

THE PEOPLE'S PASTIMES.

The National Base Ball Club of this city is to play a game with the Orono, Maine College Club, of Orono, Me., is sure to be a great event. It takes place this afternoon on the grounds of the St. John Cricket and Athletic Club.

The St. John Cricket Club goes to Halifax this week to meet the Wanderers and the Garrison Clubs. They will also play a match with Truro on their return.

TOMMY.

VALUABLE RACE HORSES.

Facts Suggested by the Offer of \$100,000 for Bendigo.

(London Telegraph.)

On Friday last Mr. H. T. Barclay, the owner of Bendigo, received a telegram from Mr. William Wright, the well-known Anglo-Parisian bookmaker, offering him £20,000 down and other contingencies for his noble steed. The contingencies in question are, we believe, that Bendigo is to remain under the charge of Jousiffe, his present trainer, until he has run out any engagements for which Mr. Barclay may think proper to start him; that half of any stake that Bendigo may win shall be paid to Mr. Barclay; and finally, that Mr. Barclay shall have the annual privilege of sending three mares gratis to his old favorite. It is a splendid bid for, perhaps, the grandest horse in the world—so splendid, indeed, that any man, however wealthy, would be well justified in reflecting many times before he responded to it in the negative. For a century, or more, there have from time to time been rumors of magnificent offers made for famous thoroughbreds, but we are aware of no instance in which a horse, either in this or any other country, has ever been sold for as large a sum as 15,000 guineas. The biggest prices actually given for horses were about £14,300 paid by Lord Dupplin to Mr. Cosden for Petrarch, £14,000 paid by the Duke of Westminster to Mr. Robert Peck for Doncaster, 12,500 guineas paid by the Cobham Stud Company to the executors of Mr. Blenkiron for Blair Athol and a like sum paid by Lord Hastings to Mr. Padwick for the worthless Kangaroo. In three out of these four instances the purchasers had the best of the bargain. Lord Dupplin won the Two Thousand Guineas, the Doncaster St. Leger and one or two other small stakes with Petrarch; the Duke of Westminster has to thank Doncaster for two Derbys, a Two Thousand, a One Thousand and a Doncaster St. Leger, won by a son, a daughter and a grandson of the Derby winner in 1873; and Blair Athol, whose service fee ranged for many years from 100 to 200 guineas, is said to have recouped the Cobham Stud Company twice over for his purchase money. Kangaroo alone failed to pay one of the most spirited and princely patrons that the turf has ever boasted, seeing that he never won a race for Lord Hastings, and was eventually sold for a few sovereigns. As regard enormous sums offered, or said to have been offered, for great race-horses in the storied past, we may mention, on the authority of that very rare book Pierce Egan's "Sporting Anecdotes," that Lord Grosvenor bid 11,000 guineas in 1770 for Eclipse, when that prince of sires had retired from the turf. The answer of Capt. O'Kelly was that he would take £20,000 down for Eclipse if his purchaser would also settle a well-secured annuity of £500 a year upon the horse's vendor and allow him to send three mares gratis to Eclipse every year. In more recent times the Marquis of Westminster refused a splendid offer for Touchstone, which emanated from Baron Biel, of Hanover, adding that he would not accept a German principality in exchange for the St. Leger winner of 1834. Again, it is on record that in 1834 Capt. Stockton, of New Jersey, in the United States, offered Mr. Batson 5,000 guineas down for Plenipotentiary, and 1,000 guineas a year so long as the horse lived. The offer was refused, but had Mr. Batson accepted it, and had Plenipotentiary lived as long in the United States as he did in England, the price paid for him altogether would have been 25,000 guineas, as Plenipotentiary died, aged thirty-three, in 1854.

