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THE PSYCHOLOGICAL GOOSE STEP.

The average American tourist, the hairs of whose head have stood on end at his first awful experience with the thunderous marching salute, the German "goose-step," may well have imagined that the "psychological effect" of it was to cast ungovernable panic upon the ranks of the oncoming enemy. In truth, however, the explanation is somewhat more subtle. It is, we learn from the Boston Herald, the effect of the step on the German soldier himself that has been the reason for its perpetuation. A government that includes in its military program both motor-driven incinerators to dispose of the dead and a motor-reapers and harvesters which to gather in the crops in hostile territory in its possession, does not forget so self-evident a feature of the psychology of its human machine. The use of the goose-step dance is a but—

The step has not survived merely as an ancient custom. Germans cherish old ways, but not to the hurt of their armies. Nor has it survived because the Germans can not see grotesqueness of it. A people can put out such papers as the

Union county sportsmen generally are displaying considerable interest in the proceedings of the legislature as they deal with the fish and game laws of the state. The big meeting of Eastern Oregon sportsmen held in this city before the convening of the legislature for the purpose of outlining demands to suit conditions in this section of the state, has had its effect upon the provisions of the new bill, which materially changes the present existing laws. The principle changes in the bill which passed the house Wednesday are:

To make the deer season from August 16 to October 31 instead of from August 1 to October 31 as at present.

To open the season on female Chinese pheasants with a limit of two females in a bag of five birds. No more than four females can be killed in any seven consecutive days, however.

No kind of quail can be killed at any time of the year in any part of the state with the exception of Klamath county, where an open season from October 1 to October 10 has been granted.

The season on Chinese pheasants remains from October 1 to October 31, as at present in all the counties of Western Oregon with the exception of Jackson county, where the season is to be from October 1 to October 10, and Josephine, Coos and Curry counties, where there is to be no open season at all.

The open season on ducks, geese and other aquatic birds in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties will be from September 15 to April 1, instead of from September 15 to February 15 as at present.

In Harney, Malheur and Lake counties, the season on these birds will be from September 1 to December 1 and from March 1 to April 15. The present season is from September 15 to

CURLING, A SPORT WHICH HAS BECOME POPULAR

PICTURE SHOWS SURROUNDINGS OF A CURLING MATCH.



The old Scotch sport of curling, played by a few in the United States for nearly 100 years, has become very popular this winter, particularly as a winter amusement for members of golf clubs. In Canada it is played from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and about Manitoba, numbers its devotees by the thousand.

For three centuries the home of curling has been in Scotland, where clubs are numbered by the hundred; but it is popular also in some parts of Canada, the United States, and a few other countries. Research has thrown little light upon the place of its birth, though everything points to a Flemish origin. It is believed to have been introduced into Scotland in the sixteenth century.

A rink of smooth, keen ice having been chosen, the curler makes a tee at one end and a tee at the other end, forty yards apart, the tees being connected by a straight line drawn on the ice. From each tee, as centre

circle of seven feet radius is then drawn, as well as a touch line, at right angles to the centre line, on the far side of each circle. Six inches from the point where the two lines meet, and to the left of the centre line (looking toward the other tee) a circle of three inches radius is described at each end of the rink. On this tiny circle every right-handed player must place his left foot (whether he stands on the ice or a mat) when in the act of delivering the stone; and a similar circle must be drawn, if need be, on the right of the centre line for the convenience of left-handed players. At a distance from each tee, usually reckoned as one-sixth of the length of the rink, a wavy line is drawn, which bears the name of the 'hog score'; and precisely at the centre of the rink a straight line is drawn, called the 'middle line.' It is necessary to repeat everything (save the middle line) in duplicate, for the reason that the game is played

from each end alternately. Every stone that does not cross the 'hog score' is treated as 'dead' and removed from the ice.

The rink having been prepared the skip or captain makes up his team (four a side in matches), and play begins. Each player has a broom, and two curling stones which shall not be more than thirty-six inches in circumference or be more than one-eighth the circumference in height. There are eight ways in which scoring is made, and the highest possible score is seventy-two. The first player on a side stands back of the tee, and sends the stone along the ice to the other tee, and the other players follow in turn. Every stone within the seven foot circle is counted, and the highest score wins. The brooms are used to sweep clear the path of the stone, according to the captain's orders or the rules of the game.

March 15. In Baker county the season will be from September 15 to April 1. In Western Oregon there will be no change.

The season on sage hens will be from July 15 to August 31 instead of August 1 to August 31.

Wasco and Sherman counties are to have open season on prairie chickens from September 15 to October 15 and Union county from October 1 to October 10.

It will be permissible to sell geese killed in Wasco, Sheridan, Gilliam, Harney, Crook, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

By HAL SHERIDAN

New York, Feb. 18.—New York as a boxing center is going to be handed a K. O. wallop in the near future of the plans of Havana promoters don't fall through.

Returning impresarios bring stories of how the natives down there are simply crazy about the glove game and are willing, yet anxious, to show their shekles through the box office window with astonishing regularity to see the boys perform. Added to the patronage of the natives, they say, is that of a great many American sportsmen who spend their winters there.

Be that as it may, it's a cinch if the

promoters there keep offering the kind of money they have started out to, these United States are going to be as barren of pugs as Cleveland is of bull-players.

In the Young Ahearn-Willie Lewis battle a few days ago, the first fight struggle staged in the new campaign, each received \$2,000. If the promoters can pay this class of boxers two thousand per each and get away, what, oh what, would they pay a pair of champions or real contenders?

Eastern fighters are already beginning to prick up their ears. That two thousand noise listens awfully sweet to their battered ears and if the promoters keep it up Cuba is going to be as full of boxers and alleged boxers as Ben Johnson is of ex-pletives against the Feds.

H. Connelly Pollack, whose chief aim in life seems to be keeping his champion, Freddie Welsh, from getting into a decision fight, is out with a new announcement. He says after Welsh and Willie Ritchie settle their little dispute at Madison Square Garden March 11, he is going to send Freddie Welsh against all comers in twenty-round decision battles anywhere where the promoters will offer enough kale. Promises and announcements to this effect have emanated from Welsh and his manager at regular intervals since the Welshman won his crown, but chance for the Britisher drop his title.

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