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HOW TO EVEN UP.

The comparison between the Ontario surplus and the big debt of Quebec is often tried to be offset by the argument that Quebec has spent more on railways, but this is not really true. In Ontario railways have been greatly assisted by municipal subsidies, and the aggregate of the Ontario municipal debts is heavy, although there is no provincial debt. The converse is the case in Quebec, for it has scarcely any municipal indebtedness. Each province should share its own burdens, and if Quebec seeks to unload its provincial debt Ontario ought to be allowed to dump its municipal indebtedness in the same yard.

The total debt of the United States is now below a billion. This July it reached $998,000,000.

San Diego, Cal., is an extremely unhealthy place. The mortality returns show the death of eighteen newspapers there in the past three years from imperfect circulation.

The smart young man of The Hamilton Herald goes off half-cocked as usual over the Kemmler execution and asserts that the sole object of capital punishment "is to deter people murderously disposed from committing murder." The S.Y.M. has one or two little things to learn yet, it seems.

It is a pity to spoil the romantic story that comes from Chicago anent the noble extraction of Mr. Claude Rosaire, an employe of the Chicago Board of Trade, but there is a reason why he cannot be the grandson of the Duke de Saint Allaize "in Normandie," no matter how many times he was changed at birth or at later periods in his life. Either some wicked wag is indulging a slight propensity on Mr. Rosaire's part to accredit himself to distinguished parentage or Mr. Rosaire is fitting himself out with an ancestry suited to the handsome apartments in the West Side in which we are told he resides. The Duke de Saint Allaize is next-door neighbor to the Marquis of Carabas.

In Germany the government encourages the circulation of Tolstoi's book because of the good there is in it; in the United States its circulation is forbidden because the book is bad. The trouble with governments on both sides of the water is that they meddle with affairs that are none of their business. There is too much grandmotherly government.

A letter by Senator Jones of Nevada, in which he attributed all his success in life to luck, was printed only last Sunday. On Monday he dropped a bag containing $15,000 worth of railroad bonds out of a cab in Fifth-avenue, and before nightfall it had been found under the wheels of a truck. The bag was cut to pieces, but the bonds were in good condition.

An Alleged Robbery.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7.—People from Portsmouth reported this morning that a highway robbery had been committed on Sunday evening. A young man and woman, while driving on the road leading past the penitentiary farm, were attacked by masked men. They sprang from the side of the road and stopped the rig. "Seize the horse, Jack, and I will take care of the occupants of the buggy," said one of the men. A man caught the horse by the bridle and his companions jumped into the buggy. They seized the couple and used them roughly while trying to relieve them of their jewelry.

In the struggle to get the girl's watch the robbers broke the chain and the watch slipped down between her clothing. They could not find it. They were more successful with the man and got his watch. The choking which the men gave the girl made her very ill.

When the robbers left the rig they headed for the city. It is said that suspicious looking characters have been seen loitering about the locality.

The Grenville Canal Defalcation.

OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—A. F. Wood, M.L.A. of Madoc, commissioner to investigate the alleged mismanagement in connection with the Grenville canal, arrived from Carillon to-night, having adjourned the investigation sine die for the purpose of obtaining further evidence from outside parties. He is reticent as to the nature of the evidence, but from other sources your correspondent learned that the defalcations of the late superintendent, Forbes, would amount to at least between $25,000 and $30,000, and that they will cover, probably, a period of ten years.

To Administer the Estates.

Richard Rilance in the Surrogate Court yesterday filed a petition to administer the estate of his sister, the late Mrs. Gilbert, No. 6 Fenning-street. Her estate is valued at $3083, consisting principally of real estate in Fenning-street.

Henry Bamber, 60 Vananley-street, applied for letters to administer the estate of Margaret Bamber, his deceased wife, who left $879.55 on deposit in the Dominion Bank.

An Anthropophaginian Sentenced.

John O'Connor is a tough and a dangerous fellow generally, who has occasionally appeared before the magistrate. Yesterday the offence slated against him was brutally assaulting Patrick Conroy and chewing off part of his thumb. He was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment without the option of a fine.

A Guelph Barn Burnt.

GUELPH, Aug. 7.—Shortly after 12 o'clock to-day the fire alarm was sounded for a fire in No. 5 Ward. On reaching there it was found that a stable belonging to Mr. Levan was in flames. The building, with about one ton of hay, was a total loss. It was insured for $400. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Broke Both Arms.

Richard H. Arton of Toronto, who is visiting his uncle James Howitt, Guelph township, fell from a tree yesterday and had both arms broken above the wrists. Two days previous his 9-year-old sister fell from a tree and had her ankle broken.

Running the Government.

