

BASEBALL. DETROIT. President Stearns' Unexpected Resignation. His Reasons for the Act—The Case of Dunlap—Other Matters.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Newspaper men know President Fred K. Stearns to be one of the best accountants and managers...

TO Messrs. James L. Edson, G. H. Smith and W. J. Gray, Directors of the Detroit Base Ball Club:—GENTLEMEN:—When I accepted the presidency...

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Late in the summer of 1885 Mr. Stearns went to Detroit to see the directors of the club, but was unsuccessful, as the directors would not entertain any reasonable proposition...

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BASE BALL. THE FUTURE.

The Probable Extinction of the Association.

An Analysis of the Personality and Methods of the Leader of the Organization.

Association Legislators, with a few exceptions, are masters in the degrading art of pure selfishness.

Make-Up of the Two Mound City Teams—The Association Vacancy—Local News Notes.

ST. LOUIS SIFTINGS. While the local interest will not be entirely centered in the Browns next year, it is a matter of considerable consequence to the make-up of the St. Louis representative of the American Association for 1888.

THE EIGHTH CLUB problem has not yet been solved. It is understood that there are several applications for the vacancy.

THE PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL. A Harmonious Meeting—New Officers Elected—Looking Ahead.

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THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

Once more in the ever-changing round of time we extend to our readers our hearty greetings on this the most happy season of the year, with sincere wishes that the festive occasion may be merrier and happier to each than ever before.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

All correspondents of this paper are requested to return their credentials to the editor for renewal for the year 1888. Prompt compliance with this request is desired.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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FROM THE CAPITAL.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Editor SPORTING LIFE.—In the busy whirl of the Christmas festivities, I fear but little attention will be given to base ball gossip and speculation.

BASE BALL.

PHILADELPHIA POINTERS.

The Most Notable Engagement of the Season.—The Athletic Team Completed.—Another Battery Signed.—Current News and Gossip.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

JIMMY GALVIN has become an Elk.

The Zanesville Club is to be incorporated.

ROCHESTER has signed outfielder Tom Griffin.

J. PATTON has been signed for Minneapolis.

Ed Morris' contract with Pittsburg has been approved.

BASE BALL on roller skates is a popular craze in Kansas City.

The Detroit will open the season at New Orleans, March 31.

PITCHER STALZ, late of Wilkesbarre, has signed with the Athletics.

The ex-Hartford pitcher, Bingham, has signed with the Salem Club.

F. YONIS has been appointed a Central Interstate League umpire.

PITCHER HENRY BOYLE has again signed with the Indianapolis club.

The new club has accepted the terms of short stop Irving B. Huxton.

JACK HURON, late of the Jersey City Club, is wintering in Trenton, N. J.

MANAGER BARNIE is spending the holidays with his parents in Brooklyn.

The Troy Club is said to be negotiating with third baseman Jack Gleason.

TIM KEEFE is to train the Amherst nine after his return from California.

LATHAM'S coaching tactics have not been well received in San Francisco.

PRESIDENT HOWE, of the Lowell Club, is on his wedding trip to Florida.

HINES will play first base for Indianapolis, Shomberg going to right field.

THEODORE SPEYLER, once of the Mets, has accepted Manchester's terms.

It is said that the Pittsburg Club has a young local pitcher named "National" in tow.

The Central League has been admitted to protection under the National Agreement.

VON DER AHE's new Western Association team will be known as the St. Louis Whites.

The contracts of James Toy and Fred Miller with Rochester have been promulgated.

The Hamilton Club is to open at New Orleans, March 5, and to play at Trenton, N. J.

The Hamilton Association will have to pay \$3,000 for the use of the Dundrum grounds.

The Manchester Club wanted Hardie Henderson, but his terms, \$1,800, were too steep.

BALLEN seems to have a fondness for catcher pitchers.

LOHRMAN, of the Pioneers, is said to be one of the most effective pitchers in California.

JOHN BROWN, the Bridgeport outfielder and pitcher, is reported as dying from consumption.

ABOUT THIS TIME Chris Von der Ahe is exploring the possibilities of wintering in Florida.

The Cleveland Club will not get catcher Kenyon, as Von der Ahe has refused to release him.

DARTMOUTH, Williams, Amherst and Trinity colleges will organize a little league of their own.

PITCHER JOHN A. DAVIS is a contestant in the Lynn, Mass., cushion carom billiard tournament.

JOHN BROWN has almost recovered from the scarlet fever, which laid him low some weeks ago.

PITCHER BILLY SMITH and catcher Dan McKeough have put their names to Memphis contracts.

RUDOLPH KEMMLER is passing the winter playing billiards daily. He has become quite expert.

The Los Angeles Club has made Elmer Foster a very tempting offer to play for it next spring.

The Banning signed by Manager Sullivan of the Troy Club, is a catcher from the Red River League.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

JIMMY GALVIN has become an Elk.

The Zanesville Club is to be incorporated.

ROCHESTER has signed outfielder Tom Griffin.

J. PATTON has been signed for Minneapolis.

Ed Morris' contract with Pittsburg has been approved.

BASE BALL on roller skates is a popular craze in Kansas City.

The Detroit will open the season at New Orleans, March 31.

PITCHER STALZ, late of Wilkesbarre, has signed with the Athletics.

The ex-Hartford pitcher, Bingham, has signed with the Salem Club.

F. YONIS has been appointed a Central Interstate League umpire.

PITCHER HENRY BOYLE has again signed with the Indianapolis club.

The new club has accepted the terms of short stop Irving B. Huxton.

JACK HURON, late of the Jersey City Club, is wintering in Trenton, N. J.

MANAGER BARNIE is spending the holidays with his parents in Brooklyn.

The Troy Club is said to be negotiating with third baseman Jack Gleason.

TIM KEEFE is to train the Amherst nine after his return from California.

LATHAM'S coaching tactics have not been well received in San Francisco.

PRESIDENT HOWE, of the Lowell Club, is on his wedding trip to Florida.

HINES will play first base for Indianapolis, Shomberg going to right field.

THEODORE SPEYLER, once of the Mets, has accepted Manchester's terms.

It is said that the Pittsburg Club has a young local pitcher named "National" in tow.

The Central League has been admitted to protection under the National Agreement.

VON DER AHE's new Western Association team will be known as the St. Louis Whites.

The contracts of James Toy and Fred Miller with Rochester have been promulgated.

The Hamilton Club is to open at New Orleans, March 5, and to play at Trenton, N. J.

