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LAND AND WATER SPORTS

The Records of Flanagan and Ewrey Like to Stand Unbroken.

A Hot Fight for the District Amateur League Pennant—Y. M. C. A. Gains—The Potomac at Philadelphia—Columbia's Regatta Next Month—Woodside Labor Day Meet.

Up to last week the outdoor season has been productive of but two new amateur athletic records—Flanagan's 164 feet 10 inches in the hammer-throwing event, and Ewrey's 11 feet 1-2 inch in the standing broad jump without weights. The last record was made by the holder of the old record of 11 feet, Ray C. Ewrey, formerly of the Chicago Athletic Club. It was a most remarkable performance and the new mark will hardly be lowered this season. In his first trial he cleared 10 feet 9 3/4 inches, in his second trial he cleared 10 feet 11-1/2 inches, which was within half inch of his own world's record, which was made at Chicago in 1887. He is also credited with a feat of 31-1/2 in the standing high jump, the world's record he made May 29, 1896, at Lafayette, Ind., whence he hails. In 1898 he came East and defeated at Annapolis, Md., A. P. Schwane, of the New York Athletic Club, the holder of the American championship in the standing high jump. John Flanagan will hereafter add the discus game to his repertoire. Satisfied that he can land the hammer many feet further than any specialist in that line, he will now make an effort to scale the discus. He is a true general athlete. It is unfortunate he could not have duplicated this exhibition throw in yesterday's A. A. C. championship, for his practice throw does not count, being made outside of competition.

District Amateur League.

The District Amateur Baseball League has given the lovers of the sport a good article of ball this season during the intervals when the League schedule took the Washington team away from the city. The attendance has had a steady growth and the organization is upon a paying basis with a healthy balance in its treasury. The League has been run upon strictly business principles. The president, Alexander Johnson, has guided the ship of state, there has been almost continuous harmony. The schedule comes out on September 22, and from now on there will be a number of double-headers. On Labor Day three games will be played, the work being done by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Eastern High School and two 1/2 after, the first between the Eastern Athletic Club and the City Postoffice to play off a tie, and the late game between the Congress Heights and the Hamiltons.

The race for the local pennant is interesting and from the present standing of the leading teams it promises a hot finish. The pennant winners will be one of the following: Eastern Athletic Club, City Postoffice, Congress Heights, Hamiltons, Eastern High School, and the City Postoffice.

Y. M. C. A. Athletes.

From present prospects class work in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association will not be resumed until late in the coming month. All the existing apparatus is in the hands of mechanics and a thorough overhauling of every piece will be had, and this takes time as the character of the work is necessarily slow.

Mr. Ridout, the physical instructor is ever his head in work preparing for the entry of a team in the Y. M. C. A. games to be held at Annapolis on Labor Day and working up the details of the big meet to be given here by the association September 23. The latter meet will be particularly notable, as open to association members who come within the rules prescribed, and part "open" to all amateurs, and this part of the programme will give our athletes their first opportunity of trying their skill locally for over a year.

Woodside Athletic Club.

The Woodside Athletic Club will celebrate Labor Day by giving track and field sports, followed by a supper and a dance. The athletic sports will begin at 2 o'clock and will include 40 and 100-yard dashes, half-mile run, high and running broad jump, 12-pound shot, 15-pound hammer, and pole vault. Prof. John Crossley will be starter of track events, and Judge of field sports. Messrs. Stranahan and Hills will be timers, and Dr. Stranahan will be referee. The supper will be in the

nature of a compliment to those members who will return during the early part of the month. The club has been considerably reduced by the return of the collegians to their studies, the effort to secure the Atlantic division championships will be abandoned for this season. The club has a larger membership and has been enrolled as a member of the A. A. U., then a strong bid will be made for the games. O. F. SCHMIDT.

INTEREST IN ROAD RIDING.

Observations and Opinions of a Prominent Rider on the Subject.

