

THE SPRING RACES.

Auspicious Opening at Agricultural Park Yesterday.

A Well-Contested Trotting Race Won by James L.—Procession of Roadsters—To-Day's Races.

The spring meeting of the Capital Turf and Driving Club opened at Agricultural Park yesterday afternoon under very favorable auspices.

The first race of the day was trotting for the three-minute class, for a purse of \$300.

First heat—The horses scored nine times, and it was after 2:30 o'clock before they were sent off to a somewhat uneven start.

Second heat—This was a surprise to the would-be knowing ones. The pools sold at \$20 for James L., the winner of the first heat.

Third heat—There was no unnecessary scoring, the horses were next, and Jessie took third place at the end of the race.

Fourth heat—James L. and McNasser trotted off in the lead, and went together to the half, where James L. pulled away.

Fifth heat—After scoring a number of times a fair start was had. James L. went to the front, closely followed by Jessie.

AGRICULTURAL PARK COURSE, SACRAMENTO, May 10, 1892.—Spring meeting of the Capital Turf and Driving Club, purse of \$300 for roadsters.

Second race was for roadsters without a record, for a purse of \$300.

First heat—There was but one horse in this heat, Spitzer's Zola, which won easily by seventy-five yards.

Second heat—It was nearly 6 o'clock when the horses got away for the second heat, and the start was a struggling one.

TO-DAY'S RACES. Four splendid running events for this afternoon.

The first will be a sweepstake, for two-year-olds; \$5 forfeit; \$200 prize.

The second race will be a sweepstake, for three-year-olds; \$50 entrance; \$25 forfeit; \$300 added, of which \$50 to second one mile.

The third race will be the Golden Eagle Hotel handicap; a sweepstake for all ages of \$25 each; \$200 added; three-quarters of a mile.

Geraldine, 122; Montana, 115; \$10; Applause, 100; \$4; Monowal, 80; \$6.

Children's Day Home.

There will be another meeting this afternoon of those interested in the welfare of the Children's Day Home.

The home is already doing much good. About a dozen children are daily cared for while their mothers are out at work.

Electric Trolley Transfers.

Beginning to-day the Electric Railway will give transfers for the Third-street line, good to the Art Gallery corner only.

Excursion to Woodland.

The Red Men of this city are noted for their well-managed and delightful picnics and excursions.

Neatness and Dispatch. Frank Wheeler, the horsehoer at the Rancho del Paso, had a queer experience with a mule yesterday.

Games Stopped. Chief of Police Rodgers yesterday stopped the wheel game at the races.

The Eintracht Excursion. It has been determined by the Verein Eintracht to have its excursion and picnic on Sunday, the 29th instant, at Natoma Grove.

THE NEW CHARTER. It Will Save the City \$2,000 a Year on Salaries.

And at Least \$3,000 on Elections—Says Clinton L. White—Interesting Figures.

Eds. RECORD-UNION: I learn that to-day there were five citizens going among business men making the statement that the new City Charter ought to be defeated.

If such were the fact, it would constitute a good reason for adhering to our present very inefficient form of city government.

The following comparative table will plainly show this, as it gives a list of the officers of the respective sums paid to them.

Office. Old Charter. New Charter. Mayor, \$2,500. \$3,000. Board of Trustees, nine, at \$1,000 each, \$9,000. \$10,000.

Street Commissioner, 1,800. 2,250. Street Superintendent, 1,500. 1,800. City Auditor and Assessor, 500. 700.

City Clerk and Assessor, 2,500. 2,500. City Assessor, 1,800. 1,500. City Collector, 2,700. 2,700.

City Tax and License Collector, 4,000. 4,000. Deputy City Collector, 1,500. 1,500.

Three Clerks City Collector, 3,000. 3,000. City Water Assessor, 900. 900.

Supervisor of Schools, 5,100. 5,100. Superintendent of Public Works, 1,500. 1,500.

Fire Marshal, 1,000. 1,000. City Treasurer, 1,000. 1,000.

City Attorney, 1,800. 1,800. City Superintendent of Schools, 2,700. 2,700.

"LARRUPIN JACK" ON TRIAL.

His Statements to Peter Haller About the Galt Fire.

"Done a Job" for Crabtree—A Clash Between Judge Catlin and District Attorney Ryan.

The trial of John Taylor, alias "Larrupin Jack," who, with George Crabtree and Henry Dobson, is accused of firing the Arcade Stables in Galt in January last, was resumed before Superior Judge Catlin and a jury yesterday morning.

Crabtree and Henry Taylor, with the latter's attorneys, Grove L. Johnson and W. H. Scott, and consulted with them frequently.