It is a curious coincidence that latterly Messrs. A. M. Ross, Drury and Gibson, not one of whom represents a constituency, are the only Ministers ex or present, who have been at the provincial helm of state.

THE ROSEDALE HANDICAPS.

RESULTS OF THE LACROSSE CLUB'S RACES YESTERDAY.

Carr Captures the Hundred, Crang the 880 and Sewell the 440—A Crowd of Oarsmen Off for Lachine—Racing on Many Tracks—Local Trotting Events—General Sport.

The regular weekly handicaps of the Toronto Lacrosse Club were run last night at Rosedale. Again there was a good number of spectators, including many ladies. The weather was fine and the sport first-class.

The final in the 100-yard race was won by H. D. Carr from scratch. He promises to make a game for himself as well as uphold the colors of the T. L. C. in this sport. Crang took the 880 yards and the third event, the 440-yard run, went to the old reliable Jud Sewell. Here are the results and handicaps:

1st race, 100 yds—1st heat, H. D. Carr (scratch) 1; Joseph Irving (5 yds) 2; Darrell (6 yds) 3; Hockley (9 yds) 4; 2d heat, J. Ross (5 yds) 1; McMaster (5 yds) 2; McKay (9 yds) 3. Final—Carr won by 3 feet from Irving, followed by McMaster 3, Ross being left on scratch.

2d race, 880 yds—Crang (35 yds) 1, Goldsmith (scratch) 2; McKay (45 yds) 3.

3d race, 440 yds.—This was a good race. Sewell (scratch) won by 3 feet from J. Ross (5 yds); Hockley (25 yds) 3. Sewell did not have the race won till he touched the tape.

A STARTLING ASSERTION.

The Baseball Combine—The Players' and American to Down the National.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 7.—The Times is in a position to state that not only will the American Association and Players' League Clubs contend for the world's championship, but that all of the clubs in the former organization will play exhibition games with the Players' League clubs at the termination of the present championship season. The assertion is somewhat startling, but nevertheless true, as Jack Rowe, ex-shortstop for the Pittsburg National League Club, and now a player and part proprietor of the Buffalo Club, is authority for the same. The consent of the Association to enter into the scheme was a hard thing to obtain, but after considerable trouble was secured. Strange to say Von der Ahe was the most susceptible man to attach his consent to the scheme. He firmly believes that his team will win the American Association pennant, and also that Comiskey's Chicago team will wind up the first winner of the Players' League flag. Appreciating this fact he sees in prospect a rich harvest of shekels in the contests which will occur between the team represented by his former manager and the architect of his baseball reputation and prowess and his own team, especially in the games which will come off in St. Louis. Von der Ahe aside, and his team put beyond the pale of consideration, the world's pennant will be contended for by representatives of these two organizations. The combine implies a heaving out in the cold of the National League, and a subsequent amalgamation of the two friendly baseball organizations for mutual protection.

The Brotherhood Weakens.

At last the Players' League has announced a desire to quit the fight and its anxiety for a compromise. Yesterday The New York World, the chief organ of the Brotherhood, printed the following:

It is pretty generally agreed among baseball adherents that heroic measures are necessary to bring to a conclusion the wholly uncalled-for struggle which is in progress between the two major Leagues. The questions asked by The Sunday World of July 27, and answered by most of the club directors, have aroused a general discussion on the subject and various plans of settlement have been suggested. The question now is not which of the two organizations can survive the longer, but what can be done to restore professional baseball to the place where it properly belongs as an outdoor amusement. The failure of either league would be a disastrous blow to the game, for each has its partisans who would not for years, if ever, surrender to any new conditions. Undoubtedly both leagues can continue through this season and next without any change in their plans, but in the meantime the public is growing restless and will surely follow the organization that is foremost for peace.

The Pennant Fights.

NATIONAL—New York 4, Philadelphia 5; Boston 5, Brooklyn 14; Cincinnati 23, Pittsburg 17; Cleveland 16, Chicago 4.

PLAYERS—Boston 4, New York 2; Pittsburg 3, Buffalo 10; Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 4; Chicago 18, Cleveland 4.

AMERICAN—Toledo 11, Rochester 6; St. Louis 8, Syracuse 3; Brooklyn 2, Louisville 7.

Dust from the Diamond.

Fettee, late of the Buffalo Internationals, is playing second base for New Haven.

The Canton Club has disbanded, the players all being paid off in full.

This year the baseball road has been strewn with many a wreck.

Bracebridge defeated Emsdale in the latter place Tuesday by 32 to 8 in a six innings contest.

The Cincinnati club officials evidently desired to start a boom by signing Latham. "Lefty" Marr was playing third base as well as any one could want.

