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TWO BIG EVENTS.

The Kentucky Derby and the Brooklyn Handicap.

CRACK FLYERS THAT WILL RUN.

Tom Rogers and Valera Are Favorites for the Bluegrass Stakes, and Burlington and Tea Tray Lead the Candidates for the Brooklyn Contest.

For over fifteen years the Kentucky Derby has been a great feature in the racing annals of the south, and in a lesser degree a great feature in the racing annals of America. How the horse owners, and the horse backers, and the horse lovers of the bluegrass region have labored to train or pick a winner! How their sisters, and their cousins, and their aunts—not to mention their other numerous female relatives—have looked forward to the great day when the family's favorite horses, or the blood lines by which the family swears, or the flyers of some friend were to be tried in the great run for gold and glory! How the white population of Louisville, from the bootblack to the millionaire banker, have discussed the comparative merits of the candidates for the Derby, and how black faces have glistened and rows of pearly ivories shone as their owners looked forward to the day, and gleefully sang "All de darkies will be there!"

RILEY.

The first winner of the derby was Aristides, in 1875. There were forty-two subscribers and fifteen starters, the largest number of starters that ever got away in the Derby's history. The time was very fast—2:37¾—and it has not been lowered to any remarkable extent since. The smallest number of starters in the Derby's history was five out of forty-seven nominations in 1880, when Fonso was a winner. When Montrose knocked down the persimmons in 1887 there were only seven starters, but the nominations numbered 119, the largest list ever entered. One of the peculiar things about the Kentucky Derby is the fact that the gentler sex has never furnished a winner, but as Maud S still holds the world's trotting record the mares are not feeling very bad about their turf status.

The time of the Kentucky Derby winners has gravitated anywhere between the poorest, the 2:43 of Leonatus in 1883, and the best, the 2:34¼ of Spokane in 1889. One of the first Derby record breakers was Day Star, 2:37¼, in 1878. The next year Lord Murphy reduced the record to 2:37, which he held for seven years. Then came Ben Ali Haggin's famous Ben Ali with 2:36¼ in 1886. For three years Ben Ali reigned supreme, until peerless Spokane astonished the talent by covering the one and a half mile course in 2:34¼. Last season's winner was Riley, whose time was 2:45.

The season has opened auspiciously in Kentucky and Tennessee. One of the early surprises of the Kentucky association's spring meeting at Lexington was the defeat of Riley by Byron McClelland's Bermuda in the Distillers' stakes. The Derby winner was also too slow for Helter Skelter, and was pushed into third place by a head. Riley carried 121 pounds and Bermuda 106. The latter's time was 1:42¾.

Since the beginning of the season in Kentucky and Tennessee racing men have been keeping an eye on the promising 3-year-olds entered for the Kentucky Derby, May 13. One of these, Scroggan Bros.' Valera, easily won the Tennessee Derby. He is consequently a promising entry for the Kentucky event. The brown colt, Tom Rogers, is another crack flyer that is looked upon as a very probable winner. He recently worked a mile and a quarter in 2:14½, and will be a favorite. Tom Mackin, a chestnut colt out of Blazer, and Hart Wallace, a Longfellow colt, are both showing great speed, but if Palestine runs he will make the whole field put on a full head of steam. Among the other promising candidates are the following: Kingman, Brookwood, The Pookey, Georgetown, Gascon, Balgowan, Harry Ray, Allan Bane, High Tariff Lorenzo, Dickerson, Brutus and Tenor.

Another great racing event which the racing world is looking forward to is the Brooklyn Handicap. Salvator, the king of the runners, is in California and will not start. Poor Tenny has only three good legs and cannot possibly appear, and with these great cracks out of the way the talent is puzzled in the quest for a probable winner. The favorites are Burlington and Tea Tray, the former leading slightly. Michael Dwyer's Banquet and the Futurity winner Potomac are hot favorites, while Demuth, Eon, Prince Royal, Longstreet, Al Farrow, Cassius, Once Again, Judge Morrow, Rhono, Saunterer and Gallifet have been doing such good work that they are being well backed. The bluegrass country sends Teuton, whom the Kentuckyites look upon as an air tight favorite. He recently did a mile and a quarter in the remarkably fast time of 2:10.

BERMUDA.

Like the Kentucky Derby, the Brooklyn Handicap has never been kind to mares, but this year Los Angeles and Senorita, two of the best running mares in America, are entered, and one of them may astonish the sterner sex. Burlington is by Powhatan—Invercauld, and belongs to Hough Bros. Tea Tray runs for William Lakeland, and is by Rayon d'Or—Ella T.

