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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

Medan, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Springfield, Mass.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Rochester, N.Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d " "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N.Y.	8d " "
Earlville, Ill.	4th " "

CANADIAN.

Whitby.....May 24

IOE RACES.

Brookville	Feb. 8 to 10
Oshawa	Feb. 14 to 15
Trenton, Ont.	Feb. 14 to 15
Ottawa	Feb. 15 to 17
Brighton	Feb. 20 to 21
Bell Ewart	Feb. 22 to 28

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oshawa	Feb. 18
Ottawa	Feb. 18
Trenton	Feb. 18
Brighton	Feb. 18
Bell Ewart	Feb. 22

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NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person or persons who takes a paper regularly from a Post Office, whether directed in his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for

which increases the danger to an alarming extent to the horses regularly engaged in the events of the day. This is obviated in the new system. To the spectator there is no comparison in the merits of the different styles. On the regular track there is a degree of comfort and pleasure which can not be approached in the old way, and anyone who has attended a meeting like Woodbine, will not care much for open ice meetings. Wherever practical, by all means, the regular track should be used, and if once attempted, will, we feel assured, always be maintained.

While on this subject it might be stated, it would be well if all our racing events were as cleverly managed as the late Woodbine meeting. The most perfect order was maintained, and the management was industrious in seeking to contribute to the comfort of their patrons. The purse money was paid on each evening of the day it was won, which is commendable in itself; but the whole of this affair was in keeping. Everybody was delighted—horsemen as well as spectators—and all were not slow in giving expression to their feelings. Everything moved like clock-work, and the advantage of organization, with competent men at the helm, insured success in all departments. Winter or summer, we should like to see all our meetings give the degree of satisfaction which this one earned for itself.

ENTRIES FOR OSHAWA WINTER RACES CLOSE FEB. 18.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lately, reports have been circulated to the effect that Mr. Ed. Hanlan, the champion oarsmen, was about to remove from this city, on account of the apathy exhibited towards him in his efforts to get on matches with some of the best men of England and America. That Mr. Hanlan has been treated with a coolness, which amounted to offence, by some of our blue-blooded amateurs, since his return from his victorious career at Philadelphia, last fall, does not admit of a doubt. The coveted visit of Mr. Morris, the Pittsburgh oarsman, to this city, last week, and the concealed sale of the boat in which Hanlan achieved his triumph, in Philadelphia, to the Pittsburgher, does not do note the best of feeling of some of our oarsmen towards the champion. The story of this sale may furnish the subject of another article. However, it may be said that although Hanlan was a part owner of the boat, it was sold without his knowledge, and he had no intimation of the transaction until the boat was safe on the other side of the lines. It would be too bad to place a false construction on this matter, but its *prima facie* appearance is strongly suggestive of an attempt to impede the champion in his training, and thwart him in his commendable efforts to maintain his proud position. The whole affair requires explanation, to show that there is not a strong underhand feeling, to lose no opportunity of giving Hanlan the worst of the deal at every stage of the game. The motive that prompts this ungenerous treatment to the young man can not be concealed, and in due time will have to be explained.

It is not to be expected that Hanlan is in a position to find the whole of the money to make good his propositions, and it is only in accordance with the usual custom that he expects outside assistance. This had been promised him, but was subsequently withdrawn, leaving him with the proposals on his hands while the promise of the funds.

es that the sculling championship of England is at Hanlan's mercy whenever he chooses to try for it. The fortune of the heats kept Luther and Brayley apart, and it is hard to guess which is the better man. Morris, who from previous record, should be better than Luther, apparently did not persevere, and seemed but a ghost of the powerful young athlete who sculled at Boston in 1874 and 1875, and rowed that magnificent five-mile race with George Brown on the Kennebecasis. He was infamously rigged, and, moreover, rumor said, was "pulled" in the race, with ulterior designs on Luther's pocket-book through a private match. In fact, the entire professional atmosphere was murky with alleged bargain and sale, and we could only see through the gloom that Hanlan won all his heats with ridiculous ease, and was the best professional sculler ever seen in America; that in the sculling races, Canada honestly won all the honors, the United States made a poor showing, and England cut no figure whatever."

