Sporting News

All the News All the Time

SPEED IN TRACK AND FIELD SPORTS IN ECLIPSE

Weights and Jumps the Events Which Produced Winners in Great College Meet Last Saturday.

Boston, May 29—Time was, in intercollegiate track and field sports, when speed was the paramount quality; but after the third victory in a row scored by California at Philadelphia, Saturday, power, brawn and strength have become the important factors. Some will say that such should not be the case; that the field events should be cut down, but when all is said and done, Coach Walter Christie of California has beaten the Eastern coaches in the development of men who can stand up in the javelin, the shot, running high jump and pole vault. To be sure, the javelin and discus events are comparatively new to the intercollegiate program, but nevertheless no credit is to be taken away from the accomplishment of the Californians. The latter left Philadelphia Saturday night for Pullman, Or., where they are to compete in the Pacific Coast Conference meet this week-end. In this meet each college is limited to teams of 12 men.

New Blood

A review of the Intercollegiate games shows that new blood is flowing to the front. Lever, who won the short sprint in 9 4-5 seconds, however, cannot be considered in the light of a youngster for he tried for the American Olympic team in 1920 though it was not until his last year that he was able to win an Intercollegiate event. Clarke of Johns Hopkins, Bowman of Syracuse, Lovejoy of Cornell, Hill of Pennsylvania and LeConey of Lafayette are men who have come to the front since the last Olympic games.

In speaking of the work of these men, and the 100-yard dash, many of the coaches wondered why Lever, who went over the line and caused the starter, Johnny McHugh of New York to call up the men in the final, was not penalized. McKim, the Princeton sprinter, the day before, was caught flatfooted in his trial, but it was his own fault that he did not get away well, notwithstanding that the sprinter next to him was faltering at the start.

DUNDEE HOT AFTER KILBANE

The bout between Johnny Dundee and Jack Bernstein in New York tonight should develop a strong contender for Johnny Kilbane's championship. Dnudee has been chasing the featherweight title holder for a number of years, trying to corner him in a contest for a decision.

The wisest habit is the habit of care in the formation of habits.

ROY GRATTAN AND COL. BIDWELL WILL CLASH TODAY IN MATINEE EVENT AT COMBINATION PARK

Dress Rehearsal for Harness Racing Horses Which Have Been Training in New England —Circuit Racing in States Will be Going This Week.

Boston, May 29—The racing clans will gather at Combination Park the afternoon of the holiday for a dress rehersal of some of the Bay State Circuit stake candidates which open their long campaign in two weeks.

The Wednesday racing at Medford is being put on by the Combination Driving Club which offers carts, harness and blankets as prizes with the hope of getting about as interesting racing as was seen a year ago for the equipment premiums which for the real thrills was not surpassed the entire season. In fact Allan Wilson's drive in one of the races was the feature of 1922 on local tracks. There will be no tearing of the fast record horses open from wire to wire, be on high. In the regular matinee events and the slower classes it will be a case of knock down and drag out from the word.

Gerow In It.

Colonel Bidwell 2.03½ and Anoakia, 2.06½ from the stable of Joe Johnson. will be seen in the fast pace with Roy Grattan 2.01¾ which Monte Gerow trains for the Caribou Driving Club and who plans to make this the last fast work for Grattan before returning to Aroostook County. It may be that Johnson will start Peter Kennedy who worked right at 2.10 last week very comfortably The fast trotting class will have Mr. Hoover, Miss Etaawah, Red Russel and Jimmie Forbes and they will furnish a line on just where the Medford trained trotters have progressed in their preparation.

There are five other events on the card, in which Silk Leader, Dewey the Great, Peter Ibbetson, Russell Hill, Felix Aquilin, James Abert, Lee Barrington, Peter Caly, Bonnie Gift, The Lizzard, The Southern Lady, Alice Thomas, Guy Hall, Winifred Pointer, Putnuam Girl, Jim S. and Northern King have been nafed. The regular campaign for the Ohio Circuit horses opens this week in President Harding's home town. All ready for the first bell tap are several Grand Circuit hopefuls.

Horses Well Along.

While the Spring here in the East has been more favorable for training than in fost sections of the country the horses are all well along in their work, if the miles which are reported from the schooling grounds are any indication. The most sensational workout aside from the matinee exhibition in 2.06¾ at Memphis by Sanardo over the Tri-State Fair double O, is the 2.09½ by the heavily staked pacing three-year old Chesley H. over the half-mile track at Louisville.