J. W. McKinstry, who was part owner in the property which was destroyed by the alleged incendiaries, was the first witness placed on the stand by the prosecution.

TESTIMONY RULED OUT. J. C. Proctor was called upon by District Attorney Ryan to testify regarding a proposition Crabtree is alleged to have made to him four years ago to burn a building.

The defense objected strongly, and as the recess hour had arrived Judge Catlin took the police and witnesses to the afternoon session. When the court reconvened the Judge decided that the testimony was inadmissible and he sustained the defense's objection.

The most important witness of the day was Peter Haller, who, when the alleged incendiaries were arrested as being one of the incendiaries, subsequently the charge was dismissed, when Haller promised to tell all he knew about the case.

Haller lives at Galt, and testified that he remembered the burning of the Arcade Stables and hotel at that place last January, and that he had seen Crabtree and waking up to the fire.

He knew Taylor, alias "Larrupin Jack." The day after the fire the witness went to Lodi and Taylor's saloon in Pope's saloon. Taylor had been drinking. He paid the witness \$20 he had owed him. Taylor had plenty of money. Taylor said he had "DONE A JOB."

At Galt, and that "Crabtree had paid him \$100 for it." Taylor said he and Dobson had driven to Galt in a rig, and had set fire to the barn. He had a cigar-box filled with rags and saturated with oil, and after placing a lighted candle in the box threw it into the barn.

He then drove back to Galt, and the witness went to Hicksville, and from there to Sacramento. Witness and Taylor and a gambler named Starkey were together for a time. Taylor told him he met Taylor again and the latter was "broke." The witness gave him some money for breakfast.

The witness went to Auburn that night and Taylor and George Johnson followed the next day. Some officers arrived there "looking for a man," and Taylor said he guessed he had better get out of the way. He stayed away several days. While in Auburn Taylor told the witness that he had telegraphed to Crabtree for \$150, so that the money would come in George Johnson's name.

The witness had given Taylor money several times and Taylor said he would pay it when the money from Crabtree arrived.

Haller proved to be a most unerring witness, and it was only by dint of persistent questioning by District Attorney Ryan could he get the evidence from him.

"Why did you and Taylor leave Lodi?" asked Mr. Ryan. "I was afraid of being pulled," replied Haller, after considerable hesitation.

"Did you pass through Galt on the way to Hicksville?" was the next question. "No, we did not." "You took the train at Hicksville, did you not?" "Yes." "And you could have taken the same train at Lodi or Galt?" "Yes."

"Then why did you drive fifteen miles to Hicksville to take that train?" "I don't know."

ON THE RACK. "On cross-examination," by Attorney Johnson, Haller said that he had not joined himself principally by playing poker. He worked at barkeeping once in a while, and had no particular place of residence, as he moved about the country a good deal. In Auburn he had stopped several days at Maggie Mitchell's house. He denied, though, that he had ever had a great deal when under the influence of liquor.

Haller said he arrived in Galt on the night of the fire. He went there on Auburn to get some clean clothes. The fire occurred some time between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning.

Haller denied that he had told a man named Robinson in Lodi, the day after the fire, that he had given Taylor \$100 and wanted Taylor to get it back. What he did tell Robinson was that he wanted to find Taylor, as the latter had money and he was afraid he would be robbed.

"How did you know he had money?" "I had seen him with it that morning." "Then you had seen him before?" "Yes; I saw him in Pope's saloon." Continuing, Haller testified that the person he told about Taylor was Sheriff Connor of Placer County. Afterward he told Attorney Bruner, District Attorney Ryan, Sheriff Stanley and others about it, too.

MORE ABOUT TAYLOR. George Johnson testified regarding the telegram Taylor sent Crabtree asking for \$100.

Maggie Mitchell gave evidence to the effect that Taylor visited her once in Auburn shortly after the fire and consulted with Haller there. He told her that he had done a job for Crabtree, for which he was to receive \$100. Of this amount he had already received \$100 and was then expecting another installment of \$100.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Hon. C. C. Powning of Reno, Nev., is in the city.

W. F. Coleman of St. Louis is visiting his uncle, W. P. Coleman. Attorney-General Hart will arrive from Washington this morning.

Rev. D. M. Ross of Vacaville is here, accompanied by Mrs. Ross. Mrs. Albert Gallatin is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Robin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Loney have gone to San Francisco for a week's visit. Hon. Marion Biggs, Jr., came down from Oroville yesterday to attend the races.

Charles Trevelyan, turf reporter for the Evening-Examiner, will be in the city for the spring races. Ex-Congressman James H. Hutton and Judge Baldwin of Stockton are in the city frequently.

