

Skates

Prices

from 65c upwards, CRYSTAL and STAR HOCKEY, ACME and FORBES EXPERT RACERS, etc.

ON THE WINTER TRACKS.

Buffalo, Dec. 27.—The merry-go-round at Roby, Alexander Island and New Orleans were unimpeded by untoward weather until today, when the former were obliged to shut down on account of the storm.

First race, 6-8 mile—Festival, 93, Penn, 5 to 1; Bessie, 104, Hill, 7 to 2; Fish, 105, Williams, 8 to 1, 3 Time 1:04.

Second race, 1 mile—Gleason, 97, Clayton, 4 to 5; Teaspring, 100, Willy, 2 to 1; Jim Henry, 100, Gregory, 20 to 1, 3 Time 1:12.

Third race, 6-8 mile—Gold Dust, 104, McChie, 10 to 1; Clara Bauer, 118, Shields, 2 to 1, 3 Time 1:02.

Fourth race, 3 furlongs—Burrill's Belle, 110, McDonald, 5 to 1; Sam Parker, 107, Penn, 10 to 1; 2 Ora Auro, 104, Furr, 20 to 1, 3 Time 1:12.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Tramp, 107, Farmer, 11 to 1; Vanda, 7, 102, Hager, 10 to 1; Sam Farmer, 108, Shields, 10 to 1, 3 Time 1:12.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Gleason, 97, Clayton, 4 to 5; Teaspring, 100, Willy, 2 to 1; Jim Henry, 100, Gregory, 20 to 1, 3 Time 1:12.

Seventh race, 6-8 mile—Gold Dust, 104, McChie, 10 to 1; Clara Bauer, 118, Shields, 2 to 1, 3 Time 1:02.

Eighth race, 3 furlongs—Burrill's Belle, 110, McDonald, 5 to 1; Sam Parker, 107, Penn, 10 to 1; 2 Ora Auro, 104, Furr, 20 to 1, 3 Time 1:12.

THE PRESIDENT'S SIDE WIND.

Prospect Park Curriers Complete Their Annual Match—Eighteen Skins On the Ice.

The busy Prospect Parkers are the first of the city curling clubs to bring off their annual match of President versus Vice-President.

These were nine skins a side. The result of the afternoon scores, four skins a side, was 55 all. The complete result: No. 1 rink, President—R. Armstrong, J. J. Brown, B. Brick, J. Wright, skip 14.

No. 2 rink, President—W. McCarty, W. Lowat, Charles H. Burt, J. R. Wellington, skip 10. Vice—J. McKay, W. Eastwood, F. Forrester, R. B. Samit, skip 15.

No. 3 rink, President—G. C. Paterson, John Donogh, J. W. Fivelle, R. Watson, skip 14. Vice—J. Kent, A. Mathews, J. C. W. Wood, skip 15.

No. 4 rink, President—T. Self, B. Chapman, T. Morrison, skip 12. Vice—J. Henderson, F. D. Machee, M. A. Rice, E. L. Forbes, skip 14.

No. 5 rink, President—H. P. Butley, H. T. Stair, W. Willoughby, C. C. Scott, skip 18. Vice—R. Junor, J. Brown, G. Chapman, skip 15.

No. 6 rink, President—Dr. Pearson, J. Tomlinson, C. R. Cooper, J. P. Rogers, skip 14. Vice—C. F. Patman, H. Duff, A. Kleser, W. Duffet, skip 14.

COUNTY HOUSES OF REFUGE.

The members of the Prisoners' Aid Association are urging the general adoption of the system of caring for the destitute poor of the country by means of houses of refuge or poor-houses.

Up to the present time only 10 out of a total of 35 counties in Ontario have as yet adopted the system. They claim that it is not only the most humane, but that in the end it is by far the most economical method of caring for the poor.

Other advantages resulting from the establishment of a poor house in the county which is referred to by the Association, is the fact that the removal of the tramps and the simply destitute poor from the county has the effect of relieving the crowding of the latter and makes it possible to effect a better classification of the remaining prisoners.

When it has been decided to erect a county poor-house, plenty of time should be taken in selecting the farm, selecting the site and in deciding upon the character of the buildings.

The farm should be good land, not less than 100 acres, easy to till and convenient to a railway station or boat landing. The buildings should be erected on a high ground where they can be easily drained, and where there will be an abundant supply of water in winter and summer.

