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MUDLARKS AT A PREMIUM.

Betting Ruled Heavy at New Orleans—Footrunner at 8 to 1.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—The first glimpse of sunshine in some days drew out a good sized attendance to-day. The track was heavy, however, and mudlarks were in demand. Betting ruled heavy on the several events. The original second race was declared off and another substituted at 5 1-2 furlongs. Summaries:

First race, 6 furlongs—Bill White, 108, Leigh, 7 to 10, 1; Oh No, 100, Clayton, 4 to 1, 2; Lord Willowbrook, 105, Thorpe, 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.28 1-2.

Second race, 5 1-2 furlongs—St. Pancras, 107, McCue, even, 1; Ludlow, 99, Frazier, 6 to 1, 2; Ethel W., 97, Soden, 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.20.

Third race, 7 furlongs—Footrunner, 105, Scott, 8 to 1, 1; Bess McDuff, 103, Williams, 11 to 5, 2; Satellite, 106, Hill, 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.46 1-2.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs—Kindora, 107, Costello, 5 to 1, 1; Tom Kelly, 110, McCue, 3 to 1, 2; G. B. Cox, 101, Hill, 9 to 2, 3. Time 1.10 1-2.

Entries: First race, 5-8 mile—Princess Rose, Black Beauty, Trixie, Nellie H. 100, Walter Talbert, Insomnia, Huxley 102, Black Jack, Freedman 105, Dr. Reed 102.

Second race, 1 1-16 miles—Bootee 97, Bedford, His Honor 99, Propriety 101, Prince Leon 102, Stonewall, I. C. W., Emperor Billet 103, Fort Worth, Cactus Blossom 106.

Third race, 6 furlongs—G. B. Cox, Gee Whiz 101, Kindora, Footrunner, Jim Henry, No Remarks 108, Bonnie B., Royal Flush, Bill White 103.

Fourth race, 11-16 mile—Red Veil 95, Vocality 97, Dollie, Satellite 100, Cave Spring, Charlie B. 102, Bess McDuff 103, John V., Express 105, Rancocas 108.

Fifth race, 11-16 mile—Blue and White, Viola C., Rabbit, Nicaragua 97, Beauregard, Followday 99, Daphne 101, Jimmy T., Little Phil 103, Dr. Bill, Chimes 106. Clear and heavy track.

How They Follow Titles.

New York, Feb. 19.—The Evening Sun says: George J. Gould, when seen today in regard to a statement that he may become the owner of a racing stable, said: "I may have a racing stable some day, but I own no horses at present." Count Castellane, who is engaged to be married to Miss Anna Gould, is said to be an enthusiastic horseman and cross-country rider. It is understood that the Count has had much to do with creating Mr. Gould's interest in turf affairs. The Count is devoted to horses, and his recent close intimacy with the Gould family has aroused a similar enthusiasm in Mr. Gould. If Mr. Gould does invest in a racing stable his string of horses will undoubtedly be the best that money can buy.

QUEEN'S OR TRINITY.

Final for the Hockey Championship in Mutual-street To-Morrow.

The final hockey match for the championship of Ontario should furnish the best contest of the season. Queen's and Trinity will be up to concert pitch to fight the battle of their lives in the Caledonian Rink to-morrow (Thursday) at 8 p.m. The reserved seat plan is now open at Nordheimers'.

Spalding's Seven at Galt.

Galt, Feb. 19.—A hockey match was played here to-night in the skating rink between the Spalding team of Chicago and a team picked up hurriedly from among the Galt hockeyists. The game resulted in favor of the Galts by a score of 11 to 8.

Imperial's Winning Form.

The Bank League game on Victoria ice yesterday resulted in a victory for Imperial over the combination by 7 goals to 4, the half-time score being 4 to 1. Teams:

Imperial (7): Goal, Love; point, Patterson; cover, Darrell; forwards, Cosby, Creelman, Whitely, Kavanagh.

Combination (4): Goal, Foster; point, Forsayeth; cover, Muir; forwards, Playfair, Matthews, Barr, Robb.

Referee—L. Cosby, Dominion Bank.

Parkyn's Seven Loses at Hockey.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 19.—The first International hockey game between clubs representing Winnipeg, Man., and the State University of Minnesota was played here yesterday and was won by the visitors by a score of 11 to 3. The day was perfect for the sport and the attendance large. Features of the game were the team playing of the Canadians and the individual work of Parkyn, Walker and Head of the locals.

