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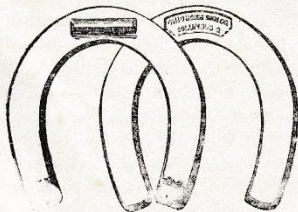
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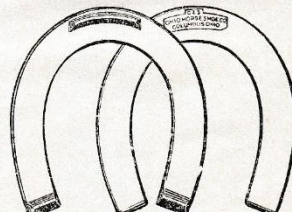
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# 'Sunshine City' Scene of Activity

By JOHN LODWICK

AS USUAL old St. Petersburg, the "Sunshine City" of Florida, is getting all pepped up over the coming winter sport classic, the annual horse shoe pitching tournament in which America's best will participate for the bag of gold and the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a winner. Tickets have been printed and are selling like hot-cakes in the smart tourist hotels, on the green benches and in the dozen or so public parks.

Of course, capacity crowds will be attracted to Waterfront Park where the spectacular events are to take place. To the uninitiated there can be no thrill to horse shoes, but after the lay-man gets the hang of the game he suddenly discovers that there are more kicks to the good old pastime than there is in a football or a baseball game. In either of the last two sports, the thrills are not lasting but in the heart of heaving the mules slippers the spectator is kept right on the very edge of his seat until the last point is scored.

Who remembers Wee Harold Falor the boy that brought a dozen heart collapses and caused women to faint with his courageous pitching in the tournament of some four or five years ago—and who can not help but bring back to mind the uphill battles that have been waged on the forty foot lanes by that grizzled veteran of many an equestrian footgear war, Frank

Jackson, the Kellerton Iowa farmer.

There might be a surprise or two flung at the fans in the coming St. Petersburg classics which are scheduled to get under way during the week of February 14. There are said to be some 800,000 horse shoe pitchers in America today, so there certainly ought to be at least a half dozen new topnotchers developed within a year's time.

C. C. Davis, I understand, is working out in Bradentown, some fifty miles from here, where he hopes to get back into top form and regain the title he held on two different occasions. Fred Brust is coming down and will at least be a spectator, if he does not take part in the meet. Putt Mossman has his entry in and others are coming right along. H. H. Robinson, of Pittsburgh, is entered as is Jack Butler, of Columbus.

H. L. Ermatinger, president of the National Association, is on the ground

in complete charge of arrangements, and he is being most ably assisted by D. D. Cottrell vice president and national statistician.

The local courts are regarded by pitchers as the best in America which might be recorded as unusual when it is taken into consideration that the soil hereabouts is largely made up of sand and marle. The clay pits are imported from Ohio and are constantly under the care of expert caretakers.

Guests from the smart tourist hotels are taking to the game and one visiting the Waterfront will observe men of wealth and pink hands, hardening them to the game of their youth.

During the week of the big tournament special excursions will be operated by the boat and railroad lines into St. Petersburg. Grand stand and bleacher accommodations for 500 spectators are being set in place where the big games will take place.

## PROTESTS BILL

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 22nd, 1927

Mr. H. L. Ermatinger, President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Asso'n.

849 Fourth Street,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Horseshoe World,  
London, Ohio

Dear Sir: This is to advise you that there has been introduced or about to be, a Bill in the Ohio Senate, that will govern all Athletic Sports in Ohio. This bill will kill the horseshoe game in Ohio, as it states that at all Athletic Events, all spectators must be seated. You know this is impossible at some of our little horseshoe tournaments and contests. Also that All Clubs, Associations, etc. will have to pay a fee of \$25 to the State Commission who would govern all Sports. Also that 10 per cent of all receipts be given to this Commission. Now I have written to Senator Joseph N. Ackerman who introduced the bill acquaint-

ing him of the injury that will be caused to horseshoe pitching. You know that The Horseshoe Association and Clubs cannot afford to pay \$25 annual license fee, nor can all Horseshoe Tournaments have bleachers, etc. for spectators. This bill includes all contests where a prize or other awards are given. This will keep the Fair Associations and others who support the game from doing anything for Horseshoes on account of the expense.

