

NEWBOY BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD.

Ensign Carter, Target Practice
Survived Nebraska, in Manilla Bay, Breaks World's Record in Number of Hits. Carter is Making a Record in the Navy which to the Gratification of his Many Friends.

gratifying to Ensign Carter's many Dillon friends to know that he is taking a part in the navy. Since Ensign Carter was assigned to some of the largest and most important warships and he has made every assignment. Recently while in charge of a turret at practice in Manilla Bay he broke the world's record in number of hits, although the firing was done under great disadvantage the ship was rolling heavily at the time in a rough sea. In naval circles it was considered such a remarkable achievement that the Army and Navy Register devoted front page in praise of Ensign Carter, publishing in the center a large half-tone picture of the young ensign. The Army and Navy Register says in part:

The navy department has not received the full reports of the record target practice of the naval ships in Manilla Bay, but the official preliminary information indicates that an excellent showing has been made by the gunners of the after turret of the U. S. S. Nebraska. The firing with the guns from that turret occurred on November 12, and the indications are that the world's record for 12 inch guns and superimposed turrets was broken. On the occasion of the practice the ship was rolling from three to six degrees. It is not possible to make a definite comparison of records in the Manilla Bay target practice until the reports are in and the prizes are received, but, at all events, the record in the case of the after turret of the Nebraska is considerably ahead of the best record of the year. The peculiar merit of his performance is due to the fact that this was the first time that the ship had ever fired at any target practice, the Nebraska not having had previously a preliminary target practice. The significance of this is in the demonstration that a new ship's company brought to a very high state of efficiency by competent officers in a comparatively short space of time.

The after turret in the Nebraska was commanded in the Manilla Bay practice by Ensign Andrew F. Carter, United States navy, who formerly commanded an 8-inch turret of the U. S. S. Virginia, which held excellent records. The ships of the Atlantic fleet will probably hold their target practice next in Cape Cod Bay, on the New England coast, in August and September. The present plan is to have the ships, upon arrival at Hampton Roads, and after a short period of liberty for the enlisted force, go to their respective navy yards for repairs and alterations. This will be followed by battle manoeuvres for two months and then target practice near Guantanamo.

At the battle practice for vessels held recently the ships fired under way at ranges varying from 5,000 to 9,000 yards on unmarked ranges. The distance of the target course of the ship was in a sealed envelope, opened just before going on the range, the conditions being such as to stimulate approximately the conditions of firing in action. Special experimental firing will also be carried out. The target practice of the Atlantic fleet was of special interest, owing to the fact that many officers had been of the opinion that training in port was essential to efficiency, but it was clearly shown by the excellent records made by the main battery guns of the battle ships that a high degree of efficiency can be obtained by sea practice alone. The present year will see record longer ranges and under weather conditions than the practice in the past. The new and pointed shells will be used with the 12 inch guns under conditions of target practice.

COURT DECIDES AGAINST MARIONITES.

And Woodbury Township Cannot be Cut off and Tacked on to Horry County. Gov. Refuses to Order Election and is Sustained by Supreme Court. Looks Like Scheme to Defeat New County Proposition.

Woodbury Township cannot be tacked on to Horry county and some other means will have to be adopted to cut Marion's territory down to less than 900 square miles. It has been known for some time that certain parties were interested in a movement to tack Woodbury Township on to Horry county. The object was to reduce Marion's area to less than 900 square miles and thus block the movement to create a new county out of the upper portion of Marion. The new county said nothing because they knew Gov. Ansel would not lend himself to any such scheme after the commissioners had been appointed to survey Marion county for the purpose of forming a new county. When the petition was presented the Governor promptly turned it down and the petitioners appealed to the Supreme Court. The Governor was sustained and the old county advocates lose. The proceedings were brought by A. J. Brown and J. J. Williams "and others." When the petition was presented the governor held that commissioners would have to be appointed to determine the boundary line as in the case of new county elections. The advocates of annexation held that the governor erred. Following is the court's decision:

"After reading the petition herein, the court is of the opinion that rule to show cause should not issue. Even if the governor is subject to our writ of mandamus, a question noticed but not decided in State vs Ansel, 76 S. C. 406. It appears from the petition that the act sought to be compelled is not a plain ministerial duty, but involves the exercise of discretion, and is, therefore, not compellable by mandamus. See section 580, civil code, and State, ex rel. Reese vs Ansel, 78 S. C. 331."

