

# SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

## THE BASE BALL AND TURF GOSSIP OF THE PROVINCES.

**Notes and Comments on Local Clubs and Players—Something About the St. John Social Games—Base Ball and Horse News From Everywhere.**

The Amateur league decided to get a new umpire, Monday night, something they should have done months ago. Perhaps it was because Mr. Melville did not receive anything for his services that he was retained, but the great wonder is why he hadn't sense enough to resign. Still, considering that he was not a paid official, and had to be discharged, it could have been done in a more gentlemanly manner than by moving that "the umpire be bounced."

Secretary McKinney was not present at the meeting and several members of the league took occasion to abuse him for not running after balls batted over the fence, and other things equally offensive. From what I can learn, nobody has worked harder this year to organize and keep the league together than Mr. McKinney. He has given his time to the league and looked after its business in a business-like way, and if the league is not in a very healthy condition it is hardly his fault.

The Emeralds were discouraged with the result of their game with the La Tours. I was not surprised that the La Tours won, for the West Ends won from the Thistles in the same way, although the latter say the umpire was against them also.

There isn't a club in the league that can afford to play any other than its best line every time it goes on the field. I was sorry to hear that the Emeralds took the defeat so badly. They have a good team and a good battery, and there is no reason why they can't get a place if they go in to win.

Donovan, of the Shamrocks, is likely to be the league umpire. He wants \$2.50 a game, but if he can give satisfaction he would be cheaper than Mr. Melville was for nothing.

Some time ago one of Power's letters failed to reach PROGRESS, though he assured me that it was posted as usual. I have no doubt of it, and as a proof it dropped in Tuesday a. m., bright and early. You will see it is dated July 10, and as the first paragraph contains some rather amusing opinions of a Halifax sporting enthusiast, I am printing them for our boys to laugh over.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 10.—Judging from your brief comments in your last, you seemed amused at the opinion of Halifaxians with this year's St. John team in comparison with that of last; but the comparisons are given in all seriousness, and many of those who make these comparisons are willing to back up their opinions with money. I have met some St. John men of the same opinion. The other day I met a gentleman from your city who is thoroughly interested in the sport, and while not admitting that the Halifax team could defeat the St. John A. A. team, he did not think their team was stronger than last year. He thinks that while Wagg was not a great pitcher, he was a splendid coacher, and his work in this respect was of incalculable benefit to the team. I have not heard one expression of opinion that the St. John club should be paid that \$100 by the A. A. A. When the subject is broached, the question will be asked, "Would the Nationals have paid the Atlantic if they had run away from St. John after the umpire had robbed them of the first game?" and the reply is always in the negative. To give your readers an idea of how the matter is looked upon by some people, I will give you the reasoning made by an enthusiast the other day. He said: "Supposing the manager of the academy was to engage a company to play two nights, and be thoroughly advertised them and made all arrangements for the same, and after the first night they left the town, would the manager pay them anything? Certainly not, and the action of the St. John team was similar to this, and if they had acted in the United States as they did here, they would have been sued for breach of contract." The attempt now being made in St. John to shift the responsibility for the amount on the Socials is looked upon as so absurd as to be ridiculous, and the opinion expressed by many is that the St. John club is afraid to meet the Socials this season. Many say that the St. John club are fully aware that the Socials will never pay them money which they have not the slightest thing to do with, and it is because the St. John club feel they may be defeated that they are acting in this manner. Your statement about the correspondence between Secretary Scott and President Skinner, that "Mr. Scott would not find that Mr. Skinner takes any back water, and all the attempt to shift the responsibility upon the defunct Atlantic won't amount to anything," they regard as but a confirmation of their ideas. These are the first of a series of opinions I have heard in numerous conversations about the proposed games.

There is a good deal of "talk" in the above which is interesting because amusing. Permit me to repeat that when the Nationals stay the other two days in Halifax one of which was raining and the other for a game which was played, they had filled their contract. No Halifax man would pretend to say that, even had the first game been won, they would have played the second on the third day without a further allowance for expenses. Let me tell the Social-Atlantic players that if the present mood of the St. John's managing committee continues there will be no game between the two clubs until the \$100 debt is wiped out.

