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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.

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. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d " "
Triskilwa, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N. Y.	3d " "
Earlville, Ill.	4th " "

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SPECULATING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Without doubt the biggest speculations in the pool box this season have been on the Presidential Election, the result of which is, at the time of writing, so mysteriously undecided. In New York the rooms of Morrissey, Johnson, Kelly & Bliss and others have been crowded from early noon to midnight with a motley body of pool speculators who have invested immense sums on the result of the race for the largest prize in the gift of the American people. And what has been so marked a circumstance in the campaign in the first commercial city of the country has been the case only to a much smaller extent in all the principal centres in the United States. The amount of money locked up by the present state of affairs is enormous, and unless an issue of some kind is shortly arrived at serious difficulties in the financial circumstances of those who have placed large sums in the custody of the pool sellers is likely to ensue. From present appearances the result of the election is in as much doubt

as the money thus held, and complications from this cause and the uncertainty of the time when the bets will be decided are likely to create difficulty. It will be a grave question for the sporting authorities to decide how long the pool-sellers are entitled to hold the money thus placed in their hands without paying it over. It is a new phase of American betting, and we are not aware of any precedents which would govern the question, providing the matter is not definitely decided one way or the other at an early day. It is quite possible a decision may be arrived at before this paper is in the hands of our readers, but the probabilities are it may be delayed for weeks. Whatever way it may turn, it is likely those at the head of sporting affairs will institute a rule that will govern such a contingency in the future.

A PISCATORIAL DIFFICULTY.

Recently an order in Council prohibited Canadian fishermen from catching white fish during the spawning season for ten days from the 1st to the 10th of November. In most localities the order was commendably observed, but in other places it was found to discriminate seriously against Canadian fishermen. Along the Detroit river the Americans could fish on their side of the water during the proscribed dates, while our men were compelled to stand idly by, and, with their hands in pockets, see their Yankee neighbors gradually grow rich from the proceeds of their nets. Still the Canadian fishermen complied with the spirit of the law, although the excitement ran very high and difficulties were anticipated. The newspapers at Windsor insisted that, under the peculiar circumstances, the order, so far as it concerned their own locality, should be withdrawn. So serious did this local fishery question look, that the member of parliament for the county proceeded to Philadelphia to have an audience with the Premier, who was at the Centennial, about the matter, the upshot of which was that it was deemed expedient to rescind the order, and our fishermen were thus permitted to enjoy the privileges by which their neighbors were growing fat. It probably was policy to act thus on this question, as the order of prohibition was operating seriously to the prejudice of the Canadians, and so far as gaining its object was futile, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, and the proximity of the two countries. By its withdrawal the preserves of white fish in the Detroit river would suffer no more than by its enforcement, as the Americans would continue to fish, and drawing their supplies from the same source as the Canadians, the order would really discriminate against our own people, whereas if any party should be entitled to the best of it, our citizens have stronger claims than the residents of a foreign country.

A WARRANTY CASE.

It is so frequently the practice as to almost amount to the rule that rural auctioneers in selling live stock, horses especially, are not in the least particular in their descriptions of the animals, it being assumed to a great extent that any representations they make are not a part of the contract between the buyer and seller. But in a case recently tried at the Nassauwewa Division Court, County of Halton, the contrary appears to be the law. The court was held on the 6th inst., and the case in question excited considerable interest among the residents of that section, many of whom were acquainted with the circumstances. The facts as brought out in evidence were that John Shields purchased a mare at a sale of Duncan Morrison's for which he paid the sum of \$108; the animal was warranted by the auctioneer (whose name does not appear) to be sound. In a short time Shields discovered the mare had a disease in the nigh fore foot which caused lameness; and he thereupon entered a suit against Morrison for damages. The facts as submitted were established to the satisfaction of the jury, who assessed the

all probability is made of the figure, and we are able to make a small calculation on the financial benefits which are likely to accrue to a man having such a balance at his bankers drawing interest for a short time only. Presuming the three millions of dollars would only exist to his credit for one week at six per cent interest, it will have increased to about \$8,500, while if it were to remain for thirty days, a contingency not improbable, the interest would amount to in round figures \$14,795, quite a good percentage in itself. But when we come to add the auctioneer's commission the transaction commences to look fabulous. Taking the auction and French pools, three per cent on the total amount would probably come near the average, when it will be seen the perquisites of the seller amount to \$90,000! Truly a formidable sum for comparatively a few days business. And this be it remembered is only one room, so that some idea can be formed of the accuracy of the Graphic's estimate when it places the total amount in the hands of New York pool-sellers at \$5,000,000; the commission on which at the above average would reach \$150,000. Certainly a profit for somebody.

