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WHAT THE VERDICTS PROVE.

The Telegram, The World and The News have recently come through expensive lawsuits, instituted by parties claiming to have been libeled by these papers. In every case the paper justified the alleged libel, showed that the criticism complained of was in the public interest and convinced judge and jury that there was no malice on the part of the paper. Too much of the time of the courts is taken up with this kind of litigation. Some check on the institution of such suits ought to be devised. The recent verdicts ought in themselves to supply a salutary check.

General Middleton could well afford to pay $4500 for the fears he adopted out of the $25,000 voted him by Parliament, and still be exceedingly well paid for his services in the Northwest.

Mr. Charlton has asked for a return showing the races and religions of the employes in the library of Parliament and the messengers and extra clerks. Who is raising the "race and religion" cry now?

Carlyle's famous remark about England has been changed to read, "The United States is a land of 65,000,000 people, mostly colonels."

A provincial governor of China has asked leave to resign on the ground that the health of his grandmother is such as to require his personal attention for the remainder of her life. This "moon-eyed leper" does not seem to be much of a monster.

Albani is being extensively advertised as "the great American prima donna." She is certainly American in the sense that Canada is on the continent of America, but she is also a Canadian. This is the way Edward Hanlan was spoken of whenhe was champion oarsman by the American newspapers.

An English philosopher says that if boys don't "play horse" with the broomstick they grow up to be bad men. Then all must be bad men where they have no horses, as in Venice.

THE SINGLE TAX ON LAND.

It seems that the scope of the circular recently sent out by the Single Tax Association relative to an informal vote of the people only includes this city in its operation. In [illegible] such a vote. It would settle nothing but the will of the people of Toronto on the matter, and would bind no one to anything. In fact, under our system of representative government there is no particular reason why a plebiscite should not be taken on any given question wherever the people feel so disposed.

All this is without reference to the merits of the question at issue.

That is rather wide, and may be just or unjust according to circumstances. In the case of virgin land just settled, there could be little objection to levying the taxes on the land value for all time, irrespective of improvements put upon it. Because, all having started equal, it would not contravene justice that all should share in the value which the factor chance might give to their particular holding. But with our British ideas of the sacredness of vested rights, and where people have bought property at its enhanced value under the existing order of things, it is doubtful if any legislature can be found to perpetrate an act that many would regard as little short of spoliation.

This is written without reference to the merits of the question per se, but solely as a probable forecast of the way in which the present generation is apt to regard it.

A. S. Hardy is one of the coming American novelists. This does not refer to our own particular A. S. Hardy, though he can play a good hand of fiction on occasion, too.

The New York customs officers have seized for non-payment of duty a Maori idol that had been imported for the Smithsonian Institute. What is the commercial or intrinsic value of a Maori idol?

The cost per pupil for a school term in Chicago is according to official report, $16. The cost per pupil per year in the province of Ontario is $7.60. Quite a difference.—Chicago Canadian-American.

Yes. But Mr. Ross is very economical in his management of the Ontario schools.—Hamilton Times.

Mr. Ross' control of the cost of Ontario schools is principally confined to regulating the number of books to be used and the price to be paid for them, and this does not enter into the calculation.

Now that it is announced that the young Russian Grand Duke writes poetry, people may be inclined to look with more lenient eyes on the Nihilists.

We should like to believe that it is really and truly spring, but we positively refuse to do so till we read that Graham intends to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

Mr. Foster is represented by a Reform paper as being regarded by the temperance people as a fraud because he raised the duty on alcoholic liquors from $1.75 to $2 a gallon. It would be curious to hear the course of reasoning which leads to such a grotesque conclusion.

"Outpost Duty" is the title of one of General Middleton's military lectures. Should it not rather be "Fur-reign Duty?"

The Hamilton Times contends that a rise in the value of real estate is an injury to the man who owns it. He'll change his mind when he wants to sell his house.

Army Lasses Say They Won't Be Tagged.

With a view to ascertaining the feeling of the Salvation Army people in regard to Mr. Kelso's ingenious labeling scheme The World's tag reporter spent the greater part of yesterday in interviewing the lasses who sell papers in the streets.

The first place visited was the army supply store at the Temple. "In case the system is adopted we will be in a bad fix," said the officer in charge in reply to the reporter's queries. "The selling of the papers is part of the discipline in our training school and as those attending are constantly going and coming it would be almost impossible to hunt around after tags every two or three days. I suppose we would have to get a special permit."

Out in Yonge-street an S.A. lass was met with a bundle of papers under her arm. "Why, you don't say," she exclaimed excitedly when informed about the tag by-law. "It's a burning shame. I won't wear any of their door-plates. I'll go to jail first."