After Mr. Puck.

In the Intermediate Bank League series the Combination defeated the Dominion by 11 goals to 3 at Victoria Rink.

Granite H. and Peterboro will play their junior final in the Granite Rink Tuesday evening next.

The Imperial seven are hot favorites for the Bank League championship. After completing the original schedule another for Imperial, Commerce and Toronto will be arranged to settle the question of supremacy.

The London Athletic Club has agreed to the following events to be contested in the International games with the New York Athletic Club: One hundred, 220, 440 and 880-yard runs, one-mile run, three-mile run, 120-yard hurdle race, running high and running broad jumps, putting 16-pound shot and throwing 16-pound hammer.

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FINALS FOR THE TANKARD

ONTARIO'S CURLING COMPETITION STARTS TO-DAY.

Fourteen Clubs in the First Draw—Prospect Park and Lindsay Get the Byes—Granites Meet Guelph This Morning at the Park—The Consolation Match—Curling Notes.

There was a great influx of brithers of the broom into the city yesterday afternoon, and it was a merry though earnest gathering in Mr. Russell's office, Bay-street, last night, when the draws were made for the final competitions of the Ontario Silver Tankard curling competition. Of the 16 group champions, 14 reported, and will be ready for the play that starts this morning. Stratford of group 13 and Kincardine of group 14 were unable to get their men to visit Toronto. North Bay and Buffalo were the new-comers, and to-day they make their first appearance in the finals.

Of course there are favorites and favorites. Prospect Park, Lindsay, Oshawa, Peterboro and the Hamilton Thistles are much fancied as the horsemen would say, and the chances of the two first-named are enhanced from the fact of securing the byes. Then, besides these five, there are nine dark horses, and this is one of the races that it is only by chance that the winner is selected.

Play will start at 9 this morning at Prospect Park, the Granite and Victoria rinks. Two o'clock is the afternoon hour to begin, but should the weather prove too mild a postponement until the evening will take place. John Bain will officiate as deputy-umpire at the Victoria Rink, Dr. Carlyle at the Granite and R. Armstrong at the Park, with J. S. Russell as umpire-in-chief.

Messrs. Woodyatt iof Brantford and Littlejohn of the Granites acted as scrutineers, with the result as follows, giving the ice first, G., V. and P.P., meaning Granite, Victoria and Prospect Park, the contestants, and the designation of the winner for the next round:

FIRST ROUND—9 A.M. TO-DAY.
G—Hamilton Thistle v. Oshawa—A 1.
G—Chesley v. North Bay—A 2.
G—Prospect Park bye—A 3.
V—Buffalo v. Chatham—A 4.
V—Collingwood v. Peterboro—A 5.
V—Lindsay bye—A 6.
P.P—St. Thomas v. Brantford—A 7.
P.P—Toronto Granite v. Guelph Union—A 8.

SECOND ROUND—2 P.M. TO-DAY.
Granite—A 2 v. A 8—B 1.
Granite—A 4 v. A 7—B 2.
Victoria—A 1 v. A 3—B 3.
Victoria—A 5 v. A 6—B 4.

THIRD ROUND—9 A.M. THURSDAY.
Granite: B 1 v. B 3—C 1.
Granite: B 4 v. B 2—C 2.

FOURTH ROUND—2 P.M. THURSDAY.
Granite: Final for the Tankard.

The Consolation Match.

This afternoon the consolation match will start at 2 o'clock, with the contestants as follows:

At the Granite Rink: Losers, Hamilton Thistle-Oshawa v. losers Collingwood-Peterboro.

At Prospect Park: Losers Buffalo-Chatham v. losers St. Thomas-Brantford.

At Prospect Park: Losers Chesley-North Bay v. losers Granites-Guelph.

The competition will be continued until five rounds are completed on Friday afternoon, when the winner will be determined.

The Torontos Win by 4 Shots.

