

Sports on Water and Field



SOME OF THE CREWS AND INDIVIDUAL SCULLERS WHO WILL GO NORTH TO COMPETE IN THE ASTORIA CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL DRAW THE CRACK OARSMEN OF THE COAST TOGETHER FOR AQUATIC RACES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

ROUGH WATER FOR THE OARSMEN WHO ARE IN LINE FOR ASTORIA CARNIVAL

Five Crews Desirous of Going North but Committee in Charge Will Make Arrangements for Four and No More.

J. C. McCUE, secretary of the executive committee of the eighth Astoria regatta, has written to the chairman of the regatta committee of the Pacific Association in this city, stating that transportation for only four crews can be provided. As five crews are looking forward to going to Astoria, this leaves one out in the cold. The shell four of the University of California and the barge crew of the Alameda Boat Club are pretty certain of their places, so the struggle will come in between the South End, Ariel and Olympic crews.

The Ariel four is made up of E. L. Smith, Harry Fox, W. T. Howe and Robert Ellis, all of whom have some reputation as oarsmen, two of them being seniors and the other two intermediates. It is said that the Olympic crew feels sure of going, but it comprises no one who has any reputation as barge rowers, the only man who has ever done anything in a boat being T. J. Sherry, who was second in the junior skiff race on Lake Merritt. Cornell and Melrose are fine swimmers and Prendergast was sportsman in the regatta which came in last at the Belvedere regatta in 1907. They have been going out regularly from the

South End boathouse, whereas the Arrels have practiced little for the past few weeks.

In the South End four are Jenkins, Harris, Cashman and Foley, all of whom are more or less known as barge-rowers or single scullers. The South End crew has been going out nearly every evening. If only four crews can go it certainly seems as though there should be a try-out to determine which shall be the lucky crew. The intention is to go by the steamer leaving this city for Portland on August 26, but if the steamer should be tied up it will probably prevent any rowing men going from San Francisco or vicinity, as the Astoria committee is not prepared to furnish transportation by rail, and the rowing clubs would not care to run the risk of sculling their racing barges, skiffs and shells on so long a journey by train. If the oarsmen, scullers, swimmers, track and field men from San Francisco all succeed in reaching Astoria it is likely that the carnival there will eclipse the similar events of previous years. The track and field team of the Olympic Club will consist of six men and a puppy and there will be boxing, wrestling and other sports. John Hammer-smith, leader of the Olympic Club, has

been invited to prepare a ladies' night, such as are given here so successfully from time to time.

It seems probable that the Pacific Association will not hold any annual rowing championship meeting this year, as nothing can be done until the return of the oarsmen from Astoria. No adequate amount of money is in hand and no suitable course is ready. An attempt might be made to hold a regatta on Oakland Creek, but to demonstrate the value of that water as a rowing course. But to bring this about some aid must be received from the railroad company, as sheds at least would have to be erected on the Alameda mole for the accommodation of the contestants.

Next month the Alameda Boat Club will hold its annual club championship regatta either on Oakland Creek, near its boathouse, or on Lake Merritt. In order to excite more interest one of the San Francisco clubs may be invited to send over a barge crew for a match race.

At the last regular meeting of the Dolphin Boating Club a set of engrossed resolutions was presented to Alexander W. Pope, thanking him for his services to the club and complimenting him on his many victories on the water.

NOTABLE DOGS WITH RECORDS

Couragers Who Have Won the Hearts of Many Leashmen.

In a letter to a friend in this city, "Vindex," a noted couraging authority of England, declares it a shame that so good a sportsman as Mr. Rosseter, owner of the Pasha Kennels, should have allowed his great dog, For Freedom, to compete again after his long retirement.

"It was unfair," said he, "to jeopardize the record of such a performer. For Freedom had earned a reputation as a courager in his adopted country that would stand as an open debt to the world's best bounds for years to come and that perhaps would never be equaled." Quite a delicate proposition even for Vindex to criticize the action of a leashman to whom the couraging game in this part of the country is so much indebted, for Mr. Rosseter has certainly made the sport what it is today; but when one looks back and compares For Freedom's marvelous work, his former unblemished record, a clean score with not one defeat to mar its summary, he can but feel that the hard-earned, legitimate list of victories should have been allowed to stand. This great flyer won trial after trial and stake after stake, until, with forty-seven courses to his credit, he was retired to the stud without once having a flag raised against him. In his list of winnings For Freedom has an open plains meet and the much coveted John Grace Challenge Cup stake to his name, which means that he has met and defeated the fastest of couragers. Even today with his recent expected defeats against him the old champion's record of wins is still unbeaten.

