

GENERAL RESUME OF LEADING SPORTING EVENTS OF THE YEAR JUST CLOSING

The past year is reported to have been a record-breaker for the resorts and athletic games and sports, both financially and for the general patronage by the public. It seems that any clear athletic sport or amusement, whether it be amateur or professional, is what the people demand. There is probably no other State in the Union that can boast as much as Utah of her people turning out for some big game or a society gathering at any one of the many popular resorts.

The leading athletic amusement of the past season was bicycle racing. Over \$30,000 was taken in for admission to the bicycle track, the events being held on Tuesday, Friday, and holiday evenings on the Salt Palace saucer track. Of this large amount, more than \$19,000 was given to the riders for prizes, salaries and bonus money, and the balance went to the management, out of which all other expenses had to be paid. No matter when the races were given, all the seats were invariably sold out and standing room had to be sold in the arena to accommodate the overflow. All the best riders in the world were imported by J. M. Chapman for the races and under his management the track last year broke all previous records in attendance and the amount of money taken in at the gate. It is being reported that Chapman will manage the track again this season.

Baseball was a dismal failure as far as attendance went. John Dubei kept the Salt Lake team going throughout the summer, and at one time had the strongest team in the State; but as no salaries were guaranteed, the players' interest was lost and some of the best men left and toward the fall of the year the team went to pieces. The Utah teams played independent ball, to which the people did not take. Ogden organized a strong team and defeated the locals in a series of brilliant games, but even those did not seem to attract the attention of the public. The League baseball is a winner here, and it is the opinion of the fans that if Salt Lake could secure a position in the Northwestern or Pacific Coast League, her success as a baseball town would be assured. The prospect for the coming season for baseball is not very bright.

Rocky Mountain Championship. The attendance at football games broke all previous records. The university team of the intermountain championship, losing but one game in the season, was the champion. Coach Joe Maddock had his men drilled to perfection and at the close of the season there was not a man of the team reported to have been injured in any way of any consequence in the many rough games played. The weather for the games was ideal, and for the first time in the history of the university the athletic department paid for itself and had a little money left in the treasury, after paying all bills, to commence work on next season. The Ogden high school won the high school championship and was considered by experts to be one of the best teams in the West for its weight.

Horse racing paid for the first time in several seasons. There were more horses imported and placed in training than heretofore and several State records were tied and lowered during the year. The week's meeting at the Utah State fair during the month of October broke all previous records in attendance. Lester D. Freed had charge of the sport programme and many of the horsemen shook their heads when he was placed in charge. Freed took the matter in hand as any other business proposition and made a grand success. During the last three days of the meet the many thousands of people in attendance could not be accommodated at the track. The grandstands were filled and the half-mile track was surrounded by interested spectators from two to ten deep. The racing was the best ever witnessed on a local track and Hal Brown was praised by all the horsemen for his efficient work at the judges' stand. The meeting was such a grand success that immediately after the close of the fair, its directors took up the proposition of building a mile track in place of the half-mile course for prospective races next October.

McGurrin a Champion. Golf and tennis were among the leading amateur sports. E. E. McGurrin won the State golf championship last November, making three consecutive years that he has won the title. There was a great deal of interest in the local links, and whenever the weather permitted many players could be seen making the rounds. Several cup tournaments, for ladies and gentlemen, were held during the summer months, and a great deal of rivalry was worked up among the members of the Country Club.

Samuel Neel won the intermountain tennis championship at the country club courts. Players from all over the West attended the meeting, which was reported the most successful ever held here in the interest of the racket. O. J. Salisbury, the former State champion, was defeated by Neel.

The Salt Lake and Ogden Gun clubs had successful seasons and several match shoots were held, which resulted in honors being divided. At one time there was some talk of manufacturing bluecocks, as under the present conditions the railroad companies charge more to ship in the targets than they cost at the factory, and a carload cannot be laid down here under \$500. The trap season will commence after the duck season and all the shooters in Utah will go to the targets in the interstate shoot between Utah and Idaho, which is scheduled to take place in this city sometime during the spring.

