

PORTLAND'S CHAMPION PEDESTRIAN AND HIS STUNTS IN WALKING



While the east is singing the praises of the Westons and the O'Learys Portland also reserves the right to strike up a tune, for this is the home of the pedestrian whose feats in the walking line though unheralded are nevertheless remarkable. Robert Connell is the name of the Rose City long distance and only his modesty has kept his record of the four years from the public, for during that time he has taken a score of summer jaunts that carried him from 50 to 1,000 miles.

Connell who has lived in Portland the greater part of his life, is a graduate of the Portland high school in the class of 1900. In recent years he has been employed indoors and elects to spend his vacations tramping over the country. He walks for very love of it and does his traveling afoot, shoulders his kit and starts on his chosen journey. Experience has taught him the proper diet, the necessary camp equipment, the right clothing and shoes and the best method of covering ground for these annual jaunts. He has never lost an ounce of weight and has never lost a pound of flesh, no matter how hard his feet or how fast the time he has made. Walking, as a sport, was taken up by Connell one summer, four years ago. One spring day he and a companion went hiking up on the Little Sandy on bicycles. His wheel broke down, necessitating a long "hike" home. He covered the 22 miles in a day without any undue exertion and liked it so much that he concluded to make a practice of it.

In all of his walks with one exception he has never tried for a record, electing to pursue his course leisurely, making an average of 30 miles a day on the trip.

He has made five round trips between Portland and Netarts Bay near Tillamook, the distance being 200 miles, both ways. Twice he has made round trips of 160 miles to The Dalles, and last year walked 500 miles from San Francisco to Bureka. Again he has walked 400 miles between Colorado, Colo., and Pueblo, Colo., and once he walked from Minneapolis to Duluth, a distance of 500 miles.

Two years ago he hung up his best time, completing the distance between Tacoma and Portland, 144 miles, in three days and two nights, making eight hours at night and the rest of the time was consumed in walking. He averaged 40 miles a day on this jaunt. Another time, two years ago, he walked from Hood River in one short day, the distance being 68 miles.

His short career took place this spring, in fact he is just home from his 1,008 mile jaunt from San Francisco to Seattle.



Connell began the long trip at Oakland, Me., across the bay from San Francisco, at 11:30 o'clock, May 8, and reached the postoffice in Seattle at 10 o'clock on the morning of June 16. He laid over four days in Portland and several days were consumed visiting points along the road. About 34 days he actually walked, in the record, and in this is counted the time consumed in fishing and eating.

An average of 30 miles a day was kept up on the trip. The pedestrian often walked as high as 35 miles and seldom less than 25 miles.

Several stirring adventures have befallen the Portland boy but he has never carried a firearm on any of his trips. He says that a rifle is too heavy to pack and that a revolver would do little damage to a bear as that is all he would carry it for. Once in the redwood forest of northern California a panther came dangerously near Connell who was sleeping in the hollow of a dead tree and saw two balls of fire, the panther's eyes, within five feet of him. He remained motionless and shortly the animal cantered away.

One night he slept in an irrigating ditch on his 1,000-mile jaunt and came within an ace of being gored by a vicious bull. The animal pawed up half a acre of ground above him but made no move to charge into the deep ditch. Connell was tied up in his sleeping bag and would have fared badly had the bull charged him. He was awakened by the sound of a gun and the hunter who molested them and they let him alone, he says.

Thirty-six hours without food was one of the hardships that confronted the walker. It occurred on his longest trip, too. Hungryman's canyon was one of the scenes he passed on his way south and to Riddle on the north he passed but one building—a sawmill. The scene located on his maps were either deserted for the time or abandoned entirely, and when he finally obtained nourishment he was pretty near exhausted.

Crawling into a culvert to escape rain nearly proved disastrous as a sent cloudburst on the mountain above sent for the first mile he reached Connell hit the stroke up to 34 and evaded matters. The itacans were soon going away.

When the bridge they were a length ahead of the Syracuse crew, Connell went away, passing the bridge and half a mile from the town of Portland, he crossed the course-buoy and was put out of the race. Syracuse spurred to the front, and Connell's and Connell's rowing, so a blanket would have covered them, fouled their oars and Syracuse walked away.



Shoes have been one of the drawbacks to his walking and he only recently solved the footwear problem. His old shoes with their heels caused pain in the muscles in the region of the shin bones. He had a pair specially made which cling close to the soles of his feet, of medium thickness and without the grain of any leather. These shoes are hob-nailed after the manner of a lumberjack's and are of great value for the security in crossing fallen logs.

His trousers are long, experience having taught that the limbs should be protected from the vicious dogs of the country-side. He wears a fatigue hat and corduroy hunting coat, in which he carries his provisions and fishing tackle. A flannel shirt, the complete outfit. At night he slumbers in a sleeping bag of comfortable proportion.

