NELLIE WADDELL'S HANDICAP

Only Two Favorites Landed in First Place at New Orleans, Over Fast Track.

SOME GOOD RACING AT OAKLAND

First and Second Choices Divided the Card—The Program for To-Day.

New Orleans, Jan. 6.—Nellie Waddell and Circus were the winning favorites to-day. Weather clear; track fast. Summary:

First race, 1 mile, selling—Nyx, 97 (Boyd), 50 to 1, 1; Ida Penzance, 105 (Landry), 4 to 1, 2; El Ghor, 104 (T. Dean), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.42. Shut Up, Gray Dally, Dromburg, Little Henry, Hop Scotch, Masterful, Reefer, Barney F. and Laureata also ran.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Lingo, 104 (J. Rice), 5 to 1, 1; Orla, 105 (A. Jones), 3 to 1, 2; Siphon, 104 (R. Steele), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.14. Col. Stone, Ernest Parham, Herodes, Lathrop and Mahtorce also ran.

Third race, 1 mile, selling—Garter Ban, 104 (Brennan), 6 to 1, 1; Hutch Miller, 104 (Hope), 20 to 1, 2; Henry of Franstmar, 111 (J. Miller), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.42. Swordsman, Donator, Star Cotton, Eugenia S. and Miss Soak also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, 6 furlongs—Nellie Waddell, 99 (Cochran), 8 to 3, 1; Semicolon, 106 (Dade), 7 to 1, 2; St. Cuthbert, 106 (T. O'Brien), 13 to 5, 3. Time 1.13. Kaloma and Andes also ran.

Fifth race, 1 3-16 miles, selling—Gov. Boyd, 108 (Landry), 8 to 1, 1; Campus, 105 (Dade), 5 to 1, 2; Major Manzir, 110 (Miller), 4 to 1, 3. Time 2.03. Woodtrice, Jim Breeze, Strangest, Uncle Tom and Judge Steadman also ran.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 50 yards—Circus, 107 (Stack), 7 to 5, 1; King Tatius, 94 (Helgeson), 10 to 1, 2; The Ways, 97 (Hope), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.45. James Fitz, Lady Clark, King Ford, Dr. Hart, Leenja and The Mormon also ran.

Favorites Win at Oakland.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Weather cloudy; track fast. First race—Saul of Tarsus, 9 to 2, 1; Maresa 2, Alzura 3. Time 1.08. Second race—Jarretiere D'Or, 11 to 20, 1; Nonie 2, Constable 3. Time 1.11¼. Third race—Dangerous Maid, 5 to 2, 1; Ordunna 2, Duckoy 3. Time 1.13¾. Fourth race—Homestead, 7 to 2, 1; La Goleta 2, Edgardo 3. Time 1.43¾. Fifth race—Leuldns, 11 to 5, 1; Bathos 2, Pohn 3. Time 1.46¾. Sixth race—El Mido, 3 to 1, 1; Sylvan Lass 2, Afghan 3. Time 1.46¾.

To-Day's Racing Card.

Oakland entries: First race, 11-16 mile, maidens—Discovery 122, Dwight Way 119, Annie Max 117, Wandering Boy 119, Rosarie 117, Sir Claus 119, Royal Rogue 119, The Maniac 119, King Herald 119, St. Chester 122, Mintaka 122, Knockings 119, Claudator 122.

Second race, ⅞ mile, selling—Bob Palmer 126, Ravino 126, Marineuse 126, Kastaline 127, Senator Matz 129, M. L. Rothchild 129, Onyx 129, Harry Fletcher 131, Rey De' San Juan 129, Kilien 129, Sidelong 129.

Third race, ¾ mile, selling—St. Sever 104, Jacqueminot 102, Hainhault 109, Commissioner Foster 108.

Fourth race, ⅞ mile, handicap—Tower of Candles 104, Gusto 104, Rey Dare 106, Rubus 90, Sister Jennie 95, Josie G. 110.

Fifth race, 1 mile and 100 yards, selling—Nellie Forest 102, Plead 105, Flamero 100, Lost Girl 107, King Dellis 112, Col. Ballantyne 107, Nilgar 109, Tony Lepping 107, Grand Sachem 109, Invictus 104, Tammany Chief 104, Alicia.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—Rollie 106, Sweet Tooth 105, Horton 112, Aluna II. 103, Picador 111, Floronso 109, Casinka 87, Pat Morrissey 91, Rio Shannon 112, Kitty Kelly 93, Yarro 94, Wyoming 111. Weather cloudy; track fast.