The Brooklyn Handicap is run under the auspices of the Brooklyn Jockey club. It is for all ages, and the course is one and a quarter miles. The winner last year was Castaway II, who carried 100 pounds, in 2:10. The value of the race to the winner was $6,900. EARLE H. EATON.

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She (quietly)—It's the book you gave me during our honeymoon, John; we read it eleven times the first week we had it.

(Prolonged silence.)—Columbia Spectator.

A Question of Time.

"How long have you been employed here, waiter?"

"About three years."

"Oh, then I must have given my order to somebody else."—Philadelphia Times.

A Neighborly Neighborhood.

Mr. Goodheart (a suburban resident)—Good morning! What can I do for you this bright and beautiful spring morning?

First Neighbor—I noticed you hadn't begun making garden yet, and I thought I'd just step over and borrow your spade.

Mr. Goodheart—Certainly—certainly. Here it is. Good day.

Second Neighbor—How do, Mr. Goodheart? Will you let me have your hoe for a few minutes?

Mr. Goodheart—Y-e-s. Certainly.

Third Neighbor—Good morning. I see Mr. Spinks has your spade and Mr. Pinks just passed me with your hoe, and as you can't do anything with a rake without a spade and hoe to break the ground I concluded I might just as well drop in and borrow your rake. Thanks.

Fourth Neighbor—I see you are not making any use of your wheelbarrow, and——

Mr. Goodheart—I will need the wheelbarrow the moment I begin making garden.

Neighbor—Oh, yes, of course. But you can't make garden without a spade and hoe and rake, you know, and I'll rush back with the wheelbarrow quick as I see the spade coming back. Thanks.

Mr. Goodheart—Now don't forget that I shall need this wheelbarrow just as soon as Mr. Spinks comes back with my spade.

Fourth Neighbor—Oh, I'll have plenty of time to get through with the barrow. Spinks told me he'd be busy with your spade for a month.—New York Weekly.

BICYCLIST E. H. PAIGE.

He Has Defeated Terry Andrae and Won Other Important Victories.

Few riders are better known, and certainly none is more popular in cycling circles, than E. H. Paige, a coming champion of Wisconsin, a picture of whom accompanies this article. Paige is not only one of the most promising riders in the country, but

E. H. PAIGE.

he is also an all round athlete of no mean ability. He made his initial appearance in a bicycle race in the spring of 1887, and in the fall of that year he finished fifth in the Whitefish bay road race. In 1888, in addition to placing numerous minor events to his credit, he made the best time in the Whitefish bay (ten miles) and Waukesha (five miles) road races. In the following year he made third best time in the above named races against the picked riders of the Badger State.

Last year (1890) Paige showed greatly improved form. He began the season by winning the championship of Waukesha county at all distances. He obtained second place from the scratch in a two mile handicap, and he also finished second to the "Flying Badger," Terry Andrae, in the three mile race for the state championship. He next won a one mile handicap at Milwaukee, beating Terry Andrae and Howard Tuttle, of Chicago, in the final heat. He surprised the talent by winning the Waukesha-Milwaukee road race, seventeen miles, doing the distance in 59 minutes. At the Green Bay (Wis.) tournament last September, wherein he met some of the fastest riders in the country, he did very well, winning first prize in the two mile race (6:20 class); was first in the two mile handicap, second in the one mile race, and a close second in the five mile race for the championship of Wisconsin.

Game Prepared.

The Liars' club had met at the usual time and place, the competitors for the honor of having told the prize lie of the evening had spun their yarns, and the committee was about to retire for consultation.

"Gentlemen," observed the chairman, "it may lighten your labors if you take a smoke. Try these cigars. You will find them pretty fair."

The committee smoked the cigars and unanimously awarded the prize to the chairman.—Chicago Tribune.

New York has a new sprinting wonder in the person of E. W. Allen, the eighteen-year-old Berkeley flyer, who recently astonished the metropolis by doing 200 yards in 20 seconds.

LUCK IN BASEBALL

It Has a Great Influence on the Fortunes of Big Clubs.

THIS SEASON'S INSTANCES OF IT.

Some Have Gained and Some Have Lost. Players Who Have Been Unfortunate. A Sermon to Young Men on Saving Money—W. I. Harris' Interesting Gossip.

The clubs of all the leagues are bustling along after the much coveted pennants, and we can begin to talk about the work and luck. Luck, you know, has a tremendous effect, and often downs the best players. For instance, it enabled the Boston league team at the start of the season to win at least two of the four straight games that plunged all Boston into a frenzy of delight. And when they continued and took two more from the Phillies all hands in Boston became convinced that Boston would land on top, and most of them think so yet. But they will not.

