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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

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

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Baltimore, Md. Oct 23 to —
New Orleans Dec 1 to 4
Charleston, S. C. Feb 5 to 9 (1878)

CANADIAN.

Montreal (Blue Bonnets) Oct 27

DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Oshawa May 24

AMERICAN.

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

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"THE SPORTING TIMES" STALLION RACE MEDAL.

The *SPORTING TIMES* Stallion Race gold medal for 1877 has just been completed, and turns out to be a trophy well worthy to commemorate the hard fought battle won by Fulton, on the 11th ult. The medal itself is very similar to that won by Capt. Tom last year, having a plain heavy hoop or rim, with a milled cord or moulding inside. Then in an inner circle comes the inscription "CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race, 1877. P. Collins & Co., Toronto, Ont." Across the center of the disk is engraved a section of a quarter stretch, through which a trotter in harness is being speeded, and above and below this center are "2nd year" and "1877." The reverse side bears the following inscription neatly and clearly engraved, and richly ornamented with scroll work and chasing. "Won by Fulton, the property of Mr. David Gillis, St. Catharines, Ont. Trottled at Woodbine Park, Toronto, September 11th, 1877." The medal is attached to a handsome double clasp by two gold whips, and between these, from the lower clasp, is suspended a horse's head beautifully carved in Etruscan gold, in itself a very rich appendage, weighing not less than 12 dwts. To the crimson ribbon connecting the clasps is attached a handsome gold snaffle-bit. Altogether the medal is a handsome and valuable one, but commemorating as it does such a victory as that won by Fulton in the Stallion Race in 1877, it ought to be doubly precious. The commercial value of such a victory may seem trifling to one who only figures up his profits and losses on the back of his pool tickets, but to the far-sighted horse breeder "there's millions in it."

THE FAILURE AT FLEETWOOD.

CAUSE—NO POOL SELLING.

It will not be forgotten by our readers that during the discussion on the Pool Bill in the Legislature at Albany, we stated if it was passed and carried into effect, it would be the means of destroying the racing interest of the State. Now there is absolute proof of the correctness of the position we assumed, and the only meetings of any consequence in the State that have been at all successful are those where the law has been braved and pool selling carried on in spite of the legal enactment against it. This goes a long way to show that the main question is not shall that system of betting have an existence; but shall the industry of breeding the best class of horses be crushed out by the operation of a foolish and fanatical law. The hypocritical scamps who forced its passage through the New York Legislature claimed if pool selling was banished from the race tracks, that contests of speed would then be patronized by that innumerable section who are pleased to be called the better class of society, and in this way the loss of revenue suffered by associations through the banishment of "the box" from their enclosures, would be more than compensated by the liberal addition that would be made to the receipts at the gate. That this plea was a false and fraudulent one, was apparent to all who had the least knowledge of the subject under discussion. It was again submitted

but satisfactory. At all these places, the blue-coated minions of the law were prepared to enforce the penalties of this obnoxious edict. Now, on the other hand, there can be no doubt of the fact that the late Saratoga meeting was the most successful one ever held in the State, and there pools were openly sold in defiance of the law, and without interruption by its officials. The patronage was of the highest order, so that the assertion if pools were banished from the grounds of Associations they would be patronized by the higher class of citizens proves to be mere frothy words without substance enough to hold them together. The same marked difference is found all through the State; a successful meeting without pools has been an exception, and a failure with the system in operation would be difficult to find. Further evidence will not be required to show that the prohibition of pool-selling on race tracks is the only cause for the many disastrous meetings in New York State this year. In the banishment of that system racing will be destroyed; the pretext of the puritans in attacking pool-selling is simply to hide their enmity to the time-honored sport of racing, and the fanatical legislation that has been indulged in in New York and Canada has been accomplished under fraudulent pretences and carried out by hypocritical professions. As in New York, so it will be in Canada; the time will come when it will be admitted that the operation of the bill is a great incubus to one of our best interests, and it will be found such legislation does not bear the fine fruits which its promoters promised to show their supporters.

In connection with this matter we reproduce from the *Spirit of the Times* the following remarks concerning the failure at Fleetwood last week. After admitting the unsuccessful nature of the gathering, the *Spirit* goes on to say:—"More or less of the apathy is, doubtless, owing to the pool-selling restriction, but, with that taken into account, it is strange that a city of over one million inhabitants should so poorly sustain the sports of the turf. It is frequently asked, Where are the highly moral thousands who were to lend the light of their countenance to the race track when the pool-box was banished? And echo sadly responds, Where are they? The result shows that there was no basis for the rose-colored prophecies of the Puritans that would flock to the track could they only be assured that delicate sensibilities would not be offended by the voice of the auctioneer, and it has been made clear that this element lacks sympathy with the sports of the turf. Such being the case, the only proper, the only American, course is for this element to cease to meddle, and for the law to allow incorporated associations to manage their business in their own way inside their enclosures. Unless blind bigotry and besotted stupidity rule the day, this will be the second thought of the Legislature of the Empire State."

A NEW SUGGESTION.

A writer in one of the leading sporting papers in New York city makes a suggestion to the American Jockey Club, in which he thinks a panacea is found for the limited attendance at their meetings this summer. His plan is to assimilate the management of the track to the English system, by throwing it open free to all, reserving, however, the club and public stands and certain specified enclosures for which a liberal admission fee would be demanded. He assumes, and may be not without reason, that if this idea is adopted that the populace will turn out en masse to witness the free racing—that in fact the race time at Jerome would be one grand holiday for the sport-loving people of

Sporting Gossip.