The Hamilton Association will have to pay \$3,000 for the use of the Dundrum grounds.

The Manchester Club wanted Hardie Henderson, but his terms, \$1,800, were too steep.

BALLEN seems to have a fondness for catcher pitchers.

LOHRMAN, of the Pioneers, is said to be one of the most effective pitchers in California.

JOHN BROWN, the Bridgeport outfielder and pitcher, is reported as dying from consumption.

ABOUT THIS TIME Chris Von der Ahe is exploring the possibilities of wintering in Florida.

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KILRAIN SMITH

The International Fight Results in a Draw.

A Game Fight in which the American Demonstrates Superiority—Description of the Battle.

Jake Kilrain and Jim Smith met at last, and after battling for two hours and thirty-one minutes, in which time they went through 106 rounds, the fight was interrupted by darkness and the match declared a draw. The scene of battle was on the island of St. Pierre, in the river Seine, France, on the 19th inst. The betting before the fight was largely in favor of the Englishman, but, contrary to all expectations, the American had decidedly the best of it all the way through. Kilrain had the advantage of his adversary in reach, is quicker on his feet and proved himself to be the best wrestler, which is an important factor in fighting under the London Prize Ring rules. One thing was clearly demonstrated in this fight, and that is that Kilrain is not a good, strong, hard hitter. If he were he could have easily knocked out the Englishman, as he had had a dozen or more opportunities of doing so. It may not be out of place here to make a comparison as to the hitting qualities of Sullivan and Kilrain. If the Boston boy had been in Kilrain's shoes and the same opportunities had presented themselves to Sullivan, he would have put Smith to sleep in very short order. But, then, comparisons go for naught. Perhaps Sullivan would not have had the same openings that Kilrain had. The latter succeeded in knocking Smith down four or five times. He had at least two excellent opportunities offered him to put Smith to sleep, but there was not enough "boof" back of the blows to accomplish this, and the best the Baltimore pugilist could do was to knock the Englishman off his props. Neither blow did much damage, as is evidenced by the fact that Smith both times got up and walked to his corner unassisted, and came forward in the succeeding rounds apparently refreshed.

Kilrain, it is safe to assert, would undoubtedly have won the fight had it been fought under the Queensberry rules. Under the London rules every round terminates after a fall. As will be seen below nearly every round lasted less than one minute and many less than half a minute. Under these circumstances Kilrain was unable to follow up the advantages he had in at least fourteen rounds. Twice when he had Smith dazed by clean knock-downs the latter would not have had sufficient time to recover in ten seconds, the time in which he would have had to be on his feet, and he could then have followed up his advantage and done effective work. The London rules not only gave Smith a chance to recover his strength, but they likewise afforded him an opportunity to evade punishment and save himself by a fall every time the situation became dubious for him, and as the detailed account of the fight shows, he resorted to these tricks, thereby saving his reputation as well as his backers' and friends' money.

The contest was witnessed by about 100 persons. Contrary to expectation Kilrain received his only bludge on the forehead, which was inflicted by the Baltimore pugilist. The latter was the worst of it. Mr. G. W. Atkinson performed the duties of referee with satisfaction to all concerned. Kilrain was seconded by Charley Mitchell and Ned Donnelly, and was attended by Charley Rowell. Smith's seconds were Jack Baldoek and Jack Harper, and his attendants were Jim Hower and Dick Roberts. Messrs. Fleming and Harding acted as timekeepers and umpires. Kilrain fought at 184 pounds and Smith at 180.

Smith appeared in white knee-breeches and emerald green socks, and looked a perfect Heronian warrior in black tights and brown although in point of muscular development compared unfavorably with his opponent. The American had decidedly the advantage, and from head to heel looked the business-like fighter. The American was, but determined, while Smith wore a friendly smile. The attitude of each was different in style, Kilrain carrying his hands much lower than his opponent, who held them all on high and eager for the fray. Kilrain's gloves were largely worn by the finer hands of spectators, those of Smith and hearing the stars and stripes, an Irish harp and a portrait of himself, while Smith, inside of a purple border, sported the union jack and the royal standard surmounted by the typical sporting pelican. Kilrain's special tactics consisted in closing with his man as soon as possible, wrestling and falling upon him. Some rounds only lasted seven seconds, while others were prolonged to as many as twenty-three seconds. Smith worked with splendid pluck, and took his punishment without wincing, although several times knocked clean down.

Smith was the first to appear on the scene. The men shook hands, and the principals and their seconds retired to their respective corners. Baldoek, who was Smith's principal second, chose the corner which would give his man the benefit of fighting with his back to the sun, at this time shining brilliantly. The start was at twelve minutes past two exactly. Smith, crossing over to his opponent, offered to lay £400 to £200 on himself, a well-known Dublin sporting man who had returned a fortnight ago. The other odds quickly made had the best of it as seven to two was immediately afterward laid to minor sums on the Britisher. Following is a detailed account of the fight by rounds:

Round 1—The men had no sooner faced each other than Kilrain led off with his left and landed lightly on the head. Smith countered viciously with his left in the region of the stomach, but Kilrain nipped on the neck and returned a sharp rap on the same part of Smith's anatomy. Both men now sparred cautiously, but they soon closed and fell, Kilrain going down under Smith.

Round 2—As soon as the men came together again the fight was on. Kilrain landed a heavy blow on the body, and the pair closed and wrestled for a fall, which again resulted in favor of the Englishman.

Round 3—The English party were now jubilant, as they had come up smiling. Kilrain, however, and cleverly dodged out of the way of a well-meant visitation on his chest. Smith now popped in his left and they again closed. After some severe fibbing in his own corner the Englishman got his man down.

Round 4—The pair responded quickly to the call of time, each wearing a look of dogged determination. Kilrain was the first to show hostilities, letting fly his left and right hands on Smith's head, but in return he was the recipient of a red-hot one on the right eye, Smith getting his left fairly home with much force that Kilrain's optic soon showed signs of closing. Neither appeared to care for attention to his eyes, but he had got into it in keeping up, and he had all the worst of it when they fell.

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Round 6—As soon as the men had their hands up some light exchanges took place. After sparring for an opening they got down to business, but neither man seemed to make any marked effect. Smith dashed with his left and got a glancing blow on the head when the men immediately closed and went down.

Round 7—It was now manifest that Smith was no match for his opponent at wrestling. These rounds were remarkable for lunging tactics, in which neither man made any headway.

