

## Local Baseball and Wheeling Gossip.

THE FAVORITE SALT LAKE AMATEUR.



EDDIE SMITH.

HERE is a face that is as familiar to patrons of the Salt Palace saucer as is the saucer itself. He has won more races than any other amateur who has appeared in Salt Lake. Eddie is a Frenchman by birth, twenty years of age, weighs 135 pounds and is a swift short distance rider. Until he rode against Hoffman this year, he has had practically everything his own way for three seasons, although last year he was forced to divide honors with Freddie Meakin for a time.

His first race was a one mile novice at Calder's Park, in 1898, and he won it with hands down, beating a host of then coming world beaters. His next appearance was at the Salt Palace during its first season. He did not rank with the winners then, but finished second, third and fourth. At the beginning of last season he took a trip to Paris and returned to Salt Lake about the middle of July. He then captured the world's record for a mile motor race, on an eight lap track. His time was 1:34.45.

He also established a track record of 1:59.2-5, in a competition race of one mile, but this time has since been beaten by Hoffman at Butte. His time stands at 2:58.4-5. Since the latter went to Butte, Eddie has had it all his own way.

He is very popular here, especially with the nice girls who are always glad when he wins a race because "he is just the cutest thing" they ever saw. This photo was taken for the "News" by Fries Bros.

### LAWSON VS. TURVILLE.

Twenty Mile Race Promises to Be Hotly Contested.

Gussie Lawson, who defeated Johnnie Nelson in a fifteen-mile match race at Los Angeles, last year, and also Arthur Stone and Johnnie Lake, will ride the race of his life next Tuesday evening in an attempt to lower the colors of Charley Turville, the middle distance rider of the saucer.

The distance to be covered is twenty miles and little Gussie says he believes he will win if he is given the necessary pace. Turville admits that in Lawson he has a formidable antagonist, one who is an adept at the pace following game and a stayer too.

When Lawson rode against John Lake, he defeated him three times straight, which is an achievement to be proud of, for Lake was beating nearly all of the professionals at that time. The young rider also defeated Vaughan here last summer in a fifteen-mile race.

### TAYLOR WILL PAY.

Probably He Has Already Done So—Fine Was \$300.

"Majah" Taylor, the colored bicycle rider, who threatened to retire from the track rather than pay the \$300 in fines that were assessed against him by Chairman Batchelder of the N. C. A., has changed his mind and is now meek and gentle as a lamb. He has notified Batchelder that he is ready to pay the same and wants to keep on racing. It was hoped that he would not pay the money and that the cycle track would be rid of him. Not that he is a colored man, but because of his arrogant ways. He takes three times the liberties that the white riders do. William Buckner, the trainer of Taylor, tells his side if the story as follows:

"Taylor had all kinds of money in sight in Europe. They were crying over him and the promoters offered him all kinds of money to stay over there. But unfortunately Taylor had signed a blanket contract to follow the national circuit, and in response to Chairman Batchelder's instructions he came home and gave up his chances of making big money. He became sick on the voyage and when he reached New York he was in no condition to race. A physician ex-

amined him and ordered that he should stay in bed for a week. He gave us a certificate and this we showed to Mr. Batchelder, who refused to accept the excuse and ordered Taylor to appear at the meets or pay \$100 fine for every one he missed. Taylor found it impossible to do this, owing to his condition. At first he told me he would rather quit the game than pay, but I guess he concluded that it would be best to give in.

"We had a splendid time in France. When Taylor and Jacquelin met for the second time there were 25,000 people on the grounds and each one paid \$2 to get in. Taylor defeated the Frenchman by such a large margin that a cry of take was started, and so the manager of the track refused to run a third race. Taylor started twenty-four times in Europe and won twenty-one races. He was beaten in Berlin by Arend before he was in condition. Jacquelin beat him once, and the third defeat was administered at Bordeaux when Taylor was beaten by a tandem team. Taylor beat Jacquelin in an open race after the Paris match. Taylor won some \$5,000 on the trip, but our expenses were heavy, so we did not bring back all the \$5,000 with us. He owns a home in Worcester, Mass., and is worth about \$5,000 or \$10,000, but that will not last a man a lifetime.

"What was freely predicted by bicycle riders and racing men here in the event of Iver Lawson, who is now 'on the circuit,' and Taylor being matched, has come to pass and the great Taylor has been defeated by the great Swede. Before leaving, Iver expressed the hope that he would be given a race with Taylor, Freeman, Downing and all the eastern stars. Of course, he realizes the fact that no man can win all the time, and he does not expect to do so, but he feels confident of carrying off at least three-fourths of the big events. Iver intends going on to New York, and has made arrangements to return to Salt Lake about September 9th.

### THE BASEBALL SITUATION.

Proposition for a New Season is Meeting with Favor.

It is expected that the present baseball schedule will be played out by the 15th of this month and a second season will be launched. As previously stated in the "News," Ogden has practically won the pennant and the cash prize

which goes with it. The team only needs to capture a couple more games to clinch its claim to the championship title and will then enter into the new scheme with pleasure.

With the formation of a new schedule and the coming in of the new club, it is understood new contracts will be signed by the players.

