TURF EXPRESSIONS OF THE COMING RACING SEASONS.

NEXT FRIDAY MARKS OPENING OF LOCAL RACING SEASON.

Kinloch and the Union Jockey Club Scheduled to Start on That Date, With Each Offering Attractive Cards—General News and Items of the Horses Throughout the Western Country.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

Next Friday will witness the opening of the local racing season, two tracks being scheduled to start on that day. Kinloch will usher in its season with the Inaugural Handicap as its opening feature, while the Union Jockey Club has a special handicap to mark the first day of its career.

Interest in the game seems to be livlier this season than for several seasons past. Conflict between the local tracks seems to have aroused this feeling for the game. With two tracks running and each offering good attractions, it will be a test of popularity with the racing public which draws the greatest crowds.

The Union Jockey Club's meeting is scheduled to run for ninety days—and then to continue for a longer period if the legal advisers of the track decide that this is practicable. Judge Rassieur has already expressed the belief that this can be done and is looking into the matter in detail.

If the crowds attracted by the World's Fair develop a tendency to take in the races as a side issue, it well may happen that all the tracks will make money. In fact, if the visiting element gives even moderate patronage to the local courses there should be enough money in the game for the conflicting courses to run independently and profitably.

The race-going population of St. Louis is large and it may alone be able to support two race tracks. St. Louis once saw a time when three tracks were running simultaneously and all making money—but two of these, the East St. Louis and South Side track, were small affairs, with light running expenses, while the Fair Grounds did not profit so largely as it did in later years when competition was removed.

In Chicago, the fair visitors paid more attention to the fair than to outside amusements. The Chicago courses, however, were not so accessible as the local tracks, and the present case may be entirely different. It is extremely probable that experience will show there is money enough for all in the game the coming summer.

At each track a good programme is arranged. And chances are for a lively season after the gates go up on the initial races next Friday afternoon.

Barney Schreiber's get of imported Sain, the premier stallion at Woodlands Farm, and one of the best thoroughbred sires in the country, not barring any in the Blue Grass country, are showing in good form at the Memphis meeting, and when the full strength of his Sain horses is developed this season it is likely that the owners of the most powerful stables in the West will have a lot of respect for Schreiber.

Deutschland, after a winter's rest, is evidently getting back into his best form. This horse was highly tried as a 2-year-old. At Little Rock last spring he suffered from the epidemic of distemper that went through Schrieber's stable. He ran a game race at Memphis a few days ago when he defeated Skilful, Scorpio and Foxy Kane in good time for the slow track. This horse may prove to be one of the champion sprinters of the West this season.

The Schrieber stable connections thought they had the Ardelle Stakes at Montgomery Park as good as won with their shapely black filly by Sain—Estelle, Amellana. The filly had won two fast races at Hot Springs with her weight up, beating big fields easily and in fast time. So well did they think of her that in answer to an offer from Abe Frank Schrieber wired back from Frisco that he would take $9,000 for Amellana, stating that the filly was worth that much to him for breeding purposes. Amellana was off a bit badly in the Ardelle Stakes and it is a certainty she will improve upon her running in that even before the season is over.

P. Civil, who last year raced in the East, will this season campaign exclusively at St. Louis. Civil is not only a good horseman, but a shrewd manager. He has about fifteen in his lot, among them Fay Templeton, Sambo, Irish Jewel, Caithness, Chancy and Pretention. It is the best stable he has ever owned. Jockey Crawford will do his riding.

Schrieber has wired that he will be at Memphis next week, when it is expected that he will draw in and lay the odds in the ring for the remainder of the meeting. Jockey Buchanan, who has been exercising horses for a month or more, was under contract to him for six months dating from March 15 in the event that he gets a license from the Western Jockey Club.

Buchanan is in better physical condition than he has been at any time in the last two or three years. He is as hard as nails and can do now 102 pounds without reducing. His application was rejected last Monday, however.

John W. Schorr will race his second string, under charge of Trainer Tauber, at St. Louis throughout the season. The present intention is to ship the main string in charge of Trainer Hawkins to Kansas City, and from there to Chicago, although circumstances may cause a shift in plans and the entire lot may be brought together in this city, after the Kansas City meeting.