Round 8—Both men had now apparently made up their minds to settle matters, and they set to work in earnest. Kilrain let fly his left and right, but was again stopped by Smith, who sent him flying sharply on the body, and the pair closed and wrestled for a fall, which again resulted in favor of the Englishman.

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Round 17—Kilrain shot his left in on the body and Smith slipped and fell.

Round 18—Smith was evidently considerably disconcerted by the fall, and he was unable to get the terrific blow received in the last round came up a bit more. Kilrain took advantage of this and smothered a straight left-hand, but Smith, all the while, warded off the blow and gave receipt in full on Kilrain's forehead, throwing him over his head, and after leading a vigorous right-hand on the ribs, he brought his left into play in succession before going down, Kilrain falling heavily on Smith.

Round 19—The next seven rounds there was very little to report. The men were now wrestling principally of wrestling, Kilrain evidently having a wholesome dread of Smith's right. Finding this mode of procedure paid him best, as soon as time was up he would close with Kilrain for close minutes, and over and over again had the best of the fall. During this period Smith's damaged ear bore a most unsightly appearance, being very badly bruised, while Kilrain's right eye was putting the shutters up.

Round 20—Considering their previous exertions both men were wonderfully fresh. Kilrain, eager for business, popped his left in on Smith's body. This round Smith to further efforts and he aimed a terrific left-hand, but Kilrain, who had the best of the fall, dashed at his man and brought him down with a thud.

Round 21—Very little was done save hugging. Kilrain going over to Smith's corner with the usual result, throwing him over his head.

Round 22—Smith, following the advice of his seconds, led off with his left with a lot of spite in his delivery, and in return for his kind attention Kilrain aimed a straight left-hand on the forehead, and Smith's stomach. Smith raised one on Kilrain's head, when the latter closed with him and again brought him down. Odds were now laid on Kilrain.

Round 23—The next two rounds were very weak and seemed more like a mere farce than a fight. Kilrain had all the best of the fifth round. When Smith came round again both were strong on their feet, though Smith's eyes were growing very anxious. Kilrain longed to stop, up to the ninth round Kilrain, who had the best of the fall, knocked Smith down three times, while Smith had only once succeeded in knocking Kilrain down.

Round 24—Both men were now in one hour and thirty minutes. The light was now fast fading and the cold bitter. Smith's seconds repeatedly urged that the time-keepers could not see their watches nor the referees if a foul were committed.

Round 25—Smith was always good, cool and collected. In the one hundred and sixth and last round both were fighting as quickly as at the start, when Mr. Atkinson ordered an adjournment of the match until the next day, both men being exhausted. The fight was the longest in the history of the London prize ring, and the best of the fight was never seriously claimed by either side. Hard hitting and tough work was the order, with the concluding throw at the end of each round, of which the American generally had the best.

Aftermath.

After the battle both men spent a day in Paris, and then returned to England, but little the worse for the encounter to outward appearances. Richard K. Fox cabled over that he draw would do, and that both men must fight to a finish, and if Smith refused he would claim belt, world's championship and stakes for Kilrain. He also cabled—Willing to back Jake against John L. Sullivan, after this fight, for \$200,000, and to give Kilrain the right to take place in the United States or Mexico.

That same day John L. Sullivan issued a challenge to the combatants in the recent fight. One who will meet the first week in April, and the other the first week in May. Both matches to be decided according to the London prize ring rules. He, however, stipulated that the Police Gazette trophy, now the recognized championship of the world belt, shall not be recognized in any match.

On Dec. 21 Richard K. Fox sent the following to Referee Atkinson:—"If Smith won't fight I claim the full stakes and championship of the world for Kilrain. Will present our champion with the title, 'Kilrain.' Smith's seconds have been notified accordingly. To this Atkinson replied:—"The London Sporting Life has the following bulletin in the window of its office:—Kilrain arrived in London last night in the best of condition. He is ready and will fight on the 21st of tomorrow. His only injury is a black eye. His hands are sound. Kilrain claims the championship of the world and the belt, which he proposes to defend against all comers. Smith refuses to renew the fight; he must, however, stand in accordance with the decision. Kilrain is pronounced the greatest fighter of modern times. Smith's backers awarded him his share of the battle money. Kilrain claims a share of the London Sporting Life trophy." On the 23rd, an interview with Kilrain said he would ignore Sullivan's challenge till the latter had fought Mitchell. On the same date the London Sporting Life announced that it had received \$2,500 from John L. Sullivan, who had tipped the beam at 120 pounds for Kilrain, or both. On the afternoon of the 22nd, Smith and Kilrain met in the office of the London Sporting Life and agreed to let their fight stand a draw.

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It looks as though he wanted to get even with Mc-Auliffe in some manner.

The pugilistic star of "Reddy" Gallagher, the pride of Cleveland, seems to be waiting for Tom Costello, his backer, has dropped him, saying "he is no good." Since his fight with Mitchell he seems to have lost all courage. Costello has notified Jack Fogarty that he will not back Gallagher in the proposed fight between them and Tom Costello.

District Attorney-elect Fellows says that Richard K. Fox has certainly made himself amenable to the law by his connection with the Smith-Kilrain fight. Law makes it a misdemeanor for any one to aid or encourage a fight, whether or not the fight is a prize fight, and the fact that the fight took place in France does not alter the case.

Carney sailed for home on Dec. 22. He was married just before leaving England, and he says he promised his bride that he would be home on New Year's Day. In his prospectus he gave up prize fighting on this side of the Atlantic, and after making a tour of England, settle down in the saloon business at Birmingham. He will never fight in this country again.

At Fort Pierre, D. T., Dec. 21, between Travesty, a half-breed, and William Boyer, had three lively rounds, a Frenchman, tipping the beam at 180, fought for one hour with bare knuckles. Travesty had both eyes closed, lips and nose out, and was unable to get up. William Boyer, however, was very tough, when both made it unable to scratch the referee decided the matter a draw.

The New York Athletic Club gave a boxing entertainment on Dec. 21. The following events took place:—W. J. Barry and Michael Moran, a fifteen round amateur boxing match, which both won even; H. Hornebeck had a six-round bout with Larry Boylan, in which the former excelled; Jack McGinty and J. Kelly furnished a fair and even bout of four rounds; William Boyer and Travesty had three lively rounds, and Charles Brown and Oscar Schuster had four very spirited rounds.

