

A Good Field in St. Valentine's

A large number of low handicap golfers are entered in the St. Valentine's tournament which started on Wednesday of this week and with the candidates for first division honors being pretty evenly matched, the competition promises to be extremely keen.

The struggle in this division will probably find Donald Parson of Youngstown, John D. Chapman and E. L. Seofield of the Metropolitan district, battling it out with Arthur Yates of Rochester, former all-America linesman at Yale; A. Lucien Walker, Jr., former Intercollegiate champion, Owen Moore, the motion picture star, Jim Daley of New York, and A. Elliott Ranney of the New York Athletic Club.

There are a number of others capable of giving these favorites a hard game, but one of this number should win. Yates, Parson, Chapman and Seofield appear the strongest. In the opening tournament at Mid-Pines a few days ago, Yates was the only player to break 80. He did a fine 79 in the afternoon and it was the result of remarkable golf for the tournament was played on a day when weather conditions were not favorable to good playing.

Donald Parson is a dangerous player against any opponent, and Seofield, winner of the Mid-winter tournament, has a fine knack of sinking chip shots and long putts, as was attested by his three 2's in one round when he defeated Parson in the final of the Midwinter tournament. This is not the first time he has dropped them from off the green when they counted.

Owen Moore should be a capable first division player, although he would be a much more difficult opponent if he was more interested in making a low score or winning a match than in hitting his shots properly. Being an artist, good results

mean nothing to Owen unless they are obtained by fine shot making. He does not rejoice when a topped shot rolls through a bunker, or a bad hook strikes a tree and bounds back into the fairway.

Major Ranney, one of the crack trap shooters of the New York Athletic Club, should do well. He is anxious to qualify in the North and South championship later in the season and is one of the long hitters here, but unfortunately, is not as accurate with a driver as he is with a gun.

Another interesting starter in the St. Valentine's is Fred Kennedy of Chicopee, Mass., London and St. Andrews, Scotland. In years gone by Kennedy has won first honors in several events in Pinehurst, but for a number of seasons he has not participated in tournament play. This year he expects to be a regular tournament starter and may cause some surprises along the line. Fred took F. C. Newton of the Country Club of Brookline, and Sam Graham of Greenwich, over the high and low hurdles in matches here two years ago, but these were private affairs as Kennedy was not playing tournament golf at the time.

Ned Beall, winner of the North and South amateur title three years ago, is in Pinehurst for the season and is playing well. He will no doubt give a good account of himself in the St. Valentine's.

Miss Elizabeth Gordon of Providence, many times a winner of the Rhode Island championship, runner-up for the Boston district title in 1921 and a qualifier in the National, will be one of the strongest players in the woman's St. Valentine's to be played next week. Mrs. Joseph Bydolek of Buffalo and Mrs. John D. Chapman of Greenwich are other strong entrants.

TELEPHONE HUNCH WORTH READING

(United Press)

If you lisp, don't order your dinner by telephone.

You can't get soup, nor sugar, and after you've managed to get your pork and beans and you ask what the bill is, and the waiter says: "Five dollars," you're apt to think he said "Nine."

The telephone, that is to say, being an imperfect instrument, sometimes lies. That, in effect, is the charge against the telephone made by Dr. John Ambrose Fleming, Professor of Electrical Engineering of the University of London, in a lecture before the Royal Institution.

But that is only part of the charge. The professor furnished a fine alibi for husbands away from home who happen to telephone by long distance to their wives while not quite in the condition they should be. Some of the words actually die out on the line. That, of course, may not be a misfortune. But

worse, the words do not always even come out in the same order in which they are spoken! Sometimes they playfully leap over one another.

Telephones also have a bad habit, the professor says, of turning "fives" into "nines." S, also, is very difficult for even the best of telephones. Edison, according to Dr. Fleming, spent a month trying to make a machine say sugar, and the machine wouldn't.

And as far as efficiency goes, the telephone doesn't earn its salt.

"The ordinary electric lamp," said Dr. Fleming, "gives out ten per cent of its energy as light, but the telephone only gives out as sound a thousandth part of the energy that is put into it."

IT COULDN'T BE PERMANENT

"I knowed de job wasn' gineter last long," said Uncle Eben, "when I found out I was expected to assist a man to help a man dat was passin' de tools to another man dat wasn' din' much work in the fust place."—*Washington Star*.



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