

The Weekly Monitor.

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BOAT-RACING.

Among the prevalent follies of the present day there is none more conspicuous than that of Boat-Racing. In its consequences, it is not only ruinous to pecuniary interests and promotive of idleness, but in its tendencies, it is inimical to morality. It is spoken of by many as a "sport," that merits popular patronage, and may legitimately claim the countenance and favor of the better classes of society. With regard to it, it is our purpose to make it a subject of special remark to-day. We consider its prevalence as a monstrous public evil. It is so fascinating to multitudes, that it has swelled into the proportions of an exciting mania. Not only the lower strata of society is affected by it, but many there are of refined taste, elevated social position, and mental culture, that throw the arms of their patronage around it. It is not unknown to our readers that the two principal Universities of Great Britain—Oxford and Cambridge—are not only competitors in scholastic efforts and intellectual enlightenment, but that they are rivals for supremacy in boating. One would think that minds employed in ranging over the flowery fields of literature, in becoming familiar with the various departments of science, and in striving to clamber up the steep slopes of philosophy, would have no relish for such a low-sport as that of which we are speaking. Several of the Collegiate Institutions in the United States have also exhibited a kindred spirit in the matter of competitive sailing. Coming down from the lofty seats of learning to mingle with the roughs and rowdies that invariably gather at boat-races, is an undignified descent and a pitiable spectacle.

Scholastic magistrates and others in the genteel walks of life, in apology for patronizing the sport under consideration, allege that it is a healthful exercise. But are there not readier and less pernicious ways of attaining the same end? If for healthful purposes, physical action is required, cannot this be accomplished without the gathering of multitudes, and the usual accompaniments of betting, gambling, profanity, drunkenness and fighting? Would not a buck-saw in a wood-yard afford readier and less pernicious means for exercising healthfully the bodily functions?

But is boat-racing healthful? Competent physiologists say that foot-racing, competitive rowing and athletic sports of every kind are injurious to the human frame, and that those who practice them seldom, if ever, attain longevity. Both Renforth and George Brown, it is said, were physically robust and strong men, and may it not be fairly assumed that boat-racing, humanly speaking, shortened their days? Few professional athletes, it is well known, attain to old age. Sinews, muscles and the vital organs cannot bear the strain of intense over-exertion.

It may be asked what is the practical utility of boat-racing? What good has it ever done for the world? What good can it possibly do? In what way can it promote human interests, or benefit either the finances or morals of the people in any county under the sun? These are questions which the most astute-minded man living cannot affirmatively answer without ignoring facts and disregarding truth.

On the contrary, boat-racing is an evil of enormous magnitude. Take the gathering to witness the match on the Kennebec last week. Some of the newspapers were there for at least ten thousand excited spectators present, not for a single day only, but for a whole week, waiting for such a propitious state of the weather as would admit the match to come off. The necessary expenses of such a crowd for so many days could scarcely have been less than \$75,000. If we superadd to this, the neglect of business, betting, gambling, fighting and other demoralizing concomitants, we are forced to the conclusion that the race which had drawn such a multitude together was a very great public evil. And yet, what was it all for? For what end was there such a waste of money—such a sacrifice of time—such irritating excitement—and such an indulgence in demoralizing practices? What compensating good was expected? Alas! What? To see which of two common-place men could exhibit the most strength and skill in pulling a pair of oars. This was all; nothing more!

But the excitement—the morbid interest—in this boat-race was not confined to the multitudes that were gathered on the banks of the Kennebec. Sporting men, thousands of miles away, were betting on the issue, undergoing the feverish suspense that was caused by the untoward state of the weather. What a week of agonizing anxiety did many experience who were far away, tortured with uncertainty, and longing for tidings of the result! Caterers for the newspapers were on the alert. The Halifax Morning Chronicle received no less than twelve telegrams in one day in reference to the pending contest. From the interest awakened in the minds of thousands, a stranger, not knowing any thing of the affair, might well have thought that some momentous matter was at stake. In the appreciation of some people, the importance of the

Berlin Congress was dwarfed when compared with what was transpiring on the Kennebec.