A. G. Spalding, referring to rumors that he was endeavoring to get out of the baseball business, said: "I will get out of the business when the Brotherhood is dead."

J. H. McCormick, whoever he may be, declares that but for a slight imposed upon Mrs. Helen Dauvray-Ward by Mrs. A. G. Spalding, the Players' League movement might never have been inaugurated.

Here is the style an exchange chronicles one of the "courtesies of the game" as seen in Quakerdom: Werden to Umpire—You don't call that a strike, do you? Indignant Bleacher—Aw, go fry yer face!

The Beavers of the Toronto Amateur League would like to arrange a game outside the city for Toronto's Civic Holiday, Monday, Aug. 18. G. Wilson, 13 Bright-street.

"We want your body; and it must be in good condition," is the demand of the magnates of the players. An exchange says: "Corkhill has finally been released by President Byrne of the Brooklyn team, owing to his inability to recover the use of his throwing arm. By this Brooklyn has lost one of its most popular ball players."

We grow tired of a thing when we get too much of it. This will account for the falling off in the baseball popularity. The appetite for it has been partially appeased, the craving satisfied. Our people want novelties in their sports as well as in their theatrical amusements and dress. Ladies change the styles of their gowns and hats every three months; men the cut of their coats and trousers; then why not the phases of their field and indoor sports?—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

HO! FOR LACHINE.

A Crowd of Toronto Oarsmen Leave the City Last Night.

There was an exodus of oarsmen and their friends from the city yesterday. The objective point was Montreal. Upwards of 40 Torontonians left last evening for the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen's annual regatta at Lachine Saturday. The Torontos and Argonauts returned from Detroit yesterday morning, and rested until their second journey.

The Argonauts sent their senior and junior fours; their celebrated pair oars and double, the Thompson cross and single scullers, McKay and Burrett.

The Torontos' big four that won laurels at Detroit went down. Others from that club were Stroke Littlejohn's junior four, Pierce, the single sculler, and J. J. Ryan.

The Dons' senior and junior singles were also in the party. And the Bayside' oarsmen were also on hand.

The Leander junior four arrived from Hamilton in the afternoon and helped to swell the party.

There will be a big time at the annual meeting of the C.A.A.O. in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, to-night, when the disgruntled scapegoats will be given a hearing.

George Lee Will Row the Englishman.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—John Largan, the English oarsman, and George W. Lee signed articles at The Police Gazette office yesterday, to row two miles at Oyster Bay on Saturday for a purse of $500, offered by the hotelkeepers of that place. The course is a mile and turn, and the start and finish will be from the South Bay pier. There is said to be an outside bet of $250 on the result, but who the bettors are has not yet been made public.

In Readiness at Lachine.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—At Lachine all the preparations are well under way and nothing is being left undone that could tend to make the regatta a success. One of the features will be the large tent 150ft. by 50ft., which is put up with the purpose of sheltering the craft, which are so numerous that the boat house cannot possibly hold them. Policemen are on hand all the time serving as watchmen, and every precaution has been taken to give every satisfaction to the visiting oarsmen and the spectators. There is no doubt that the regatta of Saturday will be the most important aquatic event ever held in Montreal, and it is equally certain that the public will appreciate the efforts put forth by the committee.

The Two Mountain Canoe Meet Closed.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—The encampment of canoeists at Isle Cadieux, Lake Two Mountains, may now be considered closed owing to high winds. The Association trophy race could not be sailed. The hurry-scurry race was won by H. F. McKendrick, Toronto, with Ruth, Montreal second. A tug-of-war was won by Messrs. Adamson, Williams, Black and Scott.

TORONTO BEATS NAPANEE.

An Interesting Cricket Match and Exciting Finish in Bloor-street.

The clever Napanee Cricket Club visited Toronto and very nearly wrested a victory from the city club in Bloor-street. The wicket was rather lumpy and the visitors, who went first to bat, were disposed of for 59 runs. In their attempt Toronto's wicket fell fast, seven being down for 25 runs. But the tail wagged nobly and E. Morris has the credit of winning the match with his 27. Shanly was the only other double figure scorer. With six wickets down for 43, Napanee closed their inning, being their only chance of victory by putting out the Toronto side for 34 runs. When time was up Toronto had scored 29 for four wickets. Score:

NAPANEE.

1st Inning.		2d Inning.	
Richardson, b Goldingham	0	run out	0
Maybee, b Goldingham	16	b Dickey	14
Stokes, b Goldingham	4	b Dickey	4
Merritt, c Goldingham, b Dickey	21	b Dickey	1
Crowley, b Dickey	1	to bat	
Burrows, b Dickey	3	b Shanly	13
Leonard, b Dickey	2	not out	5
Davis, run out	2	b Goldingham	0
Daly, run out	0	to bat	
Jenkins, b Dickey	0		
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total	59	Total	43

TORONTO.