There seems to be a general opinion that distance road riding is on the wane. Among some of the prominent road riders seen during the past week was Ed. S. Byrnes, captain of the local Century Cycle Club and Contour of the Century Road Club of America. He has recently returned from a round trip, washed to Atlantic City. It is a close observer and it is his opinion that there is at present considerable lack of interest in road riding, but he has been unable to fathom the reason for the sudden drop of interest in this department of the sport.

He said among other things in connection with the subject: "I recall the time when one started on a trip from here to Baltimore, you would meet wheelmen bound for this city from all parts of the country and especially from the Eastern cities. "Now in a ride from here to the Monumental City you rarely meet a wheelman. Speaking of this reminds me of a recent trip of mine to Philadelphia and Atlantic City. It had with it the best quality of number of wheelmen I met, and five were all that passed me during the six days that I was riding. It is the same with many of the bicyclists who are now on the road. They have either gone to sleep or are dead. It used to be that every little town had a club and in the present day it is hard for one to find even a casual with enough spirit in him to give you any information regarding roads, etc., while every town has a road rider. The course in the large cities this sort of thing is different, and I believe to a certain extent the bicyclists here in Washington is almost exclusively a matter of local interest, however, beyond a doubt, a decrease in road riding here. Take the clubs, for instance; formerly when a run was called thirty or forty miles was considered a long ride, but now it is hard for the local clubs to take out ten men on an all-day run, especially this season. The road rider is not so warm for long-distance riding, or in fact riding at all. I presume the novelty has worn off to a certain extent, but it is a chief cause of a good many not riding the wheel as of old. I can recall the time when the hotter the day the better the rider liked it. Give a majority of the club men a steamboat trip or a long ride on the cars and they are satisfied.

"You can manage," he continued, "by a good deal of persuasion, to get them to ride five or ten miles, but beyond that they are not to be depended upon. Two club captains I talked with while away have called off all runs for the summer, and I understand one of the local clubs has done the same thing. The reason that the men do not care to ride in hot weather. I cannot understand when riders expect to ride if they do not go on the road as a matter of course, for, take spring and fall, you have only two months each season, and that leaves eight months when the wheel is put away or used only for business purposes. It is a pity that I do not wish to go on record as an advocate of men plunging a hundred miles every time they go out for a ride. I am against that sort of thing, and I do not think it does a man any good to go on a long run and see how many hills he can climb without getting off. On a run for riding of that sort all a man sees is the redoubtable hills, and he has no chance whatever to enjoy the fine scenery that is spread out for his enjoyment. I think a century once or twice within a year is the best thing a man can do. It makes it, will hurt no one and will put a rider in shape to make smaller distances. I am a strong advocate of road riding and think it would help all who are fond of the sport. One that would do very well on the road, whether a member of a club or not, and not let the bicycle remain in the cellar or up in the attic these fine days, but take a train or steamboat to some resort."

Century Cycle Club.

Today the run of the Century Cycle Club will be out to Ashton, Md., leaving the clubhouse at 2:30 o'clock, going out by way of Burnt Mills Road and returning over the Olney and Brookville Pike. Lunch will be taken at Abell's Road House and the city will be reached early in the afternoon. Captain Byrnes has adopted the system of riding the front table, and he has no doubt one Sunday an all day ride and the next a short quick trip which will no doubt work to the satisfaction of all the members.

Last Sunday twelve members braved the hot weather and made the run to Stratford and Marshall Hall. The weather was so hot that the riders were obliged to stop as it was almost impossible to push through the sand in that section of Maryland. The members who made the run were Captain Byrnes, Pop Doyle, Doc Weeks, and the two midwinters, Coss Brothers, Charlie Burton, Jack Sheehy, the infant Lieutenant Brown, Fred H. Hill, Ed. S. Byrnes, and little road plucker Willie Wright mounted on a tandem with the captain.

