THE GREAT AMERICAN DERBY

One of the Richest Racing Stakes of the Year Won by Strathmeath in 2:49 1-4.

Royal Struggle for $19,000 Witnessed by Fifty Thousand Perspiring People—Terrible Crush of Sports at the "Bookies'" Stands.

High Tariff, a Noble Thoroughbred, Left Dead at the Three-Quarters Pole.

Good Sport at Sheepshead Bay and St. Louis—Columbia Defeated by Cornell in the Freshmen's Two-Mile Boat Race.

STRATHMEATH WINS THE DERBY.

Kingman and Other Fast Horses Easily Defeated—High Tariff Falls Dead.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Death to one horse; $19,000 to another—that was the American Derby of 1891. A scarlet flash on the horizon, half a hundred thousand people breathless, the gleam of white beneath a wire, and the richest stake race ever run in the West was at an end. It was by Strathmeath, New York's favorite son, the battle royal was won. Half a mile off where had been the thick of the fight, lay motionless on the track the corpse of his foe to the death, High Tariff. Tom Kiley, the gallant beast's rider, twice a Derby victor on that very course, had this time pushed the limit of equine endurance. There was a sudden plunge upward, a queer stagger of twenty yards, and High Tariff sunk down into the mud lifeless.

Whether in point of great horses, famous jockies, magnificence of fashionable display and marvelous outpouring of people, as well as in the sensational incidents and bulky purse, probably no such race was ever witnessed this side of the Alleghenies—certainly not in Chicago.

No one of the seven Derbies that in preceding years have made Washington Park's celebrity more than fringed in interests the classic event of to-day. Just enough brilliance shone through the partly overcast sky to light up the hundreds of gay bonnets and bright-hued parasols that peeped out everywhere from club-house to gate. Such a multitude of the fair sex as put in appearance was something wholly unprecedented here, and so great was the crush that hundreds of them were wedged helplessly in the enormous mob of heterogeneous male sports that packed the lawn solid in front of the betting ring.

But for the jam of humanity, the day would have been the perfection of temperature for the spectators. Once within the confines of the park, however, faces speedily flushed, and perspiration dripped as the eager thousands pushed each other backward and forward in huge waves. No aisle or stairway in the grand-stand afforded an inch of unused standing room. Its galleries and roof were black with people, while the approaches from end to end of the stretch, including even the club-house grounds, reserved for members and friends, were full almost to suffocation. The infield showed line after line of vehicles, tally-hos, victorias, cabs and what not—loaded down with people—stretching in bewildering succession far beyond the point to the rear where by any possibility a glimpse of the course could be had. Stable tops, telegraph poles and fences to each point of the compass seemed literally festooned with would-be lookers-on hanging to pickets or other points of vantage as if life depended on the result.

THE HORSES AND RIDERS.

Everybody agreed that, despite the yielding, dustless condition of the soil that recent rains had left, the race, with the array of powerful horses entered, was to be a struggle fit for kings to see, or, for that matter, a worthy spectacle for the vast throng of American sovereigns that had gathered on the course. Of the ten noble brutes that were to make the contest, the unbeaten Kingman, not to mention High Tariff, Forerunner, Valeria and Mitchell, had in many a hard Western race, under similar track conditions, given evidence of remarkable form. On Eastern tracks Pessara and Snow Ball were no less notable. Ludowic was looked upon by Californians who were, supposedly, best able to judge him, as almost certain to prove a surprise, while Strathmeath, regarded as the all-round best of last year's two-year-olds, had been reserved all the present season solely for this race.

"Snapper" Garrison, Taral, Covington and Fitzpatrick, four as crack jockeys as almost any equal number now on the turf, had been brought specially from New York for the race, and it was current gossip that Garrison's pet ambition was to ride an American Derby winner. Tom Kiley, too, the winning jockey of the two latest great Chicago contests, was to have a mount, and with it a chance, if successful, to equal the record here of the ideal rider, Isaac Murphy.

So intent was the huge concourse of people in the real event of the day that the first two races passed almost unnoticed, except when Isaac Lewis, who was to ride the formidable Kingman in the Derby, appeared in the second race astride of Santiago. The friends of the blue-grass Derby favorite gave a volley of encouraging cheers as they noticed how deftly he handled himself in the saddle. Again the Kingman admirers applauded when Lewis forged in the front with Santiago in the back stretch, and the enthusiasm became general as Lewis, taking the dryer ground near the outside fence, jumped in a winner. Many a misguided Kentuckian and other well-meaning persons now straightway went to the betting-booths and pinned beautiful, long green bills on Kingman, in the faith that Lewis could repeat the trick in the Derby.

