

Local Baseball and Wheeling Gossip.

IVER LAWSON'S CHANCES.

What an Eastern Man Says of His Racing Ability.

W. T. Haskell, representative of the Chicago Sporting Goods Manufacturing company, who has been in Salt Lake this week, stated that he had a chance to see some of Iver Lawson's work in the East, and he unhesitatingly pronounced him the fastest man on the eastern circuit today, and predicts that Iver will defeat all the cracks "way down east." He says in the Syracuse race the young Swede had but little trouble in running away from Major Taylor and Kramer and at once jumped into public favor.

Mr. Haskell was down to the track Tuesday evening and says the saucer is the very best wooden track in America. He was surprised not only at the good attendance, but the speed of the riders, and especially the amateurs. The announcement made by the "News" on Wednesday evening that Tom Cooper, Floyd McFarland and other easterners were coming out here for September races, has been the subject of much comment in racing circles. Manager Nishel of the saucer says there are others, but he does not care to disclose his plans at present. This much he does say: "The last of the present month or the first of next, will see the fastest bunch of riders in the country on the Salt Lake track."

TROUBLES OF TAYLOR.

Not Only Unpopular But is Worsted on the Track.

"Major" Taylor, the colored bicycle rider, is having his own troubles these days. It's only about two weeks ago when he was fined \$300 for refusing to start in a race, and had to pay it, too. The other day he went to three hotels in Syracuse, N. Y., and each one of them put the price so high when he asked what the rates were that he could not stop there. Taylor has no one but himself to blame. He was very popular among the riders a few years ago, but success swelled his head and he became almost unbearable. He couldn't be handed a ripe peach on a silver platter. As a result he has antagonized everyone connected with the racing game, and instead of going along and earning five or six thousand dollars a year and attending strictly to his own business, he will find it harder and harder to get along unless he changes and behaves himself as all white riders are forced to do. Just because Taylor is a great rider does not make it a necessity that he should ride rough-shod over everyone with whom he comes in contact.

He received another severe blow on the Syracuse track when the great Iver Lawson shut him out in the qualifying heat for the half-mile professional championship of America. In Iver the "Major" has the most formidable antagonist he ever bumped up against, and the same can be said of all the other riders in the print game.

LEAGUE MEETING TONIGHT.

Ogden is Now Willing to Consider Second Season Plans.

Word has been received from Ogden to the effect that a representative of that team will be on hand to attend the league meeting which has been called for tonight. Fans still hope a new season will be launched, although during the past week the outlook was anything but bright. First Ogden was willing to enter upon the new deal and then word came that they were satisfied with present conditions. One thing is certain: If a new schedule cannot be agreed upon, there will be plenty of good baseball in Salt Lake anyway. The manager of the Salt Lake team is arranging for dates with outside teams and will give local fans all the national game they want. The teams expected to come here are the Buttes, Denverites and Colorado Springs nine.

It is said that Logan will have a representative at tonight's meeting despite the statement that the Logan team would not enter the league. By tomorrow night Ogden will have the pennant secured, and it is generally believed they will win one of the two games with Lagoon, and if they do, well, good-bye pennant. There will then be no reason for Ogden holding out against this latest proposition. President Beardsley is heartily in favor of beginning another season and keep it going through September, or until the weather man interferes.

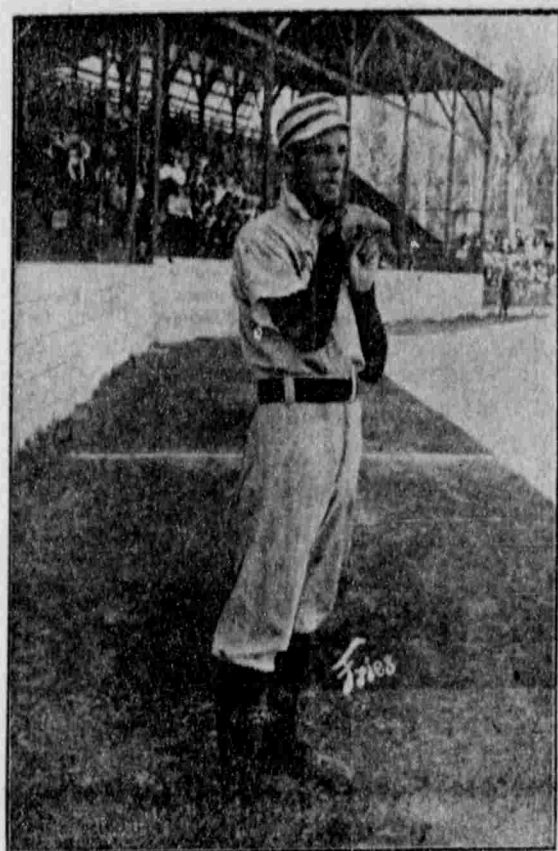
The main fight now is between the White Wings and Lagoon for second money, and it can be depended upon each team will do its best to win out. Simon Hamberger is so anxious for his team to win, he has offered the boys a purse of \$250 as an inducement to go for it.

