STRAY TOPICS FROM OLD NEW YORK

New York, May 30.—Summer plans and racing now engage society's attention almost to the exclusion of everything else. The fashionable folk can be seen in large numbers at Belmont park and among them it is considered the correct thing to be able to talk about the horse races intelligently. Incidentally to know how to dress appropriately at the races and to make attendance there are required of everyone who hopes to be considered in the social whirl. But racing has by no means absorbed entirely the attention of Gotham's aristocracy, for the week-end visits to palatial country homes either at Lenox or Tuxedo have been very popular and to spend Sunday in the city these delightful May days is decidedly bad form. Of course, too, many society people are sailing for Europe where the majority will stay for a short time and return in the middle of the summer in time for the fashionable season at Newport.

While the wealthy and aristocratic set of New Yorkers is busily engaged with fashionable doings, the middle and lower classes in the metropolis are no less busy and joyous over the opening of the many summer resorts in and near the city, where they spend their week-ends or at least some part of every Saturday and Sunday from now until September. Of course, the chief interest centered in the opening of Coney Island, with all of its old time features besides a host of new attractions to catch the nickels and dimes of the working classes. The Island is now in full swing and as in the past the two big features of Coney are Dreamland and Luna Park. But besides these there are scenic railways, side shows of every description and different adaptions of the monorail idea. Among the new features of the Island will be women "barkers." Dreamland will employ women instead of men to lecture on the different shows and the suffragettes, who brought about this recognition of women's rights are planning to hold a mammoth celebration in honor of the event.

For some years past those who have charge of Central Park have tried the idea of giving the public absolute freedom as to their conduct, relying on their appreciation of the beauty of the grounds as a safeguard against destruction. All of the "Keep Off the Grass" signboards were removed with the result that the lawns soon began to look like pastures criss-crossed with cow paths. Consequently the signs have just been restored, and the park commissioner is now determined to restore the grounds to their former reputation as one of the finest parks in the world. Measured by its monetary value Central Park is one of the greatest public luxuries in New York city, for a fair estimate of its value as real estate today is $200,500,000. Moreover, the concensus of opinion is that it is cheap at this price.

New York is now called the "Billion-fire City," which has become the slogan of those who are fighting to have more subways constructed at once. Comptroller Metz, who has been opposing any new subways for the present, because of the great debt of the city, really furnished ammunition for his opponents when he estimated that the city's holdings in real estate were worth close to $2,000,000,000, which is three times greater than the city's net funded debt. Although the comptroller has been obliged to change his attitude somewhat since he issued this statement, still he persists in his opposition to more subways on the ground of poverty, and this in view of the fact that New York will have an additional borrowing capacity of $45,000,000 on the first of July. It is argued that this amount will be required for the minor public improvements, and that it would be unwise to expend any of it for new subway lines.

Ida Conquest, the well-known actress who is now playing in "The Wolf" at the Lyric theatre, was the principal figure in a unique christening which took place at the Bronx Zoo the other day. The director of the zoo asked permission of Miss Conquest to name the baby Canadian gray wolf after her. Miss Conquest readily consented and immediately sent a silver collar with a gold name plate to adorn the shaggy neck of the baby wolf. At the christening the wolf was formally presented to the actress, and taking the animal in her arms she poured a glass of water over its head, saying, "I christen thee Ida, and may you have many conquests." The actress wanted to take the wolf home with her, but it was finally decided that it would be better to have it visit her occasionally for a day at a time. It is now planned to have the little animal visit Miss Conquest in a few weeks at the Iroquois hotel where the actress will hold a reception for her professional and personal friends.

Joseph Branchi, an Italian, took up his stand on Sixth avenue the other night and declared himself a kissing bug of the first magnitude. It was just at the time when the big stores were closing for the night and the streets were full with salesgirls. But as for Joseph he kissed them as they came. First came a cunning little blonde, in dark blue, with a "Merry Widow" hat. Joseph kissed her. Then came a magazine cover girl. Joseph kissed her. Next in line was one of those lengthy effects in black and crimson. Joseph kissed her. Following the long girl was a short, smiling one. Joseph kissed her. Then came six more. Joseph kissed 'em all. Then came two detectives who chided the human kissing bug for working over time, and told him he was under arrest. "Vive l'amour," said Joseph as in the night court he was sentenced to three months in the House of Refuge. "Yes, if we get Moore we'll lock him up too," said the detectives as one man.

