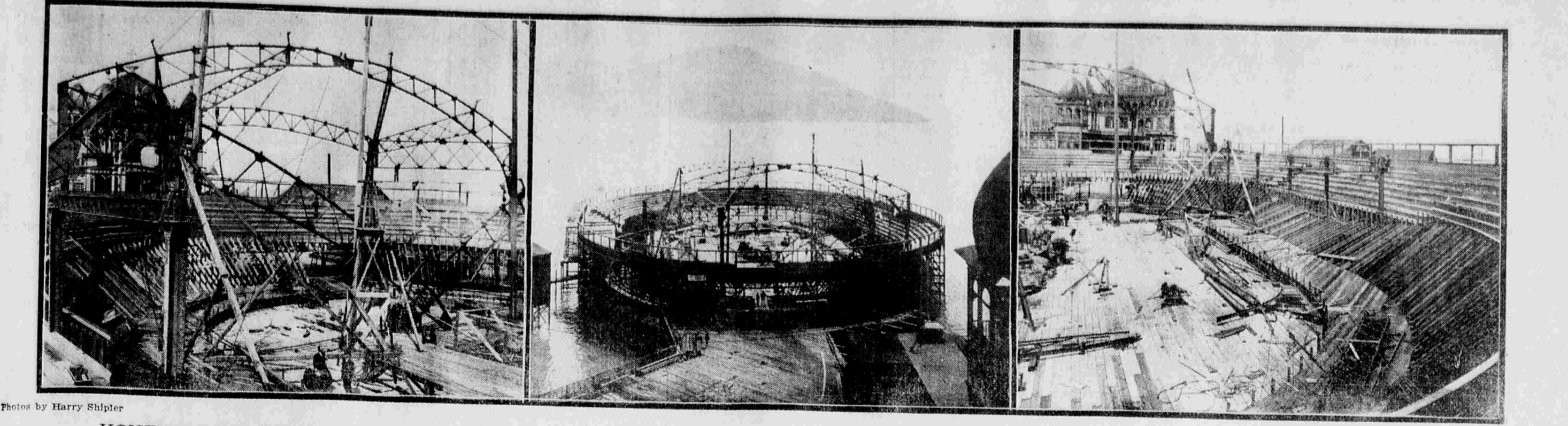


Saucer Track at Saltair Will Cost a Fortune



Photos by Harry Shipley

HOISTING ROOF GIRDERS INTO PLACE

WONDERFUL indeed is the activity going on at Saltair these days, preparatory to the annual opening, Decoration day. Near the pavilion a large force of men is at work with saw and hammer, extending platforms, building various places of amusement and making general improvements that are a revelation to one making his first visit to the resort this season.

To the south and southeast of the pavilion much of the space heretofore an expanse of water is now entirely covered with heavy plank, firmly fastened to immense wooden piles, and the same condition obtains to the northwest of the pavilion. In all, probably not less than 2,000 or 3,000 square

feet of floors have been laid, adding very much to the accommodation necessary when extra heavy excursions are run.

NEW FEATURES.

Of the new buildings on the resort proper, the most pretentious is the new arcade, which is designed to accommodate from 300 to 400 people. This is immediately north of the main entrance and between the pavilion and the scenic railroad. Adjoining it on the north other buildings are going up, some of which are infringing in the least upon the floor space alluded to.

The great pavilion never looked so stunning as now, with its new coat of paint, its colors of white and brown. The band stand is now in the south end, suspended from the ceiling, and the effects of the music are the same in all parts of the spacious dance hall.

TRACK FROM PAVILION—UPPER DECK

There is to be an innovation this season in the matter of depending walkways and securing bathing suits. There will be no mingling of incoming bathers with those outward bound. Persons desiring to take a plunge will go to the left of the ticket office, make such deposits as they wish, procure a suit and go through a turnstile that will only work one way. Upon returning another turnstile will admit them to the right side of the ticket office, thus avoiding any congestion back and forth.

NEW BICYCLE TRACK.

But it is the new bicycle track that is the wonder of all beholders at Saltair. The undertaking has to be seen to be appreciated. Situated directly south of the pavilion, where a row of bath-houses once stood, the saucer when completed will have cost some \$55,000. The designer was T. O. Angell, the

well known architect. Silver Brothers are placing the structural steel, and J. H. Griffin has the wood contract. The track will be roofed at it is in the doing of this work that one of the greatest ventures in the way of structural steel yet undertaken in Utah is under way, and furthermore the designs were formulated and the material manufactured here, and the same is being put together by local workmen. The roof will be supported by six or seven arches, each arch composed of two trusses, each 100 feet long and each weighing more than seven tons. Both trusses are raised and placed simultaneously and are fastened at the place of junction by an immense key bolt.