Though he is the oldest dog in the running this season many well-posted enthusiasts believe that with a special trainer, one who will devote his attention exclusively to the "bringing around" of the veteran, For Freedom is still capable of outpointing many of the high-class dogs.

There is a diversity of opinion regarding the result of the seasonal work of Palo Alto. Quite a few predict even a better year for the record breaker, but on the other hand there are many who believe that he has shot his bolt. Geary's speedy champion is nearing the close of his third year, which, despite the occasional reports of great doings in older

CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS GAMES

Ladies and Men Are Training for Contests of the Year.

The coast championship tennis tournaments for women will commence tomorrow at San Rafael. Everything has been done to make the most successful events of their kind ever held here. Heretofore the women have had but one championship tournament each year—the singles. This year two new events will be added—the mixed doubles and doubles. The doubles will begin on Monday and will be followed by the mixed doubles. The singles, being the most important, will be played last, at the end of the week. The finals of the singles will be played Friday afternoon and the championship match on Saturday afternoon. The doubles and mixed doubles will probably not occupy more than two days.

In the mixed doubles it was the original intention of the committee to limit the entry to six teams, but as it is to be a championship affair it must necessarily be open to all. Heretofore none but local players have figured in the coast championship tournaments, but this year the presence of several cracks from Southern California will add to the interest in the different events. It will be a struggle for supremacy between the north and the south, with the odds slightly in favor of the former. Those who will surely come up from the south are Champion Alfonso Bell, Harold Braley, Sinsabaugh and Hendricks. The two former are the champions of Southern California in doubles. The ladies who have come up are the Misses May and Violet Sutton, Mrs. Seymour and Miss Ruby Garland. Miss May Sutton is the lady champion of the south and is expected to carry off the championship. Local people will pin their faith to Miss Hall, the present champion, who is the only one having much of a chance against the Suttons.

The men's doubles has a very open look and will in all probability go to one of the following teams: Bell and Braley, Hunt and Murdoch, Collier and Crowell, MacGavin and Smith or Sinsabaugh and Hendricks.

In the women's doubles the strongest teams will be the Suttons and Miss Hall and Miss Hoffman. The latter is a very aggressive player and shows to better advantage in doubles than in singles.

RAGING NEWS FROM SARATOGA

Gossip About Turfmen and Horses Known on the Coast.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Better racing has marked the second week of the meeting than was had before the horses got settled to new track conditions and the public got a definite line on form. Saratoga has had a fortnight of sport far above the level of that seen here since the old days, when the champions of the East and the West assembled every year to do battle.

The Saratoga meeting has served to bring to the front an aggregation of young horses that make this year's crop of two-year-olds superior to any since His Highness, St. Florian, Nomad, Merry Monarch and the extraordinary lot of youngsters out in 1891 were fighting for supremacy. Perhaps there is not a colt here or anywhere else that can be fairly ranked with Domino or Robbins. None has shown enough to be classed with Commando, but there are more good juveniles in training than has been the case in several years, any one of which is liable to demonstrate his claim to rank as champion of the year before many more races are run.

Something of a sensation was created when it became known that Blue Girl, the undisputed queen of the fillies, and reckoned by a majority of the smart people to be the best of her age in training, is a feeder. The daughter of Sir Dixon and Bonnie Blue is one of the raciest thoroughbred specimens that ever wore a plate. She is in miniature a living likeness of the peerless Yo Tambien in everything but color. In her preparation for the race, she is in every line and inch a better horse of superb finish and courage. A compact mass of bone and muscle, the colt of Meddler is a treat to the discriminating eye when in action. He has the swiftness of a three-year-old, suggestive of every sense of Ben Brush at his age, and the colt or filly that beats him in the Futurity will have a plenty of work out before getting to the judges' stand.

It is not exaggeration to say there are at least four two-year-olds this year, taken together, that compare favorably with the four best out last season. Commando was undoubtedly in a class by himself. He was not in the Futurity. Blue Girl is the equal and doubtless a better filly than Cap and Bells was last year. Goldsmith is as good a racing tool as Tommy Atkins was. Ota is superior to Olympian and there are others left in the 1901 list that outclass the next best of 1900. Nasturtium, Mr. Whitney's \$50,000 beauty, is considered by the stable as a better colt than Bully Boy was last season, and John E. Madden has in the Hanover-Correction colt, Yankee, a youngster infinitely cleverer than Garry Herrington was in the West or any of the other Eastern colts were after throwing out the very top-notchers.