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes, eggs, 15 for \$100. 2/3 guaranteed to hatch.
W. E. Hall, Dillon, S. C.

One of the most notable facts connected with a country newspaper of today is the large increase in the amount of advertising of local business houses. The change has taken place gradually, and has been marked especially during the past year or so. It is significant, and an inquiry as to the cause of it is of great profit, not only to those in the newspaper business, but to every business man and citizen of our town as well. The change, in brief, means the local merchants have found it necessary to call attention to their goods because of the immense competition they face, the most deadly element of which is that from the great stores of the large cities. These great establishments advertise their wares most lavishly, and the metropolitan newspapers which contain their advertisements are distributed over the country, some one paper of which enters nearly every home. The result is that these metropolitan establishments have built up an immense mail trade. In our town, and indeed most of the towns hereabouts, there is no occasion for this out-of-town buying. The duty of citizens in the matter is plain, and if other things are equal support should be given local dealers. Our merchants have invested their capital, have erected buildings, which are the pride of the city, and have established concerns which are almost metropolitan in character. They have built up our little city, and it is only a fair return that they have the city's trade; to turn our trade otherwise, even in the line of small purchases whipped parsley, in the aggregate, is all the potatoes has led by any other horse. This is very truly yours.

DAN PATCH'S WONDERFUL SPEED

Some Inside Information About the Horse that Holds the World's Pacing Record. His Speed Increases with Age. His Mark 1.55. Half Brother of Dan P. who Won over Alfonso on the Bennettsville Track.

As "Dan P." is a half brother of "Dan Patch," who holds the world's pacing record, the following from the Pee Dee Advocate will be interesting to many patrons of the turf in this section who have had the pleasure recently of seeing "Dan P." show some of his speed on the Bennettsville track:

Dear Sirs:—During the past few months I have noticed the various comments printed about Dan Patch and his 1908 performances. Some of these have been written in all fairness to the fastest horse that has ever lived, and has been based on facts. Others seem to have been written on pressure of prejudice or based on absolute ignorance.

We have many truly great and fast horses in this country and new ones will develop from time to time. As a horse breeder I would not continue in the business. I do not wish to appear as trying to detract from the greatness of any horse, but simply to state facts about Dan Patch.

Early in the summer I stated that Dan Patch was faster than ever and that although he was twelve years old he would pace the fastest mile in his life. Dan's first mile last year was the last week of August, when he paced a mile in 2:00 with every eighth in fifteen seconds. At that time I told Hersey that his first mile proved my statement and that it was the easiest and best mile I ever saw Dan pace, and I saw his miles in 1:55 and in 1:55 Dan's second performance was a mile in 1:58 3/4, finished where the tremendous crowd had taken possession of the track, with just enough room for Dan to pass between the crowding people. His third mile was in 1:58, and his fourth mile was in 1:57 3/4. On October 11th, at Livingston, Dan paced the first quarter in twenty-nine seconds, and the second in twenty-seven and one-half seconds, a 1:50 clip. He was at the half in 56 1/2 seconds 1:55 a clip, and at the three quarter in 1:25 1/2. At the seven-eighths the pace-maker, driven by Scot Hudson, broke a blood vessel and slackened down enough to shorten Dan's tremendous stride of twenty-two feet and yet Dan Patch finished that mile in 1:56 1/4, which all fairminded men must acknowledge was by far the fastest and greatest mile in the life of the fastest harness horse in the world. Hersey states that when this happened Dan was going easy and was not tiring and that, barring the accident to the pace-maker, Dan would have surely beaten 1:55. In no year has Dan ever started out with a mile in 2:00 and then reduced it every performance. His last mile is absolute proof that Dan Patch in his twelfth year was faster than ever, which is doubly remarkable from the fact that Dan has been performing these world-famous miles for six years.

