

LINEAGE AND SKILL MARK THROUGH ACTORS

Exclusive Society of Sawdust and Tan Bark Resents Appearance of Interlopers

Indian Elephant Rules Menagerie and Makes Companion of Tiny Fox Terrier

Circus aristocracy in its most exclusive form is to be found among the performers of Ringling brothers' circus this season, many of them being able to trace their lineage back in an unbroken line of performers for more than 250 years. This society of the sawdust and tan bark is the most rigid of human cliques, and it is easier for a nouveau riche to enter through the gates of Sandringham and lay a pair of cowhide boots on King Edward's mahogany than for an outsider to enter the claimed circle of lords and ladies of trapeze and horseback.

In the list are to be found the Sticks, Jordans, Davenport, Bidwells, Clarks, Jordans, DeMotts, McCrees, DeFord, Jordans, Nathan, Mias, Turnour, Spaulding and Lorch families.

LINES TIGHTLY DRAWN

The social line of the circus is drawn strictly to shut out the sensational freaks that have broken into the business in the last decade. The individual who loops the loop and the rervy demoiseille who sits complacently in a double supersauting automobile may risk their lives and draw the applause, but they are outside the blue blood of the circus aristocracy. They are looked upon as interlopers, persons whose acts, while they call for a sort of reckless daring, do not involve any special skill.

The aristocracy of the ring line into themselves alone. Their lives, their language, their habits are things apart and distinct from the rest of the world. Many of them have accumulated fortunes, but continue to pass their days in the shadow of the tent, content in maintaining to the last the traditions and customs left to them by their ancestors and adding by greater ability and skill to the professional honor of their family names.

ARISTOCRACY OF THE ZOO

Strangest of all aristocracies, however, is that of the menagerie, where Jennie, an Indian elephant, is the acknowledged social ruler. She is a hard working dame and passes her days it upon herself to attend to the working elephants who attempt to shirk their duties. She keeps herself aloof from the rest of the herd, her only companion being a tiny fox terrier. The two play together by the hour and at night the dog curls himself up close to the massive body of the elephant to sleep in perfect safety. The fox terrier, like dogs and this fact adds to the quaint friendship between Jennie and the canine rescuer.

Noted Athletes Accused of Professionalism

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—Charges of professionalism, involving Martin Sheridan of the New York athletic club and Matt McGrath of the Irish-American athletic club of New York, are being investigated by President Herman of the Amateur Athletic Union. McGrath and McGrath took part in the Gaelic contests in this city last Sunday. They have been accused of professionalism because they received \$1,000 for appearing here. The charges have been made in writing and President Sherman admitted last night that he had been in correspondence with New York officials regarding them. Promoters of the game refused to discuss the charges, but one who is close to the inside tonight declared that both men "got a big bunch of money."

Automobile Notes

The capital stock of the H. O. Harrison company, Peerless agents in San Francisco and Los Angeles, has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The original allotment of 1910 cars for the two Harrison companies was 75, but this was later increased to 100. The company has 100 cars on the Pacific coast are particularly bright.

According to a number of authorities, French roads are good, not because of any superiority of road making material, nor because of the French people's special talent for road building, but because the initiative in matters pertaining to the public highways is taken by highly trained engineers and administrators under the direction of the national government.

Benzol is being used more and more extensively in England and Germany for automobile motors instead of gasoline. This substance is an impure benzene, a product of coal distillation, containing 84 per cent benzene, 15 per cent toluene and 1 per cent xylene.

A novel method of renting cars for the convenience of customers will be inaugurated by a renting agency in New York. The scheme will enable a customer to have an automobile for a day or private car, with none of the trouble attached to actual ownership. The cars to be used are in the best of condition and will be delivered to the customer's door in the morning and returned to the factory in the afternoon.

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Lewis Strang will make his debut with the new eight cylinder Buick racer in the straightaway speed trials during the Lowell race. The car weighs less than 2,000 pounds, the frame being underhung. It has no transmission, being driven direct from the engine. It has 28 inch wheels with a tire lug between each spoke. Two carburetors are used to supply a sufficient amount of gas to the eight cylinders.