"BOOKIES" SURROUNDED BY A MOB.

The confusion in the book-makers' quarters as the time for the big race approached was, by long odds, the worst ever witnessed at Washington Park and the bedlam, scarcely mitigated, spread to the other portions of the grounds. So many thousand wild steers at the stock-yards could hardly have made such a bellowing or a more maddening jostle. The roof over the book-makers' heads had by this time become covered with gamesters unable to gain admission below. The police, fearing that the frail supports would give way, causing perhaps the loss of scores of lives, attempted to clear the graveled platform. To avoid the officers' clubs, many on the roof jumped plumply into the mass of people on the lawn. Suddenly the supports creaked as the line of blue coats forced back en-masse the crowd, and their act clearly demonstrated that it was less perilous to allow the reckless mob to remain unmolested.

The hubbub was at its height when "Snapper" Garrison, lithely resting on the back of Snowball, cantered out in view and centered every eye on the track. He was heartily cheered, as was also Lewis on Kingman and Fitzpatrick on Michael. Strathmeath's sleek and beautiful limbs were narrowly scanned by many. This is the way they were recorded:

Starters, Weights, Jockeys and Post-betting—Snowball (122, Garrison) and Pessara (129, Taral), Wolcott & Campbell's entry, coupled, 4 to 1; Forerunner (125, Allen), 10 to 1; Lodowic (122, Hill), 15 to 1; Michael (125, Fitzpatrick), 8 to 1; Kingman (129, Lewis), 4 to 1; High Tariff (127, Kiley) and Poet Scout (115, Overton), Easton & Larrabie's entry, coupled, 12 to 1; Valiera (127, Britton), 12 to 1; Strathmeath (122, G. Covington), 3 to 1.

Balgowan was scratched about an hour before the race. There was much regret expressed at Potomac's failure to start, though it had been known for some days that the Futurity winner had pulled up lame in his work, and in consequence could not be sent West.

At last the bugle sounded for the race, and a frightful crush began to secure advantageous positions from which to view the race. For a moment at this juncture all eyes were turned to a vigorous-looking colt that was galloping toward the grand-stand. The familiar face of George Covington was seen in the saddle. "It's Strathmeath!" shouted thousands. Sure enough, it was the Junior Champion winner. He was cheered to the echo by his many admirers. Next came Kingman, the hero of Louisville and Latonia. Shout after shout went up as the great son of Glengarn galloped by the stand. The Campbell pair were next, and one by one the horses found their way to the starter's post. Starter Sheridan mounted his box and lectured the boys. Then the horses were placed in line and were ready for the start.

OFF AT THE THIRD TRIAL.

The first trial was false, half a dozen refusing to break. The second attempt was without result. At the third trial the horses moved in solid phalanx toward the starter. Mr. Sheridan's red flag was poised in the air for an instant and with a swish descended. A mighty shout went up from the multitude, "They're off!" Then the tip-toed thousands realized with a thrill of delight that the great Derby was on.

Forerunner, as if inspired by his name, jumped to the front and, closely followed by Pessara and Poet Scovt, led to the first turn; Lodowic was last, five lengths away. Coming down the stretch Poet Scout had forged to the front, Strathmeath, who had been in the rear division, moving up to second place, and Kingman third. Passing the stand these positions were steadily maintained. At the turn Michael had worked to the front and set a merry pace down the back-stretch, Poet Scout still second, while Kingman and Strathmeath, the two favorites, went back to the bunch.

It was at this point that the sensation of the day took place. High Tariff, a stake-winner at Louisville, and ridden by Kiley, had started sixth as the flag fell, and had been shoved relentlessly through the heavy going, notwithstanding his 127 pounds weight. Kiley, by sheer force of will, seemed determined to make a showing equaling his past record on the course and sufficient within human possibility to again carry off the laurels. Well did the good animal respond to Kiley's calls. He was visibly gaining and had passed three competitors when nature rebelled. An instant later the fleet racer was a hopeless cripple, floundering wildly in the mire—a very caricature of his former self. Kiley regretfully tried to check the poor wreck, and at last succeeded, only a moment later to feel the animal tremble and fall in a heap. Kiley hastily extricated himself unhurt.

Meanwhile the pace of the others, never halting for the mishap, had been getting hotter and hotter, and the horses swung into the stretch with Poet Scout in front, Strathmeath second and Michael third. Overton now began to ride the leader desperately, and for a moment it looked as if he might win, but Covington brought Strathmeath by the outer rails up with a rush, stealing the former tactics of Kingman's rider and won by an open length without the use of whip or spur. Poet Scout was second, half a length before Kingman third. Time, 2:49¼.