FOOTBALL TALK.

Not Unlikely That a League Will Be Organized This Winter.

Local Knights of the Pig Skin are already talking football and one or two members of the High School team are getting in shape for the coming season. Members of that organization say they are going out for championship honors again and intend to get an early start. It is too early yet to say just what the line-up of the eleven will be, but few changes if any will be made from last year. McFadden has been spoken of for manager, and D. A. Calahan for coach. Under the direction

A CRACK SALT LAKE PITCHER.



ELMER MEREDITH.

SALT LAKE fans will readily recognize in the above cut, Elmer Meredith, the crack southpaw of the White Wings, the man who causes the Lobsters to shake with fear. After the first game he pitched against Ogden, Father Olin pronounced him a "whirlwind" and he still holds that reputation. He entered upon his career as a baseballist in 1892, and played outfield with the Joplin, Mo., team. He remained with that aggregation until the latter part of 1894, when he discovered he was a pitcher and took himself to Coffeyville, Kan., and made a phenomenal record as a box artist. He next went to New Orleans to play in the Southern league, and after finishing the season there joined the Leadville team with the Colorado state league. His next appearance was with the St. Joe club of the Western league. In '98 and '99 he was with the Kansas Citys and then with the Mansfield, O., team. While with the latter team he pitched against the Dayton, O., crowd, and not only shut them out, but never gave them so much as anything that looked like a hit. At the beginning of the present season he started with Denver but jumped to Salt Lake. You know the rest.

of those men the team enjoyed a most successful season last year, and the probabilities are they will manage affairs this season.

The University and Y. M. C. A. can be counted on to put teams in the field, and it has been hinted that the manager of the Salt Lake ball team will also be out with a crowd of pig skin chasers, although nothing definite has been decided upon. Among the minor teams there will be the L. D. S., the Salt Lake Business College, and the usual school teams.

BELL AND HOFMAN COMING.

Will They Return to Salt Lake or Go to Butte?

The regular patrons of the saucer track will be glad to learn that the ever-popular Artie Bell and Frank Hoffmann will in all probability return to Butte within a very few days, says the Intermountain. Manager King, of the Butte Athletic association, yesterday received a telegram from the riders, dated Buffalo, in which they stated that they were dissatisfied with the way things were going in the East and wanted to come back. Mr. King stated that he was thinking seriously of telegraphing the riders to return to Butte.

The management of the Butte track will be greatly surprised if Bell and Hoffmann come back to Salt Lake. Word has been received here by friends of those riders that they have had enough of Butte, and will finish the season in Salt Lake before going to the coast. The riders who have been to Butte are of the opinion that the manager of the track had better stick to cheap prize fights of the Jack Wade order, as in their opinion the racing game is not being supported as was first supposed.

MIDDLE DISTANCE RACES.

Many Believe Jimmy Michael Will Soon Come to the Front.

