, but new automatic machinery is being installed and other improvements made which will make for better efficiency and a larger production. With all departments in full operation, Overland production has reached a daily average of over 100 cars. This output will be maintained for the next four months, which will swell the total 1912 production of Overlands to 25,000 cars.

Manager Hank O'Day will cut his pitching staff down to six by the time the season opens. The Cincinnati payroll now has fourteen in line.

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BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

In the Sempiternal League.

Tennyson's "Brook," through its tales of veranal, snow-crowned or what, in an endless stream, ripples along on its course eternal, Via the dope of the poet's theme!

As a big league mover, its stuff is clever, Deserving the praise which is often sung; But what has it got, though it go forever, On Bryan, Teddy and Old Cy Young?

More of the Old Pep.

Variety is the spice of baseball life. And in the way of variety there will be one distinct change in American League fighting this spring, if there isn't another to figure on. This change embraces what is commonly and sometimes uncommonly known as "the old pep," which, interpreted and translated, means more noise and action, with a general waking up.

The younger circuit last season, while furnishing its share of the talent, was about as scrappy and as vociferous as the morgue.

Jennings "the Life of the Party."

No one could ever accuse Connie Mack of mingling extensively in any noisy hurly burly, but Connie was well fortified in peppery lieutenant, with Davis and Collins loafing around. But beyond this ensemble, Hughie Jennings and his Tigers were the only people in the league who split the deadly silence with any degree of noise and action. For which reason the Tigers were ranked as the greatest drawing cards of the year, not barring any rival club from each circuit. Many of these came out to see Ty Cobb, but as many more flocked to the park to see Hughie in his famous grass-pulling and E-Yah specialty, which has any vaudeville turn on the market peeled to the core.

With Jennings on deck, the populace had something to look for beyond the routine of many games, and Hughie on this account turned them away from almost every set of turnstiles in his league.

Deadly Calm.

But the rest of it tended too much toward a deadly calm. No one wants to see or hear any umpire baiting or any rowdyism of any sort. But there may be quite a gap between rowdyism and lethargy. Jennings, for one example, hasn't a touch of the rowdy attached, but neither is Jennings a cross between a mummy and a sphinx. And outside of Jennings and Mack's lieutenants, the American League embroglio in bulk made the justly renowned sphinx resemble a dancing dervish pulling the walrus wiggle or the grizzly clog.

Chase, by nature, is quiet, retiring and averse to any form of noise or oratory. Hughie Duffy, of the Sox, and Stovall, of the Naps, were of the same brand. Donovan and McAleer were both quiet types, while Rhody

Training Snapshots

"Slats" Flinger, the sensational pitcher from the Hayloft League reported to Manager McGuffey this morning.

"Slats" Flinger, the sensational pitcher from the Hayloft League reported has just arrived, says he is in the pink of condition.

"Slats" Flinger, the sensational pitcher from the Hayloft League fanned twenty-seven men in one game last summer.

Manager McGuffey says that "Slats" Flinger has more speed than Amos Rusie ever had.

"Slats" Flinger said his autograph to a collector this morning for \$1.

"Slats" Flinger, the sensational pitcher from the Hayloft League, was informed today that three babies in the town have been named after him.

"Slats" Flinger got his first work-out today and warmed up like a house afire.

"Slats" Flinger, the sensational pitcher of the Hayloft League, pitched his first game today. He gave twenty-seven men bases on balls, and never hit the umpire.

"Slats" Flinger, the alleged sensational pitcher from the Hayloft League has a Charley-horse. This is all that will keep him from walking home.

"Slats" Flinger, the overrated pitcher from the Hayloft League, will eat his last meal here today.

The autograph collector has sent "Slats" Flinger's handgraft back by telegraph.

The babies named after "Slats" Flinger will be re-christened next Sunday.

Manager McGuffey says that "Slats" Flinger is the worst gold brick he ever landed. He warms up like a cold pancake.

"Slats" Flinger left for home today. Manager McGuffey refused to lend him a single bone, saying: "Use your head."

Vitt Joins Tigers.

MONROE, La., March 1.—Cold weather yesterday, welcomed secretly by most of the sore Tigerettes, forced the abandonment of afternoon practice at the Tigers' camp here. Oscar Vitt, third baseman from the Pacific Coast League, joined the team yesterday and will be out for practice today.

Wallace, with all the tactfulness of the 'Scot, had nothing to get excited about as long as the flooring of the cellar remained intact. Hence the lack of ribaldry and frivolous influences at work in Ban Johnson's corral through 1911.

Big Change Ahead.

But 1912 will more than make up for any lack of smoke noted before. The vital spark has returned. With Jimmy Callahan on the lines barking at Griffith, with hustling Harry Davis out in front of his people, and Wolverton working up the Yanks, and with Jake Stahl leading the Red Sox attack, there'll be enough of the Old Pep, around to attract the Colonel's well pleased comment—Old Pep being his middle name.