The next met was a mischievous-looking maiden who inquired particularly about the looks of the great originator of the tag by-law. "Nice looking?" "Yes." "Red cheeks?" "Yes." "Dark, drooping mustache?" "Yes." "That's the very one I mean," she continued, laughing. "Wouldn't he make a handsome captain! Then we would make him sell papers and wear one of his own tags. Oh, we'd fix him," she concluded, with a sparkle in her merry brown eyes.

"I don't care what he does," said another. "Tags won't keep me from selling papers. I'll do my duty in spite of them."

The next member of the army interviewed was a shrewd Scotch girl, who with a solemn face and a twinkle in her eye expressed herself thus: "Young man, 'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' That law has not been enforced yet, and, you mark my words, it will die a natural death." The reporter thought so too, and hurried off.

"Kelso, Kel-so," mused the next lass. "Is he a lieutenant in the Lippincott-street barracks?" The shocked scribe explained that the original Kelso is one of the leading men in the city and follows the trade of reporting. "A reporter!" she gasped, "Oh, my, I wouldn't speak to a reporter for anything. They are horrid people." The interviewer, regarding discretion as the better part of valor, purchased a paper and beat a hasty retreat.

"You may ask Mr. Kelso this question for me" said an intellectual-looking girl after a chat about the tag question, as she opened her Bible and underscored a passage in Kings. The reporter read: "Is thy servant a dog?" It was the last straw. The Worldling had heard enough and wearily returned to the office.

STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE.

The City Solicitor's Interview with the Attorney-General—Preparing for the Fight—A Preliminary Skirmish.

The special committee appointed to consider the Toronto Street Railway Franchise met yesterday. Ald. Vokes presided, there being present Ald. Gillespie, Gibbs, Carlyle (St. Thos.), Moses, E. A. Macdonald, Graham, Lindsey, Shaw, Swait, Hallam, Carlyle (St. And.), Brandon and the Mayor. This letter from the City Solicitor was read:

GENTLEMEN: Several applications have lately been made to the Government for the incorporation by letters patent under the Revised Statutes, chap. 171, of companies for the purpose of operating street railways in the City of Toronto, the corporators no doubt intending to be in a position to tender for the charter or a part of the charter of the Toronto Street Railway Company on its expiration next March.

I had an interview with the Attorney-General the other day on the subject of one of these applications, notice of which was given by him to me. I told him I had no instructions at present whether or not the city would object to the incorporation of these companies, but my impression was that, provided no greater power was given than that which the statute confers, the council would probably not object.

As you are aware, a company incorporated under the statute (unless its charter expressly provides otherwise) cannot operate upon the streets of any municipality without the consent of the council, and then only with such motive power and on such streets as the council may authorise.

I have this morning a letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary, which I enclose, and should like your committee to consider the matter and report to the council whether in your opinion there is any objection to the incorporation of such companies under the above limitations.

C. R. W. BIGGAR.

The Deputy Provincial-Secretary's letter is as follows:

Adverting to previous correspondence upon the subject of the incorporation of letters patent of the Citizens Street Railway Company (limited), I am now directed to inform you that the solicitors are pressing for incorporation, and to enquire of you whether it is still the intention of the city to oppose the granting of the said application, as an intimation upon this subject may have influence upon the action proposed to be taken by the department.

The committee, basing its views on the above communications, unanimously adopted this resolution:

That the City Solicitor be instructed not to oppose the incorporation by letters patent of any company under the powers granted by chapter 171 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, for the purpose of operating street railways in the city of Toronto, but to strenuously oppose the granting of any powers other than those given under the act above mentioned.

Ald. Lindsey got a resolution through arranging that the Board of Works lay the sleepers on all streets where street railway tracks have been recommended.

Just here the element of discord raised its head. Ald. Gillespie attacked the Mayor for employing policemen to take the passenger census of all the cars without notifying and consulting with the sub-committee.

Mayor Clarke defended his action in the premises, and the trouble ended by the sub-committee being called together for next Tuesday to discuss this and other matters.

It was mentioned that the Toronto Street Railway Company had secured the services of quite a number of real estate agents to furnish expert testimony when the great day of trial arrives, and the City Solicitor was requested to retain as many of the unengaged as he might deem necessary.

At the Assizes.

The actions of Walker v. The Globe and Walker v. The London Free Press were yesterday traversed to the next court, as was also that of Central Bank v. Rose and Rose. The non-jury list was then entered upon, the jury being dismissed. After the conclusion of The News case nothing was done.

Committed for Trial.