The Utah Kennel club was organized a year ago and promoted its initial dog show during the month of last March. It was a great success, and after paying nearly \$2000 for expenses in conducting the show, the organization had a surplus left.

Association Success. Through the agitation of the Utah State Fish and Game Protective association for a dollar license to fish and hunt in the State of Utah, an elephant was taken from the shoulders of the State. Heretofore, the Legislature had to provide from the public fund sufficient money to keep up this department. It could not well afford to do this, it being especially argued that the poor man was paying to protect the fish and game for the rich man. Un-

der the present law, all the expenses of the fish and game department have been paid by those who fish and shoot, and there is a balance left in the treasury of over \$16,000. The sportsmen hope that during the next Legislature the present game law may be greatly improved upon. It was the intention of the Legislature to prohibit the sale of ducks in the market, but during the entire year several firms have had several hundreds of ducks in their possession at one time, but Fish and Game Commissioner Cronar took no steps to prosecute. One of the dealers got an opinion from their Chicago attorneys, who stated that the law was faulty, being class legislation, still the local judges might interpret the law as was intended and secure convictions, but up to the present time no test case has come up, as none of the game wardens would take a chance in making arrests. Thus, a man who was caught killing more than twenty-five ducks could be arrested, but according to the commissioner he could go out to the clubs and buy a thousand ducks without being prosecuted. The "pothunters" could not desire a more favorable law, moderate the overflow. All the best riders in the world were imported by Jones or Brown as they wished, providing a game warden have in sight. The average sportsman argues that the wild duck is public property and no man should be allowed to take up Government land without paying for it and selling it to his neighbor. Game birds and fish are becoming scarce every year, and many protests are pouring in to Congress requesting a remedy. A great many people are proposing a Federal law for the protection of fish and game. The Utah State Fish and Game Protective association will make a fight for better laws at the next meeting of the State Legislature.

Courting Not Successful. The Rocky Mountain curling club gave its initial meet last October at the State fair grounds. The meet was a grand success, except financially, and cost the club about \$2500 in excess of all revenue collected. The people did not seem to take to the sport. All the best greyhounds in America were here for the meetings.

Roller skating has become a craze and all the rinks are crowded with enthusiasts from morning until late at night. Features in fancy skating and racing are scheduled for the winter months at the Auditorium and Princess rinks.

The resort season was a record-breaker. Saltair, which probably had by far the largest attendance, broke

all previous records. The coming back of the water under the pavilion made bathing a feature and a pleasure, and there was a warm day during the summer months that several thousand people could not be seen in the salt brine. A great many new amusement attractions were added and it was one of the most popular resorts in the State.

