LESS FREEDOM FOR AMATEURS

Annual Junkets of Crack Runners Does Not Do the Sport Good.

TIMING IS WIDELY DISCUSSED

Most Clockers Who Hang Around Pinish Lines Are Amateurs Who Own Poor Stop Watches.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 .- There is a feeling among a section of the followers of athetics who love the sport for its sake that the Amateur Athletic union authorities sught to stop individual permits of athletes wishing to tour and compete abroad, and it is no secret that a majority of the national body favors the polley. It is the opinion of the more conservatively inclined that the annual junket of a few crack performers to the old world does no good toward improving the standard of the American amateur in the eyes of the forsigners, and it is better that they kept at home in future.

When men go abroad with a team an are turned loose after such an event as the Olympic games or similar fixture is then it is their right to go wherever their fancy or pocket might lead them For a star athlete to go alone and trave about from town to town and take in every rural meet, festival and fair, only creates the idea that he is out for the noney. With men who go across and compets in a couple of championships and other hig meets and then come home it is different, and they are regarded with no sort of suspicion, but, on the contrary are more or less admired for their aspira tions to capture foreign titles.

Of late years it has been the custom for the star sprinters to go to England and spend the season touring and running here and there wherever it was found worth while. After the Olympic games at London one American sprinter had a great time of it for a couple of seasons, but just as he was about to be precipitated into the professional ranks he quietly walked across demarkation line of his own record. This man was a collegian, and another man wearing the colors of the same institution has been going across and every fall he comes back loaded with jewelry and looking very prosperous. Next year there may be no permits and those of the Olympic team who might happen to be selected will all go together the last week in Jane and be headed straight for Stockholm.

Question of Timing.

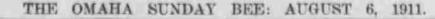
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The question about timing has beet widely discussed since attention has been attracted to the harm that can be done by the younger brigade of clockers and their inferior timepleces. "Some narrowminded persons," said one of the oldest timers in the business, "are of the opinion that it is harmful to be hitting at the shortcomings of sport, as it is supposed to give a bad impression to the outside world. To my mind it is a poor sort of individual who is willing to connive at a wrong in amateur sport, and it is this cloaking of what is not right that is going to do the most harm to the cause of clean sport one of these days. Every sensible man today knows that there are things going on that should not be tolerated and the longer they go on the greater will be the smash later on.

"A majority of those who go around to athletic meets with their eyes open are wise to the bad timing, and very often still worse starting. Yet, /because it is agreeable to a few whose purpose it serves, everybody else is supposed to take these



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MOVEMENT FOR GOLF CHANGE

Different Conditions to Govern Next National Amateur Championship.

ENTRANTS ARE TO BE RESTRICTED

Executive Committee of United States Golf Association Would Also Shorten Tournament to

Five Days.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 .- Through the energy of a member of the executive com mittee of the United States Golf assoc.al tion an effort is being made to bring about different conditions to govern the near ational amateur championship tournament to be held at Apawamis in September. This committeeman favors restricting entran.s to those handleapped at six or less at toelt home clubs, and de would like to see the tournament limited to five instead of six days

In doing this two more match rounds yould have to consist of eighteen holes. In this country the idea has grown year after year that all championship rounds should go the double route. It is pointed out, however, that only the final round in the British championship is continued to thirty-six holes.

There has been considerable correspondence on the subject of late, many of the leading amateurs of the country being ommunicated with by Robert C. Watson, secretary of the United Golf association. At the office it was stated that the matter was under consideration, but nothing positive had as yet been decided upon. Following is the communication that a well known amateur recently received from the secretary's office:

secretary's office: Dear Sir. A suggestion has been made by a member of the executive committee of the United States Golf association to change the method of playing the amsteur championship at Apawamis this year. Before any action is taken the executive committee has decided to write to all the leading golfers in the country to got their opinions of the matter. I inclose a copy of the letter as submitted to the commit-tee. The present method of playing the championship is as follows: Monday, eighteen holes, medal play, sixty-four players to qualify: Tuesday morning, eighteen holes, medal play, sixty-four players do qualify the champion-ship: Tuesday afternoon, eighteen-hole match play round; wednesday, thirty-six-holes match play round; Threaday, thirty-six holes, match play, and Saturday, thirty-six holes, match play, and Saturday, thirty-six holes, match play, and Saturday, thirty-six holes final round. Then comes the suggested change, which other that appear to the spectators as being oddly ridiculous, the one in tennis being the persistency with which players endeavor. ice ball and fail. Not 1 per cent of the players engaged in active competition at the present day can get a hard swift ball across the net on the first attempt, and yet they keep on trying, walloping, smashing and clouting at the net cord without re-