New Orleans entries: First race, selling, 1 mile—Alex. Brown, Esher, Riggs 93, Lillian Reed 103, Balloon, Little Tim 104, Tartar, Palarm, Glad Run 105, Lord Howard 108, Little Henry 109, Weidman 111, Campus 114.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Uletma 92, Levy D. 94, Early Refent 97, Monte Homyar 107, Ben Hull 109, Ernest Parham, Pyrrho 112.

Third race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling—Weird 114, John Grigsby, Helen Paxton 117, Rebel Jack, Papa Harry 119, John Baker 122, Elsie Bramble 123, Gassoon, Myth 125, Deponan 127, Ecome, Mr. Phinizy 128.

Fourth race, handicap, 7 furlongs—Gala Day 90, Silver Coin, Saline 95, Grantor 96, Fleuron, Henry Bert 105, Sevoy 120.

Fifth race, 1⅛ miles, selling—Annie Thompson 95, Zack Phillips 97, John Bull 102, Life Line, Dalkeith, Mr. Pomeroy, Farmer Bennett 105, Menace 106, Menos 112.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Insolence 80, Cast Iron 88, Frank M., Garter Ban 98, Jenna, Eva Rice 99, Del Allen 100, Death, Sir Florian 101, Corlilo 104, Piederich 107.

Suburban Handicap Entries.

New York, Jan. 6.—The list of entries for the Suburban Handicap was made public to-day by the Coney Island Jockey Club. In the list are 57 horses of the highest quality on the American turf, among the number being Mr. Whitney's Ballyhoo Bey, winner of the Futurity of 1900.

Nearly 1000 entries have been received for the Futurity of 1904.

Following are the entries for the Suburban: Arden, Advance Guard, Alcedo, Alard Scheck, All Gold, Auto Light, Ballyhoo Bey, Banastar, Baron Pepper, Black Boy, Blue Girl Blues, Bonnibert, Brigadier, Carbunrle, Chilton, Contend, Dixie Line, Dr. Barlow, Dublin, Elkhorn, Emperium, Flying Torpedo, Fly Wheel, Gamp, Germania, Gold Heels, Gold Seeker, Herbert, Heno, Hernando His Eminence, Kamara, Keynote, Lady Schorr, Lancaman, Mad Monarch, Mischievous, Monograph, McMeekin, Northern Star, Oom Paul, Pentecost, Port Royal, Robin Roehampton, Sadie S., Silver Dale, Six Shooter, Slipthrift, Tea Candles, Tom Rhymer, Toddy, Trigger, Water Color, Water Cure, Wealth, Withers.

SHARKEY AS FIGHT CHAMPION.

Sailor Talks as He Trains for His Battle With Jeffries.

Brooklyn, Jan. 6.—One of the busiest spots in the borough of Brooklyn at the present time is the home of the Sullivan boys (Spike and Dave), at Homecrest. For the past few days the air in the vicinity of their house has resounded with the blows of hammers and a scurrying around that betokened preparation for some event of more than ordinary importance. An anxious unrest had settled upon the neighborhood, which was not dissipated until yesterday morning, when the rumor became current that, in the gymnasium back of the house, Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist, was to prepare for his battle for the heavyweight championship of the world with James Jeffries, the California giant.

When a reporter called yesterday morning he found the redoubtable Spike hammer in hand, just putting the finishing touches to the last of two punching bag platforms and the burly sailor in another portion of the building undergoing a thoro massaging at the hands of his trainer, he having just returned from a stiff run over the roads of the surrounding country.

The big fellow looked the picture of health, but after a few words of pleasant greeting his face assumed a worried look as he asked: "What is all this talk about a match between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons? Why, I'm going to fight Jeffries, and have signed articles, so what chance has Fitzsimmons got to meet him?"

"Well, they say that Fitzsimmons has decided to fight again, Tom," answered the reporter. "What do you think of that?"

"I don't believe it; and, what's more, Bob has declared time and again that he is done with the ring. The Jeffries crowd know that, and they know that he means it. Besides, why are they so anxious to take on Bob? Jeffries beat him by knocking him out, and the best he could do with me was to get the decision, and a wrong one, at that. If Jeffries wants to fight Fitz, why don't he wait until he is thru with me? I think he shows by his action that he thinks Bob is easier game than I am, or he wouldn't be so anxious to take him on.

