

# News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

## HORSEMEN READY FOR THE BIG MEET

Some Interesting Features for The Six Days' Horse Racing.

## SENSATIONS ARE PROMISED.

Especially for Elks Day Which Is July 27th—Chariot and Mule Team Races Then.

The greatest event in turf annals of the State of Utah is about due. July 24 is the date horsemen have their minds upon, and they are drilling their horses and polishing up their racing paraphernalia in preparation for the coming events. It means six days of racing at Agricultural park track for prizes aggregating more than \$12,000.

That's quite a neat little sum to strive for, and Manager W. S. Jones has secured all the speedsters in this part of the country for the meet. "This part of the country" means all the horses now on the western circuit, and that's saying great deal. But he has got 'em, and Salt Lake devotees will have a chance to see them go for the money.

There will be no sameness about this meet. There will be plenty of features, one of which will be plenty of running races. Harness events there will be in plenty, but not too many of these. Manager Jones realizes that they become tiresome. They will be interspersed with running events between some of the fastest horses in the country. Horses from Utah, Idaho, Colorado and California will be here for the meet.

Probably the main feature will be Purple day—Elks' day, which will be on July 27th. What will happen on that day no one can predict beyond the declaration that it will be about the best ever. There will be a chariot race between prominent Elks. Imagine James Devine and Jim Leary in chariots drawn by any old kind of critters that can be scared into running! Then there will be a mule race that will be worth something. Judge C. B. Ditch has his mind set on winning this race. He is planning on securing a wagon as wide as the track, getting first place and shutting all the others out. His plans will be foiled, however, as he will not be permitted to have more than two miles hitched to his wagon.

Another feature during the races will be a special named event for pacers with the probable entry of Stranger O., Alba W., Laura Spurr, Martha B., Winfield Stratton, Floreoda, Crab Apple, Sweet, Remington and Remender. Some of these horses are not known here. They are coming and will try mighty hard for the money.

The track at the park should be in great shape for considerable work has been done on it during the present week, and there is more to do between now and the time of the opening of the big meet.

Another feature will be L-dies' day, this date has not been decided upon yet by Manager Jones, but it will be announced in time for those who come to become informed. They will be admitted free. There seems to be but one thing now in the way of a successful meet, and that is the bare chance that the weather will not be good. But, according to reports, the weather man has promised balmy days.

## AMERICAN CARS.

Home Made Automobiles Pass All Tests For Gordon-Bennett Race.

New York—Universal satisfaction is expressed in automobile circles over the news from abroad that two 50-horse power Pope-Toledo racers from the Automobile Club of America to the annual Gordon-Bennett race have passed all of the tests required, and have been approved by Clarence Gray Dimmore, the representative in France of the Automobile club of America. Through a misunderstanding the 50-horse power Pope-Toledo of Col. Albert A. Pope and a car of a similar type owned by W. T. Muir of Lexington, Ky., were shipped before being finally passed up by the Automobile club's representative, although the drivers had been led to believe that they had been fully approved by the statements of S. B. Stevens, who visited Toledo to try out the cars. The Automobile Club of America and S. B. Stevens finally consented to having the cars passed upon by Clarence Gray Dimmore when they reached Europe.

Indirectly from the letters of H. K. Lyon and Charles Langley, who will drive the cars, and the results of the French elimination trials over the auto course, which was won by Thury, traveling at an average speed of 45 miles an hour, it is believed that cars with flexible motors for starting and stopping quickly and with a speed of 60 to 70 miles an hour will stand the best chance of winning.

## THE COMING OF SCHAFER.

**Noted Knight of the Cue Will Give Exhibition in Salt Lake.**

Jake Schaffer, the noted knight of the billiard cue, is soon to arrive in Salt Lake from Los Angeles. Schaffer went to the city of the angels from San Francisco where he gave several exhibitions that delighted lovers of the game of billiards.

The following comes from San Francisco, just before Schaffer left for Los Angeles:

Schaffer's visit has been one purely for pleasure and health, prior to his trip to France, where he and Vignaux, the only two billiardists among millions of billiard players, are to cross roads once more for the world's championship. This time the match is to be "one in."