The same men who played the Nationals last year are the Social club of today. The responsibility is theirs and if a game is not arranged the fault is theirs.

The St. Johns have no reason to fear the Socials. They would welcome the chance to paste the life out of Flynn's curves. They did hope there was truth in the rumor that Flynn was to pitch for Moncton in a game during carnival week but, whether it was true or not, the announcement that the \$50-a-week beauty would not be permitted to come was a genuine disappointment.

Do not flatter yourselves, members of the Social club, that the St. Johns are afraid! They don't know the meaning of that word on a ball field.

JACK AND JILL.

### ONLY FOUR HITS OFF FLYNN.

Halifax Proud of the Ex-Chicago Man and His Work.

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—The defeat of the Boston Lovell Arms company nine was certainly a surprise. They were fairly outplayed, however, Toby Lyons, the Lovell's crack pitcher being battered for 11 hits for a total of 13 hits, while our scattering hits were made off Flynn, and in consequence the latter is held higher in public estimation than ever before. Only 13 of the Lovells went to the bat in the last innings. The Socials made five singles in succession off Lyons in the eighth. Three thousand people witnessed the game.

The fact that the St. John club would not give the J. P. Lovells the terms they required, caused the latter to decide to abandon their trip to the provinces, but the Socials telegraphed them to come, and although they required a guarantee of \$400 for the three games, the Socials decided to bring them, sooner than disappoint the public after the game had been advertised. The visit of the Woven Hose

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team this week means an outlay of another \$400, so that carnival base ball is quite an expensive to the Socials.

Gleeson, formerly of the St. John Cuppers, played short for the Y. M. L. A., Saturday. He made a remarkable catch in one inning, the batter making an apparently safe hit just between the short and the left fielder, but Gleeson ran for the ball and captured it while going at a good rate of speed.

The Lovells have asked for dates and negotiations have been progressing with the Metropolitans of New York.

The Shamrocks wrote to arrange a game with the Socials carnival week, but owing to previous arrangements, they were unable to give them a date. The Socials, however, will endeavor to give the Shamrocks a game in this city the last of the month.

Your remarks in regard to that \$100 are hardly to the point. Anyone who has had the facts explained to them must see that the Socials are not in any manner responsible for the amount. At present the indications are there will be a game between the clubs. The breach is healing fast. POWER.

### NEWS FOR TURF FREQUENTERS.

Gossip of Horses, Owners and Races Everywhere.

The Detroit meeting was a grand success. The first day was Blue Ribbon day, free-to-all, and over 11,000 took advantage of the directors' generosity. The 2.23 class was won by Veritas in straight heats, best time, 2:20 1/2. The 2.24 pacing class was won by Chipman, winning the sixth, eighth and ninth, Kittle C. 2nd, Jessie H. 3rd; best time, 2:17 1/2, by Kittle C. The 2.21 class was won by Seymour, Belle Almont 2nd, Williams 3rd; best time, 2:19 1/2, by Belle in the sixth heat. The 2.27 class was won by Gold Ring in three straight heats; best time, 2:18. The 2.17 pace was won by Doctor M. in straight heats; best time, 2:16 1/2. The last heat, the free-for-all, between Gene Smith and Rosalind Wilkes, was won by Gene, after all pools were declared off and Goldsmith was ordered to drive Gene out. The best heat was the fifth and last, 2:17 1/2. The 2.30 class was won by Reference, Tariff second, Elista third; best time 2:27 1/2, by both Tariff and Reference. Elista, who won the first heat, reducing her record to 2:24 1/2, is the seventh of the produce of Green Mountain Maid in the 2.30 list. She was driven by Budd Doble.

The grand dump of the meeting was in the Merchants' and Manufacturers' stake of \$10,000. Amy Lee, driven by Budd Doble, was a big favorite in the pools, and Hendryx by Dauntless, a 10 to 1 chance, won the big race easy in straight heats; time, 2:18 1/2, 2:19 1/2, 2:20 1/2.