"I'm going to be the heavyweight champion of the world within a few months. I am going to win from Jeffries decisively this time. After that it will be time enough for him to talk of fighting Fitzsimmons. Anyhow, all this talk will die out just as soon as Jeffries arrives in town. The money for our fight in San Francisco will then be posted (mine is up now), and final arrangements made. You won't hear any more talk of Jeffries and Fitzsimmons then."

By this time Sharkey had put on his ordinary clothes, and all hands adjourned to the house for luncheon. Tom's appetite is proportionate to his size, and the way the food disappeared from the table would make the proprietors of some of the big hotels bid for his patronage.

After lunch all hands loafed around for a while, and then went to the gymnasium again. Here Sharkey donned his working clothes and indulged in an hour and a half's work of punching the bag, skipping the rope, and concluding with three fast rounds with big Bob Armstrong.

Jeffries-Sharkey Fight.

New York, Jan. 6.—The details of the match between Jeffries and Sharkey have been finally determined upon. The men agree to fight for 62½ per cent. of the gross receipts, of which the winner takes 75 and the loser 25 per cent. The fight will take place on some date between March 28 and April 5. The scene of the battle will be the Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, under the auspices of the Yosemite Athletic Club of that city. Champion Jeffries, Sharkey and the Yosemite Club management have agreed to post $2500 forfeit each with Harry Corbett as final stakeholder. The principals will go into active training at once.

Bouts in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—Kid Broad of Cleveland had a shade the better of the 6-round bout with Tim Callahan of Philadelphia to-night at the Pennsylvania Athletic Club. The fight was a slow one, and neither man suffered any punishment.

The bout between Eddie Connolly of St. John, N.B., and Joe Gans of Baltimore at the Washington Sporting Club to-night was stopped in the fifth round by the referee.

The Canadian was clearly out of condition, and Gans was his master as far as the fight went. Connolly persisted in wrestling and hugging his opponent to such an extent that the referee stopped the contest in the fifth round. The men were scheduled to go six rounds.

Toronto Canoe Club.

Fully 125 members and gentlemen friends sat down to an oyster supper in the club house on Saturday evening after whist and pedro had been indulged in.

As an incentive to the card players, Commodore T. D. Bailey is giving special prizes in each section.

The hockey team will practise Monday and Thursday nights at the usual hour. The intermediates play Hamilton on Friday night at the Mutual-street rink. "Illyah!" will certainly be heard that night. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and their friends, not forgetting the ladies. Red and black are the colors.

The Wallace Cup handicap whist tournament begins next Saturday night. Many teams are entered, and the competition is likely to be very keen. All whist players of the club are requested to enter. The tournament will extend over about five weeks.

The House Committee's announcement, entitled "Club and Other Nights," is out. It is a neat folder, and the fixtures are certainly very promising.

Toronto Whist Club.

The game on Friday, the regular visitors' night, at the Toronto Whist Club, proved a victory for the exponents of short whist, the fall of the cards suiting that style of play. Messrs. Rogers and Schulte got top score with plus 8, while three pairs were tied for second place with plus 2. The first round in the semi-finals for the trophy took place on Saturday night. Messrs. Ledger and R. S. Brown got top score with plus 12, followed by Hunter and Gallagher with plus 9.

Judge McDougall and Judge Morson will to-day hold a Court of Appeal on the registration in West York.

Sandow Strength

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TORONTO BALL CLUB BOARD.

Directors Hold Meeting and Discuss Reorganization.

A meeting of the Toronto Baseball Club directorate was held yesterday, when the matter of reorganizing the board was discussed at length. Before anything definite was done an adjournment was made until this morning. It is understood that Messrs. Muiqueen and Bedingfield are anxious to resign, owing to prevailing circumstances, and that Messrs. Soole and Cooch are being pressed to stand for the vacancies. The matter will likely be settled this morning.

Detroit Wants Pitcher Chrystal.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—Manager Frank Dwyer of the Detroit Baseball Club came into town yesterday. He left last night and might stop off at Buffalo. It is supposed that he will go down New York way, look up the pitcher he still seeks and possibly have another chat with Keeler. At the present time Pitcher Chrystal, whom Cleveland tried out and released, is about Buffalo. He has been mentioned by some as a Detroit possibility, tho the club owners have never said anything about him, and Dwyer did not mention him. Chrystal is a left-hander, and has never assisted any body. He needs coaching and experience, and is hardly the high-class man that the Detroit magnates seek to round out the pitching staff with.

