

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

SALT LAKE A GOOD SPORTING TOWN

All Forms of Athletics Generously Supported in This City.

SOME OF THE BIG EVENTS

Bicycle Racing, Horse Racing, Coursing, Football, Basketball, Golf, Boxing and Other Sports.

It has often been said that Salt Lake is the greatest amusement town for its size in the country, reference being made to theaters. The statement is undoubtedly true. It may also be said that it is one of the greatest cities in the country for sporting events. Where is there a city the size of Salt Lake where athletic contests of all sorts are more generously patronized and supported than right here in Salt Lake?

BICYCLE RACES.

Last summer this city was the world's center for bicycle racing. The season proved to be the most successful of any since the famous saucer track was built. The receipts were greater, the attendance better and more uniform, the riders received more money, world's records were smashed nearly every week and the most famous riders of the world were concentrated here. Through the bicycle racing game Salt Lake received a great deal of advertising all over the civilized world. The doings of such riders as Kramer, Lawson, McFarland, Walther, Clarke, Deveney, Samuels, Demara and others were heralded all over the country and commented upon. Salt Lake was the center of the cycling game and there is every reason to believe it will be the same next year.

In the matter of horse racing we can lay no claim to distinction. The "sport of kings" has not amounted to much in Salt Lake for 15 to 16 years. There was a week's meet during the fair and the races were worth going some distance to witness. They were well attended which goes to show that Salt Lake likes sport.

A sporting event of a great deal of importance was the big National coursing meet which lasted three weeks. The big meet attracted attention all over the United States. Fleetfooted hounds from all parts of the country were shipped here for the races and lovers of the sport from New York, San Francisco, the middle west and the north-west came here to witness the contests between hounds. A dog now belonging to a Salt Lake won the big Waterloo event.

OTHER SPORTING EVENTS.

In the matter of football the University of Utah team gained a place among the very best teams in the intermountain country.

In basketball we have teams that compare favorably with the best in the west. There are also in Salt Lake some of the best golf and tennis players in the west.

In the matter of boxing there has been "nothing doing" for many, many months. But the game was always well attended. For the past year or two Ogden has been getting all the contests in the "squared circle" but it was noticed that the audience was made up largely of Salt Lake. This all goes to show that Salt Lake is a great sporting center. Start almost any kind of a game, and it is "on the square" Salt Lake will support it.

BOB EDGREN PICKS AN ALL STAR TEAM.

Picking an all-American team with impartial fairness, is no easy task, says Bob Edgren. In fact, it is impossible for any one man to see all of the games played or to keep close track of all the players in the country. On general principles the American team can be picked from the best of the big college teams in the east. Michigan probably represents the best in the middle west, and on the Pacific coast they have fallen to the level of rugby and are no longer in the running. Michigan, defeated by Pennsylvania, cannot class either as a team or individually with the eastern stars, which leaves the field to the teams that have been playing along the Atlantic slope.

There is Pullen of West Point, whom I have selected for one of the All-American tackles. It is true that Pullen is out of the game now at the end of the season, but he played until disabled and his work was brilliant as a flash of lightning on a dark night.

Walter, or Princeton, was universally selected as All-American and last year. Walter is a wonder at getting down the field as it is the surest of all ends at handling the forward pass.

Thompson, the huge Cornell guard, looms up like a landmark wherever he plays. For all of his size he is fast. His 241 pounds of fighting weight is as hard as nails all the time and carries no fat.

There is Burr for instance, of Harvard the other guard. Burr does most of the kicking for the Crimson. Occasionally he punts as far as 65 yards and he drops the ball on the desired spot as accurately as a gunner drops a shell from a siege gun.

Grant, center, who plays that position on the Crimson team, is far and away the best man in his position on the gridiron this year. Grant is as sure as a machine and stands like a rock when the attack comes his way.

Bigelow, right tackle, is one of the best men Yale can boast. He is a good mate for Pullen. As a kicker of goals he is as accurate as a rifleman.

Exendine, right end, plays for Carlisle. He is a delicate fellow and is one of the most popular players at Carlisle. He has been playing for six years. Carlisle boasts that it is impossible for any one to get by Exendine on end runs.

Tad Jones of Yale, has established a fair claim to quarterback honors. Dillon of Princeton runs him close.

Dillon's work is more brilliant, but Jones is steeper. Jones is a great all-around player. He showed his generosity in the Princeton game.

