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| Albany, N. Y.      | June 5 to 7       |
| Freeport, Ill.     | May 29 to June 1  |
| Cleveland, O.      | July 24 to 27     |
| Springfield, Mass. | July 24 to 27     |
| Buffalo, N. Y.     | July 31 to Aug. 3 |
| Freeport, Ill.     | July 31 to Aug. 3 |
| Rochester, N. Y.   | 2d week in Aug.   |
| Prophetstown, Ill. | 2d " "            |
| Tiskilwa, Ill.     | 2d " "            |
| Utica, N. Y.       | 3d " "            |
| Earlville, Ill.    | 4th " "           |

#### CANADIAN.

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| Whitby.....     | May 24 |
| Woodstock.....  | May 24 |
| Kincardine..... | May 24 |

#### ICE RACES.

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| Ottawa.....     | Feb. 15 to 17 |
| Bradford.....   | Feb. 19 to 20 |
| Brighton.....   | Feb. 20 to 21 |
| Bell Ewart..... | Feb. 22 to 23 |

#### ENTRIES CLOSE.

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| Bradford.....   | Feb. 17 |
| Brighton.....   | Feb. 19 |
| Bell Ewart..... | Feb. 22 |

Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, is our present address.

#### NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

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#### A RACING CIRCUIT.

If anything is to be done this year towards forming a Spring Circuit in Ontario, it is about time the initiatory move was being made. From our list of dates claimed, it will be seen that already two of our leading Clubs have run foul of one another for the Queen's Birthday, with a strong presumption that there may be another Richmond in the field as soon as the Queen's Plate is donated for the present year. That it is folly to expect so many successful gatherings on that day is evident; the number of horses in the country is too small, if split up in three or four parts, to create any interest in the contests. It is easy to understand why some of the smaller places cling so tenaciously to their entries, and consequently they do not suffer to any great extent from the competition. But among our leading Clubs they should be able at any time to present a programme of sufficient attractiveness to both

#### HANLAN AND SCHARFF.

From a paragraph in the daily press, it would appear the Ontario Rowing Club of this city have decided upon finding the funds for Hanlan in a race against Scharff, of Pittsburgh, and that the Toronto Rowing Club have the advisability of taking up the match with Boyd on Hanlan's behalf under consideration. This is all very well, so far as it goes. We have understood the Ontarios have placed themselves in communication with Scharff, in a friendly sort of way, to see upon what terms and for how much money he would row Hanlan on Toronto Bay; a very fraternal way of transacting business. So far as we have learned, no guarantee has been given "our boy" that the money will be found for him if the Pittsburger should agree to row for \$1,000 or \$500, or even \$250 a side. Hanlan should know how much support he can depend on receiving from his professed backers, and not be placed in the position with Scharff he is with Boyd, having the latter's acceptance on his hands without funds to meet the obligation which brought it forth. It is easy enough to assume the Rowing Clubs of this city are the proper parties to undertake the management of these matches, but they should not, by dilatory action, cause Hanlan to lose what chances he may have of receiving substantial encouragement from outside parties who would be pleased to contribute their quotas, large and small, to give our oarsman an opportunity of measuring his skill with the best men of the world.

The Hamilton Times, after publishing Mr. Curtis' remarks on Hanlan's rowing at Philadelphia, which appeared in last week's *SPORTING TIMES*, suggests that neither Hanlan or his friends should be too sanguine of success, and intimates that perhaps the best man did not win at Philadelphia, and that Hanlan's victory may have been owing to his own honesty, or rather to the dishonesty of others. This insinuation is too puerile to be mentioned. Again it throws discredit upon Hanlan's efforts by seeking to withhold from him his championship record, and asserts that Blackman, from the Thames, has the fastest three-mile race ever recorded. Upon reference to the *Clipper Almanac* for 1877, quite an authority by the way, it will be found that Hanlan is credited with the fastest three mile time, single scull, turn 21:09½, at Philadelphia, on September 6, 1876. This, we are free to state, will be considered better authority than the Times, and until this record is wiped out, a Canadian is entitled to the credit of the fastest three mile, single sculling, with turn. The amount of cold water thrown on Hanlan's aspirations is wonderful, and the difficulties he has to encounter would hardly suggest themselves to those who witnessed his reception in this city last fall, when as much tribute was paid to him as many a victorious commander in chief has received on the conclusion of a great military campaign.

