

TUG-OF-WAR CONTESTS.

Strength and Endurance at the Old Pavilion Last Night.

Americans Beat the Scandinavians, Foundrymen Win From Brassfinishers, Carbuilders Beat Brewers.

Success? Well, rather.

Of course the projectors of the tug-of-war expected a large attendance on the opening night, but the most sanguine of them did not look for anything like the throng that gathered in the old Pavilion last night. The place was packed.

The opening contests were all good, and were exciting. The audience was given samples of quick and short struggles and the long stubborn battles for supremacy.

The arrangements for the affair were good, with the exception that the placing of the reserved seats might be improved so as to give those who occupy the benches an opportunity to see the tug-of-war men.

THE OPENING BATTLE.

Last night's entertainment opened with a magnificent exhibition of strength and endurance. The first teams pitted were the Americans and Scandinavians. The two teams marched out at 8:15 o'clock in step with a lively march played by the Hussar Band. Dr. C. B. Nichols, the referee, headed the procession and assigned the teams to their respective places.

The cleared platform on which the pulling was done extended diagonally across the hall, with the goals in the center. An ingenious contrivance in the shape of a marker was elevated above the goals, by means of which those of the audience who could not see the tug-of-war's men could tell how the contest was going. Each and one-quarter rope was used.

The American team was composed of C. Gallagher, John Scroggins, A. Sunday, Quarrels, Edgell Miller, Bird, Tom Consoledon, Kendall and McLaughlin, with Frank Wilder as Captain. The Scandinavian team was made up of Bert, M. Michaelson, Sven Hansen, O. Larsen, Severn Hansen, G. Holten, E. Erickson, J. Larsen, A. Norman and J. Erickson, with August Johnson as Captain.

It was just twenty-two minutes past 8 o'clock when Dr. Nichols shouted: "Captains, are you men ready?" "Yes," came from Wilder and Gustafson.

The rope began to creak; there was an audible drawing in of breath, and then—"Go!"

Simultaneous with the report of the referee's pistol the men threw themselves backward, clutching the rope with might and main. The marker on the center swayed over and back for a few seconds and then steadied. It was then that neither side gained a fraction of an inch in the start.

STUBBORN STRUGGLE.

Both teams settled down on the cleats for a long siege of it, and save for the anxious movements of the men among the benches themselves watching their own men as well as those of the opposing team—watching for a chance to signal their men to a herculean effort—there was little action.

For nine minutes the rope did not budge an inch, despite the fact that several efforts were made by each team to pull the opposing side toward the seven-foot marker.

Then the Scandinavian Captain took out his watch and glanced at it. His men saw him, and gave a sudden heave to the rope. A great cheer went up from the audience as the Americans blushed temporarily for the momentary efforts of their opponents. But the dogged Scandinavians were determined, and they tugged away with dogged tenacity until they had gained a clear—six inches. A few minutes later they tried to repeat the operation, but the Americans fought them off.

Then there was another lull. The men all began to show signs of fatigue. Perspiration poured from their brows in streams, and their faces were paling audibly. It was a terrible struggle, and had settled itself down to a contest of endurance.

THE AMERICANS PULL.

It was just 8:45 o'clock when Captain Wilder of the American team gave a peculiar signal with his right hand—unseen by the opposing team.

The effort was a brawny boys in red, white and blue laid hold of the rope and for a few seconds the scene was an exciting one. The referee's whistle whistled lustily when it was seen that the Americans were slowly but surely taking back the six inches of rope they lost on the Scandinavians' rally. It took about ten seconds to accomplish this and each of the Americans planted his foot on a new cleat.

Ten minutes later the same signal came again, and once more did the Americans set their teeth and pull for all that was in them. They gained an inch and the audience fairly stormed.

Then the signal came again—and another inch was added to the Americans' advantage. After a lull of a few minutes, the same signal, the same superhuman effort—and three inches were gained.

Under the rules of the tournament fifty minutes are allowed for each side to pull, and at the end of that time the team having the advantage shall be declared the winner. When the Americans and Scandinavians had pulled forty-five minutes, and the indicator showed that the Americans had the best of it by about nine inches, the enthusiasm of the audience became demonstrative. They broke out into cheering as the end drew near. Then—

BANG!