SUNDAY'S ACCIDENT.

Last Sunday, when three of the arches had been put in place, a steel cable became loosened in some man-

ner, and the whole mass of steel collapsed. Seven workmen were upon the top, 60 feet above the pit of the saucer, and all went down in the crush. That some were not killed is a marvel, but as a matter of fact only one man was injured, and he not seriously.

The accident alluded to seriously retarded the work of construction, and now the most strenuous effort is being put forth to finish the steel work before May 30. To this end Manager Joseph A. Silver is personally superintending the work. For two or three weeks he has remained at Saltair day and night, and from 5 o'clock a. m. until dark he is about in overalls and cap and with sunburnt face, looking after every detail. He has with him 32 men, and at the shops are a sufficient number more to bring the weekly payroll up to a total of 212 workmen. One of the foremost designers of the works is William J. Silver, father of the Silver

DIZZY RIM OF THE SAUCER

brothers, now 76 years of age.

TEN-LAP TRACK.

The saucer is a 10-lap track, and of the seven designed and five built by S. K. O'Laughlin, he considers the diameter. The building stands on huge wooden piles, which in turn rest upon reinforced concrete pillars, which have their bases upon the hardpan after water and sand had been pumped out. That the foundation is secure was shown by the fact that when the columns of steel took place, immense was the weight, but a pillar was jarred to any appreciable extent.

The saucer will be managed by "Johnnie" Chapman, formerly manager of the Salt Palace track. Bookings have been made from the best obtainable in America and Europe, and as rain or inclement weather will not affect the Saltair track owing to the fact that it will be entirely covered,

the project bids fair to be a success from every standpoint.

TO ACCOMMODATE 5,000.

The seating capacity of the Saltair saucer is 5,000, while at the rear and above all seats is a space five or six feet wide, where persons may stand, bringing the number that may be accommodated up to nearly if not quite 5,000. It is so designed that neither riders nor persons watching the pit shall pass over the track, one entrance for the riders and two for the public being arranged from beneath. The ends of the track are on an incline and between 44 and 45 degrees, five or six degrees more than most of the saucers designed by Mr. Angell.

SPORTING GOSSIP OF INTEREST

Baseball League Finally Organized—Season Opens June 6.

THE NELSON-GANS FIGHT.

Famous Lightweights Again Matched To Go Forty-Five Rounds—Bike Riders Busy.

SALT LAKE.
OGDEN.
MURRAY.
FORT DOUGLAS.

OFFICERS—John F. Tobin, president; Mahonri Spencer, vice president; Fred N. Hess, secretary; Rodney T. Badger, treasurer.

The Utah Baseball league has finally been organized with the above line-up and officers. Now the fans can prepare for a season of real good sport. Delegates representing the four towns met last evening and started the ball rolling. The season will open June 6 thus giving each town plenty of time to get in shape. Each team can have but 12 men and games are to be played Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. If interest increases there will be more games, in fact, as many as the fans will support. The schedule has not been completed as yet but will be drawn up and adopted in a few days.

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Lovers of the tatic game here and elsewhere are looking forward to the coming return engagement of those not-Nelson, with a great deal of pleasant anticipation. The public or that portion which goes in for events that have been clamoring for a return fight between these rivals ever since Nelson lost to Gans at Goldfield after 42 rounds of fighting. Some have the idea that Nelson is all in but those who have watched his work since the Goldfield fight have a different idea.

BIKE RIDERS GET BUSY.

Managers Redman and Chapman of the Salt Palace and Saltair bicycle tracks are about the busiest men in Salt Lake these days. Both are working like Trojans preparing for the opening of the popular cycle game and that the sport will be patronized as well as ever there is not the slightest doubt.

L. D. S. U. WINS.

Varsity Baseball Team Defeats B. Y. C. Nine 7 to 2.

The league game at Walker's field yesterday afternoon between the L. D. S. U. and the B. Y. C. resulted in a decisive victory for the former. The game was shut out but for errors which netted them two runs. The final score was 7 to 2. Grant did splendid work in the box for the winners. The detailed score follows:

B. Y. C.	A. B. R.	H. P. O. A. E.				
Allen, 3 b.	3	0	1	2	0	0
Roberts, r. f.	4	0	0	0	0	1
Wilcox, s. f.	4	0	0	0	0	1
Christensen, c.	4	0	0	0	0	1
Richardson, p.	4	0	0	0	0	1

Washings, 1 b.