At the Police Court yesterday John Bailey was committed for trial for receiving a stolen brooch, John Thackeray for theft of a carving knife, a gang of youths for rifling the store at 303 Gerrard-street east, George Flood for obtaining groceries by false pretenses.

Smilettes.

There is no stenographer expert enough to report verbatim the chatter of a sewing circle.

She: "Do you mean to say that the Mormon religion has its advantages over any other?"

He: "Yes; for instance, even a married man may put a piece of wedding cake under his pillow and dream of his future wife."

Tight lacing is possibly entitled to consideration as an economic measure. It prevents waist.

A paper called The Watermelon has been started in Colorado. Doubtless its purpose is to help double the population of the state.

A good-sized sinking fund will help to keep a corporation afloat.

If you can't marry a woman with dollars the next best thing is a woman with sense.

She: "Harold, I would be willing to marry you, but I don't like your relatives."

He (earnestly): "Neither do I."

A clergyman named Fiddle refused to accept the title of D.D. because, as he said, he didn't want to be called Rev. Ichabod Fiddle, D.D.

Judge: "How do you earn a living?"

Italian Prisoner: "Me raisa tobacco."

Judge: "You raise tobacco?"

Italian Prisoner: "Yessa. Me raisa 'im from de gutta."

Judge: "Does the prisoner wish to enter a plea of guilty?"

Prisoner: "No, my attorney's speech has also convinced me of my innocence."

Saleslady: "For a garden hat, madam, the one you are trying on is hardly large enough. Now, this would be much better."

Customer: "Oh, no. That wouldn't do at all. Our garden is very small."

"Frank," said Mabel, tenderly, "doesn't it seem ages between Tuesday and Saturday night?" "Yes, indeed," replied Frank, thoughtlessly. "Sometimes it seems as though pay-day would never come."

"I can always tell when my husband has been drinking," said a young wife. "Yes?" said another young wife. "Yes, I know it the moment he kisses me." "I can also tell when my husband has been drinking," said the other. "Yes?" "Yes. When he doesn't kiss me."

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TUNEFUL MUSIC AT THE PAVILION.

The Second Concert of the Vocal Society a Unique Success—Sol Smith Russell and Other Attractions.

Destitute of all ear for music must have been those who did not enjoy the program presented by the Toronto Vocal Society at their second concert of the season in the Pavilion last evening. The fine part songs, "It is This," "Sands of Dee," "The Sun Hath Its Pearls," (a) "Ye Banks and Braes," (b) "Scots Wha Hae" and "You Stole My Heart," were given with delicacy, beauty and perfection. Each was alike carefully rendered and testified to the work and patience expended by the conductor, Mr. W. Elliott Haslem, and the choristers in order to attain such a degree of excellence. From the finely rendered chorus "Rule Brittania" and the choral elegy, "The Silent Land," the large audience also derived much enjoyment, while the sweet flowing serenade, "Our Gay Songs Are Ending," encircled the hearer in a melodic veil and bathed the senses in a delightful reverie.

Float on, serenade,
Heaven soft airs is granting
In harmony float
O'er the waters enchanting.

The ballads, "Angus Macdonald," by Mrs. J. F. Maurice McFarlane, and "Will He No Come Back Again," by Mrs. Caldwell, and the songs "Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark," by Mrs. Caldwell, and "Sussex," by Mrs. McFarlane, were gracefully given without the slightest deviation from the true pitch. The voices of both these ladies have a peculiar charm and sweetness, and which lack of effort or strain render particularly pleasing. Mr. J. Churchill Arlidge's solo flute was rendered very satisfactorily. Miss A. McKay furnished the accompaniments.

Sol. Smith Russell at the Grand.

Sol. Smith Russell is no stranger to Toronto, and the fact that he last evening appeared as "A Poor Relation" made him none the less welcome at the Grand to the crowd who greeted him. This is the cast:

Noah Vale	Sol Smith Russell
Roderick Faye	Alfred Hudson
Jasper Sterritt	Archibald Cowper
"Sociable" Smith	Louis Carpenter
Marmaduke O'Haley	R. F. Sullivan
Eunice Faye	Miss Maud Hossford
Dolly Faye	Miss Grace Filkins
Alice Warriner	Miss Lillian Owen
"Scollops"	Miss Merri Osborn
Rip	Master Richards
Patch	Little Hazel Chappel

There is no need for critical dissertation on such a piece. It introduces Sol. Smith Russell and that is sufficient. He is the same pathetic, humorous, sympathetic, tuneful Sol. as of old, and to say that he fulfils all the conditions is to say it all. He is surrounded by an exceedingly capable company, of whom not the least is the delightful Toronto favorite Alf. Hudson, and the applause he received showed that he was not forgotten. Archie Cowper, Grace Filkins and the rest of the cast were all deserving of praise and the company can be spoken of on the whole as worthy of patronage.

