

ENGLISH ATHLETES PUNGED IN GLOOM

Outsiders Carry Off Nearly All Championships and Future Is Not Bright.

AMERICANS ARE FEARED

German, French, Finns, Belgians and Colonists All Take Turns in Wrestling Honors From the Proud British Sportsmen.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—British sportsmen are by no means cheerful about their athletic outlook. They had been talking hopefully of active measures to prepare their candidates for the Olympic games next year, but success of competitors from abroad of late have badly jarred their confidence.

Two Frenchmen, Decugis and Gobert, have carried off the tennis doubles championship, and the latter, though very young, has sent many an older contestant to the background in other matches this year. Gobert is only 29 years old and in the past year has made phenomenal progress. He had already carried off the coveted courts singles championship for England for the first time. Add to this the retention of the all-England singles by Wilding, a New Zealander, and the Davis cup by Australia, and it will be seen that home-made British lawn tennis is in a bad way.

Then at the big amateur athletic meeting at Stamford Bridge the other day eight of the championships out of 14 went abroad, though there was consolation that one of them was won by a Canadian. It is indicative of the spirit of the time that the Germans, who won the half mile, the long jump, the pole jump and the high jump received an ovation. When the winner of the Berlin competitors, calmly won three events on end, winding up with a clear six feet leap in the high jump, the Englishmen carried him on their shoulders high to the pavilion, while the crowd cheered themselves hoarse. That was sportsmanlike, but now, in the calm after-time, the officials are worried at the way Americans, Germans, Finns, Belgians and Frenchmen are ousting them.

One expert, commenting on the field events, gloomily says: "Had not the national meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States come at the same time as that of this country, and so prevented many Americans who desired to make the journey from crossing the Atlantic, it is highly probable that we would not have been left with as many as half a dozen titles. The experience of 1909, when Arthur F. Duffey won the 100 yards, Maxwell W. Long the 440 yards, Alvin C. Kraenzlein the hurdles and the long jump, K. K. Baxter the high jump, E. Johnson the pole vault, Richard Sheldon the weight-putting, and John Flanagan the hammer-throwing, might very readily have been repeated. In the field events we have no men to compete with any chance of success with the Americans when they are on their mettle."

Americans Win for English. "Only three Americans took part in the championships, Frank Lee Ramsdell, of Pennsylvania University; G. E. Putnam, the Rhode Island scholar, who wore the blue-faced uniform of Oxford University, and Harry E. Ovington, of New York, placing fourth in the half-mile. Putnam won the hammer, and Frank Ramsdell, as he had done last year, carried off the honors of the 100-yard and 200-yard races. And there are men in the United States who could give start and beat Ramsdell, Putnam and Ovington.

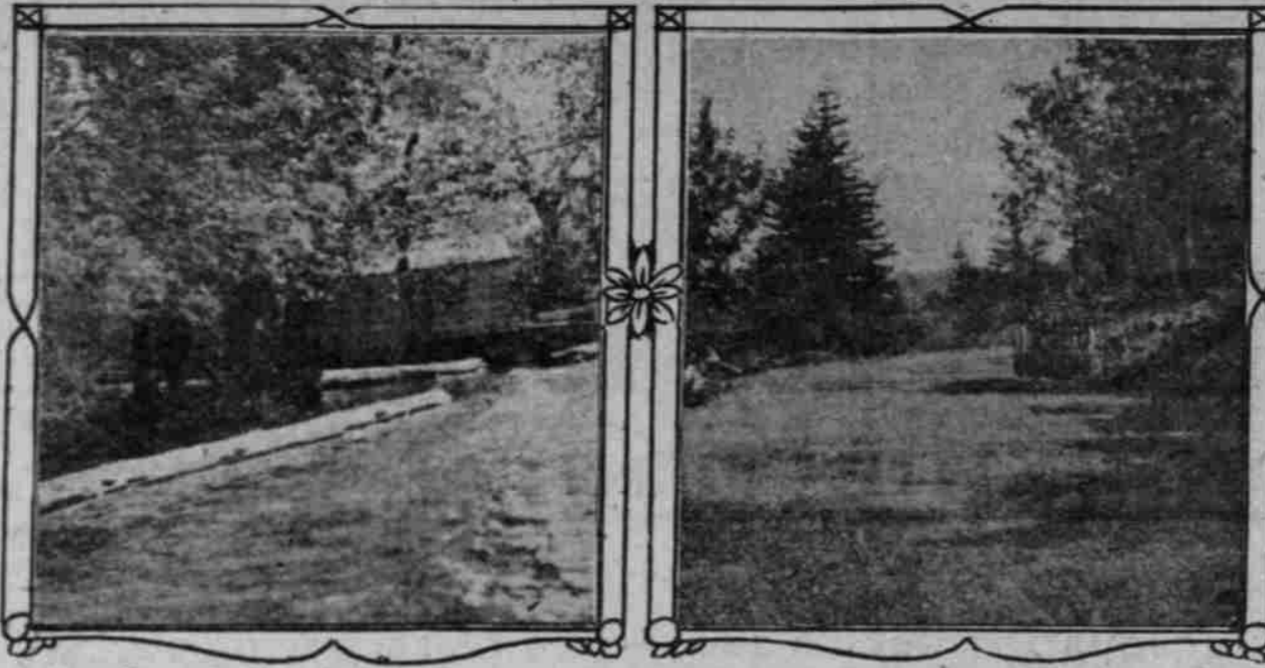
The unpleasant incident at the 1908 Olympic games, when J. C. Carpenter, the American, was charged with "horning" Lieutenant Hawwell, will be recalled. Today Hawwell is not available for the 400-meter race and there is no efficient successor, while America has D. B. Young, Germany, Hans Braun, Italy, Emilie Kuntz, and France, Pierre Fallot, to uphold their next Olympic fleetness. The best British runner in the mile is Douglas P. Nichol, whose best, however, is quite four seconds behind that of John Paul Jones, of Cornell.