New Yorkers are now wondering if anyone will have the courage to startle the Great White Way by wearing one of the new sheath gowns, which set Paris agog a few weeks ago, where every extreme in fashion is supposed to be encouraged. Sooner or later these extreme styles reach New York and a few women make their appearance in them. So far no one has emerged in the new gowns, which are described as fitting to the body tighter than the skin to a grape. The gowns are so olassic and tight-fitting as well as so transparent that they cause onlookers to rub their eyes in amazement. The most sensational of the sheath gowns have a devided skirt showing the outlines of the lower limbs. It is expected that some of the sheath gowns will be worn by a few actresses on the vaudeville stage in New York very soon, but whether anyone will dare to venture out on Fifth avenue of Broadway in this startling garb is decidedly doubtful.

3 HURT IN AUTO RACE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., May 30—As a result of the automobile races held today at the Meadows track one man is perhaps fatally wounded and two others are badly injured. In a 50-mile free for all race Roy Rossman, driving a Franklin, had just passed his second mile when the rear wheels of his machine skidded and threw the car into a fence. It jumped back into the track and then immediately dashed again into the fence, where it turned turtle, throwing out Rossman and crushing the fence boards. One of these splinters through the force of the impact was driven several inches into Rossman's intestines and he was badly bruised otherwise. His physicians say he has a slight chance for recovery.

In the 100 mile race between a Packard car owned by H. L. Hillman and a Stearns car owned by Marc Bunnell, for a bet of $1,500 a side, the Packard was overturned on the 15 mile lap near the three quarter mile post and the two men who were in the car were injured. They are: A. E. Welte, injuries to spine; J. P. Kenna, injuries to skull.

Dr. Harry A. Shaw attended the injured men. He said that he believed they were not fatally injured, but that it was a miracle that they had not been instantly killed. The men were taken to a near-by house and were made as comfortable as possible.

Welte and Keena were driving the Packard, the Stearns was driven by Bunnell and "Chicken," a well known local chauffeur.

After the accident Bunnell was unwilling to quit the race, but kept on to finish in accordance with the terms agreed upon.

FOUR RESCUED FROM QUICKSAND

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Atlantic City, N. J., May 30.—Four Philadelphians were rescued from quicksand here today after they had sunk deep in the treacherous sands and had exhausted themselves shouting for help. E. A. Maltby, Miss Maltby, Walter Rhodes and the driver of their carriage were the victims. They were enroute to this city through a driving rainstorm. They lost their road.

To lighten their carriage they jumped out of their carriage, only to land in the quicksand. Unable to extricate themselves and slowly sinking, they called for help.

For some time the storm drowned their voices and when relief finally came the party was in a sorry plight. They were rescued by means of a plank. A bulkhead was built around the horses and they were pulled out with ropes.

Utah Victorious.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salt Lake, Utah, May 30.—In the best track meet ever seen in Utah, Utah university defeated Stanford this afternoon by a score of 64 to 53.

In the field events the visitors took four of the six places.

BOY HIGHWAYMAN HOLDS UP A TRAIN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Great Falls, Mont., May 30.—The Great Northern train from Shelby, due to arrive here at 10 o'clock, was held up by masked robbers at the stockyards, about two miles west of the city. No attempt was made to rob the express or mail cars, but the robbers, who are said to have been mere boys, went through the passenger coaches and made all the male passengers "dig up." They succeeded in getting between $200 and $300. The biggest loss was sustained by a man who was compelled to give up $100.

The night was pitch dark and the train was stopped by turning a switch, causing the engineer to stop.

As soon as the train stopped a fusillade of shots was heard, evidently with the purpose of scaring the train people and passengers. One or two men jumped off the train, and one of these two, a man named Dempsey of Augusta, Georgia, got a bullet in his leg.

Conductor Jack Hayes got a bullet through his sleeve because he did not obey quite fast enough, and was made to precede the two robbers through the train while they collected from the passengers. Ladies were told that they would not be interfered with, but every male passenger was ordered to "dig up."

OHIO SYNOD SUSTAINED

Dr. McKibbon Was Unsuccessful in Getting Presbyterian General Assembly to Reverse Judgment Pronounced Against Him.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.)

Kansas City, Mo., May 30.—Following a sensational and unsuccessful attempt by Dr. William McKibbon of Ohio to get from the convention a reversal of the judgment pronounced against him by the Ohio synod, the 120th general assembly of the Presbyterian church this afternoon adjourned sine die.

Rev. McKibbon's case created a great deal of excitement, coming as it did almost at the last moment. The case involved the consolidation of three churches in Cincinnati, which was approved by the Ohio synod.

Dr. McKibbon made an eloquent plea for reversal of this decision, but the general assembly sustained the Ohio synod.

