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#### DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

##### CANADIAN.

Oshawa.....May 24  
Clinton.....May 23 to 24

##### AMERICAN.

##### RUNNING MEETINGS.

Charleston, S. C.....Feb 5 to 9  
St. Louis, Mo.....June 4 to 8

##### TROTTING

Freeport, Ill.....May 30 to June 2  
Prophetstown, Ill.....June 4 to 7  
Milwaukee, Wis.....June 4 to 7  
Grand Rapids, Mich.....June 18 to 21  
Detroit, Mich.....July 2 to 7  
Clyde, N. Y.....July 3 to 5  
Warren, Ohio.....July 3 to 5  
Toledo, O.....July 16 to 19  
Cleveland, O.....July 23 to 26  
Buffalo, N. Y.....July 30 to Aug 2  
Freeport, Ill.....Aug 1 to 4  
Rochester, N. Y.....Aug 6 to 9  
Prophetstown, Ill.....Aug 6 to 9  
Utica, N. Y.....Aug 13 to 16  
Springfield, Mass.....Aug 20 to 23  
Fairville, Ill.....Aug 20 to 23  
Mystic Park, Boston.....Sept 3 to 6

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advance, and when we wait for a year or two consider ourselves very illy repaid when we receive an excuse instead of the money, and have the cost of sending and returning the draft to pay besides. It is our intention to collect this money, and if subscribers in arrears will not recognize our drafts, we will be obliged to proceed in a more unpleasant and costly way.

#### ICE RACES.

The very mild weather we have been enjoying has rather put a damper on the spirits of the managers of our Ice Meetings. It is time now that they should be making arrangements for the coming winter gatherings, but the absence of ice and snow has had rather a depressing effect on their exertions. However, this time should not be permitted to pass without an effort being made to come to some understanding by which the simultaneous holding of meetings would be avoided as much as possible. The mild weather has also interfered with getting the trotters into fix; in many places the roads have been so bad as to render driving almost a matter of impossibility. In consequence of this the great majority of the horses are in no sort of fix; and, even if we have ice or snow shortly, it will take a few weeks to get them in condition fit for the winter campaign. While on this subject it might be stated that the greatest care should be taken in drawing up the conditions of the races by which the "ringers," the bane of winter trotting in Canada, would have a hard road to travel. To protect the honest horseman should be the policy of our managers, and if the evidence of identity of unknown horses is required to be pretty strong, if an error at all, it would probably be on the right side. The question of records—good or bad—will possibly form a subject of some dispute, and here again the interests of horses which have been honestly trotted will have to be considered. The prospects of the season do not look too rosy, and it devolves upon those who have the control of matters, to see that everything is done that is possible to make it as successful as the circumstances of hard times and unfavorable weather will permit.

#### MAJORITIES.

As the election season is close at hand, and as at this time speculation on the result of the race for municipal honors is liable to be brisk, even if the amounts wagered are not great, it is worth the while of investors to understand what the word "majority" means. Webster defines the word as follows: "The amount by which a greater thing or part exceeds the less; especially, the number by which the votes for a successful candidate exceed those for other candidates." In wagering on a majority where there are only two candidates in the field, there is no probability of any dispute arising; but where there are three or more contestants, a difficulty is liable to arise in the interpretation of the word as affecting the issue of the wager. In any case a candidate to have a majority must have an excess or majority of all the votes cast. A man may be elected and not have a majority at all, his excess of votes over the next highest candidate being a mere plurality. We again refer to Webster for our aid, and he defines plurality as "the excess of votes cast for one candidate over those cast for another." In the case of a plurality, the winner is not a majority, and the word "majority" will prevent any dispute as to the result of the race.

this obnoxious law is put in operation. Although not the province hardly of a political paper to take a decided stand in a matter of this kind, the bare mention of the subject in the columns of two *Times* would go to show that it is in sympathy with us on this question. It is to be hoped that our Solons at Ottawa will, in their wisdom, see the fitness of amending the law the coming session so as to permit pools to be sold on race tracks, even if they are banished from all other localities.