Western horses have gotten more than their share of the money so far. John W. Schorr has won a liberal share of the purses and as he and his boon companion, Senator O'Brien of St. Paul, usually spread the bets on pretty thick when they have a chance, it has been a successful trip for the Memphis brewer. He has won three races with Sarner, in two of which he had his checks down across the board at lucrative odds. O'Brien sprung a killing with Hans Wagner the day he put it over at 10 to 1 Thursday Flora Pomona won a nice race and ran for a good

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Reasons for the Non-Success of the San Francisco Races.

The annual regatta of the San Francisco Yacht Club, held last Sunday over the new course, was a very poorly managed affair, a result largely due to the fact that the regatta committee consists entirely of yacht owners, all of whom were engaged in sailing their own boats instead of performing the functions of a committee. Two of the committee took part in the race, while the third sailed his yacht out to serve as a stakeboat. The leeward stakeboat was considerably out of position, and as soon as Surprise, the last of the entries in class 2, had rounded the stakeboat the owner made sail, weighed anchor and cruised away, so that the twenty-footers Anita and Dewey had no leeward mark to round.

The whole event was practically handed over to one man, who was dumped on Powell-street wharf with a brass cannon, half a dozen shells and the time allowance. With these and any casual help that might offer itself he was expected to run the whole show. Fortunately for him a present and a past member of the regatta committee of another local yacht club turned up on the wharf and freshened their services. Even the shells provided for the starter were defective, the start of the boats in class 2 being delayed two minutes from the failure of one of them to explode and the difficulty of extracting them from the gun.

Nor was this all, for the stakeboat marking the outer extremity of the starting line off Powell-street wharf a small yacht's tender was employed, though the committee had been warned that it would not do the purpose. In the strong tide-way the little tender was half pulled down by the weight of its own anchor line, and when the twenty-footer Anita fouled it quickly tilted and swamped, becoming entirely useless as a mark. When Dr. T. L. Hill, at the close of the race, tried to get hold of the tender he had very great difficulty in doing so, as the tide had turned and the water was lumpy. In the course of his efforts the small boat got under the yacht's centerboard and generally misbehaved herself, while, to add to the trouble, the yacht had several ladies aboard and very few men and no other yacht would lend any assistance.

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Golfers Disappoint

The qualifying round of the contest for the first woman's golf championship of the Pacific Coast was played at Del Monte on Wednesday morning, the only southerners being Miss Hoy of Santa Monica and Mrs. E. D. Silent of Los Angeles. Of the twelve entries six were from San Francisco, three from Oakland, one from San Rafael and two from Southern California.

The committee of the Pacific Coast Golf Association feels hurt at the behavior of the Los Angeles golfers. The contest for the Pointeview cup at Burlingame was postponed from July 4 to August 15 in order to give the ladies of Southern California an opportunity to compete at Burlingame and Del Monte without making two journeys; yet no women from Southern California turned up at Burlingame and only two at Del Monte, and not a word of thanks or acknowledgment was received. It was a great disappointment that Mrs. Joan W. Bowers, woman champion of Southern California, did not come up to Del Monte to measure her strength against Mrs. R. Gilman Brown.

The San Rafael Golf Club is having the most successful season that it has ever had. The course, which has been reduced to nine holes, is well kept up, the tournaments have attracted a large number of players and there has been much enthusiasm. Owing to the concentration of the interest of local golfers in the Del Monte tournament there was no scheduled event on the San Rafael links yesterday, but next Saturday there will be a handicap tournament, for which it is expected there will be a large number of entries. Secretary R. Gilman Brown will have returned to the city before next Saturday and Mrs. R. G. Brown will be fresh from her triumphs at Burlingame and Del Monte.

Handball Games

At the San Francisco Handball Courts today the following games will be played: J. Lawless and W. Williams vs. F. Ryan and D. Connelly; P. McKinnon and M. McNeil vs. G. McDonald and L. Carraire; W. H. Sieberst and W. Fisher vs. M. McLaughlin and M. McDonald; J. J. Kavanaugh and W. Walsh vs. H. H. Lissner and R. Longabaugh; G. Hutchinson and W. Kelly vs. P. Kelly and A. Pennoyer; J. Condon and T. Lydon vs. T. Leach and T. Foley; M. Dillon and E. Maloney vs. J. Feeney and D. Griffin; J. White and W. Maguire vs. J. Collins and R. Murphy; J. C. Nealon and J. Rlordon vs. M. J. Kiffallon and R. Linehan.