ty-six-hole final round. Then comes the suggested change, which appears in a letter to the executive com-nittee, as follows: "I think six days of golf in our amateur sults. It is worth the while to take a

first, some of the cracks say, but there is no attention paid to the amount of vi-tality lost in this continuous walloping at the top cord for nothing. Very often one sees a player nearly ex-hausted and with the heat devils dancing before his eyes slash away at his first ball and in the effort to impart some sting into the middle of the court. Then he would have to stagger back to the base line, and as has always been the case put over the softest and most babyish service imaginable chance of getting a hard one over on the softest and most babyish service imaginable |

strokes off the game he played earlier in the week. There is another consideration: If we begin the play on Monday it necessitates members of the committee being in attend-ance too long, and they are away from their homes several days longer than they should be. We will agree that the cham-plonship should be pleasurable and not laborious, either to the committee or to the players. with the second ball. In one of the big local ournaments this season it was interesting to watch the play in the final round, which went to five sets. One of the contestants, who is remarkable for a strong reverse service slashed away at his first service

laborious, either to the committee of to the players. "I know this subject has been discussed many times, and that the present plan is the result of much careful thought. To my mind, however, the reasons for chang-ing the existing arrangements are much stronger than those for retaining it. "I have no fixed opinion as to the plan we should adopt, but respectfully suggest that each member of the committee give the matter very careful consideration, and that we make it the subject of a vote either by mail or at a meeting to be held in New ball with all his strength. It was worth remembering that he did not win a single ace on service and that out of the entire The rest swatted against the top cord, and that we make it the subject of a vote either by mail or at a meeting to be held in New York at an early day. I suggest the fol-lowing plan for consideration: "Commence the play on Tuesday morn-ing; limit the entrants to those who have a handleap of not more than six strokes at their respective clubs; eighteen holes on Tuesday, medal play, the lowest sixty-four scores to continue at thirty-six holes, medal play on Wednesday; the lowest six-teen scores in the fifty-four holes quali-fying rounds to qualify for match play; one eighteen-hole match play round Thurs-day morning; one eighteen-hole match play round Thursday afternoon, and one thirty-six-hole match play round Friday, and the final thirty-six holes on Saturday. "It must be remembered that all the be held in

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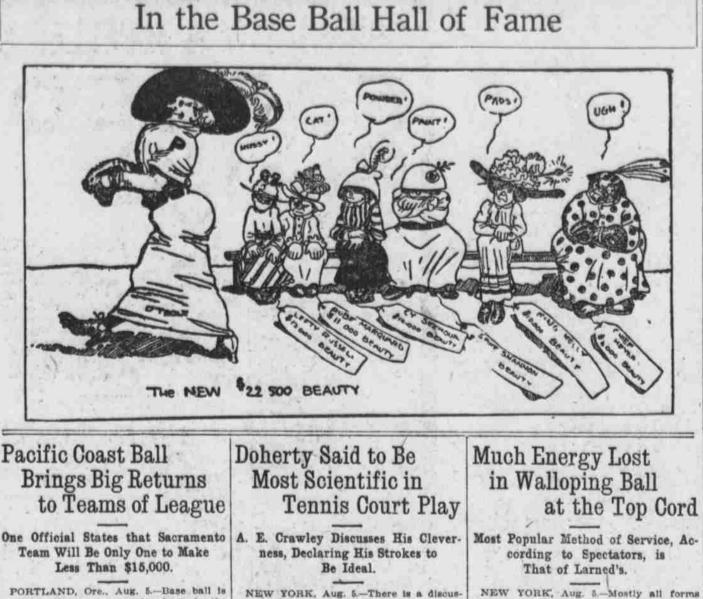
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From day to day in The Bee

A column of pungent items compiled from the files of The Bee telling what was going on in Omaha on the same date of each decade year.

