

SPORTING NEWS.

Andrew A. Garner, the Olympic club track captain, on Saturday set a new world's mark for 990 yards at the University of California relay carnival, covering the distance in 2:01 4/5. This clipped three-fifths of a second off the former time of 2:01 4/5 held by Melvin Sheppard of the Irish-American Athletic club of New York.

The crack team of the University of Oregon had little trouble winning the Columbia indoor field meet, leading its nearest opponent, Oregon Agricultural college, by nine points. Multnomah club finished third with 17 points, 16 of which were won by Forrest Smithson, the national hurdling champion. Smithson, in addition to being the star of the day, also lowered the world's hurdling record in the 50-yard high hurdle event. The big timber-topper ran a special race with Captain Eberle Kuykendall of the University of Oregon and covered the course in 6:25 seconds. The previous record was 6:45 seconds for the distance. However, it is doubtful if the record will be accepted by the A. A. U., although it will go a long way toward establishing Smithson's right to a place on the American team which goes to the Olympic games in London in July.

In the face of terrible Alaskan storms, Albert Fink's dog team won the annual race across the Seward Peninsula from Nome to Candle and return, covering the distance of 420 miles in four days, 25 hours and 15 minutes. Berger came in second and Atkinson third. The winners reached Nome in the morning at 6 o'clock and in spite of the early hour, 800 people were lined up at the finish, as the progress of the race on the train was reported from time to time by telephone. No less than \$200,000 was wagered on the outcome of the event. Ten teams started in the contest.

Sore in mind and body, George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian lion," and former world's champion wrestler, is again in England. Hackenschmidt did not wish to discuss his recent match in Chicago with Frank Gotch, but he said: "I believe I have not had a square deal. The referee, when I met Frank Gotch in Chicago, did not seem to see the way in which Gotch was wrestling. I had no one behind me to look after my interests. You can see for yourself," said the lion, turning the left side of his face, with his eye badly disfigured, "that comes from scrumming and should not be allowed in a wrestling match. Gotch kept digging his thumb into my eyes. He was washed now with oil before the bout, and I could not get a hold on him. If every thing had been fair I was sure I would have won."

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