Bonner Wants to Play in Chicago.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Frank Bonner, the second baseman who signed with Cleveland and then with Chicago and afterwards announced his intention of playing with Cleveland, has written to Manager Frank Selee offering to go to Chicago for more money. Selee had made arrangements for Bonner with Toronto, but says he cannot afford to take any chances with the player until he knows where he intends to play. If he concludes to take Bonner he will put Doyle behind the bat.

Indoor Baseball.

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—The scores in the indoor baseball games played in the Palace Rink to-night were: Ramblers, 26, St. Patrick's, 5. Victoria Yacht Club, 19, West End Pleasure Club, 17. Umpires—A. Disher and W. Carlisle.

Single Rink Competition.

A meeting of the Walker Vase Committee will be held at Mr. E. A. Badenach's office, Leader-lane, Monday, Jan. 13, at 12 o'clock noon, providing the preliminary first and second rounds are played off the Friday and Saturday preceding. The meeting is to arrange date and place for the remaining games that are to be played, appoint umpires and transact any other business. The draw for the first round will be made at the Granite Club this Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Death of J. J. Craig of Fergus.

Fergus, Jan. 6.—John James Craig, publisher of The News-Record of this town, and president of the Canadian Lacrosse Association in 1897, was buried at Belsyde Cemetery here yesterday. Mr. Craig died at Gravenhurst on Friday.

Sporting Notes.

Joseph Harker, who sold Maud S. to W. H. Vanderbilt for $40,000, is dead at New York.

The date of the Kentucky Derby has been changed by the New Louisville Jockey Club from Thursday, May 1, to Saturday, May 3, the club having decided to give Nashville two days assigned to Louisville.

Dave Sullivan and Terry McGovern will not fight before the Yosemite Athletic Club of San Francisco. Political developments in the Golden Gate have caused the Yosemite Club to abandon the scheme to have the little pugilists meet in its arena.

It is reported that Tod Sloan will this season wear the colors and ride the horses owned by Messrs. Hulman of Cincinnati. Sloan, it is stated, will be reinstated by the English Jockey Club on the condition that he will not accept any mounts in England. Then the N.Y. Jockey Club will license the rider.

Arrangements have been made by the Toronto Lacrosse Club to leave for England on March 29. Fifteen men go. Presidents Cameron and Macdonald will have charge of the jaunt. The tour will last eight weeks. All last season's team will go, with one exception, Allan Ier. Pick Lillie and E. W. Morris will be the candidates.

Jim Ferns has been matched to box George McFadden in Philadelphia 6 rounds on Jan. 20. Ferns, who is in Buffalo, in company with his trainer-manager, Jack Hanley, declares that Jack Sharkey did not quit in their fight of Friday night, but that he was knocked out. "A right fell on the wind and jaw did for him," said Ferns yesterday. "And he was winded good and cold for about a minute. It was a knockout, and he is being ill-used when he says he quit."

The 25-round bout between Terry McGovern and Dave Sullivan will take place before the Southern A.C. of Louisville, Ky., on the afternoon of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. The conditions of the match are 25 rounds at 126 pounds, weigh in at 10 o'clock, Feb. 22. The purse offered and agreed upon is 60 per cent. of the gross receipts to be divided, 60 per cent. to the winner, and 35 per cent. to the loser. It was stipulated that, if Bob Fitzsimmons should not go to Louisville to referee the contest, Tim Hurst is to act as referee.

MR. O'BRIEN IN AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, Jan. 6.—Mr. William O'Brien, the Irish Nationalist, who is being feted here, said in the course of a speech that the United Irish party was dreaded by the House of Commons, and the Liberal party was divided on the subject of Lord Rosebery.

The imperialist threat to curtail Irish representation, said Mr. O'Brien, was absurd, and the government would not be able to put thru such a measure without causing a new war in Ireland, and England would find Ireland a united and disciplined fighting power.

PERSONALS.

A deputation from the Home for Incurables waited on the Ontario government yesterday with the request for an increased grant. The government promised to consider the application.

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COMMERCIAL MEN AT PLAY

W. R. Johnston & Co. Hockeyists Won Opening League Game By 5 Goals to 0.

MANY O.H.A. TEAMS AT PRACTICE

Barrie Won at Collingwood By 4 Goals to 3—All Score in the Second Half.