The 2.14 pacing class was won by Roy Wilkes, Gossip, Jr. second, Silver Thread third; best time, the last heat, 2:14 1/2.

The 2.20 pace was won by Budd Doble, Sir Archy winning the first heat in 2:17 1/2, but Budd and his namesake outpaced the royal tilted horse and won in 2:18, 2:19 1/2, 2:17.

Kit Curry won the 2.19 class, Geneva S. second, Jack third, best time 2:18 1/2 by Kit Curry in the first heat.

Guy trotted against Maud S's 2:08 1/2, but the wind was rather strong and he finished in 2:12 1/2, and will have to try another day.

Nelson's trophy was the 2.20 class at Mystic last week, getting a mark of 2:20 1/2, which is said to be no indication of her speed.

Johnny Murphy, the celebrated driver, died at his home in Morrisania, N. Y., July 22d. A few days before he died he was bolstered up in bed, but sank back exhausted, saying, "I can't win," and from that time his death was a few years expected, and he lingered over a week. A few years ago he rode a long distance race against Anderson, and the exertions he made to win brought on asthma, and after having two surgical operations, the last one settled into quick consumption. While not a first-class conditioner of horses, he could get up behind a strange horse and drive him as fast as any live man. He was 45 years old, was born in County Meath, Ireland, and left a widow and five children. The Spirit of the Times says of him:

Johnny Murphy was a chivalrous, warm-hearted man, as his race are apt to be. Faithful to his friends, and generous to his enemies, punctual in his engagements and reliable in all ways, he was a model to his professional brethren. Catholic and Protestant alike, who knew him personally by reputation, will join in the petition, "God rest his soul," for John Murphy as a man and an upright horseman deserves divine clemency.

Scott Quinton has bought of E. L. Long, St. Paul, Minn., the two famous trotters, but now used for brood mares, Fanny Witherspoon (2:15 1/2) and Belle F. (2:15 1/2). Scott takes them to the stock farm in Anacanda, Mon.

It is said that Banker H. H. Smith, although he will recover, will be a cripple for life.

Elmwood bids fair to be another sensational Maine stallion, and is liable to beat 2:20 this year, as at Lewiston, the other morning, on a half-mile track, he worked out in 2:23. If Maine gets a four-year-old that beats 2:20, and Nelson's three best 2:20, and the Balch stallion races come to Maine, and Palm, a two-year-old, trots in 2:30, the Yankees will be so proud that they will want to build a high board fence all around the state, but had not Washington county better take a sneak and brace up.

The Spirit of the Times' \$11,000 stake for foals of 1889 closed with 553 entries. The race is to be trotted in Oct., 1893. Gov. Stanford, Palo Alto, Cal., sends the largest entry of 58.

The trotter Little Jim, that is winning races in Canada, is said to be the old timer Dick Wright.

Mr. Gordon wants Saunders to beat 2:15 with Guy and Clingstone double. It is said Guy's mile of 2:11 1/2 is not a record as it was not according to rule.

When Arrow, Brown Hal, Roy Wilkes, Bessemer, Jewett, Gossip, Jr. and several other king pin pacers come together in the free-for-all pace during the grand circuit meetings there will be a race that will make a sad heart glad.

They tell about a colt in Chicago that was out in a thunder storm, and his mother was killed by lightning, which chased the colt all around the pasture and could not catch him. I have often heard of a horse going faster than a streak, but when a colt can play lightning out around a pasture, he must be a dandy.

It is said that there are over 300 horses, between the age of one and four years, on Palo Alto farm that have never had halters on.

Eaton Bros. have named the horse that they bought from Jim Gray, Conumdrum, and he may prove a puzzle to some.

Jas. H. Kehoe leaves for Mystic Park in a few days with Edgardo, for whom he will prepare the colt and start him for a record this fall in the Breeders' meeting, and I am told that Edgardo is working out nice and smooth and should go fast.