#### DEATH OF SAM WRIGHT.

Samuel Wright, father of Harry, George and Samuel Wright, the noted base ball players, died in Boston, Mass., on the 19th inst., of paralysis, of which he had been ill and unconscious since the 9th. Mr. Wright was born in Sheffield, England, in 1811, and came to the United States about forty years ago, locating in Hoboken and following the business of a fancy wood-turner. He was a prominent cricketer in the old country, and was early identified as a professional with the St. George's Cricket Club in New York. He was an expert at cricket and remained with the club for more than thirty years, being finally persuaded by his children to quit the field about ten years ago. Upon his withdrawal from the club he was tendered a banquet and presented with an elegant goblet, appropriately inscribed, and a purse. His last game at cricket was played in Boston several years ago. When Harry and George Wright settled in Boston, the elder Wright followed them and has since lived here. He leaves a widow, a daughter and four sons, all in Boston, except Daniel, who is now in San Jose, California.

#### DEATH OF FLORA TEMPLE.

She was only a mare, but she filled the world with her fame. She was a connecting link between the old time trotters and those of now-a-days. In the opinion of a great many astute horsemen she was the fastest trotter that ever had harness on. Her 2:19 at Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1859, is in their opinion better than 2:14 by the Maid at Boston in 1874. Fifteen years experience in the construction of tracks and appliances for bringing out speed has developed many improvements. Had they both been on the turf in their prime at the same time it is quite possible the peerless Maid would have had to lower her colors to Flora Temple. An Associated Press telegraph despatch informed us on Saturday of the death of Flora Temple, which occurred the day before at the farm of her owner, Mr. A. Welch, Chestnut Hills, near Philadelphia, Pa.

Flora Temple was a bay mare, foaled 1845, by One-Eyed Kentucky Hunter, dam Madam Temple, by a spotted Arabian horse. All beyond this is mere conjecture. She was bred by Samuel Welch, of Oneida Co., N. Y. Like a great many other trotters her early history is rather obscure. When about five years old she was brought to New York city, and in 1850 made her first appearance on the turf in a match at the old Red House, Harlem, following that with winning a sweepstake over the Union Course, L. I., the same year. In 1851 she did not trot owing to an accident, but in 1852 she began her regular turf career, which has made her name famous throughout the sporting world. In that year she beat Centreville in mile heats, 3 in 5, to 250 lb. wagons, her best time being 2:42. On Nov. 10, 1852, she got a record of 2:36 in a race which she won with Young Dutchman at the old Union Course. On July 30, 1853, she beat Tacey, two-mile heats, 4:00, 3:01. She closed the year with a record of 2:27.

record, 7:32, but failed after two trials in 7:33, 7:43.

Flora Temple was bred three times. Her first foal was a filly (foaled April 30, 1868) by Rydyk, a son of Rydyk's Hambletonian, which Mr. A. B. Conger bought for \$1,500 and subsequently sold to Mr. Robert Bonner, of New York. The second foal was a colt (foaled June 2, 1869), by William Welch, also a son of Rydyk's Hambletonian, which was called Prince Imperial and sold to Mr. Bonner for \$5,000. The third foal was a filly, by imp. Leamington (thoroughbred), foaled January 28, 1871, which Mr. Robert Steel, of Philadelphia paid \$2,000 for.

#### THE CAUSE OF FAILURE.

In a review of the Racing season of 1877, the *Spirit of the Times* in its Christmas edition speaks flatteringly of the successes of the year. It is asserted as a fact that with one single exception there has not been a failure this year. This exception is found at Jerome Park, N. Y., and the cause of the want of success financially is imputed unhesitatingly to the enforcement of the Pool Bill in that case. We will let the *Spirit* speak in its own words:—

"The failure at Jerome Park is a lamentable fact, but fact it is. The programmes for both meetings were most inviting, they drew large fields of horses of excellent quality; but the Albany statesmen had issued the fatal edict, and even the lavish expenditure of treasure was unable to overcome its baneful influence. Day after day the most magnificent sport was witnessed by meagre assemblages, and on each successive day there was a total lack of interest. The wealthy laid their money in bulks on their favorites, while the less opulent, for the want of opportunity, were unable to invest their smaller means at all. They are the people who manufacture enthusiasm; they are the fellows who throw hats into the air, and fill the atmosphere with clamorous exultation when their favorites reach the winning-post in advance of large and good fields, after severe and doubtful struggles. The Legislature have made a signal failure in this attempt to remedy an evil. They did more than they bargained for, since they have crippled one of the very strongest industries of the great State of New York. If this unfortunate action of the Legislature was based upon the hypothesis that public sentiment demanded it, enough has transpired during the year to convince the least observant that it acted in positive violation of public will, and in direct violation of public good, and, it is to be hoped, that the necessary steps will be speedily taken to remedy the wrong, and effect the right."