The return friendly match between Toronto and the Caledonians resulted in favor of the former by 4 shots. The Caledonians were 10 up on their own ice in the afternoon, while Toronto had 14 of a majority at the Victoria Rink in the evening. Score:

At the Caledonian Rink:

CALEDONIANS.	TORONTO.
R. F. McCuaig,	R. McDonald,
James Pringle,	Dr. Gordon,
R. H. Ramsay,	G. C. Biggar,
W. Ross, skip.....19	H. A. Drummond, sk.. 8
C. H. Edwards,	W. W. Nation,
Thomas Rennie,	H. J. Bethune,
John Rennie,	T. G. Brough,
Robt. Rennie, skip...13	R. D. Gamble, skip...14
On Victoria ice:	
W. Field,	D. O. R. Jones,
D. Prentice,	T. B. O'Brien,
W. S. A. Hartley,	C. C. Ross,
W. G. Pearce, skip..18	C. J. Leonard, skip...14
A. B. Nichols,	W. Caldwell,
T. P. Slater,	Dr. Millman,
D. J. Slater,	T. C. L. Armstrong,
W. Summerfelt, skip. 7	W. Maclean, skip.....20
Total.....52	Total.....56

Brantford by 21 Shots.

Brantford, Feb. 19.—A friendly curling match came off here to-day between three rinks from Ancaster and three Brantford rinks, resulting in favor of Brantford. Score:

BRANTFORD.	ANCASTER.
P. A. Foulds,	J. Butter,
B. N. Foster,	R. Morton,
T. Evans,	J. B. Calder,
J. H. Scott, skip.....20	M. Johnston, skip....13
C. Taylor,	S. Smith,
G. W. Brown,	J. C. Calder,
R. J. Brown,	D. Butter,
T. S. Wade, skip.... 28	P. Renton, skip.....13
W. Pain,	M. Harley,
A. Bixel,	A. Summerville,
E. L. Forde,	J. A. Moffatt,
J. C. Steele, skip.....21	G. Morton, skip.....14
Total.....69	Total.....40

Little York by 9 Shots.

Little York and Markham played a friendly match, 22 ends on good ice, at Markham yesterday, the result being as follows:

MARKHAM.	LITTLE YORK.
S. H. Stephenson,	J. Booth,
J. McDonough,	W. Booth,
J. Gleason,	S. Kennedy,
G. Vanzandt, skip....16	R. Malcolm, skip.....21
J. Courtney,	W. Gallagher,
R. Lourez,	C. Blaylock,
W. H. Hall,	A. Hood,
H. McGill, skip.....16	T. Gibson, skip.....20
Total.....32	Total.....41

Curling Chips.

The two-rink match for the Scottish Counties' Medal between representatives of Lanarkshire and Dumfrieshire will take place in one of the city rinks on Friday afternoon.

James Browne, a crack curler and lawn bowler of Dunfries, left Montreal last night for Toronto to witness the tankard matches. He will play in the Scottish Counties' match.

The office-bearers of the Ontario Curling Association will this year play a four-rink match with representatives from the different tankard rinks. The officials this year will be without their worthy patron, His Excellency the Governor-General, who is unable to be present.

Riley Grannan, the young Kentucky plunger, has lost $15,000 during a week's play at the Covington pool rooms. He waged a lively war on Messrs. Simonton and Bollinger for several days, and finally retired vanquished. Last Saturday was Grannan's worst day, he losing $7000. At a single bet he lost $7000 on the colt Merritt. Old Dominion for the place was the only bet he cashed on the day.

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GOOD SHOOTING AT WOODBINE.

Phenomenal Scoring by a Youthful Marksman in the Tournament.

The Briggs-McDowall shooting tournament commenced at the Woodbine yesterday morning with large attendance and beautiful weather. A great many clubs were represented, including the Hamilton, Woodstock, Georgetown, Oshawa and Whitby. The Toronto Granite, Victoria, Owl and Stanley Clubs, of this city, also had their crack shots out in full force. The tournament was opened with a 15 bird match, the entry being $5. Twenty-five contestants shot in this event yesterday and some twelve or fifteen will compete to-day. The veterans' match will commence early this afternoon as a large number are expected to compete. There will be several sparrow matches to-day in addition to the blue rock shooting. Master A. Lake, who is only 14 years of age, did some remarkable shooting, scoring 12 out of 15 hard pigeons, one falling dead one foot out of bounds. He is the champion boy shot of this country. He will compete this afternoon in the sparrow matches. W. S. Gould of Whitby and J. Scott of Lambton each made a clean score of fifteen. Several of the shooters had hard luck in having birds fall just out of bounds. Capt. Campbell of the Oshawas was particularly unnfortunate He killed his fifteen but two slid over the line. Shooting will commence at 10 a.m. to-day. The score:

Event No. 1, 15 pigeons, entry $5—W. S. Gould 15, J. Scott 15, Geo. Grant 14, I. S. Kirkwood 14, J. C. Cox 14, D. C. Smith 14, Fairbourne 14, D. Miller 13, A. C. Calbeck 13, J. Dick 13, M. D. Campbell 13, T. N. Lewis 13, C. Arthurs 13, A. Lake 12. Nine others retired from the contest.