Wilfred Bourque, who was killed while competing in the automobile races at Indianapolis last Thursday, was to have been married September 14 to Miss Alicia Bodin of West Springfield, and two of his friends, Prosper Dufresne and Miss Eugenie Prost, had planned to make the wedding a double ceremony. Bourque's fiancée was opposed to his racing, and he had promised her that after the Vanderbilt cup event this fall he would not race another car.

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CIRCUS ARISTOCRATS FORM MOST RIGID HUMAN CLIQUE

Some of the performers with Ringling Brothers' circus.



Gives Impetus to St. Mary's Boys In Athletics

Acquisition of Stewart as Coach for College Squad Will Be of Great Benefit

By WILL SCARLET

A decided impetus has been given to athletic affairs at St. Mary's college by the acquisition of Sidney Stewart as football coach for the season of 1909-10. Stewart is a New Zealander and has for more than a dozen years been identified with the crack southern teams. His knowledge of Rugby, which form of game has succeeded the American variety at the Oakland college, is thorough and practical, and he has had considerable experience as a coach. Three years ago he acted as coach and manager of the Rugby team hailing from Sacred Heart college, New Zealand. This team is regarded as one of the leading amateur football aggregations in the antipodes.

Stewart has played the game both in New Zealand and Australia, as well as in this country. While in New Zealand he played on the same team with "Mother" Howe, at present football coach at the University of California. Last season Stewart was prominent in Rugby circles in California, his local success referred being much in demand.

Stewart began his work at St. Mary's Friday afternoon, when he put his numerous squad of pickin aspirants through their paces on the campus. He impressed himself more than pleased with the material at his disposal and believes that St. Mary's football prospects for the season are encouraging. He was especially impressed with the good form shown by last year's Rugby men and feels that it will be but a matter of a few weeks until a strong varsity team is molded into shape.

Acting in conjunction with Otto Richter, physical director at St. Mary's, Stewart intends to organize at least two junior Rugby teams out of the mass of available material among the student body. He maintains that a winning team can be produced only when the entire college is interested in the game and when prospective varsity players engage in intelligent practice right on from their freshman year. These junior teams will try their mettle during the coming season with corresponding teams from the local Catholic colleges, the universities and the high schools on both sides of the bay.

The personnel of the varsity Rugby team has not yet been determined, and several grilling tryouts will be held before the names of the chosen players are definitely announced. Meanwhile, last year's players and a host of new students anxious for a place on the team are doing their utmost to prove themselves worth while in the eyes of the coach.

St. Mary's football schedule for the season of 1909-10 will be published in its complete form in a few days. Besides a series of contests with Santa Clara college, to which the students of both institutions look forward with interest, the Oakland collegians will try conclusions with California, Berkeley and the University of the Pacific. It is likely that they will also invade Nevada for at least one game with the Rugby team hailing from the state university. Stewart's men will also take on the leading amateur non-collegiate teams of the city and coast.

The courses in gymnasium work and physical culture, made compulsory at St. Mary's college last January, have been prolific of tangible benefits in the interim. An average increase in chest expansion of three and a half inches is noted in the entire student body, some students securing an increase of four and a half and five inches. Young men whose weight was above normal when the courses were started have shown a healthy decrease, while students deficient in weight have gained perceptibly.

In a circular letter sent to parents and guardians of students and to the members of the college alumni association, Brother Joseph, prefect at St. Mary's, says:

"Some wholesome results, due to our bettered physical course, that for some time have been apparent to all of us are: Less sickness (practically none at all) than during any previous year, though few winters could compare in severity with the last; a happier condition of the college alumni association; a more ideal spirit of good will among the boys; a decrease in smoking of over 50 per cent; weekly individual reports issued by the professors to the prefect show that the intellectual life of the college, on which St. Mary's has always prided itself, has this year attained to even a higher eminence; moral conditions, as far as we can know, are in a most desirable state. The education of the boy means his development physically, intellectually and morally. That these three are interdependent is a pedagogic axiom. A boy with a sound, vigorous body, which normally harmonizes with a mind of similar nature, can throw off temptations to vice more readily than his languid and languishing companion; he is a normal, natural boy whose sensations are not so likely to become abnormal and unnatural. His body has an abundance of natural life; it does not need, nor does it crave, injurious stimulants. He is keen in the life of the classroom; he is awake and ready to do; ordinarily neither peevish nor rebellious."