McCormick, of Princeton, is entitled to the honor of being All-American fullback. He is the greatest line backer in America today. He is McCormick's closest rival for the position.

McCallie of Cornell, is a grand half. His first appearance for Cornell was in the Princeton game and his brilliant work aided much in the Tiger defeat. Since that time he has been an idol with the Cornell students.

No football team in these days of improved rules is complete without a man who can kick goal from the field. The best drop kicker in the country is Harlan, Princeton's famous halfback. Yale feared Harlan's kicking more than the whole weight of the Princeton fighting line. The line up:

Left end Wister, Princeton
Left tackle Pullen, West Point
Left guard Thompson, Cornell
Center Grant, Harvard
Right guard Burr, Harvard
Right tackle Bigelow, Yale
Right end Exendine, Carlisle
Quarterback Tad Jones, Yale
Left halfback Harlan, Princeton
Right halfback McCormick, Cornell
Fullback McCormick, Princeton

DULUTH'S WRESTLER.

Minnesota Matt Artist Weighs Only 332 Pounds.

Talk about your Japanese wrestlers weighing 300 pounds and performing on the mat with elephantine grace! Duluth has a wrestler who has the Japanese wonder healer's varieties of ways in bulk, brawn and possibly in wrestling ability.

Imagine a man with 332 pounds of flesh, bone and muscle, with no clothes to help boost the beam. Picture him on the mat with that bulk and some knowledge of the wrestling game. He would certainly give any of the ordinary wrestlers a hard run for their money, simply because they would have trouble turning him over. He's a weight for a good-sized electric crane.

Duluth has such a man in Sten Walstrom. He owns a candy store and wrestles for sport with Martin Johnson, Duluth's clever fireman wrestler.

He doesn't know any more about wrestling than he should, but he's learning, and his fondness for the game keeps him at it. Johnson is a pretty good wrestler, but he might as well try to overturn the rock of Gibraltar or one of the pyramids, as to set the 332 pounds of humanity on their back when the pounds will otherwise.

Walstrom isn't seeking to reduce his weight altogether. Neither is he looking for fame as a wrestler. But he enjoys cowering around on the canvas contending in the manner of a buffalo, and he goes at the game with a grace of motion one wouldn't expect in a man of his weight.

Beside Walstrom on the mat, Frank took the massive Iowa German, would stack up like a pygmy. Walstrom isn't looking for a match with Gotsch just yet. He's learning the game, hardening his muscles, and then he may come forward and defy the world to throw him. If Gotsch can find a place in which to rest his lever he might turn the trick, but if Walstrom learns something of the defensive part of wrestling, with his great bulk and wealth of muscle, he will be one of the queerest and toughest propositions that has ever appeared in wrestling circles in America.

When Walstrom gets going he may be able to give Gotsch a chance to see his world famous toe hold.

BIDDING UP HORSES.

They Have a Way of Doing It Down in California.

Down in California at the Oakland track they have a way of bidding up horses for sale like they did at the fair meet last summer, and here's a case in point as follows in the San Francisco Chronicle, in which Roy O'Neil figured.

"Creston Bay's victory in the second race did not profit Roy O'Neil much. The bookmaker-owner tried to bet \$1,000 on his horse at 7 to 10, but got on only \$500. With what he took out



VEGETARIAN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

John E. Granger, medical student at the American Medical Missionary college, Battle Creek, Mich., has won the championship endurance test.

Granger is a vegetarian and attributes his success to a vegetable diet. The test was conducted by Prof. Fisher of Yale, and is known as the "deep-knee bend," conceded to be the most painful so far conducted in testing endurance.

The way to do it is to place your hands on your hips and then, leaning forward upon your toes, bend down until your thighs strike the calves of your legs, rising immediately to movements, and so on, as long as you erect position, at once repeating the test.

In two hours and 19½ minutes, just 5,992 times.

Granger did the deep-knee bending. His exertions during the test cost him a loss of five pounds in flesh.

of the ring and first money, the race netted him \$780, and it cost him \$505 to retain his horse. J. H. Spratt might not have had to go much higher in his boost to get Creston Boy, as Mr. Orrif would not have protected the horse much beyond what he cost, which was but little more than the \$500 to which he was boosted. As it was, he lost his own horse, John C. Graus, Orrif claiming the Salsuma gelding for \$320. The claim would certainly not have been made but for the boosting episode.

QUICK AMERICANIZATION.