Event No. 2, 10 blue rocks—S. C. Smith 9, J. Dick 9, W. D. Campbell 8, J. Bellamy 8, T. N. Lewis 7, Kirkwood 6, Bickerstaff 6, Fairbourne 6, H. Mack 6, H. E. Smith 6.

Event No. 3, 15 blue rocks, entry $2—Fairbourne 14, Thompson 13, Dick 13, Rogers 13, Beatty 13, Lucas 13, Smith 12, Cox 12, Bellamy 11, Jake 10, Campbell 10, Arthurs 9.

Event No. 4, 10 blue rocks, entry $1.30—Lewis 9, Arthurs 9, Kirkwood 8, Thompson 8, Fairbourne 7, Rogers 7, Robinson 7, Bickerstaff 6, Burrell 6, Mack 6, Bellamy 6, Haines 6.

Event No. 5, 20 blue rocks, entry $2.50—Arthurs 19, Haines 17, Rogers 17, Graham 16, Thompson 16, Bellamy 16, Kirkwood 16, Lucas 16, Campbell 16, Bickerstaff 14, Jake 13, Robinson 13.

Event 6, 10 blue rocks, entry $1.30—Lucas 10, Cox 9, Graham 9, Dick 9, Campbell 8, Thompson 7, Mack 8, Kenford 6, Rogers 6, Haines 5, Kirkwood 5, Bickerstaff 5.

Event 7, 15 blue rocks, entry $1.30—Beatty 14, Cox 14, Dick 14, Bickerstaff 14, Graham 14, Lewis 13, Campbell 13, Arthurs 12, Rogers 12, Tyler 11, Thompson 11, Lucas 10.

Elliott Defeats Fulford.

Jersey City, N.J., Feb. 19.—About five hundred persons this afternoon witnessed the first of the series of three shoots between W. C. Elliott and F. D. Fulford at Marion, N.J. To-day's match was for $100 a side, 100 birds each, and was won by Elliott, 91 to 83. The shooting will conclude on Thursday, on which day the stakes will be $250 a side.

Athletic and General Notes.

Cornell is short of funds and will hardly send a crew to the Henley, England, regatta.

The Indiana State Legislature has passed the bill prohibiting prize fighting, and making it a crime to either engage in or attend a fight.

Col. R. P. Pepper, one of the wealthiest stock breeders in Kentucky, died at his home in Frankfort, Ky., yesterday. Col. Pepper was the owner of the famous stallion Onward.

The steamer Servia, which arrived in New York, from Liverpool, yesterday morning, brought the Cup which the Vigilant won in the Cork Regatta last year.

The 19th annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club commenced at Madison-square Garden yesterday. There were more dogs on exhibition than in any previous show.

Pierre Lorillard has decided to take a short string of horses to England to race. Among them will be Dolabra and Annisetta and some fine 2-year-olds.

The annual meeting of the Atheneum Cycling Club for the nomination of officers takes place March 12, and the elections a week later. Only routine business was transacted at the monthly meeting last night.

The trip of the South Africa cricket team to England last season was a financial failure. An English team, under the management of George Lohmann, is announced to visit South Africa next winter.

Harry S. Bethune, the professional champion runner of America, whose record for 100 yards at 9 4-5 seconds stands the best on record, is in New Orleans. Bethune has issued a challenge to run Ryan of Leavenworth 125 yards for $2500 a side.

The Oxford and Cambridge Varsity crews are now hard at work training. The Oxford crew appears at present reports to be in better shape, and the critics already prophesy that the dark blue will send an eight to Putney as fast as that of last year.

An order of the court for the sale at public auction of the famous Monmouth Park race course has been issued under foreclosure proceedings instituted by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, as trustee for the first and second mortgage on the property. The sale is scheduled for March 21 at Freehold, N.J.