The maker of the complete outfit things the new beginner should study seriously," said Connell. "I have tried a great number of different kinds of foods and I found that the greatest nourishment comes from two simple articles, eggs and coarse oatmeal. During the 40 days of my last trip I subsisted on this diet almost wholly. I weighed 140 pounds when I left Oakland and tipped the scales the same figure when I reached Seattle.

"Sometimes I have eaten as many as eight eggs at a meal but usually I find three pieces of bread or wheat toast before eating. A pint of oatmeal mixed with either honey or milk is the other course. I can breakfast on this at 7 o'clock in the morning and don't care to eat again until 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon. On a meat diet I find myself hungry at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Connell resides in Woodlawn and is the manager of the east side branch of the Postal Telegraph company.

The official time for the four-oared race was: Pennsylvania, 10:57:4-5; Syracuse, 10:52:4-5; Columbia, 11:05; Cornell did not finish.

Not a breath of air was stirring over the water when the race for the trophy was started. The race for the trophy was started with the water under way. The Quakers were soon worsted and the itacans went away. Columbia, last away, then challenged Connell and Syracuse for the lead. Passing the mile, Columbia and Connell were nose and nose.

At the bridge Connell led by a length, Syracuse second by half a length, Columbia third, Wisconsin a bad fourth and the Quakers five lengths behind the leading eight. Connell, rowing easily, held her own and Syracuse's efforts to cut the lead down with a sprint failed.

Wisconsin was fighting hard for the show, but Columbia hung on gamely. Near the finish the itacans youngsters spurred and finished two lengths in the good. Syracuse won a pretty fight for second place from Columbia. Wisconsin was two lengths back and Pennsylvania a poor last.

The official time of the freshmen's race was: Cornell, 9:33:3-5; Syracuse, 9:33:3-5; Columbia, 9:33:3-5; Wisconsin, 9:55:1-6; Pennsylvania, 10:14.

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SYRACUSE'S EIGHT WIN VARSITY RACE

(United Press Special Wire) Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 17.—Hitting it up 33 strokes to the minute and rowing as though at the crack of the starter's pistol, Syracuse's eight won the varsity race here this evening after a heart-breaking race.

Columbia, trying desperately but failing to cut down her rival's lead, was half a length back and Cornell, third, Columbia third, Wisconsin fourth and Pennsylvania fifth. Itacans also had the four-oared varsity at their mercy and would have carried it away had they not run full into a raft used to anchor a course-marker and being put out of the race.

At it was, Syracuse, which at the time was a length and a half behind, a moment after the accident to the itacans boat, the two shells became badly tangled. Pennsylvania came out of the middle first, but the judges, disqualifying the offending boat and Columbia, finishing third, was given second place.

Cornell's crew was taken in a launch and race was finishing marker.

Race Was Nervy-Boating. Not in years has the Poughkeepsie regatta been productive of so thrilling a contest as today's. The first three of the varsity eight-oared race was so close that open water did not show but once between the contesting shells, and until the last few yards of the race the contest was an open one between Syracuse, Columbia and Cornell.

Table with 3 columns: EVENTS, ATHENS, 1896, PARIS, 1900. Lists various athletic events and winners.

WICKERSHAM WINS LADD TENNIS TROPHY

Humphreys and Plummer Capture Finals From Bellinger and Wickersham. By defeating Dan Bellinger three out of five sets in the Multnomah club tennis tournament which closed yesterday, Brandt Wickersham, the clever player, has become the permanent owner of the Ladd tennis trophy.

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This Day in Sport Annals. 1875—At London A. H. Bogardus won international pigeon shooting match, 100 birds, 20 yards; \$3,000. 1875—Brighton Beach race course at

FIVE TEAMS FURNISH CHAUTAUQUA SPORTS

Five baseball teams will furnish the athletic amusement at the Chautauqua meeting in Gladstone park from July 1 to July 18.

Following is the schedule: July 1, Gresham Glants vs. Lebanon Cubs; July 2, Oregon City Aces vs. Spantons; July 3, Mount Tabor Climbers vs. Gresham Glants; July 4, Lebanon Cubs vs. Spantons; July 5, Gresham Glants vs. Oregon City Aces; July 6, Lebanon Cubs vs. Spantons; July 7, Oregon City Aces vs. Gresham Glants; July 8, the two teams in the lead.

This season the New York Glants have played much better ball at home than on the road. Bernard was way off color yesterday and his errors helped in the final result.

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Americans who tour abroad are much divided in opinion as to whether it is better to prepare for the trip before starting from this country, or to gather up the odds and ends of the little accessories that go to make life comfortable when they arrive on the other side.

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