ATHLETIC NEWS

THE REGATTA A MARKED SUCCESS

Astoria Lines Up With Eastern Cities In These Popular Affairs.

Astoria's regatta has been successful. In fact regatta's are quite popular, all over the country just now. August 14 concluded the big regatta at Philadelphia which the Quakers claim was the greatest in the history of acquatic sports. It concluded the big regatta at Philadelphia, oarsmen capturing four of the championships.

Locally, it is somewhat to be deplored that we have no shells or barges for rowing and are compelled to bring outside talent to give us the whole entertainment, as regards that class of racing; but with the wholesome growth athletics and outdoor sports are experiencing here, Astoria promises before a great while to be one of the leading towns of the coast in that respect.

Picken, Lewis and Cooper can each generally be relied upon to capture the highest daily score once during the week, at least.

Yesterday a game was played between Messrs. Beveridge and Picken on one side, arrayed against the Portland masters of the art, T. Otto Burckhart and B. D. Sigler, both of the Multnomah club. The metropolitans started well and won the first game, but with nothing to spare, and in the second bout the Clatsop team tilted the score to the other side by the same margin. The final was easy for Astoria, the home team winning with considerable lead to their credit.

The highest daily individual scores for the week at the A. F. C. alleys, were as follows:

Monday—	
Cooper	54
Tuesday—	
Carmichael	59
Mrs. Stine	49
Wednesday—	
Lewis	54
Miss Lenomand	51
Thursday—	
Picken	50
Friday—	
Finlayson	55
Miss Grandes	46
Saturday—	
Picken	55

BOXING.

The Knickerbocker Club of San Francisco, has matched Elmer and Case. This is the same Case that put out Hill at the Louvre a few week ago. They will fight ten rounds the night of the Connolly-Zeigler mill. Elmer has stipulated to do 142 pounds, which is a low notch for him.

Case is looked upon as the coming man. A very good line can be drawn on him. He defeated Agnew while out of condition and Kelly barely won from Agnew while in prime ox. This should put Case above Everhardt and among the top notchers.—S. F. Chronicle.

Champion Bob Fitzsimmons has been challenged by Billy Madden in behalf of Billy's latest find, Gus Rublin of Akron, Ohio. The latter has done very little in the prize ring, and how he comes to issue a challenge to Lanky Bob is a mystery. The only engagement that Rublin has ever had of any prominence was his meeting with Big Jeffries of California, which was declared a draw.

Backers of Case have a notion that they have an embryo champion on their hands. They are talking about his ability to knock Lavigne silly, make a monkey of Everhardt and knock Eddie Connolly's skull into pieces. All these feats are very easily said, but Case's backers will find that executions are quite another thing. While unquestionably Case is a very clever man, they should go slow. Many a good man has been spoiled by rushing him too quickly to the front.

THE WHEEL.

Cooper, Bald, Loughead, Kiser and Sanger have been matched for a race on the Buffalo athletic field August 28th for a $1,000 purse. The race is to be run in mile heats, best two out of three.

Fred Loughead, the one-mile and quarter-mile League of American Wheelmen champion, will take up his residence in New York in the future. He has joined one of the local clubs in New York city and will ride under its colors.

Twenty mile-open races have been run at the first 20 days of racing given on the national circuit. Of this number Bald has won five, Cooper three, Gardiner two and Loughead two. Bald and Cooper ran a dead heat in one, Eaton, Newhouse, Kiser, Stevens, Major Taylor, Mertens and Anderson have credit for one each. Bald has taken second position five times and Kiser three times, and of the winners of first positions Cooper, Newhouse, Gardiner, Stevens and Mertens each have taken one second.