A NEW ILLUSTRATION.

When the regular daily press, with one exception, dabbles in sporting matters, it is liable to mix things in a ludicrous sort of a way. Instances have been given in our columns where replies to correspondents on sporting questions have been very faulty, and last week another illustration was presented. The *Montreal Star* is one of our most valued exchanges in the way of news, and the enterprise of its proprietor has worked it up to the position of one of the leading journals in the Dominion. Lately it has started an "Answer to Correspondents" column, and the following reply to a query on Euchre is found in its issue of Feb. 8. Where it could have obtained information to furnish such an answer is a mystery, as the merest tyro in the game should be better informed of the rules. However, it is but another illustration of the adage "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

"J. Pass" writes: "A. D. C. & D. are playing a four-handed game of straight euchre. A. and B. partners, and it is A's deal. He is ordered up by his opponent C., who plays it alone and says that he will also play it alone against C., and euchres C. Please first say whether A. has a right to play alone against C., and, if he euchres C., how many points it will count."—A. has the right to play alone, and, in euchring C. he has all the points which C. would have obtained had he made a march, viz., four. The idea of playing alone represents double profit in the shape of points.

OSHAWA WINTER RACES.

The winter races at Oshawa, announced for the 14th and 15th inst., will take place over the very well appointed half-mile track there. We have been informed the track is in first-rate order, and the stands will be heated and enclosed to make spectators comfortable. The open races consist of a 2:40 and a free-for-all; the balance of the programme being made up of local events. The entries close on the 18th, a fact owners of eligible horses should not lose sight of. There can be no doubt of the meeting being a very successful one, as there is a material advantage to owners, owing to the absence of risk, in trotting over a regularly appointed track in preference to the open ice.

RYSDYK STOCK FARM.

We have the announcement this week of this noted breeding establishment, and the stallions in use here. The celebrated trotting horse PHIL SKEERIDAN takes precedence in the list. On Jan. 26, we drew attention to the great merits of this horse, which doubtless did not escape our readers. Along with him are RYSDYK, the son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian and Lady Duke (thoroughbred), by Lexington; CHESTNUT HILL, by Rysdyk, dam the Miller mare, by Bully King (a son of Geo. M. Patchen); and Wm. D. Sney, a Royal George by Thomas Jeff.

of investing in such should make immediate application, as they will undoubtedly be sold, and such another opportunity may not occur in a lifetime. Fancy prices will not be demanded. We hope they may be retained in this country, as our turf cannot afford to lose two such shining lights as Bruce and Vicksburg.

Sporting Gossip.

York State did not take part in the free-for-all at Woodbine, on account of being out of fit. Mr. George Forbes, his driver, being away from home.

Messrs. Love & Brown, of Hay, Co. Huron, have sold their fine imported heavy draught stallion Wellington, six years old, bred by Colonel McDougall, of Logan, Scotland, to Mr. Wm. Eadie, of the County of Russell, near Ottawa, for the sum of \$2,000 cash.

Mr. Bingham, of Bradford, has secured the pool privileges at Bell Ewart, for the coming winter meeting.

Mr. J. B. Lepine, owner of Lepine Park, Hochelaga, and hotel-keeper, Montreal, has gone into insolvency. No definite statement of his liabilities has been made, but they are not supposed to be large.

A fine trotting horse is advertised in today's paper for sale. He has a record of 2:37, but can get close to the twenties. He has a good disposition, perfectly kind, and can be driven by a lady without any danger.

Brockville Winter Races commenced on Thursday and are to conclude to-morrow. The secretary will probably forward us a summary of the different events in time for next week's issue.

Mr. C. Wallis' gray mare Dolly was seized at Woodbine Park, on Friday last, for taxes due by the former lessees of the track. This legal action is severe on Mr. Wallis, and does not redound to the credit of the Association in default. The managers of the winter meeting are blameless in the matter. The amount due is about \$105.

