The estimate will reearly a celebrated enterer, and ex-exwith present will be of the best. Bourb racio se an open tand in come e of eron, that it is calculated will accommodate terms people. As we and before, the Bela Lark A secretion is composed of many et toe most prominent business men of Piol I have and in the list of directors are to be neen's of such well-known and me the names of such well-known and be end men as loss ph B. Butterworth, P. Young, Cros. P. Lidridge, Fred. Lind, Ir., Goor, H. Sturges, J. H. Camp, P. Gustine, John E. Reyburn, Albert R. 1992, Hon. Wim. S. Stokely, Jos. E. Cul-Isogham, Wm. L. McDowell, and Sanuel L. the energy and thoroughness with which these gentlemen have pushed ahead the work of making the track, are deserving of m at credit, and it is only proper that they double have it. Col. H. S. Russell, of Beth, the popular owner of the famous rtuden Smuggler, has been chosen Presidenter the Association, and he will exercise personal supervision over the track throughbut the casuing summer. This being so, we have no hestration in expressing the co. ict. of that the management of Belmont Park with he wise, liberal, just, and effective. Col. Lessell is determined that, so far as he is a neering, nothing shall be left undone to make the trotting season at Belmont more brothant than anything that has ever gone before in this country, and to assist him in carrying out his project he has secured the serve a of several able gentlemen long and fax rally known on the trotting turf. In this connection, it is perhaps just as well to mention that Mr. D. H. Blanchard, the propeter of the great stallion race at Boston in t -74, has been engaged as superintendent of the track. He will have the entire super visita of that important departmen, and a I t a man could not have been solected for to 1 stion. Col. Russell's other in utenants are equally able, but at this time it is unnecessary to particularize. Mr. A. I. I. Agerson, of Pialadelphia was the cugive a of the track, and it was built under his direction, and from The Spirit plan. And now a word as the programme provided for the mangural meeting. The opening day will be Tuesday, May 80, and the sport will continue up to and including June 9, with an intermission of four days. The purses range for \$1,000 for the slow classes up to \$4,000 for the faster ones. There is third money in each, and those who give notice by the 27th mst of their intention not to compete, wil he held for only five per cent, forfest. On the fact day there is \$3,000 for the 2.22 class to n. ca., mate the sport, to wind up with \$2,000 for 230 horses. On the second day the green horses and the 2:26 class make at it, and on the following day the 2.20 and 2.25 hotters will have an aiming. On the 2nd of June there is \$1,000 for the 2.40 class and 8 ,000 free for all. This should insure a frue day - sp. rt, and if Budd. Doble, who is now at Lelmont. Park with Goldsmith Maid, can be induced to start the old mare, there will be a mighty attendance. It is expected that Lala will be in, as well as Hopeful, Judge ate to be the, Lady Mand, and other fast After this there will be an interregnamed four days, when the games will be or tunned with \$8 400 for 2:22 horses, \$1,000 for the 2.32 class, \$2,600 for those that have never benten 224, \$1,000 for double tenms, \$2,000 for the 228 and \$1,000 for the 2:30 classes, to finish on June 9 with \$1,000 for the "40 trotters and \$4,000 for another grand free for all contest. No better pro- shops is walking directly into the jaws of gramme was ever devised, and we look for hell. There can be no doubt of that. You ting efentricable like of which has never Let: ein. Bear in mind that entries to all the above purses close on Wenesday next, 1 th ast., and should be addressed to the bec-

The New Bedford Mercury tells of five dogs who were shut up in a yard by the gate's closing after they had passed through When they wanted to go out they couldn't, for the gate awang mward. Then the cannes held a consultation, which resulted in the bost jumper, a big Newfoundland, getting over the fonce, pushing the gate open, and releasing his friends.

. iiv. Mr George P. Eldridge, La Pierre

Heise, Philadelphia.—Spirit of the Times,

phie up to the general expectation, the threat ning state of the weather in the early part of the day making a trip to the trace rather an uncertain venture; but at the eleventh hour the clouds roded away, and when the race was called no finer day or track for such a race could be desir d. A considerable business was done in the pools, Mowry having the call at two to one over Smith

At three o'clock the judges ordered the raters up, and they set off with promptness for the race. The race itself presented little material for description. The horses used by Mr. Smith were notably superior to those of Mowry; but h was deliberate to a degree in his mounts and disindunts, while Mowry threw houself from one horse to another almost without losing his headway. By this means he was enabled to gain time to equal, or more than equal, the disadvantage in the speed of his horses. He was repeatedly timed, and occupied from three to five sec onds in the change. At the close of the tenth mile, Mr. Smith, in attempting to mount an evil-disposed bronco, received a severe kick just below the right knee, which made him precipitately lame, and which rendered him very stiff and sore before the finish. To this mishap he ascribes his defeat. With few ex ceptions Smith led to the end of the fortieth nule. At this stage Mowry turned loose his choicest horses, and at the end of the fortyoi, hthimi'e was a full quarter ah al. Smith rode desparately to close it up, bu, without success, and Mowry came under the wire winner of the race and money by two hundred yards.