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going on as to who was the best of amateur sport possess some feature or anything if not on a paying basis in the Pacific Coast league this season, according tennis player and on it A. E. Crawley has to those who are in a position to get an occasional glimpse at the daily balance the following to say: "As for the relative merits of different to execute a hard drive with the first serv-

sheets of the various clubs. "Sacramento will be the only city under methods of stroke, the test is their relathe \$15,000 profit mark." said a well known tion to the conditions of the game, includofficial the other day, and indications ing both variety and economy. That seem to bear him out. method is best which is least fatiguing,

Take the Vernon club as a sample of the way the financial breeze is blowing, Hogan most efficient in pace and placing, most halls from a city where the fans are dicapable of variation, with the least exvided in the support of two teams, yet he penditure of time, space and effort-a avers that he is past the \$15,000 profit line stroke which is always adapting itself to

changing requirements, and yet is always "Vernon and Los Angeles went in to the same in principle. It will, in fact, comgether on the new \$22,000 grounds, and I bine in itself the merits of all specialized really believe we have paid our share of strokes, and will be an epitome of the the cost by this time," declared Hogan evolution of the art of striking the ball. "We have a ten-year lease on With such a stroke a player can hit the the grounds, and pay an annual rental of ball clean, with over spin, under spin, or \$10,000, shared equally by the two teams." side spin, as he pleases, without prepara-The Los Angeles club, perhaps, is not tion, and can use shoulder, arm, wrist and doing as well as Vernon owing to its pofingers, either all together or with a spein the pennant race, but Dillon's cial call upon one or more. In other words crew draws almost up to the Vernon standthe connection between body and racquet ard when playing at home and the Angel is organic. The principle, of course, apbackers are quoted in a southern paper as plies to the four classes of stroke, service predicting a neat goose egg of from \$10,000 to \$30,000 for the proverbial rainy day volley, fore handed and back handed drive. Many persons are inclined to take Ho-In the volley, for instance, there is no change of mechanism, whether the stroke gan's statement of \$15,000 clear velvet up to the middle of July with a grain of salt. is low or high, hard or stopped, driven or

Portland and San Francisco are admitedly the best paying clubs in the circuit, "Now in lawn tennis such a stroke or method of hitting has been evolved for the five sets only eight of his first balls served yet Walter McCredie says that the Beavers have netted no such gorgeous returns as volley and the two drives. The man who hard landed on the other side of the net. yet. He refused, however, to estimate the has this and also possesses strategic caearnings of his club.

pacity and a 'winning' temperament, to- the man won his match on his cross court San Francisco base ball moguls seem to gether with a reasonable amount of the back hand volleys, have the one best bonanza of the circlosest and most extended competition and If a popular method of service was to be in the Bay City is con a proportional list of the highest results. trolled by two separate corporations, the is the best player. I have been lengthy San Francisco Base ,Ball association and the Recreation Park association. both under the control of Frank Ish and J. Cal the best test of the development of the not a very swift ball nor has it any top game Ewing. "On that test and on the other require-"The Seals are at home for fifteen weeks, during which period their share ments combined I base my opinion that the best lawn tennis player yet seen is H. of the receipts will total close to \$600 per week," said Hogan, when asked for a L. Doherty. His stroke came nearer to guess on the gate at San Francisco, based the ideal combination I have roughly on the Vernon receipts when scheduled sketched than that of any player I have there. "That makes a total of \$30,000 for seen or heard of. A good judge once said that he did not believe there was anything the season at home. "Now, the Seals are taxed 20 per cent that H. L. could not do with the ball, for the use of the grounds by the Park and he was nearly right. association, and this same per cent is levied "I saw him play and played against him against Oakland when playing on the San and with him both when he was a boy Francisco diamond. Therefore, you see, and when he was at his best. Only four Ish and Ewing get practically twice \$18,000. men can claim to be considered his possible or \$36,000, for the rent of the grounds alone, rivals for the honor of being the world's in addition to the profits off the San Franbest player-W. Renshaw, Pim, R. F. Docisco ball team for the season." herty and Larned. I have studied their play and have played against them all ex-ROBERT CARUTHERS IS DEAD cept Larned. H. L.'s volley was better than that of any; Pim's came very close Famous Base Ball Player and Umto it. Overhead H. L. was far the best,

ing all right. As to the inexperienced chaps you see timing, it is bad ugh to be working with a poor type of watch and not to have a sharp eye for the flash of the pistol, but the most grievous fault of the youngsters is that to a man they anticipate the finish of every race and click their watches too soon. Repeatedly I have heard men click their watches a full fifth of a second before I On several occasions I have moved back from the finish line and have seen men stop their watches before the foremost runner was within a yard and a half of the worsted.