The naming the best man behind motor pace is today a hard problem. Some think Harry Elkes is the best performer, but many believe that in condition Johnnie Nelson would leave Harry Elkes far in the rear, while there are others who hold to the opinion that Jimmy Michael at no distant date will give both Nelson and Elkes a hard race for the championship. The middle distance game is a hard nut to crack. Nearly every day brings its own surprises. First Nelson goes out and beats Major Taylor in world record time, then the next press report states that some one else has beaten Nelson by a couple of laps or as many miles in a



THOS. JEFFERSON GASCOYNE

Thomas Jefferson Gascoyne, the famous British wheelman who claims to have no rival in unpaced races, is now in this country looking for some Yankee scalps to add to his belt collection. All the notable English, French and Italian unpaced riders have succumbed to Gascoyne's wonderful endurance and speed. In the event that this speedy Britisher drifts to Salt Lake, it is not at all unlikely that he will be compelled to surrender his colors to young Samuelson, of Provo, who would like nothing better than such a chance.

twenty-five mile race. Hardly have the public realized the severity of the defeat suffered by Nelson when he goes out and adds another very creditable performance to his record. In the three-cornered race at Manhattan Beach between Michael, Walthour and Elkes, three or four weeks ago, Elkes

easily defeated both Walthour and Michael, while Michael came very near defeating Walthour for second prize. Two weeks later Michael appears upon the same track and shows a surprising change of form, being beaten in a forty mile race by only 2 1/2 laps. The following Monday night Walthour appears

hope of encouragement. On that day he rode a race that made even Elkes backers commence to think that perhaps after all Jimmie would soon regain his old-time form. At Springfield on July 25th, he held Elkes for ten miles in what was to be a 25 mile race, and was enforced to be satisfied with second honors because of an accident to his motor tandem. In this race Michael was beaten by 2 laps, which was the distance he lost before regaining his pace due to the accident. From then on he held Elkes, and from a spectator's point of view, was just as good a man at the finish as Elkes. There is the greatest rivalry between the two, and their next meeting at Manhattan Beach should be a race well worth going miles to see.

This victory of McDuffie at Boston on July 27th, makes his friends hope for a victory for him upon his next New York appearance. He is gradually but surely coming into his old-time form, and while some people have given him a month more in which to regain championship honors, it would not be surprising if he succeeded in cutting the month down to a week. With good luck and a continuance of his present good form, Michael at no distant date will certainly give Elkes, Nelson and Walthour as hard a race as any one of them will care to experience.

THE CYCLING GAME.

At Present It is the Most Popular Sport.

The close of the past week in July finds the National Circuit of 1901 in pretty full swing. Including the racing at Madison Square Garden on July 29, thirteen of the thirty-seven meets scheduled for this year's circuit have taken place. In round numbers this is about one-third of the entire season's work, and a compilation of the table covering the performances of the men in the championship class will give the reader a pretty clear line of who the probable finishers will be. The one thing in connection with this year's cycle racing season that must stamp it as the most successful of any during the past five years, is the large crowds which gather at every meet. The following table gives the figures for each and every grand circuit meet from the commencement of the season to date:

July	Place.	Attendance.
8	Madison Square Garden, New York	2,000
9	Charles River Park, Cambridge, Mass.	5,000
10	Providence Coliseum, Providence, R. I.	5,000
12	Worcester Coliseum, Worcester, Mass.	5,000
15	Hartford Coliseum, Hartford, Conn.	5,000
16	New Haven Coliseum, Hartford, Conn.	5,000
17	Manhattan Beach, New York	Rain
18	Springfield Coliseum, Springfield, Mass.	6,000
20	Revere Coliseum, Revere, Mass.	5,000
24	Washington Coliseum, Washington, D. C.	5,000
25	Baltimore Coliseum, Baltimore, Md.	Rain
27	Manhattan Beach, New York	7,000

As will be seen, every one, with the exception of the opening night at Madison Square Garden, attracted over 5,000 people, while credit for the highest honors belongs to the Revere Beach track, which on the day of its grand circuit meet drew over 8,000 people. A comparison of the crowds at Manhattan Beach, New York, each Saturday with that for the preceding week, proves that with each succeeding week Mr. Brady is securing better attendance. Years ago when cycling reached its highest point, the Manhattan Beach track contained over 25,000 people, and it is safe to say that before the end of this season these figures will be equalled if not left far in the shade. Mr. Brady is giving the public very good cards upon each racing day, and if good cards count for anything he will win out.

At Madison Square Garden the crowd made up in enthusiasm what they lack in attendance. It must be borne in mind that the weather has been very hot and oppressive in the Metropolitan during the entire season. Upon a Monday night that is any way cool the Garden can reasonably draw at least 5,000 people. With so many electric lights in the big arena an attendance of 2,000 or 3,000 people soon makes the old garden rather uncomfortable. As soon as the cool weather sets in, which cannot be very far off, Messrs. Powers and Kennedy confidently expect that there will not be seats enough in the Garden to hold the crowds who will come.