Mowry, tho witner, insists that he won the race upon his merits, and that Mr. Smuth's accident made no difference in the He has rid len several races of this character in this state, and made lunself a reputation as a daring, skillul and plucky horseman. It is his intention to visit Phila delphia during the Centannial, taking with him a number of California horses, and there challenge any man or the whole world to ride igainst him in long distance mees. He will also astemshifte quotly disposed Grangers with some hair-raising equestion performances not met with m any ordinary or extraordinary circus.

BAY DISTRICT FAIR GROUND ASSOCIATION, San Francisco, Cal., April 22, 1876—Purse and stake \$2,000; 50 miles, in saddle, on California bred horses: the riders to use ten

TIME.

Miles.	H.M.	Miles.	н.м.
10	0:26	80	1:17
20	0:51	40	1:43
25	1:03	50	2:08

PROFESSOR BLACKIE ON AMUSE MENTS.

Professor Blackio, in his speech to the working men of Leith, said:—" Since we must have amusement, seeing that the working men have a great deal of idle time, with which they don't seem to know what to do, it is the bounden duty of all sound-hearted working men to organize amusement for themselves. Man is a social animal, and, if you don't provide him with amusoments, he will go and find them himself in the ginshop. though he should be walking in the jaws of hell. Some one said—a great Scotch divine no doubt,—' That the door of the Theatre is the gate of hell.' I say no such thing. I say the man who goes habitually into the ginworkingmen should organize amusement in the places that you have for that purpose, so that no man will be tempted to go into the gur-slup. I don't at all object to a glass of whiskey on a cold day in a railway carriage; but for men to go regularly into a gin-shop is just possoning themselves andruining their children. It is as necessary to have a good house, and the game is the best thing in the world. Then you has backgammon, chess, and indeed so many, there is no end to them.

WE DRIVE HORSES TO EXCESS.

By driving to excess, we mean that horses are pulled and hauled, jetked and twitched too much with the rome. There is too much guiding with the lines. Concerning this subect the Prairie Farmer says (in truth) that the "most vicious and inexcusable style of driving is the manner which so many drivers adopt, to wit. Wrapping the lines around their hands and pulling the horse backward with all their might and main, so that the horse, in point of fact, feels the weight back of him, with his mouth, and not with his breast and shoulders. This they do under the impression that such a dead pull is needed in order to 'steady' the horse.

"The fact is, with rare excetions, there should never be any pull upon the horse at all. A stendy pressure is allowable, probably advisable; but anything beyond this has no justification in nature or reason. For nature suggests the utmost freedom of the action of the head, body and limbs, in order that the animal may attain the highest possible rate of speed. In speeding a horsethy lines need seldom be grasped in both hands when the road is straight and free from obstructions. The true way to drive is to let the horse drive hauself, the driver doing little out directing him and giving him that confi tence which a horse gets in himself only when he feels that a guide and friend is back of him.'

TROTTER AGAINST BICYCLE.

considerable curiosity had arisen to witness track about seven feet from the pole had been rolled for his use, and it was agreed and Stanton 264 yards start, in consideration of his taking the outside track. It was raining quite heavily when the horse and the man came on the ground. Billy McMalton-was driving the quadruped. Stanton took up a position on the backstretch 262 yards from the Judge's stand, and when the horse was given the word Stanton was signalled to go by the dropping of a flag. The rain was falling fast, making the track heavy. Before they had gone a half mile it was apparent that Stanton had no chance. In two laps the horse gained the 264 yards' start, and on the fifth lap was a quarter of a mile ahead. He kept improving his lead and finally won by a mile and ten yards. The following is the time of the horse :-

First lap...... 1:28 Sixth lap 1:26 Seventh lap..... 1:30 Eigth lap...... 1:26 Second lap..... 1:87 Tinrd lap 1:45 Fourth lap 1:86 Ninth lap..... 1:25 Fifth lap...... 1:27 Tenth lap...... 1:26

The animal thus made the five miles in 15m. 00s. Stanton rode his fifty-eight inch machine. He attributed his defeat entirely to the condition of the ground. He also offered to make a fresh match against the same horse, over the same distance and course, on a good day and track.

