

The Spirit of the Times, having interviewed A. W. Richmond, owner of Hopeful, in regard to the above, he jots down the following memorandum:

Hopeful's challenge to trot any horse in the two races, to harness and wagon, was not met during the trotting season. The horse was thrown out of work and laid up for the winter, while Rarus has been kept in condition and enabled him to trot in 2:14 a short time. This is rather late in the day to challenge a horse they know is not in shape, and ask him to come to California at that, and would be a soft job for Rarus; besides, they knew that my horse would not admit of my going there, as I should have gone with him out there. My challenge was open at Chicago at the close of the trotting season in this city, and if they were anxious for a race they should have taken it up."

Athletic.

REINSTATED.

The New York Herald:—The New York Athletic Club has recently taken a wise step in extending amnesty to three Canadian athletes, Messrs. J. A. Fullerton, D. E. Bowe, and W. L. Allen, who have long been barred by the club from competing at their own game. The first objection to these athletes was out of their taking part in Caledonian competitions, where money was given as a prize, so that at the drawing up of the club's definition, they were ruled out. For years or more, however, these gentlemen have not taken part in such competitions as the Montreal and other Canadian athletic clubs have accepted them as amateurs and deemed well by the New York Athletic Club to smooth over all difficulties by advising the Montreal Lacrosse Club as follows:—

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, Dec. 18, 1878.
Messrs. R. STARK, Esq., Secretary Montreal Lacrosse Club:—

Sir:—At a regular meeting of the club on Wednesday, December 11, the following resolution was adopted:—

That the New York Athletic Club will hereafter accept the entries of Messrs. J. A. Fullerton, D. E. Bowe, and W. L. Allen, or any other gentlemen whose amateur standing is guaranteed by the Montreal Lacrosse Club.

Very respectfully,
ALFRED H. CURTIS, Secretary.

There is a project on foot to have a team of Canadian athletes visit New York on the occasion of the annual spring games of the New York Athletic Club, the visit to be received by representatives of the club in the following autumn.

RECENT BRITISH PERFORMANCES.

At St. Peter's College sports, Cambridge University, Nov. 26, W. W. Bolton, Cairns, and John won the strangers' 1,000-yard handicap, the official time being announced as 1:19 4/5, which, if correct, would be the new record; and W. H. K. Ward, Trinity, 25 yards start, was beaten only 4 yards, which would make him as fast as 2m. 24s. at the full distance.—At Gonville and Caius College sports, Cambridge University, Nov. 26, G. B. Hoffmeister, penalized 8 yards, is announced to have won the 100-yard handicap in 10 2/5s., which would make him about 1/10 slower than 10 seconds for 100 yards. London sporting journals refuse to credit the above times.—At Magdalene College sports, Cambridge University, Nov. 25, H. L. Evans, Trinity, scratch, won the two-ten strangers' handicap in grand style, running through 19 competitors, with starts ranging from 50 yards to 280 yards, his time, 1 mile, 1m. 27s.; 3 miles, 8m. 7s.; one 4 miles, 55s.; 1 1/2 miles, 6m. 48s.; 1 1/4 miles, 52s.; two miles, 10m. 7 1/2s.—At Balliol College sports, Oxford University, Nov. 25, W. M. Rowe, scratch, won the quarter-mile handicap in 52s.

started off with the lead and at 6 p.m., had covered 71 miles, and O'Leary 63 miles. At 11 p.m., Campana had ruled off 87 miles, and O'Leary 81, the latter going steadily, and continuing to be a strong favorite.

FOUR HOURS.—Raine and Irving made arrangements to compete in a four hours' goal-you-please contest at the Roller Skating Rink here on the afternoon of Christmas Day. On account of our forms going to press on Wednesday a.m., we are unable to give any particulars of the affair.

Aquatic.

NEW ROWING CLUB IN HAMILTON.

The impetus given to the healthful exercise of rowing by the victories of "Neptune Ned" has resulted in Hamilton in an attempt—which promises to be successful—to organize a new rowing club. On the 17th a meeting was held in Mr. Bauer's Restaurant, Main street, for this purpose. The meeting was well attended and the proceedings satisfactory.

