

STEEPLECHASING AT ARLINGTON POPULAR

Sport Gaining in Favor in the Midwest, Declares Officer of Natl. Ass'n

Herman Conkling, who represents the National Steeplechase and Hunt association in the stewards stand at Arlington Park in the course of the thirty days racing that began June 29, came from Baltimore last week to look things over. Arlington chasing this year, he predicts, will be as good as the best ever offered anywhere.

"Last year," he said to Otto W. Lehman, president of the Arlington Park Jockey club, as they talked things over at the North Side course, "The supporters of steeplechasing in the east were not sure 'chasing would take out here. The west hadn't had any of any sort for about a quarter of a century, none ever as the chasing understood in Maryland, New England and Canada and about New York.

Surprisingly Popular

"That it became instantly popular surprised; the fact that it did registered strong. From this season on Arlington Park will be regarded, as far as steeplechasing goes, much as are Saratoga, Belmont Park and Woodbine Park. It is generally recognized that the new Arlington course which was constructed under the direction of Herman Pels, superintendent of Belmont Park, is as fine a course as the country knows. The appeal of Arlington to the consideration of steeplechase trainers is strong because of the schooling field that has been improved since last summer. This schooling course, one mile around is good enough for regular steeplechasing.

"Votaries of chasing out here are going to see two amazingly good riders in Pete Bostwick and Rigan McKinney, millionaire amateurs. They did not come out last season. Young Bostwick will be here this year to ride a horse or so of his own, also, his brother's and his aunts'. Mrs. Ambrose Clark is his aunt. She will be as strongly represented in Arlington chasing as any other eastern sportswoman or sportsman. Bostwick's best in Road Agent, a son of Vulcain and Masque, which won at Belmont Park May 19, beating Icicle, Cree, Valorous, Luckite, Erne 2d, Tassman and Dancing Princess. Bostwick, of course rode. Road Agent won three times out of four last year.

Promising Jumper

"There is no more promising green jumper in America than McKinney's Inception. He won a Bowie handicap with Inception at Pimlico last fall and Sun Beau was one of the horses the Sporting Blood colt beat. It was for steeplechasing, however that McKinney paid \$15,000 for Inception.

"I don't wish to disparage our professional jockeys, but in these amateurs steeplechasing today boasts, in my estimation, the most skillful horsemen extant. They have everything. No great amateurs of the past and we have had many good ones had anything on either of them. One reason they are so good is that their hearts are in the game. They would rather fool around horses than do anything else in the world. If misfortune of a pecuniary kind should ever overtake them they would easily

command \$15,000 or \$20,000 a year as trainers."

McKinney's Inception is a prospective starter in the North Shore and Lake Forest steeplechases, gallops of two miles and two miles and a half for 4 year olds and over that should gross about \$8,000 each. Albert Bostwick's North Shore and Lake Forest hopes are the outlander, Zinita and the American bred Oesel. Albert Bostwick, a finished rider himself, is a steward of the National Steeplechase and Hunt association.

Autohaven Plan Goes Glimmering; Promoter Runs Foul of the Law

Plans for the establishment of an "Autohaven," to be located at Greenwood avenue and Sheridan road in Waukegan have apparently been shattered by the raid last week in Chicago by the state's attorney's police.

The local "Autohaven" was to be one of a large chain of similar organizations throughout the entire country. The haven was to include a palatial hotel and restaurant in addition to a golf course. Press reports estimated the chain to be valued at \$85,000,000.

Investigation by the state's attorney of Chicago was caused by a stenographer who had gone payless for some three months. According to Prosecutor Thompson, Adrian J. Williams, the promoter, sold blue prints to some 400 contractors at \$25 per set. He had advertised for 300 managers, each to deposit \$5,000 as a security. Attempts are being made by the authorities to ascertain just how much was paid into this scheme.

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Youth Has Narrow Escape When Auto Is Hit by a Train

Lowell Nye, an 18 year old youth, whose home is in McHenry, had a narrow escape from death last week while driving his automobile near Grayslake.

His car was wrecked when he failed to see an oncoming passenger train northwest of Grayslake. Immediately after, the wreck burst into flames and being laden with jewelry

packed in inflammable materials, continued to burn briskly while motorists attempted to drag him out.