The picture shows a Japanese woman and her little girl who came to America a few months ago clad in the costume of their country and not



knowing a word of English. It did not take them long to exchange their Japanese garb for the conventional dress of this country, and they are already beginning to speak intelligible English.

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"LEARN TO BOX," BATTLING NELSON

Durable Dane Gives Good Advice To the Boys—The Advantages.

Battling Nelson, the durable Dane who got his start on the road to fame in this city, advises boys to learn to box in an interesting article on the subject of boxing that says:

Every man should learn to box. It would be a good thing for women, too, if more of them went in for stuffed glove exercise.

There is a lot of merit in boxing which perhaps you have never thought of.

There is more in it than the development of your punch.

There is more in it than the increase of lung expansion it gives you.

There is more in it than the improvement of your wind.

More than the strengthening of your stomach.

Here are some of the things that boxing will teach a boy or man:

It will teach him to be cool under fire. It will make him courageous. It will sweep off that natural timid feeling every boy has who is called upon to defend himself.

It will teach him to bear punishment without flinching.

It will teach him to use strategy in the face of danger.

It will cure him of the inclination to faint every time he has a bloody nose.

If boys learned to box when they were young it would save them many beatings and bullyings by older boys.

WILL SETTLE BULLIES.

A good, hard punch, well delivered, by a boy who has learned to box, will settle the rudiments of the boxing game will upset any bully who weighs from 20 to 40 pounds more than the boy he is bullying.

I never heard of a bully who knew anything about boxing.

Every boy, no matter who he is or where he lives, is bound to encounter this kind of fellow.

If he doesn't know how to hit and defend himself it is worse than useless for him to try to cope with him. He may even be seriously hurt if he does so.

A bully is always too lazy or too well-headed to learn to fight properly. Usually he has great strength and a mean disposition. Some people say bullies are always cowards, but I do not believe it.

I never saw a bully yet who wouldn't fight at the drop of the hat with a smaller boy or some one who he thinks he can whip. He will even mix it with a stranger and trust to luck that he will win. That is because he knows he has unusual strength.

The natural advantages are all on his side, and besides that not one boy in a thousand takes boxing lessons or knows anything about the game.

VALUE OF BOXING.

But take this from me, and it must be admitted that I have had more experience at the fighting business than most people, the boy who can box and hit fairly well, the boy who has taken a few hard punches on the nose with the padded mitts and who has learned to jab and sidestep, and duck, and rush when the proper time comes, will upset a bully and laugh every time. He will do the trick easily, too, and with comparatively little danger.

And you know how the crowd always yells itself delicious when one of these contemptible bullies gets a swift cross or a counter or a swing to the jaw that puts him down and out.

Then, perhaps, you don't know that a swift punch is the quickest way in the world to knock a man senseless.

Suppose a man meets a robber armed with a revolver at night.

The chances are always that he can't escape getting shot or beaten, because these holdup artists are cowards and apt to hurt their victim, even if it isn't necessary.

WOULD STOP ROBBER.

Now, tell me, what chance would a man like Jesse James have if he stepped up to Bob Fitzsimmons with a drawn revolver and ordered him to throw up his hands?

None in the world.

One of Fitz's shortarm jerks—an uppercut that would travel like lightning and not have to move more than a foot or six inches, would put Mr. Bandit out of business.

A bandit hardly ever shoots before he orders his victim to throw up his hands. It is when the victim hesitates or refuses, giving the bandit the idea that he is going to resist, that he shoots.

There is absolutely no use of trying to dig down in your pocket for a revolver, should you have one.

That would be certain suicide.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

So-called independent dealers of Pittsburgh are planning a show for next month to rival that city's regular exhibition.

Fifty per cent more automobile tires have been sold this year than in 1906.

Don't miss an opportunity of turning the hose on the machine, washing off mud to look for broken springs, spring clips and loose bolts.

At a recent meeting the Automobile club of Philadelphia elected 21 new members, and expects to reach the 200 mark by spring.

To take the place of the Kaiser's cup race, which was a financial failure this year, also to replace the Herkimer trophy event, which will be run by England, the next three years, Prince Henry of Prussia intends to establish an annual reliability contest for Germany.

A French inventor is trying to interest the war and navy departments in what he terms a canoe vehicle, or canoe car, an automobile which can run on either land or water. He claims France has ordered 50 for use as torpedo boats and lifeboats.

A New York state senator, who hails from a district that does not take kindly to motorists, will introduce a bill at the coming session of the legislature making it a misdemeanor for any person driving a car to take a drink of liquor.

