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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Providence, R.I. Oct 30 to Nov 2
Madison, Ind., Oct 30 to Nov 2
HUNTING MEETINGS.

New Orleans Dec 1 to 4
Charleston, S. C. Feb 5 to 9 (1878)

DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Oshawa May 24

AMERICAN.

Erieport, Ill. May 30 to June 2
Tropicopolis, Ill. June 4 to 7
Clyde, N. Y. July 3 to 5
Toledo, O. July 16 to 19
Cleveland, O. July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y. July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill. Aug 1 to 4
Rochester, N. Y. Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill. Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y. Aug 13 to 16
Springfield, Mass. Aug 20 to 23
Farmington, Ill. Aug 20 to 23
Mystic Park, Boston Sept 3 to 6

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A WONDERFUL CALCULATION.

It is said that figures will not lie, but there are, under certain times and circumstances, figures that will not stand. An evidence of this is to be found in our columns to day in an article from the New York *Herald*, with the suggestive heading "Can Hanlan row Courtney down?" To obtain a starting point upon which to found a basis for the superstructure, the writer calls upon his own fertile resources, and quotes Hanlan's trial time, and from this fictitious premises proceeds to demonstrate that it is impossible for Hanlan to row three miles in less than twenty-one minutes, and, coupling this conclusion with the record of Courtney, says that the latter need not concern himself much about a three mile contest with the Canadian champion. If the *Herald* writer had any idea of the subject he undertook to enlighten his readers upon, it would not have been necessary to start from such an illusory stand point as the mythical time of the trial is at. Any person at all conversant with sculling would probably have accepted Hanlan's 21:09 at Philadelphia last year as a foundation for mathematical calculation. In that race it was the opinion of the best judges of both continents that Hanlan played with Brayley, and if his reserve power had been fully called on, his time would have astonished the world. In sporting matters, the "time test" is not the best authority, even when fully and fairly canvassed; but in the hands of the *Herald* writer, who is evidently a freshman amateur, it is suggestive of the scribe's imbecility.

The *Herald* man again calls on his fertile brain and out of whole cloth manufactures the statement that Hanlan's backers are prepared to match him in two races with Courtney, one of three and the other of five miles, for \$10,000. It is well there is such a fountain head for news as the *Herald*. It lacks however in this case the essential element of truth to make it either valuable or reliable. That Hanlan can be backed to row Courtney any race from one mile to ten miles is altogether probable, but that the former's friends are so unsophisticated in the ways of match-making as to name such an enormous stake as the brilliant mind of the *Herald* man has concocted is all a mistake. Of one thing all lovers of aquatic sport are satisfied—if Courtney can beat Hanlan he will think he has had a race of it at all events.

In reading the whole article through we must express our surprise at finding such rubbish in the columns of the first newspaper in America, and one, too, which professes a deep interest in the advancement of all classes of legitimate sport. If that journal has any desire to maintain its prestige as an authority, it will have to eliminate such trashy, prejudiced and untruthful effusions as some of the recent aquatic articles in its columns. A mistaken idea of kindness to Courtney may prompt such adulation, but its effect will be strongly inconsistent with its implied object.

PAROLE AND TEN BROECK.

In our columns to-day will be found a graphic account of the race at Baltimore, last week, between Parole, Ten Broeck, and Tom Ochiltree. There have been few turf events in America which have created so much excitement as this great contest of the eastern and western giants. These sectional

was accomplished in 24½ sec., which was a clipping pace. Although the whole race was not remarkable in this respect, no doubt these rapid sports cooked the western horse.

Parole and Ten Broeck will meet at Jerome Park, N. Y., to-morrow, under similar conditions to the Baltimore race, for a purse of \$2,000, and should Parole again come to the front, the question of superiority will be considered settled.

FAST RECORDS.

The last couple of weeks have been remarkable in America for fast records in the amateur classes of athletics. This will be seen upon reference to the compilation given below of a few events which have come under our notice.