1st Inning.		2d Inning.	
Senkler, b Baines	4		
Shanly, b Burrows	12	b Burrows	0
Goldingham, b Burrows	2	To bat	
Collins, b Baines	1		
Tucker, run out	1		
Delafosse, c Davis, b Baines	1	c and b Baines	8
Roberts, b Baines	2	not out	34
Morris, b Burrows	27	b Burrows	0
Dickey, b Burrows	7	not out	
Garrett, b Burrows	2	to bat	
Britten, not out	4	c Stokes, b Burrows	0
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total	68	Total	39

Cricket Slips.

A county match was played yesterday at Orillia between Ontario and Simcoe, the former winning by an inning and 47 runs. This is an example other Ontario counties should follow.

Owing to some trouble in aggregating an eleven the Torontos did not leave for Chatham and Detroit until last evening. This is the team: Collins (capt.), Goldingham, Senkler, Tucker, Saunders, McGiverin, White, Bain, McDonnell, Brown, Small.

East Toronto plays Napanee to-day on East Toronto grounds with the following team: Cameron, Chandler, Collins, Harrison, Welch, G. B. Smith, E. Smith, F. H. Smith, England, Flynn and Fentland. The match will commence at 10½ a.m.

The following team of the Parkdale Colts will play the East Toronto Colts Saturday starting at 2½ p.m. on their grounds, just west of the baseball grounds: King, James, Burk, Hunter, M. Fahey, McVity, Thompson, Dixon, Redway, A. P. Reed, H. Read, E. S. Read.

THE SARATOGA RACES.

Los Angeles Beats Rhono and Lavinia Belle for the Merchant Stakes.

SARATOGA, Aug. 7.—First race, 6 furlongs—Worth 1, Stryke 2, Princess Limo 3. Time 1.15¼.

Second race, 1 mile—Reclare 1, Rancocas 2, Lady Pulsifer 3. Time 1.43.

Third race, 1⅝ miles—Los Angeles 1, Rhono 2, Lavinia Belle 3. Time 2.50.

Fourth race, 1½ miles—Wilfred 1, Hamlet 2, Clio 3. Time 1.57¼.

Fifth race, 1 mile—Carrie G. 1, Marlick 2, Whitenose 3. Time 1.43¾.

Tenny Beaten by Firenzi.

MONMOUTH PARK, Aug. 7.—First race, 1 mile—Chaos 1, Defaulter 2, Bella B. 3. Time 1.42.

Second race, ¾ mile—Kildeer 1, Peter 2, Florimore 3. Time 1.15¾.

Third race, 1½ miles—Clarendon 1, Kempland 2, Maxim colt 3. Time 2.08.

Fourth race, 1½ miles—Firenzi 1, Tenny 2. Only 2 ran. Time 2.33¾. Firenzi led from the start, On the upper turn she was 3 lengths ahead. Then Tenny commenced to run and an exciting contest ensued. Firenzi won by a neck in a whipping finish.

Fifth race, ⅞ mile—Newburg 1, Kora 2, Grey Dawn 3. Time 1.27½.

Sixth race, 1½ miles—Grimaldi 1, Sluggard 2, Gloaming 3. Time 1.55.

Seventh race, 1 mile—Jennie V. filly 1, Chesapeake 2, Donley 3. Time 1.44¾.

Trotting in Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—The races here to-day resulted as follows:

Free-for-All—Rooney's Lucy B won 3 straight heats. Best time 2.25¼. Sorrel George 2.

2.40 class—Little Phil 1, Warren 2. Best time 2.38.

1 mile running race—Victor 1. Time 1.51.

5 mile trot—Moore's Stadacona 1, Janette 2, Dot Ross 3. Time 14.31.

Almonte Wilkes Beaten in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Aug. 7.—This was the second day of the Grand Circuit races here. The crowd numbered 6000. The 2.27 class, purse $2000, went to Dawson in straight heats, Almonte Wilkes owned in Hamilton, Ont., 2, Abbey V 3. Best time 2.19¾.

The free for all pacing, purse $3000, was won by Halpointer, Gossip 2, Emma 3. Best time 2.16¼.

The 2.18 class, purse $2000, was won by Alfred S in straight heats, Mocking Bird 2, Lady Bullion 3.

Yesterday Leopard Rose won the 2.30, Dallas the 2.21 and Margaret S the 2.20.

Long Shot Wins at West Side.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—First race, ¾ mile—Sly Lisbon 1, James V. 2, Mary L 3. Time 1.15.

Second race, 1⅛ miles—Kaloolah 1, Sallie Byrnes 2, Monita Hardy 3. Time 1.55.

