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Result of Friday's Contests on the
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Verdict in the Case of Fugitive Vernon's
Death—Wheeling, Turf and
Sporting News in
General.

BASEBALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES—FRIDAY.

At Baltimore—R. H. E. 7 12 3
Boston..... 9 12 2

Batteries—Fond and Clark; Nichols and Yeager.

At Philadelphia—R. H. E. 12 9 6
New York..... 7 12 3

Batteries—Orin, Taylor and Morie; Gettig and Warner.

At Washington—R. H. E. 7 8 3
Brooklyn..... 9 12 2

Batteries—McJannet, King and McGuire; Deak, Kennedy and A. Smith.

At Cincinnati—R. H. E. 4 6 1
Chicago..... 3 11 2

Batteries—Breitenstein and Peltz; Briggs and Anson.

At St. Louis—The St. Louis-Pittsburg game postponed on account of rain.

POPULAR AS EVER.

That interest in baseball is not declining is shown by the attendance at the National League games on Thursday, the opening day, when the attendance in round numbers was as follows:

Columbus..... 2,500 Cincinnati..... 10,000
Milwaukee..... 4,000 Washington..... 6,000

Kansas City..... 2,500 Philadelphia..... 17,000
Baltimore..... 13,000
Louisville..... 10,000 Total..... 71,000

St. Louis..... 5,000

The Western League cities averaged well over 3,000.

TORONTO BY ONE RUN.

Reading Pa., April 24.—The Toronto broke the home team's record of wins yesterday by beating them in a finely played game by 5 to 4. Freeman's single and McHale's two-bagger scored the winning run with one out.

In the eighth a two-bagger by McHale, singles by White and McDann and Wagner's homer netted four runs.

R. H. E.
Toronto..... 0 0 0 0 0 4 1 5 10 1
Reading..... 0 0 0 0 2 1 1 0 4 8 3

Batteries—Gaston and Casey; Anderson and Kinsella; Umpire, Hallman.

THE STARS BLANK ROCHESTER.

Syracuse, April 24.—Yesterday's game between Syracuse and Rochester was called at the end of the seventh, owing to rain. Score:

R. H. E.
Syracuse..... 1 0 0 1 0 5 3 10 10 2
Rochester..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Batteries—Malarkey and Shaw; Yerrick, Herndon and Carr.

FLY.

"Long John" Healy, the veteran pitcher, is now a member of the St. Louis police force. His best is in the "tenderloin" district.

Arthur Irwin was after Artie Latham for his Toronto team when the ex-Red signed with Columbus.

Two seasons ago Shortstop Delan, of the Colonels, was getting \$30 a month playing out in Iowa. Now he gets that much for about three days' work.

Those teams in the Western League that cannot play Sunday games at home have been scheduled for two games on Saturday the latter part of

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the season.

Mike Griffin has been appointed captain of the Brooklyn team.

Port Huron lost to the Springfield Interstate team by a score of 13 to 7.

Catcher Donohue, of the Chicago team, will be retired for several weeks, owing to a foul tip which split his hand.

THE KENNEL.

CLOSE OF THE TORONTO SHOW.

Toronto, Ont., April 24.—The dog show closed Thursday night, after the most successful exhibition on record in the history of the Canadian Kennel Club.

On Thursday night and Friday morning a conference took place between the executive of the Canadian Kennel Club and Mr. A. P. Vredenburg, of New York, secretary of the American Kennel Club, with respect to the resumption of relations between the two bodies.

A basis of agreement was drawn up, by which the two bodies will be united, and the show will be held at the R. Y. C. by Mr. Vredenburg.

PRIZE PUPPY.

Sarnia Observer: "Fra Bernardo, a St. Bernard puppy purchased from Mr. H. Gorman, of Sarnia, by Mr. J. B. Miller, of Pasadena, Cal., late season's Huron, captured first prize in the puppy class at the show recently held in Los Angeles, Cal."

WHEEL.

Did you ever notice that the rider who sits naturally erect has the least trouble with his saddle? Shove the best saddle way back and lower the handle-bars six inches below the saddle, and see if the easiest saddle is not a mockery of a saddle.

It is in the right position for comfort and rational riding. The average novice, generally, generally, in this and some other matters after a season's riding.

A bicycle rider should master an emergency dismount. One may never need to use the dismount, and then it may be absolutely necessary in an emergency to preserve life or limb.

The surest way to grasp the handle-bars firmly and spring with both feet off the pedals and the seat back, and, as to land in the position one would be when about to mount the bicycle.

Another dismount one should practice is the right side dismount. It is often impossible to dismount from the left.