Mr. P. Carse acted as Chairman and explained the object of the meeting. Mr. A. Beasley discharged the duties of Secretary. There was a general feeling that the new club should be formed of the remaining members of the old Hamilton Rowing Club, and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Thomas Davidson, A. Osborne, J. Harris and W. Campbell, was appointed to call upon them and ascertain their views regarding the new organization. The meeting then adjourned until next Tuesday evening, when the Committee's report will be submitted.

There is plenty of room there for two rowing clubs, and the formation of another would, beyond a doubt, increase the interest in aquatic sports amongst the young men, which it is needless to say is most desirable. The Leander Club would benefit to a large extent also, more especially as the proposed organization will include some capital soulers in its ranks.

MORE CROOKED WORK.

THE SILVER LAKE REGATTA.

It seems that even the colored oarsmen have "ways that are dark," and "tricks that are not vain." At the regatta, Aug. 11, in the professional sculler's race, the contestants finished as follows: F. A. Johnston, J. H. Riley, E. F. Ward, J. F. Sullivan, O. E. Courtney. Much unfavorable comment was heard concerning Courtney's performance, but he was undoubtedly sick and unable to do himself justice, and his error was in allowing himself to be persuaded to start under such circumstances. A recent number of the Boston Herald publishes the real history of this affair, which has as usual leaked out slowly. Courtney was sick and unable to beat either Johnston or Riley, and, of course, did not wish to row. But the majority of the visitors had come purposely to see him, and great pressure was brought to bear on him to induce him to appear. Finally Courtney, Riley, and Johnston agreed to row the race to please the people, and finish in the above order, which would almost certainly have been the result had each man been fit and well. But the "bag of gold" which awaited the winner, and his own pride, proved too much for Johnston's resolution, and he determined to win anyhow. Riley and Courtney hung back as per programme, while Johnston pegged away as best he could, and opened such a gap that when Riley saw that the "pool had burst," he was too far behind to catch the barkeet, who went on and won the money—a feat totally beyond his powers if the race had been rowed fairly and squarely. This is the trick commonly known as the "double cross," and shows that our colored brethren are rapidly acquiring such intelligence and acuteness as demonstrates the wisdom of the famous Fifteenth Amendment.—Spirit.

while Plaisted, Johnson and Riley are said to think seriously of doing likewise. This would indicate a general change in the aspect of affairs, and make it safe to infer that professional boating will be monopolized by our English friends the coming season, while they in turn will probably send us their university crews to give eclat to the regattas of the National Association of American Oarsmen.—Turf.

AUSTRALIAN WATER DRIPPINGS.

A great deal of nonsense has been going the rounds of the American press of late in regard to Tricket and Australian rowing matters. Some have asserted that the Sydney sculler was perfectly willing to come to America, if reasonable expenses were allowed him. Another rumor was to the effect that a large stake was to be given in a rowing race, provided Haulan and Courtney would go to the Antipodes. These rumors are utterly unworthy of credence, and no doubt found birth in the brain of some of our sporting writers who are better on the imagination than when they have a tangible affair to deal with. The origin of the rumor that some one in Sydney was going to give some thousands of pounds as prizes in an aquatic carnival arose from the fact that Mr. Hurley was about to petition the Australian Legislative Assembly for the sum of £6,000 for prizes to be competed for at the international exhibition next year, £1,000 of which was to be devoted to boat-race prizes. This grand scheme has been blown sky-high by Parliament's quashing Mr. Hurley's motion.

SPLASHES.

COURTNEY.—It is asserted that Courtney has accepted the challenge of R. W. Boyd to row a row a Tyne race for £1,000 a side.

ROSS.—Wallace Ross is trying to arrange a match on the Tyne with either Blackman or Lumsden.

RENFORTH.—W. Renforth, a brother of the late champion of England, makes his debut as a professional in an open boat race on the Tyne, for £20, on December 30th.

MATCHED.—W. Spencer and G. Tarryer have been matched to row over the Thames championship course for £100 a side on the 8th April. Tarryer is the man who some time ago made the fastest time on record over this course.