#### Sporting Gossip.

Dr. D. Bogart, dentist, formerly of Hamilton, Ont., is practising his profession at Little Rock, Arkansas. The Dr. at one time was the owner of the well-known trotting horse Varcoe.

Of all the progressive towns in Canada, Guelph is entitled to the palm. It has become noted for its illiberality in the matter of billiards and ten-pins, and now we see that the use of the Town Hall there has been refused to Hamilton's Opera Co. for Christmas day. Surely the cause of the puritan is in the ascendant in that model burg. A crusade against base ball will be the next thing in order.

The best Christmas or New Year's gift, and one that will be appreciated by the recipient, is a year's subscription to the *Sporting Times*. It will be a weekly reminder of the kindness of the donor.

In reference to the story of Smuggler's fast private trials at Cleveland, his owner, Col. Russell, writes to the *Turf, Field and Farm*, and says his first knowledge of it came from the paragraph in question. So

Owen who campaigned through Canada the past season with the cross-country horse Grey Cloud.

Messrs. Geo. Forbes & James Sutherland, of Woodstock, have purchased the trotting gelding Bay Tom to mate their horse Gen. Grant, and have now one of the finest matched team of drivers in the country. It is claimed for them that they can trot to pole in 2:40, and are valued at \$2,500.

Mr. Archie Fisher reports his stock wintering well. The old veteran Kelso is as fresh as a colt; Maritime looks blooming; and his last importation, Piccolo, is standing up all right. Archie thinks Piccolo will be a hot fellow to beat next season.

There is some talk of the fast horse Charley Gorham (a half-brother of Bill Bruce) coming to Canada next year. He is a speedy fellow, having ran a mile in 1:42. It will take a good one to beat him.

The trotter Grey Eddie is wintering at Woodstock in Mr. John Forbes' stable. He is looking well, and promises to be a coming horse in the Spring.

Managers of forthcoming Ice Meetings should keep us posted on their intended dates. True, it is not very flattering just now, but we will probably pay up for this soft weather before the grass grows green.

A gentleman enquires for the address of Mr. Pat. Carney, the driver. Will some of our friends furnish us with the information?

It is a wise cow that knows its own fodder.

It shows that they have some long-distance trotters in England, as a mare, Lady Mowcow, is advertised for sale in the *Sporting Life*, warranted to trot seventeen and a-half miles in an hour; and she is not spoken of as a first-rater either.

Sporting matters are looking up in Ottawa, and the success of the winter meeting is considered a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Chas. C. Carey, of Ingersoll, gave a grand game supper to his friends, at the McMurray House, Ingersoll, last week. Most of the prominent shooters of the county were present.

Capt. Flynn, of Boston, is endeavoring to have the edict on Hanlan removed, and it will come up before the City Council of the Hub, Jan. 5. The Capt. has every hope of success.

#### Correspondence.

##### FROM PORT PERRY.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

SIR,—In reply to your request I would say, for fear nobody else would reply, and the place be not represented, that we claim to have some promising young trotters here in the Forest City, and, in all probability, will show up this winter on the Ice. Of those that you are acquainted with, I will mention:

Jessie Horst, owned by Mr. Sexton. She is at Oshawa in Mr. W. Slack's charge, where she has been handled all summer. Report says she has improved very much, and can trot low down in the 30's. She will be out this winter if there is any ice.

The bay gelding Honest Billy, owned by O. C. Kellett, is looking well; he has been used as a road horse all summer. On account of the roads here being rough this fall, and no bet, he has become very fleshy for want of exercise, and looks very much like a brood mare at present, but with a little work he will soon be back to himself, when it takes a good horse to throw snow in his face.

Next comes Cool Buxess, formerly called Old Spot, owned by Mr. J. McMillen. He is looking well.

Messrs. W. & J. Paxton drive a large,