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TOO OLD FOR ATHLETICS!

Not at 78—As for 75, Youthful—Those Less Than 40 Are Just Beginners.

When James H. Reilly and Fred Plaisted arranged to scull one another a mile and a quarter on the Schuykill river, a good many of their friends said they were as young as they were only above their eyebrows.

At seventy-eight and seventy-five years of age, respectively, these friends said they were two plucky old men to think of such a thing as going in for athletics, but these same friends added that they didn't think so much of the quality of the pair's judgment, such a contest would kill 'em, it was predicted.

They raced, however, and Plaisted covered the course in 8 minutes and 35 seconds, which is considerably better than a lot of men can do at the top of their youthful powers.

As the younger of the two, Plaisted ought to have won as he did, but Reilly set him a hot pace and he got as many cheers as his successful rival did.

Fifty years ago Reilly and Plaisted were champions. Through all the decades they've kept in condition by a little paddling each summer.

It was Plaisted who issued the challenge. He was ready to row any sculler above 70 he said, and at first Jim Ten Eyck took him up, but later he changed his mind, saying he guessed he was a little past such strenuous exercise.

Then along came the veteran Reilly from Saratoga—Plaisted is a Philadelphian—and said he didn't propose to let the latter get away with the idea that he, Reilly, was afraid of him on account of his quarter of a dozen years' advantage. And for that matter, he added that he wasn't so sure it was an advantage either, because at 78 a man was more mature than he was at 35, and probably possessed more strength and endurance.

Oarsmen a couple of generations more youthful report that they learned quite a bit from seeing these two old-timers tearing along the water in competition with one another.

They announce now that they intend to row together each year as long they feel fit enough.

As for Hilton Belyea, Reilly and Plaisted agree that he's a mere beginner. All Belyea is, is 35, and he himself admits he hasn't come into his own yet. He aspires to the world title as a single shell pilot.

People call him the "human steamboat." He rigs his craft, so far as the matter of propulsion is concerned, as nearly as he can on steamboat principles. The wider his oar blades are, the more force he can put on them, and the faster he can go, he says. They measure more than 13 inches across, which is peculiar, but within the rules of amateur oarsmanship.

Belyea is the St. John's N. B. fisherman who holds the Canadian singles championship, and who, at the recent regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen of America on the Schuykill at Philadelphia, where Reilly and Plaisted staged their contest, won the association singles also.

The Canadian native course is the St. John's river. Scattered along this stream are many small islands upon which cattle graze.

These animals are sent to swim to the islands from the New Brunswick shore for their rations, and part of Belyea's training is to row behind herds of them, to see that they go where it's desired they should. Herding fancy bred cattle from a boat is a bit out of the ordinary but Belyea says it's good training. That, and fishing, keep him in condition. No current is too swift for him.

A few years ago Belyea was hurled from a bicycle against a rock and the repairs a surgeon was compelled to make on him included a riveting of a plate over a damage place in his skull. His right eye was somewhat affected by this accident but it doesn't interfere with his rowing, which he says he intends to continue until he has accumulated a good many more titles.

Limestone's Future Looks Very Bright

The outlook for the Limestone Rugby Club for this fall is becoming increasingly bright as the season gets nearer and enthusiasts behind the formation of the club are very optimistic for the future. A letter was received from the O.R.F.U. yesterday saying that that body would take up the matter of forming an eastern group at once and that prospects in that direction were very favorable.

Part of the equipment of the team has arrived and the remainder is ordered and expected shortly. The uniforms are after the same style worn by the large American Universities with black and gold sweaters and stockings and long khaki breeches, well padded high above the waist. The first game for this team will be on September 30th when they will meet the Royal Military College seniors at the Richardson stadium in an exhibition. After that, there may be O.R.F.U. fixtures, or a straight run of exhibition games.

Depend on no man, on no friend, but on him who can depend on himself.



JOCKEY CHICK LANG Injured at Saratoga.

WON CORONATION CUP.

Hayseed IV, Captured Maritime Yachting Title.

Off Halifax, N.S., coming from behind on the last leg to windward in a twenty-five mile course, with the finish line less than eight miles down the wind, Hayseed IV., the swift Marconi-rigged sloop, representing the Chester Yacht Club, defeated the Windward, of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Halifax, by fifty-seven seconds on Saturday, thereby attaching the Coronation Cup, emblematic of the yachting championship of the maritime waters, and the Prince of Wales trophy.

Windward, defender of the Coronation Cup, rated as inferior to her rival in both hull and rig, furnished a real surprise and almost won. She led the Hayseed for the first fifteen miles of the course, most of which was windward work, and in which the Hayseed, a 1921 importation from New York, has hitherto showed a marked superiority over the local craft. Windward, helmed by W. J. Rouse, designer of the champion fisherman Bienenose, was at one time more than four minutes in the lead.

Saturday's race was the second in the Coronation series; three other starts had been made, but accidents and lack of wind prevented finishes. Hayseed won the first. It was agreed

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September Morn would be right at home and comfortable in this weather.

Bernard Darwin, grandson of the expounder of the famous theory of evolution, is the liaison officer between the golfing party contesting the Walker Cup for the British Isles

and the American press representatives.

Hilton Belyea will not row in the Duluth regatta. He thinks that his present style does not give him enough speed and will develop another.

"Babe" Ruth will be out of the game for a few days as the result of an operation for an abscess on his leg, developed from a slide to base at Detroit.

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