The Ring.

SPARRING.

MILLER VS. GOSS.

A sparring match took place at the Baltimore, Maryland, Institute on the evening of the 19th between Prof. Miller, of Baltimore, and Joe Goss, for \$1,000 a side. A large audience was present. The combatants used blackened gloves. Major Innes Randolph of the Baltimore Gazette, acted as referee. Arthur Chambers, the well-known sporting man of Philadelphia, acted as judge for Goss, and Jno. McGraw, of Baltimore, for Miller. There were twenty-nine rounds, with varying results, the contest resulting in Miller scoring 22 points and Goss 19 points. The match was then awarded by the referee to Miller, amid great applause from the audience, which was carried away with enthusiasm. At the close of the match, Goss stepped to the footlights and offered to spar Miller in Boston for \$1,000. Miller said he would match Goss or any man in the country for from \$500 to \$1,000 a side. Prof. Miller will be remembered here in his wrestling bout with Bauer at the Royal, and his very good glove set to at the Queen's Theatre for Jim Mac's benefit.

Bay mare Helpmate, 5 years, by Planet, 1m. Full Cry, by Vandal; in foal to Vigil.

Bay mare, 7 years, by Versailles, dam Florac, (Warfield's dam) by imp. Micky Free; in foal to Lover.

Brown filly Lizzie Whips, 4 years, by Enquirer, dam The Grand Dutch S, by Vandal, bred to Tcm Bowling.

Chestnut filly Cuba, 4 years, by Australian dam Bettie Ward, by Lexington; in foal to Lover.

Brown mare Bonnie Lightfoot, 7 years, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Young Miss Lightfoot, by Lexington; in foal to Administrator.

Chestnut mare Dame Winnie, 7 years, by Planet, dam Lis Mardis, by Glencoe; in foal to Smuggler.

Chestnut mare, by Asterisk, dam Lucille Weston, by Lexington; in foal to Smuggler.

Bay mare, 8 years, by Top Knight of St. George, dam Sally Wallace, by Star Davis; in foal to Springbok.

Brown filly Florence Anderson, 4 years, by Enquirer, dam Sally Anderson, by Glencoe, in foal to Foster.

Chestnut mare Planeta, 7 years, by Planet, dam La Henderson, by Lexington; in foal to Foster.

Bay mare Blarney, 5 years, by Blarneystone dam Genuera, by Lexington; in foal to Monarchist.

Chestnut mare Miss Campbell, 6 years, by Endorser, dam Cynthia Sue; in foal to German-town.

Bay filly Piney Lewis, 4 years, by Endorser dam Lou Lewis, by Endorser; in foal to imp. Ashstead.

Bay filly Lizzie A., 8 years, by Longfellow dam Cynthia Sue.

Brown filly Hattie Hawthorne, 3 years, by Enquirer, dam Little Girl, by Endorser.

Horse Notes.

SALE OF PROPHECY.—Mr. George Cadwallader, Lexington, Ky., has sold to Mr. T. Robbins the bay colt Prophecy, 2 years old, by Wanderer, dam Magnetta, by Mahomet, out of Minerva Anderson, by imp. Luzborough.

UTICA PARK ASSOCIATION.—At the annual meeting of the Utica Park Association, held at the office of the Secretary, Dec. 10, the following directors were elected for three years:—Ernest Z Wright, Alex Buel, M. G. Thomson, Miles O Cornstock. The Board of Directors, at a meeting held Dec. 13, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Charles W Hutchinson; First Vice-President, Theo R Proctor; Second Vice-President, M. G. Thomson; Secretary, Benj J Clark; Treasurer, M. G. Thomson.

The four-year-old Elaine was shipped by Mr. W. M. Humphrey, on the 18th inst., to Chicago, where she will join the recent purchases of her owner, Gov. Stanford, made in Kentucky, and proceed with them to her future California home.

SALE OF WM. WELCH.—The five-year old colt, by Wm. Welch, out of Lady McKinney (dam Nil Desperandum), was sold recently at Harkness' Bazaar, Philadelphia, to Mike Goodin. He was owned by the late Capt. Mealy.