The son of Silver Axworthy looms as a worthy competitor of the Brockton entry. Anna Bradford's Girl, which showed owner Fred Fields 2.11¼ last week at Lexington Ky, and Brook Volo the Detroit owned colt being trained by Charley Valentine at Columbus where he pleases the experts in his work.

Sep Palin has been in 2.12 over the Indianapolis double O' with a slow class Peter pacer he is getting ready for the first weeks of the campaign.

Here at home Joe Johnson let Peter Kennedy go as he wished the other day and set a new May training record for Combination 2.10½. The Maine gelding was well within himself and at this stage looked up to making good in the manner expected of him a year ago when Joe had hopes of sweeping the Bay State Circuit as he had in 1921 with Colonel Bidwell.

Fastest Trot.

The mile by a trotter is the 2.10 of Periscope which is several seconds faster than either Cox, Murphy, with their free-for all candidates.

Ben White however has been moving his two years old along at a lively clip and last Wednesday gave time records of 2.12½ nd 2.12¾ to two of his brother Herbelyn, 2.05¾ by Guy Axworthy, 2.08¾ and Etta Smith the halfsister to Lee Worthy 2.03½ by Etawah, 2.03.

Fred Field's two-year-olds, Bingie Bingie Worthy by Guy Axworthy and Delagoas Axvolo by Axvolo White, marked in 2.19 and 2.15. Tupil Frisco tabbed in 2.15¼ while John Dodge gave a record of 2.16¼ to a two year old of his own breeding, Hollyrood Tarlton by Hollyrood Bob 2.04¾ out of the great brood mare Miss Fanny Summers.

At Brockton.

Secretary Ralph T. Millet announces another record entry at Brockton, the nine $3000 early closing events drawing an average of 28 horses to a class. The free for all has Single G., Margaret Dillon, Colonel Bidwell, Verlie Patchen, Henry Direct, Peter Kennedy, Walter K., Mary O'Conner, Jackson Grattan and Jimmie McKerron. The 2.24 trot has 51 entries the 2.17 pace 44, the 2.16 trot, 2 year old, 3 years old trot and 2.12 pace 28 each; the 2.14 trot and 2.19 trot 23 each and 2.11 trot 19.

COL. BIDWELL'S FAST FURLONG

The Boston Globe says,—The fence clockers caught Colonel Bidwell, 2.03½, an eighth in 13½ seconds, one morning last week.

SPEEDOMETERS TEACH RURAL FOLK LENGTH OF MILE

(New York Sun)

The automobile, while being a comfort, convenience and a pleasure to the farmer, has also performed another service. It has taught him just how long a mile is, and travelers asking about distances are now receiving accurate answers.

In the old days rural people rarely knew how long a mile really was. A question addressed to a group of them would elicit conflicting replies that caused no end of confusion. Instead of "Well, maybe three miles or four," the answer now is: "Exactly two and a half miles by the speedometer."

Greatness and goodness are not means but ends. Hath he not always treasures, always friends, The good great man? —Coleridge.

CONTRAST IN STYLES OF THE TWO FIGHTERS

Kilbane Will Have Youth Against Him But Will Rely on Experience—Criqui Has Speed.

After 11 years of non-competitive defense of his title, Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland will attempt to stop a hard-hitting, rushing Gaul—Eugene Criqui—next Saturday at the Polo Grounds, New York.

Kilbane and Criqui are to contest for the world's featherweight championship. One is the defender, Kilbane, the other is the challenger, the Frenchman, Criqui. One is the invader, a war-hero of his Nation; the other is the staid, methodical, self-satisfied champion of the world.

Will the natural impulsiveness of the Frenchman prevail over the cooler, calmer, more cunning, more mature, clear thinking Kilbane.

For be it understood, that Kilbane measures every punch and rarely misses one—for he conserves everything that he has with his 31 years—and then either evades his opponent's onslaught or stores his strength for the next chapter.

That is just what is going to happen next Saturday afternoon.

M. Criqdi is going to rush Kilbane all over the ring and Kilbane is not going to be there. Perhaps in the interim, the hard-hitting, the slugging, the perservering Frenchman, may land one or two punches in the stomach of the aged—aged as Americans go—Kilbane.

Kilbane should win. It will be a case of the old master, with all his science, with his ability to slip over a left-hand punch and a right-hand swing, against the energetic, yet unsophisticated French fighter.