Within our own time Mr. Henry Savile is said to have refused 15,000 guineas for Cremorne, Mr. Houlsworth a like sum for Springfield and Mr. F. Grettton 20,000 guineas for Isonomy. It is doubtful, however, whether in any of these three instances the offer, if it ever was made at all, was made in good faith. Each of the three owners in question was a rich man, and each was known to be passionately attached to his horse. There is not much courage in making a big offer when it is known beforehand that it is sure not to be accepted.

Sporting Notes.

Champion John L. Sullivan is receiving \$50 a game for umpiring in the Eastern League. He is a drawing card.

Joe McGrath of Brooklyn has challenged Martin Dempsey (brother of Jack Dempsey), who is the lightweight champion collar-and-elbow wrestler, to a \$50 a side wrestling match.

The feather-weight champions Patsey O'Leary and Tommy Warren are matched to fight in a fifteen-round contest at Chester Park, Cincinnati, on July 4, with small gloves, for \$1,000 a side and a division of the gate receipts.

Tommy Warren, champion feather-weight pugilist of America, has accepted the challenge of Ike Weir, the "Belfast Spider" and champion feather-weight of Great Britain, to fight for \$1,000 a side and the International championship.

The second race for a handicap medal of the Yonkers Bicycle Club took place Friday over a four-mile course on Riverdale avenue. D. G. Holbrook, scratch, present holder, won in 15m. 22s. W. L. Thorne, 10 seconds, next, in 15m. 38s.

Charles McCarthy, light weight, of Philadelphia, who met Jack Dempsey, has put up a forfeit of \$100 at the Police Gazette office to fight any man in America at 126 pounds, London prize ring rules, to a finish, with kid gloves. This is meant for Jim Breslin, Jack Hopper, or Billy Dacy.

The New York Driving Club will, it is announced, offer a purse of \$1,500 for Harry Wilkes to beat his record, 2:13 in the latter part of June. It was first determined to offer a purse for Harry Wilkes and Oliver K., but Mr. Schwartz, when approached, said his horse would not be ready in June.

The second deposit in the international match between Jimmy Mitchell of Philadelphia and Jem Carney of England for \$1,000 a side and the light-weight championship of the world was received at the Clipper office yesterday. Both men are in strict training. Carney under George Young and Mitchell under Alf Lunt. They are said to be in the pink of condition.

Jack Schaefer has definitely decided to go to Europe, and, in company with Dick Roche and wife, will sail for Havre on July 2. Should he succeed in getting a game with either Slosson or Vignaux, he will not return until late in the fall. Otherwise he will not be away more than a month or six weeks. Mr. Roche does not expect to be back for a year or more, or until his health has improved. Schaefer will also visit Patti and Nicolini at their castle in Wales.

Jack Files, who was recently whipped by John Reagan, says: "I am satisfied no pugilist, no matter how scientific or game he is, who has seen the lights put out as often as I have, has any business to enter the prize ring with a fresh young fellow who has youth on his side. While I've lost my power of hitting, every time Reagan hit me you bet I felt it, and my blows did not seem to make any impression, and I went off like the snuff of a candle." Files is over 30 years old and Reagan is only 20.

A Wrestler's Romantic Marriage.

(Minneapolis Tribune.)

Reports connect Charles Moth, the big German Greco-Roman wrestler, who was at one time quite a factor among members of the sporting fraternity in Minneapolis, with a thrilling romance, in which the other party is an heiress, the daughter of a banker, a vision of loveliness, tall, finely formed, with clear complexion, large, lustrous eyes, a wealth of blonde hair and only eighteen years of age. This bright vision is Miss Stella Wilcox, and she and the brawny Hercules Teuton met at the Y. M. C. A. rooms in Kansas City. Both were alike smitten on sight, but it cost Moth several days of walking the streets and \$1 paid to a coachman before there was a chance for acquaintance. This difficult point passed, a secret marriage followed, which is said to have occurred last November. Lately a knowledge of the marriage has leaked out, and relatives are moving to have the marriage annulled.

Look out for the Saturday Gazette next week.

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