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RACING SEASON TO OPEN ON THURSDAY

FORMAL OPENING OF THE EASTERN SEASON WILL BE INAUGURATED AT BENNINGS TRACK THIS WEEK—OUTLOOK PROMISES TO ECLIPSE FORMER YEARS.

(By Manhattan.)

New York, March 22.—When the horses for the first race on the card at Bennings face the starter Thursday afternoon the racing season of 1904 will be formally opened in the east, and unless all signs fall it will eclipse in interest, in performance and in monetary rewards for the owners of winners even the sensational season of 1903. There are more tried performers of great merit to run this season than for many years, and judging by looks, the 2-year-olds will size up to those of past seasons.

Already stable room is at a premium at Bennings, and the thrifty farmers in the country thereabouts will turn many a horse penny by running boarding houses for belated thoroughbreds. The Bennings Handicap promises to eclipse all former records, as far as the class of the starters is concerned. It is not improbable that most of the prizes at Bennings will go to the New Orleans contingent. The hard winter has proven a serious handicap for the eastern horses, and few of them can be gotten into shape for the early races.

To Enter Racing Field.

An interesting piece of gossip reaches me this week to the effect that Edward H. Green, son of Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, is to go extensively into racing. He will not only have a racing string, so I am told, but will go extensively into breeding. He has long had a hankering in this direction, but until recently his brother, who is the head of the family, has put a veto on it. Now that Mrs. Green has decided to make a campaign in Brooklyn and has purchased a Fifth avenue mansion and a Newport cottage, she has seen where a stable of racers may be of advantage to the family, and Eddie will get into the game.

There is no truth in the report that John D. Rockefeller contemplates acquiring a racing stable. Even if the Standard Oil magnate had really contemplated such a move he would hardly have withstood the objections of John D. Jr.

McChesney Will Not Run.

McChesney will not run in the Metropolitan Handicap. On account of the bad weather it has been impossible to get Big Mac in condition to handle top weight so early in the season. The continued bad weather is causing local trainers a great deal of anxiety, especially those who are desirous of preparing horses for the Aqueduct meeting. Both the Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay tracks are deep in mud, and the frequent flurries of snow given them little chance to dry out. It begins to look now as if New Orleans horses will have a particularly good chance to pick up the earlier handicaps at Aqueduct and Jamaica, as well as at Bennings, unless conditions improve soon.

George Hendrie, the Detroit horseman, will be represented in the eastern and western races this season by one of the best stables he ever owned. With Reservation, the 4-year-old son of Cayuga, and Arragon at his head, and Red Robing yesterday, together with a lot of fashionably bred 2-year-olds, this stable will make a strong bid for the many valuable stake races.

Young Thoroughbreds.

Under the care of John Walters Mr. Hendrie has in training at Cumberland Park a collection of thoroughbreds comprising 35 head that is strong from the juvenile to the handicap division. He has no prominent candidate for Derby honors, but in the make-up of his string he has a number of 2-year-olds and older horses that will struggle for supremacy under the "tarn jacket" during the coming campaign. His 2-year-olds, however, comprise several that will prove breed winners. They are Cheboygan, St. Enoch, Good Cheer, Gearholm (a half-brother to Claude), and two others which while not top Derby calibre, appear to be the making of good racers among the lesser lights.

Martin Declines Contract.

Jack Martin, the jockey, has finally declined a renewal of his contract with W. B. Jennings, and has signed to ride for Andrew Miller and W. B. Leeds. An agreement with his signature attached was received by Trainer Tom Welsh yesterday, together with a letter which said that Martin would be ready to report within 15 days after the receipt of orders.

Highball to Go East.

The racing stable of Scheffel & May, including Highball, will be shipped east

at the close of the Memphis meeting. It has not yet been decided when the champion 2-year-old of last season will make his first appearance, but he has different engagements at Morris Park, and may be seen in public there. He is one of the nominees in the Metropolitan Handicap, to be run on Thursday, May 5.

Few Horses Retire Rich.

Since the time of Sir Walter, a turf statistician says, America has not had a race horse retire from the track with \$100,000 or over to its credit. There are a few horses which will race this season whose winnings are already verging on the \$100,000 mark, and which with luck may get past it.