SALE OF MEDORA.—The colt of Medora, 3 years old, by Whipple's Hambletonian, dam by John Nelson, owned in California, has been sold to Mr. John Livingstone, who will use her in a team as a mate for Ida Howe. The price paid was \$1,500. She is very fast, having trotted a fifth heat at the late Stockton Fair in 2:33 1/2, which is a wonderful performance for a three-year old. With so brilliant a fortune before her it seems almost a pity to withdraw her from the turf.

SALE OF A BLUE BULL FILLY.—Col. J. H. Caffee has sold to a gentleman in Chicago his three-year old filly by Blue Bull, out of Katie Putnam, by Skinkle's Hambletonian, for \$300. She is fast and promising as a trotter, but a vixen in temper. Last Fall she broke the Colonel's leg by a kick, which accounts for his parting with her at so low a figure.

SALE OF GLENDALE.—Messrs. B. J. Treacy, Lexington, Ky., sold recently to Messrs. Miller & Kennedy, Bourbon County, for Mr. Eastman, of this city, the b g Glendale, foaled 1871, by Mambrino Wagner, dam Rosedale, by 2nd Edwin Forrest. Glendale has a record of 2:27 1/2, and is reputed to be one of the most stylish roadsters that ever left the Blue Grass region. Price said to be \$4,000.

Amusements.

CITY.

The ever popular Black Crook has been the attraction at the Grand Opera House this week. It is produced under the direction of the Kralfys, with the stock company of the Grand in the cast. The spectacular portion of the show is very brilliant and the settings are beautiful. The efforts of the danseuses and ballet are loudly applauded, while the dramatic portion of the piece is well cast. The variety features are furnished by the Selgriat Brothers, athletes, and the Elm Sisters, Swabian vocalists, and they come in for their share of favor. Next week, for the first time in Canada, will be presented the spectacular drama of The Deluge. In addition to the usual Saturday matinee, there will be afternoon performance on New Year's Day.

The Royal Opera House is revelling in the fortunes of Sinbad, the Sailor, a clever arrangement by Mr. Joe H. Banks, of the leading incidents of the story. The whole features of the piece are new. Special scenery and elegant costumes are the rule throughout, which, aided by a crisp dialogue, sparkling music, and a strong cast carry the piece through successfully. The variety features are furnished by the Boisset Family of gymnasts, five in number. Their groupings and acrobatic feats, revery clever. Miss Realta, the strong woman, is quite a feature. The regular matinee will be given to-morrow afternoon. The attendance has been good.

Blind Tom, the pianist, had a couple good houses at Shattisbury Hall, on and 25th.

The Lyceum, with its grand double company, made strong efforts to cater for the public this week, and not without success. Many of the variety specialties are new and have been well received. Matinee on New Year's day, in addition to the regular Saturday afternoon show.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McDowell commenced an engagement of six nights at the Academy of Music, in Beauty and Beast, on Monday last.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics' Hall.—Lottie Combination on 25th, in Uncle Tom's Cabin (matinee), and Under the Gaslight.—Miss Genevieve Ward, Jan. 8 and 4, in Henry VIII. and Jane Shore.—Lilliputian Opera Co. a.s. underlined.

LONDON.—Helen Blye at Mechanics' Hall, 24th and 25th, in Romeo and Juliet and Camille.—Lottie Combination, 28th.—Detroit Dramatic Co. at Holman Opera House, 25th, in Colleen Bawn.

DUNDAS.—The Caledonian Society are rehearsing Macbeth for early production.

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BELLEVILLE RACES.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 23, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times

There are to be races here on January 2nd and 3rd, 1879. We would advise all horsemen to steer clear of this place, as owners, or would-be owners of three horses got up purses to win themselves, and appointed their judges—the Committee not knowing until after the bill was printed the way it was to be conducted.

By placing this in your paper you will much oblige the public and

Yours truly,

WALTER FANNING,
JOHN McLENNAN,

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on Committee.