There is great activity about the clubrooms. The front table has been set up, and the entertainment committee has prepared an interesting card for the opening entertainment, which will be held on Friday evening. The regular bi-monthly meeting was held last Monday evening with thirty-five members present. Mr. B. F. Stone, the newly elected president, made a most interesting and made an address, assuring the members of his interest in the organization and saying that he would be with them in all the ups and downs of the club. The chairman of the club for the public run which commenced on October 1 and he will within the next few days announce the names of the members who are to serve on the committee with him. It is more than likely that Captain Byrnes will recommend that the country be given to Frederick, Md., within the sensible time limit of fourteen hours. So far as the Century Cycle Club is concerned no more nerve killing centuries will be run under its auspices.

Potomac Boat Club.

The members of the junior eight-oared crew which will represent the Potomac Boat Club in the Labor Day Middle States Regatta at Philadelphia will leave here next Saturday, and if the boat is rigged in time the crew will take a spin the same day to learn the course.

A number of members have signified their intention to President Doyle to accompany the crew, or at least get over in time to root for the P. B. C. in the big race. The locals will meet some of the best junior eights in the country. The men have been training faithfully and may be expected to give a good account of themselves. The crew for the most part of the past week rowed: Lunsford, stroke; Daly, 7; Heath, 8; Hunt, 9; Haines, 4; Mangels, 5; Gordon, 6; and Young, 1. It has not been definitely decided whether the men will row these positions in the race or not. An eight which includes among others Jones, McGowan, May, Winslow, Weald, and Stewart, is doing some good work and will be in shape for the next club regatta, date for which has not yet been fixed.

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To examine into this question and learn if possible what is the matter with the mountain picture, though it may seem quite unnecessary as it seemed to that expert of American art, the artist, the Englishman wanted to know of Mr. Dejeu what was the matter with the famous apple, one must go back to the palmy days of the mountain picture, about twenty years ago. There were at that time five Americans who were pre-eminent as painters of mountain scenery, and they were Church, Bierstadt, Moran, Thomas Hill, and W. L. Sontag. There were many others, but these five were the chief names. These Church was not to landscape what William T. Richards is to marine art in America, the one conspicuous example of which is his "The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone," and the other four were of the same order of eminence. Church was the most detailed, which it was possible for the eye to detect. Church's knowledge of nature is profound, as can be seen in his greatest work, "The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone," and the other four were of the same order of eminence. Church was the most detailed, which it was possible for the eye to detect. Church's knowledge of nature is profound, as can be seen in his greatest work, "The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone," and the other four were of the same order of eminence.

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The bad mountain pictures which flooded the art stores and cheap auctions a few years ago are one of the deepest reasons for the disrespect into which the mountain picture has fallen. Then it is said that our artists are busy glorifying technique. There were a few exceptions. Some day the painters will tire of the composure, or, at least, learn that there are other equally paintable things, and turn to these mountains for subjects. When that day comes there will be pictures of mountains that will prove a revelation to all except those painters who dearly love the mountains and have seen streets and houses which seemed quite too radiant and altogether lovely to be terrestrial. There will be effects of light, air, mist, and sunshine so beautiful as to make one doubt his senses and wonder if these were not, after all, pictures from a dream of light, or perhaps actual glimpses of the promised land. JAMES HENRY MOSER.

OFFICERS OF VOLUNTEERS.

More Appointments Announced by the War Department.

The appointment of a large number of volunteer officers was announced at the War Department yesterday. The list includes officers from the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maine, Pennsylvania, and New York as follows:

From at-large—To be first lieutenant of volunteers, thirty-first regiment: Lewis T. Boleaux, late first lieutenant, First District of Columbia Volunteers; Charles C. McLain, late captain, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Forty-seventh Regiment, John S. Fair, late lieutenant, Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Forty-third Regiment, J. Cunningham, late captain, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Forty-second Regiment, Francis Pierpont Switzer, first lieutenant, Eleventh United States Infantry; Forty-first Regiment, L. H. Simons, late sergeant, Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Company C, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Forty-second Regiment.

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