

SEASONABLE AMUSEMENT

Kingston Hockeyists Badly Beaten at Listowel.

A Good Game at Berlin Ends in a Row.

Indoor Bicycle Races at Madison Square, New York—Turf and Flat Events.

WHEEL.

THE CHAIN WHEEL WON.
New York, Jan. 4.—The indoor bicycle races on the Madison Square Garden track, under the auspices of the American Cycle Racing Association, were continued Tuesday night. The feature was a 50 mile paced race between Harry Elkes, of Glen Falls, New York, and Frank Waller, of Boston. Waller received a concession of a start of two minutes. The prize was a purse of \$1,000—\$500 to the winner and \$400 to the loser. Summary:

One mile handicap, professional, final heat—Waller, R. A. Miller, New York, 30 yards; second, Oscar Hedstrom, Brooklyn, scratch; third, Iver Lawson, Chicago, 60 yards; fourth, O. V. Babcock, New York, 50 yards. Time, 2:20.

Half-mile handicap, amateur, final heat—Waller, P. L. Kramer, East Orange, N. J., scratch; second, J. H. Lake, Port Richmond, S. I., 15 yards; third, G. Schrieber, New York, scratch. Time, 1:04.5.

Waller rode a chainless machine. When the Flying Dutchman started off he did not catch his pace very quickly, and nearly went a lap before settling behind his tandem. He made 8 1/2 laps in the two minutes conceded him, and then Elkes started out in pursuit. At 35 miles Elkes had gained 1 minute and 45 seconds of his allowance, and was riding beautifully. When each had ridden 20 miles, Elkes was only three-fifths of a second behind in actual time. At 31 miles and 3 laps Elkes overtook Waller and shot ahead of him. At 35 miles Elkes was one lap ahead, and still going nicely. At the end of an hour Elkes had covered 27 miles, 7 laps. Elkes' time for 30 miles was 65 minutes. Waller's time was 67:40.5, and Elkes was 2 1/2 laps ahead. At 40 miles Elkes was five laps in front, and he made his 50 miles in 1:59.4.5. From this point to the end of the race Elkes gained continually, and at the end was nine laps and ten yards to the good, and Waller did not ride out the distance. His time for miles was 1:52:13, and Elkes' time for the 50 miles was 1 hour, 50 minutes, 46.2.5 seconds.

HOCKEY.

AT PRESTON.

A hockey match was played at Preston between the Preston and Kingston hockey clubs at Preston on Monday night, and resulted 9 to 6 in favor of Kingston club.

AT GUELPH.

The champion Frontenacs of Kingston were defeated in a hockey match at Guelph on Monday night by the Guelph Nationals. Score: Nationals, Frontenacs, 3. W. H. Ponton, of Napanea, bank notoriety, played point for the Frontenacs.

AT BERLIN.

Waterloo and Berlin lined up Monday evening. Scarcely had the puck left the center when Berlin scored. Waterloo soon followed with one to their credit. Berlin scored No. 2, then 3, in quick succession. Texas Billy, of the Berlin team, was ordered off for ten minutes for striking one of the Waterloo men. He refused to do so, as it was claimed to be accidental. Referee Snyder, of Waterloo, would not yield, and declared the game in favor of Waterloo, with all bets off. Waterloo only played three of their regular men. The other four, it is said, were imported from Ottawa.

AT SIMCOE.

The Woodstock hockeyists went to Simcoe Monday night, and played with the team of that place, the result being a tie, six goals to six.

AT LISTOWEL.

The Listowel rink was jammed to the doors Tuesday, when the home team played the celebrated Frontenacs of Kingston. When time was called the score stood 13 to 0 in favor of the home team.

BASBALL.

AN UMPIRE WHO SHOOT.
Buffalo Courier: Bob Emslie, the National League baseball umpire, has won a trap shooting match at St. Thomas, Ont. Robert stood on the 28-yard mark and slaughtered 19 birds out of a possible 20. Mr. Emslie's future success as

an umpire is assured. No more will he have to be escorted off the field by the police. Before entering the ball field Mr. Emslie will merely hang his forty-nine-piece laundry across his shoulder, and make any decision he pleases with perfect sang froid.

