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THE HYGIENE OF SKATING

Mr. Vernon Tells How to Benefit by the Sport

HAS A BOSTON TERRIER WHO CAN SKATE A MILE IN 1:20.

"Young people skate their heads off," declared Frank Vernon, who with his wife Lillian Vernon is playing a return engagement at the Honesdale Roller Rink this week, to a Citizen man. "They skate for two hours and a half at a time. They ought to skate ten or twelve minutes at a time, and then sit down to rest. They would get more benefit out of it then, and it wouldn't tire them so much.

"A child ought not to begin to skate until at the age of eight years. Then, they ought to be properly coached, so as not to overdo it. The main thing is that a lot of children are left to skate too long at a time. My first experience was at a rink in Canton, Ohio, when I was nine years old. I have been skating for twenty-two years.

"I skated here 22 years ago at the rink on the corner of Park street. I was only a kid in those days, a little bit of a fellow. I came here through Billy Boyes, of Port Jervis, one of the noted roller skaters of those days.

"At that time I held the two and three-mile championships of the world. I was only a kid, but there wasn't any of the big fellows could get the best of me. I did the two-mile in 5:58 and the three-mile in 7:56 at the Le Grande Rink in Cleveland, in 1886.

"A good many people claim they can't learn to skate. Children should not skate too young, as their muscles are weak, and they overdo themselves, and show bad results.

"The best thing for a beginner to do is first to keep the body as supple as possible. Roller-skating is an entirely different stroke than ice skating, which is a side stroke. Roller-skating is a straight, walking stroke. If you start to walk on skates, just as you walk on the streets, you'll have the best results.

"Many beginners throw themselves up rigid. If they'd fall in that position, they are more apt to break a limb than in a supple position. After a beginner starts properly, he will look more graceful than one who keeps himself in a rigid condition.

"A number of the leading base ball stars like Hans Wagner, skate in winter to condition themselves for Spring work.

"A child should always be guided while by an instructor, so as to get the right motion, and the right carriage of the body. Boys think of racing the first thing, and thereby are apt to take a header. They oughtn't to wear low shoes as they weaken the ankles.

"I met my wife at a skating rink. That's how we happened to get acquainted," laughingly said Mr. Vernon, who admitted that rinks were good "Courtin' places." "She was at the rink at her home town where I was giving an exhibition. She's a Southern girl. She has only been skating seventeen months. February 28, 1910, was the first time she ever had on a pair of skates. Five days after that she appeared before the public, and today is as good a skater as any woman in the business.

"We are teaching 'Tighe' to skate. Tighe is a Boston terrier. We had special skates made for him, and boots made with wheels 3/4-inch in diameter attached to each boot. It's a very difficult thing to teach a dog. He's broke in now so he'll skate twenty-five feet. Our object is to use him in quarter and half-mile races.

"Tighe starts from the scratch just like a person at the word 'Go.' He's just crazy to go. He has a record made at the Dyke Roller Rink, Batavia, N. Y., of a half-mile in 1:25. He beat me about two feet there.

FAIR COMES TO GLORIOUS END

Thousands of Hands are Shaken by Candidates

MANY BREAKS ON EXHIBITION; SMALLEST ANIMAL ON EARTH, ETC.

The Forty-Ninth annual exhibition of the Wayne county politicians, which came to a close Thursday evening, was a handshaking success.

Although the crowds fell several thousand short of the record-breaking attendances of last year, the stock of cattle was up to the standard—and as for the crop of candidates—well, that exceeded all former years.

"Some idea of the number of people who passed through the gates may be gathered from the fact that early Wednesday afternoon, nothing could be bought to drink on the grounds, not a soft drink, not even an ice cream cone. 'It's awfully dry,' remarked a Sterling man to an up-county farmer. 'Drier than Maine,' answered his bucolic friend.

One man was arrested Wednesday afternoon by a State policeman and County Detective N. B. Spencer, charged with being drunk and disorderly. That was the only disturbance that occurred during the entire period of the Fair.

The fertilizer booth was the mecca for hundreds of interested farmers. Here it might be learned why fertilizers was better than manure. Manure contains ammonia and a little phosphoric acid, while the ingredients of bone fertilizer are ammonia, phosphoric acid and potash. Plants need potash.

"Are you going up to the Fair?" was asked a political aspirant at noon Wednesday.

"I haven't fully made up my mind. I think I saw more people that were really worth while yesterday morning down town than I did up on the Fair grounds."

He was almost alone in his opinion, however, for most of the candidates spent Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the Fair grounds, greeting friends, and getting acquainted.

"The 'Midway' was next to the races, the greatest attraction on the grounds. 'Hurrah, hurrah. Every time you knock the nigger on the head you get a ten-cent cigar!'—out of the box 'three for five,' the barker should have added, judging from the one given the reporter to smoke.