"That is the way the fast timers are made, and every one of the thuers who have butted in of late years is afflicted with the fault. As a general rule they are men who were not athletes themselves and knew nothing about sport until they bought a timing watch and began to figure around the finish line of races. It is funny, too, how touchy these men are about their ability. They think they are the best timers in the world and will swear by what they return. In fact, some of them do not know whether they are doing right or wrong at times. The Amateur Athletic union authorities will have to look out or there will be a great crop of ecords if these timers are allowed to have their way.

Rose is Assured of Trip to Stockholm of the old American association and one

Big Shot Putter is Now Coming Ont of His Shell to Train for the Olympian Games.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.-Desirous of making the next American Olympic team, Ralph Rose, the champion shot-putter at the frail build, yet giants at the game. Bushong various weights, is coming out of his shell stood 5-9 and weighed as low as 135; Caruthto prepare for the iron sphere event in ers was 5-10 and weighed 150, while Fouts the 1912 Swedish games. The "native reached to a height of 6 feet 11/2 and son's" determination to fight for a place weighed not more than 16i. Both Foutz on the big team no doubt will send a thrill into the other shot-putters when they learn of this. A number of them are already to the original "Tip" O'Neil, the Browns beginning to get into shape for the trials. Rose, who is a member of the Olympic in the old American with such Titans as club of San Francisco, has written to Pete Browning of Louisville and Dave Orr friends in this city, telling of what a great of the Metropolitans (New York), usually battle he expects to wage in his home leading them all. The last year Fouts and town to make the trip abroad. Why he Caruthers were with the Browns they fears the outcome is more than anybody practically did all the pitching and altercan understand. It is an almost adsured nated in right field for "Little" Nicol. fact-yet Chairman Sullivan warns us no having gone back in hitting, was taken ections have been made as yet-that the out of right. The old line-up of the famous big fellow can go along again if he so de- Browns, which Caruthers' death or any sires. He hasn't really anyone to contend mention of his name, recalls, was: Comisky, against on the coast. Joe Horner of Michifirst and captain-manager; Robinson, sec gan has quit athletics and, even if he de- ond; Latham, third; Gleason (Bill), short; ided to come back, he won't trouble Rose, O'Neil, left; Curt, Welch, center; Hugh

Others believe he will be selected even if Nicol, right; Caruthers, Fouts and others, he does not show his form in the tryouts. pitchers; Bushong, main catcher. Rose holds all kinds of records in the When the dismemberment of the Brown shot-put. He established the world's rec- set in, Foutz, Caruthers and Bushong were ord with a put of fifty-one feet in San sold to Brooklyn. It was this sale that Francisco back in 1900. He won his event gave Bobby the title of "\$15,000 Beauty." in the London Olympic games without the The cash consideration was given out as least bit of trouble.

The San Franciscan is credited with 67 feet 7 inches for the eight-pound, 57 feet 3 Caruthers, not even he ever knew, at least inches for the twelve, 51 feet 5% inches that is what he said in Omaha when was for the fourteen, 43 feet 5% inches for the a Western league unipire a few years ago. eightoen, 40 feet 3% inches for the twentyone and 25 feet 2% inches for the twenty- ing into fame as a mere boy, his stellar four, besides his world's record put with days did not last very long. He is supthe sixteen.

The trials for the western section will tune, but if he did, he got through with it be held in Frisco. That much has been about as quickly as he did with being a decided by the American Olympic commit- star pitcher. The last few years of his That is, cities like Chicago, Kansas life were marked by deep sorrow, culminat-City, Seattle and other big towns you can ing in the death at Des Moines about three think of, will have to send their repre- years ago of his 17-year-old son. He never sentatives to the far coast to compete in survived the shock, it is said. Its effect the tryouts if they expect to make the only-served to tighten the hold any misfortune had

pire Passes Away in Peoria Hospital.

PEORIA, Aug. 5 .- Robert Caruthers, one time famous base ball player, died at the certain. The same applies to its slight St. Francis hospital here this morning.