Jimmy Carroll, who travelled with the John L. Sullivan combination on his last American tour, is out with a challenge to fight Mike Daly, of Danbury, to whom he offers a \$100,000 prize. Carroll says:—"There is so much talk about the championship that I think it had better be fought. I will fight him or any man living for the championship of the world, for \$100,000. I will fight him for twenty-four battles and has won eighteen. The other four were draws. Five of the eighteen victories were bare-knuckle encounters. Carroll will fight at 133 or 135 pounds.

At the second annual tournament and boxing contest of the Brooklyn Boat Club, at Saengerbund Hall, Brooklyn, on Dec. 21, the following events took place:—Louis Harris, of the American Athletic Club, won the Inter-State Club swimming match; James Collins defeated Tom Barry in the rowing match in the 130-pound class; Geo. O. Mehlum won the middle-weight Greco-Roman wrestling match; James Cooling defeated T. Brockert, for the amateur light-weight championship of Long Island; P. Kearney, of Parkville, Mo., won the Greco-Roman wrestling match in the feather-weight championship of Long Island; O. O'Leary beat F. Kelly, the "Harlem Spider," for the banam-weight championship of Long Island; James Collins bested Jack Smith in the final bout of the Greco-Roman wrestling match; Jack McGinty won the light-weight amateur championship in the final bout with Joseph Spade.

John L. Sullivan's Irish tour came to an end at Belfast on December 18, and he is now in Scotland, where he has been received with enthusiastic applause. A Dublin comrade reports that the Irish tour has proved one of the largest financial successes on record of any kind. He received an enormous amount of money for his brief appearance. During the 15 or 20 minutes he was in Belfast he received \$200,000. Besides the £247 he was paid he received a tweed suit, seventeen blackthorns, four jugs of whisky and forty-five letters asking him to give a lecture on the subject of pugilism. The tour wrapped up after leaving Edinburgh as follows:—Preston, Dec. 24; Manchester, Dec. 25 (two shows); Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 27 and 28; Sunderland, Dec. 29; Hull, Dec. 30 and 31; and Jan. 1, 1894, at York. He will leave for London on Jan. 4 and 5; Bristol, Jan. 6; Plymouth, Jan. 7; Portsmouth, Jan. 9 and 10. Then the Sullivan party go to Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and Amsterdam, giving a night in each place. After this John will go to Blacklock with his train. He, and possibly will act as seconds. After the Mitchell battle the party will return to Boston and start from there on a tour through the United States.

AQUATIC.

One thousand copies of the Burgess testimonial volume have been printed by the city of Boston, and are now in the hands of the binder. It will be a royal octavo of 160 pages, bound in "mahogany" muslin, and will have the seal of the city in gilt on the top cover. The book contains a glowing review of the various competitors. It is profusely illustrated. One thousand of the books will be ready for distribution at the end of the month. The Burgess testimonial is a volume of 160 pages, bound in "mahogany" muslin, and will have the seal of the city in gilt on the top cover. The book contains a glowing review of the various competitors. It is profusely illustrated. One thousand of the books will be ready for distribution at the end of the month. The Burgess testimonial is a volume of 160 pages, bound in "mahogany" muslin, and will have the seal of the city in gilt on the top cover. The book contains a glowing review of the various competitors. It is profusely illustrated. 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THE MESSAGE. AMERICAN DRAMA.

Henry Irving's "Olivia" - Comment of a Competent Critic - The Local Holiday Attractions - How Florence was Gilded - Mrs. Cotton's Changing Managers - The Boy Financier - Facts and Fancies.

THE LOCAL THEATRES NEXT WEEK. ACADEMY OF MUSIC - "The Merry Widow." WALNUT ST. OPERA HOUSE - "The Arabian Nights." CHESTNUT THEATRE - "Ermione."

Current Gossip and Comment. PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 20. - Henry Irving and Miss Terry have remained the leading attractions this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Irving gave us the very embodiment of Goldsmith's creation. It was a most complete triumph of the actor, and his personation should remain a tradition of the stage.

I suppose I am somewhat prejudiced in Irving's favor. It is frequently said that he is a man who pleases the newspaper critics and a certain section of the public only - the sort of public who rave over Browning and Swinburne and Wagner and Walt Whitman, and other of the peculiar geniuses of the century - and not the great mass of the people, who pay the money which supports the stage.

Here is Maurice Barrymore running the risk of a duel with Sara Bernhardt's muscular and agile son. Maurice accused Sara of something very unpleasant, and she replied in a most dignified and dignified manner.

It will be quite too rich if it be proved that the great actress, in her own person, is the great Sara, who is the only one of Philadelphia and the son-in-law of our own Mrs. John Drew.

With Oliver Byron in "The Inside Track" the National Theatre has a most successful holiday attraction. Mr. Byron is always a warm welcome when he comes to Philadelphia, and it is probable that the audience at the National Theatre will be limited by the capacity of the theatre.

This is a synopsis of the incidents in Scudmore's famous play, which I gladly publish in response to those letters asking me why I no longer print the National Theatre's programmes.

Act I. - Love and hate. Act II. - Poverty, crime, robbery and arrest. Act III. - A lapse of two years and the return of the hero.

In the course of a pleasant chat the other day, W. J. Florence was playing the awful trick of one of my burlesques, when, one night in a forgetful moment, I leaned too heavily on my tin sword and bent it double.

John S. Clarke will give his delightful performance of comedy in his Broad Street Theatre every night next week, with matinees on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

The grand revival of Mme. Kinsky's great Russian pantomime, "Mazmin," under Mr. Kleinschman's management, will begin at the Academy of Music at the Christmas matinee, on Monday, and the huge building will be thronged to see the performance.

John W. Keller, author of "Tangled Lives," is the dramatic critic of the Press, New York's new penny morning journal. The fund collected for Mrs. Nellie Wetherell, whose foot was amputated recently, had reached nearly \$2,000 at last evening's meeting.

Mme. Julia Valda will remain in this country this season, and make a concert tour under Henry Wolfsohn's management. Next season, so Manager C. W. Roberts states, Mrs. Anita Youmans and Emily Youmans will travel with her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence are engaged for the cast of "A Possible Case," which J. M. Hill will produce at the Union Square Theatre, New York, in the spring. They will not be started.

Mr. Robert Montgomery (Nellie Southwick) commences his new play, "The Girl in the Red Coat," which he has written with Mrs. E. Bowers Co. They had quarrelled, and Mrs. E. Bowers Co. they had quarrelled, and her grief led her to destroy herself.

