

REVIEW OF PREVAILING ATHLETIC SPORTS

AFTERMILE TRACK

Splendid Chance to Build Course Here Where One Is Needed.

WOULD BE WELL ATTENDED.

Longer Race Meets Would Attract Thousands of Turf Followers and Circulate Vast Sums of Money.

For many years the proposition of erecting in Salt Lake City, or near enough to be easily reached, a mile race track, has been agitated, and the need of such a course, especially during the last year has been generally recognized, especially by those who go in for the sport of kings. The matter has been proposed several times, and several months ago the advantages of such a course were pointed out in these columns.

Now, John Condon, president of the Utah Jockey club, which organization gives the coming spring meet at the Fair grounds track, is boosting for a mile track in Salt Lake City. He sees the need of one and does not propose to let the matter rest until the dream is realized.

That there are great opportunities for the game here there can be no doubt whatever. Salt Lake City is logically a horse racing center, as much so as it is a bicycle racing center. With the right kind of a track, the right kind of management, race meets of considerable duration and high class could be held here; thousands would be attracted by the game; tourist travel would be increased; stock breeding encouraged and a vast amount of money put into circulation.

Talking over the matter of building such a course here, President Condon says:

"I would like to see Salt Lake City have the best horse racing in the country, or at least as good as they get elsewhere, and there is no reason why we should not have it. That the public will support good, clean sport, has been demonstrated time and time again."

Continuing, Mr. Condon said:

NINE GOOD STATES.

"We have nine states surrounding us from which to draw. These are Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, and Arizona, and Salt Lake City is centrally located between the metropolis of them all. We should be able, it seems to me, to bring into this city no less than 2,000 people from these states during the 60-day meet this year. It will cost the most of these upwards of \$10 a day to live, and the horsemen will consider that they are getting out of it cheaply at that."

Just for a moment and think what it means to the city in money, if not in other ways.

"Before the coming meeting is over, the people of Salt Lake will give their mental and financial support to the building of a first class mile track, to cost not less than \$300,000, and if this can be made co-operative, I, as one of the many Salt Lake boosters, will do all I can toward the promotion of the track. To do it right, it will take all of us. We will give everybody an opportunity to subscribe to the stock, and no reputable person will be barred."

BUSINESS ADVANTAGES.

The great advantages to business generally can easily be recognized, if a project of this sort is pushed through. The matter is not to the people and if lovers of the game will do their part to boost the sport along there is no reason why it should not flourish. On this phase of the matter Mr. Condon says:

"I feel certain that practically all the business men of the city will join heartily in the endeavor, meet of our plan and will lend us their financial aid. In return we will give to Salt Lake a class of thoroughbred horse racing second to none in the country, and it will be so conducted that the race can be run as fast as the horses can run, and a race was fixed or that any event was conducted other than absolutely in accordance with clean sport and in full accordance with all the rules of the splendid game."

"One other thing which should not be overlooked is that, if built, the plant will be thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every particular. The grandstand, paddock and club house will be built of steel and these alone would cost upwards of \$170,000.

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HIGH SCHOOL BALL

TEAM IS WORKING HARD

The High school baseball team, under the coaching of Robert Porter, is coming to the front fast, and before the season is over the team should be able to make a showing against any amateur aggregation in the state. The team has been practicing for several weeks, and generally with great success, and is now up to the people themselves, say whether we will or will not have the track."

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES COMPETING IN TODAY'S MEET.



CLAYTON, SHOT PUT.

CAPT. KARRICK, WEIGHTS.

SADLER (LEFT) HURDLES; BACKMAN (RIGHT) MILE.

LEE STONE, 220 AND 440 YARDS.

CARMICHAEL (LEFT) SPRINTS; MCCABE (RIGHT) DISTANCE.

SALT LAKE NEEDS MOTORCYCLE POLICEMEN

The accidents from speeding automobiles, that always mark the opening of this season are unusually numerous and appalling this spring. And the speedy motor-cycle has been the only thing that has enabled the police to control violators of the speed law. These little machines are fully as fast as the average automobile, and in a chase they can twist their way through a crowd more successfully than could a purring automobile, while the speed of older and smaller machines, a dozen of the smaller flyers. Already, New York has over 20 motor cycles in constant use, and Philadelphia has just acquired an equal number to replace a squad of older and smaller machines. All of these are the well known Indians; and besides these cities Washington, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Boston, Denver and a dozen other cities and towns maintain motor cycle police squads which perform a variety of valuable duties.

Here is a gentle hint for the chief of police of Salt Lake City to get busy and put two or three men on motor cycles to run down and arrest careless automobile drivers who are wont to burn up the pavements on South Temple. First and Second South and State streets, endangering life and limb.

Twenty miles in 17:12.5 means a sustained average speed of something over 70 miles an hour. That is what the flying Frenchman, De Rosier, did on the recent Sunday. As this track is only about one-third of a mile in circumference it meant 60 circuits, at an average rate of a lap every 15 seconds.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS.

Ball Team Defeats Granite Nine by Score of 10 to 5.

The Salt Lake High school baseball team defeated the Granite boys in yesterday afternoon's game by a score of 10 to 5. The game was played at the school campus and was interesting throughout. Features were the batting of Atkins who got two three-baggers, and what would have been a home run for Hulbert had he not failed to touch third base. The teams lined up as follows:

Green C. Legroon
Gallagher P.
Young 1b. Sutherland
Frederick 2b. Winchester
L. Romney 3b. Ashton
Atkins ss. Love
Worthman 1b. Elmer
H. Romney cf. Hampton
Thomas, Kilpatrick rf. Ryersonson, Niel-trick lf.
Umpire—Graham.

"PENNY" GOSSIP.

Fine weather for ducks but pretty bad for ball games and track meets.

The Occidentals and the Helena teams are scheduled to play at Ogden today and tomorrow at the Fair grounds.

A gun club has been organized at Pioche, Nev. Dr. J. F. Irvine is president, Henry Lee vice president and Frank Thompson secretary and treasurer.

Arrangements are being made for a soccer football game between the Eureka team and the Provo aggregation. The Garden City had a good team last year and promises to have another this season.

At Lexington, Ky., today the racing season for 1909 opens. Six races will be run daily with a total of \$10,000 in purses hung up. There are over 500 fast horses stabled at the track and there from various parts of the country.

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Some High Class Ball During the Intercollegiate Contest—Five Work of Jones and Brossard.

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE.

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