

NATIONAL MARKSMEN IN EXPERT PRACTICE

CHANGES IN PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL RIFLE MATCHES TO BE MADE NEXT YEAR.

NATIONAL GARDSMEN PROTEST

Present Rules Impose a Disadvantage Upon Them as to Time and Ammunition, Etc., Etc.—Many Expected to be Present.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 20.

Important changes in the program for the National Rifle Matches will probably be made at the next annual meeting of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. A number of novel suggestions have been advanced, all being intended to relieve the situation incident to the winning of the first four places in the National Team match by the teams representing the regular service. So much distinction in the rifle world accompanies the winning of these prizes that the different branches of the services entered into the contest with great spirit. The army, navy, and marine corps collected their most expert marksmen from all quarters and spent months in selecting and training the teams which finally represented them. The National Guard teams feel that they are at a disadvantage under the present rules, as they are necessarily restricted both as to time and ammunition, while the regular service teams are not. Again, the cavalry and infantry teams which represent the army, are chosen from fifty or sixty men who are regularly instructed in marksmanship and whose pay is increased in proportion to their skill with the rifle. On the other hand, such teams as those from Oklahoma, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming and other of the States where the National Guard are numerically weak, are selected from a few hundred men whose instruction and opportunity to practice are necessarily limited. In many cases the states do not possess ranges of over six hundred yards and yet their teams are compelled to shoot against the cracks of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and of such States as Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio, all of which are equipped with excellent ranges.

The National Guard is as a whole willing and anxious to try conclusion with the army and other service teams, but there is a growing desire to see conditions adjusted so that especially the weaker state will have a better chance. Among the suggestions advanced is that two prizes shall be set aside for the service teams and that four prizes shall be distributed to the National Guard teams, all to shoot at the same time and place and under similar conditions. It is understood that this plan is followed in English catches where the volunteers are not expected to cope with the regulars, or the reserves with either the volunteers or regulars.

Another plan which meets with considerable favor, provides for dividing the contestants into three divisions, the first two to consist of seventeen teams each and the third of the remainder. At Camp Perry, Ohio, this year, there were fifty teams of twelve men each, entered in the National Match, representing forty five states, and territories, the army, navy and marine corps, and the Naval Academy. Under the proposed scheme the first seventeen teams would be entered next summer in the first division, the next seventeen in the second division and the remaining 16, with all new entries, in the third division. Prizes would be offered in each division and there would be a constant struggle among the teams in each division and of the teams to get from the third into the second or the second into the first division.

President Roosevelt has again given evidence of his strong interest in rifle practice by writing letters to Sergeant A. Brest, of the 15th U. S. Infantry, Lt. A. D. Rothrock, Ohio National Guard, and to Lieut. S. A. Harris, 14th, U. S. Infantry, congratulating them on winning the President's match, the National Individual Match and the Military Championship, respectively, at the recent national rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. The President's match is shot under the rules of the National Individual Match and the man making the highest combined score wins the military championship. Heretofore

the President generally confined himself to congratulating the winner of the President's match, shot under the auspices of the National Rifle Association, but this year he wrote to all three mentioned.

As officers above the rank of Captain were excluded from the national matches this year by the wording of the appropriation act, the language of President Roosevelt to Lt. Rothrock and Lt. Harris is significant. To the former he said, in part: "It is true that as an officer you would not be required in service to use a rifle; but your men must all know how to shoot or they are useless on the battle line; and you could not properly teach them how to shoot unless you had the practical knowledge which only a high class shot can possess." To Lieut. Harris he wrote, in part: "It is with special gratification I write this letter to you. Every officer of our army should know how to shoot the rifle. Especially is this true of those officers who serve with infantry and cavalry."

ILWACO

Miss Jennie De Long, of Sioux City Iowa returned to her home a few days ago after spending the summer with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. L. De Long. She was accompanied home by her niece, Julia De Long, who is to remain and make her home with Miss De Long.

Mrs. G. W. Reynolds left for Astoria, last week for a visit with her daughter Miss Alec Wilson of that city.

Dave Andrews, of Oysterville returned recently from California where he has been visiting his parents.

Mr. L. Macken passed through Ilwaco the latter part of last week, on his way back to Tacoma, after attending the funeral of his wife, who died recently at her home in Ocean Park, after an illness of several years with lung trouble. The remains were buried in the Ocean Park cemetery.

Mrs. Nora Wright and her son of South Bend, passed through Ilwaco, Friday on their way to Portland.

Gus Anderson returned Saturday morning from Astoria where he attended the Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Burch and daughter, Alice left a few days ago for Portland where Miss Burch will study music the rest of the winter.

Al. Simmons had the misfortune to completely sever one toe, last week while at work in the logging camp of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Co.

Miss Frances Eckert spent two or three days last week, with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mills of Ocean Park.

L. E. Loomis was a visitor to Ilwaco the latter part of last week.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Margaret Rogers, 21st birthday, by her parents. The evening was spent in the usual games, after which dainty refreshments were served. Among those who attended were the following: Miss Nell Williams, Miss Anna and Marian Morris, Miss Cora Hawkins, Miss Ida Rogers, Mr. Bowen Mr. Du Pae, Arthur Hawkins and others whose names we did not ascertain.

Mr. Bartholemew of the North Beach Life Saving Station was a visitor to Ilwaco the latter part of last week.

Clark Hedrick, returned Monday from a two week's visit in Portland, with his mother and sister. He has resumed his work in the store of L. D. Williams & Son for the coming winter.

Lenard Pike, a resident of Bellingham and Edmonds, Wash, was in Ilwaco last week shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances of this city, and out of town friends also. He returned home the latter part of the week after expressing himself as having enjoyed the few days spent here.

Kenneth Inman, returned Monday from Portland, where he went last week on hearing of a severe accident to his sister, May Inman.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland yesterday appeared before the grand jury as a witness as to the authenticity of the article sold to the New York Times by Broughton Brandenburg, a magazine writer and published in that paper, in which her late husband appeared, as favoring the election of Mr. Taft.

It is understood that Mrs. Cleveland was on the stand as to her knowledge of certain interviews, which Mr. Brandenburg had with the former president at Princeton last Spring and as to the genuineness of the Grover Cleveland signature appended to the article in dispute.

Other witnesses were Dr. Joseph Bryant, for many years President Cleveland's physician; Richard Watson Gilder, his intimate friend; David M. Carvalho, a handwriting expert; John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York and Trustee Hastings of the Cleveland estate.

William Reick and Charles M. Lincoln, of the editorial staff of the Times, were also called. Following the adjournment of the jury District Attorney Jerome sent away two detectives upon a mission, the end of which he would not divulge.

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A Traveling Man's Experience.

"I must tell you my experience on an east bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a death-like look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suitcase and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water-tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in 20 minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

PARISIAN TIME FOR VESSELS ON THE HIGH SEA.

In a memoir recently submitted to the French Academy of Science, Professor Bouque de la Grye offered a very valuable suggestion that met with a rather favorable consideration. According to this suggestion there would have to be created universal signaling posts for transmitting, by the aid of wireless telegraphy, the time corresponding to the meridians of the earth, to vessels sailing on the high sea.

A daily signal given out at midnight from the Eiffel Tower would thus transmit the time corresponding to the first meridian to vessels located on the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Captains would thus be kept posted exactly as to the point on which their vessel happens to be. This, however, would mean a material advance, eliminating any danger, while dispersing with any laborious time calculation.—November Technical World.

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