A trotting meeting was held at Brantford yesterday. The entrances were confined to horses belonging to members of the County of Brant Horse Breeder's Association. The races were a three and five-year old colt trot, and a gentlemen driver's trot.

The Montreal Horse Market has been quiet during the past week. At Mr. Elwes' a few were sold, at rather low prices. Mr. J. C. Richardson purchased 17 head for shipment to Boston, the lot costing him \$1,405. At the American House yard a number were sold on American account at prices ranging from \$60 to \$125.

In our issue of the 26th ult., an article appeared on American and English Racing, which was credited to the *Lexington Record*, whereas it was clipped from the *Kentucky Live Stock Record*, published in Lexington, one of the best of our turf exchanges. The error is regretted, as the article was a good one, and friend Bruce is entitled to the full credit for it.

Mr. Elisha Slipp, of Jacksonville, N. B., has a colt twenty months and fifteen days old which weighs 1,200 lbs; girls six feet, and stands fifteen hands and a-half.

During the late Woodbine Meeting, ex-alderman Nowlan, the owner of St. Patrick, offered to match him, against Deck Wright for a stake which would pay the latter for getting a record, providing he could beat the Milesian. The proposition was declined on

Mr. Eph Morris, the celebrated sculler of Pittsburgh, Pa., was in the city last week, and purchased a shell boat from Mr. Lou-den.

The reported sale of Alexander, the winner of the 2:37, 2:38, and free-for-all races at Woodbine last week, to an Ottawa gentleman, is premature. Some little indiscretions committed by Alexander, on the other side, through the agency of his driver without Mr. Gregory's knowledge, proved to be a bar to what might have been a profitable transaction. Thus chickens come home to roost.

A pigeon match will take place at Clifton on the 18th inst., for \$120, between three shooters from Niagara Falls, N. Y., and three from St. Catharines, 15 birds each, trap and handle for each other. It is causing considerable talk in that locality, and our correspondent says speculation will be lively.

The St. Catharines pigeon shooting tournament will probably take place in the last week of February.

The objection to insuring his life made by a veteran gambler, "I don't like to play a game where I've got to die to win," is thus delicately paraphrased by a fastidious writer: "Men instinctively dislike the contemplation of a contract in which death is a necessary incident to give it value to their estate."

The officers of the Grand Rapids, Mich., Horse Association for the present year are: T. H. Lyon, President; M. Boorlem, Treasurer; Geo. S. Ward, Secretary; Jas. S. Kennedy, Superintendent of the grounds and track.

Last Tuesday week, Mr. H. Bruce Gordon, of Mitchell, had five horses for sale by auction. He succeeded in disposing of four of them for \$28, and paid some one 50 cents to take the other one away.

Mr. Scott Hastings, of last year's Louisville nine, and formerly of the old Rockford team, has been engaged by the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club, of Guelph, as catcher for 1877.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon, the heavy weight thrower, has been appointed Chief of Police at Belleville, Ont.

On account of the room which the running time table for 1876 occupies, the article on the Training of the Thoroughbred is crowded out, but will appear as usual next week.

MR. DOWD, POOLSELLER, HAS HIS SAY.

WELLAND, Feb. 1, 1877.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*.

DEAR SIR,—I see in to-day's issue of the "Globe" newspaper an article purporting to come from St. Catharines, stating that a poolseller named John Dowd had decamped, taking with him the contents of the Pool Box, amounting to about two hundred dollars. Now I am that John Dowd, and I beg to state it is totally untrue and without any foundation whatever, and was telegraphed to the "Globe" by some unprincipled villain to injure me. I would also state that a prompt denial was written to the "Globe" by Dr. Elliott, Sec. and Treas. of the Trotting Association, on the same day, but has not appeared in that paper, for what reason I know not. Hoping that you will give this an insertion in your valuable and widely spread journal,

I remain, yours, &c.,

JOHN K. DOWD.

(The Globe has since made the desired correction.—Ed. S. T.)