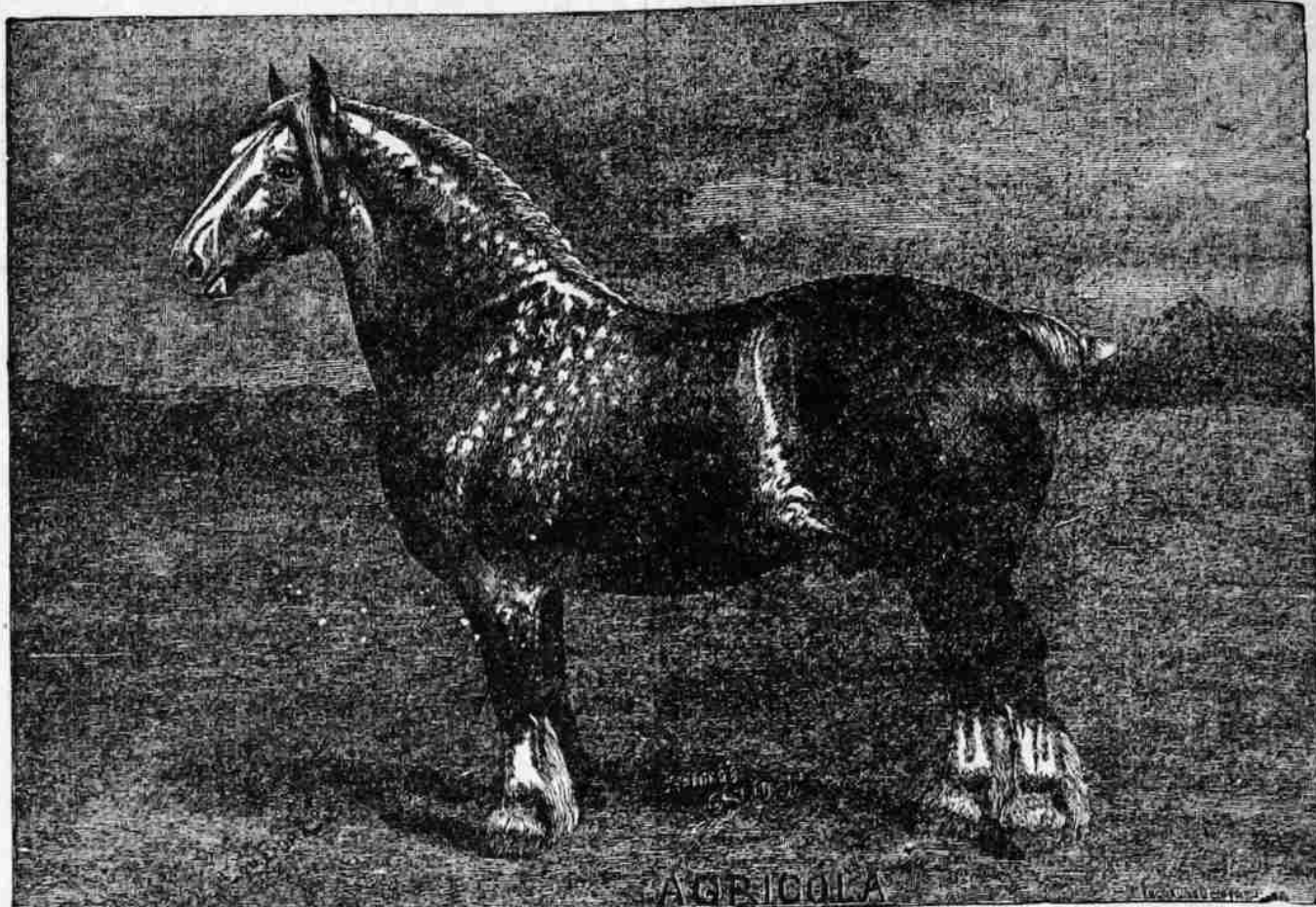
Lagoon, which is a garden of lawns and flowers, has become a favorite family resort and well-patronized by the public and by people from and out of the city. An innovation is being made at this resort for the coming season. Manager Bergerman is putting in fresh water bathing, and one of the large lakes at the resort will be transformed into a swimming pool. It is the purpose of the management to promote amateur swimming contests during the coming season for the State championships. Many other amusement features are also to be added to the resort the coming season.

CHAIRMAN KELSEY ISSUES BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Bulletin No. 14 for 1907, just issued by Chairman Kelsey of the board of control, National Cycling association, will probably be the last for the year. The total registration in the various classes is rather impressive, showing as it does an extraordinary increase for the year just ending, with riding men registered from nearly every section of the United States. The totals are: Amateurs, road racing only, 202; amateurs, both track and road, 91; professionals, 55; and trainers, 11. The names given in the last bulletin are: Amateurs, road racing only, N. Stanley, F. W. Harris, C. B. Yancy and E. Berg, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. Misdiner, William Schneyer, T. J. Murphy and Michael Shulman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Kirkbride, William Bennett, L. Michaels, Dan Smith, Richard Langlan, George Gunser and Fred Huron, New York City; Thomas W. Baker, William Leiberger, William A. Reese, A. E. Bennett and Charles O. Reville, Baltimore, Md.; A. Morrison, William H. Martell, A. F. Bennett and Leo Schlimme, Sparrow's Point, Md.; W. Rush, Fred Welsh and W. Oliver, Grange, Md.

Amateurs, both track and road—E. L. Morgan, Worcester, Mass.; Norman Adler,

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