Germany is developing good walkers, but George Gendin, the Canadian, is considered by British experts the best performer in that section known to the track at present. Taking a comparison of times and distances at recent athletic meetings in America and England there is an advantage to England only in hammer throwing and the broad jump and even on these nervousness exists on this side of the water. The same apprehension applies to the tug of war, and the only event the Englishmen feel sure about is the steeplechase across country.

Even Swimmers Lose. When it came to the recent contest, Harvard and Yale against Oxford and Cambridge, very little satisfaction is gained from the fact that the home men scraped through one point to the good. The Americans showed excellent sportsmanship all through that meeting, it is admitted on all sides; but the way it was conducted as an aristocratic and exclusive affair lent point to the suggestion expressed by many writers and Londoners alike, that the promoters ran it as a semi-private event to prevent any undue publicity to a possible beating. Even the King's cup for swimming has been carried off by an Australian.

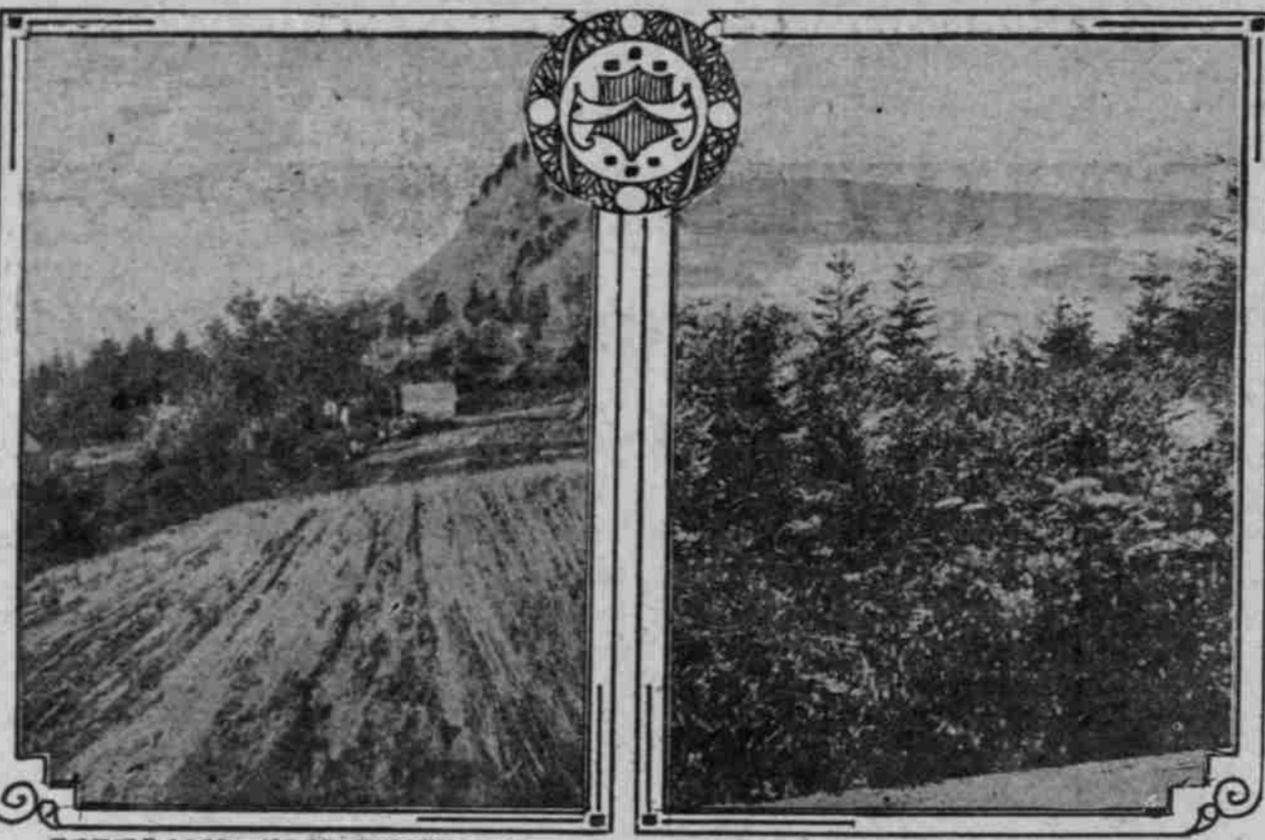
Those who try to explain the degeneracy of the English athletes do it like this: "Specialization and training are so much better done on the continent—indeed, all over the world—than in this country that it is no wonder we are left far behind in international athletic competition. Today we have not a record from 36 yards to one mile in championship events; in field contests we are nearly as badly off. Our systems of preparation and of competition are crude and until a deeper practical interest is taken, even by their own controllers, in the welfare of the athletes, there can be no improvement to the result."

