

A Brisk Review of Woman's Athletic Activities in Portland

SOME OF PORTLAND'S CROSS-COUNTRY RIDERS

Natural surroundings and conditions in Portland have made it the popular home of the saddle-horse. There are probably few cities on the coast that have better cutting roads leading to good cross-country rides, and, without fear of contradiction, not a city can show two such beautiful country roads as the Linton road and the White House road. The picturesqueness of these roads, running as they do along the shores of the Willamette river, is not surpassed by the Hudson river, and it is not to be wondered that the Portland Hunt club is the flourishing institution that it is. Not only can the club boast of having on its membership roll some of the most daring cross-country riders in the west of both sexes, but the horses owned by the members are for the most part thoroughbreds, and a number of them have won races on the track.

Each year since the organization of the club has seen its membership grow until at present it is one of the healthiest and most enthusiastic organizations in the city. Few petty jealousies have marred the onward march of the club, and throughout its history it has been remarkably free from cliques and sets, which as a rule breed trouble. From President F. O. Downing down, the members are in harmony and all are pulling for the best interests of the organization. Few cities the size and age of Portland can boast of so many riders, and such loyal, good, sport-loving folk, who, though they are always out to win in the many events which are carded during the riding season, never allow professionalism to enter into any of the races. They love a horse, they love a cross-country ride, and as time has passed, the sturdy range horses, which early in the career of the club made up the mounts, have been relegated to the rear and have been replaced by thoroughbreds. E. M. Lazarus, who, by the way, has been extremely ill for some time past—has perhaps done more toward stimulating the desires of the club members for better mounts than any other. Others have fallen into step with him, and when the June meeting of the club is held those who journey to Irvington will see a splendid lot of horses.

Last year there was no meeting of the club, but this year will see the largest and best race meet ever held in the history of the club. President Downing is an enthusiast—not of the reckless sort, but one well suited to guide the workings of the club. His heart and soul is in the hunt club, and he has the support of a set of officers who are equally enthusiastic. The members, too, lend their aid, and that is why the club stands so well. Within another year the club will undoubtedly have a country home of its own. Mr. Lazarus has shown plans for the clubhouse, and as soon as a location is decided upon, the work of building the clubhouse will be started.

Of the riding abilities of the members a book could be written. And, strange to say, some of the women riders are more daring and are better riders than some of the men. Mrs. F. O. Downing, Mrs. F. O. Buffum, Miss D. B. Howard, Mrs. J. V. Rounsefell, Mrs. Dr. Chipman, Miss Belle Almsworth, Mrs. N. E. Ayer, Mrs. C. R. Bagley, Miss Kate Bellinger, Mrs. W. L. Bolos, Miss M. M. Inman, Mrs. Eva H. Kiernan, Mrs. L. H. Knapp, Mrs. G. Kuhn, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Miss Mabel Lawrence, Mrs. O. Brun, Miss F. Lewis, Mrs. Louise Lewis, Mrs. M. E. Lewis, Mrs. A. M. Cronin, Mrs. Walter Reed, Mrs. M. Ramsey, Miss K. E. Cronin, Mrs. E. M. Edwards, Miss G. Rockwell, Mrs. A. C. Sheldon, Mrs. W. E. Fechtelner, Miss Ann Shogren, Miss Flanders, Mrs. M. G. Gilliland, Mrs. J. R. Stephens, Miss Hatfield, Mrs. G. W. Stewart, Miss Timms, Mrs. S. B. Howard, Miss Watkins, Miss Nellie Williams, Miss Wrenn, and others, are not of the women who are not active members, but they are frequently seen in the saddle on the country roads and take part in the hunt-club classes at the Portland riding academy, under the charge of Charles E. Merling. One of the interesting features of the hunt club during the winter months is the riding class. In the big tankard ring at the academy several nights each week class drills are held and the riders are schooled over the jumps and perform some of the very pretty evolutions. Mr. Nicol has charge of this work and of most of

the hunt-club horses, and it is due to him that the city has so many splendid riders. In May the classes give up their work in the ring and the drills are held in the country. Some of the classes have as many as 16 riders, and it is a pretty sight when the large group of riders appear on the streets.