THEO.—Mr. W. H. Hall, of Jackson, Mich., has purchased the bay mare Theo of Mr. Arms, of Toledo, price not made public, but is rumored to be a steep one. Theo has shown 2:33 in private. She will take part in the June races at Jackson, and rumor has it she will open the eyes of the ignorant ones.

and remitting the annual fee of \$2 to the Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Mountain, Toronto. We hear it is suggested to make some important amendments to the Constitution, by which the purely amateur clubs will derive some benefit from their connection with the Association. As now, it would appear, all the legislation is made in the interests of a vast minority of the good playing nines of the country.

The players of the London and Guelph nines for 1877 will be about as follows:—

LONDON TECCUMSEHS.—Powers, c, Captain; Goldsmith, p; Bradley (late of the Bostons,) 1b and change pitcher; Somerville (late of the Louisvilles,) 2b; Doerscher (late of the Buckeyes of Columbus, Ohio,) 3b; Knodell, (late of the New Havens,) s and change catcher; Dinneen, c f; Hunter, r f; Hornung, l f; and Leary, sub.

GUELPH MAPLE LEAF.—Scott Hastings, (late of the Louisvilles,) c; Sullivan, (late of the Detroit Athletics,) p; Lapham, 1b; Gillespie, (a Chicago graduate,) 2b; Dixon, (late of the Taunton and Auburn nines,) 3b; Welsh, s s; T. Smith, l f; W. Smith, c and change pitcher; J. Hower, c f; and, probably, Hotelling (late of the Lions,) r f and change catcher.

The Chicago Tribune, in commenting on the two teams, says the Maple Leaf one, as above given, "will be a strong one, and will render more even the brisk contests between the Maple Leafs and Tecumsehs for the championship of Canada. Last season the Tecumsehs won the emblem, but were closely followed by the Maple Leafs. This year the Maple Leafs stand a good chance to win, if they can get the hang of Goldsmith's curves."

#### A NEW TRACK.

A Driving Park Association has been formed at Kincardine, Ont., and it is their intention to commence work as soon as possible on a half-mile track, which is meant to be the peer of any in the Dominion. The home stretch will be 75 feet wide and 800 feet long; backstretch, 60 feet wide; curves as good as can be obtained on a track of this kind, and will be thrown up two feet and a half on the outside. Every exertion will be made to have it completed early in May, and it is proposed to have a grand inauguration on the Queen's Birthday and day following, when it is thought \$1,500 will be given in premiums. Kincardine is admirably situated for a Driving Park, having excellent railway and steamboat connections. The grounds are beautifully situated on the banks of Lake Huron, and will be enclosed in the best style. Stands and all the necessary accommodation will be erected, and it is the determination of the directors to make their track a model one, and by careful and straightforward management ensure the good will of horsemen and turf supporters.

#### PHIL SHERIDAN.

This greatest of the sons of Young Columbus is to make a short season in the stud, at the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, closing April 15, after which it is the present intention of his owners, Messrs. Wiser and Daltzell, to train him, and perhaps let him try conclusions in the great circuit. Phil Sheridan as the sire of those renowned trotters, Adelaide, 2:21½, and Commonwealth 2:32, has a well-earned reputation among the leading stallions of the country, and his services will be eagerly sought for during the brief period they are offered. For other particulars the advertisement can be consulted.

old, by King Tom, dam Leon, by Lexington, and chestnut filly by Harper, dam by Alledale."

We see by an American paper that the old race-horse Bomster, by imported Eclipse, dam Vanity, by Revenue, is offered for sale. He is not unknown to some of our Canadian turfmen.

The Turf, Field and Farm, in speaking of theringer Rival at the St. Catharines races, suggests it would be as well to jail a few of the parties controlling those ringers.

Clara Morris, the New York actress, rode a very wild mustang the other day, and fairly conquered him. "I know all about riding," she said, to begin with. "You must first mount and then you mustang on."

The Bradford Winter Races take place on Monday and Tuesday next, 19th and 20th. \$275 are hung up in premiums. The entries close on Saturday night for Monday's races, and on Monday, p.m., for Tuesday's events. Mr. William B. Bingham is the secretary.