Third race, ⅞ mile—Ethel S. 1, Bob Jacobs and Redlight ran a dead heat for second place. Time 1.28½.

Fourth race, 1 mile—John Daly 1, Benson 2, Pearl Jennings 3. Time 1.42½.

Fifth race, 1 3-16 miles—Long Shot 1, Winslow 2, Bob Thomas 3. Time 2.04.

The Ridgetown Trot.

RIDGETOWN, Aug. 7.—Ridgetown's second day trotting races were continued this afternoon. The track was slow and very dusty.

First race, 3-min., purse $250—Minnie 1, Lizzie M 2, Lady Rocker 3. Best time 2.38.

2.40 class, purse $250—Young Bonair won 3 straight heats. Bunker Sprague and Ruby T tied and they divided second and third moneys. Best time 2.38.

Free-for-all, purse $250—Rosy B won 3 straight heats with Joe Powers 2, and New Hope 3. Time 2.35.

A Couple of Local Trots.

There were two trots at Dufferin Park yesterday. There was a fair crowd and a little excitement. The summaries:

2.32 class, pacing:

Jennie Scott, b m; J. Ash, Brantford	(Johnson)	1	2	1 1
Joe Mowat, b g; J. Nesbitt, Toronto	(French)	2	1	3 2
Prince Frederick, b h; D. Hyndman, Sheburne	(Hyndman)	3	3	2 3
Munshaw, b g; W. Munshaw, Richmond Hill	(Palmer)	4	4	dis

Time 2.32¾, 2.34, 2.35¼, 2.33.

3 minute class, trotting:

Forest Boy, ch g; T. Taylor, Toronto	(Brown)	1	1	1
Edwin Clay, ch g; G. Brown, Toronto	(E. James)	2	2	2
Gen. Scott, b g; H. James, Toronto	(H. James)	3	3	3
Ida Brock, b m; G. James, Toronto	(G. James)	4	4	4

Time 2.35, 2.35, 2.33¾.

Sparks From the Wheel.

Owing to the absence of numerous members of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club their regular monthly meeting did not take place last night.

The prizes offered by the Toronto Bicycle Club for their coming Civic Holiday race meet at Rosedale grounds are nearly double the value of the prizes offered at any previous meets of the club. They are probably the best collection offered at any athletic tournament ever held in Toronto. The offering of such values is sure to draw the fastest wheelmen and runners in America and make the afternoon's sport one of special interest to the spectators.

ON VICTORIA GREEN.

Prospect Park Beaten Yesterday by 95 Shots to 56.

The Victorias and Prospect Park clubs engaged in another bowling match yesterday afternoon on the Huron-street green, the Victorias again showing their superiority. The score:

VICTORIA.		PROSPECT PARK.	
A. J. Arnold.		J. Clayton.	
J. H. Horsey.		J. Rogers.	
T. M. Scott.		J. G. Gibson.	
A. F. Scott, skip	24	Wm. Forbes, skip	12
H. S. Andrews.		P. Freising.	
A. W. McVittie.		R. Rennie.	
Dr. Lesslie.		Q. O. Day.	
E. Williams, skip	18	R. Maloney, skip	18
P. McNaly.		R. Watson.	
S. Morrison.		H. Williams.	
E. T. Lightburn.		H. J. Gray.	
W. B. Hamilton, skip	29	J. Lugsdin, skip	19
J. L. Capreol.		George Hardy.	
H. T. McMillan.		J. Knox.	
J. S. Russell.		N. L. Paterson.	
G. Geddes, skip	34	Q. D. McCullough, sk'p	12
Total	95	Total	56

Majority for Victorias 39.

They Will Play Football in Stratford.

Two of Toronto's crack association football teams will compete for a valuable trophy in Stratford Monday, Aug. 18. The Scots, the champions of Canada, and the Marlboros are practising regularly for the event and hope to give Stratfordites a real treat for the trophy.

Spots of Sport.

SPORT, City.—Wise finished ahead of Hanlan in the race mentioned.

Jerry Donohue and Denny Donohue will attend the national regatta at Lake Quinsigmond next week.—Hamilton Spectator.

The chess match between Blackburne and Lee, begun at Bradford, was resumed in London yesterday. Blackburne won, which is the 10th in the match. The score now stands: Blackburne 4, Lee 1, drawn 5.

The latest offer for a fight between Sullivan and Jackson comes from Ogden, Utah, and was received at The Illustrated News Office, New York, Wednesday, in the shape of a telegram from the sporting editor of a newspaper published there, announcing that the proprietors of the carnival palace there will give $30,000 for the mill and guarantee the principals absolute protection.