But, at length, the finale came! The boats started. One of the rowers tumbled into the water, and the other won an inglorious victory—inglorious, because it was virtually uncompleted. The laurels of the victor are nothing to be proud of. After such a gathering—such boasting—such betting—such excitement—such enthusiasm—such aggravating waiting day after day—what a ludicrous climax! One of the contestants is foundering in the water, like a wounded porpoise—and the other, gaining a vainglorious victory over nobody!

The gathered crowd at the scene just described, and a large number of others, who were far away, and who felt an interest in the sorry affair, did not wholly consist of persons belonging to the lower social grades. There were many others, who were participants in this boat-race, that had claims to refinement of manners, to respectability of position, and to cultured intellect. Sheriff Harding, it seems took a prominent part in the affair; and it is not impossible that he may yet be officially called upon to hang some convicted felon, who may have taken his first step in the direction of crime at the boat-race.

How evanescent is the notoriety, which is gained by the feats of physical strength. They are soon forgotten; but mental achievements are enduring. An obscure Irish clergyman writes a few lines "On the burial of Sir John Moore," and he wins a fame that will co-exist with English literature.

THE "CYPRUS."

On Monday morning we paid a visit to the ship, now fast drawing to completion, in the yard of Abram Young, Esq. After gaining the deck, we were joined by the foreman, Mr. Isaac Young, who went with us on a tour of inspection. From him we learned that the register tonnage will be about 1250 tons; the length of keel is 175 feet; length over all, 195 feet; breadth of beam 36 feet 10 inches; depth of hold 21 feet 7 inches. The timber used in the frame, planking, &c., is principally spruce, from the North Mountain. The stem, apron, stern-post, windlass, and mooring bits are white oak. The keel is of black birch, which is considered equal to oak. The keelsons are of pitch pine in three tiers, 16 inches thick, in lengths of 65 feet, bolted together with 1 1/2 in. iron, forming a backbone for the vessel, from top of keelson to bottom of ahoe, of 8 feet 5 inches in depth. The thickness of ceiling in bilge is 13 inches. In the lower hold are four tiers of diagonal pointers forward and aft, the cross-ties of which across the keelson are fastened with 1 1/2 in. yellow metal bolts. The main deck stringers are hard pine in lengths of 65 feet. The water-ways, sprinker streak, lock streak, pin rack, and rails are all hard pine. The fastening, for 19 feet up, is being done with 1 1/2 inch yellow metal bolts. She is iron keeled thoroughly, the fastening of the knees being also done with yellow metal. She is to be called the "Cyprus," and is owned by J. V. Troop & Sons, of St. John, N. B., the builder, Abram Young, and others. Mr. Isaac Young, the master workman, has had a life-long experience in the art of ship-building, and certainly deserves great praise for the thorough manner in which he has constructed this one. The cabins are being finished by a Mr. Israel Longley, of St. John, under Mr. Crawford, as foreman, and reflect credit upon him. The joiner work is being done by Mr. Edward McTiggen, a St. John mechanic, and is also being done in a substantial manner. Mr. Kindred is his foreman. The head calker is Mr. Edward Buckler, of Granville Ferry, who for the past twenty-four years has enjoyed the confidence of the ship-builders and ship-joiners of the Ferry, and Annapolis town. The calking under this direction is being thoroughly executed and faithfully done. The carrying is from the establishment of Messrs. Rogerson & Cochran, of Portland, St. John. The figure-head, a life-size figure of a female, surmounts the top of the cut-water. The trail-boards, &c., are not yet in position, but we presume will be in keeping with Mr. R. & C.'s usual good style, the firm having done business in their line for over twenty years. Mr. Rogerson is here himself putting the finishing touches to his work.

The "Cyprus" is the largest vessel ever built inside of Digby Gut, with the exception of the one now building in Mr. Lawrence Delap's yard, at Annapolis, and will be launched on the 29th inst.

We are much pleased to learn that an exceedingly interesting meeting of the "Dutcher Reform Club" was held last Friday evening, in Dodge's Hall, Belleisle. By particular request, Mr. M. Wade, of Mailand, and Mr. J. Snyder, of St. John, N. B., gave quite lengthy and stirring addresses, which were well received, and drew forth rounds of applause.