King Rugby Is In the Race for Public Favor

Universities, Schools and Clubs in Full Training for Popular Brand of Football

By WILLIAM UNMACK

King Rugby is now in the race for public attention, and until the end of November will occupy a big portion of the sporting stage. All the colleges, schools and clubs are in full training. Stanford has been the last of the big colleges to call out the football squad. Yesterday Coach Presley had his men out for the first time, almost two weeks behind his rival college. This, however, should not make much difference. There are a number of veterans at the cardinal college, but not all of them will be eligible to play against the blue and gold. Erb will be badly missed behind the scrum, and on the five-eighths line Ganong will break up the grand combination of that line. Two names for more than two full seasons—Ganong and Mitchell—meant a lot to the Rugby fans. This was probably one of the smartest pairs ever seen on this coast, and now the combination has been broken up. There will have hard work to find a good substitute for the hardy Ganong. Scott and Roth are back at Palo Alto, and either one of them is suitable and fitted for the position.

At Berkeley the blue and gold squads have put in one of the most solid weeks of practice in the history of the game. Assistant Coach "Mother" Howe has caught on with the squad, and he has the confidence of every student at the university. Already Howe is showing the men new tricks. Schaeffer and Howe is the combination that the cardinal team this year is going to find hard nut to crack. The one has grit, fight and personality in marked degree as well as a good knowledge of the game. Couple these qualities with the natural experience of the other, the confidence he is able to instill into the team, and it must be admitted that the blue and gold has an asset that will mean much on November 13.

Practice has got to such a stage at Berkeley that it is probable that Coach Schaeffer will start diminishing the squads next week. At present the different squads are unwieldy, and by cutting out men who show less aptitude than others the work of the coaches will be materially helped and they will be able to better attend to those men who give promise of being good Rugbyites.

With two holidays next week the football fans will be treated to a liberal supply of games. Tomorrow the Barbarians will play the blue and gold, and the following day the varsity team will play at the Berkeley grounds.

The Olympic second team will try conclusions with the freshmen, and the Barbarians will meet the varsity squad for the first time this year.

The Nevada team is fast rounding into proper shape. Coach Meyers has the team out every day, and with the assistance of Ray Mackay, a mining student from Australia, who has had considerable Rugby experience, the prospects for a well coached team are bright. Besides the numerous veterans who have returned to the Nevada university there are a number of freshmen who have had good Rugby experience, including a former member of the Los Angeles Castaways. Practice started last Monday, and 50 candidates were supplied with suits, which constitutes a record for the college.

All branches of athletics seem to be on the up grade at the Nevada institution. The Reno public has not in the past given the games at the university the support they deserve, and consequently the students have not been as enthusiastic as they otherwise would have been. The material is there all right, and the football team has promising Rugby men.

The gift of a magnificent stadium and concrete bleachers by Clarence Mackay has aroused the inhabitants of the Sagebrush state to sit up and take notice of the varsity boys, and it is not improbable that in the near future Nevada will meet the California and Stanford universities in other branches of athletics than Rugby football.

The Reliance club is to be complimented on its neat appearance in the field. Clad in a maroon jersey and white knickerbockers, the athletes look the picture of neatness. They are a sturdy looking set of athletes, and when they know the game a little better will make formidable antagonists. The team is composed of men who have previously had soccer and intercollegiate experience, and one or two Rugby men. Naturally with such combination there are faults that need correcting. The criticisms made by the writer are not in the sense of fault finding, but will show just where the errors need correcting. In the first place there is a tendency on the part of most of the players to hold on to

the ball. This seems to be the natural inclination of every player changing from intercollegiate to Rugby. Get rid of the ball, don't hold it, otherwise you are liable at some time to get your team into a very tight fix. Another fault which some of the soccer Reliance men make is to get off side. Never willfully overrun the ball. Always keep behind it. There are times, of course, when a player becomes "off side" through the quick change of play from one part of the field to the other. In such cases get "on side" as quickly as you can.