Mr. John T. Raymond and Miss Kate Forsyth will sail for Europe on the 25th, in the steamship Aller, which will open for the season on the 1st of January.

Mr. Gillette has made such a hit in Boston in "The Great Pink Pearl" and "Editha's Burglar" that Manager Palmer of the Madison Square, has engaged him to play at the Grand Opera House, New York, on Monday, Dec. 28.

From all reports New Orleans is this year proving to be the worst town in the country, although it was once regarded as one of the best.

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Chas. R. Gardner will bring out several new plays next season, one of which will be the late Elliott Barnes' "Bond of Friendship." Geo. H. Adams, the clown, has been engaged by Mr. Gardner for Chas. R. Gardner's "The Clown's Story."

Mr. Hayman, manager of the Baldwin and California Theatres, is arranging for the engagement of Both and Adams in San Francisco. Mr. Hayman is also negotiating for a season with Mrs. Potter next April.

Edwin Booth has given up his house in Chestnut street, in the vicinity of Beacon Hill, Boston, and the house is being transformed into a school for boys.

Maurice Bernhardt, the son of the well-known French actress, has just married an Austrian-Polish lady, known as the Princess Theresa Virginia Ottilie Jablonowska. She is a grandchild of Mlle. Jombertin, the stepdaughter of Napoleon I's brother Lucien.

"In the Fashion," Salina Dolara's new play, which is to follow "Forget Me Not" at Wallack's, New York, next Wednesday, is, as its name indicates, a society piece, dealing with the fables of the fashion of to-day.

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A Meeting to Arrange for the State Tournament. On Sunday afternoon last one of the largest meetings ever held in this city took place at the Continental Hotel to make all the necessary arrangements for the State tournament.

On Wednesday evening last the very satisfactory preliminary tournament was brought to a close with the play-off game between Levy and Bullock for fourth place in the regular State tournament, which opens on the 1st of next month.

J. E. KINGSLEY'S GENEROSITY. J. E. Kingsley, proprietor of the Continental Hotel, has been one of the staunchest friends of the game of billiards ever had in this country during the past quarter of a century.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED. Final arrangements for the State billiard tournament were made at a meeting held at Palmer's room, 110 Broadway, on Friday afternoon.

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second marvellous run, beating anything ever done by any other player. He scored 2,121 before he stopped. This is the record: McKenna - 0, 3, 2, 7, 0, 2, 1, 0, 4, 2, 121, 285, Total, 5,000. Average, 41 2/3. Eames - 1, 3, 10, 15, 0, 1, 11, 0, 0. Total, 45. Average, 41-1.

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J. E. KINGSLEY'S GENEROSITY. J. E. Kingsley, proprietor of the Continental Hotel, has been one of the staunchest friends of the game of billiards ever had in this country during the past quarter of a century.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED. Final arrangements for the State billiard tournament were made at a meeting held at Palmer's room, 110 Broadway, on Friday afternoon.

How Champion Frey Thinks the Game of Pool Can be Improved. There is something new in pool at last and champion Albert M. Frey is the man who got it up.

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Dec. 24, shot at 25 birds each, when Shearer won, having killed 24 at 13 for Fritchley.

A shooting match is likely to be arranged between Captain A. H. Bogardus and W. T. Irwin, of Abilene, Kan. It will be for \$100 a side at 100 yard birds, 30 yards rise, Harrington rules. Irwin only asks that he be allowed to use a 10-gauge gun. Bogardus says he will accept.

Chevalier Ira Paine, Dec. 17, at Providence, R. I., completed his 600 shots at 50 yds. distance, with a pistol, firing 210 shots and scoring 1,679 out of a possible 2,100, making a grand total of 1,719 out of a possible 6,000, or 107 more than F. E. Bennett made at Walnut Hill.

The New York Sun is authoring for the statement that "a great National shooting festival, in which the best shots of all the States and Europe will take part, will be held in the spring at Newark. The local expenses will amount to \$200,000."

The diamond medal of the Washington Gun Club, of New York, was won Thursday by R. Monson at the 25-yard shoot of the season. He killed seven straight on Thursday and 70 out of 84 during the season from the 25-yard mark.

In a shooting tournament at Springfield, N. J., Dec. 20, Mr. R. H. Miller, of Springfield, won the championship of New Jersey by breaking 45 out of 60 birds at 100 yards.

Eugene Bogardus, eldest son of Captain A. H. Bogardus, died at Lincoln, Ill., Monday, Dec. 10, of congestion of the lungs, aged 22.

The next Bogardus-Winston match will be shot off at Dayton, O., Jan. 2.

At Minneapolis, Dec. 10, Frank E. Dingley, of Minneapolis, succeeded in again lowering the professional bicycle record for twenty-four hours, making 350 miles in that time, thus holding all records from 67 to 350 miles, and easily wiping out Morgan's eight-hour record, Prince's twelve-hour record and Morgan's twenty-four-hour record. His distance for twelve hours was 187 miles to 181 by Prince. The following interesting particulars of this notable event are gleaned from the Minneapolis Pioneer-Press:

"McCurdy, Whittaker, Knapp and Eck were off and making a heavy pace for Dingley. Dingley's first one-hundred mile record was made in 5h. 52m. 25s. He was off his wheel several times, but not consuming more than 45m. At 10:20 o'clock in the morning Dingley completed his two-hundred mile and took his longest rest. He was off about 25m. When he remounted he made 50 miles, without dismounting, in 3h. 18m. 50s. When he had covered 250 miles he rested for 5m. He made 50 miles and was off for 8m. Dingley made Morgan's distance (317 miles) in 21h. 15m. About 7:30 o'clock in the evening Dingley showed signs of weakness. His gait was slow and unsteady, and he had to be taken from his wheel. Eck, his trainer, walked him around the course once. He then got on and seemed to have new life. He rose fast and steady, and the good-sized audience present cheered him on. He had already beaten the record, but it was the desire of his friends that he make 350 miles in twenty-four hours. The look-out men were on their feet, and Dingley succeeded only through the assistance of his pace-makers, and especially Whittaker, who did some good coaching. The score for and including 200 miles is as follows:

H. M. S. H. M. S. 200 miles..... 12 56 00/300 miles..... 20 16 5 225 miles..... 15 00 00/325 miles..... 22 06 55 275 miles..... 16 39 42/350 miles..... 23 57 67

Dingley was pretty thoroughly used up, but he made four laps after completing his 350th mile before the twenty-four hours were up.

