

POPULARITY INCREASING

Target Pistol Shooting Growing Rapidly Throughout the Country.

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Hundred at Present.



THE report of President A. L. A. Himmelwright, President of the United States Revolver Association, shows that target pistol and revolver shooting is rapidly increasing in popularity throughout the country. He says that from less than a dozen expert shots in this country, twelve years ago, the number has now grown into the hundreds, and he thinks this increase is due largely to improvement in arms and ammunition.

The numerous devotees of the sport and the conflict of rules and regulations in different localities, made it desirable some years ago to form a national organization with power to formulate practical and rational rules to control revolver and pistol shooting throughout the United States. The necessity of such an organization was apparent in 1900, says Mr. Himmelwright, when the pistol shots of France challenged those of the United States to an international revolver match. There was no national body to receive, accept or decline the challenge. The United States Revolver Association was, however, quickly organized and the challenge of the Frenchmen promptly accepted. The match was shot under the auspices of the new organization, June 16, 1900, and was won by the United States.

With the prestige of conducting and winning an international match, the United States Revolver Association soon enlisted the confidence and support of the revolver and pistol shots throughout the country. From a membership of forty in 1900, the Association has grown until it now numbers more than four hundred active members, scattered throughout thirty-one States and territories.

The Association holds annual open championship matches providing suitable trophies and medals which are awarded to the winners, and has made rules and regulations governing these contests. These rules and regulations have been accepted and adopted as standard by all the active revolver and pistol clubs in the United States. Practice under uniform rules and regulations makes the condition favorable to conduct the annual matches in different parts of the United States.

The Association is not connected or affiliated in any way with the National Rifle Association, but co-operates with the latter association whenever possible in the promotion of revolver and pistol shooting. Its affairs have been managed conservatively from the beginning. All sides and all sections have been considered, it being the policy of the Association to be truly national in its scope.

Financially the association is more than self-supporting and is in excellent

condition. During the last three years it has paid off the indebtedness incurred by the purchase of the trophies, and is now accumulating a surplus which will be expended in furthering the objects of the association:—"To foster and develop revolver and pistol shooting, establish and preserve records, classify arms, encourage and conduct friendly matches between members and clubs in our own country as well as with our brother shooters abroad."

Among the definite things that the association plans to accomplish in the near future is to provide a team trophy to be competed for by teams of five men and the establishment of individual State championships, the latter to be determined by the scores made in each State in the annual championship matches.

At the annual meeting of the Association held in New York recently the following officers were elected: President, A. L. A. Himmelwright, New York, N. Y.; Vice-Presidents, Paul A. Becker, San Francisco, Cal.; B. F. Wilder, New York, N. Y.; E. L. Harpham, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Crabtree, Springfield, Mass.

BOYS BOWLING MATCH.

Karl Abbott and Guy Parkhurst are
Prize Winners.

A handicap bowling match, the first of a series of events arranged by the recently formed Students Association, took place Saturday morning and resulted in an interesting contest which will doubtless lead to others of a similar character. Carl Abbott won the first prize with 408 and Guy Parkhurst, second, with 355. Other participants were Albert Crockett, 289; Parker Hansel, 275; Levi Jones, 259, and Randolph Runyon, 247.

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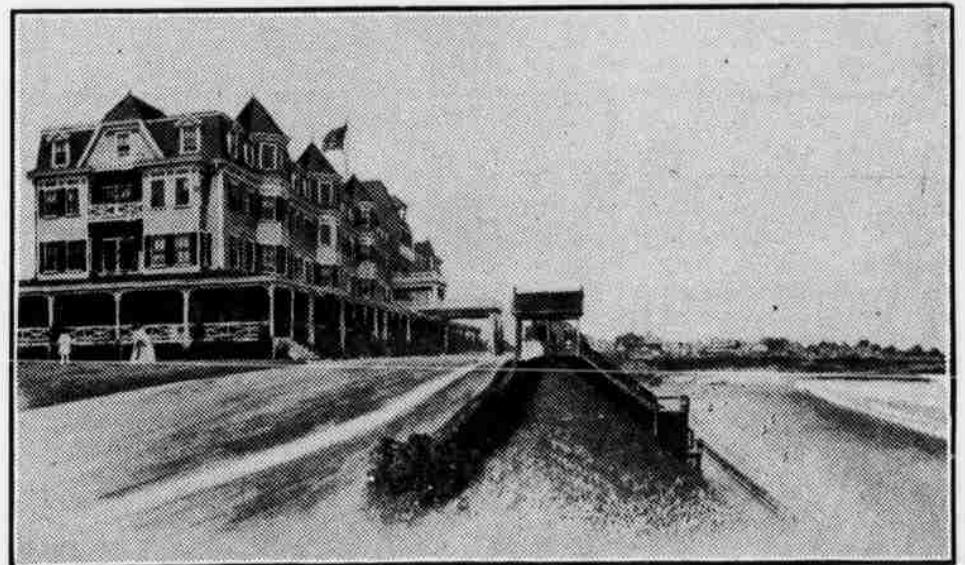
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