It was the referee's pistol again and America had won.

The cheering, hand-clapping and yelling was deafening and a rush was made for the members of the winning team. They were shaken by the hands, patted on the backs and cheered lustily.

Referee Nichols called the teams up to the center and formally awarded the tug to the Americans. He also took occasion to compliment the losing team for the gallant fight it had made.

TWO MORE TEAMS.

There was an intermission of fifteen minutes after the Americans and Scandinavians had retired, and then the Foundrymen's and Brassfinishers' teams put in an appearance. The former team was composed of John Harris, William Johnson, Jack Woods, William Ropt, Adam Newman, George Newman, William Spencer, Henry Cook, W. Collins, Chas. Keller, and was captained by James A. Douglas.

The Brassfinishers were Thos. Peck, Geo. Ault, Earl Smith, Geo. Moltis, W. W. Herman, Geo. Blakeman, Chris Kaestberg, C. J. Renken, John Schaerer and R. Kaser, with P. M. Bender as Captain.

Some little time was lost in getting ready, but finally "all set" came from both sides, and the referee's pistol sent them to work at 9:12 o'clock.

The rope groaned under the terrible strain that was upon it. Both sides fought desperately for each another, and the Foundrymen evidently had their minds made up to "do or die" rightaway, and not pull for fifty minutes.

When the first struggle was over the marker showed that the Foundrymen had captured two full cleats, equal to one foot. Then there was a lull, and both sides rested for a moment.

Then the Brassfinishers essayed to take back some of the lost rope. At a signal from their captain they gave a mighty tug—and the marker bridged an inch. It proved to be a disastrous move on the part of the Brassfinishers. No sooner had they ceased to struggle for the advantage than the Foundrymen's Captain signalled his men. Instantly they gave a mighty pull and the marker moved over one more cleat. Another pull and they advanced another inch, and another still another. They were irresistible. Struggle as they would the Brassfinish-

ers could not stem the tide, and they were literally dragged over the ribbed platform by their doughty opponents.

The excitement was intense. Everybody in the big hall was on their feet cheering and yelling as if they had gone wild.

The Foundrymen continued to drag the Brassfinishers over toward the goal, and when the last cleat was reached—covering the seven feet necessary to win—the referee's pistol announced the victory. The pull had lasted just three and three-quarter minutes.

The scene of excitement that followed is almost indescribable. Friends and admirers of the winning team rushed over to the members, wrung their hands and pulled and hauled them about the place excitedly. The Brassfinishers were disgusted, and one by one they scudded for the dressing-room, leaving the hall to the victorious Foundrymen.

A QUICK VICTORY.

After the usual fifteen minutes' intermission, the Brewers' and Carbuilders' teams marched out and took their places on the cleats. The Carbuilders' team was made up of A. Sanitigen, William Hays, D. Reed, C. F. Kipp, J. B. Keeney, Prendegast, R. Ash, C. Aiken, G. Wood and F. Noil, with William Oldfield as Captain.

The Brewers were made up of John Choenberger, George Waiser, Joe Oberle, Robert Tauer, George Mosler, Herman Hansen, Joe Pryfer, Charles Berger, Nick Flowers and Joe Gartner, with Alfred Binse as Captain.

This contest was the shortest of the evening, and was almost a counterparty of the Foundrymen-Brassfinishers struggle.

As soon as the signal to pull was given the teams started at 10:10 o'clock, there was a desperate struggle for about ten seconds, at the end of which the Carbuilders were found to have obtained a lead of six feet and a half cleats. There was a lull for a minute and then the Brewers made a desperate but vain effort to recover the lost rope. A few seconds later the Carbuilders started hard again, and did not stop until they had hauled the Brewers over the goal. Two minutes and a half was all the time occupied by them in achieving their victory. Of course there was another uproar of cheering at the conclusion of this contest equaling the scenes that followed the other contests.

The contests will be resumed this evening, and it is probable that there will be another throng. The teams will be pitted as follows:

Americans vs. Carbuilders. Foundrymen vs. Scandinavians. Brassfinishers vs. Brewers.