"MILLIONS IN THE POOLS!" says the Graphic, and follows the fact with some large figures and rather startling suggestions. "It is reported," we are told, "that John Morrissey has deposited \$8,000,000 of pool money in one of the city trust companies. There is probably as much more put into the hands of other pool managers. It would not be extravagant to say that there are \$5,000,000 to-day pending upon the results of the elections in the various states and the sum is increased hourly by the conflicting stories which come from the doubtful states. We hear that some of this money is very loosely kept. One night over \$100,000 were deposited in the safe of one of the up-town hotels without receipt or other guarantee than the honesty of a hotel clerk. These sporting people are not business men, and have not business habits. It will be as much the fault of the betting public as of the proprietors of the pool-rooms if at some time heavy losses are incurred."

THE TORONTO HUNT CLUB.

One might have observed quite a large number of horsemen wending their way to the meet, which was held at Norway on Saturday afternoon.

The exceedingly fine state of the weather had the effect of making one long for a gallop, and as there is no sport more pleasant or exciting to a lover of the horse, than following the hounds on a fine afternoon, those who attend were well repaid for making an appearance.

It is pleasant to see the large number who encourage this sport, and by so doing they show their wisdom, for a person confined to the cares of business during the week needs some amusement of this kind for a recreation; it not only invigorates the body but the mind also, all annoyances and anxieties are laid aside, and replaced by the desire for harmless pleasure, consequently it becomes a social gathering where gentlemen meet one another and have a pleasant word or two. If it were not for these weekly meets they, perhaps, would not see one another in the interval of weeks or most likely months.

As this season has been remarkable for fine runs, the one on Saturday, although very pleasant, will have to take its rank in the second class.

The hounds were put on the trail about three quarters of a mile above Norway, near the yellow banks, and continued along parallel with the lake for about two miles, thence took a turn to the left and kept this direction until the G. T. R. track was reached, then taking a turn towards Norway, pursued this course until near the Newmarket race track, when a north-westerly direction was taken for the vicinity of the stands on the track, here some little delay was caused the hounds losing the scent, but when they found it they took after "Reynard" with a will, who made a good attempt to save himself from their fangs, but failed to do so, and was captured about two hundred yards from the hotel, Mr. W. Copeland, master, taking the "brush," which was pre-

law in behalf of the wealth of our forests, lakes, rivers and streams. Game and fish are killed and taken at all seasons, the consequence of which is a gradual decimation of treasures which should be preserved. In some portions of the country where game and fish were but a short time ago plentiful the ruthless hands of the pot-hunters have all but annihilated them. The close seasons are not respected, and millions of fish which would form the basis of untold wealth and pleasure in a few years, are destroyed in their embryo condition to satiate the depraved instincts of a few ignorant and unprincipled men, whose selfish dispositions will not permit them to give the subject of their depopulation a consideration extending further than from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same. And they must not be crossed in their transgressions, or be called upon to pay tribute and respect to the laws of their country. The true sportsman is an enemy in their sight; and his attempts to enforce due respect towards the regulations made in behalf of our wild treasures, are met with violence of a personal nature. A short time ago, parties were discovered in our northern waters taking fish out of season, and the sub-inspector of fisheries at Fox Island promptly laid information against the offenders and brought them to book. In retaliation they destroyed his personal property, and put him to great personal inconvenience. He has caused the arrest of several of the parties, and it is to be hoped if the charge can be brought home to them they will receive the punishment which is so deservedly attached to the commission of their transgression.

AN AMENDMENT.

That the Trotting Rules of the National Association are not considered perfect, notwithstanding the years of practical test to which they have been submitted, and the numerous changes and additions which experience has suggested as expedient, is admitted by many who have watched closely their workings in actual practice. It is possible several amendments will be made to them this winter, and towards this object the California Spirit of the Times submits the following addition:—

"It shall be regarded as foul driving when a driver carries a contending horse towards the outside of the track, to the manifest disadvantage of the horse which is interfered with, and the excuse by the driver that it was done to avail himself of a better portion of the track will not be held a proper defence. Should it become apparent to the Judges that a driver is endeavoring to aid another in a race by conceding advantages which do not forward his own chances of winning, the Judges shall punish the offending driver by a fine not to exceed \$100, and if he interferes with a horse while helping he shall be suspended or expelled."