Charley Boyle has returned from Jerome Park with Inspiration and Lady D'Arcy. It was his intention when he left home to go on to Baltimore, but for some reason deemed it better to return.

The police raided four pool rooms at Hoboken, N. J., last week, and arrested the principals and their employees. They had a preliminary examination on Saturday, and the cases were adjourned, bail being accepted. There is every determination exhibited by the authorities to break up the business, and the pool sellers are equally determined to carry the fight to the bitter end.

Mr. Charles Reed, New York, has decided to breed imported African Maid to Tom Bowling, and with this view she has been sent to Kentucky.

The great race between Ten Broeck, Tom Ochiltree and Parole at Baltimore, Md., was postponed from Tuesday to Wednesday of this week. It is the sensational turf event of the year. The western people pinned their faith to the son of Phiston, while the New Yorkers piled up their money on Ochiltree and Parole.

Mr. F. W. Stockwell, who purposes going to England shortly, lately purchased from Mr. O. H. Corbett, of Kingston, the fast trotting mare Butcher's Maid. The consideration reported is \$800. It is Mr. Stockwell's intention to take over an American light buggy and harness with him, and he expects to astonish the Cockneys with his entire rig.

Cyrille Dyon, the left-handed Canuck, has been matched with William Sexton for the Delaney championship match and \$1,000. The game will be played in New York about November 13, and it would not be surprising to his friends, if Cyrille, after the medal, was entitled to write after his name "billiard champion of America."

At a raffish at Ottawa on the 15th, Dr. Smith, V. S., of this city won the cross country horse Phantom. 45 was the mystic number that captured the trick.

There is a trotting horse driver in Madison Ohio, named D. B. Kavanaugh, who this year has made an enviable record of success. He has been engaged in twenty-eight races of which he has won twenty-two, and has got second place in two others. This is a record of which any man should be proud.

A day's steeplechasing will take place at Blue Bonnet's, Montreal, to-morrow. It will be under the management of Mr. W. Carson.

Mr. T. C. Patteson shipped from his farm at Eastwood, on Monday, twelve magnificent horses for the English market. They are said to be the finest lot of horses collectively that have been sent out of the country, having been selected with the greatest care for the better class of purchasers in the old country.

At the last River Canard races, the Amherstburg mare Sunlight took first money in the Green Race, and J. C. Maloney's mare Aggie took second money in the open race.

At the Ottawa Hunt Club Races on Saturday last, Bay Jack fell and threw his rider, Sammy Jackson, barking his shin badly. The Citizen of that city says:—"Sammy is a colored boy, and would have sooner had his head bruised than his shins, at least he said so when picked up."

Some fine horses were purchased at London on Saturday for the English market. Attention is directed to the auction sale of

their regrets at her withdrawal from active service. She was undeniably the people's pet, and her name had a power of drawing strength. She was the most remarkable trotter of this or any other age, and when all her qualifications are taken into consideration it is doubtful if the present generation will see her equal.

Goldsmith Maid was foaled in 1857, and trotted her first race in 1865, securing a record of 2:36. In the fall of 1867 she came into the hands of Budd Doble, whose history will be almost inseparable from that of his valuable charge when it is written. He has driven her in all her remarkable races save one, when she was handled by his father, Mr. W. H. Doble. Her fastest record, 2:14, was made in a race against time (2:14) at Mystic Park, Boston, Mass., September 2, 1874. At Buffalo, on August 8, 1876, she trotted the fastest three heats on record, 2:16, 2:15, and 2:15, a wonderful performance for a mare nineteen years of age, and who had been an active campaigner for eleven years, having travelled over a greater portion of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the northern lakes to Mason & Dixon's line, trotting over all kinds of tracks, and against all classes of horses.

It is now the intention to breed her to the stallion Gen. Washington, by Gen. Knox, out of Lady Thorn, and if a colt should be the result (which is a serious matter of question on account of the Maid's age), it will be the most royally-bred youngster in the land. Goldsmith Maid, we believe, has never trotted in Canada, but she is as much endeared in the hearts of our horsemen as if she were to the manor born. Her name has been a synonym for the highest development of the trotting horse in speed, style, and gameness, and she will be followed in her retirement by the best wishes of her admirers, whose names are legion and whose habitations are scattered over our almost boundless continent.

A CURIOUS CONTINGENCY.

Anomalies exist in almost every department of literature, art, and science. They are seen in our text books of education and law, and are not absent from medicine and divinity. While thus so generally diffused, it is not surprising they should be found inseparable from some of our racing practices. There is a question now being discussed—Can a horse better his standing in a race after being sent to the stable or ruled out for not winning a heat in five, as provided by the rule. The circumstances which induced the query are quite simple and are probably worthy of recital to give a clear understanding of the subject. At a trotting race a month or so ago in Ohio, we believe, there were four horses started who, for convenience sake, we will designate as A., B., C. and D. A. won the first heat; made a dead heat with B. for the second; and won the third. B., besides the dead heat with A., won the fourth and fifth heats, which necessitated C. and D. being sent to the stable as "ruled out" horses. So far everything is quite smooth. But in the sixth heat, which was required to finish the race, the contingency occurred which has provoked the argument. On the finish of the fifth heat B. was certainly better in the race than either C. or D., having two heats and a dead heat in his favor, and the betting rules provide that a horse that is distanced or drawn at the conclusion of a heat is beaten by the one that starts afterwards. Under this betting rule, wagers made on B. against C. or D. would be paid.