The Dwyer brothers have purchased the well-known White property in the main road between Long Branch and Freehold and intend establishing a stock farm upon it. Should they carry out their present intentions they ought to make a success of it, with such sires as Kingston, Hanover and others. It will necessarily take some time to mature their plans, but it is their intention to have a farm that will compete with the greatest in the country.

The Hamilton Times says: About 25 young men attended a meeting held at the St. Nicholas Hotel last night for the purpose of organizing a club to be known as the Hamilton Lacrosse Club. The party consisted of good players, and all were of one mind as to the organization of a club, and it was accordingly started, with the following officers: W. Disck, president; W. McPhie, vice-president; A. J. Wright, secretary-treasurer; H. Mayes, captain; H. Hull, J. Ford, J. Cox, F. Hoodless and the president committee of management.

Frank Slavin, the Australian, is very confident of his ability to defeat Joe McAuliffe. He says: "I've fought twenty-five times to a finish and won every time. My hard hitting is what does it. Science is all right, and I've got some of that, too. But there's nothing wears a man so quick as a few solid punches that have got the stuff behind them. For instance, I was fighting once with Mike Dooley, and at the end of the eighth round the betting was 100 to 1 against me. My face was like blubber and both my eyes were shut. Somehow, though, I managed to get in on him twice—only twice, mind—and that ended the fight. He reeled right over."

If the historian of the future should ever be in doubt as to who was the greatest mile runner of the present age the following extract from the program of last Saturday's amateur championship meeting should assist him: "British amateur record, 4.18 2-5, by W. G. George, at Aston, Birmingham, June 21, 1884. American amateur record, 4.21 2-5, by W. G. George, at New York, Nov. 11, 1882. Best championship performance, 4.18 2-5, by W. G. George, at Aston, Birmingham, June 21, 1884. World's professional record, 4.12¾, by W. G. George, at Lillie Bridge, Aug. 23, 1886."—London Pastime.

There isn't as much head-first sliding into second base as there used to be. The reason is well known to the members of the profession. A head-first slide is meat for a good second baseman. He asks nothing better. They are easy to block off. A second baseman will stand right in the path on a head-first slide in such a way that he will prevent him reaching the base. He has nothing to fear, for if the runner comes in contact with him it will not be his legs that will suffer, but the runner's neck or head. With feet-first sliders it is different. The plates hurt like sixty, and no second baseman is looking for the worst of it. There is no attempt at a block when a runner comes down to the base with the iron plates of his shoes pointed for the bag. There is one player in the Cincinnati team that always has a clear field going to second. Second basemen get out on the grass when they see Tony Mullane's No. 8's glistening in the sun. They are afraid of being cut down by his plates.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Thursday's exhibition of pitching by William Callihan, who for three years has been a prime favorite with Rochester enthusiasts, was such as to warrant the impression that Callihan had taken to drink. At any rate, President Brinker thought so, and determined to find out. He accordingly detailed one of his employes to watch Callihan to see if he frequented saloons. Callihan was seen to drink in no less than three places yesterday morning, and on leaving one of those places he accosted General Brinker's man, whom he recognized. Callihan became indignant and charged the man with being a spy, applying other vile epithets, and finally striking him. The man started to run up Vincent Place Bridge, Callihan following, when they met Secretary Bohacheck, who saw what the matter was and tried to pacify the men. Callihan turned on Bohncheck and hit him in the eye, abusing him and calling all manner of names. Callihan will be suspended, if not released and blacklisted.

The Arlington now ranks as one of Toronto's most elegantly equipped hotels, and the barroom just put in is a fitting adjunct of it. It is situated in the basement and has two entrances, one at the corner of King and John-streets and the other in John-street, in addition to communication from the interior. The bar is of solid cherry and elliptical in shape and has the most recent improvements in refrigerators, etc. There are two handsome sideboards, with large mirrors, and the whole is elegantly finished without display. At the rear is a commodious smoking and reading-room, two magnificent mirrors, finished in Queen Anne style, with Lincrusta Walton embellishments. Below each of these are fireplaces, although the whole it heated by steam. I. A. Radford, architect of this city, has superintended the work. William Real, now of the St. Charles, is to take charge.

WHAT THE WIZARD SAYS.

Edison Tells Why the Kemmler Execution Was Bungled—The Doctors at Fault—A Variety of Press Opinions.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—In speaking of the bungled work at Auburn yesterday Thomas A. Edison said: "The fault lies wholly with the doctors. Theoretically they are right, no doubt. The nerve centre of the human system lies in the base of the skull. But practically they are all at sea. Here we have had something like 30 perfect examples of instantaneous death by electricity in accidents that happened in and around New York. How was the electricity applied in these cases? Never to the head. Of what use has been the death of these 30 men? In every case the mortal charge entered through the hand. In no case was the strength of the current nearly half what was to have been passed through Kemmler's skull.