X-RAYS SHOW HOW ARM IS FRACTURED

Dr. Louis Wolf set the broken bones in Thad Sweek's arm this morning after having been compelled to make an X-ray examination of the wrist to determine the nature of the fracture.

Sweek was injured yesterday while driving the automobile in which Governor Chamberlain and his party were touring the eastern part of the county. In cranking the machine it flew back in such a way as to badly fracture both bones of the right wrist. Sweek was taken to Troutdale, Dr. Wolf having in the meantime been sent for by telephone. The physician met the injured man at Troutdale and took him to St. Johns.

The examination this morning showed a colles fracture, which was reduced successfully. Mr. Sweek will be able to use his arm again in a few weeks.

BIG SEAT CONTEST

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Chicago, May 30.—Contests for 229 seats in the Republican national convention will have to be settled when the national committee meets here next week. This number is unprecedentd. Upon the settlement of the contests depends the nomination for the presidency. The fate of Secretary Taft, Speaker Cannon, Governor Hughes and the other aspirants lies virtually in the national committee. For, while the credentials committee can review and reverse the decisions of the national committee, the rule has been for years to accept the temporary roll as the permanent one, with very rare exceptions.

BOY FALLS INTO AN EXCAVATION; ESCAPES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., May 30.—Leighton Mosier, the seven-year-old son of Samuel Mosier, a baker, fell into a street department excavation on Twelfth avenue and was nearly drowned today. He was resusciated after three hours, through the work of an undertaker called to the scene by spectators who thought the boy dead.

The Mosier boy and some companions were playing near a shallow excavation which had been filled with water by recent rains. Help came only after passers-by were attracted by the cries of his playmates.

SNOW OF OREGON WINS SINGLES AT SEATTLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., May 30.—In the first intercollegiate tennis tounament to be held in the northwest, Davis and Galbraith of Washington State college won the doubles from Woodin and Hansen of the University of Washington, and M. C. Snow of the University of Oregon won the singles from Rembert of Washington. All of the players showed good form, but were not consistent in their hard drives or net work.

Economical.

From the Chicago News.

Economy may be the road to wealth, but nine tenths of those who are compelled to travel it never reach the goal.

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Ladies' Waists

Pretty patterns, white and colored; values 50c and 75c, Sample Sale price.....25¢

Fancy checks and stripes in ginghams and percales; regular 75c and $1.10 Waists, Sample Sale price .....39¢

Our Great Special Leader

$1.00 buys beautiful fancy Waists, worth $1.75 to $2.50; a big new lot go on sale Monday at this popular price.

Handsome Jap silk Waists, seven styles; our regular $2.50 to $3.50 waists, on sale Monday $1.50

78 new Skirts in duck, crash, linens; worth $2.50 to $5; slightly mussed..50¢, 75¢, $1

Big lot of fancy checks and mixtures, also blue and black Panamas; regular $3.50 to $4.50 values, Sample Sale price.....$1.69

Elegant all-wool Panamas, voiles and etamines, handsomely trimmed; $7.50 to $10 values; every new style in these goods.....$4.95

60 new voiles in black only, heavy silk strapping and fancy trimming, go on sale Monday at one half price.

$9.00 Skirts $4.50
$12.50 Skirts $6.25
$15.00 Skirts $7.50
$17.00 Skirts $8.50
$20.00 Skirts $10.00
$25.00 Skirts $12.50

Drummer's Shoe Samples

Ladies' canvas Oxfords, white and tan shades; regularly sold for $2.50, special.....$1.39

Ladies' vici kid, welt soles; regular $3.50 values, special $1.50

Genuine Heatherbloom Petticoats; regular $3.50 values, Sample Sale price.....$1.95

Broken line Corsets, not every size, to clean up we will place on sale Monday 167 pairs worth from $1 to $2.50; long and short hip, with and without supporters; at.....39¢

Lace Curtains at phenomenal prices:

$1.00 Curtains, Sample Sale price.....59¢
$1.50 Curtains, Sample Sale price.....75¢
$2.00 Curtains, Sample Sale price.....$1.00
$2.50 Curtains, Sample Sale price.....$1.25

Bed Spreads, $1.50 values, Sample Sale pr.85¢

48 damaged Comforts; regular $1.00 and $1.50; Sample Sale price.....45¢

36x45 Pillow Slips; regular 20c values, Sample Sale price .....10¢

Sheets, 72x90; regular 75c values, Sample Sale price .....50¢

Large huck Towels, 20c values, Sample Sale price .....9¢

Best imported Castile Soap; regular 10c cakes, 2 cakes for.....5¢

Carter's best Ink and Mucilage; regular 5c size, on sale.....1¢

Broken lines children's Underwear; regular 25c and 35c, Sample Sale price.....5¢

For the Men

$12 Suits, Sample Sale price.....$4.95
$15 Suits, Sample Sale price.....$6.85
$18 Suits, Sample Sale price.....$8.85