This evening Mr. Russell and company reappear for the benefit of Manager Sheppard and there is no doubt the house will be crowded.

The Hyer's Company at the Academy of Music.

"The Blackville Twins" formed the bill at the Academy of Music last evening, and, as with everything that the Hyers company has produced, it gave the utmost satisfaction. The songs, dances, specialties, plantation melodies, jubilee songs, etc., gave the utmost delight to the audience. It is really a talented company and may reasonably expect crowded houses during the remainder of the week, including the Saturday matinee.

After Gus Hill Pete Baker.

When Gus Hill closes at Jacobs and Sparrow's Opera House to-morrow evening, playing also in the afternoon, he will give place to a combination of which the St. Louis Post-Despatch says: "Pete" F. Baker, was a big half of that popular team, Baker and Farron, playing "Chris and Lena," and made both fame and fortune. Baker is now alone, but his renditions of "Pete" at the People's last week shows him to be a greater success than ever. The absence of the female impersonator is a refreshing improvement. In fact, the play has been rearranged, and is now more entertaining than it ever was before. Mr. Baker is a finished comedian and attractive singer.

Manager Greene's Benefit.

The plan opened yesterday for Manager Greene's benefit at the Academy of Music by the Louis James Company in "Othello." The sale of seats promises to be a large one. The New Orleans Picayune says of Mr. James' appearance in "Othello" in that city: Mr. James rises to the requirements of the character. He realises the great-hearted generous Moor, who knew more of armies and arts of war than of women. He makes him a natural man who gave his whole soul in love, who was simple, trusting and gentle as a child until jealous was aroused in him; then was a whirlwind of passion. A good foil to the grand work of Mr. James was the careful and consistent performance of Iago by Mr. Mosley.

A Bird in His Profession.

Mr. C. H. Garwood, who will assist Mr. Whitney in his lessee ship of the Academy of Music next season, was in the city yesterday and returned to Detroit last night. Mr. Garwood gave a flowery picture to The World last evening of all the handsome things that the new owners of the Academy would put in their theatre. In fact it is to be so thoroughly transformed that those who have seen it this season will not recognize it. The cost of remodellation, it is said, will be $20,000 and it will be completed by Aug. 1 next.

The Boy Soprano.

Master Blatchford Kavanagh, the boy soprano of Grace Church, Chicago, again delighted a large audience in the Metropolitan Methodist Church last night by his rendering of several sacred solos.

Master Kavanagh.

A special extra concert will be given in the Pavilion this evening at 8 o'clock. Master Kavanagh will sing "Ernani, Fly with Me," "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." He will be assisted by the best available local talent. Mr. Roney will take part. Mr. Torrington will be director. All seats are to be reserved and the plan will open at 10 this morning at Nordheimers'.

A Rush for Albani Seats.

There was quite a rush yesterday for seats for the opera to be given by Mme. Albani on Tuesday next. When the sale began at 9½ a.m. there were at least 200 people in line. There were a great many seats disposed of before the line broke. The plan was kept at Nordheimers' until after 12 o'clock and then taken to the box office of the Grand Opera House. There are quite a number of choice places yet to be sold. The sale will continue at the box office. From present indications this attraction will draw the largest house of the season.

Use the safe, pleasant and effectual worm killer, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator; nothing equals it. Procure a bottle and take it home.

THE LOCAL BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE

A Big Suit for Damages Threatened Against the City.

The sanitary condition of the City Hall has arrived at such a pass that it is positively a menace to life to work within its walls. Day and night the building is full of noxious smells and vile odors of the most deadly kind and these, coupled with the constantly escaping gas, is sapping the health of the officials. Assistant City Solicitor Caswell is the latest victim. He is confined to his home with malarial sickness, the result of the fetid atmosphere in which he is compelled to labor.

A serious feature in this matter is that the city is now threatened with a heavy suit for damages on behalf of a clerk in one of the departments, whose long and painful illness is said to be directly traceable to the condition of the City Hall, and there may be more, as there is scarcely a week but someone has to go home sick from one of the departments. It is a question of surprise, and amused comment that the Local Board of Health is so hard upon the cottager and small property owner if he infringes in the slightest degree the provisions of the Health Act and criminally allows the civic building to remain the pest hole it is.

Caswell, Massey & Co.'s Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Pepsin and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

KNOCKED OVER BY A BIKE.

Little James O'Brien Probably Fatally Injured in Gerrard-street.