NEW ROAD UP COLUMBIA RIVALS HUDSON IN SCENIC BEAUTY, SAY MOTORISTS.



THE COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR ANGEL'S REST.

NEWLY GRADED PORTLAND-HOOD RIVER ROAD—1 MILE EAST OF BRIDAL VEIL.



PORTLAND-HOOD RIVER ROAD AT ANGEL'S REST.

VIEW OF COLUMBIA RIVER FROM HOOD RIVER ROAD NEAR BRIDAL VEIL.

Autoists of Portland are enthusiastic over the prospect of having one of the finest scenic roads to be found in America when the Portland-Hood River road is completed. Three miles are being added to this road this season, the Multnomah County road having built two-thirds of the road between Bridal Veil and Multnomah this summer. The other third of the road between these points will be finished within 30 days.

After passing Bridal Veil on the trip out from Portland one passes Minnie Falls, Angela's Rest, Mist Falls, Gordon Falls and Multnomah Falls. On the other side of the Columbia River, in plain view, is Cape Horn. Three miles back from Bridal Veil is Larch Mountain, from which Astoria may be seen on a clear day. From Larch Mountain may also be seen six snow-capped peaks, when the weather is clear. From Angela's Rest Portland's street lights are plainly visible at night. Those who have visited New York State, and traveled up the Hudson River, declare that the scenery along the new road up the Columbia will surpass that of that of Hudson.

Improvements will be made before the first of September on the Chehalis-Forest road, which will be newly graded. A big cut is just being completed north of Forest, where a heavy grade is being reduced, stumps removed, and a wider roadway built.