"Now five cents passes you in to see this smallest animal in the world," shouted Sailor Fog Horn Ballyhoo. "Now if it isn't as I say you needn't pay a cent." Here he came up to a farmer and invited him to "step right in and see the smallest horse on earth. Let him pay of his free will, if he's satisfied."

The farmer enters the canvass tent, sees "Duchy" who stands but eighteen inches high and weighs but twenty-five pounds, is six months three weeks and three days old. He is properly impressed, and comes out delighted.

"See I proved to you I didn't fake you. Pay the cashier." And the farmer cheerfully digs up from the recesses of his trousers pockets a hard-earned nickel, gives it to the barker's assistant, and passes on to the next concession.

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"Nobody has any exhibits at the Fair from Hollisterville this year. I came up here about ten years ago and I brought a gallon of the nicest, smoothest, lightest maple syrup you ever saw. There was only one other maple syrup exhibitor there. An old lady from Bethany had some as black as a hat. The Judges gave her the prize because she was an old lady, and had always got the prize. I haven't exhibited since.

PROGRESS OF THE TAFT ADMINISTRATION

War Department.

The fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, completed a few months more than two years of President Taft's term and it is a fitting point from which to look back and briefly sum up what the present Administration has accomplished.

Because of our constantly increasing population and the tremendous advance in all industrial activity, more important duties and larger problems have come to President Taft and his Cabinet than to any predecessor. They have each and all been met with courage and unswerving devotion to the best interests of the whole country.

It has fallen to the lot of President Taft to make an unusual number of appointments to the Supreme Court and these appointments alone will give great lustre to his administration. His judicial training and experience, his calm and fairminded judgment met with great approval in the selection of Lurton, Hughes, Van Devanter and Lamar as Associate Justices, while his appointment of Justice White to the Chief Justiceship proved his fidelity to the highest interests of the Nation without regard to section or party or history, having in mind only experience and fitness.

In the superb handling of the Mexican Situation the President showed splendid skill as well as judgment, making every preparation for action if necessary, coupled with restraint from undue interference or breach of neutrality and avoidance of any international complications or excuse for hostility.

Again in the matter of Reciprocity with Canada, although a large portion of his party disagreed with him, yet believing it to be for the best good of all sections and classes, the President persisted in its consideration till it was passed by both houses and received his signature.

But of greater import than all else is the advance toward World's Peace brought about by the Arbitration treaties already signed or under consideration. The successful negotiation of these treaties places President Taft on a high pedestal and has earned him the approval and gratitude of not only his own people but of all civilization.

Hand in hand with President Taft in harmonious work for the advancement of the Republic and people, every Cabinet officer has brought himself to the utmost in bringing about in his department increased efficiency with the greatest economy possible without injury to the service.

While the work of the Department of State is necessarily of a nature that cannot be exploited, yet the results under the tactful guidance of Secretary Knox have been beneficial in the extreme. The Consular Service has been improved and foreign relations have been enhanced, while a share of the success attending the Arbitration treaties and the solution of the Mexican and other problems, must go to its credit.

The innovation of the maximum and minimum tariff provisions in the Payne law compelled negotiations of great complexity and yet in a reasonable time after the enactment of that law, negotiations were opened and completed with all foreign governments affected, with the result that all instances of undue tariff discrimination against the United States has been swept away and we stand to-day on a substantial equality of treatment from every competing nation. Under this administration and under the skill of Secretary Knox, the American State Department has placed our nation in the front rank as regards every diplomatic endeavor and every international negotiation, and it can be added had averted three wars with Latin-American countries.

While the receipts and expenditures of the Government depend on the operation of the Tariff, yet it seems proper to state them in connection with the work of the Treasury Department. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, the excess of ordinary expenditures over ordinary receipts amounted to \$58,734,955. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, the first full fiscal year under the present administration, the excess of ordinary receipts over expenditures amounted to \$15,806,324 while during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, the surplus was \$47,240,466.

Of the work properly and directly to the credit of the Treasury Department under Secretary McVeagh, it can be said, that not only has there been increased efficiency in every branch, but economics exceeding \$2,000,000 in savings in the management of the Department.

Among the improvements resulting in substantial savings can be mentioned the change in size of internal revenue stamps, and improvement in shipping; the numbering, sealing and separating of United States notes, gold and silver certificates in one operation instead of several; the readjustments at the New Orleans and Philadelphia mints and changes in connection with transportation and cancellation of currency, improvements at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the changes in forms and elimination of unnecessary printing and binding as well as improved methods of administration in the Revenue Cutter Service, Life Saving Service and the abandonment of old and unnecessary Quarantine Stations.

TWO DAYS OF RACING AT FAIR

Honesdale Horses Show Up Well in Trotting Events

RACES FOR THURSDAY DECLARED OFF; ONE MAN LOCKED IN STALL.

The racing at the fair grounds Tuesday afternoon was the attraction of the day. In the 2.18 class the race between May Girl, owned by Clark & Patterson, and Bonessa, Daniel Gibson's fast stepper, was very interesting. It was as nice a race as has been witnessed and it required four heats to win the race.

