

NOTED CITIZENS OUT FOR WALKING RECORD

**Gaynor, Choate, Hornblower,
Parsons, and Windmuller Form
the Pedestrians Club.**

AND CARNEGIE MAY JOIN IT

**Combined Age of Charter Members
Is 367 Years — May Take
Hike to Yonkers.**

The most exclusive, distinguished, and enthusiastic walking club in America has just been organized in New York. The charter members are Mayor Gaynor, Joseph H. Choate, former Ambassador to Great Britain; William B. Hornblower, John E. Parsons, the Nestor of the New York Bar, and Louis Windmuller, while a few of those are said to be contemplating making an application for membership are Andrew Carnegie, Isaac N. Seligman, Jacob H. Schiff, Surrogate Fowler, Gen. George W. Wingate, and Karl Pickhardt. That the walking club had been duly organized was announced at the Mayor's office yesterday, and with the announcement came the added information that some fine day very soon no one need be surprised to read of a hike participated in by all the charter members, which will begin in City Hall Park and end somewhere in Bronx Park, or Coney Island, or Fort Hamilton. They may even hike all the way to Yonkers, it was said.

The club will be known as the Pedestrians Club, and the men named as charter members have signed an agreement, the main object of the club being the furthering of the fine art of walking and enjoying it right here in the City of New York. The agreement was drawn up by Mr. Choate, and all the charter members have affixed their signatures to it. The document is now on file in the Mayor's office. The text of the agreement is yet to be made public.

Windmuller Suggested It.

To Louis Windmuller, the noblest walker of them all, is given the credit for having first suggested the formation of the Pedestrians Club. There is no more enthusiastic walker in the city, and he has no sympathy whatsoever for the healthy individual who prefers riding on horseback, in automobile or buggy, or on rapid transit trains, to peripatetics.

"I had a friend here," said Mr. Windmuller yesterday, his reference being to Gen. Wingate, "who is a great walker, and he often tells me that a privilege of his life that he enjoys to the utmost is to walk down Broadway in rain and in shine. I walk four hours every day, one hour before breakfast, one hour after dinner, and two in going to and coming home from my office. I dine at 6:30 P. M., so the after-dinner tramp is usually taken in the dark, but I enjoy it just as much as I do those of the daytime.

"In the Summer when I make my home at Woodside, L. I., I have a regular route which I like the best. Here in the city there are many routes to take, and all of them are interesting. Uptown I generally walk in Central Park or along Riverside Drive. Downtown my favorite tramp is from Chatham Square to Houston Street and across Houston Street to Second Avenue, and then up that avenue as far as I care to go.

"I delight to see people. To enjoy walking one must use his eyes and the brain as much as he does his legs. I prefer to look at the faces of people to looking at the buildings and into shop windows. A good rule to make your tramp a really enjoyable pastime is to be careful and not walk too fast. My speed is about a mile every twenty-five minutes, or a bit more than two miles to the hour. If you go faster than that you have lit-

tle time to see. Your object should not be to get to the place you set out for.

Learned to Dodge Autos.

"You should see what is about you as you go. Don't let the automobiles frighten you. Learn to dodge, like I have. They nearly got me once, but they can't any more, and I am 78 years old.

"A few times I have walked all the way to Yonkers, the last time about one year ago. I don't like to go so far, however, unless I have company. Then it's fine. Good company is the best thing to have on a walk, and that is one, if not the basic, reason why I set out to organize the Pedestrians Club. Mayor Gaynor wrote to me the day I sent him my letter and suggested that we should all get together the next day and walk to Riverhead. But the weather turned out bad and the walk was called off. If it rains I walk just the same, my only protection being an umbrella. I can get wet feet and sit for hours in wet clothes and not be hurt by it.

The combined age of the five charter members of the Pedestrians Club is 367 years. Mr. Parsons is 84, Mr. Choate 81, Mr. Windmuller 78, and Mayor Gaynor and Mr. Hornblower are each 62 years old. Of the prospective members Mr. Carnegie is 78, Gen. Wingate 73, Mr. Schiff 66, and Mr. Seligman, who will be the baby of the club, is only 58 years old.