It is to be hoped the second season will be played out in a quiet, peaceful and harmonious manner. So far there has been so much bickering and strife, charges and counter-charges, the public has become discouraged, if not disgusted, and are wondering if they are going to see a few weeks of real good baseball. If the magnates see that good lively games are put up in the future, the national pastime will be more popular here than ever next year. If not, then the ball players may as well go out of business.

### Racing in Salt Lake.

That Salt Lake is the center of bicycle racing in the West can hardly be disputed by any reasonable person who is well informed on the subject. At the beginning of the season, the outlook was anything but bright. The attendance at the meets was poor, then the Butte track opened and most of the crack riders gave Salt Lake the go by, and it was predicted by many that the saucer here would be closed by the middle of July. But it did not take the people long to learn that the races were better this year than ever before.

The management of the track found out what the people wanted and made every effort to supply it. Last year about half of the motor races were failures. The machines were out of gear half the time, and the crowds went home disgusted.

This year it is different. In motor races there has only been one failure. New features have been introduced and the attendance has steadily increased. The fast riders have returned, or some of them have, a number of records have been broken and racing men all over the country are turning their eyes towards Salt Lake.

Henceforth it has been an easy matter to pick the winner of a race, but not so now. There has hardly been a meet this year that the spectators have not been surprised. The action of the N. C. A. in abolishing team work is mainly responsible for this, and the new race run on by Manager Rishel has also had a great deal to do with it. Lap races are something new to Salt Lake and they are becoming very popular. The people like to see the men ride and show what there is in them.

### PLUCKY WOMAN, THIS.



Miss Selma Hanson, a pretty brunette, twenty-one years old, will accompany Captain William A. Andrews in his perilous trip across the Atlantic in a fourteen foot boat. The start will be made after the equinoctial storms in September.

and that is just exactly what they have to do when they enter a race now. The outlook for the balance of the season is very bright, and Manager Rishel says he will work a few surprises for patrons of the track before September rolls around."

### AFTER NICK YOUNG.

Andy Freedman Seems to be the Disturbing Element.

Andy Freedman, the disturbing magnate of the National league, is still after the scalp of Nick Young. There was a time when Uncle Nick had such men as Jim Hart and the good Mr. Brush at his side. These men championed his cause every time he was attacked. But of late they have taken sides with Freedman and it looks very much as if the oldest official of the National league will have to surrender. There is a movement on foot to compromise the situation. It is thought by some of the friends of Young that if Mr. Brush could be elected president of the league Nick might be able to retain his position as secretary. If this deal goes through Uncle Nick will still be looked after. Young has been secretary of the National league ever since its organization in 1876, and the Boston magnates Billings and Soden, are the only men now connected with the game who were at the helm the opening season. The balance of those who are crying for Young's scalp have all since pushed their way into the baseball arena.

### IS THE PUBLIC TIRING?

What Eastern People Think of the National Game.

Some of the Eastern papers are asking the query, "Are we tiring of the national game?" Then they go on and quote several cities, such as Kansas City, Chicago (National league attendance) and New York. This is what the Denver Post thinks about it: "Of course we are not tiring of the national game. We never can. As long as the American people exist, just so long will the game of baseball be our national pastime. Of course the National league in Chicago does not draw. Why should it? Up to a week ago every game it played was simply a burlesque on the national pastime. It is just the same as a poor show coming in town. The people won't go to see it. There was a time when Chicago had a championship team, that thousands used to flock to the old West Side grounds to witness the sport. The best evidence is that in the very same city an American league team is drawing thousands every week while their rivals only secure a few hundred. Then they quote Kansas City, and as the paper in ques-

tion is published in that town it ought to know what it is talking about. There is a good reason for the drop off in Kansas City. The patrons of the sport in that city had been educated up to American league ball. When, therefore, that city dropped back into minor league company many of the fans could not be convinced that the article of ball that was being served to them was what they were paying for. There are two clubs in Boston. One is a winning and the other a losing proposition. The former, the American league team, will make plenty of money this year, while the latter, the National league club, will lose money. Right here we have a losing team and still are outdrawing any other city in the Western league. No, sir, we are not tiring of the national game. We simply want to be with the winners. No one

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It has been officially announced that the big Oxford and Cambridge teams of athletes will sail on August 15th to meet Yale and Harvard at New York. The team is a very strong one, consisting of: One hundred yards, Hind and Churchill; quarter mile, Cornish and Barclay; half mile, Workman and Cleave; mile, Cockshot, Gregson and Cawthra; two miles, Workman, Dawson and MacNaughton; hurdles, Granier and Alcock; high jump, Howard, Smith and Buckley; long jump, Cornish and Henderson; throwing hammer, May and Henderson; reserve, Neave. The team will be in charge of Lees Knowles, M. P.

### Sporting Notes.

LOCAL baseball enthusiasts are highly elated over the decision of Capt. E. B. Webster to re-sign with the White Wings for the balance of the season, but none are more pleased than Manager Griffin. He appreciates fully the value of such a man. Since his arrival in Salt Lake Webster has played more than half the positions on the team. As a horse artist he held his own with the best of them and established a good reputation. On first and second base and short stop he was equally effective and played the game at all times for every little point there was in it. Just at the time when the team was in a hopeless tangle, when deservants were leaving almost daily and hardly a man felt secure he took charge of the team and within a short time had the boys playing together as they had never done before and restored confidence among them. When he announced his intention to quit, it caused a great howl among the players and directors of the team who realized his departure would be a solar plexus blow to them.

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