A cycle novelty will be instituted in Toronto next week, in the shape of a bicycle school, which the Comet Cycle Co. intend running in the top flat of their big new building in Temperance-street. There will be no charge made for the benefits of the school.

A meeting of the Rosedale Cricket Club will be held this evening at the office of the Sun Fire Insurance Company, No. 15 Wellington-street east, at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of considering applications for a professional for the coming season. All members are requested to be present.

It is proposed to form an athletic club in connection with the newly-formed branch of the Y.M.C.A. in the East End.

The Wilmots Baseball Club, champions of the City League, will hold their annual meeting in Brown's Hotel on Friday evening, at 8.30 o'clock. All members and those interested in the above club are requested to attend.

The victory of Wag Harding over Thomas Sullivan, the champion of New Zealand, on the Tyne championship course Saturday, will now lead to a single-scull race between Jake Gaudaur, the champion of America, and the English champion. Prior to the race Harding cabled if he won that he would row Gaudaur for $2500 a side in this country, if he was allowed expenses. Gaudaur agreed to Harding's terms, and there is now little doubt that a race will be arranged.

The managers of the Old Dominion and the Virginia Jockey Clubs have come to terms about dates. The St. Asaph track will have Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, while the Alexander Island course will entertain visitors on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Both tracks will keep open till the regular season in New York opens, and then close. Should there be a "hitch" about racing in New York State, the Alexander Island track will race during the summer.

HARBOTTLE HAD A FALL.

The Toronto Wheelman Went Down With Others at the 'Frisco Races.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—San Francisco's bicycle tournament and cycle show opened last night, with a crowd of 4000 in attendance. There were many accidents, several of the best cyclists, including Zeigler, Wells, Harbottle and others having bad falls, due to the dangerous track. The turns on the nine-lap tracks are so short that more than three riders cannot make the turn without endangering each other. Nearly every heat had its accident. The most exciting event of the night and the one which aroused much enthusiasm was the club race, in which one member from each of the San Francisco and San Jose clubs were entered. There were eight starters, while but three finished, the others falling or dropping out in the first three miles. Results:

One mile novice, final heats—Decker 1, Day 2, George Fuller 3. Time 2.30 1-5.

One mile, class B, invitation, final heat—Oscar Osenjosen of San Jose 1, Walter Foster 2, Emile Albrecht 3. Time 2.35.

Ten mile club race, $200 cup—Frank McByrne 1, M. F. Rose 2, Chapman 3. Time 27.33 1-5.

Queen City Cyclists Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Queen City Bicycle Club was held last evening, there being a large attendance and plenty of enthusiasm, all of which augurs well for the coming season. Officers were elected as follows:

Hon. president, John Laxton, sr.; president, W. D. McVey; vice-president, W. F. Moore; secretary, H. F. Salt; assistant secretary, E. Dodds; treasurer, J. D. Hunter; captain, C. L. Jones; first lieutenant, J. G. Macready; second lieutenant, F. C. Phypes; third lieutenant, H. F. Salt; standard-bearer, E. Megginson; bugle major, George Mead.

The Crescent B.B.C. Schedule.

The Crescent Baseball Club met at the Woodbine Hotel, Yonge-street, last evening, with Mr. Felcher in the chair. A great deal of important business was transacted, principally discussing and deciding the season's trips abroad.

The following dates have already been about completed: June 29, Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y.; Letters were read, having been received from two crack nines in Buffalo, wishing games on June 30. It was decided to play one of these teams on that date, and the other on July 1. Elmira will possibly be taken in on July 2. On June 22, Hobart College will be faced at Geneva, N.Y., and Rochester or Binghamton on June 23. Negotiations are also being made with several Canadian clubs for games, and at present the outlook for a prosperous and eventful season for the Crescents is already assured.

Corbett and Fitz Will Never Meet.

W. E. Harding, a former Torontonian and now of New York, one of the best posted men anywhere on matters pugilistic, writes: Phil Dwyer has arrived in New Orleans, and he has been informing his interviewers that the fight with Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Corbett will take place. No one has the least idea that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will ever fight. Peter Jackson and Corbett arranged a match one year ago last June to fight last June, but they never fought. The match was only arranged for Corbett to advertise "Gentleman Jack," and Jackson to advertise "Uncle Tom's Cabin." When pugilists are anxious to fight they do not make matches to take place in 12 months, especially when it is said they are to fight for $10,000 a side. Few sporting men believe Corbett will ever fight again.