Take the Brooklyn team also. There is a club that had no luck whatever until the other day Tom Burns made a home run, with three men on bases and the great Clarkson in the pitcher's points. Even before the season began Tom Burns, one of the best men, was injured, and was not able to play in the opening games in Philadelphia. Ward hurt himself so badly (breaking his right thumb) that he has not been able to play since. Daly, the club's star catcher, has had to play at short field, where he is not very good, and he has been missed behind the bat. Add to this that Ward's only pitcher in shape was Lovett. Is it any wonder that such a team should lose two of every three games played?

And what of the great Giants of New York, which no native will admit have rivals anywhere beyond Brooklyn? The team began with trouble at once. Denny became sick. It has turned out to be a harmless illness, though, for his place has been so well filled. Then Keefe develops a "glass" arm. Ewing's ailments, too numerous for him to explain to a long suffering public, keep him off the field as a player. Buckley and Clarke both have terrible fingers, and there is no one to catch Rusie, who, with Welch, is the pitcher in shape. O'Rourke jumped in and caught Welch. Fortunately New York has two great players in Bassett and Whistler, and they have been doing good work for extra men. Indeed they are really first class men.

Of course these two teams will get together pretty soon and show some great speed. The other eight clubs are in good shape, and while the eastern standard bearers are in the west they are likely to get some most approved whippings. They expect it, particularly Brooklyn and New York, but they also expect to get a few games.

There seem now to be only four clubs in the race for the American association pennant—Baltimore, Boston, Louisville and St. Louis, and none of them has more than one game's advantage over the other. The season is young yet, and it is too early to make any predictions on such uncertain teams as those of which I write.

The Bostons, owing to the awful accident to one of their very best players, may be set back into the second division. In running home Hardie Richardson made a slide to the plate. The result was a break in the small bones of the leg. It is worse than a regular fracture, and Hardie Richardson, a relic of the celebrated Big Four, will be out of baseball this year, and possibly for all time. Luckily Hardie is comparatively rich, and will not suffer pecuniarily. This is a blessing. Three great players ill and out of it—Fogarty, H. Richardson and Dunlap. What a lesson to young players to save their money! Fogarty, ill with lung troubles, has very little. Indeed I have been told that he is actually in want.

In Boston the attendance has been so poor that the directors have several times considered a change in the tariff, but they hate to lose the profits of July 4 games at half a dollar. With the common free show and river races the crowd is not likely to be very large. They will probably reduce the price after July 4.

The Cincinnati club has had a hard deal. The good people, by grace of Mayor Mosby, have stopped Sunday ball playing—it is to be hoped for good. At any rate the prohibition will last through Mayor Mosby's term of office. Bancroft and Kelly decided that it wouldn't pay to fight, and agreed to clear out on Sundays. The games will be transferred to other cities where Sunday playing is allowed. It will have a bad effect on the only Kelly's finances.

Such is the influence of luck on our national game. The League, Western and Eastern associations are making a little money. The salary lists of the American Association clubs are so high that nearly all are losing, despite the good article of ball they are offering the public.

W. I. HARRIS.

Pitcher William Widner.

Pitcher William Widner, of the Sioux City club, Western association, is twenty-four years of age and a native of Cincinnati. His professional career began with the Cincinnati (American association) club, in 1886. That year he pitched a number of games for his native city's team, and the following season went to New Orleans, where his effective pitching did much to

WILLIAM WIDNER.

place the pennant of the Southern league in the hands of his team. In 1888 Widner did good work with the Washington club, of the National league, and the following year he occupied the box for the Columbus club. Last year he went to Sioux City, and is still putting up a good game there.

It Must Have Been She.

The Satisfied Girl—We are never going to quarrel after we are married, Jack and I.

The Worldly Wise Matron—Which one has agreed to let the other have his own way all the time.—Munsey's Weekly.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

HE FOUNDED TWO CITIES

REMARKABLE RECORD OF A WESTERN PIONEER, RECENTLY DECEASED.

After Aiding to Start Chicago on Its March to Greatness He Assisted in Establishing the Present Capital of the State of Wisconsin.

It falls to the lot of few men to be enrolled among the creators of great cities. Alanson Sweet, who died recently at the home of his son, George Sweet, in Chicago, took a prominent part in the establishment of two important cities. He was one of the twelve men who founded Chicago, and he afterward assisted Governor Doty in laying out Madison, the capital of Wisconsin.

