APATHY TOWARD SHOW PUZZLES

Poor Support Given Pacific National Meet-Problem Faced by Club.

CITY INJURED BY RECORD

With Attendance Only Factor Lacking for Complete Success, Directors Will Renew Efforts for Next Year's Exhibition.

BY E. W. WRIGHT Something more than 20 years ago 1 attended a race meeting at City View Park. It was before the running horse and its retinue of touts and gamblers had begun to demoralize horseracing in the Northwest, and the affair was a breeders' meeting, held for the purpose of calling meeting, held for the purpose of calling attention to the merits of the various families of borses then coming into Oregon. Van De Lashmutt was there with a big stable of Hambletonians, and Jay Beach's string was headed by Old Altamont, not then famous as the founder of a family. The late Thomas Tongue, to whom the stock industry of Oregon still owes a debt of gratitude, had several horses at the track, and there were a number of other prominent breeders whose names I do not now recall. The purpose averaged about 25%, and the time

whose names I do not now recall. The purses averaged about \$250, and the time rinde was between 2:30 and 2:50.

To reach the track, steamboats and barges left the foot of Yamhill street at tresular intervals, and with good luck attending, the visitor could reach the grounds in about an hour after leaving Portleys, The Southern Pacific on special. grounds in about an hour after leaving Pertland. The Southern Pacific on special thys ran a train from East Portland, but the trip across the Stark-street ferry and the walk after leaving the train consumed so much time that the barge and steamboat route was the favorite, after all of the available wagnes and hacks in the city had been utilized. It was a rickety old city had been utilized. It was a ringety old shack of a grandstand at City View, with no bleachers worth mentioning, and 100 head of horses would have been a record-breaking exhibit. Portland was a small city in those days, but enough interest was taken in the race meeting to bring an attendance that ran up above

Great Setting for Track.

The races out at the Pacific National Show last week reminded me of those old days—for they were so different. The lit-tile old, half-mile track, with its fringe of for forest, is only a memory, but it has been succeeded by a magnificent course, which in the natural beauty of its settings, is unequaled anywhere in the world, while for speed it has shown a record that has never been approached by the time made on any new track on the grand circuit. Plaint above, this natural amphi-

day, did Portland alone supply as many paid admissions as were enjoyed by the old City View meetings.

If the directors of the Pacific National Show were to offer a prize, equaling in value one of their big racing purses, for the best reason for the frigid reception which the people of Portland accorded the big show, it is extremely doubtful if there would be forthcoming a single legitimate solution of the inystery. The indifferent appreciation shown by Portlanders for the greatest show of its kind ever attempted west of the Mississippi River, is simply inexplicable. The mailread records show that the attendance from out-of-town points was far ahead of expectations and this is corroborated by the fair management which places the outside support at more than 69 per cent of the total attendance. The railroad records also show that the number of Portlanders visiting the State Fair at Salem the week previous was greater than the number in attendance at the big show in Portland. The visit to Salem was necessarily attended with much preside expenses and disconfort the big show in Fortland. The visit to Salem was necessarily attended with much greater expense and discomfort than could possibly be met with at the Pacific National Show, yet thousands of Fortlanders subjected themselves to this discomfort and expense and then refused to support the local show to the extent of a single visit.

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Various reasons will of course be offered for this lack of public spirit. The touts and samblers are certain that with pool selling, there would have been a larger attendance, but their argument is knocked silly by the fact that there was no pool selling at the State Pair which was well patronized by the Portlanders and which had the largest attendance in its history. Others will announce their lack of interest in racing as a reason for remaining away, and yet the livestock exhibition which was worth many times the pairty 30 cents admission, was of such magnitude that fully half a day was needed properly to view it. Buffalo Bill's show with its mothmaten horses and Indians, presenting nothing new, original or startling, drew 80,000 people in its four performances at double the price of admission charged by the Pacific National show, but even that loss of \$20,000 to the community does not account for all the lack of paironass of the directors of the association and a e larger attendance, but their argument is knocked silly by the fact that there which was well patronized by the Portlanders and which had the largest at a tendance in its history. Others will an association is along the largest and the largest at the largest and the largest at the largest and the largest at the largest and the largest and the largest at the largest at the largest and the largest at the larg

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The livestock industry has made Oregon famous and now that Portland is equipped with the finest grounds in the country for holding these exhibitions, stockmen will be attracted from other states in greater numbers than in the past. Before next September the largest packing plant west of the Rocky Mountains will be in operation in this city, and the necessity of providing it with a good supply of livestock may appeal to our people with sufficient force to induce them to give the exhibition the support to which it is entitled. There will be thousands of Eastern visitors in Portland next year, and every citizen will feel a pardonable pride if we can show them such racing and such livestock exhibition of the Pacific National Show. In order that we may have this pleasant opportunity, it is necessary for every citizen to take an interest in the affair, and give it the support that was so sadly lacking last week.

thousands of these season tickets now that we have shown what class of attractions can be given the people of Portland. It is a peculiar thing that while we have heard nothing but paise for the high standard of excellence that has been set for our first effort in promoting harness races and industrial expositions here, there was no greater public natroness last week.

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tickets, season 1900, to be paid for when called upon by the officers of



the time President Roosevelt is ready to starf on his much heralded hunt and that the Fresident will take Bronson back with him.