WHAT A DAY MAY BRING FORTH.

Meeting of Varsity Students in Union Hall This Afternoon.

There were no new developments in the Varsity squabble yesterday. The lectures were given as usual, about half a dozen students being present at each. At 3 p.m. to-day a mass meeting will be held at Students' Union Hall to discuss matters and it is possible that a motion to declare the boycott off may be put. No steps have been taken as yet in regard to the formulation of charges against the faculty, and the advisability of this course will be discussed to-day. The Varsity made its appearance yesterday in mourning, as the editorial columns stated for the decline of alma mater. The College Council met yesterday, but did not discuss the existing trouble.

L.O.L. Banquet.

The annual banquet of L.O.L. 207 took place yesterday evening in Weeke's Hall, Parkdale, and was in every respect a success. A substantial supper was partaken of by more than 300 persons. Mr. R. H. Holmes performed the duties of chairman. Among those present were representatives of every shade of politics. Among those who responded to the various toasts were: County Master McMillan, E. Floody, W. B. Newsome (Young Conservatives), John Hewitt, Deputy County Master W. D. McPherson, W. B. Willoughby, M. L. A., Thomas Crawford, M. L. A., W. H. Church, Dr. Sloan, Dr. Buck, J. M. Might, and Thomas Babe. There were also present: Hon. Mr. Biggs, ex-Attorney-General of Manitoba; Citizen John Brown, S. Brews, R. S. Burrows, Past Master W. J. Braden, W. H. Mitchell, past district master; Alexander W. Smith, founder of the lodge, and C. J. Bowell. Hon. N. C. Wallace and R. Birmingham wrote apologizing for non-attendance. A feature of the evening was the presentation of the past master's jewel to Bro. W. J. Braden.

Local Jottings

The charge against ex-Ald. J. E. Verral was once more enlarged yesterday.

The Viavi Company deserve credit for furnishing this free instruction on these important questions.

Mr. F. J. Dixon obtained a verdict for $1000 and costs in his suit against the Street Railway Co.

For burglarizing the premises of R. A. McCready, Yonge-street, Walker Johnston was yesterday sent to jail for 30 days.

The Veterans' "66" Association's annual meeting will be held to-night at the Arlington Hotel, corner King and John, at 8 o'clock.

The sergeants of the Queen's Own last evening entertained the officers of volunteer regiments to a concert and limelight exhibition in the messroom.

Mrs. F. Lee, a talented pupil of Mr. H. M. Field, gave a piano recital in the College of Music Hall last evening. The vocal numbers were given by pupils of Miss Norma Reynolds.

The combined rehearsal chorus and orchestra of Dr. Gaul's cantata "Una" was held last night. Universal opinion is that the encomiums which greeted its production in England were in every way deserved. Chorus and orchestra are enthusiastic in its praise.

For stealing lumber from a house in Camden-street belonging to Samuel J. Willcocks, John Shea was yesterday sent to the Central Prrison for six months.

Fireman Robert Bowrey, killed at the Globe fire Jan. 6, had $1000 insurance in the Firemen's Benefit Fund and $26 in cash. His mother has applied for the administration of his estate.

"Viavi" Hall, Confederation Life Building, was crowded to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon by an attentive audience of ladies, assembled to hear Mrs. M. A. Baughman speak on "Woman's Perfect Health." Mrs. Baughman is a pleasing speaker, and handled her subject in an interesting and intelligent manner.

BRITAIN OPPOSED TO CANADA.

A Buffalo Paper Gives Alleged "Inside History" Re the Sealing Commission.

Buffalo, Feb. 19.—A Washington special to The Commercial says: A bit of inside history connected with the bill to create a Behring Sea commission. The purpose of the commission is to study the methods of killing the seals and to reach some understanding whereby the indiscriminate slaughter of the animals may be stopped. Great Britain, Russia and Japan are asked to furnish representatives to the commission. This information has been made public through the medium of the press despatches, but the fact is not known that before the bill was presented to the Ways and Means Committee last week—it was drawn at the Treasury Department—Great Britain's consent to join the commission had already been secured.