One is Afrikander, the star of the Hampton stables. Afrikander has started in 34 races and has won \$86,546 for his owner. Major Daingerfield is another high winner, with \$75,799 "to the good." Irish Lad during his career has won \$72,345. Waterbury has a "bank roll" of \$53,510. McChesney, \$51,045, and Hermis \$50,410.

They are still a long way behind the greatest winner in American turf history, Domino, whose gross earnings amounted to \$203,300.

Since his \$20,000 contract has been repudiated by J. R. & P. P. Keene, Lucien Lyne, the jockey, will go to Memphis to ride as a free jockey. He says he can ride at 110 pounds. He still holds himself in readiness to ride for the Keenes should they call on him.

ONLY ONE FAVORITE WINS AT OAKLAND

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, March 22.—Galanthus was the only favorite to land in front at Emeryville yesterday. The track was muddy and the going slow. Summary: First race, futurity course, selling—Quiz II won, Black Thorne second, Postcard third; time, 1:15. Second race, six and a half furlongs, selling—Galanthus won, Hulford second, Reeves third; time, 1:25. Third race, six furlongs, selling—Harbor won, Foxy Grandpa second, Jack Little third; time, 1:19 1/2. Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles, selling—Gatway won, Idogo second, Anlard third; time, 2:01. Fifth race, one mile, selling—Past Mascer won, Petrolia second, Young Morello third; time, 1:48. Sixth race, seven furlongs, purse—Solanus won, Celebrant second, Lord Wadsworth third; time, 1:32.

At Ascot Park.

Los Angeles, March 22.—Ideal conditions prevailed yesterday at Ascot Park, and the favorites had their innings, winning four of the six events on the card. Results: First race, one mile, selling—Ella won, Lunar second, Libertio third; time, 1:44 1/2. Second race, seven furlongs, selling—Landseer won, Homage second, Innaburk third; time, 1:30 1/2. Third race, five furlongs, purse—Golden Rule won, Cruzados second, Nervator third; time, 1:01 1/2. Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth—Labor won, Stragler second, Durbar third; time, 1:48 1/2. Fifth race, seven furlongs, selling—Brown Prince won, Inaugurator second, Skirmish third; time, 1:30 1/2. Sixth race, six furlongs, selling—Best Man won, Rag Tag second, Mistletide third; time, 1:14 1/2.

At Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., March 22.—The Arkansas Jockey club inaugurated their spring meeting here yesterday. Results: Five and a half furlongs—Boomerach won, Dick Ripley second, Gus Lanka third; time, 1:10. Five and a half furlongs, selling—Joe Martin won, Countess Clara second, Budweiser third; time, 1:11. Seven furlongs, selling—Maverick won, Dandelle second, Ora McKinley third; time, 1:30 1/2. Half-mile, 2-year-olds, Capital Hotel stakes—Fay Templeton won, Tommy O'Hara second, Miss Layman third; time, 0:50. Six furlongs—Imboden won, Jimalong second, William Wright third; time, 1:18. Mile and 50 yards, selling—Dawson won, Bermuda second, Inspector Shea third; time, 1:51.

SUNDAY GOLF CHAMPION.

Sunday golf has a champion in Dr. Amory Bradford, a well-known Congregational preacher of Montclair, N. J. At the recent meeting of the Northern New Jersey Congregationalists, Dr. Bradford said that golf and other amusements were not emptying the benches of the churches, as had been claimed by some ministers. Those who follow these amusements, said the speaker, might just as well be putting in their time at healthy sport as to spend it in saloons.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

"I HAD TO LAUGH," SAID FITZ. "THINK OF THE FOXY KID" TRYING TO FOOL ME."

"CASTRO FUND" IS STEADILY GROWING

The Castro fund is getting larger and nearer the amount required as the opening day of the season approaches. This morning a few of the local fans tendered their donations, and others have promised to subscribe in a few days. A number of the young women fans sent word to The Journal that their money will be forthcoming in a day or two. So far everything is ready for the opening of the season. The Browns are in good trim and will make a mighty effort to take the Tacoma men into camp. Castro will line up with the Portland team on Thursday in the first game, and Butler will probably be in the box for the Browns. It is likely that Fisher will pitch Keefe for his team in the first game.