RACING FOR SATURDAY.

A day's racing is promised at Newmarket course for to-morrow. The programme, as will be seen from our advertising columns, consists of three events of a popular character, viz.: a hurdle race, a half-mile heat race, and a trot. The track, we are assured, has been put in good shape, and, if the weather should continue favorable, quite a crowd will be attracted to witness the last meet of the season. Pools will be sold this evening at the Olab House, No. 40 King St. west.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, HALIFAX, N.S.

The new Academy of Music in Halifax will be opened on Christmas night. It will be, according to all accounts, a splendid affair. The cost of its construction is to be defrayed from private subscriptions by wealthy citizens, and it will be conducted, we believe, on the joint-stock principle. Mr. Thos. R. Jackson, of New York, the eminent theatrical architect, furnished the plans for its construction. The scenery has been painted by Mr. Fred. Stanfield, of Buffalo, N. Y. It comprises fifteen full sets, with all the requisite "set-pieces," &c., to match:

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. E. R. Palmer, the well-known trainer of Aurora, has transferred the base of his operations to Brantford.

Mr. Damaso Roy, of York street, Ottawa, has purchased that first-class trotting stock sire Old Cock, from Mr. LeSage, of St. Hyacinthe. Old Cock is the sire of Drummer Boy, Village Girl, Farmer Boy, and several other trotters of note in the forties. The horse will be kept for stock purposes in that section.

The Plains of Abraham, Quebec, have been leased to a private association, composed of some of the leading citizens of the ancient capital, whose intention it is to lay out the grounds as a Driving Park. The work has already been commenced.

Horse flesh must be at a discount at Ottawa. One noble stud, of uncertain age and unknown pedigree, was sold on the By-Ward Market last week for \$1.11. It is necessary to be particular about the price, as the odd cent was the final bid. It is said he would have made a charming sign for a veterinary surgeon. At another sale a venerable equine changed hands at \$1.85 after protracted bidding.

Dr. Thomas, V.S., has returned to Guelph, and commenced the practice of his profession in that enterprising burgh.

OBITUARY—Bart. Smith, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Kentville, Nova Scotia, and known far and wide to the fraternity of sportsmen, not only as a hunter and angler, but a keen dog fancier, especially in the breeds of cocker and clumber spaniels, died recently. He was an esteemed contributor to the sporting papers, having written several valuable articles relative to the game and fish of Nova Scotia, especially as to moose and caribou hunting.

A London, Ont., hackman named Robt. Keighly has purchased one of the French cabs on exhibition at the Centennial, at a cost of \$2,000. He expects to have it on the streets next week. This is quite an investment for a Forest City cabby.

Dr. Woodruff, of London, on Monday last sold his horse Simon to Mr. J. H. Small, of Glasgow. The consideration reported is \$1,000.

Mr. C. R. Eddy, of East Saginaw, purchased in Goderich, and shipped them by the Benton on Monday morning, thirteen heavy draught horses. They were splendid animals, bringing high figures, and are being taken to the Michigan lumber woods.

The Board of Appeals of the National Trotting Association of the United States will hold their next meeting at the Osburn House, Rochester, N.Y., on the 5th Dec. next, at 12 o'clock noon.

"Dunton's Spirit of the Turf" is the name of a newspaper devoted to stock breeding and the turf, published at Chicago, Ill. For the present it will be issued once every two weeks, but on the approach of Spring will appear weekly.

The managers of the Dundas Driving Park Association at a late meeting decided upon offering their beautiful track and grounds for public auction. One of the conditions of sale, we have understood, is that the Corporation of the town of Dundas shall be at liberty at any time within three years, to purchase the property at a fixed price of \$6,000.

Mr. Sam D. Page, the ex-pool seller, intends to take his Christmas dinner in merrie old England.

Mr. George Lillie, who formerly resided in Elora, where he was a crack shot in the rifle company, has died in Manitoba, from injuries received by the accidental discharge of his gun, while he was returning from a hunting expedition.

Ottawa must be suffering from an epidemic of sport. The Times of that city informs us that one night last week a pedestrian contest took place between two young women for a stake of \$100. Distances one hundred yards. No names are given.