Schorr's handicap horse, Injunction, regarded here as the best handicap performer in the West, will receive a special preparation for the World's Fair Handicap, and if he goes on well will be a certain starter in that event.

It is generally conceded that in Conjurer Captain S. S. Brown has one of the best 3-year-olds in the West. This big, heavy-muscled colt, will not be at his best, however, for a couple of months yet. After filling his engagement in the Kentucky Derby, Tucker will take him East. Captain Brown's other high-class 3-year-olds, Proceeds and Auditor, will probably be raced exclusively in the West. This pair will keep the other Western 3-year-olds busy beating them.

Captain Brown's stable will be shipped from Memphis to Louisville for the meeting there, after which Tucker will select as much as he wants to take East with him. When Tucker reaches New York, Paterson, who is now in charge of the Eastern string, will bring back a contingent and join the lot left at Louisville. Paterson will handle this string in the West for Captain Brown.

Audience, the crack 2-year-old filly of the stable, an Oaks candidate, is going on well.

The preparation of Dick Welles for the greatest campaign of his life has been begun. He wintered and still is at the farm of his owner at Woodlawn, O., and for the last fortnight has been getting good and strong jogging on the large inclosed track.

The great races for which Rome Respess will point him, and which it is his ambition to win, are the World's Fair handicap in the West and the Brighton in the East. Resness, with excellent reason, is thoroughly enthusiastic over the horse and his prospects, and means that he shall try to have a shy at the largest game in the land, says the Cincinnati correspondent of the New York Telegraph.

To see Dick Welles one must be accompanied by his owner, but this, instead of being a handicap, is distinctly pleasurable, because it does one good to find an owner so entirely bound up in a horse. He can talk of nothing else on the farm, and is ever ready with his answer when the question arises as to the ability of the champion miler to go a route with such horses as he will meet at St. Louis and at Brighton—particularly in the latter, where he is sure to hitch up with Waterboy, McChesney, Hermis and the pick of the 4 and 5-year-olds.

"He always has done everything asked of him," and the owner patted his mate. "What more does any person want? When he won at five furlongs, people asked if he could go six. When he went six, they wanted to know if he could go seven. When he won at seven, they wondered if he could negotiate the mile. When he won at a mile and smashed records, they professed to doubt he could go a mile and a furlong. When he won at that distance, they still appeared to wonder, and now they are asking if he can go a mile and a quarter. I do. People who don't are entitled to their opinion. I never quarrel with anybody about his opinion, but I've got my own, good and hard, haven't I, Dick?" and the owner patted his champion affectionately.

"What do you consider the best showing he ever made on the turf?"

"On that I guess I differ with most folks," was the reply. "They who saw him beat Runnels after being left at the post at Chicago insist that was his greatest performance. I really do not. I think the best effort was at Latonia last fall when he ran a mile in 1:38 flat. The track was not as fast as it ordinarily is, and I personally know Dick could have been better than he was that day. However, I believe in letting deeds tell, and Dick can run fast enough and far enough for me."

The horse could not, physically, look better, nor could there be one with more gentle manners. Naturally, he is the pet of the stable, and has taken to tricks in a way not common to the thoroughbred, all of which goes to prove that at no time in his training career has he been overdone. If he had his temper would have shown it, and he would not have avergions.

A. BELLEW'S THE MESSENGER,
Well-known performer, which has often appeared on the local tracks and is now stabled at the Union Jockey Club.

GENERAL SHOOTING NOTES.

Live-Bird Match Set for DuPont Park This Afternoon—Sporting Items.

Alec Mermod has scheduled a live-bird sweepstakes at twenty-five pigeons for Du Pont Park this afternoon, and several target events will also be placed on the card. Talk of a three-cornered match at live birds is also current.

Preparations are now under way for the installation of the "tent city," which will be installed at Du Pont Park this summer for the benefit of the contestants in the Missouri State shoot. It is planned to erect twenty tents, each with a capacity of two guests, and to have one central tent as a dining-room, which can also be used, in case of emergency, as night quarters for visitors.

Trap shooting was taken up with considerable interest last Sunday, when two match events and a sweepstakes were shot. Cabanne and O'Neil won the matches, while Mermod finished first in the handicap.