The Scandinavians were considerably disheartened with the result of their pull last night with the Americans. They claim that after they gained a cleat on the opposing team they held the rope in that position for the remainder of the contest. They declared that they did not surrender their cleat and that the rope did not slip through their hands; therefore they believe that the rope stretched enough to give the American team the victory. They want to pull the Americans again and will enter a protest against the decision in last night's contest.

THAT WATER TOWER.

Richards & Knox Recover Judgment. Assignments of the Contractors. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs by the Superior Court yesterday in the suit of Richards & Knox against the County of Sacramento. The judgment was by default, the county making no showing.

Richards & Knox sued to recover the sum of \$1,510 due the American Bridge Company, which had the contract for erecting the water-tank at the County Hospital, but became insolvent before the county had settled therefor. Richards & Knox became the legally constituted assignees of the company, and as such claimed that the county could settle only with them, and that they would be responsible to the other Sacramento creditors.

The Supervisors had once allowed the separate claims of the sub-contractors, but Auditor Johnson refused to issue warrants for the several amounts, on the ground that the county knew only the original contractors (or their assignees) in the transaction, and could not pay the claims of outside creditors.

The Board of Supervisors at its last session rescinded its action, but Henry Starr came in as the attorney for Mrs. Hays, one of the creditors, with a mechanic's lien of \$400 on the bridge company's claim. Then the Supervisors blamed the Auditor Johnson for the mess, saying that he had nothing to do with the legal points at issue, but that his duty was simply to draw warrants for what ever claims the board should see fit to allow.

The Supervisors refused to pay all the money to Richards & Knox, and reconsidered its action in rescinding the order allowing the separate claims.

Richards & Knox, through their attorney J. B. Devine, brought suit for the full amount as assignees.

BRIEF NOTES.

Recorder Johnson's fees for November aggregated \$427.50.

The fees of County Clerk Rhoads for November amounted to \$741.

The Esoteric Club's party will take place this evening at Turner Hall.

Last evening Sacramento Council, No. 27, Y. M. C. L. gave its monthly social.

At the Merchants' Exchange, 1023 Third street, will be seen daily a practical illustration of the new method of balloting at an election.

The employees at the State Printing Office are busy engaged in preparing the report of the Railroad Commissioners for the present year.

Samples of the ballots to be used at the election will be on hand, under the modified Australian system, can be seen at the office of Auditor Young.

Officers Clark and Shellars, who had been in Marysville for several days as witnesses in the Medlock murder case, returned home yesterday.

Judge Van Fleet yesterday took under advisement the case of C. W. Sommers, who sued the Central Street Railway Company for \$299.99 damages for having been ejected from a street car.

Sacramento Lodge, No. 11, K. of P., has elected the following officers: C. C. J. Y. V. L. P. Rizer, K. of P. Wm. Hall; M. of E., M. Hirsch; M. of P., John Domingos; Prelate, S. C. Perder, Mat. A. H. Wendt; Trustee, A. C. Hopkins.

Union Lodge, A. O. U. W., has elected the following officers: M. W. L. Lehman; Foreman, M. T. Gother; Overseer, James Popert; Recorder, C. W. Baker; Secretary, J. Norton; Treasurer, J. G. Davis; Guide, D. H. McDonald; J. G. George Hart; O. W. D. Hickey; Trustee, Walter Van Gilder; Medical Examiner, W. A. Briggs.

Lecture to Ladies. At the Metropolitan Theater yesterday afternoon the Staff Surgeon of the Liebig World Dispensary, of 409 Geary street, San Francisco, delivered a lecture to ladies on "Marriage—Its Use and Abuse; Its Success and Failure, and Why." In the evening the lecture was delivered to an audience of gentlemen.

The subject was presented in an interesting manner, and those who heard it declare that they learned a great deal. The Liebig Dispensary will have an office at 1074 Fourth street until Saturday next.

Suspected of Insanity. John Young, who resides in the southwestern portion of the city, and is said to have aspired to the position of School Trustee, is held at the City Jail for safe-keeping, as he appears to be mentally unstrung.

To-day he will be examined by physicians to determine if there is anything serious the matter with him.

Winter at the Summit. Snow fell on the Sierra Nevada on Monday night, and a heavy snowfall on Tuesday. It is falling readily about the summit.

The Very Latest. The latest styles, etc., can be seen at the store of Charles J. Fredericks & Co., 802 J street.