In the first race—the 2.40 class—there were five entries. Brownie Wilkes, owned by Robert MacMullen, Olyphant, won the race, securing first money. Second money was won by Bill Dorado, owned by Judson Bunnell, Clarks Summit, and third money by Lady Chimes, John Murray, Forest City. Star Actuary and Antoinette, owned respectively by George Sherwood, Jermyn, and Lewis Howell, Uniondale, got fourth money, it being divided evenly between them. The results of the first race. Purses \$200:

Brownie Wilkes, b. m. 1 1 1
Robt. MacMullen, Olyphant 3 2 2
Bunnell, Clarks Summit 2 4 5
Lady Chimes, b. m. John Murray, Forest City 5 3 4
Star Actuary, b. h., George Sherwood, Jermyn 4 5 3
Antoinette, gray m., Lewis Howell, Uniondale 2 3 3
Time: 2.36 1/2, 2.35, 2.37.

SECOND RACE—2.18 CLASS.
Bonessa, br. m., Daniel Gibson, Uniondale 2 1 1 1
May Girl, b. m., Clark & Patterson, Honesdale 1 2 2 3
Brighton, ch. g., George Sherwood, Jermyn 3 3 3 2
Time: 2.21 3/4, 2.21, 2.24 3/4.

Two Honesdale horses won first money and one second money at Wednesday's races. Although the interest was not quite as keen as Tuesday's trotting, the horses in the 2.23 and 2.15 classes attracted the attention of a number of lovers of that sport. Town Directly and Winnie Lou carried three straight heats in two races. The 2.23 class, purse \$200, trotting and pacing, had four entries. The summary:

Winnie Lou, b. m., Clark & Patterson 1 1 1
Flossie Bell, s. m., H. H. Howard, Scranton 2 2 2
Antoinette, g. m., Winnie Hine, Orson 3 3 3
Lady Chimes, b. m., J. Murray, Forest City 4 4 4
Time: 2.29, 2.29, 2.30 1/2.

2.15 CLASS—PURSE \$200.
Town Directly, b. h., Clark & Patterson, Honesdale 1 1 1
Ralph Burns, b. s., Clark & Patterson, Honesdale 2 2 2
Dan Actuary, b. h., M. Sherwood, Jermyn 3 3 3
Time: 2.29 1/2, 2.28, 2.23 1/2.

After the last heat of the 2.15 race, Starter Gorman, Scranton, announced from the grandstand that the races for Thursday had been declared off; that the vaudeville and other attractions would be in operation but there would be no races.

Wednesday was the largest day at the fair, it being estimated that there were 5,000 people upon the ground.

Everybody had a good time Wednesday. One of the features to detract from the pleasures of the day was a pugilistic encounter between two patrons of the fair who were feeling pretty good. One of the party was locked in a box stall, which served as a prison for the disorderly man.

C. D. Fortnam was awarded the following prizes on his fine herd of Holstein cattle: First premium on herd, first on yearling bull, first on full-age cow for milk, first and second on two-year-old heifer, second on three-year-old heifer, first on yearling heifer, first on grade two-year-old heifer. Others to receive prizes on blooded cattle were: A. W. Eno, E. W. Gammell, Charles Blake and Edward Kinsman.

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HAS BOOKED THIRTY SHOWS

M'gr. Dittrich Says Season will open here Sept. 9

"THE CHORUS LADY" WILL START THE THEATRICAL SEASON ON THAT DATE.

"The theatrical season will open, probably, September 9," said B. H. Dittrich, manager of the Lyric Theatre, to a Citizen man. "The Chorus Lady" is one of the first and principal attractions for the season. It is booked for September 9. It is Ross Stab's great success for the past five or six years. She won't be seen in it here, though.

"About thirty attractions are booked at the present time. 'Baby Mine,' by the author of 'Polly of the Circus,' one of the great successes in New York last season, will be here September 27.

"Hal Johnson, who starred in

THREE FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS.

A representative of the Citizen was in conversation with three faithful supporters of the fair. The three gentlemen, Oscar E. Miller, Oregon, A. W. Eno, Seelyville, and Thomas Bellamy, Carbonade, but formerly of Honesdale, Mr. Eno said he has been a regular attendant at the fair for 49 years. Fifty years ago he helped bring a herd of cattle to the fair and with the exception of one year has attended regularly every annual exhibit. Thomas Bellamy and Oscar Miller both claim that 1911 is the 49th time they have been to the fair, never having missed an exhibit since the Wayne Agricultural society was founded 62 years ago.

C. D. Fortnam has a fine herd of four-year-old registered cow that tips the scales at 1470 pounds and an 18-month old registered bull that weighs 1100. Mr. Fortnam is very proud of his cattle and he has one of the finest herds in Wayne county. Mr. Fortnam breeds nothing but first class stock.

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