The Harvard Bicycle Club has elected G. H. Merrill, '90, treasurer. The cyclist, the Hobcat of the cyclists of Great Britain, was launched at Hartlepool Dec. 17.

The Pennsylvania and Century clubs will probably unite in holding a race meet in this city next spring. The Maryland Bicycle Club proposes to offer a prize for the member who shall make the greatest number of miles in 1883.

The wheel has been subject to litigation in more than 100 cases in the United States, and has hardly ever failed to score a victory.

The New York Bicycle Club has elected L. Campbell, '88, president; E. L. Davis, vice president; E. R. Graves, secretary-treasurer; A. A. Gibson, captain.

Thomas Battersby won a fifty mile race on bicycles at the St. George's Hall, Newcastle, Eng., Dec. 3, 1882, in 1h. 10m. 10s. for the distance being 2h. 50m. Young was 2d and 3d.

The Hudson County (N. J.) wheelmen, at a recent meeting, decided to award a medal to every member who, during the season of 1882, rides a distance of one thousand miles on the road.

The Cleveland Athletic Park Company, proposed by the city of Cleveland, Ohio, has been organized in 1883, and has voted to wind up its affairs. Want of patronage and consequent debt were the cause.

The largest stakes on a five mile race ever known in the history of cycling were \$2,000, and were taken place in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., on Jan. 9, 1882, at A. McCurdy, of Boston, Mass., and S. G. Whittaker, of Chicago, Ill.

At the December meeting of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Club the following officers were elected for 1883: President, W. W. Johnson; Secretary, F. W. Crugan; Secretary, Leo R. McKinstry; Assistant Secretary, W. S. Harper; Treasurer, John B. Young; Captain, W. D. Supplee. The above, with H. B. Worrell, John A. Wells and W. W. Johnson, will constitute the board of directors.

The amateur-professional cycling business has been terribly muddled, every one knows. But now with Rowe, Crocker, Woodside, Temple, Rhodes and Nelson America has an array of professionals far ahead of what England has. The ladies' bicycle race, however, amateurs there are such amateurs as Crist, King, Red, DeLoia, Hart, Haradon, Foster and Harding. The Roosevelt and Lynn tracks will both be used for cycling in 1883. The best of the building is an imported English redstone and the walls above the Parth Apollo mottled brick. All the exterior ornaments are made of hammered copper. In the cellar two large heaters and a boiler furnish the water for the showers, and the hot water for the bath. Above the cellar and leading to the street by an incline is the wheel room. This room is supplied with washstands, hot and cold water and racks for holding the wheels. The bath of the building is a fine specimen of the art of the architect. The room is a fine specimen of the art of the architect. The room is a fine specimen of the art of the architect.

The Metropolitan. America's low-priced literary monthly, now in its third year, has just issued a great gallery picture of noted Americans, comprising statesmen, jurists, divines, authors, inventors and distinguished women. It is a triumph of the art of the photographer and engraver and an ornament to every household. The size of the picture is 10 1/2 inches, and the portraits are perfect. Every person sending thirty cents to The Metropolitan, 44 Broadway, New York will receive the magazine for one year and a copy of the picture post-paid.

The Record Album for 1883 is a most compilation, it is 96 pages are crowded with notes, and it is beautifully illustrated with 100 illustrations of the most interesting events of the year, as well as the printed pictures attached to them.

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THE TRIGGER.

A NEW REVOLVER RECORD.

Paine Secures a Total of 904 Points in 100 Shots with a Revolver.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21. - A. C. Gould visited this city to-day in order to verify the scores made by Ira Paine. He saw the target and had an interview with the scorer of the match, and was satisfied as to the correctness of Mr. Paine's record. The marksman gave an exhibition before Mr. Gould, shooting at an American standard target and using a Smith & Wesson 44-calibre army revolver and factory ammunition out of unbroken boxes.

The exhibition was a grand one. Paine making in the aggregate of the 100 shots 904 - exceeding any previous record. Following is the score: First..... 8 3 10 8 9 10 9 9 - 81 Second..... 9 9 7 10 9 9 7 10 10 - 87 Third..... 10 10 8 7 9 8 10 10 8 - 99 Fourth..... 10 9 8 10 10 10 9 10 7 - 92 Fifth..... 7 9 10 10 8 9 8 10 10 - 86 Sixth..... 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 - 100 Seventh..... 8 9 10 10 10 10 8 9 9 - 104 Eighth..... 8 9 10 10 10 7 10 9 10 - 93 Ninth..... 10 8 9 9 10 10 8 8 7 - 109 Tenth..... 10 8 9 9 10 10 9 8 10 - 101 Grand total..... 904

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Random Shots. The records and claims made by Mr. J. A. Huggins, the well-known riderman of Pittsburg, were disputed, because it was alleged that he shot a 7-point run with a Smith & Wesson 44-calibre revolver, the use of which was not permitted in regulation contests. Mr. Huggins denies this and says that in all his matches and practice shoots he shoots a regulation gun, weight 12 pounds, with 4-point trigger.

Mr. Huggins has not received all his trophies won at the Geneva shoot.

Chevalier Ira Paine, in a letter to the Boston Globe, states that as Mr. Bennett, the famous amateur pistol shot, refuses to cover his money for a match, wishing to receive an amount of \$500, he has never contemplated to disprove his charge of misrepresentation, he will withdraw his \$500, which was deposited for a month, as he is to leave Providence for the West to fulfill his engagements.

The Pennsylvania University Gun Club has sent out a challenge to Harvard for a shooting match, to be held at Boston any date that will be convenient to both parties. The following men have been selected to represent the University - A. W. Smith, F. S. Randall, H. H. Parquhar, M. W. Smith, '89, and J. Britton, '90.

Chivalier Ira Paine, the famous pistol shot, at Providence, R. I., on the 21st, made the wonderful score of 904 points out of a possible 1,000, with a 44-calibre revolver, shooting 100 times. The score consisted of 145 birds at 100 yards, 100 at 75 yards, 100 at 50 yards, 100 at 25 yards, and 50 at 10 yards, a total of 6,200 consecutive shots with a 44-calibre revolver of 6,200.

R. E. Shearer, of Carlisle, and Mayor Fritchley, of Harrisburg, in a final match to settle the wish-shot championship for Dauphin and Cumberland counties, McKenna took them in hand and made a

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KENNEL.

DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.

Deserting the Sinking Ship—Secessions from the A. K. C.—Mr. Peshall's Position on the "Nick of Naso" Case—Recent Decisions, Etc.