Lowell's father is the proprietor of a jewelry store in McHenry, and the boy was bound for his father's establishment when the car began to go up in smoke.

As soon as he had been dragged from the car, spectators began scrambling for the jewelry which was scattered in every direction. Marshall Fred Chard of Grayslake attempted to keep the crowds away but was almost powerless to cope with the mob that gathered.

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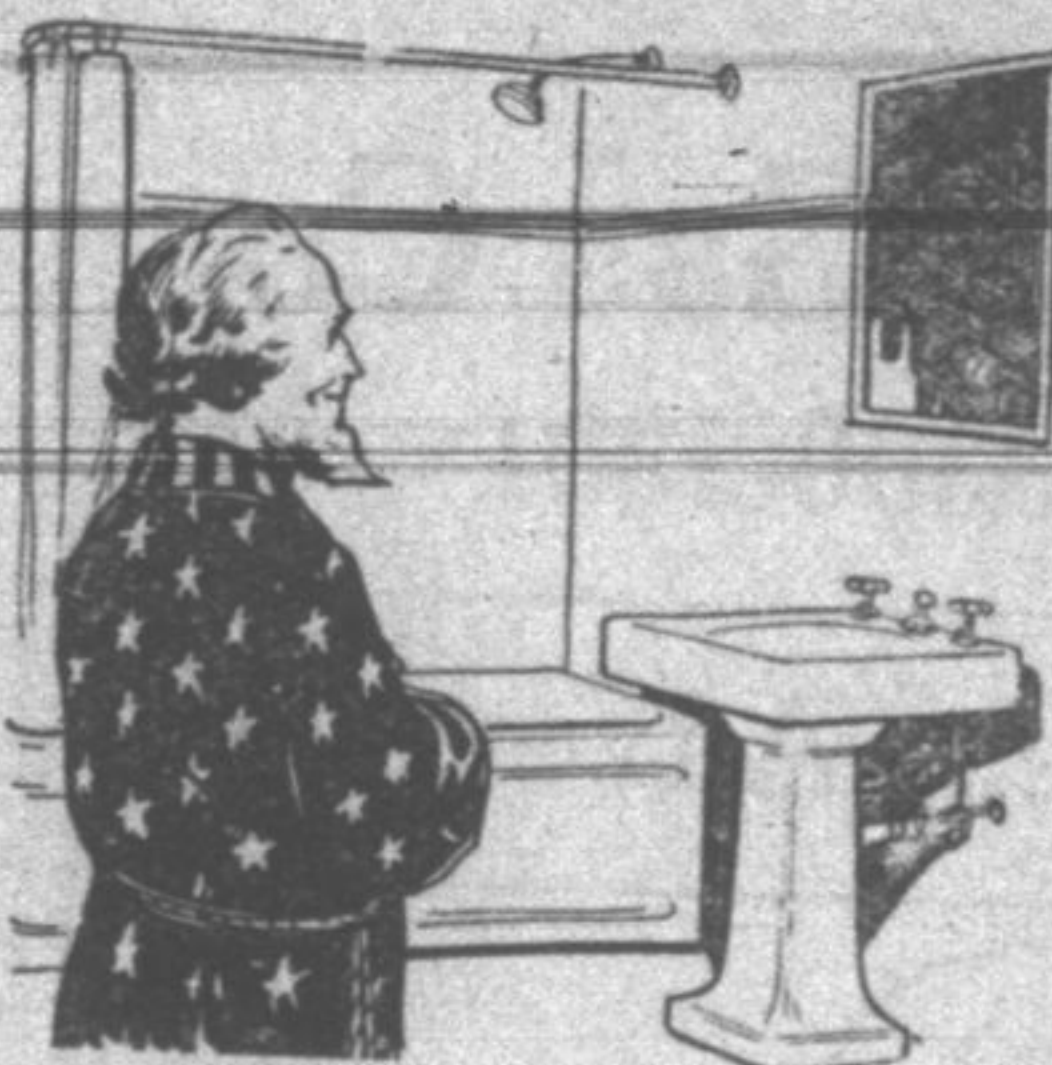
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