All money should be sent promptly to The Journal office. The list of contributors follows:

Mrs. "Fair Aim"	2.50
Schiller's Cigar Factory	20.00
"Doc" Brown, per Peter Grant	25.00
Portland Club, per Peter Grant	40.00
H. C. Wortman	5.00
C. H. Clute, Mercury	2.50
Portland Bowling Alleys	10.00
Cash	1.00

PORTLAND BROWNS IN PLAYING FORM

Bakersfield, Cal., March 22.—The Portland boys are taking their last work-out in this city today. Tomorrow they leave for Frisco, where on Thursday, with the Tacomas, they inaugurate the Pacific Coast League season of 1904. All question as to whether Castro is to play with Portland or not seems to have been amicably settled, and that the crack shortstop's services will be secured by purchase. Manager Ely has received assurances from Portland of financial help, which will assist him in buying this player's release.

When questioned as to Van Buren figuring in the deal for Castro, Manager Ely said: "No such thing on the boards as to trade or partially trade Van Buren for Castro. Hanlon refuses to listen to any proposition save cold cash. Of the players awarded to Portland in addition to the men now here, Waddell is the only one I might use. I shall endeavor to have him returned to me as soon as possible for his services will prove valuable at the start."

Han Iber, who has been laid up with the grippe at his home in San Francisco, has reported and is indulging in light exercise at present for he is still somewhat weak.

Yesterday and today the Portland boys have been capering around like school boys. It seems that they have acquired some of the ginger which they seemed to have lost during the Oakland game. The Oakland team left here yesterday for Los Angeles, where they are scheduled to open on Thursday.

TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

(Journal Special Service.) Berkeley, Cal., March 22.—On Saturday, April 23, the Pacific coast track and field championships will be contested by the Pacific Amateur Athletic union. The trials, that are causing so much combat among California athletes, will be held on the cinder track of the University of California at Berkeley and from the winners will be selected a team to go to St. Louis to represent the state in the Olympic games scheduled for the opening days of the big exposition.

INDOOR BASEBALL TONIGHT.

The local Y. M. C. A. indoor baseball team will meet the Multnomah club team in a return game this evening at the Multnomah club gymnasium. The teams are evenly matched and a good game is assured. The All-Stars are scheduled to meet the clubmen in a basketball contest Thursday evening.

GREAT HORSES FOR THE FAIR HANDICAP

The east will probably be well represented in the big World's Fair Handicap at St. Louis. Every good handicap performer in the country, with the exception of Waterbury, is engaged, and, as expected, E. E. Smathers' McChesney, if he is a starter, will be asked to pick up top weight, 128 pounds, with E. R. Thomas' Hermis at 126 pounds, Afrikander 124, Irish Lad and Dick Welles 122 each, and Gold Heels 120. Thus four of the topweights will go from the east to compete with the pick of the western division for the richest prize of the year.

Gallant heads the list of 3-year-olds with 103 pounds. Very few 3-year-olds have been named from the east, owners realizing that the long trip in hot weather would militate against their chances of winning. English lad, the crack western 3-year-old, is also an absentee, and the race will probably develop into a battle between the stars of the older division.

JOCKEY FULLER HAD A VERY BUSY DAY

(Journal Special Service.) New Orleans, March 22.—Jockey Grover Cleveland Fuller created a small sensation at the fair grounds Saturday afternoon by appearing at the Mystery street gate in an intoxicated condition in an automobile. Fuller was in such condition that he fell out of the automobile. He was picked up by the gatender and the policeman stationed at that point.

Fuller in a short while came to and attempted to enter the race course. He was informed by the policeman that he could not enter the course. Fuller then began to abuse the officer and was immediately placed under arrest.

AMATEUR WRESTLER IN SUCCESSFUL MEET

The results of the novice wrestling tournament held at the Multnomah club last evening, which was presided over by instructor Joseph Acton to considerable praise, for the lads who struggled on the mat displayed more than ordinary ability. Duggan won in the lightweight class by defeating Wagner in the finals, and Frohman captured the featherweight honors by throwing Stife. The amateur boxing tournament is to be pulled off Monday evening.

TRACK AT GOLDEN GATE PARK.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 22.—Preliminary steps have been taken by members of the Golden Gate Driving Association toward raising the remaining \$24,000 necessary to build a half-mile race track and polo and athletic field in Golden Gate park. The sum of \$26,000 has already been subscribed for the purpose mentioned.