College and school sports are the only ones exempted from this bill, it is claimed that the revenue will reach five to six million dollars a year. Everyone knows that baseball, football, boxing, wrestling, horse racing, dog racing and other large sports, as auto racing can pay such fees, but horseshoe players cannot do this. Besides every time a tournament or contest is held a license will be required and this will mean money.

Now I am asking you to write to

Senator Joseph M. Ackerman, care State House, Columbus, Ohio, Senator from Cuyahoga county, and explain the position of the horseshoe pitchers and protest the horseshoe sport being included in this above bill. Also I suggest that the Horseshoe World publish the facts and have every Horseshoe Club and every pitcher in Ohio write a protest to Senator Ackerman. This will all help have a bearing to free Horseshoe Pitching from an added burden as it has all it can do to get by as things are at present.

Yours very truly,

Art L. Headlough  
48 W. Salome Avenue.

## HOW ABOUT SCORESHEETS?

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## SCORING SHOE TOURNEY CALLS FOR A REAL ARMY OF TRAINED WORKMEN

BY W. J. SEAS

Few people realize the amount of and exacting clerical work required in connection with a national horse shoe pitching tournament. To keep twelve playing courts going, the number to be used in the national tournament starting in St. Petersburg February 14, will require twelve scorekeepers. Keeping a score necessitates a thorough knowledge of the game, a quick eye, an alert mind and the power to concentrate. The completed score of a game must show how many shoes pitched, number of points scored by each man, on which pitch and with which shoe he made the point; the number of single ringers, with which shoe and on what pitch made, and the same with the double ringers.

Besides the twelve there must be two clerks to check up the work of the scorers; two others to transfer the scores to the official score sheet of games; three men to see that the scorers get the sheets according to the schedule and that they are returned promptly to the checkers after each game, and an announcer to keep the players moving from court to court without delay. A mistake that will take five minutes to correct will delay a game on every one of the twelve courts that length of time some where in the schedule for the day. This means that it will take an hour longer to finish the day's work.

### Cottrell is Genius

National tournaments have been working much smoother since D. D. Cottrell, of North Cohocton, N. Y., took charge of the statistical end three years ago. He is on hand now conducting a school for new men to take the place of some of his former assistants. He is one of those men who analyze the proposition at hand and then knows what to do with it.

Cottrell started to learn his lesson early. When a little bit of a chap he wanted a pony. About that time an offer came along to sell subscriptions for a mail order magazine with a pony as a bait at the other end of a long line of subscriptions to be obtained. After selling a dozen subscriptions he came across the picture of a man who had gotten his pony after working seventy years. That was longer than D. D. cared to wait for

a horse, but he had taken a liking to selling magazine subscriptions.

Several years later after shaving for the first time in his life, he went out and sold a woman subscriptions for three different magazines. She was a hard customer and he had to sacrifice a part of his commission to get the order. That was the time, New York the place, and Cottrell the man who then and there hatched the combination offer or club plan of selling magazines. Remember it when you get your next offer.

In a few years he got tired of hoofing it around so commenced sending out his offers by mail. His letters brought results. He hired a stenographer; then another and another until there were thirty-five to pay.

Cottrell put in most of his hours counting the long green coming his way. The only time he stopped was when he saw the mail bags coming in and going from his office. In them he saw the riches he created but did not get. Picking up a new lead pencil one day he put his case down in figures and presented the result to Uncle Sam. The high hat fellow was wearing left handed political

glasses when the letter arrived and Cottrell never got an answer. A year later the old fellow in Washington had to change his spectacles. D. D. helped to grind the new lenses. He had all the voters in the county look thru them. They pronounced them perfect. When they were fitted on our uncle he looked up North Cohocton way. Then he saw the postmaster there had a bum complexion and gave Cottrell the job.

