Wonderful Interest In the Coming Contest For The All Around Athletic Championship

The Great Kraenzlein to Compete.

For years interest in boom cities of the year to the forthcoming contest for the all around championship athletics of America has been exceedingly lively. There are two reasons for this, one being the energy which has been displayed this season in sports of all kinds, and, second, the great Kraenzlein, the great athlete from the University of Pennsylvania, will be a competitor. This latter item is by and all the most above now in vogue, and he promises to make a good showing and capture as many points as possible. Field sports of all kinds are popular in the old days when they were wont to carry off the all around championship with each case. Some experts go so far as to predict that he will score the greatest number of points ever gained in the contest.

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Last Year's Competitors for the Honor

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of the great athletes who have hitherto achieved distinction in the all around championship the world has ever had was Dr. Upthegrove.

The first contest for the all around championship of America was held in 1884, and was won by E. H. Thompson of Montreal. Below is a list of the athletes up to the present time:

1884—A. E. Thompson, Montreal.
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1893—E. W. Goff, N. Y. A. C.
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The Tomb Scene in "Romeo and Juliet."

THE THEATER IN SUMMER.

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The Harness Horse Season

Banner Year Predicted For Trotters And Pacers

The trotting horse season of 1899 promises to be one of the most exciting ever known. A few years ago the horse was the pride of the horse lover and good sport was enjoyed by many people and horse breeding was not a profitable business. Those who had gotten good stocks of horses were looked upon as wealthy retired men and are now congratulating themselves on their foresight and judgment.

The big prizes offered by Electric, Riverside and other associations have stimulated horse breeding and with the new rules governing the trotting and pacing associations of the United States, the grand circuit in the east and the great western circuit, the Pacific Coast, the Texas circuit, the Kentucky circuit, the Ohio circuit, the Michigan circuit, which have not been seen for a year or two past, have again been formed and have announced dates for this season.

Trotting efforts in the country are controlled by the American Trotting association and which the N. T. Gazette is standard. There are two principal circuits, the grand circuit in the east and the great western circuit. The latter, the Gazette says, is a term for healthy rivalry which exists between towns of honest to the sport.

Some of the national circuits in connection with the horses of the grand circuit during the coming season will be the meets held at New York, Terre Haute, Ind., and Kansas City, Mo., in October of trotting interests, but the closing of the Tennessee and Fairwood track a couple of seasons ago was a severe blow to horse lovers throughout the country. Several new cities are made to secure a new track so that the pastimes should not be in the doldrums in the grand circuit. Many different sites were under consideration, but internal dissensions among members and managers of the club interested kept it from being.

When it became apparent that the club could not agree the difficulty one man took the matter up and did the business. With his own funds and experience Cassius Williams, H. Clark of New York bought a tract of land near Passaic, on the northern boundary of the greater city. Thereon he has laid out a magnificent one mile regulation track and a 22,000 grandstand, both of which are in the course of construction. Stevenson Kerkel is the superintendent, which was named the Empire City Trotting club. Applications were opened for dates in the grand circuit, and high, five thousand were allotted to the new association.

Mr. Clark then carried on the good work by offering money with special purses four for trotters and four for pacers. The trotting events are: The Empire City, 2:12 class, $1,000 purse; the Hawk, 2:16 class, $1,000; the Van Cortlandt, 2:20 class, $1,000, and the Hudson, 2:25 class, $1,000. The pacing events are: The Dunwoodie, 2:08 class, $1,000; the Mohican, 2:14 class, $1,000, and the Pelham, 2:20 class, $1,000.

Besides offering these seven purses Mr. Clark has instituted a new departure for building up a horse of $1,000 for a free for all stallion trotting stake. The efforts of this were far-reaching, and its importance was realized when both the Pulsator and Louisville associations came out with similar stakes. The winners of the different heats, as well as the horse which captures the stake, will gain international registration of far greater value than the stake itself.

The two most important meetings in the great western circuit are those at Independence and Dubuque, Ia. The latter will be held Aug. 22 to 25, while the latter will be held Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. The latter has offered $1,000 in addition to will prove to be very lively and interesting to the people of the Hawkeye state. The Dubuque meeting will attract a host of addition, with the big purse of $1,000 each for 2:12 class, 2:14 class, 2:18 class, 2:20 class, 2:24 class, 2:26 class, 2:32 class, 2:35 class, 2:40 class, 2:45 class, 2:50 class, 2:55 class and a pacers of $1,000 each for 2:08 class, 2:12 class, 2:14 class, 2:16 class, 2:18 class, 2:20 class, 2:24 class and a pacers of $1,000 each for 2:08 class, 2:12 class, 2:14 class, 2:16 class, 2:18 class, 2:20 class, 2:24 class, 2:26 class, 2:32 class, 2:35 class, 2:40 class, 2:45 class, 2:50 class, 2:55