A. B. R.	H. P. O. A. E.
Jensen, c.	4 0 0 0 0
Ward, r. f.	4 0 0 0 0
Edman, p.	3 0 0 1 3

Totals 33 2 2 24 11 5

L. D. S. U.

A. B. R.	H. P. O. A. E.
Snow, r. f.	3 1 0 0 0
Lund, l. f.	4 1 0 0 0
Taylor, c.	4 1 0 0 0
Mann, c. f.	4 1 0 1 1
Scott, c. f.	4 0 1 1 0
Mulliner, 2 b.	4 1 0 0 0
Horsfall, 1 b.	2 1 2 0 0
Parry, s. f.	3 1 2 1 0
Grant, p.	3 1 0 0 4

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SCORE BY INNINGS.

B. Y. C. 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
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Earned runs—L. D. S. U., 7—Stolen bases—Richardson, Snow, Lund, Taylor, Mann. Bases on balls—Off Kidman, 1; off Grant, 1. Two-base hits—Horsfall, Mulliner, Snyder, Kibby, Ewart, 1; Fillmore and West Jordan high schools and the Snow and Weber academies.

HIGH SCHOOLS HOLD ANNUAL TRACK MEET

Sixteen high schools are participating at Cummings field. There are 153 contestants in a track meet, representing the following schools:

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SCORING RULES CAUSE CONFUSION

It Is Because of League Presidents' Varied Interpretation.

TWO CHANGES SUGGESTED.

Errors Are Decreased and Improves Easier Year by Year—Hits More Game, Says Murnane.

Tim Murnane, the Boston baseball authority says:

Just two changes were made in the playing rules for this season, and yet the general baseball public was never more at sea, judging from the numerous questions I am receiving daily as to the construction put on the code.

The whole trouble lies in the fact that different constructions have often been put on the rules by the two major league presidents, and, finding the umpires of the two major leagues differing, the executive officers of the class A leagues, and often of lower classes, put their own interpretations on the rules, until there is no head or tail to the code. This shows the necessity of having the rules thoroughly understood and agreed upon before the playing season arrives.

If a baseball editor is asked for the interpretation of the rule, he usually puts it up to the umpire in his section and answers accordingly. For the benefit of the public the code should be interpreted absolutely alike in all leagues.

The two changes this season have found favor. The pitchers are doing as well as ever without rubbing the ball for a minute in the dirt, and the giving of a sacrifice hit for an outfielder that scores a runner has pleased the player. It helps his batting average, and nine players out of 10 think more of their batting average than of the position of their club in the race.

This rule is a good deal like taking passed balls and wild pitches out of the error column to give the reader the impression that teams are playing a better hitting game.

If you look back at the old scores you will not doubt be astonished at the large number of errors made in each game. This can be accounted for in three ways: First, the very rough grounds the players were forced to play on; second, players were not helped out by large mitts and gloves, even the catchers and first basemen playing with bare hands; third, the wild pitches, passed balls, bases on balls and hits by pitched balls were counted as errors.

rule to force the batsman to go to the bat once more and perchance go out of the field, there was a chance of the fielder muffing the ball even with regulation gloves.

DRAWN RATHER FINE.

The new rule giving the batsman a sacrifice hit for a home run where a run is scored is drawn rather fine as the ball must be caught to exempt the batsman from a time at bat.

As the batsman succeeds in scoring the runner what difference does it make whether the ball is caught or not?

A few days ago the papers were full of comment on a decision made by the National Game Commission, claiming that O'Laughlin had killed all chances for a "squeeze" play. The umpire was absolutely right in his decision, as there is a vast difference between throwing the ball to the catcher and pitching the ball to a batsman. The box man has a perfect right to throw to any base by stepping in the proper direction, as long as he does so before starting his preliminary motion to deliver the ball. The trouble at Detroit was that P. Dougherty started for home before the boxman started his preliminary swing.

The "squeeze" play can be pulled off by waiting for the pitcher to start his preliminary motion, for no matter how short the swing, the runner can beat the ball to the plate. If the batsman succeeds in placing the ball on fair grounds, and the runner has no chance when the batsman fails to meet the ball.

I have yet to see the squeeze play tried this spring, as the pitchers are pretty well able to cut the runner and it is unpleasant for the man at bat.

