

# AQUATIC SPORTS DRAW BIG CROWDS

### Fine Series of Races Run Off Between Various Kinds of Water Craft.

## MANY EXCITING CONTESTS

#### Motor-Boats, Cutters and Yachts Enter Lists in Class Events and Struggle for Victory in Presence of Thousands.

Water sports on the river yesterday proved among the most diverting features of Portland's big celebration. Thousands gathered on the bridges and docks, while hundreds of launches, canoes and rowboats were chartered by the crowds.

Seldom has the harbor presented a more gala appearance. All ships in the harbor, with flags and bunting displayed in honor of the day, and the throng of spectators lining the bridges and every point of vantage in order to view the sports, added to the attractiveness of the river front. The weather was perfect, and throughout the day there was not a serious accident.

Arrangements for carrying out the river races yesterday were well planned. The events were run off without a hitch, and there were no unnecessary delays. The cruiser Charleston was in holiday dress, and the shores of the lower harbor were lined with spectators who were interested in the outcome of the cutter races between rival crews of the war vessel. These races were exciting, and created no end of enthusiasm among the motor-boaters of the Charleston's crew.

### Fine Motor-Boat Race.

The biggest event of the river races was the contest between motor boats, the start being from the starters' boat just south of the Morrison-street bridge. The course was then north to a beacon on the river near the Portland Flouring Mills, which the racers were to round, and then return to Ross Island and round a stake-boat, thence back to the judges' boat at the Morrison bridge. The course is about eight miles in length, and there was a splendid opportunity for rival crews of motor boats to show the merits of their craft. A fine list of entries was in line when the starting gun was fired.

The Vixen, owned by J. E. Wolf, won the race, with the Flirt in second place. The time made by the Vixen, which was the scratch boat, all the others being allowed handicaps, was 25 minutes and 18 seconds. The Flirt, owned by Fred Lind and had a 2:45 handicap over the Vixen. Silver Heels, a two-horsepower boat, owned by A. L. Harbeck, finished the Kettle, E. M. Matbot owner, was fourth; Teaser, E. Von der Werth owner, was fifth; Arrow, J. Campbell, finished sixth, and Anita, G. G. Wentworth, came in seventh. The only other boat entered was the Zip, Raymond Hale owner, which did not finish, as she began to fill with water after covering part of the course. The Nancy, the powerful boat of W. B. Honeyman, did not run, her engines being out of order.

### Game Fight Between Cutters.

Following the motor boat race came the first of the contests between cutters from the Cruiser Charleston. The race was pulled off promptly at 2:30 between four 12-oared cutters. The first was in charge of Coxswain Schneider, the second in charge of Lieutenant Zogbaum, the third in charge of Boatswain's Mate Coughlan and the fourth was steered by Coxswain Thompson. The course was from the starters' boat above the Morrison-street bridge to the bow of the Charleston, in the lower harbor. The

third cutter, in charge of Coughlan, won; time, 10:22. The first cutter was second, the second third and the fourth last.

A second cutter race was run shortly after by other crews from the Charleston in the same boats. These races were very popular and the jockies were cheered from each bridge as they passed. In the second race the boats were in charge of the following coxswains: First cutter, Rogers; second cutter, Patterson; third cutter, Conley; fourth cutter, Parsons. The boats crossed the line in this order: Third cutter, second cutter, first cutter, fourth cutter.

The time in this race was 10:47. The boats made a pretty exhibition sweeping down the harbor with every man doing his best and the coxswain urging the men on to further exertions.

The yacht races, which started from the Madison bridge, attracted much attention late in the afternoon. The course was south to the lower end of Ross Island, where the boats rounded a stake boat, thence back to the Madison bridge and around a flag buoy. The boats were required to sail twice around this course. The Skylark, Todd owner, won the race, making the circuit of the course twice in one hour. The Dancing Sal, d'Arcy Meyer owner, was second, and the Symcox, Hagedorn owner, and Mischief, Foster owner, were entered. Handicaps were posted on all the boats sailing the race.

### Whaleboat Wins Last Race.

The last contest of the afternoon on the river was the free-for-all race for all kinds of row boats from the Charleston. The races were held at the same time and place as the other races. The winning boat was the Whaleboat, owned by L. G. Pattullo, which finished the race in 10:18. The other boats were: first, whaleboat, second, Taylor; eighth cutter, third, Moore; second cutter, fourth, Cramer; seventh cutter, fifth, Herpel; first cutter, Reeves; wherry, Meyer; sailing launch, Sergeant Ebs; third cutter, Mister; fourth cutter, Joliffe; sixth cutter, Washet; second whaleboat, ordered out for fouling course, Donion. The time was the best made in the cutter race, the winning boat covering the course in 10:18.