In making plans for the buildings the aims should be economy, convenience, orderly administration, a complete separation of the sexes and a right classification of the inmates. The heating, ventilation and drainage is of great importance, and this should not be entrusted to any except good reliable parties or well-known firms.

One of the best county poor houses in Ontario is the one recently built in the County of Oxford, near the town of Woodstock. The total cost to the county, complete, was \$38,365. The Government grant of \$4,000.

In the United States nearly every county has a county poor house. In the State of Ohio, for instance, there is a poorhouse in each one of its 88 counties. In the State of New York, with only few exceptions every county has a poorhouse. In this State the poorhouses are under the supervision of a State Board of Charities and Corrections.

PRISON REFORM IN CANADA.

The Work of the Prisoners' Aid Association.

The Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada has been engaged in its noble work of prison reform and rescue work for over 20 years, although the prison reform movement proper dates back to only about four years ago.

The objects of this association, as stated in their constitution, are: "The reformation of offenders, their welfare when discharged, the prevention of crime and prison reform among its most zealous members of this Association was the late ex-Mayor W. H. Howland.

Among the means employed for carrying out the objects of the Association are mentioned the following, viz.: 1. A Sunday School mission in the Central Prison.

2. A Sunday School mission in the Reformatory for Women. 3. A Sunday School mission in the County Jail. 4. A Night School for secular education in the Central Prison.

5. The employment of an agent and a Bible woman for the welfare of discharged prisoners. 6. The distribution of prison reform literature, and the use of other means for awakening a more general interest in the subject.

7. The maintenance of a central office in the City, at 150 Simcoe Street, as a place of call and temporary shelter for prisoners coming to the city. 8. Assisting with tools, and making temporary loans to discharged prisoners.

9. A preaching service weekly, in the Central Prison and Female Reformatory, by members of the Toronto Ministry. 10. The Association also aims at the general adoption of the County House of Refuge or Poor-House system, as also the introduction of the separate system, and it was through these combined agencies that the "Act for the Better Protection of Children" was passed, and the establishment of the reformatory for young men by the Dominion Government.

DISASTERS AT SEA.

A Long List of Casualties Within the Past Two Days.

London, Dec. 27.—The washing ashore of a quantity of wreckage upon the Scotch coast indicates the loss of the steamer Oswald with her crew bound for Cardiff. The wreckage was chiefly washed ashore three miles north of Port Logan, Wigtownshire.

The British steamer State of Georgia, Captain Laurin, from Montreal, Nov. 26, via North Sydney, C.B., which arrived at Aberdeen Dec. 24, encountered a gale on the passage which drove her out of her course, and during which her forecastle, cabins and sturgeon room were flooded. She was badly damaged.

The British ship Arklow from Greenock for Ship Island, Scotland, with nine feet of water in her hold, has been surveyed. She was cut down through the bottom in the port quarter by collision in the Thames with the British steamer Indian Prince. The latter vessel had a hole stove in her port bow.

The British steamer Lepanto at Antwerp, from New York, reports that on her voyage she was driven ashore during which some of her cattle pens were smashed. The Norwegian barque Sonora, which sailed from Savannah Nov. 17 for Wolgast, and was towed into Cuxhaven Dec. 24, was dismantled.

The British steamer Mohawk, from London, Dec. 16, which arrived at New York today, was cut down through the bottom in the port quarter by collision in the Thames with the British steamer Indian Prince. The latter vessel had a hole stove in her port bow.

The native officials at Shanghai and Ningpo are in a complete state of panic, fearing a Japanese invasion. Chang Chi Tung, the new Viceroy of the Yangtze, and Commissioner Moorhead is sending two European drill instructors to the latter port under the Viceroy's direction.

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Central News says the Chinese army under General Sunst, retreated to Newchwang. There they were joined by the troops of the Commander-General, Wang, and the combined force retreated to Tien-Chun-Tu, the town of New-Chwang being completely evacuated. The Chinese troops at Tzu-Hau-Lien are spreading their front and increasing the number of their banners in order to make the greatest possible display of strength. Japanese cavalry scouts report that 8000 Chinese from King-Show have reached Tzu-Hau-Lien.

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FOSTER AND PENNER. Incredible Attraction in Brazil. Monteiro, Dec. 27.—The real estate in this city belonging to Dr. Cornelius Herz, of Passau, Capal moterly, was held at auction yesterday. The property was divided into 16 lots, 14 of which realized an aggregate of 1,848,000 francs.

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