

THE BUFFALO FIZZLE.

CAUSE OF THE FAILURE.

(From the Spirit of the Times)

Well, the first day's trotting is over, and I am very sorry to be unable to chronicle a grand success, as might have been expected from the character of the fields of horses entered. Everything except the pool-bill combined to second the wishes of the lovers of trotting and the managers of the Buffalo Park, but that exception was fatal. I say, everything except the pool-bill, and mean to include in that expression the police authorities here, who decided that they must enforce the provisions of the act. It is a singular condition of things, when one comes to think of it. I believe there is a law on the statute-books against the sale of liquors on Sundays, but the police in this city enforce this spasmodically only, and wink at its violation constantly. There is a law against profane swearing, which is broken every day under the eyes and ears of the police. There is a law covering almost every form of making a wager, which is violated in the ordinary course of business daily, and the officers of the law take no special notice. But when a body of gentlemen like the managers of the Park in Buffalo, go to the high and mighty Police Commissioners here, and request an assurance that they will not be interfered with in such a trifling infraction of a hasty and ill-considered law as would be involved in the sale of pools on the track, the final answer has been that the law must be enforced. The ridiculousness of the matter is, that a trio of men are allowed to interpret legislation to suit themselves, to play with statutes as they please, enforcing or not enforcing as they like, and that citizens are obliged to consult them in advance as to their probable action. Last year these same Police Commissioners permitted every form of gambling in the city during race week, although, as a rule, Buffalo is hermetically closed to the frolic of the tiger. This year your correspondent—more shame for him—has been in more than one place where the chance visitor could back his luck on the green cloth, and where there was no concealment but no interference on the part of the police was threatened or occurred. Yet the Commissioners directly assured the park managers of Buffalo that, if pools were sold on the track here, however quietly, the sale would be stopped and the parties arrested. The result was that the vexed question was settled in favor of no pools, and that the sunniest first day known at Buffalo was today, at the races.

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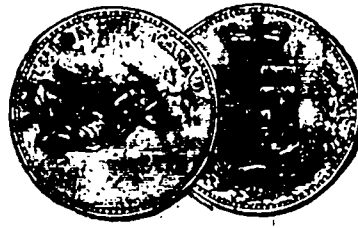
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