

FROM DRAKE'S BAY

A Good Breeze Brings in the Yachts.

THE STIR AT SAUSALITO.

Sweet Summer Girls Flock to the Club Wharves.

ALL EYES TO THE OFFING.

The Home-Come of the Chispa, the Ramona, the Jessie and the Rest.

"Blowing too hard to go out. I wonder how those Drakes Bay fellows are getting on?"

Varney G. Gaskill, secretary of the Pacific Yacht Club, had just sauntered into the clubhouse at Sausalito yesterday.

The bay sparkles like a sea of diamonds, but the wind blows with a gale that early hour and the club flag streamed before it as if it were made of plaited sheetiron.

But the Aggie got away all the same. Her owners, the Wieland Bros., sent up for chickens, cold meats, salads, with sunny bottles of Mumm's and some extra pale.

The anchor was weighed, the sheet loosened and away went the fastest yacht in the long bay.

The Lurline, which can beat her in smooth water, lay idle, her dark, sharp-cut lines attractively silhouetted against the white caps of the bay beyond.

But despite the early morning breeze there was destined to be quite a lot of life at Sausalito yesterday.

The quays and wharves backed by picturesque villas and the multitudinous saloons were soon swarming with animation and merriment.

Later in the day the four yachts which had left for Drake's Bay on Saturday returned under full sail. There were the Chispa, the Ramona, the Jessie and the Sausalito, and their home-coming was quite an event.

The amateur fishermen forgot to watch their floats, the ladies flocked to the San Francisco Yacht Club's wharf, and all eyes were turned to the offing, as one by one the white-winged beauties gracefully rounded the point, bringing up to the wind before the clubhouse and dropped anchor.

Wonderful were the loads of human freight brought over by the Bay City and San Rafael steamers. Upper and lower decks were packed with all sorts and conditions of men. There seemed to be no limitation as to numbers or any regard for safety.

The more the merrier, I suppose, commented the good-looking lady, who could not get a seat, but was held in an upright position by the swaying jam about her.

There were all sorts of earnest-looking fishermen, who were only going to sit on the wharf and drop snipers for deluded shiners, were yet arrayed in the most wonderful and grotesque of costumes, and shaking mad hats. That is supposed to be three parts of the pleasure of amateur fishing.

Then there were the picnic crews, with their well-washed, good-natured "boys," on the lookout for "Chimney" and "Mame," and naturally Mame, with her magnificent high hat and feather, was not far off. There was a big foreign party, with a big Mount Vernon native costume, gay sash and white regatta braided jacket, black and white. Children there were of all ages, and they were carefully looked after in the press by hundreds of kindly eyes belonging to half as many self-conscious gauds.

Chatter and laughter! They were as incessant from the upper decks as from the lower. Only from above came the cries, "excuse me," "excuse me," in the latest fashions, and quiet business men with their families, who like to sit down and listen to the music.

They were packed, with their heads on the wharves where the open cars stood ready to transport some to more northerly picnic grounds. Others set their faces in business and footed away to a distant point, or to the private little nooks upon which they had fixed claims.

But a still greater contingent spread about along the wharves, intent on seeing the balloon ascent or making a pretense of luring the fishy denizens supposed to know when Sunday comes, around seeing that they are the best.

Still, the boatmen thereabout say that fish-fishing is better this year than it has been for years past. They tell of a man named Johnson, coming in 100 pounds of fish from Line Point, and another Watson, Josephine, almost coming up to that catch. Yesterday they displayed several of the kindfish, white large messes of rooked, and tomato secured off the wharves.

The snelt are not yet running well, but are beginning to catch on, and reports of big takes in that line may be expected before long.

At the San Francisco Yacht Clubhouse things were pretty quiet. The four yachts away meant quite a diminution in the bustle that usually characterizes these merry quarters.

Loud complaints were heard among guests and full members who had attended the pop given by the club on the previous night. It seems that the officers, or most of them, went off to Drake's Bay and left the club in a lurch.

"Why," said one guest, "there was only Secretary Reed, and he merely stayed for a few minutes. We had no host at all. It was just a good-for-nothing, with the honors done by the Japanese doorkeeper and Steward Dexter. Of course we had a good time, but whoever heard of a party without any hosts. There were no hosts to have been a tug to take us back, but no tug arranged. Some of us went back in the club's steam launch, and I don't know what the rest did."