This of itself is a record of which any man might be proud. When Fort Dearborn was established in 1803 the wildest dreamer had no idea of the marvelous development destined to take place in the neighborhood. In 1831 Chicago comprised about a dozen families and the garrison of the fort. The mouth of the river was a sluggish bayou; the banks were flat and marshy, with deadly fevers lurking in their foggy exhalations.

The conditions and prospects were little better in 1833 when, with true pioneer instinct, Mr. Sweet joined eleven of his fellows in organizing the township of Chicago. There was need of a good harbor at this point on the great lakes, and in spite of the many natural drawbacks the energetic citizens of that early period set about to make one. They drew up plans for filling in the flats and dredging the channel of the river. It was many years before their projected improvements took definite shape, but several of the founders besides Mr. Sweet lived to see Chicago assume its place among the commercial centers of

ALANSON SWEET.

the world. The raising of the grade of the city from eight to ten feet above the orginal surface was one of the most stupendous engineering experiments ever undertaken.

It was the sturdy pluck and perseverance of men like Mr. Sweet that made Chicago. From 1840, when the population was 4,470, to 1870, when it had reached 298,977, its growth kept steady pace with the wonderful development of the northwest. One of the greatest calamities in the world—the big fire of October, 1871—had several compensating advantages. It not only advertised the city in every quarter of the globe, but inaugurated a new system of building which, avoiding mistakes of the past, resulted in the Chicago of today—a model of practical architecture, with its magnificent business blocks, elegant boulevards and splendid private residences.

After the fire the growth of Chicago was marvelous. In 1880 the population had increased to 503,185. The official census of last year listed it as the second city in America, with a population of 1,099,855, an increase of 118 per cent. in ten years.

Madison, the second city with which Mr. Sweet's name is identified, has not been blessed with the wonderful progress of Chicago, but it justly lays claim to being one of the most beautiful places in the northwest. It is situated on an isthmus, between two lakes, in the celebrated Four Lake district of Wisconsin, and is a popular summer resort. When its site was selected by Governor Doty and Mr. Sweet in 1836, the country was a wilderness. The capitol is in the center of a natural park of fourteen acres and is a very handsome structure. In 1850 the population was 1,525; in 1890 it reached 13,426.

Mr. Sweet was eighty-seven years old. He was born in New York and went to Illinois in early manhood. His life was full of interest, and outside of his activity in the early days of Chicago he probably did as much for the development of Wisconsin as any other man in the state.

JOHN W. POSTGATE.

Senator Reagan's Resignation.

John H. Reagan, who recently resigned from the United States senate to accept the chairmanship of the Texas board of railroad commissioners, was born in Sevier county, Tenn., Oct. 18, 1818, and received a common school and limited collegiate education. He settled in the republic of Texas in 1839, where he practiced law and entered politics. In 1847 he was elected state representative, and subsequently served two terms as district judge. Prior to the secession convention of Texas in 1861 he was two terms in congress. He was postmaster general of the Confederate government during the civil war. After reconstruction he was congressman for six terms, and took his seat in the senate March 4, 1887, as successor to Samuel B. Maxey. Mr. Reagan is an earnest student of political economy, and had a prominent part in all debates concerning the tariff. He is a close reasoner and vigorous speaker. Horace Chilton, a lawyer, of Tyler, Tex., has been appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Reagan's term in the senate, which expires March 3, 1893.

J. H. REAGAN.

Sarcasm Foiled.

Bachelor Uncle (sarcastically)—I suppose you think your baby is the prettiest that ever lived?

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CHARLES SANTLEY.

Love Casts a Spell.

Minerva (just engaged)—I used to think "Sordello" the finest poem in our language, but since I have known and comprehended my dear Leander it seems to me that his couplet,

In May when the oyster is not fit
Give me the clam in place of it,

is not at all bad, and is really fraught with a cheerful philosophy which I deem not unpleasing.—New York Herald.

The Improved Sportsman.

(After the hunt.) "Well, forester, did the baron have good luck?"

"Remarkable good luck!"

"What did he shoot?"

"Nothing."

"And you call that luck, do you?"

"I do, indeed. Whenever he has hit anything before, it has turned out to be a huntsman."—Fliegende Blatter.

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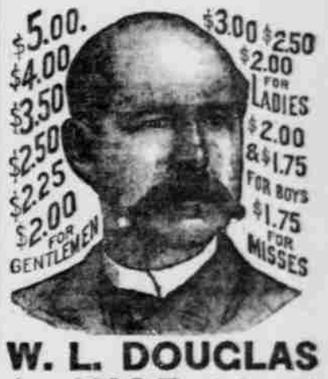

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