From some of the comments I have seen printed the readers would be led to believe that it was a very ordinary event for a horse to pace faster miles at twelve years of age than any other pacer approached at any age. I am sure that the facts carry me out in my statement that Dan's performances in 1908 were the most remarkable in his entire life and indisputable proof that he was faster than ever. Is it not an astonishing event in all harness history when Dan Patch at twelve years of age paces the fastest miles in all of his wonderful career? Dan returned to my farm in good shape and is jogging sound and full of fire and energy. I have no doubt but what he will be able to give a good account of himself in speed performances during 1909, to the gratification of his millions of warm friends. I will make the prediction right here that Dan Patch will pace one mile in 1909 than have yet been made by any other horse. This is very truly yours.

WASHINGTON LETTER

News From Our Busy Capital

France does not allow her President to appear in public on horseback for fear that he will captivate popular favor or on the other hand make his high office ridiculous. But if France had a Roosevelt for President she would not have much chance to dictate about his horsemanship stunts.

The Hochi, a daily paper of Yokohama comes out with a warning against the agitators in the California legislature who are proposing bills inimical to the well being of the Japanese. Nobody enjoys having Japan shake her fist at us but just the same these agitators should be suppressed. If we ever have to fight the little Islanders we want to have a better cause than excluding their children from public schools and denying them other human and national rights.

The ladies who danced with Mr. Taft at the Atlanta ball say he is very nimble on his feet. It is probable that the ladies took care to be very nimble on their own feet. Three hundred pounds on a dancing slipper with toes in 'em is not a pleasant experience even if they are presidential pounds.

A Nashville newspaper is accusing a certain Tennessee statesman with being intoxicated with his own voice. If the present prohibition wave continues it will not be long before that is all that is left for our statesmen to be intoxicated with.

The President it is said is eagerly looking forward to a release from the cares of office. Tigers and lions the tsetse fly, mosquitoes and canned food are merely forms of relaxation for Mr. Roosevelt after a Congress like the present one in session.

A New York woman is demanding a divorce on the ground of the thirteenth amendment which guarantees protection from "involuntary servitude". Here is another argument for keeping women out of politics.

President Castro announces that hereafter he will live like a private citizen. He might have added "instead of as a public nuisance".

Having escaped the gallows twice, once by the plea of self defense and again on the unwritten law Thornton Hains would do well to abandon the pistol toting habit. He might escape a third time on the plea of insanity but that has the drawback of the insane asylum attached to it.

Mr. Rockefeller's physician think that gentleman may live to be one hundred because he always leaves the table feeling hungry. There are a great many people still with us who are compelled to do that to whom the prospect of one hundred years is not altogether consolatory.

The Poe centenary has brought out an overwhelming mass of printed trash that can do nothing toward strengthening the fame of that unhappy poet. What glory he has or may have rests on his printed word that is accessible to everyone and should have nothing to do with his wretched private life which should have been buried with his body.

Prof. Lowell says that if Mars were inhabited its people would die of thirst. Now how do the scientists know that Mars has gone "dry"?

Mrs. Jane Wellman and her sixteen year old daughter have just completed a horseback journey of 1500 miles in order that the young woman might

The rest cure should be looking for a busy season after the close of this stormy Congress.

Lilian Russell says she will never marry again. Can it be that fair Lilian has been crossed in love?

This country does not seem to be able to overcome the idea that the Duke d'Abruzzi can only make the proper return for our generosity by sending money to the earthquake sufferers by defying his family and hurrying over to marry Miss Elkins. Has anybody thought that perhaps Miss Elkins might object to buying her duke that way.