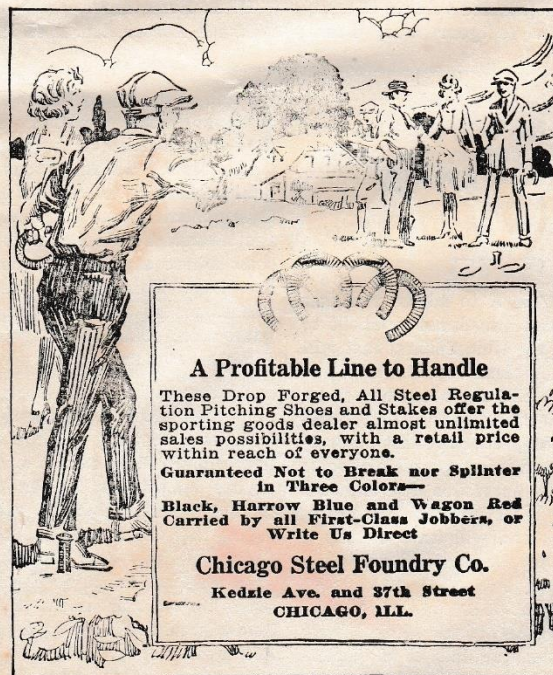
### Becomes Efficient

For years Cottrell toiled with the columns in his office and the postoffice. The daily totals were still mounting but he was becoming so efficient that he completed his daily task a second earlier every week.

"This for me; that for Uncle Sam," a stranger heard him say early one December afternoon as he brushed the snow off his coat at the office door.

Now when you hear a voice near you down at the horse shoe grounds say "39 and 17 are 56; 56 and 161 are 217; 217 and 1239 are 1456; 1456 and 100,011 are 101,467; 101,467 and 1,239,163 are 1,340,630," as fast as Dr. McLean talks when he is driving home a point explaining something relating to one of the twenty-one sciences he has studied, do not turn your head to see who it is. It will surely be D. D. Cottrell working on some horse shoe scores and you will also know where he learned addition.

"An' what d' you know about that?"—St. Petersburg Times.



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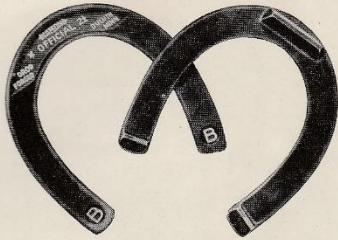
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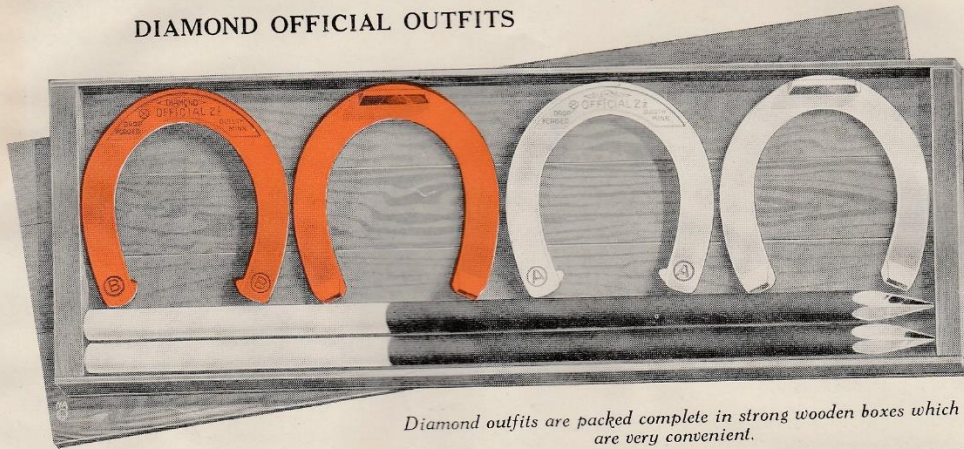


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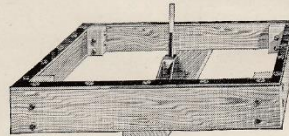
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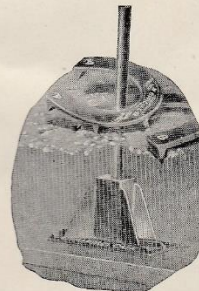
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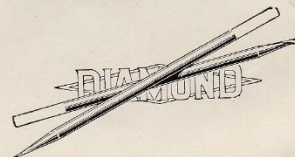
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# SHALL WE FORGE AHEAD?

