

G O L F I L L U S T R A T E D

GOLF AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

The new Golf Links at White Sulphur Springs will be beyond a doubt one of the finest courses in the country, and probably the very best south of Philadelphia. The situation, in a narrow valley flanked by wooded mountains, is one of great natural beauty, reminding the traveler of the golf links at Pau in France which has long been celebrated as one of the most beautiful in Europe.

ground is naturally undulating, presenting many natural features which will give individuality to the course, while the river makes a splendid water hazard in four holes. It would be difficult to imagine a more fortunate combination of circumstances. The soil is a light loam, excellent for growing the finer grasses, but not too heavy for play in wet weather. The contours lend themselves to the making of good holes, and the river is the best kind of water hazard.



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE COURSE AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS. A NEW COURSE OF EIGHTEEN HOLES IS VERY NEARLY COMPLETED AND SHOULD PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST COURSES IN THE SOUTH

The distance for the eighteen holes will be 6,250 yards, an ideal length for a first class course. And the holes will embrace many of the features which are associated with the National Golf Links at Southampton, L. I. Mr. C. B. Macdonald, the founder of the National, who is recognized as the greatest authority on golf architecture in the country, has kindly lent his assistance, and his advice has been carried out by Mr. Seth Rayner, who did a great deal of work on the new Piping Rock course on Long Island. As might be expected, many of the holes will be reminiscent of the National and Piping Rock. The short holes, by which a golf course generally stands or falls, are all first class. They include a "Redan" and an "Eden" hole, and a full drive hole taken from Biarritz in France which has also been used at Piping Rock.

The longer holes are well conceived, and they include two or three of the "dog's hind leg" variety without which no modern course is complete. The

It is calculated that the work of laying out the new course will cost at least forty thousand dollars. But it will be money well spent, since the climate of White Sulphur Springs is such that it can be made a golfing center all the year round. And it is one of the few places in the Southern States where the turf is like the turf of Long Island or the Vermont Hills, and where the putting greens are of real grass. Indeed the putting greens will be one of the fine features of the new links.

During the time the work on the new course is in process next spring the old nine holes will be open to play and will probably remain so, even when the new course is opened, as they will always be needed as a subsidiary course for beginners or for the less arduous golfers. The architects of the course have not forgotten that White Sulphur Springs is a pleasure resort, and while they have got as far away as possible from the regular type of hotel course, they have not made it too severe for the average golfer.