A week ago Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, told Secretary Gresham that his Government appreciated the fact that the present arrangement for protecting the seals is abortive, and that Her Majesty's Government will cheerfully unite with the United States in any movement looking to the preservation of the herd. He requested that this information be regarded as a secret until the consent of the other powers shall be secured. If the fact were known, he said, the British Foreign Office would be at once importuned by the Canadian Government not to interfere in the matter, but to permit the poachers of that country to continue their depredations. For it should be known that, under the present arrangement, these Canadian pirates are reaping a greater harvest from the slaughter of the seals than at any time for years. It was therefore the wish of Her Majesty's Government that all the arrangements looking to the formation of the commission should be completed before the Canadian Government knew what action the Mother Country would take.

A O.U.W. Concert.

Over five thousand people were assembled at the Massey Music Hall last evening on the occasion of the annual concert of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The chair was occupied by Deputy Grand Master Dr. E. F. Bowie. Messrs. Pierre Delasco, Harold Jarvis (Detroit), Sim Fax and Harry Rich, and Misses Agnes Forbes, soprano; Minnie Gaylord, soprano, and Annie Louise White, elocutionist, rendered a fine program. The last named was a particularly strong attraction, and to two hosts of friends by her splendid rendering of the now familiar "Winning Cup," and several other well chosen selections, both grave and gay. Miss Agnes Forbes was particularly pleasing in Robyn's beautiful song "Answer." Harold Jarvis sang Sir Arthur Sullivan's fine song, "The Distant Shore," in his well-known robust and impressive style. Miss Gaylord and Mr. Delasco were also happy in their selection, and were in fine voice, while Harry Rich and Sim Fax kept the audience in a constant state of uproarious hilarity. Mrs. Blight was accompanist.

A Demand for "Othello."

A delegation of University students waited upon Mr. Wilson Barrett yesterday and requested him to carry out the original announcement of "Othello" for Thursday night. Toronto society is also moving to secure a repetition of the unique production which drew such splendid receipts a year ago. Mr. Barrett's Othello, Miss Jeffries' exquisite Desdemona, and Mr. Franklin McLeay's strikingly original Iago would make up a rare treat in these days, when good Shakespearean productions are all too few. If after all "Othello" should not be put on, Torontonians will at least have the opportunity of realizing Mr. McLeay's power and versatility on Saturday, when he plays the two contrasting roles of the Bishop in "Ben-My-Chree" and the crafty old Coombs in "The Silver King." It should be remembered that Mr. Barrett's drawing powers in Toronto are in a considerable measure due to the notable part he has played in bringing Mr. McLeay to the front. With the possible exception of Willard, the Canadian actor is Mr. Barrett's greatest discovery.

Wilson Barrett

Will not appear in "Othello," neither will Franklin McLeay, but D'Alesandro's Orchestra will positively appear at Chivrell's to-night in a new selection of waltzes, also a new march. Have you ever eaten a lobster? If not, why not? These lobsters were brought on alive, and we are the only dealers in Toronto doing so. Chivrell's—Open day and night.

Joe Murphy.

Mr. J. J. Shawles is in the city making arrangements for the appearance of Mr. Joseph Murphy, who will present his three great Irish plays, "The Kerry Gow," "Shaun Rhue," and "The Donagh," at the Grand Opera House next week.

Bellamy the Prophet of a New Religion.

Washington, Feb. 19.—There was a somewhat larger attendance at Metzerott Hall this morning, when President May Wright Sewell called the National Council of Women to order at 10 o'clock. An elaborate paper on "The influence of women in bringing religious conviction to bear upon daily life," was read by Minnie D. Louis of New York. She said Edward Bellamy was the prophet of the new religion. His, she contended, was the only theory by which the divinity became a thing of fact. Mary F. Lovell of Pennsylvania, delegate of the anti-Vivisection Society discussed Mrs. Louis' paper.

Scandinavian Defences to Be Increased.

Christiania, Feb. 19.—The Storthing was opened to-day by King Oscar in person. The King's speech stated that the contemplated expenditures required an increase of taxation to meet them. It was, therefore, proposed to impose a stamp duty upon bills of exchange receipts for money paid and debt acknowledgments. His Majesty announced that it was the intention to greatly increase the military defences by the erection of extensive works.

A Pugilistic Minister of War.