The delegates from the various states will soon be assembled in convention of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and The Horseshoe World takes this occasion to congratulate the Association upon a successful year.

May we further add that the doings of the convention this year mean much to the future of the Association and ask that every state instruct its delegates to attend strictly to the welfare of the organization in voting for various measures that may be brought up and in the election of officers.

There has been some laxity, it seems, in the amount of effort put forth for the Association, except at Tournament time. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association should be an all year round organization, catering to the needs and welfare of state and county and city organizations. Not all can travel to Florida each winter, as delightful as we know the trip to be. Not all can enjoy the sensation of seeing a National Tournament, but everyone could be interested in the game if the National Officers will busy themselves in the way of co-operation with the State and County and City organizations.

This is not a reflection on the present officers. It is a goal we wish the new officers would set. There is no reason why hundreds of dollars may not be brought into the treasury by means of individual and club dues collections. It can be done! If the next Secretary is wide-awake he will see that a strong organization is set up! The Horseshoe World daily receives inquiries from clubs stating they want to join and can't get a response from the official to whom they wrote. Why? Because the officials elected are capable enough but haven't the time to give to answering hundreds of letters unless the Association could afford to pay them. And because these inquiries from those who want to join aren't answered, no money comes into the treasury. So it is like a cat chasing its tail. It is a proposition that never gets anywhere. Now, be fair—isn't that true?

Our solution is simply this: Elect the best officers you can get. Elect a Secretary or better yet an Executive Secretary, and don't give him the bonus from St. Petersburg. Put him on his own resources to collect in dues and pay HIS OWN expenses the first year, thus starting a surplus with the bonus money, which should be placed on interest. Pledge the Secretary to start a campaign for membership on some basis—and don't spend too much time quibbling over what the amount of dues shall be for that isn't the most important thing—and then let him get busy!

The Horseshoe World offers its co-operation to the incoming Secretary and will devote an entire page to Association business affairs, if the secretary will furnish same each month. Or the Horseshoe World will become the clearing house for all information pertaining to the game and will attempt to take care of National Association correspondence and the collection of dues, if the Association so elects at the St. Petersburg convention. The publisher of this magazine was once Secretary of the Association and certainly does not seek a repetition of the Heartaches that went with that administration, but in order to get the thing on a paying basis, is willing to help in any way he may be drafted, provided, however, too many strings are not placed on him, as before. At any rate, let's do something.

[Clubs and individuals are asked to write or wire **TODAY**—your sentiments on the above plan to H. L. Ermatinger, President National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, 849 Fourth St., North St. Petersburg, Fla. He is a fair-minded official and will see that your message has weight in the action of the convention.]

## Letters to The Editor

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 12, 1927  
Editor The Horse Shoe World,  
London, Ohio.

On January 8, 1927, at South Park, Los Angeles was held the yearly meeting of the California State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. Some 250 players and fans were present and all enjoyed some high powered work by the artists who performed at the pegs.