It was thought the limit had been reached at the 18-inch balk line game when "two in" was allowed, meaning that the player must get an object ball outside the balk lines on the second shot. The kind of game the champions now propose precludes everything but open table play. This way it has been from the early stages of billiard playing on the old 12x6 tables, the champions mastering the details with such accuracy as to require more restrictions placed upon their play, increasing the difficulties to success, from general and total lack of the dimness of rail marking by Schaffer. Lines were drawn diamond shape on the table and this, called the "champion" game, restrictions were similar to those in the six, eight, twelve and eighteen inch balk line game that followed. The one cushion, two three and even four cushion style came in to

make pointers more difficult and now comes the "one in."

"What will be next?" was asked of the wizard.

"I don't know. This is Vignaux's idea. I've defeated him at about everything else and he may have it on me at this game."

For people realize that Schaffer is but 60 years of age. He has been playing billiards since he was 6 years old in his father's place in Leavenworth, Kan., when they packed a box around

to say that I don't want any of his game."

## WILL NOT DROP TEAMS.

**Lucas Denies Report and Says League Will be Enlarged.**

According to the Seattle Times W. H. Lucas positively denies that there is any plan to drop any of the present teams in the Northwest league, but he would neither confirm or deny the report that the league is about to be enlarged. The Times says:

"The reports keep coming in from Vancouver, Bellingham, Everett, Spokane and Butte that the season of the Northwest baseball league is about to end and that the Bellingham and Victoria teams will either be transferred to Butte and Spokane, or that the last two teams will be taken in and the league will be made a six-club affair. W. H. Lucas, president of the league, makes his home in Seattle, and he authorizes the statement that so far as he knows no discussions have taken place. He did not commit himself on the proposition to enlarge the league by taking in Butte and Spokane, however. The sporting editor of the Times knows for a fact that McLooney is to be sent to Butte right away to see what he can do towards reviving interest in the game over there, and upon what he reports will depend a great deal as to what will be done. John was to have gone to Butte last week, but he was delayed with his team. Now he has been for O'Connell, and will run him on first base while he goes to Butte to do a little missionary work. If anyone can bring life to the baseball corps in Butte it is McLooney, and if Uncle Henry decides that the California teams cannot afford to come north after this year, the old circuit may be revived with Vancouver taking the place of Helena."

A. R. KNABENSHUE.

A. R. Knabenhue, the young man who, at Toledo, Ohio, started the world with the most remarkable flight ever made by an airship, is a son of S. S. Knabenhue, editor of the Toledo Blade, and the world's fair at St. Louis, Knabenhue was a boy of 14 at the Aerodrome. It was he who made successful trips over the exposition grounds in Capt. Baldwin's airship, the "California Arrow." Later he accompanied Baldwin to the Pacific coast, and at Los Angeles established a new record in daring and successful airship navigation.

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## WHY ROOT LOST.

**He Was a Beaten Man Before Going to Meet Hart at Reno.**

San Francisco—Jack Root has been forced to take to his bed here. His claims his injuries were not the result of his meeting in Reno July 4 with Marvin Hart, but were received while in the ring fighting with Mike Schreck at Ogden, Utah. Root is not seriously hurt, but claims his training injuries caused his defeat at the hands of Hart.

## DRINK THE CAUSE OF MORE CRIME IN OUR CITY.

The above may be surprising to many Salt Lake fight fans, in fact to most of them, but to a few of us there is nothing new about it.

It is well remembered that Root trained with Mike Schreck in Ogden canyon, and what Schreck did to the former light heavyweight champion was a shame. Schreck punished Root so badly that they had to "cut out" their daily boxing stunts. Root's eyes were blackened, his lips cut and his body was a mass of bruises. As he did for his memorable fight with George Gardner, Root worked too hard for thus last battle. He does too much. He insisted on meeting with Schreck and got the worst of it.

According to Billy Hogan, Root said just before leaving for Reno:

"Billy, if I win over Hart, and Jeffries awards the title of heavyweight champion to me, I don't want you to come around with a challenge from Schreck. He is one man I don't want to fight. If I win I will turn the title over to Mike. I think he is about the best in the world today, and I am free

now to start on and shoot.

He has been

drinking a lot.

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