The first match in the Commercial League was played last night on the Varsity rink, when the W. R. Johnston team defeated Nesbitt & Auld by 5 goals to 0. The score at half-time was 3 to 0. The match was a fair exhibition of hockey, there being no rough play on the part of either team. The game was won on its merits altho the Nesbitt & Auld players put up a good fight. There were many brilliant plays made by both sides. This opens what promises to be a successful season for the commercial chasers of the puck. The match was witnessed by a fair sized crowd of enthusiasts. The line up of the teams was:

W. R. Johnston (5): Lailey, goal; McDougall, point; Rogers, cover; Ireland, L. Carmichael, Matheson, Hicks, forwards.

Nesbitt & Auld (0): Isaacs, goal; Davis, point; Edwards, cover; Gibson, Davidson, Ross, Bell, forwards.

Referee, F. C. Waghorne, president Toronto Lacrosse Hockey League.

Barrie Beat Collingwood.

Collingwood, Jan. 6.—The game between Barrie and Collingwood here to-night was very fast and exciting. The home team losing by 4 to 3. Barrie scored nothing, Collingwood scored 3, Barrie 4 in the second half. Teams:

Barrie (4): Thomas, goal; Williams, point; Gallie, cover; Lyon, Taggart, Irvine, Colwell, forwards.

Collingwood (3): Patterson, goal; Millie, point; Boyce, cover; Andrews, Collins, Collins, Westcott, forwards.

Referee, J. English of Toronto; umpires, W. Kelsey, Barrie; J. Noble, Collingwood.

Waterloo Beat Ayr 11 to 0.

Waterloo, Jan. 6.—Before an audience of 200, Waterloo and Ayr met in the first league game of the season in Waterloo Rink, the home team winning by a score of 11 to 0. It was a fast game, notwithstanding the large score. Waterloo's Kaupfere of Guelph refereed the game, and when the bell sounded the following was the line:

Ayr (0)—Goal, J. Watson; point, G. Chalk; cover-point, W. Williams; forwards, T. Robson, G. Degan, K. Gordon, T. Edgar.

Waterloo (11)—Goal, Raymo; point, Morley; cover-point, Forester; forwards, C. Roos, Young, Hendry, Seyler.

Cornwall Beat Morrisburg.

Cornwall, Jan. 6.—Cornwall defeated Morrisburg by 10 goals to 3 in the first O.H.A. senior match of the season. The visitors were outplayed generally, but put up a plucky fight. The teams were:

Cornwall (9): B Beloduau, H Armstrong, A. Dillabough, A McGannon, R M Allen, C Holmes, H Gale.

Cornwall (12): J Hunter, F Dennon, G Stiles, H Stiles, W Eastwood, A Allan, A McMillan.

Umpires—A Pruner and J Desmonds. Referee—C D Shannon, Iroquois.

After the Puck.

The Wellingtons had a good practice last night.

Varsity had a big turnout last night. After its practice Doc Wright was elected captain.

The St. George's II. team played the Canoe Club a practice match last night at the Mutual-street Rink.

Doc Elliott has been elected captain of the Toronto Canoe Club's intermediate team, Shaw captain of the juniors.

The Osgoode Hall team will practise to-night at 6.30 at the Mutual-street Rink, and all members are requested to attend.

The Crawfords will play the Consolidated Cleaners of the Intercommercial League, 1901, on Queen City Rink at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The drug clerks hold their initial practice Wednesday night at Victoria College Rink, Queen Park, 9 to 10. All members and those wishing to join are requested to be on hand.

Listowel Juniors proved an easy mark for Stratford in the first hockey match of the season in the O.H.A. series, played at Stratford last night, Stratford winning by a score of 17 to 2.

On Saturday afternoon at Victoria College Rink the Success Club of Jarvis-street Baptist Church played a game of hockey with the Young People's Society of the same church, resulting in a victory for the former, the score being 6 to 0.

There will be a meeting of the Commercial League to-night at Chaney's at 8 o'clock to finish drawing up the schedule. Teams are requested to send delegates. Next game Thursday night, Jan. 9. Bradshaw & Sons will play Gowans-Kent on Victoria College Rink at 8 o'clock.

A meeting of the Wellington Hockey Club was held last night to decide on the refusal of the Stanley Cup games, but no decision was arrived at, as the Victorias only suggested Roxborough and McGillicuddy of Winnipeg, and the champions will likely make the choice to-morrow night after their practice. The team will leave for the west on Saturday, Jan. 18, arriving at Winnipeg on Jan. 20.