In a sletter to Dr. Caril Bronson gives the following bit of his experiences in the search for big game:

Am out here shooting—wanted one more go at the big ones while I can still see my sights. This country is wild and as sparse; is settled as the Far West in '69. For hundreds of square miles hereabouts game is thicker than we ever naw cattle on the range—all the many varieties of antielope, from the timy dykdyk, scarcely bigger than a coyote, to the giant eland, lion, rhino, hippo, buffalo, giraffe, ostrich, zebra, wildebesete, etc. Have been out here six weeks and shall not leave until I'm forced. Vast plateau 4000 to 10,000 feet straddle of the equator, better grassed than any wild rangs we ever saw at home. From S A. M. to 5. P. M. the thermometer in the sun averages 140 degrees—in the shade 60 to 70 degrees. The nights are always cold. Have a lot of fine skins and heads already and hope to get some more.

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think.

A dog is taught to apparently distinguish between colors by learning a secret signal given to him by his trainer when he gets to the desired color. Sometimes the signal is the snapping of the fingers, done very softly, and in a way not noticed by the audience. Sometimes the signal is even less nolsy than that, and consists in the clicking of the nalls of the thumb and first finger. Once train a dog to pick a thing up when he hears them, and its "anost, these, or general spinning cow yarms has brought me lies in the fact that their publication has served to jump up out of the brush a lot of old friends I have heard nothing of it 20 to 30 years. Would be giad if you would write me any incidents of particular interest you can recall of the year you were in the NN outsit, and also of your experience on the wild horse chase and 78-6 scrap with the Chey-

SOCCER GAINS HOLD

Association Game's Adherents Spreading in America.

IT HAS MANY GOOD POINTS

Play More Open and More Interesting to Spectators-English Critic Dislikes American Game-He Likens It to Rugby.

In speaking of football in this country the average American thinks of the game played at the colleges and high schools of this country, or of Rugby, says the

of this country, or of Rugby, says the Indianapolis Star. They are right; there is but one kind of football in the United States. There have been some attempts made to introduce another game known as association football or soccer. These attempts have not taken well except with Englishmen and Sociemmen who live here or are visiting this country. The game of soccer is the popular English sport. Thousands of people gather to see even a match between two town teams in England, let alone a match between two teams that represent different sections of the country or different countries.

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There is one man in this city that is a thorough believer in the English soccer game. Wilhe Still, golf instructor at the Indianapolis Country Club, thinks that this is the only real form of football. Still is a well-informed man on the game, having played it in Scotland for many years. He has also seen our style of football, and still expresses himself as highly in favor of the English game. He backs up his statement with good arguments for the game as played across the pond.

He says the play is more open and to those that understand it is even more interesting than our own National game of baseball. In England they have both professional and amateur soccer teams. The professional teams are formed in leagues on the order of our professional haseball teams. The chief difference in these leagues is that there are many more teams in a league than form an American baseball league. baseball league

Many Teams in League.

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There are often as high as 30 to 24 teams in a soccer league. A regular schedule is made out and the teams play each other in turn at the grounds of the different teams.

Still easys that the size of the crowds at an English soccer football match is a real feature. It is nothing unusual for 70,000 or 75,000 people to see one of the big championship matches. The best class of people in England and Scotland gather to urge their favorites to their best. Another feature of the crowds that gather to see the games "across the gather to see the games "across the pend." Still says, is the fact that they all have seats.

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The grounds are arranged with plenty of seating capacity. Not so in this country. You never hear of thousands of people taking their dinner and waiting from 7 o'clock in the morning until the game starts in the afternoon at an English park or athletic field, as was the case in Chicago a few days ago when the New York Giants played Chicago.

The English believe in providing plenty of room for all the spectators who care to see the games. This, Still says, affects the size of the crowds. He declares that if a man knows that if he goes to a ball park that he can be sure of getting a seat he will be more likely to ge than if he feels sure that when he arrives late hundreds have been waiting for hours and he will have to stand and will see the game from a point where others are crowded close around him. This, he says, has a great effect on the size of the crowds in England at the big football matches.

Of course the American same of the season extend over such a length of time, but the new rules in football are fast overcoming the many objectionable features of the game and there are not so many injuries resulting from the game as there once were. Still says that the English game is played mostly by professionals, while we must remember that the American game is played generally by amateurs. This would also make a difference in the season.

The games of soccer are very exciting. The English and Scotch professionals become very proficient. They pass the ball from one to the other with their feet with ease and precision equal to what the basketball players on our fastest teams do with their hands. The Queens Park is one of the greatest soccer grounds

Park is one of the greatest soccer grounds in England.

It was at this park that the international match was held. The best team from England and the best from Scot-

from England and the Scotch were victorious.

It is said that more than 100,000 people saw the struggle. The three best-known leagues in the Islands are the English League, Scotch League and the Celtic

League.

In speaking of the prospects of the game in this country Still expressed himself as hopeful of the game gaining a foothold in the United States. The game has been played in some of our larger cities, both in the East and West. There are a number of strong teams in Chi-cago. The game has gained in popularity in the "Windy City" from year to year.

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APIA, Samon, Sept. 21, via Auckland,
N. Z. Sept. 27.—Several vessels of the
American Pacific fleet, including the
cruser Tennessee, the flagship of the
second division, in command of RearAdmiral Sebret, and the Washington,
the Whipple and the Hopkins, have arrived here, the residents of Apia givling the Americans a hearty greeting.
Boatloads of fruit were sent to the
warships today. warships today.

MANILA, Sept. 28.—The wireless station at Malabang, in the northern part of the island of Mindanao, reports this morning that it was in communication with the Atlantic battleship fleet but did not ascertain the exact location of

Former Diplomat in Trouble

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Dr. J. A. S. Crossland, formerly United States Minister to Liberta and a negro political leader of National prominence, was placed under arrest here today on a charge of grand larceny. Dr. Crossland is accused of wholesale theft of druga, cigars, etc., from a drug store in this city.