Pants

$2 and $2.50 values, Sample Sale price..$1.00
$3 values, Sample Sale price.....$1.50
$3.50 values, Sample Sale price.....$1.95

Hats

A fine showing of drummers' sample hats that usually sell for $3 and $3.50, all styles and shapes, special $1.19

Men's Shoes

Regular $3.50 and $4 Shoes, special.....$1.95
Regular $2.50 and $3 Shoes, special.....$1.45

Furnishing Goods

75c grade men's Underwear, summer weight, special .....33¢

25c fancy cotton Sox, special.....6¢

Men's Golf Shirts, 75c values, special.....35¢

Men's and boys' Suspenders, always sell for 50c, special .....19¢

Y. W. C. A. WILL MEET AT SEASIDE

Conference of Associations of the Northwest Arranged for June.

The northwest conference of the Young Women's Christian association meets earlier this year than usual—the dates being June 19-29. These dates are much more favorable for teachers and many student associations than the former September arrangements. The conference returns to Seaside house where it was so satisfactorily entertained last year, and Mr. Sargent is making every effort for the comfort of guests.

Two hundred delegates from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon are already planning to be present and it is expected that many more from the cities will decide to avail themselves of the splendid program.

Although the conference is under the management of the Y. W. C. A. all women interested in Christian work at home or abroad, are welcome at the sessions.

The women's arrangement, as last year, is under the able management of Miss Delta Watson, 792 Marshall street, and she will gladly give any additional information about expenses or accommodations.

Miss Emma Hays and Miss Harriet Reynolds come from New York, the former as executive leader and the latter as hostess of the conference. Miss Hays is one of the ablest of the national secretaries, and Miss Reynolds, sometimes called the most traveled woman in America, was for many years world secretary, and is now a member of the national board in New York city. She will be the recipient of many honors on the part of Portland people after the conference is over.

The program follows:

Friday evening, June 19—Address, Miss Emma Hays, "The Problem of the Association."

Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening the conference will be addressed by the Right Rev. Robert Padd[illegible], bishop of eastern Oregon.

Monday and Tuesday evenings D. H. K. Boothe of Berkeley, California, will give two addresses on "The Social Message of the Phophets."

Wednesday and Thursday evenings the platform is occupied by Dr. Francis J. Van Horn of Seattle.

Friday evening—Address, Miss Harriet Reynolds, "The Whole Message of the World's Y. W. C. A."

Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, June 27 and 28—The closing address of the conference, by Dr. Hiram K. Foulkes of Portland.

The morning sessions are devoted to study.

8:40 to 9:40, two Bible classes tonight—Rev. Raymond C. Brooks of Oakland, California, teaches the Old Testament. Miss Emily Soultemoyde of Seattle, teaches the New Testament class.

9:50 to 10:50, three mission study classes will be held—Rev. Paul Rader, "The Challenge of the City"; Rev. H. L. La Hommie, "The New Japan"; Miss Frances C. Gage, "The Unfinished Task."

The afternoons are given to recreation and athletics. Miss Lucile Halwich, physical director of the Tacoma association, has the department in charge.

Procession Day is the great gala day of the assembly, when each girl gowned in white, loudly displaying her association colors, forms in the long promenade. It is a charming sight, and even more delightful are the ingenious self introductions that each delegation offers in ryhme or song or feature presentation to the admiring audience. It is expected that 50 people will represent Portland this year.

DEALERS OPPOSE TAX AMENDMENT

Real Estate Men' Point to Conditions in Winnipeg on May Day.

Among the real estate dealers of Portland there is a strong sentiment against the adoption of the "single tax" principle in this state, which comes before the voters next Monday in the form of a proposed amendment to the constitution by an initiative bill and is number 323 on the official ballot.

J. O. Rountree of Whiting & Rountree calls attention to the condition prevailing in Manitoba, where the "single tax" law is in force, and which has been pointed to by the advocates of the measure as being immensely prosperous because of having adopted this system of taxation. Mr. Rountree quotes the Manitoba Free Press of Winnipeg, which says that in the May day parade in that city there were 5,000 unemployed men in the line of march, who were clamoring for work, and that there are fully 10,000 unemployed men in the city. In discussing the proposed amendment, Mr. Rountree had the following to say:

Manitoba Argument Fails.