Sol Schweitzer of San Francisco, who has been visiting relatives in this city, crossed over to Salt Lake City on Monday. Joseph D. Redding will leave at the close of the week for New York, en route for Europe, where he will join Mrs. Redding.

Mrs. R. H. Pettit, Mrs. George Murray and Mrs. Alice Seidler have gone to San Francisco as delegates to attend the session of the Rebekah Degree Grand Lodge.

Rev. G. A. Ottmann, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will leave for Benicia this morning to attend the Convention of the Northern Jurisdiction of Northern California, which convenes there.

After a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brinkerhoff in New York, Mrs. Frances Edgerly, who is at present the guest of Judge and Mrs. Stephen J. Field in Washington, will be entertained by ex-Secretary and Mrs. John Conness in Boston.

Among the visitors in the city is P. L. Clark of Clark's Horse Review, of Chicago, one of the leading horse publications of the country. Mr. Clark says yesterday was the first pleasant day he has experienced in months. To-day he will visit John Mackey at the Rancho del Paso.

Workmen were engaged last evening in taking down the row of chimneys on the Galt street in front of the Sacramento Bank. These chimneys were old and were made more so by the recent seismic disturbance.

Workingmen's Meeting. A call is issued for a mass meeting of workingmen at the Plaza at 2 o'clock next afternoon. The purpose of the meeting is not explained.

HE DIDN'T CARE WHICH. Andrew Vachell Wanted Either Marie or His Money.

A Rattle-Brained Youth Who Would Marry His Landlady If She Gave Him a Chance.

Andrew Vachell, arraigned for disturbing the peace of the city, came before Judge Craven yesterday. The complaint was read to Andrew, whose powers of comprehension were evidently too confused to understand it.

Marie then took the stand, and told a long story about Vachell wanting to marry her. "He comes by my house on Monday, and wants to marry me, but said he got no money. Afterward he gave me \$4, and said he has friends. I told him I not marry for three weeks. I don't know the mans. I says I see his half fool—he is more as half fool."

"Half fool and half full, do you say?" asked Attorney Hart. "Yes," "O, yes; he is half fool—no, he is all fool, and he comes to my house and wants to run my house?" Marie became excited, arose and addressed the City Attorney Hart.

"What do you think, lawyer, for that?" He takes such liberties as to come to my house and not wait for my daughters to get up and dress themselves in the mornings. He was paid \$3 for me when I charges 75 cents for meals, and I am not paid for my house, and he has friends. I told him he should go away, and he talks loud and says, 'I want to marry Marie, I want to marry Marie.' When dismissed from the stand Marie said: "Well, good morning—may this be the last time I am here."

Vachell testified and mixed up his words worse than the object of his affections did. He evidently tried to explain that he either wanted his money back, or wanted to marry Marie. "I said, 'you give me my money, I don't bother you any more!'" he explained, and then told the jury of a mixed-up and half idiotic statement out of which no one could make anything.

A voice said: "Why don't you apply to a marriage bureau?" This caused a commotion in the court, which had to be quieted by the Bailiff.

Judge Craven's patience was exhausted, and he addressed Vachell, telling him he would have to let him go. "You are non compos mentis, evidently," said the court.

As Attorney Hart did not understand the court used plainer language. "I say I don't think you have sense enough to know what you were doing. You don't know enough to come in when it rains." Andrew was evidently satisfied with this adjustment of the case, as he got his \$3 and was allowed to go forth seeking further adventure.

THE "NEWS" TROUBLE. The News last evening published a long statement, setting forth the reasons for the discharge of Reporter Marshall, which is being investigated by the Arbitration Committee of the Federated Trades. Marshall claims to have been discharged because of his union principles, while Mr. Drury, the proprietor of the News, says he discharged him because he was disloyal to the paper, refused to perform his duties as directed, was intemperate and was really working in the interest of the business rival of the News.

Mr. Drury also says that he immediately employed another union man in Marshall's place.

BORN. REID—In this city, May 9th, to the wife of Henry Reid, a daughter.

DIED. KEGAN—In Boston, Mass., April 16th, Kate Mitchell Kegan, mother of Martin J. Kegan of Sacramento, and sister of Mrs. Maria Kegan of San Francisco. (San Francisco papers please copy.)

METCALF—In Washington, Yolo County, May 10th, George W. Metcalf, aged 81 years, 8 months and 10 days.

PHINNEY—In this city, May 10th, Mrs. Mary A. Phinney, a native of Maine, aged 77 years.

Funeral notice hereafter.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she clung to Castoria.

When she became Miss, she tried for Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.