"PHYSICAL CULTURE."

How "Bob" Fitzsimmons Would Discourse on that Interesting Subject. Advance sheets of Robert Fitzsimmons' new book entitled "Physical Culture and Self-Defense" have not yet ap-

peared. It is understood, however, that the fighter-editor-author treats the subject very concisely and intelligently, dealing with physical culture in about this style:

"It's a bloomin' shame the way some of these 'ere guys into themselves run down. Every man Jack might be just as rugged and powerful as me if they 'ad a mind to. They goes around like a lot of old women, and couldn't more punch a man on the jaw than they could fly. Why, they are so sickly, it fairly makes one disgusted to look at them."

"Just look at them and then look at me. Now, 'ow did I get myself into this 'ere beautiful trim? 'Ow did I do it, I gosses apperinted to a 'oresher, who routes me hup at daylight every mornin'. Then I 'admees the iron while it's 'ot. That's the way to get physical culture, and don't you forget it. Why, in less than no time I was so developed I could lick any bloomin' puncher in New Zealand. Now, these 'ere lankers with 'ere gout, merchants, teachers of breath, dyspeptic newspaper men, and, in fact, all classes of people that ain't got no physical culture, go and do the same as I did. They'll be surprised at the change. Physical culture is a great thing, and if folks goes at it the right way, why, they can get just as much of it as I have."

"It just makes me lart to 'ear people askin' questions about this 'ere self-defense. They ask me 'ow do you do it?' and all the bloomin' time I'm addin' it before their heyes. Now, 'ere's this. 'Ow do I make a spring at me in Carson and 'is me in the face like a boy with a bloomin' pen shooter. I stands it for a while, and then in self-defense I soaks 'im in the solar plexus. Ain't it simple? Same way with these guys Sharkey, Rubeen, and 'is 'ere hall in self-defense, and they takes the court."

"This 'ere chap Jeffries 'is me when I wasn't expectin' it and I was so bloomin' dazy I 'ave no hideas left about self-defense. But it don't 'appen that way often."

"This 'ere coachman of mine, Patterson, gives me a lot of guff, and in self-defense I knocks 'im off his perch. The court said this was no self-defense, but I think the court was wrong."

"Any way, self-defense is the easiest thing ever. When a bloke comes up to do you, just 'it 'im 'ard in the solar and there's your defense."

"I don't think 'I hever 'ad so easy a thing to write 'on as this 'ere physical culture and self-defense. So 'ere I'm goin' to write a few lines on 'Dope in My Water Bottle, or 'Ow Jim Jeffries Beat Me.' That'll hopen some people's heyes."

RUBIN INTERVIEWED.

Gus Has Been Accused of Talking Too Much.

Gus Rubin has been unjustly accused of talking too much by some of the Eastern fight critics. Rubin and his manager, Billy Madden, are on their way to Trisco, and it is quite natural for a man of Madden's knowledge of ring affairs to give out a lengthy interview now and then, but who ever heard of the modest, unassuming Rubin doing too much talking? The great trouble with Gus is that he does not talk enough and self-defense. He might be better off if he fired a little hot shot at the fighters now and then. If anyone is under the impression that Rubin has been shooting off his mouth, to any great extent, the following interview, secured from Rubin, after much work on the part of a Seattle reporter, will fully convince a person that Gus is not the "Windman from Brooklyn."

"Mr. Rubin, do you think Jeff will fight you?"

"I hope so."

"What do you think of Jeff?"

"He's a good fellow."

"What about Sharkey?"

"Sharkey is all right."

"What's your opinion of Fitz?"

"He and I are good friends."

"Would you fight any one of the three?"

"Certainly."

"Which do you prefer?"

"Jeff."

"How are you feeling?"

"Good."

"Do you think you can beat Jeffries?"