According to data secured by the legislative board of the American Automobile association, the general trend of legislation throughout the country this year is much in the direction of reasonableness and fairness than ever before.

At the speed carnival at the Orem-Daytona beach, near Daytona, Fla., the last week in March, short-distance events will be subordinated to



HURLEY SEEKS LIGHTWEIGHT MATCH.

With a knockout punch in either hand, Battling Hurley, lightweight, seeks an encounter with some of the best in his class, Tommy Murphy, Bert Keyer or Marty Baldwin, preferred. Hurley believes he can defeat any of these fighters. He is in training in New Jersey.

long-distance contests, one of which will be for the machines built for the Vanderbilt cup race, which failed to be held.

A Russian engineer who some time ago invented an automobile motor, has perfected a wheel designed to do away with the expense of rubber tires for all sorts of motor vehicles. It really is a wheel within a wheel, the inner one being of flexible steel to give the necessary resiliency.

With a view of breaking up the speeding practice in New York City the justices of the court of special sessions have agreed to fine first offenders not over \$50, to impose fines of from \$50 to \$100 for a second offense, and to send a man who still persists in violating the law to prison for 30 days.

One of the first victims of the Milwaukee motorcycle police was

the man who sold the city its speedometers. As he had guaranteed the accuracy of the instruments he could not dispute the one which caused his downfall, when haled into court, and paid a fine without a murmur.

By tests made by a London hospital motorist was found to not only increase the number of red corpuscles in the blood, but also to add to a patient's ability to sleep, cases of insomnia being completely cured by taking the sufferers, for long rides each day for a fortnight at a speed of about 20 miles an hour.

S. P. Edge, who holds the English 24-hour record, has issued a challenge to race the swiftest railroad train in that country from London to Edinburgh. The train's schedule calls for two miles in eight hours, and Edge claims he can cover the distance in five and one-half hours.

Stirred by the example set by many other cities, New York authorities at last are applying oil to the roads in Central park and on the streets within the jurisdiction of the park department, much to the delight of motorists, who have long demanded such action.

Starting four years ago with a capital that could be represented by three figures, a Pittsburgh man has built up what is said to be the largest automobile business in Mexico. He declares the demand for cars in that country is going to be greater the present season than ever before.

Rubber manufacturers of Akron, O., claim to make two-thirds of the automobile tires produced in the United States.

The Automobile club of Buffalo, the second largest organization of motorists in the country, has decided to admit women owners of cars to full membership.

Builders who added rumble seats to big runabouts a few months ago are now making those precarious perches more safe by the installation of hand rails.

The recently organized Virginia Automobile association already has attained a membership of 45, and expects to double its roll by the first of the year.

A friction-driven runabout, built at Detroit in 1903 still is in use after having been driven over 25,000 miles without a cent being expended for repairs except to the tires.

According to the year book of the Touring club of Italy, there soon will be 153 motor lines in operation in that country, many of which are subsidized by the government.

The Austrian war department is experimenting with motor boats as substitutes for pontoons in building military bridges. Much time can be saved as they can be placed in position by their own power.

Gasoline is thinner than water, and will pass through a crevice so small that water will not leak through it. Advantage can be taken of this in testing valves and leaks. If the valve will hold gasoline, it will not leak gas.

The importation of foreign cars is to undergo a radical change. Instead of the American agents being merely retailers, they are arranging to place

A WALKER ON THE WATER. The picture is from a photograph of M. Remond, an ingenious Frenchman.



who has been amusing the frequenters of the Bois de Boulogne by walking on the surface of the Seine in the manner shown herewith. M. Remond throws a crochets and the channel in the same way, selling agencies of several well known cars in all the principal cities.

One of the stiffest endurance runs which is being planned for the summer next summer will require 200 miles of hard traveling on each of five days and a climb of Mount Washington, N. H., on the sixth.

The new roadster for the chief of the fire department of Seattle is arranged to seat the chief, a driver and three firemen, and to carry a chemical extinguisher and other fire-fighting apparatus at a speed of 50 miles an hour.

Autobuses in European cities stop on signal, but only at street corners designated by signs, and they will receive only as many new passengers as there are vacant seats.

I sell uncalled for suits and overcoats for \$10. Daniels, 57 West Second South.

A MAMMOTH ANT HILL.

The curious mound shown in the cut is an ant hill found recently in the woods at Corckham Hill, Surrey, Eng.



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