When it comes to rough-and-ready cross-country riding, Mrs. Buffum, Miss Howard, Mrs. Downing, Miss Shogren and Mrs. Rounsefell are perhaps the most daring of the women riders. There are others who ride well, but who do not care to undergo the great physical strain necessary to a hard, long, cross-country ride. Miss Howard has the distinction of being the only woman who ever won the Kerr cup, a paper chase event that is always a grueling contest. She rides Jim Budd, a brown thoroughbred, with both speed and staying ability. She rides cross-saddle, and her mount is easily handled and never loses his head. Miss Howard is conceded to be the best woman rider in the club, but she modestly disclaims the title and declares that there are other women in the organization who ride equally well as she. Mrs. Buffum has a good horse in Will Wehring, and when he becomes thoroughly schooled he will win many a race. The club contains no better nor a more fearless rider than Mrs. Buffum, and without doubt she is the most consistent rider of the lot. Miss Almsworth also owns a thoroughbred mount in Montezuma. She has had her share in one of the match races in the spring meet, and the horse that beats her will have to be a fast one. Mrs. Downing has a splendid seat, and she would be often heard of in the paper chase were it not for Mr. Downing, who, knowing her reckless she is, coaxes her not to ride through often. She, however, rarely misses a chance to ride through with the hares, and nothing in the way of stiff jumps and rough country daunts her.

A surprise to the club members in the last paper chase was the appearance of little Georgiana Leadbetter on her pony, ready to ride through. This little mite of a girl not only came clear through, but was well to the front. Her seat is splendid, and she has the fearlessness of childhood. The way she handles a rein is considered remarkable by those who saw her work. She proudly states that when she is in a going to ride a side-saddle, Neal, her cream-colored pony, is her friend and companion, and she knows how to discuss his good points like a professional.

Miss Rounsefell is an extraordinarily graceful rider, and a good seat. She is not a thoroughbred, and is a case of ugly disposition, but she handles him well and gets good work from him. Mrs. Shipman was born to the saddle, and looks her best when working her Zooko, who she has named "The Duke." Miss Helen Ladd-Corbett is the possessor of a good thoroughbred and is a good horsewoman. The Misses Lewis also ride well, and are often seen about town and the country roads on their mounts.

Miss Almsworth's mare Montezuma is a good runner, and will be in the match race at the June meet against Mr. Jenkins' Oleta and several other well-known horses.

Mr. Buffum's new thoroughbred, Will Wehring, is a full brother of Merlingo, Mr. Lazarus' new horse. Mrs. Buffum and Mrs. Downing have the distinction of having ridden Oregon 336 in the match race at the academy, and performed for a woman to attempt mounting him now. A HUNT CLUB MEMBER.

and gets over the court easily. She makes a splendid antagonist, and is a good sport on the courts. No prediction can be made for this season in this sport, as the match race even then it would require an active imagination or much confidence, for a tennis game is never won until the last point is played, as was shown in the game between Major Bethel and Mr. Gowen in 1903. It is safe to say that everyone hopes to win.

ELIZABETH STRONG.

GOLF.

The Fine Sport Revived at the Waverly Links.

The great interest displayed in the recent golf tournament of the Pacific northwest which occurred at Victoria, B. C., and in which the northwest championship was contested by two Portland men, has had the effect of reviving interest in this sport at the Waverly links. It still lacks, however, and being at its old standard, however, and until the young folks appear on the links in greater numbers than at present the club can hardly be ranked as the enthusiastic members would have it. It is a noticeable fact that most of the women golfers this season are married women, who themselves consider it a rather deplorable fact that their single sisters do not join in the activities of the links. There are few prettier links in the country than the Waverly, and one can safely say, none with the magnificent background of smoke-blue mountain ranges and snow-capped peaks. This unusual scenic feature should in itself prove a stimulus to the club members to be out and doing.

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MISS HOWARD ON JIM BUDD, AND MISS HUTCHINSON ON BOB PROUDY. These horses are both thoroughbreds and fine runners.

In the last tournament she broke her record, playing the upper course in 55, which is the best score made since the course has been made over. Mrs. Richard Koehler is another enthusiast, and plays a strong, steady game.

A brilliant game is put up by Mrs. Allan Lewis. Mrs. Jack Almsworth is playing again. She was formerly one of the best in the club and it is expected that she will soon reach her old record again. Mrs. T. B. Wilcox also plays a good game, and the same can be said of Mrs. Langitt, Mrs. Zera Snow, Mrs. Ned Ayer, Mrs. Wesley Ladd, Miss Jewell and Miss Bryant, all of whom are mentioned as fair players and devoted to the links.

Miss Laurie King held the record of the course at Waverly for a number of years. She is a splendid all round golfer and plays with a firm and accurate dash that usually accounts for a good score. She drives a long ball and is good on a long game.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ladd have been enthusiastic supporters of the sport and have put up trophies recently for the twelve foursomes. Mrs. W. B. Ayer, who played a brilliant bill game on this occasion, carried off the woman's prize, which was a handsome pin.