Charley Scudder is about the sole member of the local shooting brigade who was reported as out on a trip last week. With the close of duck shooting, the hunters seem to have passed up the game for the spring, to a great extent. Scudder took a short trip to Darden, snipe hunting.

Arrangements are now pending for the spring and summer contests of the American Gun Club. This body probably will confine itself altogether to target events as it has done in the past. The membership is said to be even larger than last season.

The usual long-range shooting is scheduled for the Bobringville range to-day, and several well-known marksmen have expressed their intention of competing in case of pleasant weather. For nine consecutive Sundays the weather was unsuitable for the sport, the days being either too dark, too rainy or too windy. Even last Sunday, which was bright enough, was accompanied by a high wind which affected the scoring.

Captain Creecy, Doctor Kessler, Frank Kurka and other well-known marksmen are among the "regulars" at this branch of sport.

Police revolver work has closed for the year. To insure this closing being complete, several stations have had informal signs posted on the walls: "Shooting talk positively prohibited."

Although the open season for salmon commenced April 1 in Maine, the sport has been unsatisfactory to date. Sebago Lake, one of the chief waters where the fish abound early in the year, is covered with fifteen inches of ice and the tributary streams are so badly obstructed that it is doubtful if the usual salmon runs will proceed up so far as the lake.

The lake itself is nine feet lower than usual and all contributes to prospects for an unprofitable season in that part of the State, so far as the fishermen are concerned.

Charles F. Bruer and Jack Cornelius took a trip to Glencoe recently, in the hope of finding some fishing or some shooting of small game, but were disappointed in each regard. Both state that there is the greatest need for some protective associations throughout the neighborhood, as the small game and fish seems to be pretty well cleaned out.

"There is plenty of wild territory adjacent to Glencoe," said Cornelius, "and there is abundant opportunity for game to increase if it was left alone except in the hunting season. The neighborhood seems to be close enough to the city to draw a crowd of alleged hunters out each Sunday, with the result that furred and feathered game is getting scarcer and scarcer.

"Some of the best shooting I have had in this neighborhood was actually close to the city, in St. Louis County. Few city hunters stop off so close to home. As a result, the quail are reasonably plentiful in season. I hear that game is really abundant on many of the St. Louis County farms in the winter.

"I believe this State would be one of the best hunting regions in the entire country within its doors, if proper protection was afforded the game. The State has enough rolling lands, lightly timbered, to make ideal retreats for quail. If some good organization once can secure suitable legislation, we will have the best hunting grounds in the West in a few years—regardless of the fact that game and even song birds are being slaughtered by the wholesale, in and out of season, under present conditions."

SHARP RISE IN PRICE OF DIAMONDS EXPECTED.