A fire occurred at Spurr's Cove, near St. John, N. B., on Sunday morning, by which property to the amount of \$19,000 was destroyed. At one time, during the progress of the fire, it was feared that the whole village would be destroyed.

BEAR RIVER.

On Monday night the jewelry store of Mr. Obadiah Chute was entered by burglars, and jewelry, &c., to the amount of \$200.00 was taken therefrom.

On Friday, last week, Mr. George Morgan's son, a lad about 14 years of age, had the misfortune to cut his foot across the instep, in a shocking manner, severing one cord and lacerating another. The wound was dressed by Dr. Maxwell, who has hopes that the foot will still be sound and useful.

The road being built along the river is done as far as Rice's Creek, or about half the way. The sum of \$1,500,000 has been expended, and there yet remains about \$300,000 on hand of the grant given by the Government to expend. This will complete the bridge on the part of the road already graded. If the Government can be induced to give as much more, this season will see the road completed.

The brig in Lent's yard is all ready for launching, and would have been launched a fortnight ago, if the tides were not so low. She will be launched in September.

The following is an extract from a rambling Boston letter, dated July 28th:—

"I see you have been lauding Beaconsfield in the Mirror; and I must say he has earned every plaudit that is showered upon him. He has restored the prestige of his country, which was fast fading; he has revealed to England—Europe—and to the world the great fact, that Britannia not only rules the waves; and that she possesses resources within her magnificent empire, to enable her to successfully cope, as a military power, with all Europe, if need be; that powerful allies are no longer necessary to her—that she is fully competent to fight the battles of civilization, and to carry the light of her literature—her commerce—and her Christianity—into the dark places of the earth; by the powers of her own unaided arm."

SUCRIDE.—Mr. L. H. Davis, a performer in the California Minstrel Troupe, playing in Dockville's Hall, St. John, N. B., committed suicide on Saturday evening last, just before the performance of the evening commenced, by cutting his throat with a knife which he borrowed from one of the parties in the dressing room. It is said that a young woman was indirectly the cause of the terrible affair.

On our fourth page will be found an address delivered by the Rev. John Brown, of Paradise, on the occasion of the closing of the Lawrencetown High School, for the summer Term. It is well worthy of careful perusal by our young people.

A report has reached us that a grand-son of Mr. John Mills, Granville Ferry had one of his eyes very seriously injured, by a kick from a vicious horse. We sincerely hope the sight of the wounded eye has not been permanently destroyed.

CAMP MEETING.—Return tickets at one first class fare will be issued to Berwick from Annapolis, and stations west of Berwick, on Friday, the 9th inst.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communication from E. H. P., Middleton, was received too late for insertion this issue.

There is only one Turkey in Asia. A good chance for speculators in poultry.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion of our correspondents.

[For the Monitor.] London, July 15, 1878.

FARMER HARBINGREABLE.—To keep you informed of your neighbor's whereabouts, I write you from this giant city indicated by the heading of this letter. To call the city of London a great city, does not to my mind express either a correct notion of its population or the magnitude of its present and prospective exhaustless riches. Why, I have looked through an open framework of iron, and my eye rested on money value nearly equal to four millions sterling money, equal to about twenty millions of our present currency. I refer to Her Majesty's crown and jewels and solid gold vessels of various patterns and uses. But of this feature of my ramble on furlough I will tell you in a future letter. Myself and fellow passengers by the stately steamer "Dovonia" reached Greenwick, about twenty miles below Glasgow on the Clyde, in the evening of the sixth inst., our passage from New York round the north coast of "Old Ireland" to Greenwick, only exceeding ten days by about six hours. Myself and fellow passengers landed next morning, and pointed out course for the famous Highlands of Scotland, by rail to Ballach pier, sixteen miles above Glasgow, and thence by steamer up the famous Loch Lomond, twenty-two miles to a place called Inverarnald, a few miles below the northern end of the lake; and on the way passing at the foot of the famous mountain peak of "Ben Lomond," nearly three thousand feet high and entirely bare of even shrubs, trees, or green to the summit with the famous heather plant or brush, which, when in bloom presents, I am told, a bluish green appearance. Further upwards as we steamed, we got views of other Highland peaks, at greater altitude, including "Ben Du." From Inverarnald we proceeded, in a northerly direction by coach, about five miles through an exceedingly romantic district to the northern end of lake "Katrin," and thence steamed its whole length, thirteen miles, to the Trossack pier. The Trossack, I here mention, is a pass through a valley between high mountain peaks, and properly speaking, extends about two miles from the pier, and extends about three miles onward, the high road passing along the valley to intersect the Caledonia Railway at a town called "Caledonia," and distant