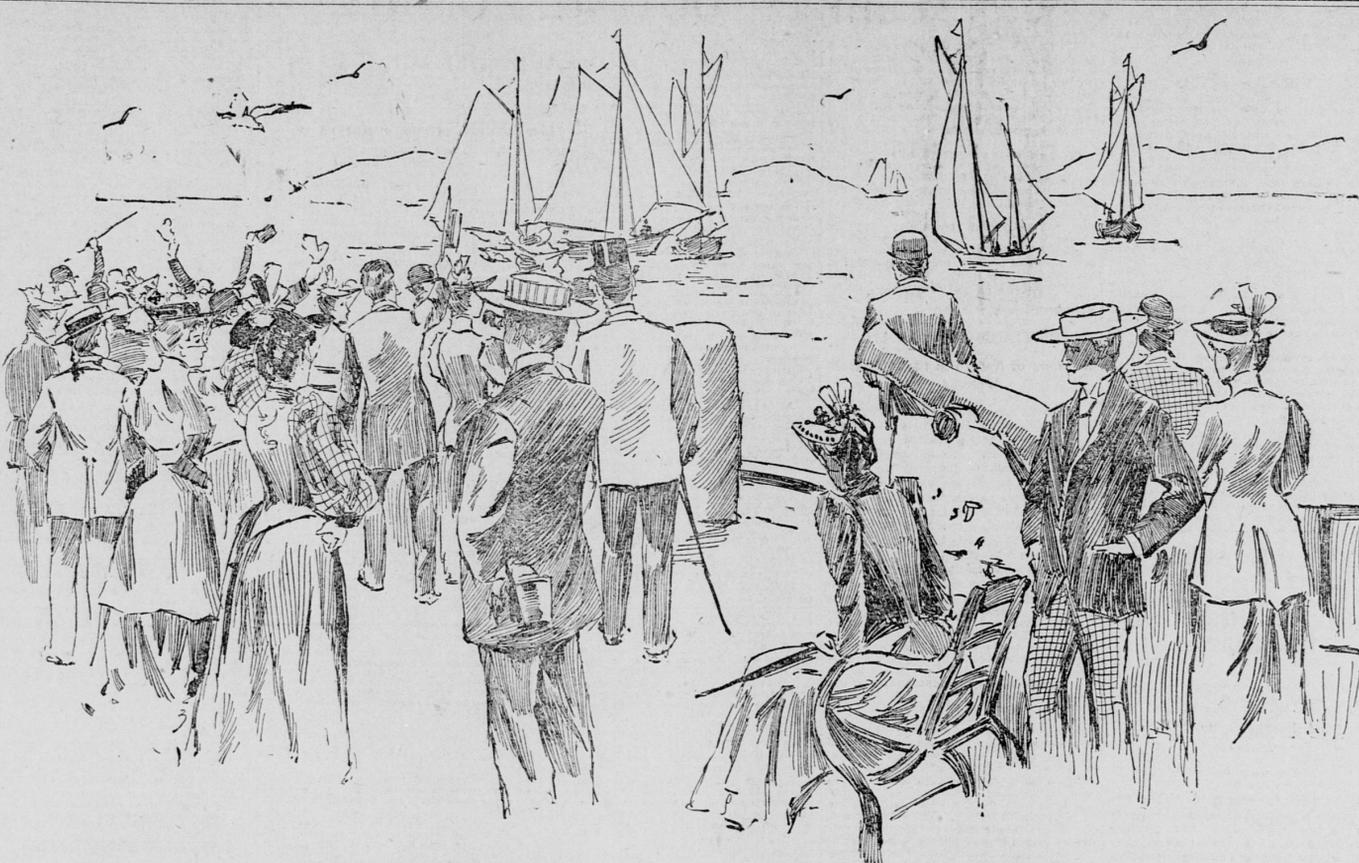
A member of the club explained that the matter was an oversight and that leaving the entire clubhouse at the disposal of the guests was intended to be an Arabian compliment of the most delicate order and by no means a slur.