The Caledonian Rink offered a great hockey card this week, as they have two intermediate games, and will wind up on Saturday night with a senior game between Varsity and the champion Wellingtons. The latter should be a good one. The first intermediate match will be on Thursday night, between Wellingtons II. and St. George's II. teams. On Friday night the Toronto Canoe Club will play off with Hamilton.

The Bank Hockey League season opens at the Victoria Rink on Saturday afternoon, when the Dominion and Toronto Bank teams meet. They are old-time rivals and great interest is always taken in their matches. The Toronto team will have a couple of new men on, as Clemes, the star of last year's Parkdales, has joined the staff, and McCollum is here from Cobourg. The Dominion team will be almost the same as last year.

ONE WAY SHORTLY.

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—It is thought now that the arbitration question in the Pan-American conference will be determined one way or another, either to-morrow or Wednesday. Whether or not the solution will be the disruption of the conference will depend on whether the 10 delegations who favor compulsory arbitration will accept a compromise measure, to be offered them to-morrow, on lines suggested by W. T. Buchanan of the United States delegation. The Mexican delegation, however, will present the compromise. The 10 delegations favoring compulsory arbitration are determined to bring the matter to an issue this week.

FAMOUS CASE CLOSED.

Pittsburg, Jan. 6.—A case famous in international diplomacy was closed to-day by the payment by the State Department at Washington of $7500 damages to Mrs. Lenz, the mother of Frank G. Lenz, an American wheelman, who was killed by Turkish officials.

Destroyed By Fire.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 6.—The elevator of the Port Huron Elevator Company was totally destroyed by fire to-night. This leaves but one elevator in this city to handle the immense amount of grain carried by the Grand Trunk Railway from upper lake ports. The financial loss is $25,000.

FASTEST RECORDS FOR 1901.

Trotters.

Two-year-old—Prelatess, br. f., by Ponce de Leon	2.15½
Three-year-old—Peter Sterling, ch. g., by Baronmore	2.11¼
Four-year-old—Eleata, blk. f., by Dexter Prince	2.08¾
Five-year-old—Roralma, ch. g., by Boreal	2.07
Mare—Dolly Dillon, b. m., 6, by Sidney Dillon	2.07
Stallion—Cresceus, ch. m., 7, by Robert McGregor	*2.02¼
Gelding—The Abbot, b. g., 8, by Chimes	*2.04
New Performer—Eleata, blk. f., 4, by Dexter Prince	2.08¾

Pacers.

Two-year-old—Miss McClintock, b. f., by Ashland Wilkes	2.17¼
Three-year-old—Silver Coin, b. c., by Steinway	2.16¼
Four-year-old—Audubon Boy, ch. c., by J. J. Audubon	2.06
Five-year-old—Dan Patch, b. h., by Joe Patchen	2.04½
Gelding—Prince Alert, b. g., 9, by Crown Prince	2.00¾
Stallion—Dan Patch, b. h., 5, by Joe Patchen	2.04½
Mare—Mazette, b m., 6, by Tennessee Wilkes	2.04¼
New Performer—Shadow Chimes, br. h., 5 by Chimes	2.06¾

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KRUGER AND THE WAR.

Document Intimating That "Chamberlain Will Have a Surprise."

London, Jan. 6.—The Daily Mail says: Did Kruger want war?

It is the custom among pro-Boers to affect to regard him as the man of peace, one who never really contemplated hostilities, who was forced into an impossible position, who was the overmatched victim of astute British diplomacy.

The fiction that he struggled against war till the last is slowly being dissipated, and it is now generally recognized by all fair-minded men that he was resolved to appeal to the sword, and that he welcomed the way in which events shaped themselves.

In this connection we may print the following copy of a sworn translation of a Dutch letter found in the trenches outside Mafeking. It has never yet been published. "J. S.," the writer, is one of the Snymans, who figured so prominently in the operations around Mafeking.

Notice the date of the letter—Sept. 11; the ultimatum was launched exactly one month later:

"Very Secret."

Pretoria, Sept. 11, 1899.

Dear Brother,—I arrived here yesterday early, and had a conversation with our old President, when I laid before him the matter about which I came. To put it short, it is absolutely useless.