The records kept at the patent office in Washington show to what an enormous extent the invention of bicycle improvements has grown in this country. Since 1876 over 4,000 patents relating to bicycles have been issued by the patent office, and at least half of these have been issued in the last six years. It now takes the labors of eight expert assistant examiners to handle the applications of bicycle inventors, and even with this force there is always a big batch of applications awaiting examination. There is no country in the world that shows a similar rate of growth in this same line.

FOOTBALL.

Entries for spring competition at Windsor for the Walker trophy for senior teams of Association football players close on Monday next.

LACROSSE.

The Montreal Lacrosse Club has resigned from the five-club senior Lacrosse League.

AQUATIC.

William S. McDowell, the Chicago sculler, will take part in the single sculls at Henley again this year. Ten years ago he was the only other American competitor.

THE TURF.

BOUGHT A PACER.

Messrs. P. H. Dardis, of Boston, owner of Stanton, IV, and George James, the well-known trainer, of this city, were in Stratford on Wednesday. Mr. Dardis purchased from Mr. T. G. Gillette his 4-year-old bay pacer, Silver, for a good round sum. The horse was delivered in London yesterday. He is by Lord Ferguson, from an Alandale mare.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

London, April 4.—At the two days' racing of the Newmarket Craven meeting on Thursday, the Bedford, Lordliard stables' bay gelding Claven

won the Wood-Ditton stakes of 10 sovereigns each, with 290 sovereigns added. The event was for 3-year-olds. Sir J. Handell Maple's b. f. Barndoor was second; Mr. J. Reiss' c. f. Claglee third.

ATHELETICS.

MAHER VS. SHARKEY.

New York, April 23.—"Buck" Connolly, of Pittsburgh, representing Maher, with Dan Lynch appearing for Sharkey, has agreed that Maher and Sharkey should meet in the 25-round contest to be held in this vicinity some time between May 25 and June 10. Articles of agreement will be drawn up next Monday.

PUGILIST VERNON'S DEATH.

Philadelphia, April 24.—The coroner's jury has rendered a verdict that Billy Vernon, the pugilist, who was injured on Tuesday night at Athens, Delaware county, in a fight with Leslie Pearce, and who died on Wednesday morning at the Presbyterian Hospital, died of the brain, the result of an injury. The verdict makes no recommendation as to where the blame should be placed, nor is any punishment suggested. The Delaware county authorities will now take charge of the case.

BANTAM CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

San Francisco, April 24.—Five thousand people saw Jimmy Barry and Jim McHugh, Irishmen, fight, fight, fight, twenty rounds before the National A. C. last night for a purse of \$2,000, and the world's championship. The men were well trained, and weighed 120 pounds each. Barry set the pace. He was time and again, and got away without a return. It was soon evident that Barry was the clever man of the two, but Anthony seemed able to stand any amount of punishment. Neither man secured any decided advantage till the fourteenth round, when Barry had the best of it. He was never out of the fight, and he was the last round was all Barry's. Anthony was still on his feet when the fight ended. He was soon evident that Barry was the clever man of the two, but Anthony seemed able to stand any amount of punishment. Neither man secured any decided advantage till the fourteenth round, when Barry had the best of it. He was never out of the fight, and he was the last round was all Barry's. Anthony was still on his feet when the fight ended.

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The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the delegates of Oshawa, gave the closing prayer.

TRAGEDY IN CHICAGO.

Employer Killed by Confidential Clerk, Who Commits Suicide.

Chicago, April 24.—John H. Rapp was shot and killed yesterday in his wholesale liquor house, 527 Milwaukee avenue, by his confidential clerk, G. W. Braunschweig. The murderer also killed himself.

Rapp's private offices, in the presence of Philip Solomon, a deputy sheriff, who had a warrant for the murderer's arrest on a charge of embezzlement of \$2,000. Criminal action had been brought against Braunschweig, but he eluded the officers, and yesterday wrote to Rapp, asking for a meeting, to effect a compromise. This meeting had been held and the shooting occurred when the officer attempted the arrest.

The great lung-sufferer is found in this excellent medicine sold as Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

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All Along the Lines.

The B. and O. Railway Have to Pass a Dividend.

G. T. R. Earnings—A New Order in Re Coal Freights—Railway Extension.

A report reaches Montreal from Ottawa to the effect that the Grand Trunk had promised the Government that they would take the Sorel road out of the hands of the South Shore Railway.

The extension of the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Detroit road has been placed in the hands of the old contractors, Jenkins Bros. (Toronto), under similar conditions to those which the road was originally built. This extension runs from Port Burwell to Tilsonburg.

The directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway have decided to pass the semi-annual dividend on the Washington branch of the system. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent was declared in November last year, and the reason for the failure to declare an expenditure in the way of improvement to roadbed and rolling stock.

The Grand Trunk Railway has issued a new order that will have considerable effect upon Canadian importers of American coal. The railway company has notified the freight officials of the coal carrying roads that in future the freight on all coal destined for Canadian points on the Grand Trunk must be paid in advance or it will not be accepted by that road.

An unexpected obstacle was encountered by the Windsor, Amherstburg and Lake Erie Railroad Company last week in Sandwich west. It had been expected that the township council would give the company a franchise, but, because of a remonstrance signed by Daniel Scotten, William Wright, Addison Mandell, W. C. Yawkey, and other wealthy citizens of Detroit, who own property on the river front in Petite Côte, the council refused to grant the privilege at a public meeting of the farmers living below the Detroit people's summer home in Chappus schoolhouse, held Wednesday night. About 300 men were present. Addresses were made by prominent residents of the township, and most of those present signed a petition in favor of the road. The construction of the new road has been begun in Amherstburg. The line will be finished this year and extended, eventually, to Leamington and Amherstburg, and also to Harrow. The capital is being supplied in Detroit.

G. T. R. TRAFFIC RETURNS.

Return of traffic for week ending April 14, 1897:

Passenger earnings.....\$101,141 \$120,568

Freight earnings.....231,982 226,629

Total.....\$333,123 \$347,197

Decrease for 1897, \$14,074.

THE W. F. M. S.

Convention Concluded—Mrs. Ewart Re-elected President for the 17th Year—The New Officers.

Hamilton, April 24.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's convention concluded on Thursday afternoon. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Montreal, on May 1st and 2nd in May. Addresses were given by Mrs. McKenzie on her mission work among the degraded women and girls of India, whose cases she pieced in the light of the scriptures; G. H. Robinson, Leaflet editor; Miss B. MacMurphy, secretary of life membership; Mrs. Shortreed, foreign mission secretary; Mrs. Playfair, recording secretary; Mrs. H. Campbell, corresponding secretary; Miss George, treasurer; executive committee in addition to the officers: Mrs. Mortimer Clark, Mrs. Wm. Davidson, Mrs. Crombie, Miss T. Robinson.

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"BILLY BIRCH"

The Veteran Minstrel Lost a Fortune in Wall Street Speculations.

New York, April 24.—"Billy" Birch, the old-time "king of negro minstrels," whose death has already been announced, had made his thousands as a black-faced comedian, and died poor.

The Elks and the Actors' fund will look after the funeral services, which will take place next Sunday.

He made his debut as a professional minstrel in 1846, in Stamford, Conn., with Raymond's minstrels. He was then only 15 years old. From that time until 1886 he was continuously before the public as a black-face comedian.

He was married Aug. 19, 1857, and started the next day for New York on a Norwegian bark. He was shipwrecked. He landed on the French coast penniless. He came to New York, and in partnership with Wambold & Babcock, founded the most successful of all minstrel organizations. It is said that the profits of the company were \$99,999.

Buckus and Wambold are dead. "Billy" Birch, the last of the trio, lost his fortune in Wall Street. He was a street. His wife, who has cared for him all through his illness, survives him.

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Beheaded!

The Awful Deed of an Insane Woman.

She Cut Off the Head of Her Mother-in-Law and Placed It on a Plate on the Table.

Williamstown, Mich., April 24.—In a fit of insanity, Mrs. Alfred Haney, wife of a laborer, cut off the head of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Maria Haney, and set the body on fire. When Mrs. Haney returned at noon from her morning work and entered his little cottage, he saw a sight that made him shudder. On the floor lay the body of his aged mother, while on the table in a plate was the head, cut off clean from the shoulders. On the floor nearby was an axe.

Without stopping to investigate, Mr. Haney ran to the house of Deputy Sheriff Lorranger for help, and was gone several minutes.

A few minutes later smoke was seen issuing from the house. Chas. Hoyt, a neighbor, ran over, and to his eyes a new horror was added. In her madness, the young woman had saturated the body with oil and set it afire. Before the flames could be quenched the clothes were burned off and the body terribly singed.

Wandering around the yard was the perpetrator of the terrible deed, muttering incoherent nothings. She refused to say anything of the tragedy and did not appear to realize what she had done. She is in the custody of the deputy sheriff.

The murdered woman was about 74 years old, while the younger Mrs. Haney is 30, and has been married three years. Several months ago she began to show signs of insanity, which grew so serious that steps were taken to have her committed to an asylum, and the hearing was to take place at Mason today.