James O'Brien, of 160 Mutual-street, an 8-year-old boy, was crossing Gerrard-street at 7¼ last evening when he was knocked over by a bicycle which was being ridden south at a rapid rate. The rider was overthrown, but at once picked himself up, mounted his machine and got away without taking the trouble to even enquire whether the child he had run over had been injured. Little O'Brien was picked up in an insensible condition and carried home. There Dr. Allen sowed up a big gash above the left temple and gave it as his opinion that the boy would probably die, as severe internal injuries are feared.

The police at headquarters were notified and are searching for the bicycle rider, who, if discovered, will be called to answer for young O'Brien's condition.

SCARBORO'S HEATED CHURCHMEN.

A Meeting That Did Not Give All-Round Satisfaction.

The adjourned Easter vestry meeting of Christ Church, Scarboro, took place on Wednesday afternoon, the business being the receiving of the ex-wardens' accounts and the ex-auditors' report. Mr. William Helliwell, J.P., was in the chair. The first item called for was the minutes of the Easter vestry. The secretary read them and they were adopted. The chairman then called upon Mr. Cheape to read the ex-wardens' statement. Mr. Cheape responded by saying that he had already given the wardens' statement at the regular meeting, but before handing over the books he made some strong references to his successors in office.

The vestry wished to hear from the ex-wardens where certain moneys had gone which but a short time ago were in hand. Mr. Cheape replied: "The books will answer that." The vestry, however, was not satisfied with this.

The Chairman then suggested that as neither the ex-auditors nor the ex-warden (one ex-warden being absent) cared to show what the moneys were paid for, that the secretary read the accounts. This was agreed to and Mr. Cheape retired from the meeting. When the accounts were read they were fully discussed, but as the objects for which much of the church money was expended were uncalled for and, as in the opinion of the vestry the ex-people's warden had no right to pay such until other debts were settled, it was resolved by motion that these accounts be not accepted. Thus the new wardens have in their possession a sort of Chinese puzzle.

The result of the wardens' actions, which it is believed they have already mapped out, is anxiously awaited.

DUBOIS UNMOVED.

The St. Albans Fourfold Murderer Indifferent to His Fate.

QUEBEC, April 24.—Dubois, condemned to be hanged on June 20 for the brutal murder of four of his family, seems to be as indifferent to his fate as when first arrested. He eats and sleeps well and does not in the least seem troubled. The carter who conveyed the prisoner back to the jail after he had received the death sentence says that Dubois all the way out to the prison seemed as indifferent as formerly. He joked and even sang songs on the way and told the carter: "Joe, this is the last time your old grey mare will ever drive me. All I have to do now is to eat well and enjoy myself until June 20, and then I will be ready for the rope."

TWO FOOLISH GIRLS.

Probably They Hadn't Heard of the Walker Divorce Case.

HALIFAX, April 24.—Two sisters named Grace and Lois Flaherty, aged 17 and 16 respectively, daughters of Robert Flaherty, slipped out of their father's house last night and repaired to the residence of a clergyman with two boys named Bates and Brace, where they were married. Bates is 18 years old and the other lad 17. The girls afterwards informed their parents of the marriage and were taken back home, but without the companionship of their husbands.

The Glories of the Rainbow.

Mr. John Canavan presided at the "Rainbow Fair" under the auspices of the St. Stephen's Church Young People's Association, which opened in the school house, Bellevue-avenue, yesterday afternoon. The flowers, fruit and candy booths, presided over by charming young ladies attired in virginal white with bonnets of fresh daisies, were liberally patronised, as were also the exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's wax works and the Punch and Judy show; while the fan drill, Maypole dance and other features of the platform entertainment afforded rare enjoyment to the large crowd which thronged the room. The proceeds, which were considerably augmented by a sale of useful and fancy articles, will be applied to the building fund. These are some of the ladies who were instrumental in making the affair a success: Mrs. Ashley, Miss Courtney, Miss Broughall, Miss Thompson, Miss Shanley, Miss Cann, Miss Miller, Miss Cumberston, Miss Skae, Miss Hewlett, Miss Pain, Miss McMullen, Miss Charlton, Miss Lillie Shanley, Mrs. Canavan, Miss Barwick and others. The fair will be continued to-day.

Kent's Spring Show.

RIDGETOWN, April 24.—The Kent County Spring Show was held here to-day, the principal attraction being bred horses. There were from 150 to 200 stallions of all classes, heavy draught, carriage and roadsters. There were also running and trotting races. There were many visitors from all over the province inspecting the horses. They remark it is one of the best shows of the province. The attendance was very large.