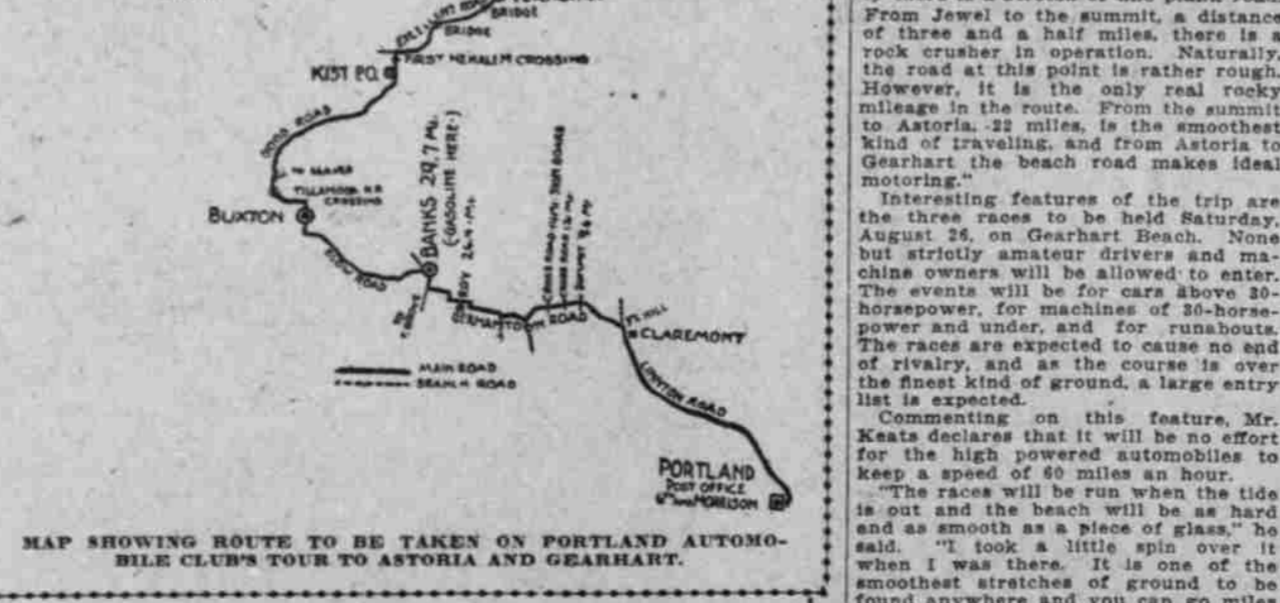
The A. J. White road around the Bolaford Hill, which will eliminate the steep climb over that hill, will be finished by September 1. It is being surfaced with crushed rock. The Lincoln Creek road leading into Centralia is being repaired extensively. The road up the Chehalis Valley to Adna is being redressed with crushed rock screenings. Recently a fine new road has been built from Morton to Ruffe, a distance of six miles, saving the farmers of the upper Cowlitz Valley many miles in reaching the railroad.

The county also is having extensive steel bridge work done. The new Doty bridge will be the last one completed and will not be finished before October.

Grants Pass Forger Suspect Jailed. GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Howard Jeter of this city was arrested yesterday on charge of forgery. He is alleged to have forged the name of ex-City Treasurer Johnson to 15 checks and realized thereon \$157. He waived preliminary examination and in default of bail will await the action of the grand jury.

CLUB'S ANNUAL TOUR AROUSES ENTHUSIASM

Nearly Four Score Machines Expected to Take Part in Trip on Thursday Morning, August 24—Roads for Mist Part in Fine Condition.



MAP SHOWING ROUTE TO BE TAKEN ON PORTLAND AUTOMOBILE CLUB'S TOUR TO ASTORIA AND GEARHART.

BY PAUL J. FEELEY. PROSPECTS are beginning to loom up brightly for a record number of cars in the Portland Automobile Club's annual tour. Interest has been roused to a keen point, and numerous telephone calls regarding details of the trip are being received daily by President W. J. Clemens and members of the committee having charge of the outing. A conservative estimate of the number of autos that will line up at sixth and Morrison streets on Thursday morning, August 24, is 80, although it is expected that fully 75 machines will be on hand.

The gratifying news given out by Harry Keats and Julius Meier, members of the committee who made an inspection of the route last Sunday, caused a number of new entries. They declared on their return that the roads, for the most part, are in fine condition and that improvement work is going on at a rapid gait all along the line

and that the course will be in excellent shape by the time the run is made. Mr. Keats is especially enthusiastic over the trip. He declares that it is hardly possible to believe that the roads afford such easy travel, and says further that the trip is one of scenic beauty that would be hard to duplicate in any section of the world. This is substantially corroborated by Mr. Morse, of the Hudson Motorcar Company, who accompanied Mr. Keats on the trip. Mr. Morse has traveled extensively through Europe and Asia and has visited some of the remotest parts of the world. When the end of the run was reached he said that the Portland people do not begin to realize what truly beautiful scenery they have right at their door.

Picturesque Route Selected. This is absolutely the finest trip I ever made," said Mr. Morse. "The scenery is so varied and picturesque, and its beauty so vivid, that it is simply

PISTOL MEN HAPPY

Crack Shot May Join Team Prior to Big Shoot.

MARKSMEN ARE CONFIDENT

Improvement by Members Over Last Year Strengthens Hope That Portland Club Will Capture Trophies at September Meet.