Callahan, Griffith, Wolverton, Stahl and Davis—the five new entries—all carry pungent or peppery personalities. There will be no rowdyism from any one of the quintet, but Jennings will no longer be the "life of the party" with the coaching line copyrighted for exclusive use. Which, in the main, will be a decided boom for the sport. Baseball is a profession, to be taken seriously. It isn't any picnic, and it isn't any frolic. But neither is it a graveyard or a morgue. Nothing makes a greater hit with an audience than keenly displayed interest on the field, where coaching and repartee have their part, and nothing deadens a crowd more than passive indifference where the actors are moving through their roles with all the sprightliness of a flock of jelly fish.

"They don't want a manager these days," Nap Lajoie remarked to us. "They want a minstrel or a clown." But a manager can still stir up a bit of dust around the edges of battle without wearing the cap and bells or singing a series of comic songs.

With Chase, Gainer, Knight, McInnis, Stahl, and Stovall at work the younger league will be able to show the best average of first basemen it has ever put forward.

Concerning Old Doc Crusoe.

Old Doc Crusoe lived a life Perhaps a trifle flat; He never saw the Turkey Trot Or Tyrus Cobb at bat; But Doc, old top, had his big edge, An edge of passing note— For there was no one else around To get the old boy's goat.

Bill Sweeney Will Report for Practice

BOSTON, Mass., March 1.—Bill Sweeney, the crack second baseman of the Boston Nationals, has decided to play ball, and Manager Johnny Kling has wired from his home in Kansas City that the infielder will report at Augusta, Ga., next week.

Twenty-one Dodgers Commence Practice

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 1.—Twenty-seven members of the Brooklyn baseball squad began practice here today under the instruction of Manager Bill Dahlen.

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INTEREST CENTERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT ARCADE

Virginia and Georgetown Are Well Prepared for Third Meeting.

Athletic interests in Washington today center largely in the basketball game which takes place tonight on the Arcade floor between the University of Virginia and Georgetown. These clubs have met twice before this year, each having been victorious on its home gymnasium, and tonight they will meet in the game which decides the Southern championship.

At Virginia, Coach Linnigan has had the Orange and Blue goal shooters in constant practice since the game that the Southerners took from the Blue and Gray, on February 12. The Charlottesville five have left nothing undone to make conditions such that a second victory might occur.

Manager Fortune and Coach Collier have taken equal pains with the athletes from the Hilltop, consistent training having been undergone by that quint during the past two weeks. With the exception of a short workout immediately before the game, Georgetown has completed all preparation for tonight's big game, which will be called at 8:30 o'clock.

C. U. Weymouth, of Yale, is the choice of the contesting teams for coach, and he has agreed to officiate. Tickets are on sale at Spalding's and at the Arcade.

Billy Griffin Here To Play President Taft

Billy Griffin, editor and publisher of a golfing magazine for boys, dropped into town this morning from Pinehurst, N. C., where he has been playing in the tourney, with a challenge for President Taft for a round on the links at Chevy Chase. Billy belongs in Wheaton, Ill., and is but fifteen years old, but he is willing to give the country's leader a handicap. He will reparation for White House tomorrow morning and hopes to have his challenge accepted. The golfing editor has been touring the links of the South, and after three or four days' stay here will leave for his home.

Cold Weather Causes Accidents and Kinks

MARLIN, Tex., March 1.—Several Glants were on the hospital list today as a result of accidents and kinks in their arms caused by the cold weather. Manager McGraw called off the regular morning practice and the athletes devoted the forenoon to tennis, running and other rigorous exercises.

CLEVER WRESTLING MATCHES SEEN IN MAJESTIC TOURNEY

Joe Turner Wins for Second Time Over Louis Montano.

Probably the classiest bit of wrestling seen here this season was witnessed in the four matches at the Majestic tournament, when, as a headliner, Joe Turner, world's champion middleweight, defended his title against Louis Montano, the Italian athlete of the same class. This is the second time within six weeks that Turner has won decisions over Montano, and there can now be no question as to superiority. Montano's shoulders were pinned to the mat for the first time after forty-five minutes of clever grappling, Turner having used the cradle hold. The second fall came in fifteen minutes.

"Bumps" Turner, the younger brother of the winner of the feature match last night, won over Frank Zeraga, a local Italian athlete, who has attracted some attention here. Zeraga was much heavier than "Bumps" and the latter displayed an acute knowledge of the game in getting the first and third falls. Zeraga won the second fall with the toe-hold.

Because Peter Robey, the Manchester wrestler, did not appear for his bout with Gus Kanazes, Harry Fiddleesop, a local performer, was matched with the Greek. Kanazes won two straight falls in a short time by the use of the toe-hold.

Jack Lester was no match for Tom Duchesne, the Fall River athlete winning two straight decisions. Duchesne won the first fall in thirty-five minutes and the second in five minutes.

Casey to Umpire.

Pacific Coast League fans will watch an umpire at work this coming summer who sports the beautiful title of Pearl Casey. Were it not for the second section of his name one might expect trouble at games in which he officiates. That last part kills all hope of a rebellion.



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