Judges of the river sports were Lieutenant Tarrant, Midshipman Woodworth, both of the Charleston, and W. A. Knight. Starters were L. Y. Woodward and F. Z. Young. The judges, starting boat and launches from the Charleston policed the course and carried parties of officials. The officers of the cruiser showed interest in the cutting races, and did everything they could to make the sports a success. In this effort they were highly successful, for there have never been aquatic sports given in the city that were of more general interest than those of yesterday.

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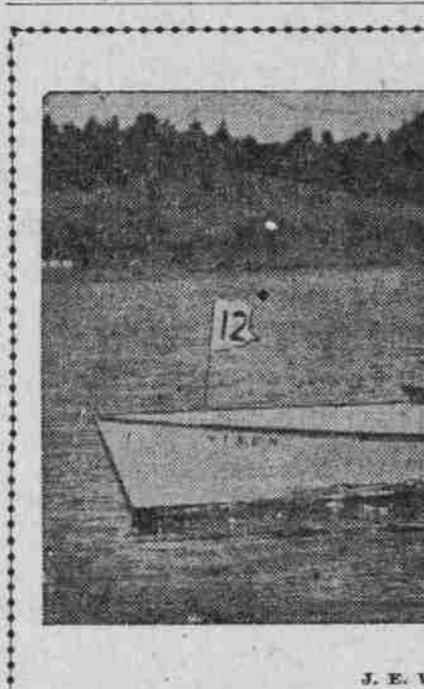
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SEATTLE WINS AT CRICKET  
Portland Team Defeated by the Score of 104 to 60.

The cricket match played yesterday on the grounds of the Portland Cricket Association at Davis and Vinola streets, between the Portland Cricket Club and the Seattle Cricket Club resulted in a score of 104 to 60 in favor of the visiting team.

The following is a list of the players: Seattle—L. G. Pattullo, W. J. H. Clark, J. McDougall, W. W. Dow, R. L. Wingate, W. P. Cameron, J. R. White, J. F. Lyon, G. Barker, J. F. Jackson, J. G. Dickson, Portland—G. W. Shipley, J. D. N. Warren, P. C. Brown, E. Fenwick, R. Ryland, W. G. Smith, A. Sisley, S. Mills, H. W. Hodges, J. Mallet, and J. C. Cumming.



J. E. WOLF'S "VIXEN," WHICH WON THE MOTOR BOAT RACE.

## RECORD FIREWORKS SALES

### DEALERS IN PYROTECHNICS REAP RICH HARVEST.

#### Estimated That Portland Spent From \$60,000 to \$75,000 for Noise-Making Devices This Year.

More fireworks were sold for the Fourth of July celebration in the city of Portland this year than ever before in its history.

The dealers in pyrotechnic displays reaped a harvest in the last few days, for according to the city ordinance passed recently by the Council, fireworks were tabooed until the night of July 3, and on that account the record-breaking sales were more or less of a surprise to those dealing in "noise-making" material.

The exploding of bombs and the tossing of "Dewey" chasers was practically eliminated from the celebration. The police were on the alert for violations of the law as expressed in the ordinance prohibiting the exploding of bombs and other similar explosives which are usually responsible for the casualties recorded in commemorating Independence day, and the result is most commendable, for no accidents were reported yesterday. This latter is also a record, for hardly a Fourth of July has passed in previous years but that the doctors and drug stores reaped a harvest attending to the wants of those burned and maimed by playing with explosives of the character placed under ban by the city fathers.

The dealers, for the most part, refrained from selling bombs and explosives, and those who had secured a supply of the deafening noise-makers, discontinued the sale of such when they were apprised of the law prohibiting their sale.

Large quantities of firecrackers were exploded, and the main thorough-

fares of the city were covered with remnants of the water wrapping of these miniature noise-makers.

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The completion of the club house was hurried in anticipation of yesterday's meet, and presents a structure well adapted for the needs of the club. The lower floor is devoted to dressing rooms for the resident and visiting teams, fitted with lockers and suitable furniture. The second floor contains a large reception and dining-room and quarters for the keeper. The veranda, which extends across the entire front of the building, overlooks the grounds and forms the top section of a grand stand.

The treasurer of the club, H. W. Hodges, was especially active in preparing the building and grounds for yesterday's game.

### Narrow Escape From Death.

Mrs. C. R. Hansen narrowly escaped being struck by a stray bullet while at work in her home, 154 Sixteenth street yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The bullet was fired from a revolver by some unknown person. It missed the woman by a few inches.

## MANY GO TO RACES

### Five Thousand Lovers of the Thoroughbred at Irvington.

## EIGHT EVENTS ON CARD

Meet Under Auspices of Riverside Driving Club Successful From Every Viewpoint—New Moon Beats Rockford.