"The reason why contact by hand is so much more fatal than through the head is that electricity travels through the water in the human body. The hair on the head is a non-conductor. You see that when you comb your hair with a rubber comb. Anything that electricity attracts is a non-conductor. The bones are also non-conductors, and in electrical executions like that of Kemmler the bones of the skull have to be penetrated. The true way to execute a criminal is to send the current through his body from one arm of the death chair to the other. The arms, hands and fingers are full of blood which is a good conductor of electricity. Let the hands be properly cleansed and moistened and the charge would pass through the heart, causing instant death."

Press Opinions.

London Chronicle: Worthy of the darkest chamber of the Inquisition.

London Times: Impossible to imagine a more revolting spectacle.

London Standard: A disgrace to humanity.

New York Sun: An awful experiment.

New York Herald: The bungling work of yesterday does not warrant a return to the barbarity of the gallows. Had the execution been properly and efficiently managed it would have proved the success of the new system beyond all dispute.

New York Tribune: That there will now be a loud outcry against the new law is to be expected, and probably all sorts of expedients will be resorted to to prevent another application of it. Such expedients ought not to succeed. While we cannot consider it settled that the law should endure, further tests of its desirability should be had. These will be in the interest of mercy and civilization.

New York Times: It would be absurd to talk of abandoning the law and going back to the barbarism of hanging, and it would be as puerile to propose to abolish capital punishment because the new mode of execution was botched in its first application.

New York World: The first experiment in electrical execution should be the last. Its result strongly condemns this method of putting criminals to death as very cruel and very shocking.

St. Thomas Journal: The results appear to have justified the framers of the new law.

Hamilton Spectator: The gallows is good enough for any murderer.

Montreal Gazette: Death by electricity must now be held to be both a cruel and unusual punishment.

Kingston Whig: The fact has been established that Kemmler was unconscious from the moment the electrical current was applied. Life lingered, but feeling was gone, and the murderer did not suffer the tortures of the damned. The alleged cruelty of the operation has, therefore, no place in a consideration of the case. If men must die for their crimes they can die easiest by electricity. Occasionally a hanging is accomplished without a painful scene, but the "artist" has never yet been found who can repeat his work in the capacity of hangman without bungling more or less revolting to witness. And so the conviction will be that if electricity has not been a success at the first trial it will be eventually, and that in any case it is bound to stand.

GUILLOTINE AND GARROTE.

How Murderers are Put Out of the Way in France and Spain.

Capital punishment in France is executed by the guillotine, which consists of an oblique-edged knife, heavily weighted, sliding easily between two upright grooved posts, and descending on a block where the head of the sufferer rests. This machine, which was brought into use in the early period of the French revolution, is not altogether a modern invention. Similar contrivances were in use in several parts of Europe during the 16th and 17th centuries, if not before. According to Crusius, in his *Annales Suevici* (1595), such an instrument of decapitation existed in early times in Germany, but was superseded by the sword; it was styled *Fallbeil*, falling hatchet. A representation of it may be seen in two old engravings, the one by Georg Pencz, which died in 1550, the other by Heinrich Aldegrever, bearing the date of 1553; and also in an old picture which, according to Reiffemberg, is still preserved in the city hall of Augsburg. Jean d'Autun, the historiographer of Louis XII. of France, narrating a execution which he witnessed at Genoa, May 13, 1507, describes a machine exactly like the guillotine. This is the *mannaia*, which was used in all parts of Italy for the execution of men of rank, and is fully described by Pere Lanat in his *Voyage en Espagne et en Italie en* 1730. The same had been introduced into southern France, and Puysegur in his *Memoires* makes an allusion to it on occasion of the execution of Montmorency in 1632. A similar contrivance existed in the Netherlands. The "maiden" of Scotland, which was used in the decapitation of the regent Morton in 1581, and is still preserved in the museum of the antiquarian society at Edinburgh, was an instrument akin to those above mentioned, and either it or at least the pattern of it had been brought from abroad by the very man who suffered by it. The decapitating machine, therefore, was far from being a novelty when Dr. Guillotin suggested its application in 1789. The scheme being submitted to the carpenter employed by the government, he demanded 5000 francs for making the instrument; but a German named Schmidt offered to build it for a much smaller sum; and finally a bargain was struck at 824 francs, Schmidt contracting to furnish 83 machines of the same pattern for 24 francs, Schmidt contracting to furnish 83 machines of the same kind, one for each department. The machine was first tried April 18, 1792, upon three corpses at the Bicetre hospital, and worked so satisfactorily that seven days later it was used publicly for the decapitation of Pelletier, a highwayman under sentence. Sommering, in *The Moniteur* of Nov. 9, 1795, denounced it as too rapid in its operation, and maintained that sensation does not cease immediately after the head of the sufferer has been severed from the body.