Quite a number of buyers are in Montreal looking around for horses. Most of them want small lots. The business last week was dull. At McDowell's, 15 were sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$200; 25 at the American House-yard on N.Y. account, \$55 to \$110; and 10 were shipped to Mass., \$790 for the lot.

Capt. Smith went lame at Prescott races, and it is doubtful if he will be able to take part in any more of the winter meetings.

Mr. Frank Hanes, a Dundas Division Court Bailiff, sold a horse the other day at Greenville for five cents. He was got by Patience out of The Place by Assistance; quite suggestive breeding.

Charles A. Kellogg, a well-known turfman, and formerly proprietor of the Brackett House, Rochester, N. Y., died recently of progressive paralysis.

Mr. Gilbert, of Brantford, who sold St. Patrick to Mr. Nowlan, of Hamilton, has a fine Ol or Grit filly, 4 years old, that shows remarkable speed. She won a race handily on the ice there the other day, and impressed the spectators with her way of going.

The Ottawa races, which commenced yesterday, on Leamy's Lake, promises to be one of the best meetings of the season.

Enright & Bro., of Dundas, shipped this week a car-load of horses for New York. From there they will be forwarded to Liverpool. The junior partner of the firm, Mr. Wm. Enright, accompanies the horses, which are said to be an extraordinary fine lot, having been selected especially for this their first venture in the exportation line.

The ancient Quebec is ahead of the other cities in that it boasts a Driving Club. The *Chronicle of Thursday*, says:—"Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, and the bad condition of the roads, a goodly number of the Driving Club assembled at their usual rendezvous yesterday afternoon. Six tandems and a sleigh drawn by three horses fell into line, and started off in the direction of Charlesbourg road."

Frank Harper, the owner of Ten Broeck, who run the fastest four miles on record last season, offers to match him to run against any horse in the country for \$10,000 or \$20,000, the distance to be four miles, and the race to take place on the track of the Louisville Jockey Club this season.

century, when the treatment was of the most cruel nature. The chairman made some appropriate remarks and spoke of specific ophthalmia in the horse as analogous to iritis in man. Mr. C. J. Alloway, V. S., communicated a case of congestion of the lungs, which he was called up to treat in 1867, describing the sensations experienced by a young practitioner in being called to his first practical case. At the next meeting, February 22nd, Mr. D. S. Brown will read an essay on hygiene. Mr. Wm. A. Murphy will communicate a case of acute laminitis.

#### STALLIONS IN "THE SPORTING TIMES."

This week we have the announcement of Longstreet, the son of Lexington and Alice Jones. He was imported into this country in December last by Mr. Henry Fry, of Aurora, and by him sold a couple of weeks' ago to Messrs. Scott, Anderson & Co., of Sutton Village, Georginia, Co. York, the consideration being \$1,600, as reported to us. At the time of Longstreet's arrival we submitted it would be to the advantage of the stock raisers in the northerly portion of the county of York if they could retain him in their section, and we are pleased to learn he is likely to remain among them. Longstreet is a horse of fine breeding, great bone and muscle, and as sound as a dollar. His breeding is captivating, Boston and Glencoe, and he should be liberally patronized for his inherent worth alone. He is a full brother of Jonesboro, who, it will be seen by the Running Time Table, published in our last issue, ran two miles over eight hurdles, winter weights, at New Orleans, in 1868 in 8:51½. Messrs. Scott, Anderson & Co. are to be congratulated on their purchase, and their success should be in keeping with their enterprise.

#### THE AMERICAN STUD BOOK.

The compiler of the third volume of the American Stud Book has been materially retarded in bringing his work to completion through the neglect of breeders in furnishing the necessary information. He complains especially of two or three locations, Canada being among the number. An earnest appeal is made to the owners and breeders of Canada to forward immediately their lists. Only a week or so remains, and those having thoroughbred stock should not lose this opportunity of having it properly registered in the only reliable authority. It might be as well to state that there is no charge made for registry or other service performed in connection with this great work. Communications in reference to the Stud Book should be addressed to Mr. S. D. Bruce, Turf, Field and Farm office, New York.

#### To Correspondents.

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