Neighbors say there has been considerable "clucking" between the young woman and the mother-in-law; the latter having been regarded as a somewhat meddlesome old lady and very eccentric, if not slightly deranged herself.

Whether there was a quarrel yesterday morning is not known. It appears, however, that the younger Mrs. Haney came up behind her victim as she was sitting in the chair and struck a blow that killed or stunned her, for there is a wound in the back of the head, and then placed her on the floor and deliberately severed the head.

Her insane frenzy was further attested by the fact that she placed the head on the plate where her husband sat.

The Haney's are very poor and live in a little house of three rooms.

Briefs by Wire.

Failures for the week in Canada 21, as against 44 for same week last year.

The bylaw granting \$25,000 to aid the G. T. R. in building a mill-bushel elevator was passed at Midland by a large majority.

Billy Birch, the old-time minstrel, died at his home in New York on Wednesday from paralysis of the brain and chronic Bright's disease.

Dispatches from all parts of Maryland, portions of Virginia, and also in North Carolina, say heavy damage has been done to fruit and vegetables by frost.

At the Toronto custom house on Wednesday 461 separate entries went through to a total value of over \$300,000—considerably over double the daily average.

Sixty-six Detroit letter-carriers have been awarded \$7,508.02 back pay under the eight-hour bylaw of the court of commerce.

There will be certified in pending appropriation bills.

The Port Huron police have received instructions from the prosecuting attorney to see that all slot machines are removed from the different business places in that city, and gambling in all forms is to be strictly prohibited.

The sailing steamer Leopard, with 2,000 seals; the Algerian, with 2,500, and the Yavuz, with 6,500, have arrived at St. Johns, Nfld. The cargo of the latter, consisting largely of old seals, is estimated to equal 100,000 young seals.

Negotiations have been practically concluded for a settlement of the only spicy case on the assize court docket.

Hamilton—that of Stewart vs. Smith, an action for \$2,000 damages for seduction.

The plaintiff gets \$200.

Mrs. Cloutier, wife of an ex-teacher of West Kent, who is attending the Education Association at Toronto, was nearly asphyxiated at the Albion Hotel by turning the screw of the gas jet too far. Her husband found her unconscious in about 40 minutes, and after an hour's work she recovered consciousness.

The annex to Sanborn's elevator at Port Huron, containing about 50,000 bushels of corn and oats, was destroyed by fire Thursday evening.

The elevator building was uninsured. Loss is estimated at \$30,000, insured. The building is owned by the Port Huron Elevator Company. The grain belonged to Chicago people.

Representative Holman, of Indiana, died at Washington on Thursday. He was justly called "the watchdog of the treasury" and "the great objector."

The jobbers and schemers who desired to get swindling bills through Congress found a stumbling block in this honest man from Indiana.

Lizzie Murray, daughter of John Murray, Peterboro, was drowned on Thursday. She and some other little girls were playing near the pier of the C. P. R. bridge, and she was pushed into a canoe alone. She became excited and jumped out of the canoe into the water, and in a moment she was swept out of sight.

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to handle this popular wheel for the balance of the season. There are only thirty-five that were in stock previous to the fire, and arrangements have been made with the insurance companies whereby these bicycles may be disposed of at once. Samples may be seen at Clark's, 165 Dundas St.; Westlake's Photo Gallery; Wolf's, 366 Richmond street. Ladies are particularly requested to call and examine and get prices.

Greater New York.

Interesting Statistics About the Proposed Metropolis.

It is Still a Long Way Behind Old London but Ahead of Paris.

A few statistics, gathered from estimates by the Greater New York Commission and from trustworthy newspapers, reveal some of the physical characteristics of this enlarged city. It will be second in size and population in the world. London has an area of 688 square miles, and a population of about 5,000,000. New York's area will be 300 square miles, and its population on January 1st, 1900, will be from 3,200,000 to 3,400,000. The area of Chicago is 180 square miles, and that of Philadelphia is 129 square miles. New York will contain nearly a million people more than Paris, the third largest city in the world. The new city will contain all of three counties, New York, Kings, and Richmond, and parts of two others, Queens and Westchester, although, strictly speaking, that part of Westchester which it will contain was annexed in 1855. The greatest length of the city will be about 35 miles, stretching from the southern extremity of Staten Island to Mount St. Vincent, on the edge of Yonkers. The new city will extend from the ocean-front over all of Staten Island, across the western end of Long Island, up through Manhattan Island, to the city limits of Yonkers and Mount Vernon. It will have 5,000 miles of streets, one-third of which are now paved. Its railroads, surface and elevated, will have