TURF.

AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Track sloppy at Oakland yesterday.

First race, selling, 1 mile—Martello 1, Nonsuch 2, Nonchalant 3. Time, 1:47.5. Second race, selling, Futurity course—Clarendo 1, Good Hope 2, Cyril 3. Time, 1:22.5.

Third race, selling, 7 furlongs—Jerry Hunt 1, Malay 2, Dun Fraise 3. Time, 1:31.5. Fourth race, selling, 1 mile—Stamina 1, Robert Bonner 2, Alicia 3. Time, 1:44.5.

Fifth race, selling, 1 mile—Rubicon 1, Rosanite 2, Morning 3. Time, 1:42.5. Sixth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Montgomery 1, O'Connell 2, Sweet William 3. Time, 1:16.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Yesterday was the 35th day of the Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting.

First race, selling, 7 furlongs—Flintan 1, Sir Blaze 2, Belle of Dublin 3. Time, 1:32.5. Second race, 6 furlongs—Banish 1, Our Nellie 2, Prince Harry 3. Time, 1:17.

Third race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Traveler 1, Covington, Ky., 2, Annie Taylor 2. Time, 1:50.4. Fourth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Imp Lotterer 1, Loyalista 2, Minnie Weldon 2. Time, 1:18.

Fifth race, selling, 1 mile—Olethe Bard 1, Mintet Canet 2, School Girl 3. Time, 1:47.

IN THE FISTIC ARENA.

A DRAW.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Greenwood A. C. of Brooklyn held a boxing show yesterday and the house was uncomfortably crowded. The star event was a 20-round bout at catch-weights, between Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, and Matty Matthews, of this city, both welter-weights with good records. They fought the 20 rounds hard and fast, each displaying a good deal of science and good judgment. Sam C. Aspin, the referee, could not decide on either as a winner, and declared the bout a draw.

NOTES OF SPORTS.

Major Taylor, the colored racing cyclist, has joined the church at Worcester, Mass., and will do no Sunday racing or crap-shooting hereafter.

Harry Elkes, holder of the hour record, believes that with electric pace he can ride 36 miles in an hour, and that, too, without respite on the pacing machine to shield him from the wind. Burns & Waterhouse employ 15 boys about their stable at the Oakland track, and the turfmen have established a night school, engaged a teacher, and intend to have their boys know a few things besides how to cool out or exercise a horse.

The winnings of the Paquet-Whitney stable for the past season are figured as \$38,481, earned in 25 victories.

While Riley Grannan is reinstated, a member of the jockey club, who knows exactly what he is talking about, says that he should have been off the turf at least another year. "Grannan was not ruled off the turf for giving Taral \$500, but for putting up jobs," is the way he puts it.

Charles T. Patterson, who used to own and train Ornaments, believes he has a real gem in the Hanover—Workmate colt that he bought from Applegate & McKee for \$4,000. The colt is in the English Derby of 1900 and Patterson is said to be already casting his eyes across the pond.

Eddie Bald is said to be the best dressed rider on the circuit, but now that he is traveling with Tod Sloan he admits that he is beaten at his own game in the rear at the half, and hopelessly distanced in the stretch when his raiment is compared to that of the famous jockey who hobnobbs with the Prince of Wales and Lillian Russell. An increase in the value of the purse at New Orleans from \$350 to \$500 is under consideration by the managers of the Crescent City winter meeting. The club obtained a special concession from the turf congress permitting the giving of \$250 purses, but the present meeting has been so prosperous that horsemen clamored for more money.

A lawsuit is on over the services of Jockey Tommy Burns, as he signed one contract, and his father agreed to hire his boy out to another stable. Burns & Stine did the business with the father, while Schorr & Son engaged Tommy, who says he will ride for them or not at all. Burns paid \$2,500 to bind the contract, and he will probably make a spec by so doing, as Schorr wants the boy badly and will be willing to pay well for his services.