There has been exhibited at the warehouse of Hurlbut Brothers & Co., in New York city, a model of a new chainless wheel, invented by Francis W. Mallett. This wheel is a radical departure from any device yet shown of the chainless wheels, as it does away entirely with cogs, either direct or bevelled, and also with lever gears. The foot motion, which is connected with bevelled gear mechanism is entirely saved by Mr. Mallett's construction. The wheel is physically in appearance, the outlines are in perfect symmetry, and the whole wheel shows a fine finish. Mr. Mallett says that his wheel, aside from getting rid of objectionable features of the chain, presents, in the first place, a much sleeker appearance, does away entirely with the necessity of guards, is dust proof, and when once oiled need not be disturbed for months. Instead of as in the old machine, on which the wheel controls the pedals, the pedals absolutely controls the wheel. When the rider stops pedalling his wheel runs right along, and by a simple device of a button on his handlebar he can check his speed slowly or suddenly, as he may desire. When coasting the rider simply stops pedalling, his feet remaining on the pedals, or, if a brake is applied, he can go on pedalling if so desired. The mechanism consists principally of a spur wheel having two sets of teeth encased in hermetically sealed case, and two push-rods working back and forth in the lower rear forks, which are provided with ratchets on the rear end. These engage on a perfectly clear surface on the rear hub when pushed backward, but release themselves automatically when drawn forward. The whole mechanism of the wheel can be reached by the removal of a few screws. The wheel can be made narrow tread, because, the spur-wheel being in the center of the frame, the narrowness of tread is only governed by the size of the tire. Different sizes of gear are obtained by merely changing the size of the front spur-wheel. The turning of a screw in the casing of the rear spur-wheel takes up any wear in the parts, thus keeping the bicycle in perfect adjustment.

BASEBALL.

Van Haltren is playing hard ball for the Giants just at present. His sticking is first class.

Joe Corbett is the Rube of the Baltimore team. About everywhere he goes in the box victory is the result.

Pitcher Kitson of the Burlington club, the star twirler of the Western Association, has been sold to the Baltimore club for $1,000. He leaves at once for the monumental city.

And Cincinnati is still in second place, with the Orioles scrapping among themselves. If that gang of toughs from Baltimore could be hammered back into about sixth place, what a glorious thing it would be for the national game.—Washington Star.

Jim Corbett, the ex-champion pugilist, played in Richmond, Va., the other day. He was hit by a pitched ball, and he hit one of the players on the other side so hard that he nearly put him out. A dispatch says: "Corbett was hit a smart crack this afternoon by Pitcher Smith of the Richmond team while at the bat for Reading, the ball striking him in the side with a loud thump. He good naturedly took his base, grimly smiling. Later in the game he caught a thrown ball at first and, swinging around to put out Stuart, Richmond's captain, unwittingly struck him so hard that Stuart went to earth with a dull thud.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Mme. Tavary, the singer, is home again from England and declares she is still in the vocal ring.

Christine Nilsson is at Gothenberg, Sweden, for a few weeks. Jessie Shay is at Stockholm.

The valiant, dauntless Colonel Mapleson still talks of an opera company he intends to form for a tour. It is to be hoped less disastrous than last year. One can but wish the veteran impresario more luck than fate has bestowed upon him in recent years.

Sarah Bernhardt has instituted criminal proceedings for libel against La Presse and M. Schurmann, a French impresario, for having said that she retained 25 per cent. of the receipts at a performance given in aid of the fund for the erection of a monument to Alexander Dumas.

The California Music Festival Association will hold its second festival in San Francisco on November 9th and 10th. The Oratio societies of San Francisco, Oakland and several interior cities will render the "Elijah," and two miscellaneous programs. One of the prominent soloists expected is Mme. Genevra Johnstone-Bishop.

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For, where the quivering shadows dip
Luxuriant in the shady rest
And truant sunbeams lightly slip
'Mid sleepy shades so still and cool
Some creatures ravenous there be
Who, in their desperate cry
To snatch the insects which they see
In carelessness describing nigh
And so, as charity doth hint,

I long to take my rest and line
And fill my soul with sweet content
Over this most generous mood of mine
To lay as a true man should
A life with misery so fraught
And bring to pass right and good
That fish that's waiting to be caught.

MEANT WHAT HE SAID.

"What do you mean, sir, by saying that I know nothing about base ball?"

"You're an umpire, aren't you? And a professional umpire at that."—Detroit Free Press.

HIS SCHATCHEL.

"The chief end of man seems to be to get something for nothing," said the young man who was trying to coddle his best girl's father.

"Too true," mused the old gentleman, upon mature reflection; "you've struck it, my daughter and myself."—Detroit Free Press.

THE SIGNS.

Willie Yokeford—"I don't like the look of this country. A tomato can don't rust, father."

Cyrus Fallman—"There may be lots of kinds of it. I saw in the papers that a drink that several of the state pol'ticians had to work home lately."—Puck.