"Still, next time," he added, "we are going to have the officers and full committee present. Our hops are very popular and we should be sorry to see their popularity wane at the hands of the 'barons' there was more than the usual crowd. The Baron has got a new attraction.

The other day the two Wielands were at his place and were gently jostling the Baron over his bar.

"I've got something here I don't think you've seen, gentlemen," remarked the Baron during the pop.

"What is it?" queried the gentlemen, thinking it might be a new invention for keeping fat ladies afloat in the Baron's tub.



"HERE THEY COME"—THE RETURN OF THE YACHTS FROM DRAKE'S BAY, AS VIEWED FROM THE WHARF OF THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB.

Joke was on them this time, and accomplished the Baron on his new scheme for helping to pay for the improvements at his popular place.

There is not much in prospect before the yachtmen just now. Captain Festaris is building a schooner-yacht, but it is said that he means to make a trip round the world in her. J. V. Coleman's vessel, the Miranda, is still in the East, but already curiosity as to her capabilities has been awakened.

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that contingency. Still, you can cut down such easier than you can add on, at least in this case.

"The boat will have a hollow boom, the same as the Rogers yacht. She will be painted white above the water line and below the water line will be burnished.

We have dynamo now at the works which are running emery wheels that are easily moved along the body of the boat, and the polished mirrorlike surface that results is perfect. I think it will be the smoothest bottom ever seen on a yacht.

And now in the matter of Tobin bronze sailing I have for a long time been making the necessary tests to enable me to form some correct conclusion regarding the material. These tests have been made here, and copper was included to make the required comparison.

The result of my observation is that Tobin bronze does not foul any quicker than copper, which is entirely satisfactory. As the boat likely be able to keep a pretty smooth bottom on our boat.

In the matter of the interior? Well, that's pretty well given up to the crew. The forecastle extends about the mast, and there will be accommodations for thirty men. Then comes the galley, next a large saloon about 25 feet long, and after that rooms for the officers. The saloon is next, this being 25x13 feet, and there will be four berths in it.

The companionway follows. The lower part of the cabin is a room and on the other a toilet-room. After the companionway is my room. I simply thought I was left after the space demanded for certain requirements had been allotted. The joiner work is light as possible, being pine, and there will be no elaborate woodwork and appointments.

The boat is a racer, and that tells the whole story.

"During the racing season I expect to be with me the well-known amateurs, E. A. Wilson, the yacht designer, and Herbert C. Leeds, the later Boston. They are very handy men and will take great interest in the boat. I am sure the boat will be much to the use of the improvement of the schooner Marguerite's speed, as he was a frequent guest of Mr. Palmer, her recent owner.

"Skipper Hansen has been here since April 22 and the crew is being carefully drilled. We have now twenty-two men on board. That ship will be a school ship. It is serving its purpose nicely. The men are out every day on the tracks, and when Mr. Carroll's Navahoe is drilled the schooner will be sent eastward and we shall have another trial with her. I have also chartered the coasting schooner which you see here at anchor to reach his home port, the schooner Hansen will be the skipper of the Morgan Iselin boat. I also had a good look at the old racer Inroquois, chartered by Mr. Iselin to drill the crew of the schooner. She is a fine boat, and I think she will be a good one to have in the bay.

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of a mile, in 26 seconds. Allowing that he could maintain the same rate of speed for a mile, he would make the latter distance in 2 min. 11 sec.

Immediately following this performance W. A. Terrill rode over the same distance and surprised the timekeepers and spectators when it was announced that he had cut one second off the previous trial, making the distance in 25 seconds.

For the record-breaker is at present enjoying a vacation at Marysville. He will be home in a few days and will at once go into training for the big meeting in July.

Grant Bell of the Aero Club of Oakland, who holds the coast five-mile record, took several spins over the track. He will train for the two-mile handicap race.

W. H. Topke is training for the sprint races and his friends are confident that he will give a good account of himself when the time comes.

Dr. G. B. Burns and Ben Bogner are in training for the slow race, the prize for which will be a real nice leather medal. Pool-selling is lively on this event, Hugh Bogner a big favorite. The doctor says he was a surprise store for Bernardo and that he will win the medal if it costs him a tooth.