"Actual experience is the most convincing and reliable of all arguments, hence when friends of the initiative bill which proposes to change the constitution of the state, whereby all machinery, livestock, manufactures of all kinds, etc., are exempt from taxation, stated with perfect assurance that Manitoba had been greatly benefited by such law and prosperity was prevalent there as never before, it was the strongest argument in its favor that could be made. But when the news came showing directly the opposite condition, the guns were turned against the proposition with equally great effectiveness.

"The Manitoba Free Press, published at Winnipeg, gives a full narration of the events of May 1. It says that for the first time in the history of the city a great demonstration was made by some 5,000 people. They marched from St. John's park to the city hall and thence assembled in crowds and were addressed by various speakers. Red banners with the inscription, 'We want work,' were carried.

"One speaker said: 'All we want is work; there are hundreds of us here who can get no work. Our wives and children are starving.'

Listen to Socialist.

"'J. D. Houston, Socialist candidate for Winnipeg, addressed two meetings and was given an excellent hearing. In an interview afterward Mr. Houston said that from an estimate formed by him and aided by his business as an employment agent he concluded that there were at least 10,000 unemployed in the city at present,' and their number constantly increasing. Looking at the situation calmly he could see little hope of change till the harvest season opened and gave them employment on the prairies. He also stated that a large number of the labor union people were out of employment and the prospect for employment was not at all rosy. With hundreds of houses going up in Portland and the situation growing better, who wishes to change to conditions in Manitoba?

"If every voter will be careful to vote 323-X No, all danger will disappear."

Tiresome.

From the Indianapolis News.

Why be downcast? At least you don't have any tire troubles with your lawn mower.

HALF MILLION HONORED DEAD

School Children Marched With Soldiers to All Chicago Cemeteries.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, May 30—Five hundred thousand persons today honored the naval and military heroes of the civil war in ceremonies held at every cemetery in Chicago.

Thousands of school children marched with the troops and sang the national airs, while flags fluttered from every vantage point and bands and bugle calls kept constantly in mind the importance of the day. Volleys were fired over the graves of those who died in the great struggle between the blue and the gray and a pathetic incident occurred when a plattoon of old chaps in faded blue insisted on firing a volley over the grave of a soldier who wore a gray coat at Appomattox and boasted of it to the day of his death.

Big Balloon Race.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, May 30.—Thirty balloonists started this afternoon from Hurlingham in what is considered the biggest and most important race ever held in England. The balloonists represented Great Britain and Switzerland.

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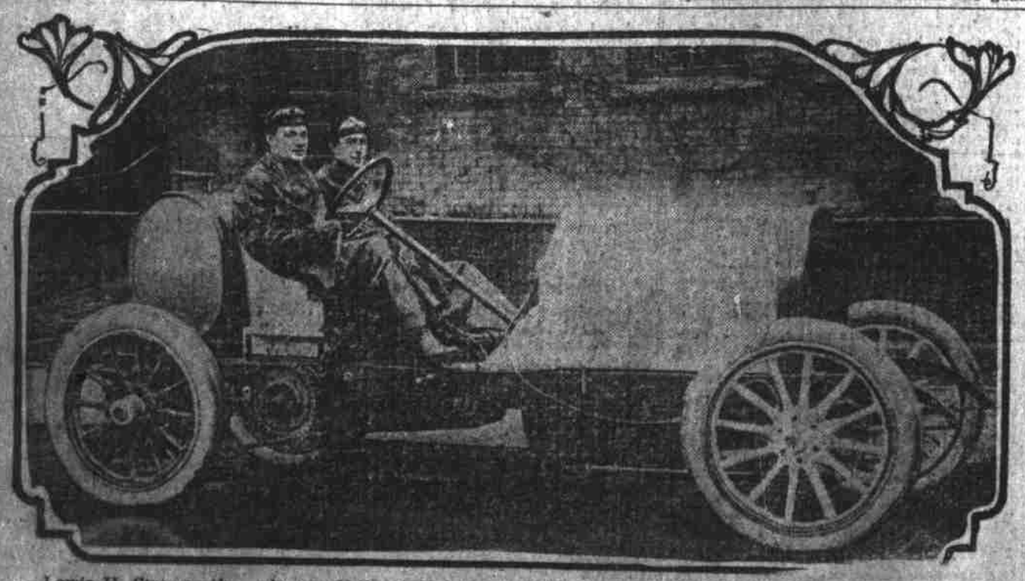

Lewis H. Strang, the winner off the Savannah and Briarcliff road races, with his mechanician, J. B. Marquise, are here shown in the Thomas Grand Prix car, the only American entry in the French Automobile Derby, which will be held over the Dieppe circuit, in France, on July 8.