The "Embroidery Club"

The latest organization in Dillon, one having it's instructive as well as social side, is an "Embroidery Club" composed of twelve matrons. It meets every Monday afternoon at some member's house taken alphabetically. The Club met with Mrs. D. N. Oliver, the President, on Monday. Mrs. Oliver had organized a delightful program. Mrs. Jordan read very interestingly from "Aunt Jane of Kentucky." After this Mrs. Malcolm sang some delightful selections which were thoroughly enjoyed by those who plied their needle. Mrs. Oliver then served refreshments, and the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Truss Bethea next Monday.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the Spring Term of Court of General Sessions for Marion County will convene at Marion on Monday, February 22nd, 1909 at 10 a. m.

D. F. MILES,
C. C. G. S.

Cupid at Work.

Miss Flora Eliza Doares and Mr. John Eugene Thompson were married at the residence of Mr. J. A. McKay last Friday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. C. Kirkland. Miss Doares lived in Dillon about two years ago, being employed at The Stubbs Co's. For the past year she has been residing at Aberdeen. The groom is a prosperous young business man of Aberdeen. Mr. and Mrs. Doares are spending a few days in town before returning to Aberdeen.

At the Methodist parsonage on Sunday evening, Jan. 24th., Mr. John Campbell Blackman, of Kentucky was married to Miss Jennie May Hyatt, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Kirkland.

NOTICE

The office of County Superintendent of Education will be open every Saturday and first Monday.
JOE P. LANE
Supt. of Ed.

MISS ELLIOTT WINS QUARTER MARATHON

Five Young Lasses Enter Walking Contest from Dillon to Latta. Time, One Hour and Thirty-four Minutes. Miss Edith Elliott First, Miss Beulah Braddy Second. Purses \$5 to First, \$2.50 to Second and Dinners for All.

Five young High School lasses pulled off a quarter Marathon from Dillon to Latta Saturday morning. The contestants were Misses Edith Elliott, Beulah Braddy, Rebecca Elliott, Eula Braddy and Mabel Evans, and the distance of 7 miles was covered in one hour and thirty-four minutes. The party was chaperoned by Prof. A. C. Gentry and Miss Myrtle Baughman.

The quarter Marathon contest was arranged by Col. L. H. Smith of Latta, following the publication in The Herald some days ago of an account of the half Marathon won by Miss Nina Jackson in New York week before last. Col. Smith offered a prize of \$5 to the winner and a prize of \$2.50 to the second walker.

The contest was a spirited one. Saturday was an ideal spring day—just the kind of day for vigorous out-door exercise—and the young ladies enjoyed the walk immensely. Promptly at 9:55 a. m. the party was started from the passenger depot at Dillon by Messrs. L. C. Braddy and A. B. Jordan who had been requested to act as judges at this end. The young ladies started off at a vigorous pace and soon were lost to sight over Buttermill Hill just beyond the Maple Swamp trestle. As the race progressed the pace increased, first one and then the other leading, but finally when more than half of the distance had been covered and the home stretch was reached Miss Edith Elliott took the lead which she maintained until the depot at Latta, the stopping point, was reached. Closely following Miss Elliott was Miss Beulah Braddy who arrived one minute behind the winner. Miss Rebecca Elliott arrived two minutes behind Miss Braddy, Miss Eula Braddy two minutes behind Miss Rebecca Elliott and Miss Mabel Evans eight minutes behind Miss Braddy.

The contestants were met at Latta by Messrs. L. H. Smith and A. S. Manning who escorted the young ladies and their friends to the Latta Hotel where they were entertained at an elegant dinner as guests of Col. Smith.

At the conclusion of the contest Miss Edith Elliott with a purse of \$5, and the second, Miss Beulah Braddy the second prize, a purse of \$2.50. The party spent the day at Latta as the guests of Col. Smith and returned home that night at 8:19 train.

Accompanying the party were Messrs. John H. David, Wm. Ter and Hayes.

To Our Friends ONE AND ALL

We take this means of thanking you for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the year just closed.

We assure you that it was highly appreciated, and we hope by courteous treatment, fair prices, and honest dealing, to merit a continuance of the same.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, we beg to remain,

YOURS VERY TRULY,

Pharmacy
Rufus Ed...
Goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. On garment without ripping apart. Write for free book.