The ordinary race will figure for the last time on this coast on the program of the Bay City Wheelmen next month. D. Marshall now holds the one-mile coast record, which is 2 minutes 45 seconds for high-speed racing. Marshall's opponent will be L. S. Upson, A. Alcazar, W. J. Caldwell, L. Lipsett, J. Desnoes, H. Smith and one or two others from Oakland and Stockton.

The programme of the July meeting is as follows: Victor A. one-mile maiden, two-mile sealed handicap, one-mile division championship and one-mile handicap.

July 2, one-mile novice, one-mile ordinary, two-mile sealed handicap, one-mile division championship.

Championship prizes will be limited to medals which in value will not exceed \$50. Any of the other prizes will not exceed \$10.

Entries for the events will close one week before July 1.

The Bay City Wheelmen's president stated that the annual meeting of the club will be held at the Hotel California, San Francisco, on Sunday next, and that after Sunday next only cyclists who are training for the July races will be allowed to enter the grounds. It is expected that on Sunday next several of the crack riders of the city and country will be at Central Park.

Victor A. Hancock, who is compiling the list of all wheelmen who have ridden in the city and country, returned from Red Bluff via Stockton. He went up via Benicia and returned down the other side of the Sacramento River.

Victor has ridden over 1800 miles, visited twenty-two counties, and reports cycling booming throughout the State. He has been riding for 100 miles during the month of June, and he is expected to be a member of the league and fixed reduced rates for league members at hotels in all large towns.

Although traveling over many rough roads and doing considerable night riding, he has not had a single puncture in his pneumatic or had a mishap of any kind. He has ridden for 100 miles during the month of June, and he is expected to be a member of the league and fixed reduced rates for league members at hotels in all large towns.

Among the several wheelmen who spun over the track yesterday were Harry H. Sharpe, Bedbury and Kitchen of the Aero Athletic Club of Oakland. San Jose was represented by Bouton, who is one of the best racers of the coast. J. Desnoes and Lipsett.

Wells and Upson of Sacramento shook their heads when they first cast eyes at the track. Wells said that it would be utterly impossible for a fast racer to speed around the curves without taking a header, and as for slow riding that would be out of the question.

After the Sacramento riders had seen one or two Bay City boys skim over the course, Wells jumped into the saddle and away he went with Upson in hot pursuit. They were followed by a number of other riders, and the race was a close one. Wells and Upson were the winners, and they were followed by a number of other riders.

ACROSS THE NET.

Tennis Spreading Into the Country.

RURAL CONTESTS IN VIEW.

The Varied Delights of a "Love Game" in Sequestered Courts.

Gossip of the Game.

Un at the California Lawn Tennis Club grounds, at the corner of Bush and Scott streets, yesterday it was too hot to do very much in the way of active practice.

There was a steady demand for liquid refreshment, and gallons of lemonade were disposed of by the flanneled athletes, who looked attractively cool and comfortable in their flannel and white, but set off here and there with a careless line or flake of color.

As the summer advances there is said to be a distinct falling off in Saturday and Sunday attendances at the club grounds. The reason for this is stated to be that the counter attractions of a run across the bay or down to San Mateo County, or even further, are proving too strong for even the steady workers.

Such weather as we have been enjoying is certainly some excuse for the desertion of the grounds, but it is expected that the play of some of the "cracks" will suffer through interrupted practice, unless in their trips they manage to strike private tennis courts. These are provided at most of the leading hotels, and many of them considered an absolute necessity at all fashionable country residences where there are young people.

Some of these hotel tennis courts are affording lots of sport for visitors to rustic resorts. They are usually tucked away in some unobtrusive section or screened from view by high fences, meant to keep the balls within limits. Higher wend many young couples in all the beauty and carelessness of tennis blazers, etc., and there sets are lazily played with their seductive cries of "love all," "love twenty," etc., until the whole thing to the outsider looks very much like a "love game."

They were talking about the new ground to be opened at San Mateo on Saturday next while McGee and Joe Daly were being beaten in a smart practice game by Taylor and another player who had just considered an absolute necessity at all fashionable country residences where there are young people.