The Flour Output.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 24.—The Northwestern Miller says: The flour output last week was 121,170 barrels. The flour market is strong but sales are restricted to comparatively small limits and do not equal the manufacture. The spring wheat crop has gone into the ground under the most promising conditions.

From Police Blotters.

The police want an owner for a black goatskin robe supposed to have been stolen.

Inspector Stephen is anxious to restore to the owner a lady's sash found by him in the Grand Opera House.

Timothy Sullivan and Austin Budd, two boys, were arrested last night charged with breaking into Mr. Charles Burns' ice-house.

Ellen Witkouski, a young girl with an unfavorable reputation in police circles, was arrested last night for being disorderly on Yonge street.

An assault and attempted robbery was made on George Ellsworth of Hungerford & Reid, in Shaw-street, at an early hour yesterday morning.

Winnie Smart, a servant of 106 St. George-street, is missing since yesterday morning. She originally came from London, Ont., and her friends were to have come from there for her to-day.

Among the Fraternities.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 6584, A.O.O.F., initiated three candidates last night. Mr. J. Edwards presided.

The Sons of England Concert Committee met last night and made final arrangements for a concert to be held in the Pavilion May 24. The best talent has been secured.

Hope of Toronto Lodge, No. 2, I.O.G.T., had two initiations and three propositions last night. There was a musical program at the close of the business proceedings.

At the Hotels.

R. S. Gurd, Sarnia, is at the Rossin.

N. B. Falkiner, Belleville, is at the Queen's.

Charles Ferguson, London, is at the Palmer.

G. W. Morden, Ridgetown, is at the Walker.

Robert Baird, Kincardine, is at the Palmer.

W. B. Esson, St. John, N.B., is at the Rossin.

G. T. Fulford, Brockville, is registered at the Walker.

Henry E. Smith, Buffalo, is staying at the Queen's.

Sir Sydney and Lady Waterlow, London, Eng., are at the Queen's.

ON DIAMOND AND RACE TRACK

RAIN PREVENTS MANY BASEBALL GAMES.

L'Abbesse de Jouarre Captures the Princess of Wales Handicap at Sandown Park—Seagrani's Stonemason Takes a Place at Linden—Another of Gorman's String Reported Broken.

The Buffalo Brotherhood nine continue in their victorious career, but Buffalonians do not enthuse unduly over the result, as yesterday only 500 persons turned out to see Cleveland's fourth consecutive defeat. It is highly probable that the International team will prove an admirable counter attraction there and before the season is over will be prime favorites. Monkey Murphy is credited with pitching a pretty game against the Bridegrooms. It was Welch disputing Umpire McDermott and refusing to desist when a $5 fine was inflicted that lost New York the game without playing out. Nearly 1500 people saw the game. Rain and wet grounds prevented many of the scheduled games.

Buffalo Batsmen Bang the Ball.

ALBANY, April 24.—To-day's game between Albany and the Buffalo International team resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Albany	0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—	2	7	10
Buffalo	4 3 0 1 1 2 5 0 x—	16	14	4

Batteries—Tobin and Hess; Conway and Oldfield.

Games To-day.

The National League: New York at Boston, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, Chicago at Cleveland, Cincinnati at Pittsburg.

The American Association: Toledo at St. Louis, Columbus at Louisville.

The Players' League: Chicago at Buffalo, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, New York at Boston, Cleveland at Pittsburg.

The Record.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Name.	W.	L.	Name.	W.	L.
Boston	4	1	Cincinnati	1	3
Philadelphia	3	1	Brooklyn	1	3
Pittsburg	3	1	Cleveland	1	3
Chicago	3	1	New York	1	4

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Louisville	4	2	St. Louis	3	3
Columbus	4	2	Brooklyn	2	4
Rochester	4	2	Syracuse	2	4
Athletics	4	2	Toledo	1	5

THE PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

Buffalo	4	0	Pittsburg	2	2
Boston	3	2	New York	2	2
Philadelphia	2	2	Brooklyn	2	3
Chicago	2	2	Cleveland	0	4

The Scores of Yesterday's Games.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Brooklyn: The Brooklyn-Philadelphia game was postponed on account of rain.

At Boston: R.
Boston 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0— 1
New York 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2— 2
Batteries—Clarkson and Hardie; Welch and Murphy. Umpire—McDermott.

The game was forfeited to Boston, New York refusing to abide by the umpire's decision.

At Cleveland: The Cleveland-Chicago game was postponed on account of rain.

At Pittsburg: The Pittsburg-Cincinnati game was postponed on account of rain.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Brooklyn: The Brooklyn-Rochester game was postponed on account of rain.

At Philadelphia: The Athletics-Syracuse game was postponed on account of wet grounds.

