

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A case was recently decided in England which decides the question as to whether hunters in that country have a right to cover anybody's land without making themselves liable for an action for trespass. A horseman, having been warned against using a certain field, persisted in doing so, and was summoned for trespass. He was convicted by the magistrate, but appealed, and the case being brought before Lord Coleridge on an appeal, confirmed the first decision. In delivering judgment, he said that the Game Act, and 2nd William IV., did not apply to cases of fox hunting, and with regard to the question in this case, whether the circumstances justified the respondent in regarding the entry of the appellants after they had been forbidden, he was clearly of opinion that he was, and that fox hunting could not be exercised adversely to the owner of the land. No such right existed, but it must be treated on like all other sport, subject to the legal rights of mankind with reference to property and established rights of property. There was nothing to justify a field of fox hunting entering a gentleman's garden, sampling it down, and destroying the flowers and plants. No such right existed at common law. The opponents of fox hunting in England—and they are increasing in number—will hold on to this case as a precedent in their arguments against the national sport. We, believe, however, that many sessions will pass away before any appreciable decadence in fox hunting will be perceptible.

RARIUS vs. HOPEFUL.

The following despatch was recently sent to the Associated Press:

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—The owner of a big dog of the tux, Rarus, offers to match him to mile beats, to wagon or harness, against a dog of the tux, Hopeful, to take place at the Oakland track, the race to be half forfeit, and Hopeful's owner to be allowed expenses to come to this city to the Rocky Mountains.

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

Hopeful's challenge to trot any horse in the two races, to harness and wagon, was not made during the trotting season. The horse was thrown out of work and laid up for the winter, while Rarus has been kept in condition to enable 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 go to California at that, and would be a soft offer to Rarus; besides, they knew that my horse would not admit of my going there, and I should have gone with him out there. My challenge was open at Chicago 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.

By 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. Allen, and W. L. Allen, who have long been barred by the club from competing at their own club. The first objection to these athletes was out of their taking part in Caledonian regattas, where money was given as a prize to that at the drawing up of the regatta definition they were ruled out. For many or more, however, these gentlemen have not taken part in such competitions at the Montreal and other Canadian athletic clubs have accepted them as amateurs and accepted 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.

MR. R. STANLEY, Esq., Secretary Montreal Lacrosse Club:—

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

The New York Athletic Club will hereafter accept the entries of Messrs. J. A. Fullerton, D. E. Allen, and W. L. Allen, or any other

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

In this country the popular interest in all branches of outdoor exercises is well sustained, and the games now commonly known as athletic sports, as practised by our amateur clubs, are rapidly growing in favor. That such is not the case in England is shown by the following extract from the London Sporting Gazette of December 7:

"Every athlete I have spoken to is oppressed with a dismal foreboding that a decided reaction, whether temporary or otherwise one can't guess, is setting in with respect to athletics. Whether it is that the novelty of bicycling, which combines the pleasure of individual racing with a considerable amount of the danger which is so delightful to youth, is tempting people from the path, or whether it is that foot-ball is securing a still firmer hold on our young men, it is tolerably clear that just now there is nothing like the same interest taken in running and walking that there was a year or two ago."

WRESTLING CHALLENGE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.

To Editor of Sporting Times:—I hereby challenge any man in the Dominion of Canada to a wrestling match, Greco-Roman style, from \$100 to \$500 a side. Match to take place in Toronto. Money all ready deposited in the hands of Jos. Bandeau, clerk Canada Hotel, Montreal.

ANDRE CRISTOL,
Champion Wrestler of Europe.

MUSCULAR CHRISTIANS.—It is said that the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, the pastor of the Park Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., is about to form an athletic club. The gentleman in question has even gone so far as to file a certificate of incorporation, giving the names of Thomas R. Slicer, Robert A. Maxwell, J. W. Baker, John G. Hudson, James Taylor, Henry P. Wilkinson, Quincy D. Grover, Jr., and Henry P. Smith. The above-named church is connected with Plymouth Church.

O'LEARY AND CAMPANA.—The six days' walking match between these men commenced at 1 o'clock on Monday morning at Gilmore's Garden, New York, in the presence of about 2,000 spectators. Campana started off with the lead and at 8 p.m. had covered 71 miles, and O'Leary 65 miles. At 11 p.m. Campana had raised off 87 miles, and O'Leary 81; the latter going steadily, and continuing to be a strong favorite.

FOUR HOURS.—Rains and Irving made arrangements to compete in a four hours' go-as-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 scullers in its ranks.

MORE CROOKED WORK.

THE SILVER LAKE REGATTA.

HANLAN AND COURTNEY.

Apparently there is a feeble effort being made by some parties, more particularly in the States, to have Courtney challenge Hanlan again to row for the championship of America. It is claimed—and rightly, too, that if Courtney fails to challenge, Hanlan's time may be filled by engagements for the entire season to come, thus giving the former no opportunity to try and get possession of the championship and redeem his good name; and in order to prevent this contingency, he should immediately challenge, as Hanlan is in duty bound to give priority to challenges for the American championship, and should not allow private contests in a foreign land to interfere.

Hanlan is matched to row Hawdon, in England, on the 9th of May next, and will probably leave our shores in February. This fact alone, independent of the boating season being over, does away with the possibility of these scullers coming together prior to the race on the Tyne river. Neither would such a race create any undue excitement, owing to the cloud which still hangs over the Lachine fiasco. Between delinquent debtors, threatened suits and Hanlan's rumored change of management, the true inwardness of that affair may yet be made public.