New York, Feb. 19.—A Herald special from San Jose, Guatemala, says: Jose Diaz Duran, a lawyer, recently published a letter supposed to contain an imputation against Don Prospero Morales, Minister of War and the Interior. Duran was invited to the Minister's residence. When he arrived he was beaten with a whip.

Episcopal Archbishop for the U S

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 19. — Bishop Whitaker says that the commission appointed to revise the constitution and canons of the Anglican Church has completed its work. One of the recommendations will be for the creation of the office of Archbishop for the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Thirty Russian Skaters Drowned.

Moscow, Feb. 19.—While a number of students were skating on the Moskva River to-day the ice gave way and 30 of them were plunged into the water and drowned. None of the bodies have been recovered.

Murdered With a Razor.

New York, Feb. 19.—Mary Nino, an Italian, aged 30 years, was murdered this morning by her husband, Vincenzo, a barber, who cut her throat with a razor. The murderer was arrested.

Killed by a Bursting Gun.

Sandy Hook, N.J., Feb. 19.—Fremont P. Peck, first lieutenant of the Ordnance corps, was instantly killed on the proving grounds here this afternoon by the bursting of the breech of a Hotchkiss gun.

Small Blaze at Barrie.

Barrie, Feb. 19.—Last night fire broke out in a double dwelling in Mary street, owned by Mrs. Stephens and occupied by H. N. Courtland, editor of The Northern Advance, and W. J. Hallett, principal of the Model School. The rear of the building is a total wreck, and the front part much damaged by fire and water. Loss covered by insurance.

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National Steeplechase Association.

Albany, N.Y., Feb. 19.—The National Steeplechase Association was incorporated yesterday for the purpose of investigating, ascertaining and keeping a record of the pedigrees of horses; the instituting, maintaining, controlling and publishing of a stud book or book of registry of horses in the United States; the promoting and holding of exhibitions of such horses, and generally for the purposes of improving the breed thereof, by encouraging and advancing steeplechasing and hurdle racing throughout the United States, by supervising such races, by compiling, publishing and enforcing proper rules to govern such racing, by licensing of meetings, of trainers and of jockeys, and by such other means as may be proper. The principal office will be in New York city, and the first annual meeting of the members of the association will be held on January 9, 1896. The directors are August Belmont, of Hempstead, L.I.; H. DeCourcey Forbes, of New York city; Samuel S. Howland, of Groveland, Livingston County; James O. Green, of Louisville, Ky.; Frederick Gebhard, of Eatonville, N.J.; Andrew J. Cassatt, of Haverford, Pa.; Foxhall P. Keene, of Bayside, N.Y.; John G. Follansbee, of San Francisco, and Frederick H. Prince, of Boston.

Killed on a Buffalo Crossing.

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Mary O'Day, 65 years old, was struck by a Lake Shore train at a street crossing this afternoon, and instantly killed.

$14,500 for a Necklace.

London, Feb. 19.—An agent for W. K. Vanderbilt bought, at an auction sale of jewelry in this city, a pearl necklace consisting of 39 pearls, with a diamond clasp, weighing 621 grains. The price paid was £2900.

German Aggression in Samoa.

Auckland, N.Z., Feb. 19.—There is a rumor that German warships will go to Samoa in May next with the intention of subduing and disarming the natives and of gaining entire control of the islands, although it is not supposed that the German Government proposes to annex the islands.

Philadelphia Remains Republican.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Philadelphia to-day maintained its reputation for stadwart Republicanism, and elected the candidates of the Republican party by a majority of from 45,000 to 55,000.

Lillian Russell Ill.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Lillian Russell is confined to her room at the Auditorium Hotel by illness, which prevented her appearance at the Chicago Opera House last night and to-night.

Highwayman Jailed for Life.

Croville, Cala., Feb. 19.—Thomas Durant, a highwayman, who robbed a stage here Saturday, was captured yesterday and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Chili-Argentina War Probable.

New York, Feb. 19.—Valparaiso, Chili, advices state that war between Chili and Argentina is probable. All attempts to reach a satisfactory conclusion of the boundary dispute have failed.

The Big Hat a Winner.

Albany, Feb. 19.—In the Assembly to-day Mr. Cutler's Anti-Theatre Big Hat bill was defeated on the final passage by a vote of ayes 56, noes 53. Sixty-five votes were necessary to pass.

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