THAT OPIUM FACTORY.

Coleman and Wagner Said to Have Given It Away.

Publications that Have Probably Put the Chinamen on Their Guard.—The Alleged Location.

There has now been so much publicity given the matter of the revelation concerning an illicit opium factory in the vicinity of this city that it is doubtful if any seizure or arrests can be made.

Yesterday Jacob Coleman and Milo Wagner, the young men arrested here by the San Francisco revenue officials, aided by Captain Lee, made a confession to Revenue Agent Thomas in that city yesterday and it was published in the newspapers that came here in the evening, so that the Chinamen's friends have had ample opportunity to place them on their guard.

When Thomas visited them in the jail, they said they had supposed he could not arrest them, but were quite satisfied that he could. They described the location of the factory and said it is one of the largest in the State. The Chinamen have been running five furnaces and turning out ten pounds of opium to the man every day, or thirty pounds in all, and the stuff has been handled by a large Chinese importing house in Sacramento.

In another published statement concerning Thomas' interview with Coleman and Wagner, it is related that the young men informed Thomas that when he came to Sacramento last week one of the proprietors of the Chinese store of Coon Chin Lung on I street recognized him as an inspector, and hurrying out to the factory all work was stopped at once, and everything that could be moved was taken to a place of safety.

Inspector Thomas was stated, intended to accompany Coleman and Wagner to Sacramento, seize the factory and arrest a number of Chinamen, whose names Coleman and Wagner have given him. So far as is known by one officer, Agent Thomas came up last night. He did not call at the police office here, but registered at the Hotel.

In their statement to the officers Coleman and Wagner are reported to have said that the factory is on the "seventh" road leading out of this city, and that the large Chinese exporting house referred to has been the distributing point for the opium, most of which was at once shipped to San Francisco.

The "seventh" road referred to is probably the Seventh-street road across the north levee, and which leads out among a number of Chinese gardens and into the dense brush along the American River.

The letter in which Wagner called the attention of life revenue officials to the matter, and which was dated on the 17th of November, reads:

Mr. Phelps—DEAR SIR: I have discovered opium smokers. I want to know what there is for me in it, as I understand it I get one-half if so let me know immediately for there is no time to spare. I have a good quantity since you the plus this opium is manufactured at the rate of 25 gallons every two days. Come tomorrow evening from 8 to 10 p. m. if possible, will meet you in the waiting room at the depot. If you miss me call at 609 14th St. Sac. M. W. Acker.

It was on the strength of this letter that Revenue Agent Thomas came here, as stated several days ago, and interviewed Coleman and Wagner, whom they refused to show the way to the factory, and were subsequently arrested.

FREE LIBRARY. Miss Hancock Re-elected Librarian and L. W. Ripley Assistant.

The Board of Trustees of the Public Library met at their office in the Library building last evening. Present, W. C. Fitch, President; S. H. Gerrish, Secretary, and E. B. Willis.

The report of the Librarian for the month of November was read, as follows: Number of books issued during the month, 8,661; 2,789; history, 241; literature, 153; fine art, 9; useful art, 62; science, 78; philology, 4; sociology, 11; religion, 24; philosophy, 64; general works, 14. Percentage of fiction, 76. Average number issued per day, 122. Number of patrons registered, 9,814. Amount of the fines collected, \$8 50.

Miss Caroline Hancock was re-elected Librarian for the ensuing year. Lauren W. Ripley was re-elected Assistant Librarian for the ensuing year.

The following bills were audited paid: Capital Gas Company, \$24 98; W. F. Parrish, \$13 50; Etina Insurance Company, \$17 50; Royal Insurance Company, \$18 75; J. Johnston, \$3; Union Ice Company, \$8 10.

The board then adjourned.

THOMPSON, WITH "A P. A Defaulting Complainant Whose Presence is Desired.

Nellie Aekley's case was called in the Police Court yesterday morning, but the party who accused her of grand larceny had not been found.

Judge Craven stated that he had learned from a reliable source that Thompson, the complainant, was in the courtroom when the case was first on the calendar, but that he had been induced to go out and leave the town before the case was called. He intended to continue the case, even if it took all winter to find the defaulting witness.

It was ordered that the case be called again next Tuesday.

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