In Spain and its colonies the garrote is the instrument employed and the mode of executing the condemned man is thus described:

The criminal is seated, and leans his head back against a support prepared for it. An iron collar closely encircles the throat, and the executioner turns a screw, the point of which penetrates the spinal marrow where it unites with the brain, and causes instantaneous death. Formerly the garrote was merely a cord put round the neck and suddenly tightened by the twisting of a stick inserted between the cord and the back of the prisoner's neck. Hence the name of this mode of execution, garrote in Spanish signifying stick. Its origin may probably be traced through the Moors or Arabs to the oriental punishment of the bowstring, which in its primitive style it exactly resembled. Afterward an iron collar was used by which the criminal was suddenly strangled. The piercing of the spinal marrow is a later addition.

The Minneapolis Flour Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 7.—The Northwestern Miller says: The flour output last week was 156,670 barrels. While some firms have experienced a fair demand for patents during the past week the advance in prices necessitated by the upward course of wheat has checked business. The majority of the mills have had to add 30c to 90c to their quotations. Some domestic sales of bakers are reported at $4.20 to $4.25 per barrel here. The export market is quite slow, the prices evidently being above the views of foreigners. But about all of the mills are sold ahead on bakers and low grades.

300 U.S. Sailors Desert.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Three hundred sailors and marines have deserted from the United States men-of-war Chicago and Atlanta. Fifty of them were captured here to-night.

HIS DEATHBED CONFESSION.

Evidence That Leikauf Confessed a Murder for Which Another is in Prison.

SYRACUSE, Aug. 7.—Louis Hoffmann of this city, an editor of The Central Demokrat, has returned from Rochester, whither he had gone to obtain further evidence of the guilt of Joseph Leikauf, whose death in this city two years ago with a confession of murder on his lips has aroused a tardy interest in the cruel fate of the convict in the prison at Amberg, Bavaria, unjustly condemned for another's crime. Mr. Hoffmun succeeded in finding Heinrich Schmidt, a man who became the boon companion of Leikauf soon after his arrival in this country. The evidence of the deathbed confession to the wife, now dead, is reinforced by the statement of Schmidt, who makes affidavit that Leikauf revealed to him the whole story of the murder from beginning to end. The recital, Schmidt says, was for the most part voluntary. It was poured into his unwilling ears by the haunted man under a solemn pledge of secrecy. Before it had been divulged Schmidt's suspicions had been aroused by the conduct of his friend, who could neither sleep nights nor be himself by day. His life was blighted by the guilty conscience he carried. After being frequently taxed with hiding a crime he finally told the circumstances without reservation.

This is the testimony which Mr. Hoffman obtained in Rochester and on which the case will be pressed before the German authorities. The murder was brutally conceived and executed, with the sole object of getting an unfair share of the parental estate, consisting of a few paltry acres of land. The victim was a stepbrother, who had won the favor of the father. As Schmidt relates the story, a sister of Leikauf was knowing of the crime before it was committed, and of the innocence of the man finally sent to prison and innocently punished for it. It was this sister who wrote to Leikauf, addressing him by the name of Weist instead of Leikauf, an occurrence that led to the impression that it was an alias.

Thus far it has been impossible to discover the name of the prisoner in Amberg prison who has suffered for nine years for a crime he did not commit. This man was arrested on suspicion. Leikauf told Schmidt, because he happened to be in the vicinity of the murdered man and could not account for his presence. Of this fate Leikauf's sister informed him after he had fled to this country. His life after his flight must, from Schmidt's description, have been a hell on earth.

THE NANAIMO STRIKE.

Scenes Along the Road—The Temporary Dwellings.

Many of the residents of Nanaimo, says The Free Press, would be much surprised were they to take a walk in the District Mountain and notice the condition of the present dwellings of the evicted families. Between the Halfway House and the Northfield mines the spectacle of these dwellings present is very dismal, and to the observer it causes a feeling of wonderment to take possession of him as the dwellings (sheds they should be called), are so small that the families must be completely huddled up in them. They are far too small to admit of packing away the furniture which previously adorned their homes, and consequently the people have been compelled to leave their furniture out in the open air exposed to all weather. Furniture and bedding has been moved into some of the dwellings that have not yet had a roof put on them, and should a fall of rain set in the result would be disastrous.

Besides these company houses, tents of all sizes line the way to Wellington, and wretched little things many of them appear to be. On arriving at Wellington one can hardly see one of these tents, but by walking over to the bluff the scenes would only