In the election of officers Frank Williams, of San Diego, was chosen president of the association, Mr. Pain, of Glendale, retiring. Mr. Ives, of Santa Monica, for treasurer; Mr. Nichols, of Glendale, retiring. Mr. Geo. E. Krinbill our state secretary, and Mr. Thomas Referee retaining their places. When we come to weigh all of our hopes and prospects the good old game of Horse Shoe is in a sound and growing condition in California but we must all remember that we are but just now getting a good start. Our sport is but just now bidding against other pastimes for popular recognition, so don't forget to give

the boy a chance. We must encourage our weak sisters, learn to give more liberally of our means (about the weakest cog in the Horseshoe machine it is too cheap), take on board a good cargo of pep, do a lot of work and boosting for the reason you are always judged by what you create and while I have your attention would suggest we ought to have one more rule incorporated in our national rules. And I wish that rule might read something like this: Any member of our organization (while in his right mind) who shall designate our sport as Barn Yard Golf, Dobbin's Footwear or so-on and so-on shall be taken out somewhere and — at 6 o'clock in the morning after he makes such a silly crack. We have a great club and the best courts ever among the trees in great Balboa park. Over our club house door the passerby reads that we play 365 days in the year. Can you beat it?

Our grand old man of the club is Beaver Jack Woodward and every member has found out there are just two things that Jack won't stand for.

One is a skunk and you must not throw rocks at Amice McPherson.

Frank Williams.  
440 Cedar St., Balboa Club,  
San Diego, Calif.

## Kentucky News

BY E. M. MERCHANT

The writer wishes to thank his many friends throughout the States for the medal received for a Christmas gift made by Joster Mfg. Co.

The Kentucky State Horseshoe Pitchers association proved to be a big success. Last year there were 21 in Class A, 19 in Class B and 18 in Class C. The winners in the different classes were Ed Beckman, H. Kroll and T. P. Storey.

Mr. Charles Winters was again elected president of the Louisville Horseshoe Pitchers club for the coming year.

The handsome trophy donated by J. P. Hamilton for the state meet last year was won by T. P. Storey in Class C.

**OAKLAND, CALIF., NOTES**

Our club was organized in August, 1923, the first game was given by the Oakland Tribune. It called on all the pitchers to compete and gave a silver cup. There were 160 entries. They pitched under the elimination plan and the cup was won by Pop Lilly, of Vallejo, 67 years old.

That was a starter. It woke the boys up and from then on every one has been pitching.

At that time the open shoe was unknown. K. O. Berge had just come from Minnesota and could throw the open shoe and all thought it was the greatest thing they had ever seen. From then on every one was trying to do it, and it was not long before we had some fine pitchers and today we have as good pitchers as can be found in California. We have ten lanes in Lakeside park near the shores of Lake Merritt, in the center of the city. We have sand to pitch on, and it is great. We have had a very busy time, hardly a Sunday that there is not a contest with some other club. We have a contest among club members, among the other clubs that we play are, San Jose, Los Gatos, Vallejo, Alameda, Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Sacramento, Lodi, Turlock Modesto and Fresno, the lat-

ter having a very strong team.

On the fourteenth of last November the club gave a contest for a cup given by the Oakland Tribune. Some good scores were made. Fourteen pitched a round robin and it was won by J. M. McNames, winning 12 of 13 games, losing the other by one point.

	Played	Won	Pts	Runs
J. M. McNames	13	12	649	305
H. Witbro	13	11	613	298
E. Zumwalt	13	10	608	279
L. Wasson	13	9	618	275
E. Wasson	13	9	608	271
F. Keyes	13	8	591	251
W. A. Bradley	13	7	558	249
B. Zumwalt	13	6	557	235
K. O. Berge	13	6	494	227
H. Ratzlaff	13	5	490	225
R. W. Clements	13	3	468	195
H. Thomas	13	3	390	187
J. Loucks	13	2	378	173
A. J. Dickerson	12	1	317	140

—Contributed


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# EASTERN STATES TOURNAMENT

BY H. L. PERKINS

Eastern States Exposition, of Springfield, Mass., conducted its best and largest horseshoe pitching tournament during its exposition week, Sept. 19 to 26. The following will show the interest taken:

Making a round trip of over 600 miles for the purpose of pitching horseshoes in the eastern states, "barn yard golf" tournament is a pretty good indication of what A. J. Pooler, of Adams, N. Y., and B. J. Van Auken, of Adams Center, N. Y., think of the ancient and honorable name of horseshoes. The latter was the winner of the New York state championship of last year at Syracuse and Mr. Pooler has just won the championship of Jefferson county, N. Y. The new county champion in an interview with the superintendent of the tournament said "I consider 'barnyard golf' the cleanest, the healthiest and the most sportsmanlike game that there is. In a three days' tournament in which over thirty men competed I did not hear one cuss word or one voice raised in anger, and that's more than one can say for any other sport. Mr. Van Auken and myself drove over 300 miles from way up in Jefferson county New York, so that we could compete in this tournament because we love the game and we want to see it played in very village and town where decent Americans live and toil."

