

SPORTS OF AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL

California Racing Men Pick Winners for Big Stake Events—New Country Club Formed in Portland.

THREE BIG STAKES LEFT FOR RACERS

California's Next Important Event Is the Derby on February 27.

DR. GARDNER'S CHANCES

Shifty Colt Is Picked as the Winner by Barney Schreiber—Coffroth's Prizefight Trust Now Has Smooth Sailing.

By Fred J. Hewitt

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—(Special Correspondence.)—Before the conclusion of the greatest racing season San Francisco has ever seen, three very important stakes will be run. They are the last of a series of great events that has attracted attention from all over the country.

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Dr. Gardner Looms Up.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that another "medicine man"—Dr. Gardner—will win this event this year. Dr. Gardner has demonstrated that he is the shiftest kind of colt. Barney Schreiber thinks he will win sure. The son of Blackburn will have to put it over Tom Sloan, pilot of J. Grey.

Forty-Four Out for Thornton Stakes.

In 1905 the Thornton stakes were established, and every year this, the longest race run in the country, has created a record of interest all over America. Its high-water value mark—\$200—was reached on three different years.

AUTO RACES IN CUBA TODAY

Road in Fine Condition for Swiftest to Compete.

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—The road over which the 200-mile automobile race will be run tomorrow is in splendid condition. The starters will be: Lanca, driving E. F. Connell's 110-horsepower machine.

Pigeon Fanciers' Federation.

The Pacific Pigeon Fanciers' Federation of Oregon will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the office of the Rural Spirit, room 8, Hamilton building.



W. M. DAVIS.

J. C. MUEBE.

HARES TAKING THE FENCES IN HUNT CLUB PAPER CHASE



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ROGUE GAME LEGS

Canoes Distract Men From Work of Training.

CLUBS ARE TOO FAR APART

Northwestern Oarsmen Loaf and Are Taking to Easier Sports, Because They Lack the Stimulus of Competition.

(By H. W. Kerrigan.)

As we look forward to the coming season on the water, many attractions can be found by the young man who is in love with aquatic sports. There are swimming, canoeing, sailing, crew rowing, launching and pleasure-boat rowing.

In the Northwest in fact on the whole Pacific Coast, there has never been an eight-oared crew brought together. There is the single shell, the double and the four-oared, but no eight-oared boats.

Truth to tell, it seems to be more difficult as each year passes to get good men for the crews at all. The older members of the different organizations are rapidly dropping out, as has been the case in a new generation of material.

This falling off of material for crews will give places to the heavy-weights in football which are taking up attention to other pastimes. The rowing clubs need such men, who are capable of standing the enduring strain of crew work.

Another thing that is proving antagonistic to the quality of men for the crews is the confining of the men who are bringing out new ideas to office work and store work.

There are enough rowing clubs throughout the Northwest and on the Coast to build up the rowing game to a higher standard than it is at present, but like all other athletic sports, it takes more local competition to build up the character of racing, for without this competition, if it is even heaped out by crews of the same organization, there is a tendency to loaf on the part of the members of the crews and the coaches themselves.

If anything, the sport is getting better down in California. Both the University of California and Stanford University are developing more men than ever before for the crews, and this year the interest in the sport is intense. Many of the football players are trying for a seat in the boats. Berkeley has the advantage of Stanford, so far, being several seasons in advance of the Cardinal crew in experience on the water, this being practically Stanford's first year.

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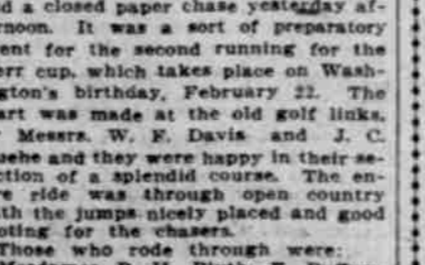
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