Wrecked on Registration Rock. That seems to be about the size of it, and it is a scramble to get out of the sinking ship. The Bostonians made short work of it. Captain Grosvenor and First Officer Moore with a couple of axes out the lifeboat tackle and as the New Englanders were all aboard, on hand, it did not take them long to reach Independence Island, where they were given a right royal welcome by the tribe, after which the island is named. The arrivals report that Captain Hemingway, of the New Havenites, had also got a boat. He had sent down below to rouse one or two of his men and as soon as they turned out the party would start for the shore. The "respected Hornell delegate" was last seen parading the quarter-deck with a life-preserver on. When offered a chance to get ashore in a boat he said he would stick there till he had shown Captain Peshall that he had as much right to the quarter-deck as anybody. He has never yet failed to come out of any difficulty right end up and no anxiety is expressed as to his fate.

Captain Peshall, who had been attempting to navigate the ship and had made such a mistake in his reckoning, was in the cabin writing a circular letter to all the shipping journals of the world in which he proposed showing that the chart makers were at fault and were neither gentlemen nor seamen.

Some of the crew are so light that it is impossible for them to be drowned, even if the rotten bulk breaks up, but if the wind is off shore there is no knowing where they will float to.

Among those who extended a cordial welcome to the arrivals from the wreck was Editor Dawson, of the Turf, Field and Farm, who had become so impressed by the outspoken fairness of the principal men of the Independents that he had paid their headquarters a visit. Though somewhat reticent as to his throwing in his lot with his new friends, it is very evident that he is impressed with the absence of duplicity and cunning which forms so much of the stock in trade of those who had been seeking to lead him astray. He is now passing through the same experience that his predecessors had, and the naive common sense of the new man at the helm will open his eyes when he comes to compare the two methods of doing business.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Peshall respecting an editorial in Forest and Stream touching upon editors as delegates to the A. K. C. I don't know why it should be sent to me. The arguments advanced are no better than those always given by Mr. Peshall when discussing any subject, and space is too valuable to be filled up in that way.

An excellent specimen of Mr. Peshall's style of argument is to be found in his letter respecting Nick of Naso's position at the Eastern Field Trials. Nick was given equal third in the pointerstakes, and Mr. Peshall objects. Boiling down the long letter into facts the residue is found to be that, ten days before the field trials, Mr. Peshall asked the secretary for the names of the judges and got no reply. He then claims that H. B. Duryea and W. A. Ooster, two of the three judges appointed, are not sportsmen, by which I suppose he means they are not gentlemen, for Mr. Peshall's further explanation is virtually that they did not act as gentlemen should in the alleged circumstances. Therefore, says Mr. Peshall, two of the judges not belows will open his eyes when he comes to compare the two methods of doing business.

It is possibly impossible to show Mr. Peshall how he has blundered, but I will try it on ground that is familiar to him. We will suppose that Mr. Peshall is plaintiff in a law suit brought in another city or State. He furnishes his lawyer with all the facts for his argument and the case is decided against him. Now, he claims that some time before it had been decided which judges should sit at the session of the court, he wrote the clerk asking for their names, and received no reply. Further, he says, that judge number one on one occasion sold pigs to the defendant's uncle with whom he had been on terms of intimacy and therefore could not be impartial in any case in which "the nephew of his uncle" was concerned. Another of the judges was also connected in an equally glaring manner with the defense, hence his decision must also have been biased.

To a lawyer the arguments might seem perfectly clear and fair, but the man of average common sense will say, why in the world didn't Mr. Peshall find out from his lawyer who the judges were, and, if he thought it impossible to get a just decision from them, instruct him to get a postponement, a continuance, which the other side would be only too willing to agree to? Now, coming to the field trials business, we find the counterpart of the lawyer in the handler of Nick of Naso, who could have notified his employer by telegraph as to who would judge if he had been asked.

Mr. Peshall's agent and representative accepted the judges and bound his employer thereto, and of all small things for a man to do, to kick against the man or men he accepts to decide a matter in which he is concerned is the smallest, unless he can show wherein rules were broken or a decision given in direct variance to the facts. In this case, however, no such attempt is made, the argument being based entirely on the judges not being sportsmen, i. e., possessed of gentlemanly instincts.

I will agree with Mr. Peshall that it was bad taste for the club to ask its paid employe to judge. It reminds me very much of the New Jersey Kennel Club's putting Mr. Mortimer in as judge when he would have to pass upon the merits of dogs owned by his employers, as against those of outsiders. Since for the goose seems quite a different article when applied to the gander, doesn't it, Mr. Peshall?

It is the belief of exhibitors in and about Winsted that the reason the Winsted Club was not elected a member of the A. K. C., was because the Hornellsville delegate was to judge there. Hornellsville is not in favor with some of the A. K. C. delegates. Take for instance the Farley case. The C. J. Farley was accused of stealing feed, feed cans, sprinklers, etc. He was notified to appear or write in answer to the charges, but declined doing so. Then notice of disqualification was promulgated, and the A. K. C. placed in possession of the evidence. The A. K. C. rule requiring such cases to be decided at the next meeting of the club, but it being Hornellsville business, the rules had to be broken and the case laid over.

How came it that Winsted's application was rejected and Stafford Springs' laid over. A free copy of THE SPORTING LIFE for 1888, will be donated to the person who can give the true reason, provided there is any sense in the reason.

The Fort Schuyler Kennel Club will hold a dog show at Utica in February next. E. J. Spencer, P. O. box 172, Utica, N. Y., is the secretary. "Uncle Dick" Fellows will superintend.

The case of Bowler vs. Davis was decided at Hornellsville in favor of the plaintiff. A. E. Bowler lives in Boston. He had some beagles near here to be trained, and while a pair were running a fox Davis shot and killed one. He said they were after his sheep, but Bowler had a witness to swear the dogs were after a fox, so he got a judgment against Davis for the full value of the dog. The lawyer for the defendant said a dog had no market value in this part of the country. The court decided that the value of the dog was the market value. The cost of the dog was \$100.00. The court awarded \$100.00 to the plaintiff.

THE TURF.

THE PACING PROBLEM.

From What is the Mysterious Gait Derived?

The following from the pen of Mr. Joseph Cairn Simpson, the veteran editor of the Breeder and Sportsman, will be read with interest wherever the name of the trotter and pacer is known. It was written as an introductory to a letter that spoke of the great four-year-old pacer, Arrow's only brother, who is a fast natural trotter, and, with fifteen days' work, showed a quarter in 36s.