The entries have come in very nicely as will be seen by the fact that ten champions are listed by the superintendent to start in this tournament.

Ten states and county champions, including John Frazer, of Wilbraham, winner of last year's tournament, are among the long list of entries for the tournament opening Wednesday on the courts

The entry list carries the names of many prominent players, besides Frazer. Some of them follow: William Lutted, winner of the Brockton district championship at the Brockton fair last year; Carl Herrick, winner of the Windsor county championship of Vermont which he won at the Woodstock fair; John Potter, winner of a gold watch at the Brockton fair tournament; B. J. Van Aukens, of Adams Center, champion of the New York state tournament at Syracuse last year; A. J. Pooler, Jefferson county, N. Y., champion; Elliott Warner of Highland, Conn., winner two years ago at the Eastern States tournament;

Leon Gladding, of Warehouse Point, Conn.; J. E. Petroskey, of Highwood, Conn., and Alfred Roberge, of Taunton, another champion from Brockton.

With such a galaxy of stars of the course there was plenty of competition, and during this first day's pitching there was a number of upsets in which several champs took a tumble from their thrones during this first day's play-off in the Eastern States tournament.

John Frazer, last year's winner, ran true to form and finished first in the day's pitching. Warner, the winner of the 1924 tournament came in fifth and Joe Chapman, of North Haven, Conn., gave the large audience a big surprise when he came in third and thus qualified for the final on Friday. John Potter, the Rhode Island state champion came in second and the experts are predicting a pretty hot tussle between him and Frazer.

The results of the day's pitching are as follows, 430 points being possible high score:

John Frazer, Wilbraham, Mass.	439
J. H. Potter, Washington, R. I.	437
Joseph Chapman, North Haven, Conn.	420
A. J. Pooler, Adams, N. Y.	416

Elliot Warner, Highwood, Conn.	400
David Walsh Lebanon, Conn.	382
J. E. Petroskey, Highwood, Conn.	337
J. B. Van Auken, Adams Center	

New York	314
Alfred Robarge, Taunton, Mass.	310
Emil Maslosk, Windsorville, Conn.	292

### Veteran 72, Wins Way to Finish

Leon Gladding, of Forestville, Conn., and Orlando, Florida, 72 years old, veteran of the horseshoe lanes defeated a field of six young men in the second day's preliminaries in the Eastern States barnyard golf tournament and thus qualified for the finals which will be pitched off this morning, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Gladding, who pitched here two years ago, and who was kept out of the tournament last year on account of ill health, turned in a card of five victories out of five games played. The total points scored by Gladding's opponents was but 98, against his score of 250 points. Raymond Peck and Richard Nichols, both of Storrs, Conn., qualified for the finals today. The complete list of the finalists is as follows:

John Frazer, Wilbraham, Mass.; J. H. Potter, Washington, R. I.; J. H. Chapman, North Haven, Conn.; A. J.

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The finals tomorrow will be a hard and long struggle between the old and young men of the sport. Each player will pitch nine 50-point games and the best six men will be awarded the solid gold medals offered by the exposition management.

**Youth Scores Over Veteran**

Raymond Peck, of Storrs Conn., a 21-year-old youngster, defeated a field of nine older and more experienced men in the final pitchoff of the Eastern States Exposition barnyard golf tournament. Peck was the youngest contestant and defeated the Rhode Island state champion, John H. Potter, of Washington, by one point.