CALLED TO PLYMOUTH CHURCH, BROOKLYN.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—News was received here late last night that Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Central Church in this city, is to be called to the pastorate of the famous Plymouth Church of Brooklyn, as the successor of Dr. Lyman Abbott. Dr. Hillis, like his predecessors of Plymouth and Central Churches, is a writer. The four books he has published are "Fore-tokens of Immortality," "How the Inner Light Failed," "A Man's Value to Society," and "The Investment of Influence."

FLOGGED IN A POLICE COURT.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 3.—Miner Garrett, Ed Garner, Elijah Scott, Frank Curl and Wm. Morris, boys ranging in age from 10 to 12 years, were given a public whipping in the police court for stealing some old wash-bowls yesterday. Their parents were given the option by Judge Winfrey of whipping the boys or having them sent to the reform school. The boys were led to the hall by the turnkey and given 25 lashes each. Their yells could be heard for two blocks away. One of the boys was so weak after the flogging that he could hardly walk from the police station.

HATES THE UNION JACK.

[Bangkok Depeche Colonial.]

When a Frenchman leaves his country for Tonkin his nerves are irritated and his eyes offended the whole way out by that hateful flag of England, which seems to give laws to the entire globe. You hardly meet with any other flag on the sea. You find it at Alexandria and at Port Said, in this land of Egypt, which lies under that hypocritical protectorate which the English foreign office is about to transform into a definite conquest. Then, again, you come across it at Perim, in the Red Sea, and at Aden, which commands the entrance of the Indian Ocean. Colombo comes into view; and, heavens! it is the same old rag over again! At Singapore you have come to regard the Union Jack as a matter of course; and you begin to speculate on how long it will take to fly from Singapore to Bangkok. One can hardly imagine, till he has experienced it, the relief felt by the arrival of Saigon and by the sound of French bugles and the sight of our beloved tricolor.

Pet dogs in London wear chamol shoes when in the house, to protect polished floors from scratches.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Taken to Task by the Medical Health Officer—Final Meeting of the Year—Routine Business.

The final meeting of the board of education for 1898 was held last night, and lasted about half an hour. The members present were Chairman Logan, Mrs. Boomer, Messrs. McRobert, Bayly, McCormick, Evans, Dr. Engle, Bayly, Boyl, Wilkins, Weldon, Dr. Teasdale, Hamilton, Regan, Gillean, Macpherson, Dr. Ziegler, Principal Merchant, Inspector Carson and Secretary McElhieran.

Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, wrote, denying the statement made at a previous meeting by Trustee Wilkins, that he (Dr. Hutchinson) had charged a Mrs. Stinson for a certificate as to her children's health. Principal Baker also reported that the case had not been properly laid before the board. The matter dropped.

Secretary Blackwell reported that the term of Dr. J. B. Campbell as Public Library representative of the board of education expires on Jan. 31, 1899. Filed for reference.

Principal Merchant reported the opening of the new addition to the Collegiate Institute.

A list of available substitute teachers, prepared by Inspector Carson, was referred to committee for consideration.

Miss Hoson was given permission to follow Miss Little to Queen's avenue kindergarten.

Misses Florence Nichols, Jennie E. Kilgour, Laura M. Claris, Minnie and foot and Emma Novick applied for positions on the teaching staff. Referred as usual.

The first meeting of the new board was fixed for eight o'clock on the evening of the first Wednesday in February.

The committee reports were adopted unchanged.

ELECTION IN WEST ELGIN

An Active Campaign—The Nomination on Thursday.

The Liberals of West Elgin are conducting a vigorous campaign on behalf of Mr. McNish. The following meetings have been fixed:

Jan. 4.—Lawrence, addressed by Hugh Guthrie, M.P.P.; A. D. McGregor and others.

Jan. 4.—Eagle, addressed by Dr. McKay, A. McCrimmon and others.

Jan. 4.—S. S. No. 4, Aldborough, addressed by Charles McDonald, barrister, Chatham, and others.

Jan. 4.—Wallace, addressed by M. K. Cowan, M.P., and others.