## GOV. BUCHEL WILL SPEAK

Colorado Executive to Appear at Gladstone Park Chautauqua.

One of the most interesting characters that will appear on the Chautauqua platform at Gladstone Park at the coming season is Governor Henry A. Buchtel, of Colorado. He is recognized as a speaker of national reputation. He still retains his official position as chancellor of the University of Colorado.

Governor Buchtel is an optimist. He believes in his country and its institutions. He recognizes the evil prevalent everywhere, but thinks and asserts that the world is growing better. He is a great admirer of the President of the United States and has made a careful and painstaking investigation into the characteristics of this extraordinary man and out of it has evolved a notable lecture on "Theodore Roosevelt," which will be given at 8 P. M. Thursday, July 11. On the afternoon of July 12 he delivers his second lecture on a purely American and optimistic subject—"Pleasantness of American Life."

Dr. Buchtel is a man of great force of character and personal magnetism. Theodore Roosevelt is a strong and popular subject with the American people and when handled by a strong and forceful man like Dr. Buchtel, it simply takes his

## FEW LAWS BROKEN

### Police Given Little Trouble by Holiday Crowds.

## NO ACCIDENTS MAR DAY

Chief Gritzmacher Compliments People of Portland on Remarkable Showing—Few Fires of Consequence During Day.

"It was the most satisfactory Fourth of July Portland ever experienced from the policeman's viewpoint," said Chief of Police Gritzmacher, as he was leaving headquarters late last night, and the records at headquarters bore out his statement. Not one accident occurred to mar the day, so far as reported, and few fires of consequence were recorded.

When Judge Cameron mounts the bench in the Municipal Court this morning he will have before him 25 "drunks," who celebrated too hilariously the "Glorious Fourth." They were gathered in by the police yesterday.

"There has been less rowdiness and less exploding of forbidden fireworks than any Fourth of July that I remember," said Chief Gritzmacher. "We simply announced the law and we do not tolerate violations of the ordinances, and we meant business. The public seemed to realize that we intended to enforce the laws rigidly this year, and refrained from the former custom of shooting off every form of firecracker known in violation of law and police orders. I am highly pleased in the manner in which the day passed."

## Placed Torpedo on Track.

The most serious alleged infraction of the law was that wherein H. M. Dukes figures. He was arrested for placing a large torpedo on the tracks of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at the east approach to the Steel bridge. This is a felony under the Oregon law. Dukes sympathetically denied knowledge of any danger attaching to his act. He was released on cash bail.

Andrew Kan, a Chinese merchant having a store at 12 1/2 Fifth street, will arraigned before Judge Cameron this morning on a charge of storing and selling fireworks in a wooden building, within the fire limits.

## Water System in Good Shape.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—The semi-annual report of the Water Commission has just been given out and shows that the city water works are in good condition. During the period just closed the receipts, in the shape of collections and premium on warrants amount to \$768.83. The disbursements were \$16,157.81. Warrants outstanding amount to \$34,497. The addition of a filter unit of 500,000 gallons daily capacity cost \$279. Labor is figured at \$210, and salaries of the superintendent, assistant, secretary and night watchman amount to \$120. This new filter unit makes the total daily capacity of the plant amount to 1,500,000 gallons.

## Militia to Fort Flagler.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—Hoquiam Company F. N. G. W., with 67 men, in command of Captain George D. Robertson, left this morning for Fort Flagler to spend their encampment.

## TOURISTS CROWD HOTELS

### Present Accommodations Insufficient for Volume of Travel.

## CHIEF GRITZMACHER COMPLIMENTS PEOPLE OF PORTLAND ON REMARKABLE SHOWING—FEW FIRES OF CONSEQUENCE DURING DAY.

It was demonstrated on Wednesday that Portland is not supplied with adequate hotel accommodations. By evening of that day every hotel in the city was packed to the limit and in several of the larger houses cotized were placed in parlors and commanded a premium.

The congestion was accounted for by an unusual influx of visitors to witness the Fourth of July celebration, and besides that fact, traveling men at the principal hotels who ordinarily would have gone to other places on business trips, remained there on account of the holiday, realizing that no business could be done and they preferred the comforts to be had in Portland to the inferior accommodations elsewhere.

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## Half-Shaven Fireman Responds to Call

### Clyde B. Stuart Rushes to Blaze With One Side of His Face Smooth and Other Side Covered With Lather.

WHILE being shaved in a barber shop adjoining the house of Engine Company No. 3, of which company he is a member, Clyde B. Stuart, Wednesday afternoon, was called upon to respond to duty by hearing the apparatus leaving the quarters on a telephone alarm. The fireman was out of the barber's chair in a jiffy and a couple of leaps brought him on a line with the rapidly moving hose wagon, on which he jumped and rode to the fire. One-half of his face had been smoothly shaven, while the other was decorated with lather and his appearance caused his companions to indulge in various witticisms and jokes at his expense, but he laughed good naturedly and made no effort to wipe the suds from his features.