At the the third annual fall games of the Scottish-American Athletic Club, held at Mott Haven, near New York, on Wednesday of last week, it is claimed that T. H. Armstrong of the Harlem Athletic Club, walked a mile in 6:44, the fastest amateur time on record. From the Clipper Almanac for 1877, we learn that previous to this performance T. Griffith, of Leeds, Eng., had the first position in the amateur walking line with a record of 6:48, while D. M. Stern, of New York, led in America with 7:00 as far back as three years ago. At the same meeting Mr. Armstrong walked seven miles and eight hundred and sixty yards in one hour; truly two wonderful performances in one day by one man, and that man an amateur. At the same games Edward Merritt landed himself a winner in the mile race in 4:43½, which is said to be the lowest point by half a second ever reached by an amateur in America. These are three remarkable performances to take place at one meeting.

Again, at the Yale College Athletic Games at Hamilton Park, New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday of last week, some rapid sprinting was done. The New York Sportsman, in describing the meeting, says there was considerable wind, which blew directly in the faces of the pedestrians, serving to make the time slower than it otherwise would have been. In despite of this obstacle, T. W. Brown succeeded in running 100 yards in 10½ sec. and 440 yards in 54 sec. This latter performance is said to be equal to the best in America. There can be no doubt of the distance, as it was measured by The Sportsman's representative. Outside parties made the time even faster than that given by the official time-keeper. In too many cases where fast records are claimed, it has been found that the tracks were short, or the timing done by incompetent hands and with inferior watches for that purpose, but there seems to be no reason to doubt the accuracy of Mr. Brown's record. The English amateur records, by the authority quoted in the preceding paragraph, are as follows: 100 yards, ten and one-fifth seconds, M. Shurman, Oxford, Eng., April 7, 1876; 440 yards, fifty and two-fifth seconds, by E. J. Colbeck, London, Eng., June 20, 1868, and J. Shearman, (L. A. C.), London, Eng., June 7, 1877.

While our cousins across the line have been thus busy, our boys at home have not been idle. At the games of the Toronto Lacrosse Club held on Saturday last, W. O. Ross, threw the lacrosse ball 122 yards, 6 in., said to be the best throw on record for this style. After winning a 100 yard dash, Telfor Arthurs ran a quarter of a mile in 55 sec., and again won the open race of 440 yds. in

having Frost to clear that obstacle by following the mare. The result of it was that Frost won, Galatea second. A protest was entered on behalf of the mare. The stewards took the question into consideration and on Monday gave the following decision:

"While strongly censuring the unsportsmanlike conduct of Mr. C. J. Alloway in riding the Maid of the Mill over the hurdle in front of the leading horses, still, in the absence of any rule exactly meeting the case, the stewards have no other course before them than to declare Jack Frost the winner of the Merchants' Plate, Galatea second."

OBITUARY.

MR. JEREMIAH McAULIFFE, LONDON.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Jeremiah McAuliffe of London, Ont. Deceased had been ailing for some time, but it was only on the morning of the 25th that anything serious was anticipated, and his demise rapidly followed, his spirit taking flight between 10 and 11 o'clock on the morning of the 26th. There were few men in the western part of the province better known to horsemen than the late Mr. McAuliffe. His genial, open, whole-souled nature made him many friends in all parts of the country, who will be deeply pained to read this announcement. Mr. McAuliffe was born in Askerton, Co. Limerick, Ireland, in 1827, and emigrated to Canada in 1847, and in that year took up his residence in the Forest City, where he has ever since resided. At one time he was extensively engaged in the livery business, but of late years has confined his attention to the Opera House saloon on Dundas street, one of the most popular resorts in the city. He leaves a widow but no children. His funeral took place last Sunday to the R. C. cemetery, and his remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of people, upwards of 180 carriages being in the cortege.

MR. HARRY A. STINSON, HAMILTON.