Jan. 5.—Shedden, addressed by M. K. Cowan, M.P., and others.

Jan. 5.—St. Thomas, A. Patullo, M.P. P. J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., Mr. Moscrip, M.P.P.

Jan. 5.—Dunlop, nomination meeting in evening, address by Hon. George W. Ross and others.

Jan. 5.—Crina, in John Dryden and others.

Jan. 5.—Pinal, in J. T. Garrow, A. Patullo, M.P.P.

Jan. 5.—Rodney, in George W. Ross, J. R. Stratton, M.P.P.

Jan. 5.—Campbell, Hon. John Dryden, Jan. 6.—Iona, T. T. Macbeth, J. M. Glenn.

Jan. 7.—Fleming's school house.

Jan. 7.—Kerr's school house.

Jan. 9.—Clachan.

Jan. 9.—S. S. No. 15, Aldborough.

Jan. 9.—Southwell Station.

Jan. 10.—St. Thomas.

Jan. 11.—West Elgin.

Speakers will be supplied to all meetings, including the above and local gentlemen as well.

Local Option in Lobo.

A correspondent reviewing the recent vote in Lobo writes: "The local option bylaw was voted on in the township of Lobo. The voting shows quite a change in the opinion of the people as to the efficacy of local option. When the bylaw was first introduced in the township of Lobo it was originally voted on in 1893 there were 339 people voted for the bylaw, being about one-third of the electors, but as the other part of the electorate seemed to take very little interest in the matter this gave the majority of 67. A new vote was taken on the same question and local option has been voted out of existence as far as the township of Lobo is concerned. This time there were 333 voted for the bylaw, showing that although there was a larger vote was polled this time, 199 votes, being almost a half of the total vote polled against the bylaw at the last election."

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"The general opinion among the people of the township of Lobo is, and has been for some time, that the law would not work well and that no particular good was coming out of it, and many people who believe in temperance and sobriety felt themselves compelled to vote against the continuance of the law."

"A considerable number of the people who voted for the bylaw five years ago refrained from voting at this election, while a great many people who refrained from voting at the first election (about one-quarter of the votes) refrained from voting at the last election."

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and for some time, that the law neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. I was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good."

The Japanese chrysanthemums occur in 269 shades of color.

Adelaide Ristori, now 76 years of age, came out of her retirement for the first time in 1897, when she sang Carignano, in Turin. She recited the fifth canto of Dante's Inferno, the Francesca de Rimini canto.

A NEW LAKE GUNBOAT

What Uncle Sam Will Do if Joint Commission Agrees.

The Old Revenue Cutter Michigan, After Fifty-Four Years of Service Alone on the Great Upper Lakes, to Give Way to a Modern War Vessel—Record of the Old Craft—Dimensions of the New.

One of the most interesting landmarks in the history of the U. S. navy is the old iron sloop of war Michigan, which for 54 years alone has guarded the upper great lakes. The last session of Congress provided for the construction of a new gunboat to take the place of the semi-centennial Michigan, and, says the Chicago Times-Herald, plans have already been prepared in anticipation of the decision of the joint high commission regarding the forces hereafter to be maintained on the lakes.

An "arrangement"—but not a treaty—was entered into between the British minister, Mr. Bagot, and the then U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Rush, with the verbal consent of their respective executives, whereby each nation was to have upon the lakes four gunboats of 100 tons burden respectively, with an individual armament of one 18-pounder cannon. These vessels were to be distributed—one on Lake Champlain, one on Lake Ontario and two on the upper lakes. This treaty was subject to abrogation upon six months notice by either party, and the records show that such was done during the civil war, but finally put in effect upon the cessation of hostilities.

The Michigan, with a rated tonnage of 582 tons and a single 8-inch smooth-bore gun, was at once a departure from the strict letter of the agreement, and with her variously increased batteries since then continued to be a violation, till her present force of six 6-pounders, two 1-pounders and Gatlings—all of the rapid-fire type—are the destructive equivalent of the proper complement of the whole outfit.