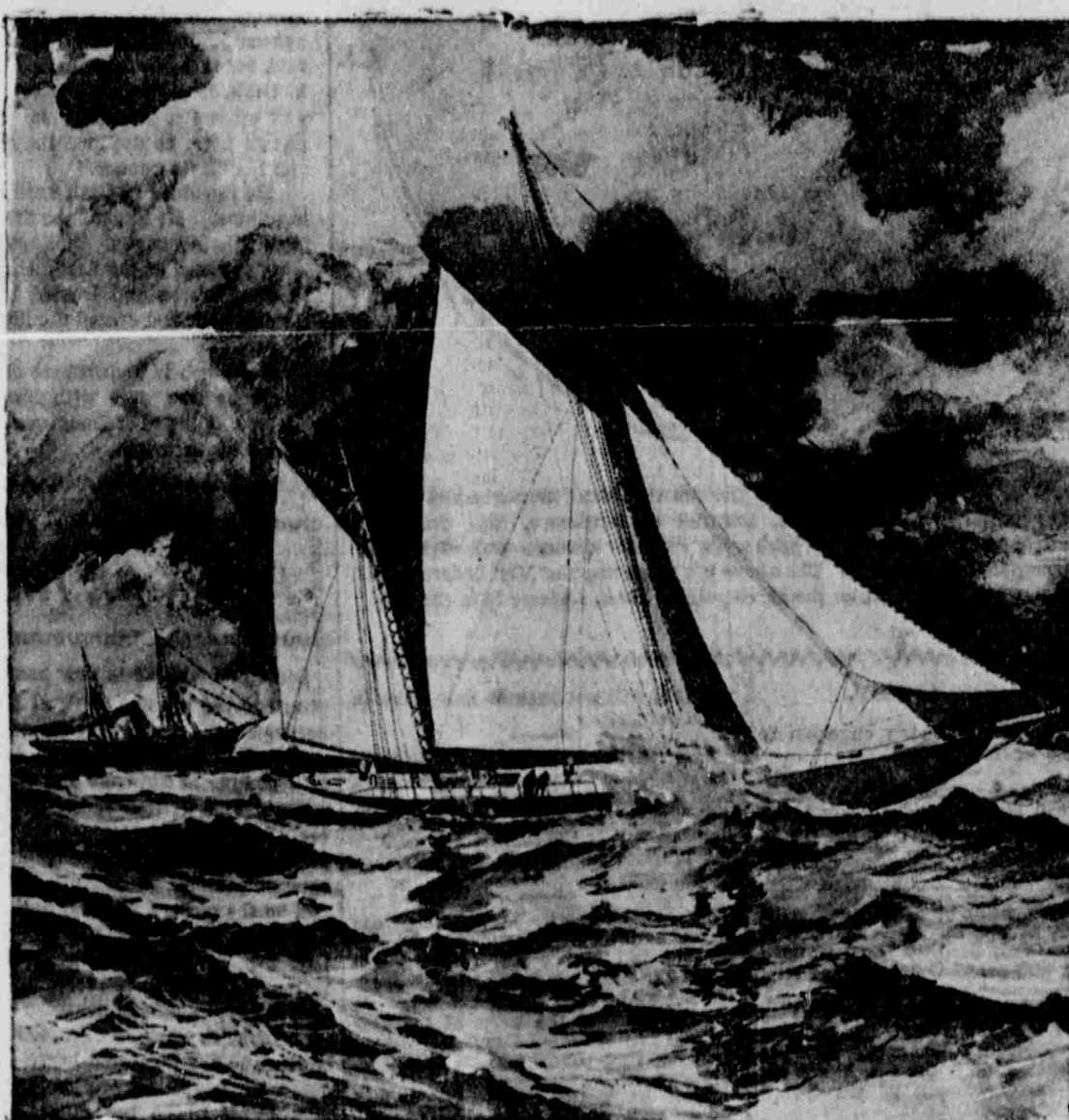
"I hope so."

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SHAMROCK SECOND IS DUE HERE NOW.



Lipton's new cup challenger, Shamrock II, has now completed the best part of her trip across the ocean, under her own sail, and is due here at any time. The people of two hemispheres anxiously await her safe arrival in this country. The above picture shows the challenger in mid-ocean with her convoy, the Erin.

ENTRIES FOR BIG POLO TOURNEY CLOSE AUGUST 12.



The entries for the coming polo championship tournament of the United States will close August 12th. The various clubs which will strive for the highest honor in the American polo world are hard at work training for the big event. George Gould, Wm. A. Hazard and many other nationally famous millionaires are members of the various competing polo clubs and crack exponents of the game.