At Louisville: The Louisville-Columbus game was postponed on account of wet grounds.

At St. Louis: R. H. E.
St. Louis 1 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 2— 6 11 1
Toledo 0 1 0 3 1 0 0 0 0— 5 8 1
Batteries—Ramsey and Meek; Smith and Sage. Umpire—O'Dea.

The Players' League.

At New York: The New York-Philadelphia game was postponed on account of rain.

At Boston: R. H. E.
Boston 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 5 0— 7 6 7
Brooklyn 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 9— 3 7 8
Batteries—Radbourne and Murphy; Murphy and Cook. Umpire—Gaffney.

At Buffalo: R. H. E.
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Cleveland 1 0 3 0 2 0 1 7— 15 15 5
Batteries—Haddock and Mack; Casey, Hemming and Sutcliffe. Umpires—Knight and Jones.

At Pittsburg: The Pittsburg-Chicago game was postponed owing to wet grounds.

Changes in the Rules.

The baseball rules of 1890 will not differ greatly from those of 1889, but some changes have been made, a few of which are radical. The most important of the changes made by the Playing Rules Committee of the League and Association was that in regard to substitute players. Last season only one man could be put in, and he only at the completion of an even inning. Now a club can have two extra men in uniform, and put them into the game at any moment its captain desires. This gives a club great leeway in close contests in which may decide the pennant, because under it a team may use three different pitchers in one game.

Last season, when a base runner was hit with a batted ball, he was out, and an infielder might regain the ball and also put the batsman out. Such double plays are not now permitted. The man who hits the ball is entitled to his base, and the man who is hit by the batted ball is out.

A good many teams last season won games by reason of darkness, by taking advantage of the time limit. This was done by making a kick and when the umpire declined to allow it the captain of the kicking nine would refuse to play. Under the rule the umpire would give him five minutes to play. At the expiration of time the objector would decide not to forfeit the game; indeed, he never had the slightest intention of doing so, but he gained about five minutes, or as long as the umpire would listen to argument, and then five minutes on top of that. Nine times out of ten the time so gained was sufficient to drag the game into darkness and gain the desired object. This year the umpire will be able to prevent this. He is authorised to forfeit the game if either side delays one minute after he has ordered them to play.

The balk rule, generally a dead letter, will be strictly enforced this season. Any motion toward pitching must be followed by an immediate delivery of the ball, otherwise a balk must be called. This enforcement will indirectly tend to greatly increase base running.

This season batsmen will derive every advantage that comes from a new ball. When a new one is put into play the pitcher must deliver it at once, without doing the old tricks of rubbing it in the dirt and passing it around so that the fielders may discolor it. The effect of this rule will be felt towards the end of games, when a new ball can be more easily located than an old one. Delay for discoloration of the sheepskin is now an annoyance of the past.

In regard to the calling of strikes, the new rules empower the umpire to call a strike on the batsman in the case of the ball of the third called strike hitting his person after being struck at, in which case he is declared out at once. The rule declaring a batsman out now retires him if he in any way attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball, and also if the pitched ball touches his clothing while making the third strike.

This year the old rule about the ending of the games is again in force. The game is over the moment the winning run is scored. Under the rule which prevailed last year the game did not end until the ball was returned to the pitcher after the winning run was made. The change was adopted in order to give a player the full benefit of any long hit he might make that brought in the winning run; but it acted unfairly, because the ball, after the winning hit was made, generally got into the crowd and men making single hits were able to get credit for home runs. The old rule was best and the change back to it was wise.

There are some other minor changes, among which are a provision for rubber plates in the pitcher's box and a rule requiring all players to say "Mr. Umpire." It is intended to stop the familiarity between umpires and players, which is believed to interfere with a proper observance of the umpire's dignity and to cause a lack of field discipline. The rule has a good basis, but will probably prove a dead letter unless the umpires fine the players when they break it, which they are not likely to do. On the whole, it will be seen that the changes are not likely to confuse the enthusiast, and indicate that the rules are pretty near perfect as they stand.

Dust from the Diamond.

Uncle Ezra Sutton has secured an engagement to play second base for the Hartfords.

Monkey Murphy pitched a winning game at Boston yesterday, holding Ward's team down to seven singles.

Pitcher Clarkson sprained his ankle and had to be carried home from the game yesterday in Boston.

Will Buffalo have her Cleveland success to-day with Comiskey, Latham, O'Neill and the other Windy City players?

Harry Wardell is slowly recovering from his recent illness. It is hoped he will be able to accompany the team on its trip.

Mr. L. McCrimmon, who played with 'Varsity in '87, has started practice again and will cover third bag in the game against Toronto to-morrow.