The tennis courts at the Waverly court are being put in good condition, for this is a country club as well as a golf club. The fine spring days have brought out gay crowds the past two weeks and much interest is displayed in both sports.

WATER SPORTS.

Many Portland Women Devotees of Boating and Canoeing.

A number of Portland women are devotees of the various water sports, prominent among them being canoeing and boating. Of the former Mrs. Judge may be said to take the lead. She is the possessor of a fine little canoe and handles it with great skill and accuracy. This little woman is an all round athlete and her training in the gymnasium and field makes paddling easy for her. She and Mr. Judge may be seen many summer mornings paddling up to the island and back before breakfast, as both are lovers of the water.

Miss Heggie is good at rowing and can handle a shell with the skill of the average member of the "variety crew. Miss Inman is another young lady who is enthusiastic over this sport and handles both a boat and canoe cleverly. The physical benefits derived from water sports are many. Correct rowing induces an erect carriage and a finely poised head, a fine chest and well placed shoulders. One must have some of the fundamental principles of the exercise before benefiting by the exercise.

Canoeing is becoming more popular each year, being one of the easiest of exercises for women to master. It can be said to be a very graceful exercise and will do much to keep the coming water sport for women. A canoe is light, safe when properly handled, and graceful and easily moved. One decided point in its favor is that the paddler can look ahead instead of having to sit backward as in rowing. There is much more pleasure to be derived from a short canoe trip than from lazing around a summer resort and it is wondered at that the athletic girls that others do not take it up more generally.

It is not a bad idea for beginners to upper their canoes in safe or shallow water to learn how to handle them in case of accident. A greater amount of physical exercise can be derived from boating than from canoeing, but many think the latter more desirable. There is little danger in it to women who can swim, and all of them should know how if they take up water sports.

The Willamette is an ideal stream for

boating and canoeing, and those who take advantage of it with paddle and oar are getting more pleasure than those who depend upon the launch or steamboat.

SWIMMING.

If Captain Bundy and the Willamette river were inclined to be talkative, many a pretty tale could be told of the fair swimmers of the Rose City. Their number is rather surprising, and their work decidedly so. Several of them have performed the feat of swimming across the river, which not very many of the men can do, and when it comes to high diving, the ladies are there with the courage and the pluck every time!

The Misses Poulson—one of them now Mrs. Paul Bates—have long been regarded as among the best long-distance swimmers, and Miss Inman would probably stand the best chance of winning a blue ribbon or a Journal cup in the water as a professional.

Miss Millie Schlotth's ambition is to do high diving, and in this she excels. She is graceful and her nerve is always steady. She is unusually good on distance. With Miss Schlotth during the summer months one sees Miss Flora Fleibehner, who is singularly graceful in her work. She has strength and gives every promise of making a fine long-distance swimmer. Mrs. Barrett and Miss Grace Stanton are graceful and fearless in the water.

Miss Hilda Heggie may well be accounted as one of the stars in this sport, and in this, as every other line of athletic endeavor, she is remarkably clever. Her diving is remarkably good, and Mrs. Chapin is also good at diving, and Mrs. Pfunder and Mrs. Knapp do reliable work. Miss Holbrook is fine in all round work, and Miss Hiltred is as much at home in the water as a professional.

The Multnomah club has a number of amateur swimmers on its membership who thoroughly enjoy the pool on ladies' days. These young folks will probably join the club Willamette when the weather warms up the water a bit.

Stationery Styles for the Smart Set.

(By W. G. Smith.)

And now comes June, the month of roses and of marriage. Styles in stationery may come and go, but society has refused to accept anything but the old-time kid finish, and has thus settled the matter.

The size for wedding as well as visiting cards and monograms are diminishing and announcements on wedding days are speaking, correct, are entirely passé at the present time.

Old English type, whether shaded or plain black, is used almost to the exclusion of all other lettering for wedding invitations, the script not having held its own.

The highest grade of paper and the most elegant workmanship can only be secured at the establishment of the specialist, W. G. Smith & Co. of this city are the only strictly up-to-date card engravers in the northwest.

MANY BOWLERS AMONG WOMEN

The Multnomah Club Alleys Favorite Resort of Fair Enthusiasts.

The bowling of the Multnomah women has improved greatly this year over that of last and deep interest has centered in the alleys all winter. There has been some sharp competition and the individual players have devoted themselves to the sport with an earnestness of purpose which comes only from such stimulus.