Another glaring fault that all beginners make is to continually knock the ball forward with the hands. This is a bad breach of the laws, and when done deliberately calls for drastic penalties. These errors are not confined to the Reliance team alone, but most of the high school teams just taking the game up are equally culpable, and if the players remember the faults and refrain from carrying them out they will find the game will become far more open and faster.

Tennis Cracks Will Play for Coast Honors

Tournament for Championship in Singles Will Start Tomorrow at Del Monte

The twenty-second annual tournament for the championship of the Pacific states in singles, for both men and women, will commence on the courts at Del Monte tomorrow. The meet will extend from the 5th to the 15th, and beside the championship events in singles the annual mixed doubles and women's doubles will be held, and also some junior singles and doubles. The championship doubles for men was held at Long Beach early in July. A doubles tournament will be held at Del Monte, but no title will go with it.

When the announcement was made 10 days ago that the California players then in the east would, with the exception of George James, stop over to witness the matches between the English and American teams, and therefore be out of the Del Monte event it was expected the coast championship event was doomed to be a frost. In the last few days, however, a number of former champions have signified their intention of participating in the coast championship singles, and the Del Monte meet should not prove entirely lacking in class.

Of course the absence of Long and McLoughlin will be a bitter disappointment to the local enthusiasts, but they cheered up considerably when they learned that A. E. Bell, L. R. Freeman, Percy Murdock, Rauben Hunt, Joe Tyler and Schwengers would participate. Bell and Freeman are both former champions in singles, while Murdock and Hunt have long been identified with the game in Alameda county. Tyler and Schwengers are from the northwest, and are about the cleverest players in that section of the country.

Bell and Freeman have seen their best days, but at that are capable of playing good tennis. Freeman was playing in his old time form at Long Beach in July, but went in swimming while the tournament was in progress and threw his shoulder out. If Freeman should play the game he did in 1902 there would be nothing to it. He cleaned up the coast from top to bottom that year and was a grand player. In fact, at his best he could probably give Long and McLoughlin a busy time. Freeman is troubled with a bad heart and a shoulder which he has dislocated a number of times.

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Hunt, who several years ago won a number of minor titles in the east, will not play in the singles. He will play

with Murdock in the doubles and they will put up a pretty fight with Bell and Freeman, the Los Angeles cracks. The members of the meet will return in time to play at Del Monte, but it is by no means a certainty that they will do so. James would have a good chance to regain the title he lost three years ago, but he hardly figured on it. He made a poor showing in the east, outside of the preliminary national doubles. He won the international singles at Niagara against the mediocre bunch, but came in for a good deal of criticism at the hands of Nat Miles in the challenge match. James won only three games in as many sets.

Young Robert Strachan is the only other player from this part of the state who can be considered a possibility. His recent form has been none too good and he does not figure to do much unless he shows marked improvement. He played wonderful tennis at Santa Barbara a year ago, but has never played back to that game since. While there is some doubt in regard to the class in the men's events the same can not be said of the women's events. We will have to get along without Miss May Sutton, who last year defeated the best of her sisters and Mrs. Farquhar will come up from the south and National Champion Hazel Hotchkiss will also be among those present. It was expected the national champion and Max Simon would meet once more, but this treat will be denied the fans. While it is likely Miss Hotchkiss will regain the title she lost to May Sutton last year she will have her hands full with the young ladies from the south.

Carl Gardner, who went east two weeks ago to locate there for the next two or three years, got in on the tail end of the eastern tournaments, but failed to do any good. He participated in the national championship tournament at Cincinnati during the week and performed well until he reached the round before the semifinals. There he met Nat Thornton on Thursday, who beat him handsomely, losing the first set. Thornton ranks 25 and his defeat of Gardner proved a great surprise.