THE HORSE BIT.

The question of the bit and of the hand that rules the bit, underlies the consideration of the whole subject of man's dominion over the horse. The intelligence of mankind has hitherto invented but two principal forms of sleep as a good dinner, and it is as necessary bit; the smalle, the simple piece of iron to have good amusements as to have good which lies across the mouth, subject to endsermons. I specially recommend billiards less modifications, such as being twisted, as having many advantages over other jointed, and so forth; the curb oit is an games. I have a little billiard table in my adaption of the lever, and the lengthening of the check piece allows a very powerful presworld. Then you has backgammon, chess, sure to be exercised upon the jaw of the ed 43 feet 4 inches in a ho and indeed so many, there is no end to them. horse. The snaffle is, so to say, a natural Sullivan hopped 20 feet, he have let me recommend private theatricals. bit and the curb is an arrificial one. The plete his jump afterward.

2nd Vice do., W. Woodruff, M. D.; 3rd do., John Taylor, Esq.; Captain, W. M. D. Williams; Secretary, H. A. South, Assistant do., A. Camp-bell, Treasurer, W. R. Vining, Committee— Wheeler, Nichol and Augus.

THE CONVENTION.

The convention held on the 4th inst. in the Toronto lacrosse club rooms was very numerously attended, the following clubs being represented:—Montreal, Shamrock, Sarsfield, Caledonia, Emerald, Athletic, and Independent, of Montreal; the Orillia; Excelsior, of Brampton; St. Regis Indians, of Cornwall; London; Young Canada, of Toronto; Hamilton; Union, of Whitby; Bowmanville; Ætna, of Toronto; Cayuga and Onondaga Indians; Tecumseh, Ontario, and Toronto, of Toronto; Acme, of Yorkville. Mr. James Hughes was elected chairman, and Mr. J. Massey, secretary to the meeting. After a committee to examine credentials had reported, it was resolved "That an association be formed to be called the National Lacrosse Association of Canada." The elec-tion of officers was then proceeded with, -W K McNaught. which resulted us follows :-Toronto, President : 1st Vice-President, Geo Jussey, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Hugh W Beckett, Montreal; Secretary and Treasurer, R B Hamilton, Toronto; Counc.l, Messrs R W Craig, Brampton; W L Maltby, J Davey, A H Woods, and P Enright, Montreal; W DeKay Williams, London; W B Douglas, Orillia; C W Mulligan, Hamilton; W S Spotton and F Walker, To-There was a fair attendance on Friday ronto. A constitution was then drafted by a afternoon at Decreoot Park, New York, as special committee. The rules of the game were then taken up seriatim, and a great the five mile match between Starton, the many changes and improvements made. champion bicyclist, and the trotting horse The laws affecting rough play were most White Cloud. The match was to have taken strictly defined, and were made so stringent place at three p. m. sharp, but as it had at as to render it hopeful that foul and rough that time just commenced to rain they wait. play are now things of the past. The deleed a half hour. Then, finding no change for gates were entertained between the afternoon the better, they decided to start. Stanton and evening sessions by the city clubs at was advised not to go, as the track was get. Messrs. Jewell & Dennis', where a pleasant ting heavy, but he did not think the rain time was spent. The best of feeling pre-would effect the sandy soil. A portion of the vailed throughout the incetings, and it is extremely probable that the Canadian national been rolled for his use, and it was agreed game will have received fresh impetus, that the trotting horse should have the pole through this friendly convention.

THE TECUMSETH CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Tecumseth Lacrosse club the following officers were cleated for the cusuing year: President, R H Boulton; Vice-President, F H Armstrong; Captain, R G Dexter; Field Captain, W Hook; Secretary, R Ross; Treasurer, J D Shaw; Captain of Juniors, M McPherson; Committee, W Griffin, J Aird, W H Hall, W Spotton, The club have secured the Cricket Ground for practice, etc., and the first game will be a scratch between east and west of Yongo street on Monday morning

Col. J. H. McLaughlin, the champion collar-and-elbow wrostler, is now undergoing a strict course of training at Detroit, Mich. and when he gets through he proposes to as-tonish somebody or everybody. Several friends of his late opponent, Jacob Martin, of Ypsilanti, visited Detroit the other day, for the purpose of trying to arrange another match, for \$1,000 a side, play or pay. They saw the Colonel, who was perfectly willing to make such a match; but when the Jacob ites proposed that the admission receipts, less expenses, should be divided equally between the contestants, he was "different," insisting that the winner take all the spoils. This didn't suit the ideas of the other party; and as McLaughlin would not consent to have anything to do with any arrangement which bore the semblance of hippodroming, the confabulation ended without the making of n match.