ST. STEPHEN IN THE HARNESS RACING GAME

St. Stephen, N. B., May—The trotting park at St. Stephen has been resurfaced and is now nice and smooth. The stables contain the largest list of fast steppers ever there. Fred Southard of Machias, Me, has Mudlake, 2.13¼; Weyland Echo 2.16¼ and Nutwood Lou 2.20¼ W. V. Dowse of Atleboro, Mass well known on the "Down East" circuit has his favorite Jack the Clipper 2.14¼ and has purchased from H. R. Haley of Milltown, N. B., the trotting mare, Seldom C., 2.27¼. He has disposed of Little Peter, a member of his stable for several years to Poland Spring parties. W. H. Keys, the St. Stephen driver has a promising string of 10 horses. Saskia 2.13 out of the running for two years because of track injuries and now eligible to the 2.16 class, is in fine fettle.

Jennie H., 2.11¼ and Rouqua F., 2.14¼ the property of Higgins Bros of Dennysville, Me., stars in last year's racing are ready for the word. Peggy Peters 2.16¼ has been purchased from parties in Maine and has been added to the Keys & McBride stables.

Lawrence Bond, 2.15¼ Imported last season by Aubrey F. Johnson and who became lame in the early racing is again sound and promises well. Mr. Dell 2.14¼ owned by the late George Pomeroy of Pembroke, Me, but now the property of McLellan Balkam of Milltown N. B., is now in this string. New green ones, shipped lately are expected to arrive any day including Iowa Lou by Iowa Todd pacer 5 years: Helen Witt, by Constawitt trotter 6 years; Lady Maud K., by Hedgewood Boy, pacer 5 years; Crospey Roach by St. Roach, roan stallion, pacer 5 years.

ENGLISH HEAVY BOXER REAPPEARS

Tom Cowler, the big English heavyweight who recently returned to the States, will meet Bill Tate in a 12-round bout at New York on Friday night. Cowler's last appearance in New York was about three years ago when he knocked out Al Reich in three rounds.

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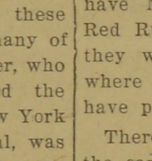

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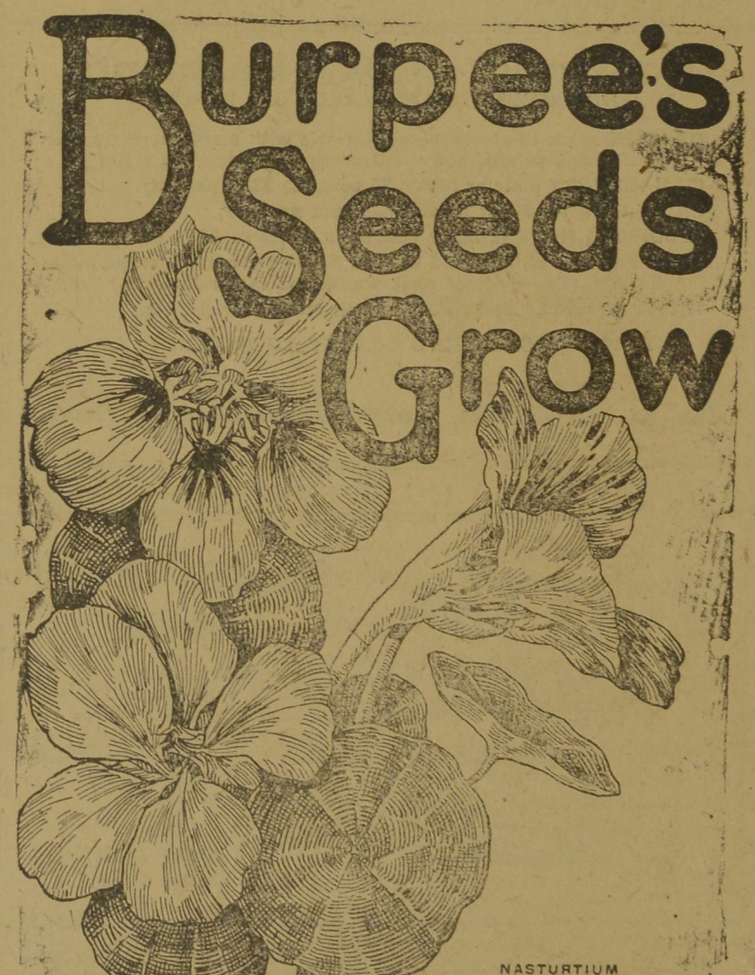

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