The record of the Michigan has been a curious one from start to finish, and today represents what might fittingly be called the middle ages of the last 100 years in shipbuilding. She was the first iron ship-of-war built in this country, and stands directly between the old "wooden walls" of the past and the present steel-clad leviathans.

After a deal of hawling she was begun in 1842, old Naval Constructor Samuel Hart being both her designer and superintending constructor, Commander Inman being the department's senior representative. The hull was fashioned by Messrs. Stackhouse & Tomlinson of Pittsburgh, as were also the engines, and

the body of the craft was set up in that city and then taken down and carried to Erie, where she was finally riveted up and launched.

On Dec. 5, 1843, the ship was advanced enough for launching, and the occasion was to have been a gala one. Dignitaries and their wives in their best bib and tucker gathered from far and near, despite the inclement weather. There was to be a banquet and speeches of course. At the appointed hour the shores were removed, the keel blocks cut away and the sole pieces sawed through. But the ship, as though fearful of her own novelty, remained fast and fast. Nothing could start her, and the gathered crowd, with many ominous doubts as to her future welfare, left disgustedly for home. In the dead of night the ship changed her mind, as it were, and without fuss or ceremony proceeded to launch herself upon the dark, cold waters of the lake.

Until within a short while of her launch the ship was officially spoken of as the Erie, and but for the presence of a store ship then in the service of that name there is little doubt the Michigan would have been so called.

Until the breaking out of the civil war the good ship went through a quasi routine that lasted in the early '60s to something just removed from only daily quarters for the major part of the crew, and it was not till the threatening hordes of ruffians in the lake cities and the dangerous thousands of his deserters from both armies—over on the Canadian side—became a critical menace that the ship was got in fighting trim by her commander, F. A. Roe.

A carefully matured plan, thought out in Richmond, contemplated the capture of the Michigan and the release of 9,000 Confederate prisoners at Johnson's Island, Ohio, together with the destruction of the lake commerce and the laying under tribute, if not the destruction, of the lake cities.

Commander Richard Rush, lately captain of the old ship, calls to the visit of a southern supreme judge, who was one of the party detailed to effect the capture of the vessel, and he laughingly described his early ambition to board the Michigan, his account agreeing with the official record from the navy war records.

The Confederate plot was frustrated by Mr. Stanton's telegram to the mayors of the lake cities to be on their guard against a Confederate raid which he had been notified by the Governor-General of Canada had been organized in Canada for operations on Lake Erie. "The war," said the judge, "and such a victory within our grasp were foiled, and with the lake cities in a fever of excitement, and with the rapid advance of the re-enforcements, both naval and military, to augment the garrison at Johnson's Island against our compact little band of 52 Confederates, we had, as a matter of course, to abandon the design and leave Canada as soon as possible."

Fifty odd years of service are now to be closed as the ship turned over to the education of the lake battalions of naval reserves, while a fine new craft of good speed and very considerable gun power is to take her place.

This boat, known as yet as gunboat No. 16, will be a substantial duplication of the Marietta, now famous for her long run from the Pacific to the Island of Cuba.

Unlike the Marietta, because of the fresh waters of the lakes, No. 16 will not be sheathed with wood and coppered to keep off barnacles, and instead of two

pole masts with a light spread of canvas she will carry two military masts with guns in the lower tops and searchlights above.

Her general dimensions and principal features will be:

Length on load water line, feet..... 174
Beam, extreme, feet..... 32
Mean draft, feet..... 12
Displacement, tons, about..... 1,000
Speed, knots..... 14
Maximum indicated horsepower, about..... 200
Total bunker coal capacity, tons..... 200
Complement..... 140

She will have twin screws driven by two sets of triple expansion engines, making 200 revolutions a minute against the 22 of the old ship, while steam will be supplied by modern water-tube boilers at a pressure of 200 pounds in lieu of the fifteen carried at a pinch by the Michigan. She will be lighted by electricity and typically up to date in every particular. The battery—a powerful one indeed—will consist of six 4-inch rapid-fire rifles, four 6-pounders, two 1-pounders and one Colt revolving cannon. The ship will likely be named after some lake city.

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