A Floating Fairyland

BY AN ASTORIAN CORRESPONDENT

New York, August 15.—This is emphatically a year for aquatic fêtes and the water party has become a feature of society, great and small. Perhaps it is too much to say that the fad is entirely new, but certainly it has not been practiced in its present form, which is to a great extent that of the water carnival. On pleasant evenings on the river and coves there are literally hundreds of craft that have been seen on the waters in and around New York for a long time. The idea is to form a party of any desired number, and instead of chartering a steamer large enough to take all the guests boats are secured all the way from the tiny rowboat up to the small-sized steamer or tug. Quite as often it is being as anything else, because the idea of having such a craft is to tow the entire number of boats. The tug, of course, leads the procession, and the smallest of the other craft concludes it.

The form of decoration varies with the taste of the people who have the event in charge. It also makes a great deal of difference as to whether or not the party is composed of persons possessing plenty of money. These water fetes can be made to cost as much or as little as it is desired. The decorations may be Chinese lanterns or electric lights, and either give a delightful effect at a short distance. Of course, the Chinese lanterns are the cheapest. Or, if one wants imitation electric lights, they can take ordinary chimneys colored, secure a wooden base at a very low cost and place inside the chimneys ordinary spermaceti candles.

No one who has not seen this combination of candle light and chimneys can imagine how charming the effect is. There is an excursion steamer which travels about New York daily that illuminates itself at night in just this way, and the chances are ten to one that persons who have never been aboard of her believe her to be a mass of colored electric lights. It is a great expense and a vast amount of trouble to have a procession of this sort, wired so as to have electric lights. Naturally the electricity cannot be supplied from any source, so it is necessary that each boat have a sufficient number of storage batteries to supply the necessary fluid. Anyone who has had to pay a bill relative to storage batteries knows what that means in the matter of expense.

The water fete idea first made its appearance in New York about two months ago. That is, its first appearance for a long time. About six years ago the idea was carried out to a slight extent by very wealthy people, but inasmuch as it took such a tremendous amount of time, trouble and expense, no one cared to continue it another season. This year, however, what with the boat races here and abroad, it became quite a fad to go upon the water, and naturally that led to efforts to introduce some novelty. The evolution of all this is the present water party, which is made like fairyland effect. As a rule the number of boats participating in an affair of this sort is limited to twelve, for that is all a tug can tow comfortably. Not that she lacks power to tow more, but she can tow this number in a way that will not disturb the party.

The boats vary, as stated, in size, but usually nothing smaller than a ship's helm boat is employed, and from that it ranges up to an eight-oared barge. Occasionally a steam or naptha launch is called into play, but this is rather unusual. There is still another kind of procession formed entirely of rowboats, the boats in a number of instances being propelled by oars in the hands of young women, who have displayed exceedingly skill in this athletic accomplishment. It must not be supposed that Wellesley, Cornell and Vassar have the only feminine boating crews. The Hudson river has half a dozen girls who have never rowed in shells, but who can make an ordinary eight-oared boat travel over the water at an exceedingly lively pace.

The Hudson river is a favorite resort of these athletic young women. About four crews are a full gather in their boats and start out. It is a charming sight to see the gaily decorated craft maneuvere as if responsive of human intellect. They will execute all kinds of evolutions and it is likely that it sets all the young men who pride themselves on their skill with the oars were to attempt to handle a boat with these young women, they would find the latter their superiors. There are more than 20 land clubs around New York city, and two of the crews composed of cooking girls feel themselves able to outrow the best of those two hundred.

It is however, the fad par excellence of the water fetes among girl. She was in her glory during the recent hot weather, for the number young man was only too glad to travel about with her on the river where it is cool and it was not too warm to sit close together. Almost any evening from now to a dozen of these water parties could be seen on the East, North and Harlem rivers, with boats all lighted up in a charming manner, the larger craft decorated with bunting, while occasionally from one of the larger boats would come the strains of a popular air.

The boats were never so brilliantly lighted as to prove an annoyance to the occupants and they would drift about the river or be towed, as fancy dictated, from about 7 till 11:30 p. m. Occasionally a party would think 11:30 a trifle early to leave so delightful a location and return to the hot flats and noises in the city, and it is reported that one party forgot altogether when time it was until the fiery breach of Old Sol streaked the horizon.

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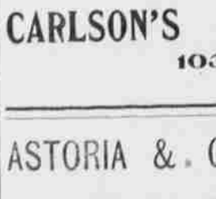

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