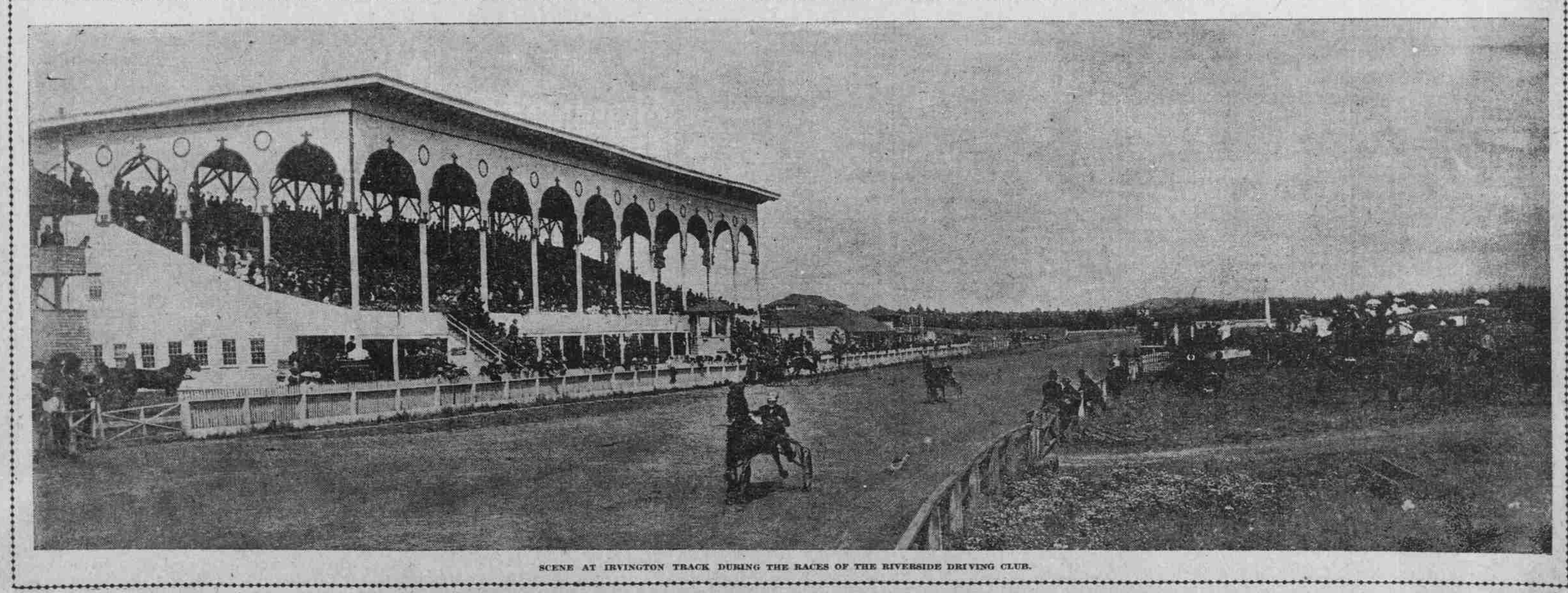
The preliminary joshing he received was nothing in comparison to the behavior of his comrades when they returned to quarters after extinguishing the fire which was in room 9 of the Selling-Hirsch building and caused by crossed wires. Stuart, who was married Tuesday morning to Miss Rose Border, was stepped out for a good bawling by the other firefighters for the reason that he had endeavored to keep his marriage secret from his friends for a time, but in some manner it leaked out and the bunch were ready for him.

Everything in the "josh" line, from jokes that came over with Columbus, to the latest mother-in-law gag, was handed Stuart, and the levity of his fellow firemen was all the more aggravating for the reason that it was a woman barber who had essayed the task of amputating the growth from his face when the alarm sounded.

The boys of engine 3 state that Stuart was anxious to keep the sex of the tonorialist who shaved him away from his bride, but he was supremely indifferent to the jests of the boys and calling up Mrs. Stuart informed her of the entire procedure.

## RECORD TIME.

First carload from New York for Portland enroute (52 cars) via new route—500 Line and Canadian Pacific Ry. Route your shipments care 800 Line at St. Paul. —E. L. Cardie, C. A. F. D., 142 Third st.



SCENE AT IRVINGTON TRACK DURING THE RACES OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVING CLUB.