Hopes are high in the hearts of local revolvermen for capturing stellar honors when the semi-annual tournament for state and United States championships is held here September 16 and 17. This will be the regular summer outdoor shoot at 50 yards and will be under the auspices of the United States Revolver Association at the Portland Revolver and Rifle Club's grounds at Beauty Station.

The probability of George Armstrong, of Seattle, who attained recognition as the country's premier revolver shot by his remarkable work last March, joining the Portland team, makes it almost a certainty that the local club will carry off first honors for team shooting for the United States, says Walter Hansen, captain of the Rose City club. Armstrong has told Captain Hansen that he will be here if no unforeseen circumstances prevent.

Marked Improvement Seen.

The Portland club won second position in team shooting last year, and with the improvement shown in the last few months, it hopes to do much better than its last try. Maurice Abraham, F. C. Hachaney, J. F. Moore, George W. Wilson, F. L. Sanders, Captain Walter Hansen, Wesley H. Wilson and R. H. Craddock have been showing good form in the Sunday practice shoots, and all are enthusiastic over the bright prospects ahead.

Owing to the fact that nearly all of the crack revolver shots of the state reside in this city, Portland will be practically the only place represented in the tournament.

Walter Hansen, captain of the Portland Revolver and Rifle Club, yesterday received the seven medals won by members of the club in the indoor tournament last March from the United States Revolver Association.

First Medals Won.

Two of the medals representing National honors, are the first ever won by Portland men.

F. C. Hachaney, the youngest member of the club, received two medals, one of which was for fifth best shot with any revolver in the United States. The other was for third position among the pocket revolver of Oregon. George Wilson likewise won two honors, one being fourth place among the pocket revolvers of the country, and the other for making the second best record with single shot pistol in this state. J. F. Moore, captain of detectives, is another who captured two medals. He received one for being Oregon's premier shot with any pistol, and the other for second place in the pocket revolver class. The other medal goes to F. L. Sanders for second honors for any revolver in the state.

AUTO RACES LOSE LURE

MANUFACTURERS FIND GAME NOT WORTH CANDLE.

Daring Driver Predicts Death of Meets in Europe and Decline of Sport Here.

Barney Oldfield, star in the role of death-defier, hears the death knell of automobile racing in Europe in the lack of interest taken in the last French Grand Prix, the classic of the world's motor events. In a lengthy interview the American speed merchant follows the decline of the sport on Continental Europe since the days of the Gordon Bennett trophy race, from which the Grand Prix sprang.

During the halcyon days of automobile racing on the other side of the Atlantic there were as many as 49 and 50 starters in the greatest auto race. Only 14 starters faced the barrier at the last one.

Oldfield holds grave fears for the decline of the sport in our own little world. The absence of the usual number of foreign-made cars in the Grand Prix last year, says Barney, makes the success of this American feature doubtful when it is run on Thanksgiving.

Oldfield places the decline of the auto racing game at the door of heavy expense. He declares that the cost of preparation for the big meets has assumed staggering proportions, and that manufacturers are now of the

1912 Warren-Detroit Automobiles

Will Soon Arrive in Portland

THE BEST FOR THE MONEY

Portland-Detroit Co. J. E. MAXON, Mgr. 1414 and Couch Streets. Phones A 2103 Marshall 1565

Advertisement for Locomobile cars, featuring the slogan 'THE BEST BUILT CAR IN AMERICA' and 'Delivery 1912 Six-Cylinder Models'. It includes the name 'NEATE & McCARTHY' and their address '694 Washington Street, Corner of King'.

opinion that the game is not worth the candle. AUTO RACES AGAINST DEATH Los Angeles Chauffeur's Wild Ride Saves Lad's Life. With the watchers counting the swift seconds marked by the whirl of his desperately driven car, George McNeil drove a Packard "20" 71 miles over mountain passes and sandy roads from Los Angeles to Ventura in one hour

Large advertisement for Buick 1911 Demonstrators, with the slogan 'in all the models to be disposed of at once to close out the 1911 line.' It includes the name 'Howard Automobile Co.' and contact information for Mel G. Johnson, Manager.

Advertisement for 'THE MICHIGAN' automobiles, highlighting '1912 Warren-Detroit Automobiles' and 'The Automobile that leads them all'. It lists 'Five Different Models' and prices from '\$1350 to \$1850'. The Michigan Auto & Buggy Co. is mentioned as the dealer.