The Toronto-'Varsity game will be called at 3½ sharp. The students are going down in a body and expect to see their favorites put up a strong game.

Port Huron and Jackson have withdrawn from the Michigan State League, and Lansing, who wanted Pat Finn of this city, has been forced to go to the wall.

The famous Tommy Esterbrook, familiarly known as the "Dude," has signed a New York League contract and will play first base in to-day's game at Boston.

Coleman is hanging fire and has not yet agreed to Toronto's terms. He may not be secured after all, as another well-known outfielder is at the end of a line also.

Coogan has been released from the Newark club. For several years past he has been one of the hardest hitters and best fielders in any club outside of the big leagues.

President Hobbs yesterday received a letter from a New York doctor, who is attending Rooney Sweeney (the Tecumseh catcher who should have reported here a week since), in which it is stated that Sweeney is suffering from celluletus of the right hand and will not be able to report for a week or two.—London Free Press.

The Buffalo International Club has elected their officers. Amongst the directors are Mr. James Franklin, so well known at all International meetings; A. J. Meyer, late city treasurer; John J. Griffin, president of the Erie County Athletic Club. Mr. J. E. Ryan is president and William J. Connors, the vigilant asphalt man, vice-president. The directorate is strong financially.

THE THIRD DAY AT LINDEN.

Castaway II. Goes a Mile and One-Sixteenth in 1.48 1-2.

LINDEN, N.J., April 24.—This was the third day's racing of the Linden Blood Horse Racing Association. There was a good crowd and fine weather. The results were as follows:

First race, 1 mile, selling—Sillock 1, Autumn Leaf 2, King Idle 3. Time 1.44½.

Second race, ⅞ mile—Sea Drift 1, Esau 2, Harsburg 3. Time 1.30¾.

Third race, ⅞ mile—Major Daly 1, Stonemason 2, Waterson 3. Time 1.29½.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles—This was a very fast race. Castaway II. won by 10 lengths and nearly beat the record, which might have been lowered had Golden Reel been able to force the pace: Golden Reel 2, Salvini 3. Time 1.49¾.

Fifth race, ⅞ mile, selling—Bohemian 1, Count Luna 2, John Arkin 3. Time 1.30¾.

Sixth race, 4½ furlongs, selling—Lottie 1, Best Boy 2, Favora 3. Time .56¼.

Racing at Sandown Park.

LONDON, April 24.—This was the opening day of the Sandown Park spring meeting, the event being the Princess of Wales Handicap of £925 at five furlongs. It was won by Lord Randolph Churchill's bl. m. L'Abbesse de Jouarre, 4, by Trappist-Festive; Mr. Mosenthal's b. or br. h. Admiral Benlow, 5, by Victor II.—Sultana, second, and Mr. Hammond's ch. h. St. Symphorien, 5, by Muncaster—Ste. Editha, third. The race was won last year by Mr. Craven's Porloch.

On Erin's Turf.

DUBLIN, April 24.—At the races of the Kildare and National Hunt at Punchestown yesterday the race for the Conyngham cup was won by Comeaway, Finnetta Cool 2, Ulysses 3.

Gossip of the Turf.

There will be 30 days' racing at Brighton Beach during the summer, with steeple-chasing and hurdle racing made a special feature.

Mr. O. B. Sheppard's favorite for the Woodstock plate is J. E. Seagram's ch. c. Stonemason. The colt is taking work well at the Woodbine.

Mr. W. Hendrie, jr., was in the city yesterday and drove down to the Woodbine track. The Hendrie string will arrive in the city about May 8.

The 10 pool sellers of Chicago who were arrested for refusing to close their rooms have been admitted to bail in $300 each. They will be tried next Tuesday.

The executive committee of the Louisville Jockey Club has suspended Jockeys Stoval, Finnegan and Ray, who are accused of having signed contracts with two or more stables for next year.

Badge is now at 10 to 1 and Erie 15 to 1 for the Brooklyn handicap, the natural result of their good running at Elizabeth. In the race Saturday Badge ran the first mile in 1.43½, which good judges call equal to a mile in 1.41 on a fast track.

Mid-week booking on the Brooklyn Handicap is brisk. Varley & Co. Tuesday declined a Badge commission of $300 at 30 to 1, offered by the Goodwin Brothers. Eric, Major Domo, Raceland and Come to Taw offerings, in small sums, have been booked.

The San Francisco winter book quotes 200 to 1 against Firenzi for the Suburban. While the great mare is not a likely starter the price offered is a ridiculous one. Barring a couple of cracks, Firenzi is the best all around animal on the turf.—N. Y. Press.