Caruthers' career had been tragic. Burst-

superiority to R. F.'s method. "It would take too long to give an anly-Robert L. ("Bobby") Caruthers was sis of the living mechanism of H. L. Dothe neighborhood of 47 years of age. He joined the old St. Louis Browns in 1984 at herty's drive and volley. It is of very about 20, and became the pitching wonder great interest in connection with the evo- that he could learn to shave the top cord. iution of strokes and is as yet hardly apof the great pitchers of his day. He helped preciated. In technique and finish, I conthe Von Der Ahe-Comiskey team to become clude, H. L. Doherty was the greatest artthe famous "Four Time Winners," sharist the game has seen; on this qualificaing the pitching honors, chiefly with tion, combined with the other qualificathe elongated Dave Fouts. Their great tions of generalship and character, compe-

catcher was the late lamented Albert J. tition and achievement, he was its greatest ("Doc") Bushong. Caruthers' death complayer. pletes the passing of this illustrious trio. Strangely enough, all three men were of **Only Few Boys Take** Up Golf With View of Being Experts and Caruthers were famous sluggers as well as pitchers. Caruthers batted close

Some Have Tried it with Idea of left fielder, who shared batting glories Having Good Time and Found it Anything but That.

> Not long since a golfer asked the ques tion, What becomes of the caddles? The estimate that there are 500,000 golfers in the United States has given rise to the remark that there must be nearly as many caddles. Many golfers, who began play in the United States back in 1894, are still making their rounds of the links, but several generations of caddies have come and gone. Where are they? Schoolboys make up a large percentage of those who carry clubs, and most of them do it for a little extra money for themselves, while others have been a help in their homes where help was needed.

But not the economic or social side of th question is the one that it is intended to throw a little light on here. Schoolboys \$14,500 and Von Der Abe got some players to give up caddying and go their way, some boot. Exactly what sum was allowed for of them having developed a liking for the game which their circumstances in life allow them to play as members of clubs. Some of the leading amateurs in the country first became skilful at the game in intervals between carrying clubs.

But golf as a profession has been taken posed to have inhereited practically a forcomparatively few boys. Some have tried it with a view to having a good time, and have found it is anything but Of all the professions the sporting that. world presents, solf is the hardest of all, calls for the strictest apprenticeship and for more intelligence than is given to the average boy. Only by study of the business and good habits is it possible for them to make even a living.

ed by the spectators the one to be selected would be that practised by William on the subject of the stroke because it is A. Larned, the national champion. It is

spin delivered with any terrific wallop, and very rarely does he need to serve the second, for his first ball lands every time across the net, and just as it does he advances to a position where he can effectively parry, kill, or volley almost any kind of a return. Larned loses very little vitality serving, yet he is the most successfu player America has ever had. Nobody of course, who wanted to be an expert with the rac

final thirty-six noises on Saturday. "It must be remembered that all the rounds except the final in the British ama-teur are at eighteen holes, and the two eighteen-hole match rounds suggested will shorten the context. quet would ever think of copying the nice litle, soft service of Harold H. Hackett, yet it has puzzled more players to handle "It may be that some of you have better suggestions to make, and I make this sug-gestion only as something to work from, being convinced that we should not have more than five days' play instead of six. it than all the ripping, smashing, swatting, walloping drives of the whole brigade of the followers of the swift American service. Hardly anybody ever saw Hackett miss his first service ball.

FRANK WHEATON WORKS HARD If a man cared to practice service for accurary and to cure himself of walloping He is After Base Ball Material in the into the top cord of the net it would not be a bad plan to try the method followed by Dr. Joshua Pim, winner of the English and has never been approached in this dechampionship and undoubtedly a wonderpartment. In the forehand and backhand ful player in his day. He generally praccoach of the naval academy teams for the drive he was slightly the superior of Pim. tised at the Fitz-William club in Dublin. last year, is working hard to develop the his method being more organic and more He would place a circuar piece of paper

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base ball and foot ball material in the new four inches or so in diameter on the opfourth class. posite court and try to hit it with the According to Wheaton, the new class does that object for a full hour, and as his not promise much in the foot ball line, strokes grew accurate he would move though two fairly good men have been nearer to the opposite side of the net so found in Harrison, who was back on the University of Illinois, and Collins, a 170-In practice he would always like to play ounder, who was the quarterback of the against the best man available, but when Roxboro High school, Massachusetts. A possible he would play against the profes- strong class base ball nine is being desional employed by the club, and the docveloped. tor would agree to pay him a crown for Musings of an Old Sport. every set the "pro" could win. It was then

Pim was properly extended, for the "pro" was out to make some coin and he uncovered all his best shots and tactics that would not otherwise be brought into execu-

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Fourth Class. ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 5.-Frank Whea-

on, the tail athlete who has been the field