The fruit of the conversation will be evident in a tennis tournament at the Hotel Mateo at San Mateo. The game will be called at 1 p. m. and will be referred by Joe Daly. From the California Club, the team of Hobart and John Stetson and De Long, Harry Haight and Thomas Magee, Bates and Driscoll. A big audience is expected, including many fashionable and the games are likely to be closely contested in many instances.

The next big event in tennis circles will be the championship singles to be fought out at San Rafael in July. This is an event of great interest, and there is likely to be a numerous roll of entries. The champions are expected to be evolved either from the Oakland Club or the San Rafael club.

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It has been definitely announced that Pacific Coast Champion W. H. Taylor will not contest this year, so that a formidable rival is removed from the ranks of the Oakland Club of late has been dropping its interest in the game. Perhaps this is occasioned by the scattering effects on the members of the club, who are well known in the field such well-known players as Hardy brothers, C. D. Bates, Thomas Driscoll and W. Johnson, any of whom could give their competitors a hard struggle across the net.

Oakland has some very smart players, among them the champion Hardy brothers, and may send out a very strong contingent in the field such well-known players as Hardy brothers, C. D. Bates, Thomas Driscoll and W. Johnson, any of whom could give their competitors a hard struggle across the net.

Among the Californians who at present are expected to carry their clubs into the tournament of the "Glorious Fourth" are the Whitney brothers, Joseph Tobin, Stetson and De Long. They are all expert wheelmen, and they are expected to be a good team, but it is not thought that they will prove all invincible when separated.

For instance, it is known that De Long of the Californians has defeated both the Hardy brothers in practice, and from this it is argued that he or some other "tennisist" will succeed in the tournament. The Hardy brothers very close at San Rafael, it is not thought that they will prove all invincible when separated.

There is some talk of holding a ladies' doubles tournament at the California grounds this week or next. The singles were so successful that they have inspired several of the feminine members of the club to renewed activity. All that the ladies need is constant business-like practice, both single and double, and they are hard and using their brains as well as their natural lightness of foot and quickness of eye. A lobbing game is soon abandoned after the fair advance a little. It is voted, "time out," and the players are enough for the fair combatants, while the "boys" among the spectators much prefer a quick, sharp game with plenty of variety.

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Off in Accent, but Great on a Wheel.

THE DAY AT CENTRAL PARK.

Wheelmen Journey From All Parts of the State to Try the Bay City's Speed Track.

"'Ello! 'Ello! say, Maister Whitmo', don't you think it's a bit dangerous to ride those curves on the low' end when the wind is blowin' a bit bad?"

It was Mr. Reddy, a recent arrival from Lancashire, England, who thus addressed the president of the Bay City Wheelmen yesterday at Central Park.

Mr. Reddy was dressed in one of the latest English outing suits, composed of Scotch tweed, and his nether limbs below the knee were protected from the sun and wind by a heavy pair of stockings, also of Scotch wool.

Mr. Reddy has won several prizes in "the old country" for long-distance racing, and as yesterday was the first time he had the pleasure of feasting his eyes on the Bay City's racing track, the local wheelmen were very desirous that he should take a practice spin on it. His opinion was desired.

"Yes, come with me, Mr. Reddy," said Mr. Whitmore, "I shall be only too happy to let you have a wheel. I know that you will enjoy a ride over our track."

Mr. Reddy looked down at his heavy suit of tweed, and his fair cheeks, which are as white as a lily, turned as red as a rose as he answered: "Nae, lad; nout a these cloaks," which being translated for the uninitiated meant: "No, sir; not in this dress."

Mr. Whitmore misunderstood Mr. Reddy's remark, and promised him that he should mount the highest priced wheel on the track and try the curves.

At this juncture D. R. McNeill happened along and engaged in a short chat with Mr. Reddy. He explained to the president of the Bay City that Mr. Reddy was too heavily weighted down with Scotch wool and felt rather indisposed to ride against the wheelmen who were exercising in their best exercising suits.

Of course Mr. Whitmore apologized and Interpreter McNeill explained that he did not desire Mr. Reddy to race, that it was his opinion of the track he desired.

That settled it. Reddy mounted a "scotch" and it was a relation to the wheelmen present to see the young Englishmen of mixed accent dressed in the best Scottish tweed scorching the curves of the track. Reddy rode at a rate of speed which will not be announced until after the July meeting.

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