In the event of Courtney not challenging Hanlan and fixing on some date for the race to take place after the Hawdon contest, the only plan of procedure left the former would be to go to England also, and there, by competing with English oarsmen, he may in the order of events have a chance to redeem his lost laurels with Hanlan. Mr. Barras, of Newcastle, England, is anxious to back Robert Watson Boyd against any sculler in the world; the race to take place on the Tyne River, or he will make two races, one to be rowed on the Tyne course and the other on the Thames. There would be no trouble of Courtney getting on a race, while his presence in conjunction with Hanlan might be the means of bringing about a grand contest for the world's championship, in which all the famous scullers would compete.

Should Hanlan beat Hawdon, he, in all probability, will immediately throw the gauntlet to Higgins and others, which will necessitate his rowing in English waters the greater portion of the summer. Hosmer and Ross have already gone to England, 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 Triquet 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 Hanlan 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 Lumaden.

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.

Billiards.

GARNIER BEATS SCHAFER.—A game of 800 points, between Garnier and Schaefer, on the evening of Dec. 11, at the Hebrew Fair, attracted more interest, because indicating, to some extent, the respective strength of these players, for the approaching tournament. It proved not a very exciting affair, Garnier scoring 800 when his opponent stood at only 177. Garnier is a public favorite, because he always does his level best. His best run on this occasion was 108, while Schaefer succeeded in putting up only 45 buttons at one time.

A TREMENDOUS RUN.—In practice with Joe Dion, on the 12th instant, George Slosson made the tremendous run of 888 points, the largest ever achieved in legitimate play. It was witnessed by Maurice Daly and other experts. Sexton same evening ran 414, and followed it with 881 the next evening. These performances will lend extra interest to the match between these players on the 27th inst., at Tammany Hall.

Base Ball.

RESIGNED.—Mr. A. V. McCleneghan, President of the Active Ball Club, Woodstock (champions of Canada), has resigned.

GOLDIE.—Mr. Fred. Goldsmith, late pitcher for the Tecumseh base ball club, is at present suffering from an abscess in his side, caused by pitching. He is recovering.

VALUABLE PURCHASES FOR CALIFORNIA.

Governor Leland Stanford, of California, through his agent, Mr. H. R. Covey, recently purchased in Kentucky, the following valuable broodmares, who will be transferred to his ranch, Polo Alto, and bred to the high-bred trotting stallion Electioneer:

Brown mare Rivulet, 5 years, by Rivoli, dam Bosio by Eclipse, in foal to Vigil.
Grey mare Frolic, 7 years, by Thunder, dam imp Siskin, by Mascotte; in foal to Lever.
Bay mare Helpmate, 5 years, by Planet, dam Full Cry, by Vandal; in foal to Vigil.
Bay mare, 7 years, by Versailles, dam Florac, (Warfield's dam) by imp. Mickey Free; in foal to Lever.

Brown filly Lizzie Whipple, 4 years, by Enquirer, dam The Grand Dutch 8, by Vandal, bred to Tom Bowling.

Chestnut filly Cuba, 4 years, by Australian dam Bettie Ward, by Lexington; in foal to Lever.
Brown mare Bonnie Lightfoot, 7 years, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Young Miss Lightfoot, by Lexington; in foal to Administrator.

Chestnut mare name Winnie, 7 years, by Planet, dam Lila 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 imp Knight of St. George, dam Sally Wallace, by Star Davis, in foal to Springbook.

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 Gennara, 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 PROPERTY.—Mr. George Cadwallader, Lexington, Ky., has sold to Mr. T. Robbins the bay colt Prophet, 2 years old, by Wanderer, dam Magnette, by Mahomet, out of Minerva Anderson, by imp Lumborough.

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:—Erastus Z Wright, Alex Buell, M. G. Thompson, Miles C Comstock. 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, Thos R Hutchinson; Second Vice-President, M. G. Thompson.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

DRUVER, City.—Young Erin Chief is a bay horse, foaled 1871, by Erin Chief (he by Howe's Royal George, dam Erin Queen, by imported Charon) dam by Toronto Chief (he by Toronto Chief, the sire of Tom Jefferson); 2nd dam the Goodenough mare by St. Lawrence, 8rd dam by Tipico; 4th dam by Tom Kimball.

ARCHER.—Thanks. On account of going to press earlier than usual this week, we are obliged to hold over your very interesting communication until next week.

J. Y. G., Arthur.—Whenever a misdeal is attributable to any interruption by the adversaries, the deal will not be forfeited. Hence, if an adversary touch his cards during the deal, and the dealer's partner has not done so, no misdeal can be claimed.

"OULD IRELAND."—The Emerald Isle, with an area no larger than the State of Maine, is an immense producer of live stock, the bulk of which finds its way to England. Last year the shipments of live stock to England amounted to 1,900,000 head, as follows: Cattle, 65,000; sheep, 651,000; swine, 588,000; goats, 4,000; horses, 19,000; asses and mules, 500; other stock, 524,500.

DEATH OF LADY LOW.—The well-known mare Lady Low, owned by Obeney Luce, died on the 30th ult., at Sacramento, Cal., of lockjaw. The cause of the trouble was an injury to the foot, through stepping upon a piece of bone some time since.

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 Seigrist Brothers, athletes, and the Ulm 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. Jos 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 Boissett Family of gymnasts, five in number. Their groupings and acrobatic feats are very clever. Mile. 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 Shaftesbury 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.