The old chap was nearly raving about it, and said that the burghers wanted to tie his hands, and so, brother, the thing is simply settled. The President said we had gone too far, and help from overseas was positively promised, only unanimity of opinion must reign here or we could neither expect nor obtain assistance. Brother, the old man and his Hollander dogs talk very easily about the thing; but what shall we do, because if one speaks against it one is simply a rebel? So I remain dumb.

On the stoep it is nothing but war, but in the Raad everything is peace and Queen. Those are the politics they talk. I have nothing more to say here, but I can tell you a good deal. Brother, old Reitz says Chamberlain will have a great surprise one of these days, and the burghers must sleep with one eye open.

It is rumored here that our military officers work day and night to send old Victoria an ultimatum before she is ready. The old President says that the English intend sending niggers from India against us, but the whole of the Basuto, Swazi and Zulu nations are mustered to help us, and also the Free State and Colonial fellows. The old "Rooineks" will make a very sorry show against us.

If it were possible to settle all questions at one blow and to keep our country, then I should be in favor of it, but not to have the burghers in a minority again, for that would only mean a second bloodshed. But Cronje will be our general, and it will be left to the volunteers of Landgosen to settle the Baralongs, and I am quite in favor of that because we alone have had the trouble. Old Hammerkop will have to see to that and also Cornelius Otto. Brother, I am anxious to get back, because I see that things will never go right. Send me at once the money for the Orphan Master, and a couple of extra pounds for my expenses, otherwise I might run short. Brother, what I am writing about politics is very secret, so do not tell it to any private individual.

You may tell it as a secret to Hans and Isak, so that they can quietly prepare themselves. I will not sell my horses now.

Brother, I have found out something from Reitz. They have had some misunderstanding with Kruger. It appears he is nothing but a British spy. Naturally it is not all right with him, according to some of his letters, which he has written, whatever you can let — know, because he considers him his friend.

There are complete lists here of every Uitlander and political prisoner, drawn up by the Secret Service officials. I see that every adult Uitlander inhabitant of Pretoria will stand by us, and the old President will stand no nonsense. He says this shows our case to be right and reasonable. Brother, do not sell my cart now, but shorten the bands at once, and I shall not buy a new one any more. Brother, I must now end. Send the money at once. Old Kock says he has no money at the moment. I want to find out something more about the Zoemana concession.

Hollard, so I hear, is absent, but he is expected some time soon. The three-furrow plows are not to be got here, but at Johannesburg. The gold laws are good, but not very bad. All the commandants have been called up again to-day. I hear.

Kind regards to all, brothers and sisters,

Yours affectionately,

J. S.

Brother, old Joubert is just raging about the sleepiness of the commandants of Marice and Lichtenberg. He says the enemy's spies are always among them, but they simply sleep, ——. I think that is right, don't you?

KILLED BY AN AVALANCHE.

Several French Soldiers Swept Away in the Snow.

Paris, Jan. 6.—News has come to hand of a terrible Alpine accident which has killed several Chasseurs Alpins, the hardy little mountaineers whom the late Queen Victoria thought so much of. It should not be confused with a similar mishap which injured many men of the same regiment on the same day—yesterday.

While a detachment of the Commissariat Department of the 97th Alpine Battalion was on its way to revictual the mountain post of the Col de Frejus, on the Italian frontier, about Modane, another avalanche came crashing down the mountain side, burying a sergeant and ten men. Five men were able to escape, but the other six, including the sergeant, were swallowed up in the snow.

The Paris correspondent of The "Nouvelliste de Lyon" has courteously communicated to me the following additional details received from Chambery this evening:

"The detachment of the 97th Battalion which was surprised by an avalanche was divided into two corps, one of six men and the other of five. Two men of each corps were attached to one another by a cord. Both sections were struck by the mass of snow and ice, but the corps of five had a miraculous escape.

"As they were being carried headlong down the mountain side by the force of the avalanche the cord which bound them together caught on a telegraph post, and circled round it, and to this circumstance they owe their lives.

"The six men of the other corps all perished. Five of their bodies, including that of the sergeant, have been found, and a search is being made for the sixth."

Where can I get some of Holloway's Corn Cure? I was entirely cured of my corns by this remedy, and I wish some more of it for my friends. So writes Mr. J. W. Brown, Chicago.

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MONKEYS UNDER THE GLASS

London Doctor Finds They Possess the Yellow Spot at Back of the Eye.

SCIENCE UNDER GREAT PERIL

Peculiar Methods Employed to Examine Eyes of Lions, Bears, and Pythons.