This week at Buffalo the stallion Nelson starts in the \$5000 stake for 2.22 trotters, with the following horses: Axell (2:14 1/2), Lady Bullion, Amy Lee, Wilkesbro, Iona, Globe, Lynn W., Cleon, Eminence, Golden Rod, Crit Davis, and Sensation, and Nelson will have to work every inch of the way to win, as there are several that can trot 2:20 in with him. On the same day Aubine starts in the 2.24 class with Allerton (three years old), H. Sprague, Goldust, Miss Alice, J. R. Shield, Annie H., Suius, and several other good ones, and I don't see how she can win unless she can trot several seconds faster than she did at Mystic.

Can Power give me the tip as to where the colt trotter Earl is? He has a record of 2:20 1/2, is owned in New Brunswick, and is by the running horse Revenue.

Billy Bair, the man who brought Maud S. before the public and drove her to her record of 2:08 1/2, is dying of consumption, at his home in Philadelphia. Reference, who won the 2.30 class at the opening of the grand circuit at Cleveland, last week, in 2:20 1/2, 2:21 1/2, 2:19 1/2, is by a son of Administrator. The latter horse is now owned at Sum-

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meride, P. E. B., and this should be good news to them.

"Veritas" says climate hasn't much to do with producing a trotter, after all. Horses are born with the trot in them in the old unpainted barns on the rock-bound coasts of Maine and on the hill-sides of Vermont just as well as in the luxurious paddocks of the millionaire owners in California and Kentucky. There is no county or town or locality, where great men are born; they come from all over—Daniel Webster, from a cabin in the snow-bank, Abraham Lincoln from a hut in the Southwest to put his names on the world's wide tongue.

Bell Boy has been given a half in 1:10, and quarter in 34 seconds, and he will be sent this fall to beat the best four-year-old record, 2:16.

Mr. Brodhead has been offered \$1,000 for the use of Miss Russell, one year to breed to Bell Boy?

Jay Eye See, in his work at Racine, Wis., August 2, went dead lame and has been turned out to grass, and all efforts to again get him to trot fast have been abandoned.

The Grand circuit opened at Cleveland, Ohio. The fields were large and the trotting the fastest in the history of the turf. The first day, Tuesday, the 2.30 class, purse \$2000 was won by Reference, by Reference, by Administrator, in straight heats in 2:20 1/2, 2:22 1/2, 2:19 1/2; Star Lilly second, Wayne Wilson third. The 2.23 pace, purse \$1000, was won by Hal-pointer, by Tom Hal, Wm. L. Singery second, the favorite in the pools also won first heat, Minnie third; time 2:17 1/2, 2:15 1/2, 2:15 1/2, 2:18 1/2. The 2.22 class, purse \$2000, was won by Budd Doble, with Lady Bullion, by Pilot Medium, Jr., in straight heats, Eminence second, Del Monte third; time 2:18 1/2, 2:19, 2:18 1/2, neither of the pool favorites getting a place. On Wednesday the 2.27 class, purse \$2000, was won by Annie H., by Gen. Geo. H. Thomas, winning the last three heats.

Sprague Goldust, who was the favorite, won the 1st two heats and got second place and Annie Wilkes, who won the third heat, third place, time 2:19 1/2, 2:20, 2:21 1/2, 2:22 1/2, 2:20, 2:21 1/2. The free-for-all pace purse (\$1000) had for starters Brown Hal, by Tom Hal, Roy Wilkes by Adrian Wilkes, Jewett by Allie West, Bessemer and Gossip, Jr. Jewett won the first heat easy in 2:19, Roy Wilkes won the second heat in 2:18—the fastest time on record for a five year old pacing stallion—Brown Hal won the third heat in 2:18 1/2—the fastest time on record for a stallion, either pacing or trotting; Roy Wilkes won the fourth heat in 2:15 1/2, and Brown Hal the next two and race in 2:19 1/2 and 2:20, Roy Wilkes getting second money, Jewett third. Many people thought that Gossip Jr. could have won the third heat in better than 2:12 if Roy Wilkes had not swerved and cut him off on the turn.