Long and McLoughlin will witness the qualifying matches for the Davis cup between the American and English teams. They will be played on the 11th, 12th and 14th, and if the Americans win, the two California cracks will meet World's Champions Brooks and Wilding in Australia next month. Should the Americans lose to the English, which is not considered very likely, Long and Gardner will add considerably to their knowledge of the game by witnessing the matches.

The Berkeley tennis club commenced on the Golden Gate park courts last Sunday will be completed today. Last Sunday Finnegan won the first class and Curley the second. Bass and Flanders will meet in the finals of the third class. Half a dozen players still remain in the fourth class, which will be completed today.

The Berkeley tennis club has arranged tournaments for both holidays of next week. Tomorrow a progressive tournament, consisting of mixed doubles, will be played. A men's singles for the championship of the club will be started in the afternoon and completed Thursday. A. R. McSwain won the three time cup last year.

STONE AFTER AUTO RECORD

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 4.—Driver Frank Stone, in a Columbia roadster, was 12 minutes behind the round trip record in arriving here today on his attempt to lower the round trip automobile record between Los Angeles and San Diego. He arrived at 10:10 and departed at 10:14. The machine was in excellent condition. With no bad luck he should lower the record, as he made up his last time by his very short stay here.

SACRAMENTO FIRM BANKRUPT

Joseph Galvan and A. P. Jurgens, partners in the Capital Creamery, Sacramento, have filed a petition in bankruptcy. Their liabilities are \$1,114.00, with \$50 in available assets. Samuel P. Grant, laborer at Little River, Mendocino county, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$435.55, with \$10 assets.

Track Athletes Should Be Busy During the Fall

Many Events Are Being Planned for Devotees of This Form of Sport

By HERBERT HAUSER

The fall season for track athletics has opened in earnest. The coming week, with its two legal holidays, on each of which there are a set of open games sanctioned by the Pacific athletic association, gives the registered athlete an opportunity of trying out and at the same time a chance of winning some excellent prizes.

Picnics in the past held nothing but professional events, but now it is different. Amateur games have taken the place of professional sports. The members of the labor council will hold games at Shell Mound park tomorrow. The entry list is a good one and in spite of the poor track some good competition should develop.

Admission day the San Mateo Caldonian games take place at the San Mateo base ball park, and a large number of athletes from around the bay will make the trip. The games were successful last year and the organization intends to outdo itself this time. Two weeks from today the Irish Volunteers will hold their seventeenth annual picnic and games, which have been sanctioned by the Pacific athletic association. A large number of athletes intend to participate in the events, which are all handicap with the exception of the 175 yard event.

The Academic Athletic league is making preparations for both indoor and outdoor meets for next month. This is the first time in the history of the league that an indoor field day has ever been held. It should prove a paying investment to the organization. Charles Mel, who is chairman of the committee in charge, placed at his disposal considerable property in the management of league affairs and should make a great success of it. Of course, the loss of Oakland to the league is a handicap when it comes to drawing a crowd for the outdoor meets at Berkeley, but the city schools will be the attraction at the Auditorium meet.

Lowell should make a good showing on the track this season. There is considerable promise of material among the lower classes last semester, which promises development. The school has gained a class athlete in Garry Stock, formerly of Ukiah high school. Stock is one of the best half milers turned out by the league. He is good for 3:05 and in the best of shape can probably clip that some if pressed.

The young clubs in the Pacific athletic association have been developing quite a few athletes in the last six months, as is shown in the Dipsea entry list. The Century athletic club has secured the clubrooms on the property owned by Tom Carroll, the former great hammer thrower. The grounds are located in Fruitvale. In addition to the clubrooms and gym is a fresh water plunge 30 feet long by 12 feet wide. An eight lap track is also being constructed, as well as an outdoor basket ball and handball court.

The California club of this city, with headquarters in the Jefferson Square building, is another promising organization that has rapidly come to the front since Dr. G. R. Hubbard assumed its presidency. The Winged O boys have 10 entries in today's Dipsea contest. The Metropolitan and Siplamans are also among the enthusiastic young organizations that are to be figured on in the future.

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