John Frazer, of Wilbraham, Mass., who won the tournament last year and who is Hampden county champion and who with H. L. Perkins, of Springfield, Mass., are New England doubles champions, took third place with a score of just three points behind the winner. A. J. Pooler, 58 years old, who is in the baking business in Adams N. Y., came in fourth and was the only man who lost but one game. Elliot Warner, 60 year-old farmer, of Highwood, Conn., took fifth place and J. E. Petroskey his son-in-law, 29 year-old farmer, of Highland, took sixth place.

John Potter, the runner-up, holds at present the Pawtuxet Valley championship which he won at the Brockton fair last year and which he is defending again in a few days. Leon Gladding who was high man in the preliminaries on Thursday, failed to run true to his regular form and placed eighth.

The results follow:

- Raymond Peck, Storrs, Conn. ....443
- John H. Potter, Washington, R. I. 442
- John Frazer Wilbraham, Mass. ..440
- A. J. Pooler, Adams, N. Y. ....433
- Elliot Warner, Highwood, Conn. 394
- J. E. Petroskey, Highwood, Conn. 380
- Richard Nichols, Storrs., Conn. ..349
- Leon A. Gladding, Forestville, Conn. ....329
- Joseph H. Chapman, North Haven, Conn. ....300
- David Walsh, Lebanon, Conn. ....292

The tournament was conducted under the auspices of the Eastern States Exposition and was managed by Sam Kostolefsky the extension agent of the Jewish Agricultural Society of New York. Paul P. Ives, Guilford, Conn., was superintendent.

**VOICE YOUR OPINION**

You can't attend the Convention and Tournament in St. Petersburg, which begins Feb. 14 and continues for two weeks? We are mighty sorry for the trip is a nice one, St. Petersburg is always a good host and furthermore, President Ermatinger and Vice President Cottrell and the others have worked night and day making the plans for the tournament the best ever.

You can voice your opinion in the convention, however. Are you satisfied with the way the Association is run? Perhaps not but what have you done to correct this? Nothing? Then why not send a special delivery letter or a night letter (you can send 50 words at the cost of 10 this way) urging the convention to adopt your ideas? Let's make it OUR convention!

We feel pretty certain that the convention will be a success and that great good will come from it but let's all have a part in it, even if we can't afford to travel so far.

Here's the telegram the Editor of the Horseshoe World would like to see sent: "H. L. Ermatinger, 849 Fourth Street, North St. Petersburg, Fla. Urge convention put bonus money on interest, name reliable Executive Secretary and give him power to charter clubs and collect dues to pay his expenses. Favor (here give name of person you desire to have the job as this is of no particular interest to us so long as he is a live-wire) for the job. Urge you to elect only workers."

You will be surprised how it will help! Horseshoe clubs and individuals owe it to the game to send some message.

**DIAMOND CALK HORSESHOE CO. BRING OUT NEW TYPES OF PITCHING SHOES**

It will be of interest to horseshoe pitching fans to know that the Diamond Calk Horseshoe Company, of Duluth, Minnesota, have recently added to their extensive line of Diamond

"Official" and "Junior" Pitching Horse Shoes, two new models.

The first is a pitching shoe similar to their standard "Official" shoe except that it has a curved toe calk instead of a straight calk. In some parts of the country these curved calks seem to be more popular than the straight, and it is to meet this demand that this new shoe has been designed. In all other regards it conforms to the accepted specifications of the Diamond "Official" Shoe.

The second innovation is the production of a dead falling drop forged steel shoe. This shoe is designed especially for the use of professionals. It is softer than the regular shoe and while it is a little more easily injured, it has not the slightest tendency to rebound but lies flat and dead where it is placed.

**OREGON NOTES**

Portland, Ore.—The game of "Horse Shoes" is forging ahead rapidly here and we are playing each Sunday and evenings in our many covered courts about the city.

Two years ago we had about twenty horseshoe pitchers in Portland and at the present time we will number over two hundred.

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