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SWISS BANK SPORTS.

On Saturday last the Swiss Bank Corporation held their Annual Sports and Gala Day on their ground at Preston Road, Wembley. The ground had been very carefully prepared and well decorated, consequently the general effect was most pleasing and the running conditions good, in spite of heavy rain during the early afternoon. While the events were being contested the sun shone, and the spectators enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The competitors put up some very creditable performances, Mr. W. Schwendener being the outstanding prizewinner, taking second in the 100 yds., first in the 220 yds., first in the Long Jump, and tying in the High Jump with P. Way. The 100 yds. and Mile races were both very finely contested, and were won respectively by A. Kurz and E. Dixon by inches only. An interesting event was a Departmental Mixed Relay Race (one lady and three gentlemen), which provided good running and an exciting finish. Children's and mixed humorous events added to the entertainment. After the prizes had been distributed by Mrs. W. Richardson, many side-shows attracted the visitors and furnished fun and amusement to all. The proceedings ended with a dance on the lawns to the music of the band, which was in attendance during the afternoon and evening, and assisted by the light of the illuminations. About 200 people attended, which must be considered quite good in view of the lateness of the season and the threatening weather.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

At St. John's Church, Dulwich, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 4th September, the marriage took place of Mr. George H. Dimier, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ch. Dimier, of 532, Lordship Lane, S.E. 22, and Miss Barbara Bessie Knott, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Knott, of St. John's Vicarage, Dulwich.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. Keppel, Vicar of Tooting Parish Church, assisted by the Rev. W. White. The impressive address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, and the Rev. Arthur Knott gave the Blessing.

The bride, who was dressed in a steel-blue dress, was given away by her father, and Mr. Alfred R. Elwert (of Zurich) acted as best man. The church was very prettily decorated, the service being fully choral.

A reception and display of the numerous and beautiful presents was held afterwards at the Church Hall, which was also beautifully decorated. About 70 guests were present, amongst them many members of the Swiss Colony. After the usual congratulations the happy couple left at 5.30 p.m. for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Switzerland.

A. R. E.

THE NEW MOTOR ROUTES IN THE GRISONS.

It is well known that by virtue of a law passed in 1911 no motor-cars were allowed in the Grisons. On July 1st of this year, however, the old law was repealed and a new one passed, allowing access to one of the most magnificent Alpine routes of Switzerland. The new route cuts the Grisons from north to south, with side routes to the important health resorts of Davos, St. Moritz and Pontresina, as well as affording connections over the Splügen and Bernhardine to the St. Gotthard.

The law provides for a road network of about 200 miles, offering a magnificent panorama of the mountains and valleys of the Grisons.

The first stage of the north to south route leads from the well-known thermal spa of Ragaz, with the celebrated gorge of the Tamina, via Coire (Chur) to the health resort of Lenzerheide (4,845 ft.) with its charming lake. Then it goes downwards to the village of Lenz (where the motor-car route diverges towards Davos) and Tiefencastel, at the confluence of the Albula and Julia rivers.

Another road leads from Tiefencastel over the Julier pass (7,500 ft.) into the Engadine as far as Silvaplana (5,955 ft.), which forms the extremity of the Julier route. From Silvaplana there is a road to St. Moritz.

One of the finest of the Engadine routes is that of Silvaplana—Maloja, which runs along the upper Engadine lakes and ends at Chiavenna, which is the starting-point for the Splügen route.

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Mr. ROBERT ROTH.

In reply to several enquirers we wish to state that Mr. Robert Roth is still in training with Mr. Arthur Abplanalp at his institute, 168, Regent St., W.1. Experts who have seen him at work are unanimous in their opinion that he possesses all the necessary qualities required in a first-class heavy-weight boxer; he should, therefore, be able to follow up his wrestling victories with equal distinction in the boxing field. It is expected that his first public contest will take place some time in October.

LETTER BOX.

A correspondent writes:

"I have been greatly interested in Dr. Paul Lang's lectures on Swiss Literature, recently printed in *The Swiss Observer*. They testify to a vast amount of reading and study by this competent critic. The older Swiss authors are mostly well known, but few of us are acquainted with those of the present century, revealed therein, and with their teaching and spirit. Therefore, these articles must be most welcome and deserve our attention. It is only right that this work should be appreciated and acknowledged."

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