CHALLENGES BARNY OLDFIELD.

Lamberjack, the French automobilist, has challenged Barney Oldfield to a race over any sort of a track that Oldfield may mention. Lamberjack will be in America some time in June and will bring with him two famous machines, one of 120 horse power and the other of 60.

CLIFFORD AND QUEENAN.

Jack Clifford of Montana and Perry Queenan of Seattle are listed to box 20 rounds at 138 pounds before the Salt Lake club on the 24th. These men have boxed twice in 20-round goes and both decisions were declared a draw. Fred Muller and Queenan recently boxed a 20-round draw at Vancouver, Wash.

BRITT MONEY GOES BEGGING AT 10 TO 6

CHAMPION'S FRIENDS AND BACKERS ARE SLOW TO COVER THE CALIFORNIAN'S MONEY—CORBETT MAKING GREAT EFFORT TO TAKE OFF WEIGHT.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, March 22.—The betting on the Britt-Corbett fight is not very lively except among the Britt people. There is a lot of Britt money in sight at 10 to 6, but the Corbett people are not anxious as yet to place their wagers. The supposition is that they are holding off for better odds, and it is likely that they will get them. The fight is going to make hot work for the poolrooms, as there is a big pile of money in sight, in face of the determination of the Corbett people to keep back their gold. Corbett has suddenly realized that he has got a lot of weight to take off, and he is losing no time training. He was somewhat dazed in this regard during the last 10 days, but his friends have advised him not to be overconfident and to make an honest effort to do all that a careful ring tactician should do to make good.

Britt is training carefully, and as before mentioned in these columns he is endeavoring to find a new outlet for his right. The comment has been made, with some degree of truth, that Jimmy must keep his right busier in the future than he has in the past if he desires to go after championships. This clever little Californian is doing with a vengeance, and he has improved his style considerably since going into training.

JAPS ARE GREAT LOVERS OF SPORT

The Japanese are the greatest lovers of sports in the world. There is scarcely a schoolboy in the land of the mikado who does not know how to tumble and wrestle. So popular have sports of other nations become in Japan that the emperor and all of his family are frequent attendants at the spring races at Tokio. Cycling has become a favorite pastime and clubs have been formed all over the empire. Baseball clubs are the latest and two have been organized at Yokohama and one in Tokio and matches are being arranged. Swimming is in favor and even boxing is not tabooed. An American gymnasium would probably be just the thing for the little brown men and would find plenty of patrons.

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DANGER FAST AT RENO.

(Journal Special Service.) Reno, Nev., March 22.—All danger of the Lake Tahoe dam going out has passed. People living along the Truckee, which is now three feet lower than it was three weeks ago, feel assured there will be no damage from high water. Repairs to the dam are completed and the water is at a standstill. Experts are on guard, and in case of an emergency the dam undermining will be removed.

Life's Burdens for Two.

When a woman feels so weak that she does not know what causes it, it makes it hard for her husband, too. In that case it does not cost her a cent to try the Natural Body Brace, sold by J. H. Clemenson, druggist, corner Second and Yamhill streets. That is, if the brace does not do as recommended in 30 days, she does not have to buy it. If it does, it costs her only \$5. Remember, it is sold where all the great specialties are sold. Clemenson's drug store, corner Second and Yamhill streets.

WOMAN ATHLETE PUTS "KID" M'COY ASLEEP

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, March 22.—Miss Lucille St. Clair, an athletic young woman, formerly of Louisville, but now of New York, has now achieved a reputation as a boxer. In a friendly bout she swung her right on Kid McCoy's jaw and dazed that clever boxer more than many a great fighter has been able to do.

Miss St. Clair is a distinct type of the American athletic girl. There is hardly a phase of athletics for women in which she has not excelled. While she was working with the bells and chest weights the other day in McCoy's gymnasium she asked the genial Kid if he would mind putting on the gloves with her for a friendly round or two. They had sparred for a minute. There was a quick shift of little feet and a small, gloved hand shot out with speed that was lightning-like and landed fair and square on the point of McCoy's jaw. The boxer wobbled for a second or two, dazed and unable to comprehend just exactly what had happened. Then he lurched forward and clinched as if it were Peter Maher or Tom Sharkey that had delivered the blow.

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