Thursday was the sensational day. Axell was driven to beat his record, and did it nicely, in 2:14 1/2, and could have beaten 2:14. He is a grand colt, and should give Nelson a ding-dong race for a couple of heats, but he is almost too young to stand such a bruising race as the older fellows will make him trot to win. Guy was driven by Millard Saunders to beat 2:12, and succeeded in getting there in 2:10 1/2. Mr. Gordon ordered Saunders to start Guy without toe weight, and the horse was very unsteady. His driver had to go down to the three-quarter pole and start him, to get him a going, and Saunders says he could have beaten 2:10 if he could have driven the horse to suit himself. Mr. Gordon seems to be a crank, and interferes where his judgment is worse than useless, which must be very trying to a driver. Last year he ordered Guy driven in races without weights, and three times he was distanced, when, with the weights on, he could have won hands down. The 2.20 class purse was won by Budd Doble's Jack, by Pilot Medium, in straight heats, Seymour Belle 2nd, General 3rd; time 2:15 1/2, 2:17 1/2, 2:17 1/2.

The 2.27 class purse (\$2,000) was won by Calvina Sprague, by Gov. Sprague, winning the last three heats, Mocking Bird, winning the first heat, 2nd; Billy Mack, who won the second heat, 3rd. Gold Ring, the favorite, did not get a place; time 2:20 1/2, 2:19, 2:19 1/2, 2:20, 2:19 1/2.

The 2.18 class, purse \$2000, was won by Thomless, by Dauntless, in three straight heats, J. B. Richardson second, Susie S. third; time 2:17 1/2, 2:16 1/2, 2:17.

Friday the last day, the pacer Johnson started to beat the best ever made over the Cleveland track, namely 2:08 1/2, by Maud S., and paced the mile in 2:06 1/2, within 1/4 of a second of his own record.

Williams, who owns Axell, started his record three year old Allerton, by Jay Bird, to beat his record of 2:23 and trotted in 2:20 1/2, and a match race by Hood-wink, by Hermes, and Melrose, by Momo, was won by Hood-wink, Melrose winning the first heat; time 2:20 1/2, 2:25, 2:26 1/2. The 2.33 class, purse \$2000, won by Veritas, by Mark Field, in straight heats, Ketch second, Keokee third; time 2:23 1/2, 2:22 1/2, 2:23 1/2. The \$2000 free-for-all was won by Gen. Smith, beating his only competitor, White Stocking, three times straight in 2:21 1/2, 2:19, 2:15 1/2. The 2.17 pace, purse \$1000, was unfinished; Lillian won the first two heats, Wilcox the third and Ed. Ammon the fourth, when darkness came on and the race was postponed until Saturday; time 2:14 1/2, 2:14 1/2, 2:16, 2:18, closing one of it not the grandest trotting meetings that has been ever witnessed by any man. The large fields of starters, the grand races and fighting finishes and the remarkable fast time, make it doubtful if any other track on the Grand Circuit line furnishes as many fast heats as Cleveland. Buffalo comes next.

Pilot Medium, sire of Jack, 2:15 1/2, and Lady Bullion, 2:18 1/2, is a very young horse and the above are his first foals; Jack is six and Lady is five years old. A few years since Pilot Medium was sold for \$175, and Dauntless, the sire of Gene Smith, 2:15 1/2, Thomless, 2:16 1/2; Hendryx, 2:18, and Little Thorn, 2:23 1/2, was very speed but injured a tendon in his foreleg and was sold for \$350, in 1877. Dauntless was foaled in 1867, and is therefore 22 years old; he is by Rydyk's Hambletonian dam Sally Feagles, by Smith's Clay, by Heare's Cassius M. Clay. Dauntless has 11 in the 2:20 list.

Geo. W. Leavitt's Early Bird, three years old, by Jay Bird, dam by Harold, second dam by Lever, by Lexington, is said to be a very promising colt and will beat 2:20 this year. George says he saw him trot a full mile before he bought him in 2:26 1/2, last half in 1:10 1/2; price said to be \$4000.

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