

AMONG AMATEURS. Lawn Tennis Monopolizes the Attention of All the Men and Maidens. TOURNEYS ON EVERY SIDE Give Enthusiasts Chances to Improve Upon Their Games.

A BUSY FALL SEASON IN VIEW. Athletes Preparing for the Field Meetings in September. GATHERED ON HIGHWAY AND BYWAYS Tennis in Pittsburgh and vicinity is now at its most active pitch, in fact it is all the rage, and the organizations are hurrying up their tournaments with the evident purpose of getting them out of the way before the attention of the public is turned to football.

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Sewickley's Athletic Association has just announced its announcement of the annual tournament that is to take place there, commencing on Tuesday of next week. This tournament is especially interesting because the winners of the doubles will contest with Messrs. L. W. B. Moorhead and R. E. Reed, of Pittsburgh, for the championship of Western Pennsylvania.

August 30 to Idlewild Park. The affair will be interesting, as it is to be more in the nature of a big athletic field day than anything else. All kinds of sports are down for the day, and the society will give medals and prizes.

Coraopolis is to the front with its tournament week. Last month it was postponed for a month for several reasons, but it will commence Thursday at 2 o'clock and continue through to Saturday. There will be singles and doubles with the U. S. N. L. T. A. rules governing, and first winner up and consolation prizes. Entries will be received up to noon on Wednesday by either W. T. Treadway, 110 Diamond street, Pittsburgh; T. Ed Cornelius, 133 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh; or H. W. Burns, Coraopolis.

The tournament will be decidedly interesting on account of the uncertainty that exists as to who will get first prize in singles and doubles. Wendell and Hooper, of New Brighton; Dunn and Henderson, of Latrobe, and Garretton and Hargrave, of Greensburg, who won the runners-up prize in the doubles, are about equally likely to be in the list, and no one who knows the playing of these teams can predict with any certainty who will lead in the singles.

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ago, and, while there was a fair sized entry list, it was anticipated that that of this week will be 20 per cent larger. Entries close with E. Robinson, Chairman of the Tennis Committee, on Tuesday evening, and the first round in singles will commence promptly at 3 o'clock on Wednesday.

Upper St. Clair has a lawn tennis club called the Oak Grove Lawn Tennis Club. It has been in existence about two years, but this season it is more active than ever and some of its players are quite expert with the racket. It has a membership of about 30. During the past week a number of the players rode on horseback over to Reading, where they were entertained by A. G. Smith, who has an excellent course and is an enthusiastic player.

The Keystones' club house is up to the second story and it won't be very long now before the roof is on. GEORGE BARKER won two heats at Slatavina, N. Y. During the week he captured a \$125 safety and a \$75 kodak. ROY STREET is likely to be the ground reeler in the hill-climbing contest of the Keystone Bicycle Club.

LAST SUNDAY Messrs. Deb, McBride and Charles Gilbert accomplished their first run, making the round trip to Kittanning. The McKeesport cyclists have invited the Allegheny cyclists to accompany them on a run to Jacktown during the week as their guests. EXCURSIONS for the Keystone road race will close about September 20. It will be over

nearly the same course as the club road race at Sewickley. The East End Gyms, is riding a new wheel. He will probably be in the Keystone road race and is expected to make a good record. MESSRS. WISSE, Whitesides and Seagrave have returned from their trip through the Shenandoah Valley. They say they had a very pleasant outing.

THE LITTLE brothers, Messrs. Eccles and Barker are home from Atlantic City after a four-hour New York State. They report the roads uncomformably sandy. THE STATE meet at York on September 30 will be an interesting event, and Captain Petticoat is arranging to collect a party of cyclists to charter a special train.

THE ALLEGHENY cyclists have in prospect a club house. It is proposed to secure a suitable building, to furnish it and move in some time in November or December. There will be a regular old-fashioned house warming. THERE WAS quite a crowd of scorers out at the East End on Thursday evening. Among them were Messrs. Moore, Addy, Barker, Miller, Myler, and Petticoat, some of whom are off to-day for East Liverpool via Rochester.

SHOOKS AT THE KEY. A Cleveland Doctor Mystifying the Unbelievers at Lily Dale. TELEGRAPHS SPIRIT MESSAGES. Indicrous and Fantastic Performance About a Flag and Sunflower. GRAND ARMY MEN DISAPPOINTED

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.) LILY DALE, AUG. 20.—The present age of psychic investigation and discovery has brought to light some of the most astounding phenomena of the "Psycho-Electric Telegraph" that is now on exhibition at Lily Dale. The fascinating instrument that is used to transmit mysterious and supposedly occult messages consists of a simple telegraph transmitter installed in a small box with slate top and bottom, and is attached to a battery and sounder. The magnetic sensitive who is able to produce the phenomenon of a telegram received without any visible agency is Dr. Rowley, of Cleveland. He simply places his finger tips upon the box and intelligent messages are immediately ticked out in the regular Morse alphabet that can be read by any operator that happens to be present.