Umpires are having their troubles just the same as ever, and the new trouble is often to cut the runner and bearing, and feel they have the support of the owners and players. In the case of a young umpire, because of a young boxer going into the air as a result of uncalculated comments from the coaching lines. The time has passed for this style of unfair play, and every umpire in the country should instruct himself to follow the Pulliam code. Spectators seldom enjoy bases on balls as the result of a pitcher becoming rattled. All want to see the ball hit and fielded, for there lies the life of the game.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

A company has been organized at Vincennes, Ind., to manufacture automobiles, fire trucks and engines.

The motorcycle is more popular than the automobile in the Grand Duchy of Baden, there being 84 of the former and 72 of the latter on Jan. 1.

A single motor-driven police patrol wagon serves Hartford, Conn., whereas four horse-drawn ones were needed before it was purchased by the city.

The Prince Henry cup race, in Germany, will cover seven stages, and each stage beginning at Berlin, June 9, and ending at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, June 27.

Motorists of Montclair, N. J., will lend their cars to the promoters of a fête on June 13 to raise money to aid a church and purchase a site for a gymnasium.

Judging from the registrations already made it is believed that there will be more than 25,000 cars registered in Pennsylvania this year, about 2,500 more than in 1907.

A delegation from each of the 24 state organizations of the American Automobile association will attend the National Good Roads convention at Buffalo, N. Y., July 6, 7 and 8.

Official returns show that France exported cars worth \$28,296,556 last year, an increase of \$1,461,508 over the business of 1906. Great Britain bought about 40 per cent of the output.

As an example of the severity of the new French motor law, which seems likely to be passed, a man may be imprisoned on second conviction for allowing his car to emit smoke.

The highway bill passed by the New York legislature just prior to adjournment, modified with a comparatively brief statute all legislation of that

character enacted in that state since 1875.

Finding that the motor-driven chemical wagon was beating him to first, Chief Edward Mooney of the Bridgeport, Conn., fire department, demanded and received an automobile for his own use.

At the hill-climbing contest of the Automobile club of Bridgeport on Memorial day members of the Connecticut National Guard will police the route and an electric timing apparatus will be used.

A train of four touring cars and one motor-driven supply wagon will be used by National Democratic Chairman Sullivan and several Illinois delegates in traveling from Chicago to the Denver convention.

During the recent floods in the southwest a railroad was cut off without an engine at Pecos, Tex., whereupon an automobile was quickly converted into a railroad motor car, which made 25 miles an hour and, at times, 40 miles.

At the end of the annual convention of the Federation of Motor Cyclists at New York, in July, the western members had a 10 days' run to Chicago by a route that will take in several prominent cities and cover about 1,600 miles.

N. H. Van Sicklen of Chicago has resigned as chairman of the Technical Board of American Automobile association, and as secretary of the Chicago Automobile club, and will lead a quiet life of a farmer at St. Charles, Ill.

In Russia the automobile business is making rapid strides. According to official figures in 1902, 35 cars were imported; in 1903, 60; in 1904, 80; in 1905, 111, and in 1906, 242, while during the first six months of 1907 the total was 257.

The single automobile on the island of Bermuda is a stage used between St. George and Hamilton, and even that may be legislated out of business by the colonial authorities, because of a recent accident in which it nearly killed an islander.

"What hampers the progress of automobiles on the road more than anything else are the hampers that automobilists carry with them," was the recent terse statement of Secy. Forrester of the Massachusetts State Automobile association.

Eight suits to recover damages totaling \$25,000 recently were introduced by a Philadelphia dealer in automobile lubricants against persons or firms whom he declared were perpetrating a fraud on motorists by selling an inferior oil under his product's copyrighted name.

AMERICA'S RIFLE TEAM.

Entries for Olympic Games Events Sent to England.

New York, May 23.—James E. Sullivan, secretary of the American Olympic committee, has forwarded to the British Olympic council the entry of American rifle team, that is the names of men who will be selected by the National Rifle association of America. Gen. John A. Brain has been appointed by President Whiteley as the representative of the American committee in all matters pertaining to the shooting. America's entry in the revolver shooting events at the Olympic games has also been forwarded to the British committee.

OLD MAN PRETTY YOUNG YET.

One does not always remember that the first Spanish settlement in South America antedated the first English settlement in North America by nearly a hundred years and that when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth there were already cities in South America that could boast of a longer history than Chicago can today.

When Harvard, our oldest university, was only an idea in the minds of a few English students, the University of San Marcos, still flourishing, will be getting ready to celebrate her four hundredth. When Yale was founded this ancient university of Lima was already 121 years old, or about the same age that Columbia is today.—Dr. Hiram Bingham of Yale.

Go to Wandaners Saturday evening.

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