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In 1804, as part of an erratic plot by Federalist extremists to cut New England and New York from the Union, Aaron Burr, their complacent tool, was nominated for Governor of New York. Alexander Hamilton denounced Burr's motives in no uncertain terms. Then Burr, giving vent to an insensate jealousy dating back to the Revolution, when his own brilliance was dazzled by Hamilton's military, intellectual and social genius, eagerly challenged him. As TIME would have reported the Burr-Hamilton duel, had TIME been issued July 16, 1804:

... Hamilton spent the night putting his house in order. At dawn, he, his second (Nathaniel Pendleton) and Dr. William Hosack, were rowed from Manhattan to the Weehawken Palisades. It was hot, hazy. The river's oily swell made Mr. Pendleton sick, so Hamilton humorously held his head. Landing, they sought the well-secluded dueling ground not far above the river.

Burr and his second (William Van Ness) were clearing the summer's underbrush. Hamilton and Burr nodded each to the other with a pleasant "Good morning." While the seconds conferred, Hamilton stood gazing across the Hudson, where his family lay still asleep. He was remembering his son's death on this very spot three years before at the hands of General Baker. Burr sat on a rock smoking a segar. Finally Pendleton asked: "Gentlemen, are you ready?" Burr rose. His beady eyes sparkled but his face was immobile. Pale but resolute, Hamilton took his post, his face a cameo against the green background. Pendleton handed each a loaded pistol. Again: "Gentlemen, are you ready?" "Present!" both replied. Burr fired on the instant. Hamilton rose slowly to his toes, clenched his hands, so unwittingly discharging his pistol, and fell heavily face downward. His bullet flew over Burr's head, clipped a cedar twig which fluttered to his shoulder.

Hamilton, agonizing, was carried to his boat. He murmured: "Take good care of that pistol. It's undischarged. Pendleton knows I didn't intend to fire..."

So, in part, TIME would have reported the fatal duel, noting also how Hamilton died the next day at the Greenwich Village home of William Bayard, how his burial in Trinity churchyard was a signal for an unprecedented outpouring of public grief. TIME too would have shown how the duel brought Burr's political ruin in the East, turned his schemes toward Louisiana and Mexico.

Cultivated Americans, impatient with cheap sensationalism and windy bias, turn increasingly to publications edited in the historical spirit. These publications, fair-dealing, vigorously impartial, devote themselves to the public weal in the sense that they report what they see, serve no masters, fear no groups.
4 state high school meets
5 dual tennis matches
4 conference baseball games
1 dual track meet

comprise the offering of home athletic contests to be run off at Owen field during the month of April, biggest month of the University of Oklahoma's vast athletic program.

Listed briefly, the four state high school meets are scheduled as follows:

April 13—sixth annual Oklahoma Relays (high school only).
April 26 and 27—25th annual interscholastic track meet.
April 26 and 27—25th annual interscholastic tennis tournament.
April 26 and 27—25th annual interscholastic baseball tournament.

A new feature of the Oklahoma Relays this year is the addition of the "Sooner all-around", a test for the all-around high school athlete, roughly corresponding to the Olympic decathlon, which admits of competition in six events, the 100-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, 880-yard run, shot put, discus and pole vault. Another innovation is the fact that college athletes will be barred, making the event open to high schools only hereafter, although they may enter from any state in the union.

Coach John O. Moseley's Sooner tennis team, with formidable players like Captain Henry Browne, Lowe Runkle, Harold Thurman, John Brand, Ed Overholser and Archie McColl, appears strong enough to bring back the conference title for the first time in two seasons. During April, the team engages in the following dual meets at Norman:

April 6—Southern Methodist university here.
April 9—Drake university here.
April 15—Rice institute here.
April 19—University of Missouri here.
April 27—Iowa State college here.

Coach Lawrence "Jap" Haskell's baseball nine, also said to be back in stride this campaign after falling to fourth position last season, has four games here in April, meeting Nebraska April 16 and 17 and Missouri April 24 and 25.

Coach John Jacobs' Sooner track team will also endeavor to win its 18th consecutive dual track meet on April 6 when it tackles the Kansas Aggies at Owen field. Oklahoma has not lost a dual track meet since 1923 and has such gallants as Tom Churchill, Olympic decathlon man; Harold Adkison, K. C. A. C. indoor 50-yard champion; Jack Carmen, K. C. A. C. indoor and "Big Six" indoor 50-yard low hurdle king and "Big Six" 50-yard high hurdle king; Bruce Drake, a 13-foot pole vaulter; Earl Flint, the sophomore sensation who gave Keith Hursley, of Missouri, the first defeat of his career last March 1 in the 440-yard dash at Kansas City; Alfred "Hippo" Howell, Missouri Valley outdoor and district Olympic shot put champion, and others.

Write Ben G. Owen to reserve tickets.

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