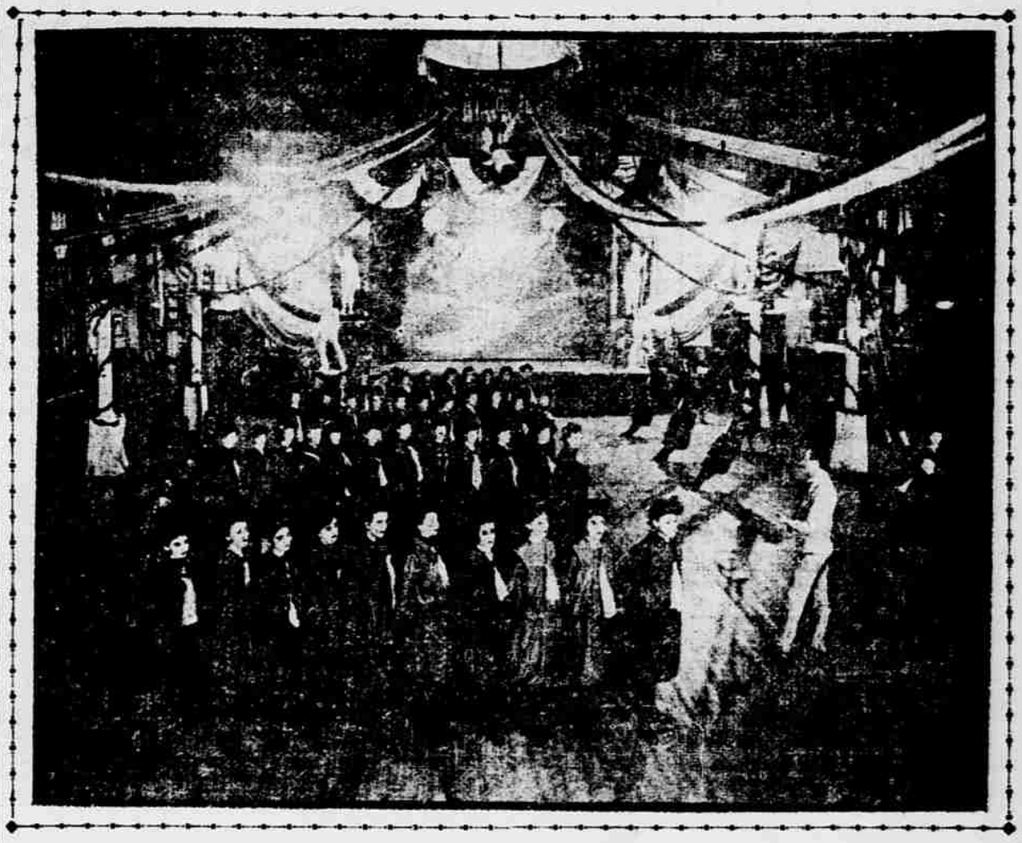
SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Paris, April 9.—(Copyright, 1904.)—There is consternation in the boudoirs of Belgravia, for the jewelers says that before long there will be a sharp, sudden rise in the price of diamonds, owing to various causes.

When the rise will take place depends, first of all, on the duration of the strike of the diamond-cutters of Amsterdam, where all the world's precious stones are cut and polished. Then there is the fact that the DeBeers Company has decided to advance the price of all grades of diamonds 5 per cent, this to go into effect immediately, it being the fourth advance during the last year.

As the DeBeers Company controls something like 80 per cent of the world's output of diamonds, and as they are restricting the supply, it follows that the prices made by jewelers must go up very considerably.

WEST ST. LOUIS TURNERS AT CLASS WORK.



LADIES' CLASS OF THE WEST ST. LOUIS TURNVEREIN, WHICH WILL COMPETE IN THE TURNER'S EXHIBITION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

ACTIVE CLASS OF THE WEST ST. LOUIS TURNVEREIN, WHICH WILL COMPETE IN THE TURNER'S EXHIBITION AND OLYMPIC GAMES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

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At this season of the year the blood is most apt to break down because of the extra efforts made to throw off the winter's accumulation of poisons, and if weak at the beginning it soon gives out and the system collapses. Nearly everybody needs a good blood purifier and tonic now to help out the blood and aid in cleansing the circulation of all obstructions, and as soon as this is accomplished and the system is receiving a supply of rich nutritious blood, color returns to the skin, the nerves are again tingling with health, the appetite increases—and that completely fagged-out feeling disappears. S. S. S. contains both purifying and tonic properties, making it the ideal remedy in such cases, and being a strictly vegetable medicine doesn't shock the system or derange the stomach and digestion like Potash, Arsenic and other strong mineral compounds. **S. S. S. for the Blood** is known everywhere as the greatest of all blood purifiers and tonics, and for years has been used for diseases due to an impure or weakened condition of the blood. Under its tonic effects the general health rapidly recuperates, and nothing helps the appetite and promotes digestion like S. S. S. Keep the blood, the fountain source of health and life, free of impurities and in a vigorous and strong condition, and you will never experience that completely fagged-out, nervous state so common at this time of the year. If you would like medical advice or other information, write us and your letter shall have prompt attention from our physicians. Book on the blood and its diseases mailed free.

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HEALTH RUN DOWN, NO APPETITE AND ALWAYS TIRED.

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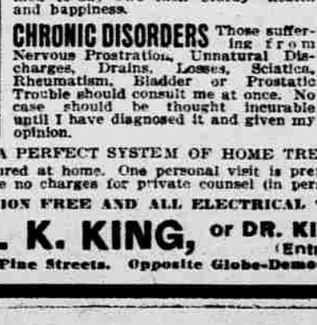

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