"Pacing appears to be a gait which may spring from any family. It is true that there are families which take to that manner of progression as the members of others do to trotting, though not unfrequently the very fastest pacers descend from recognized trotting strains.

A large proportion of fast trotters have a tendency to gait when going slow, and not a few go fast at either gait. Why one brother should pace and the other trot, or why an animal can go fast at either gait, are questions which can only be answered on the hypothesis that neither breeding nor form has anything to do with fixing the propensity—maybe it should be termed instinct—and therefore something else must be the governing power.

"It may be habit. A colt which has tried the 'lateral' method of progression learns that he can go easier to himself, at the rate which his driver demands, determines that he will adopt it, and, if permitted, adheres to the idea, gaining speed as his practice continues.

The tendency to pace is more general than those who are not thoroughly conversant with training trotters imagine. Few, indeed, which at times do not display the preference, and hence the ease of weights, hobbles, and the various inventions to correct the tendency.

"Formation has certainly no influence. The fastest pacers I ever saw had not what is considered the typical formation, and in place of very sloping hips, high withers, narrow chest, crooked hind legs, etc., were as nearly models of high form as is seen among first-class trotters. Arrow is an exemplification; so was Jim Brown, Lady St. Clair, Nimrod and many others, the most noted divergence being Deference, who, after pacing in 2:17 1/2—if my memory be correct—trotted in 2:24. 'Double gaited' horses would be unknown if the action was absolutely determined by formation, so it is safe to discard this idea, so generally accepted not very many years ago. Heritage does not fix the action, or pacing station Blue Bull would not show forty-nine trotters with records below 2:30, and only three pacers to gain that distinction. Then, to show that a higher rate of speed was developed at the trot 2:17 1/2, 2:17 1/2 marked the trotters, 2:19 1/2 the fastest for the pacers."

Track Talk.

Kentucky bred horse stock is bringing good prices this winter. The chestnut stallion Splink, sire of Captain Lewis, 2:20 1/2, dropped dead at Rochester, recently.

Robert Steele, of this city, lately refused an offer of \$6,000 for the trotting stallion Erie, 2:26, by Belmont, dam by Woodford Mambrino.

Mr. Fred Gebhard, and will hereafter serve only in the stud as a companion to St. Saverio.

Diempeper appears to be prevailing among the horses in all sections of the country from Maine to Kentucky at present. It is proving fatal in some cases in the latter State.

The pending record breakers in order have been Memento, 2:55 1/2, by Administrator, 1877; Hinda Rose, 2:30 1/2, by Electioneer, 1881; Sudie D., 2:35 1/2, by Sherman's Hambletonian, 1887, and Norlaine, 2:31 1/2, by Norval, 1887.

Andrew Thomas, late trainer for Congressman W. E. Scott, has been engaged by Mr. J. D. Morrissey to act in a similar capacity in that gentleman's racing stable, James Murphy, his former trainer, having ceased his relationship with that establishment.

Mr. Green, of Lexington, Ky., owner of the crack colt, Dixie, sent the statement telegraphed to Eastern papers, but he had said he would not start the colt in the Kentucky Derby. Mr. Morris says Sir Dixie will start if he trains well in the spring.

The ten leading winning horses on the English track in 1887, according to a record of \$200,000, with the ten leading American runners won only \$200,000. However, however, who heads the American list with \$80,700, is \$37,470 ahead of Revo d'Or, the largest English winner.

The stakes for the spring meeting of the Waldo Park Racing Association have been announced. The Kansas City Derby, for three-year-olds, has \$3,000 added, besides entry money. The total amount of added money for the ten stakes is \$11,650, or an average of \$1,165 each.

The Wisconsin Trotting Horse Breeders' Association last week elected new officers, as follows:—President, John L. Mitchell; vice-presidents, J. I. Case, of Iacino, H. D. McKenny, of Janesville, and E. H. Broderick, of Milwaukee; secretary, Frank L. Smith, of Milwaukee; treasurer, J. E. Corrigan, of Milwaukee.

Judge James Grant will retire from the presidency of the National Trotting Association, at the regular Chicago meeting, which will be held in February, 1888. He has occupied the position eight years. General W. S. Tilton, first vice president, will also retire from office at the same time, on account of ill health.

The Lion, owned by W. S. Barnes, of Kentucky, is now looked upon by horsemen as the probable winner of the Kentucky Derby. Mr. Barnes has announced that Sir Dixie will not be started in that great 3-year-old event. Andy McCarthy will ride him if the horse should be in condition at the time the race is to be run.

George Forbes, of Cleveland, has sold to F. S. Corey, of Madison, the four-year-old bay colt Newton, 2:25 1/2, by Nugget, and the bay mare Maggie S., 8 years, 2:30, by Robert Lee—price, \$5,000. Forbes bought of Henry Simons, Lexington, Ky., a bay gelding, three years, by Young Joe, price \$2,000, and the bay filly Miss Bull, by Leonard.

There is every reason to believe that Mr. Cassatt's famous racer, The Bard, will be seen again on the turf next season. Reports from Chesterbrook are that he is in good shape, and he was before his illness, and that there is no reason why he should not start training next spring and come to the front again in some of the big handicap races for all-aged horses.

The dates for the coming spring running meetings have been arranged as follows:—New Orleans, six days, beginning Monday, April 2, and ending Saturday, the 7th; Memphis, Saturday, April 14, and ending Saturday, April 21, unless extra days follow the regular meeting; Nashville, Saturday, April 23, to Sunday, the 24th; Louisville, Monday, May 14, to May 24, Sunday.

The Charter Oak Park Association, of Hartford, Conn., will soon be out with the conditions of the \$10,000 purse, to be trotted at its circuit meeting. The class will be open, and this is a shut out such meeting. The stakes are:—Prize money, \$10,000; a bay gelding, three years, by Young Joe, price \$2,000, and the bay filly Miss Bull, by Leonard.

In view of the fact that Jerome Park is likely sooner or later to become city property some of the gentlemen of the American Jockey Club have purchased a track of land in Westchester county, at what is known as Castle Hill, and it is considered more track than any other in the American Jockey Club, or whatever the new racing association made up from that club may see fit to call itself. The land purchased comprises some 150 acres, and was part of the estate of Gouverneur Morris, and is bounded by the Hudson river, and overlooks the Sound.

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