from lake Katrin about nine miles. The hotel called "Trossack Hotel," where our party dined, is distant from the lake only about a mile, and is a building very respectable in its architectural design, and admirably furnished in all respects to administer to the comfort and pleasure of all visitors to the Highlands and the Lakes.

From the Trossack we proceeded by rail to Stirling, where the castle so celebrated, and justly so, from its commanding position, immense height, by the high cliffs, on which it is placed, and the beauty of the walls; from the parapets of which the whole surrounding country and the windings of the river Forth are in full view, as well as the monument to Sir William Wallace placed on "Crug Craig," which, of itself is high, and the monument surmounting it, is said to be two hundred feet high, and overlooks the field where he overthrew the English forces by one of those stratagems of warfare which show the ability of the commander.—It was in this wise, Wallace posted his army behind the Abbey Craig; the English forces were approaching in the direction of the spot to cross a bridge which spanned the river; Wallace, viewing the English advance, from his hiding-place on the top of the Craig, ordered his forces round in a circular order, which enabled them to intercept the advance of the rear of the English army over the bridge. The bridge was speedily destroyed to cut off the rear half of the advancing force, effectually, and this purpose effected, Wallace's forces fell upon the advanced forces of the English, both in front and rear, and fearful slaughter and triumphant victory was the natural result. The level ground which formed the scene of the bloody conflict—many thousands of the English being killed besides thousands of prisoners taken—was all spread before the eyes of the wondering visitor from the walls of this wonderful ancient castle. From the top of this castle is also seen on the right and left the caesars of Rhoderick Duu and Stirling, and the level ground which the fertile lands drained by the river Forth. You will observe that we had left the Highlands proper, some distance north of the Trossack, and may mention that on the western side of lake Katrin, I saw the spot from whence the water supply of the city of Glasgow is taken from the lake by a tunnel through a mountain six miles across the hills, and six hundred feet high, the distance to Glasgow being thirty miles. From Stirling we proceeded to the beautiful city of Edinburgh, deservedly celebrated for the names of its citizens' residences and places of business, all of stone with smooth exterior surface, except the ornamental finishing and painting, being generally three stories high; and for its number and variety of the monuments placed in various parts of the city; for the number and stateliness of its churches; and the high moral and religious character of its whole population. Last and greatest in historical interest is the Holyrood palace and Abbey, the ancient residence of Scottish royalty, and founded originally by the Scottish King David I., about the year 1291. In one apartment of the palace I was shown the private apartments of Mary Queen of Scots, her bedstead and the tapestry surrounding it, still remaining as when used by its royal occupant. Her private chapel, our recollections of Queen, tarry occasionally at this palace on her annual tour and visit to the Scottish residence, Balmoral. Then again a visit to "Arthur's Seat" and "Salisbury Craig" must be overlooked, as also "Celtion Hill," the site of the Nelson Monument and others, and from the summit of which the monuments of Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott's monument, the celebrated St. Giles' Church, Prince Albert's monument, and others, Holyrood palace, Arthur's seat, Salisbury Craig, the Castle, the monument to Lord Dundas usually called the "Milkmaid monument," being a fluted column 138 feet high and surmounted by the statue of the noble lord, which is 14 feet high; the low valley skirted by Princess street, and which divides the elder from the newer part of the city, the famous Edinburgh Union city buildings, and various other objects of interest to enthusiastic beholders are all in full view of the observer from its summit. I am not at all surprised that Scotchmen sometimes boast that their capital city is the handsomest city in Europe.

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