Suddenly Mr. Rowley became aware that something unusual was occurring about him. He could hear tiny raps tapping upon his collar and cuffs. He was astonished and a little alarmed. He sought medical advice and was assured that he was sound physically and that his brain was in a normal condition. The raps were now heard distinctly and almost continuously. Mr. Rowley had been a telegraph operator in his youth, and since that time he had never used the mysterious "tic-tac-toe" words by the Morse alphabet. The letters formed themselves into the name of a deceased friend, and also a telegraph operator. To test the unseen intelligence he mentally requested the name of his former associate's mother and her present residence. This was done. Mr. Rowley had entirely lost sight of the family, but he verified the information by correspondence.

All this time no one knew anything about the occult telegraph messages until Mr. Rowley was called upon to testify at a court case. Mr. Rowley was a member of the Methodist Church and an active worker in the Y. M. C. A. A Spiritualist he knew nothing about, and he shared no religious notions of his early experiences are both singular and amusing. One evening at church the unseen forces kept up a lively correspondence with Mr. Rowley upon the peculiarities of the minister. Some of these remarks, which were rapped out in the stillness of a man who sat just in front of him, and upon the "stove pipe" of a dignified deacon were exceedingly characteristic, as when he said: "See that little old man over there with his hymn book, upside down, and his wife is nodding, and no wonder; 'it would take an encyclopedia to make head or tail out of that sermon; 'oh! do give us a rest."

Public attention was finally directed toward the phenomenon and Mr. Rowley gave himself up to scientific investigation. J. H. Wade, a prominent citizen of Cleveland, and E. P. Wright, at that time general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, were invited by appointment and proceeded to open up communication with the mysterious operator who was so determined to be recognized. The three men seated themselves around a bare table, and to their intense astonishment, directions for applying the unseen force to a telegraph instrument was immediately ticked out upon its surface. After a few minutes varied with the hidden intelligent something, Mr. Wade and Mr. Wright became convinced of its genuineness and psychological importance. They carried out the great instrument to the letter and the "Psycho-Electric Telegraph" was the result.

Your correspondent stepped into his office this morning and found a telegraph operator within easy hearing distance. The instrument ticked "good morning" with the doctor ten feet away from it. It then ticked "Ladies' Jackets" and ticked "down and placed his finger tips upon the outside of the box. It immediately began a communication of a personal nature, informed the doctor, "My visitor has 'clean head and not inclined to waste time on trash' and ended with a flattering compliment that made the reporter blush. "Ask some question of general interest," suggested the doctor.

"What do you opine for the future of medicine and surgery?" "The coming practitioner will be a teacher of hygiene, a nurse instead of an administrator of drugs. Hypnotism in the future will render surgery painless and bloodless." "Will the demand for professional mediums increase?" "No! The spiritual nature of mankind will unfold until every person will be his or her own medium. They will intuitively seek the field of action for which they are suited and will be paid for their work instead of their mediumship." "Have you anything to say upon the labor question?" "Yes! We are on the eve, as our laboring friends declare, of a great war. It is of words and ideas rather than swords and bullets. Labor and capital cannot long array themselves against each other any more than the right hand can battle with the left. Both are right and both are wrong. Capital defrauds labor and labor defrauds capital. When they are at peace and time does not interest himself in his employer's interests he is defrauding his capital.

she shrieked. "Let us gold mingle with your blue freedom! Freedom forever!" She hurried herself barefoot and fell back exhausted. The male spiritist is nothing if not chivalrous. One of them stepped forward and planted the sunflower by the side of the flag, and proposed three cheers for woman suffrage. The little woman was jubilant and everybody laughed.

Some Big Visitors Promised. A message was then read which had been received at a seance the night before. It was in rhyme, something as follows: Will come at dawn to Lily Dale, Three hundred thousand strong, Lincoln and Grant and Sheridan, To help the cause along. This cheering news was loudly applauded. A clairvoyant assured an old and portly Colonel that Grant and Morgan were standing arm in arm by his side. The Colonel was as pleased as a boy with a new top and evidently believed every word of it.

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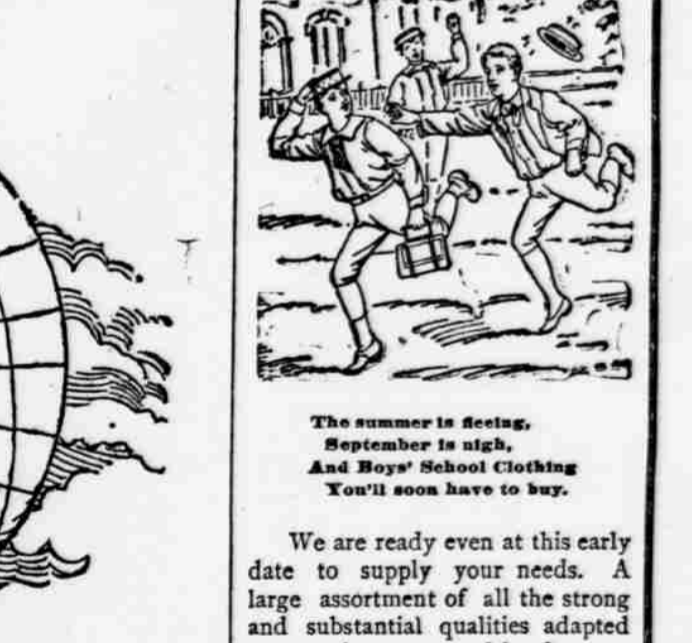
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