Miss Hilda Heggie can well be ranked as one of the star players of the club. Her scores always average high, as she throws a good, steady and almost perfect ball. Mrs. Vary has had poor luck the past month, but she is always sure when it comes to taking off the corner pins. Very few women can make the "run" delivery, but Miss Heggie has certainly found a way. She is very accurate in aiming.

Miss Pearl Mathena is a pretty bowler and the strength she puts in the ball helps greatly in her excellent scoring. Miss Buckenmeyer is a steady bowler. She has a good eye and her bowler always count for something. Miss Chemin throws a strange ball, but her scores range well.

Mrs. Judge is one of the best bowlers in her club and her scores show what she can accomplish with the sturdy ball she throws. Her strength is unusual and her aim true.

Mrs. Mathena is a devotee of the alleys and throws a splendid ball. Miss Jeffrey always has a good score, and Miss Justice, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Uma, Mrs. Venator and Mrs. Coleman can also be ranked among the good bowlers.

The women's monthly handicap tournaments are still being kept up. A medal is put up by the club and must be won twice in succession, or three times during the season, to become the property of the winner. Mrs. Heggie, Mrs. Judge, Miss Chemin and Miss Mathena have been among those fortunate enough to possess one of these trophies.

An enthusiastic member of the Multnomah club writes of this sport: "The fascination of bowling is so great that one should guard against over-exertion. A few hours' work each week will do a woman more good than any other form of exercise, and will improve one's health greatly if taken in the right degree. The game is most invigorating, and the excitement and sociability which it promotes makes it doubly attractive. As in every other game, practice makes perfect, but to become fairly proficient does not require a great deal of playing. It goes without saying that anyone who takes up the game becomes a devotee, and eventually a fine player. It is not necessary to be skilled to enjoy one's self."

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BASKET BALL AND FIELD HOCKEY

They Are Favorite Games at St. Helen's Hall.

Field sports and athletics have been unusually popular with the pupils of St. Helen's hall the past winter, and their interest is still unabated. Basketball and field hockey have probably been more popular than any other sports, but these young athletes are proficient in many others as well. The physical director has been teaching fine points in wrestling and some very creditable work is done which would put many a college boy to shame. There are a number of good sprinters, and when it comes to putting the shot the girls of the hall are right there.

A field day is being planned for the latter part of this month, and every spare minute goes to training. Among the sports of the day will be high jumping, broad jumping, putting the shot, wrestling and various running races; also matches in basketball, field hockey and rush ball.

In regard to the three latter, Miss Clary, the physical director of St. Helen's, writes: "In this day of general interest in womanly sports, it is not necessary to enter a plea for their defense. Since the eyes of thinking people have opened to the fact that woman must be the physical equal of man, that it is her right, privilege and duty to preserve full, rich and abounding health; and that owing to various sedentary occupations opportunity is afforded only by physical culture and athletics; since then, the demand for sports has increased."

"Among the numerous games which have been invented to keep up interest in athletics, none have surpassed basketball as an all-round game. Since its invention by Dr. Naismith, who had no idea that so much interest was accorded by women, it has spread to every gymnasium in the country. Physical directors in all the girls' colleges and women's clubs found it a boon. Owing to a tendency for roughness the rules were revised, thereby eliminating this feature, but still retaining the fire and spirit of the original game.

"Basketball is a whirl of excitement from start to finish, calling for quick perception and accurate work. Courage, self-reliance, self-control, physical strength and endurance are called forth in it. Its physiological and psychological benefits can hardly be estimated. Just watch 18 girls go down on the field and enter a game! Leaping, turning, running, throwing, batting, they lose themselves in the exhilarating excitement. See them return with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes, with tired muscles but still full of the fire of the match, not daunted by defeat nor too elated over victory!

"The enthusiasts are the girls of St. Helen's hall that they are to be seen on the field in any and all kinds of weather—nor rain nor mud can daunt them. Not all of them are native to Oregon, but all are witnesses to the health that lies in out-door exercise.

"Last fall we introduced the English game of field hockey that is becoming so popular. In the autumn of 1901 this delightful game was taken up by Vassar, Wellesley, Smith, Bryn Mawr and Radcliffe. So much interest was called forth in it, its physiological and psychological benefits can hardly be estimated. Just watch 18 girls go down on the field and enter a game! Leaping, turning, running, throwing, batting, they lose themselves in the exhilarating excitement. See them return with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes, with tired muscles but still full of the fire of the match, not daunted by defeat nor too elated over victory!

"Another very new sport which has been a favorite with us this winter is rush ball. A complete set of rules has not yet been published. This game is played either out of doors or in. It has a line-up of 14 players and a light weight ball is the bone of contention. This game involves good effects of tackling, running, wrestling and throwing."

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