A Hop, Step, and a Jump Match .- A jumping match for \$250 a side between T. Fisher and T. Sullivan, came off at Montreal, lay 1st, and was won by Fisher, who covered 48 feet 4 inches in a hop, step, and jamp. Sullivan hopped 20 feet, but could not com-

tion for the purpose of defraying the expense attendant upon the detection and prosecution of the offenders. He has already received \$25, and scouts will soon be on the warpath.

KENTUCKY MULES.-The best mules are bred in Kentucky, and it is not uncommon to find teams here sixteen hands high, and weighing 1,400 pounds each. Although occasionally there are larger mules, even as high as eighteen hands, such are rare and undesirable. The use of mules is rapidly increasing in this country, their being over 1,150,000 in use in 1870, against 570,222 in 1850. When properly and kindly treated, the mule is not the vicious animal he is generally supposed to be, and it is a mistake to be prejudiced against him on that account.

A RACE DECLARED VOID .- In the great hurdle-race at Sandown Park, near London, Sir Charles Rushout's horse Arbitrator came in first. Arbitrator's sire was the American thoroughbred Umpire, formerly the property of Mr. Ten Brocck, and the first favorite for the Derby of 1860, won by Thormanby. The race was declared void by the stewards on the ground that the horses had been started from the wrong post. Sir Charles Rushout claimed the stakes, and has served writs on the stewards, Sir John Astley and Mr. Chaplin, with a view of testing the matter in a court of law. At the same meeting Lord Marcus Beresford's horse Chimneysweep, ridden by himselt, and carrying 1591b, won the Grand National Steeplechase, beating Palm (second), Sheppard (third), and three

We have this week a very interesting letter from our London correspondent, "Thames," who writes for us on "English Rowing and Athletics." Amongst his roports of the Inter-University Sports, will be found the contest for the "high jump," which was won by Mr. M. J. Brooks, Oxford, who cleared the extraordinary height of 6 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This is the highest jump on record, and unless authenticated by veritable witnesses would almost seem incredible. Mr. Brooks stands six feet in his stockings, and it must have been a sight we believe never before. The nessed to see a man walk under the bar he had just cleared, without even his hair touching it, by an inch. This great feat could only have been accomplished by long practice and a wonderful development of muscular power. The bicycle race was won by the Hon. J. Keith-Falconer, Cambridge, he doing the four miles in 18m. 15 8-5s., best amateur time on record. Now that we have the champion bicylist of England out here, David Stanton, this will be a guide to us as to what time he should make to beat the unateur .- N. Y. Sportsman.

WRESTLING .- There are prospects of an international wrestling match for \$2.500 and the championship of the world between John Graham, champion of England, and J. H. McLoughlin of Detroit. The former has accepted the challenge of the latter to wrestle ny man in the world for from \$2,000 to \$10,-000, but wants to wrestle the American champion two falls in three, American style, two falls in three, Westmoreland and land; and the winner of the most falls to win £500 and the championship. Should each gain three falls, then each toss for choice. the winner to decide the style of wrestling for the deciding bont. Graham will allow Mc-Loughlin expenses to wrestle in London or take expenses to wrestle at Philadelphia. Should this proposition meet with the American champion's approval, a deposit forwarded to Bell's Life will bring about a contest.

On Tuesday evening the races of the Monreal Telegraph Athletic Club were held on Sherbrooke street west. The 100 yards, 10 entries, was won by Wm. B. Scott, James Clendinneng second; 1 mile race, 8 entries, won by Fred. Harvey, Jas. S. McCorme second. The prizes, consisting of medals, studs and rings, were presented after the races by Mrs Angus Grant.

A FIFTY-MILE MUSTANG RACE.—At San Francisco, on April 22, Neil Mowry and S. P. Smith rode a fifty-mile mustang race at the Bay District track. The former won in 2h. 8m. Mowry will ride a 100-mile race at the Centennial.