London, Jan. 6.—One of the most remarkable scientific investigations of modern times is now being brought by Dr. Lindsay Johnson, F.R.C.S., to the close of its earlier stages.

It is some years ago now since the doctor, pondering certain appearances—called he "fundus oculi"—at the back of the human eye, began to wonder whether monkeys possessed the peculiar spot in the centre of vision, known as the "macula lutea," or yellow spot—the part of the eye in man which is used in reading.

He betook himself to Jamrach's collection of animals and other menageries, and found with astonishment that all the monkeys did possess that spot, as in man, but that it varied with each genus. Following up this clue, he discovered that every family of the mammalian order possessed a distinct appearance of its own in the eye, by which anyone seeing the back of the eye with an ophthalmoscope and a light would be able to recognize not only the family, but the genus of the animal.

He then proceeded systematically to examine all the animals to be seen in the Zoological Gardens of London, Antwerp, Amsterdam, Hamburg and elsewhere; and, as a result of this gigantic labor he found many new and striking facts. For instance, he realized that certain organs, such as the pecten, which sticks out from the optic nerve inside the eye of all birds, without exception, and of certain reptiles, was also to be found in a large number of the lower mammals—rodents and marsupials. This in itself was an interesting piece of evidence in support of the Darwinian doctrine of evolution; but the doctor's other discoveries are to be found recorded in the proceedings of the Royal Society.

His method of investigating, however, has not been yet recorded, and this is the general public will be the most interesting portion of the story of his work. To examine the eyes of the animals it was necessary for Dr. Johnson to darken the room, sit beside the animal with a lamp behind its head, and to look thru the ophthalmoscope at a distance of half an inch from the animal's eye, for a period of not less than two hours at a time. The total time spent over each animal would vary from eight to sixteen hours. He examined the eyes of about a thousand animals and made drawings of about 250, some 50 of which have so far been published by the Royal Society.

In the cases of the larger animals it was, of course, necessary to control their movements. Thus, the elephants were chained down. Sacks some eight feet long were made for slipping over the bears, which were then confined by chains with ropes. The closed ends of the sacks were next slit with a knife, and as Bruin protruded his head he was promptly muzzled and lifted on to the table for the eye-testing.

In the cases of lions, leopards, tigers and large cats, muzzles could not be used, as they frightened the animals so much as to death; and the doctor had therefore to resort to private menageries, where the beasts were less wild. Here he found it advisable to cut off the whiskers of the brutes, the touching of the whiskers during the examination made them snip.

The resourcefulness of the doctor and his assistants had to be endless. Some of the birds were induced to thrust their bills into large cocoa-nut shells filled to be treated very gingerly to avoid their sudden bite. The boa-constrictors and pythons were thrown into sacks, to circumvent their squeezing propensities, and their coils were held out of the sacks by keepers; while with wolves, beavers, otters, seals and seal-skins, nets were thrown over them, and they were twisted, the meshes.

There was no resort to chloroform. The doctor found that coaxing and patience with the great majority of the captives rendered unnecessary the use of artificial means of inducing quiet; and it was only with the large beasts, that the nets, ropes and bags were employed.

Dr. Johnson is now busy with the microscopical and mathematical sides of his work, including up to the whole theory of vision, and is preparing another paper to submit to the Royal Society.

STORMING A FORT.

Capture of a Baluchi Stronghold—British Officers Hurt.

Calcutta, Jan. 6.—The troubles in the Mekran district of Baluchistan, on the Persian frontier, have come to a head, with the result that the border tribes are now, after a sharp fight, thoroly cowed.

On Dec. 1 a detachment of the 27th Bombay Infantry (Baluchis), 250 in number, with Lieut. G. P. Grant, and under the command of Major Tighe, left Kurachi for Gwadur with the object of quelling the continually mutinous tribes, especially that headed by Muhammad Umar.

At Turbat they met, by arrangement, Major Showers with 100 men and two guns, hence the combined force marched into the Mekran border, where trouble has been brewing ever since a year ago, and, in fact, has never been entirely subdued since the rising of 1898.

News has just come in here that last Friday the escort of Major Showers, under Major Tighe, stormed the Nafs fort on the Mekran coast, near the Murree Mountain. The battery breached the outer walls of the fort, and the 27th Baluchis, under Lieut. Grant, with the Bombay Sappers, under Lieut. Corry and Major