

Announcements

FIRST MEETING OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GREEN SECTION OF THE U. S. GOLF ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of delegates to the Green Section of the U. S. Golf Association at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., between July 19 and 22. The exact date of the meeting will be announced on the bulletin board of the Columbia Country Club the first day of the Open Championship. Look for the notice and don't make any dates until you see it. There are many important subjects to be discussed relative to the work of the Green Section, and every delegate to the Section should be present.

Any member of a subscribing club, even though not a delegate, who is interested in the work of the Green Section, will be welcome.

TURF BY VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION.

Recently attention has been called by the press to the vegetative method of propagating turf of the bent grasses for putting greens. The statements that have been made are for the most part inadequate and leave the reader somewhat misinformed with regard to the more important features of the method. In view of this the Green Committee wishes to announce that the July issue of the Bulletin will contain an article in which the subject of the vegetative propagation of turf will be discussed in full detail.

How We Solved the Problem of Good Fairway Turf at Pine Valley

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Pine Valley, to be entirely Irish, is made up of hills—big, bold, sandy hills which some freak of nature has pushed up from the level Jersey plain by which it is surrounded. Small lakes lie among them, and when George Crump, while on a shooting trip, first discovered the country, it was covered with a dense growth of pine and oak. After eight years of experiment and effort, we now have good playable fairways with plenty of fescue and bluegrass; but it is still far from perfect turf. We think we are on the right road, however, and can report very real progress.

Few people would have had the vision to see a golf course in such surroundings, and fewer still the courage to start to make one in the face of such serious obstacles. Thousands of trees had to be cut, and, worse still, the stumps had to be pulled. The sand was beautiful, clean, gray sea sand, just such as you see fifty yards back from the surf along the Jersey coast. Perfect mounds and bunkers ready made, everywhere. No mud, no dust, the best of all soil for golf, but, by that same token, little or no food for plant life and nothing to hold moisture. And so Crump faced the problem of how to make grass grow in the sands of Pine Valley.

The first eight fairways built were covered with manure, and this was