Mr. Harry A. Stinson, youngest son of the late Thomas Stinson, Esq., of Stinson's Bank, Hamilton, died at his residence, Queen street, in that city, on Sunday last, 28th ult., of congestion of the brain. The deceased was born in Hamilton, we believe, in 1848, consequently he was in his 29th year at the time of his death. Of late years he was manager of Stinson's Bank, Hamilton, and earned a brilliant reputation as a clever business man. Outside of this circle he was recognized as an enthusiastic lover of field and aquatic sports, and he devoted much of his time to his favorite amusements. He took a deep interest in yachting, and was quite successful in this class of sport. He was looked upon as a model young man, and great sympathy is expressed by all classes for his sorrowing mother and relatives in their deep affliction. To the poor he was especially a friend, and his memory will be green in the Ambitious City for years to come.

NEW IMPORTATIONS.

From the Kentucky Live Stock Record we learn that Gen. Wm. T. Withers, of Fairlawn Stock Farm, Lexington, Ky., sold to Mr. Robert Cheney, of this city, a bay yearling colt, by Almont, dam by Marion, a son of Mambrino Chief. The consideration reported is \$1,500. This is a royally bred youngster, and Mr. Cheney should be complimented on his enterprise in importing such a valuable colt. The cross of Almont and Mambrino Chief blood should be a

Sporting Gossip.

The American horse Brown Prince, now in England, is recovering from his attack of pneumonia, but it is thought he will be unfitted for further racing.

It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways. When the telegraph companies pool their earnings, they gather them in, but when the nice young man goes to the billiard-room and pools his earnings, the other man generally gets the most of them.

A despatch from Port Republic, N. J., says the horse disease has arrived there in a very virulent form. Nearly fifty horses and mules have already died, and the epidemic is spreading. Singularly the swine appear to be affected with the same malady, and are dropping off rapidly.

Dr. Coleman, V. S., of Ottawa, has lately been ill, but we pleased to hear he is rapidly recovering, and is now about as good as new.

We are no advocates for the credit system in general, but there are times when credit should be given, for instance when our contemporaries copy articles from our columns on which we have spent much time and labor such as the biographies of Hanlan and Ross, which have been published from one end of Canada to the other, and, with one or two exceptions, without giving the *Sporting Times* credit for the sketches.

Mr. M. H. Sanford, the American turfman in England, recently sold his horse Mate to Captain Machell for £355. Mate will be given a cross-country education this winter, and he will run in next year's steeplechases.

Mr. James O'Neil, of Woodstock, last week sold his team of trotter, Lapland and Oxford to a buyer for the English market. The price was \$800.

It is said negotiations are pending for a match, dash of one mile and a half, heavy weights, between Archie Fisher's Kelso and Jonathan Scott's Goldfinch, to be run at Woodbine this fall. Archie, it is reported, wants to make it for \$500 a side.

The New York *Herald's* report said "the green steeplechase at the last Woodbine Races was won by Judge Halligan." Sure, John, you'd be a long time in the old country before they'd call you Judge.

Mr. Matt Williams, of the Horton House, Cobourg, won a couple of races with his gelding Jack, by Jack the Barber, at Trenton lately.

A match has been made for \$100, between Galt Reporter and Gil de Roy, to be run at Exeter.

The promising thoroughbred filly African Maid, 4 years by Mogador, dam Simple Maiden, imported by Mr. T. C. Patteson, of Eastwood, and sold by him to Mr. Charles Reed, of New York, died suddenly on Wednesday morning of last week, while exercising at Pimlico Park, Baltimore.

A Mr. Porter was among the heaviest winners in a recent California horse race, and ever since then his friends invariably meet him with the remark: "Porter, how's stakes?"

Dunton's Spirit of the Turf says that the old trotter Hotspur is still pursuing his career as a ringer, being entered in his last race under the name of Honest Dick.

A Nashville man answered a Chicago advertisement, "How to win at poker," and received for his two dollars the following: "Hold four aces, or don't poke."