RESULT OF OTHER EVENTS.

Of the other races decided two were won by favorites, and as Strathmeath carried the bulk of the money in the Derby the crowd went home happy. Following are the details.

First Race—Purse, $600; for three-year-olds and upward; entrance, $10; one mile. Joe Carter got the best of the start by half a length, and led to the back stretch, where Labold passed him. Coming into the stretch Joe Carter forged to the front again, and, after an exciting finish, won by half a length from Yale '91, who beat Labold a neck for the place. Time, 1:53½.

Second Race—Purse, $750; for three-year-olds and upward; entrance, $15; one and one-eighth mile. The start was good, the three horses being neck and neck. Dickerson immediately went to the front and set the pace to the eighth pole, where Santiago, well ridden by Lewis, drew away and won by a length from Sportsman, who beat Dickerson the same distance for the place. Time, 2:05.

The third was the Derby.

Fourth Race—Purse, $700; for three-year-olds and upward; one and one-sixteenth mile. Martin Russell was first away, with Marie K. second, the others bunched. Russell acted as pacemaker to the far turn, where St. Albans passed him; and in a pretty finish, won by a neck. Martin Russell beat Maria K. a length for the place. Time, 1:57¾.

Fifth Race—Purse, $600; for two-year-olds; five furlongs. Frank Kinney jumped to the front and led to within one hundred yards of the wire, when Strathmaid passed him and won by a neck. Frank Kinney beat Curt Gunn a length for the place. Time, 1:07.

Good Sport at Sheepshead Bay.

SHEESHEAD BAY, June 20.—There was a great outpouring here to-day, and when the first field faced Mr. Caldwell fully twelve thousand persons were present. It was the first time since the Suburban that race-goers had had a glimpse of the sun, and they thoroughly enjoyed it. The track, while not fast, had dried out nicely and was in good shape. The card was a good one, and besides the ordinary over-night events contained the Surf and the Tidal stakes and the Sheepshead Bay handicap. The first was won by Merry Monarch, the favorite, while after one of the best finishes of the meeting, Portchester won the Tidal stakes from Russell, the favorite, by a short head. Judge Morris was an entirely different horse in the handicap from what he had been heretofore this year, and, admirably ridden by Jimmy McLaughlin, he won a grand race. The other events all furnished good contests, and as favorities were successful in the majority of them, the talent left the track well satisfied.

First Race—Sweepstakes, for three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Saunterer won easily by four lengths from Pagan, who was a one-half length before Longford. Time, 1:29 4/5.

Second Race—Surf stakes; for two-year-olds, with $1,500 added; five furlongs. Osric was the first to show. As they emerged from the dip Osric was still in front. Osric quit when they struck the bend, and Merry Monarch came through followed by Air Plant and Spinalong. The first two drew away and in a rattling finish Merry Monarch won by a neck from Air Plant, who was three lengths before Spinalong. Time, 1:04.

Third Race—Tidal stakes; for three-year-olds, with $2,000 added; one mile. Russell, as he entered the back stretch, was two lengths before Surplus, with Foxford, Terrifier and Portchester close behind. On the turn Portchester, catching Russell and Foxford, the three turned into the stretch on even terms. Russell and Portchester then drew away together, and they fought it out like a team to the wire, Portchester getting the verdict by a nose. Russell was six lengths before Terrifier. Time, 1:42 4/5.

Fourth Race—Sheepshead Bay handicap, with $1,750 added; one mile and a furlong. Judge Morrow won by a half length from Banquet, who beat Eon a length and a half. Time, 1:56 2/5.

Fifth Race—Handicap, with $1,250 added; one mile and three sixteenths. Only two starters. Text won easily from Rover by three lengths. Time, 2:06.

Sixth Race—Purse, $1,000; one mile and a half. Masterlode won easily by three lengths from St. Luke, who beat Algernon a half length for second money. Time, 2:37 2/5.

Close of the St. Louis Meeting.

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—The last day of the St. Louis Jockey Club spring meeting drew a crowd of ten thousand people, who witnessed eight events, decided on a very heavy track. The Brewers' stake, at a mile and a quarter, which was the feature of the card, was won by the great mud horse Glockner. The dump of the day turned up in the first colt race, which was captured by Julia Smith, a twelve-to-one shot.

First Race—Purse, $500; for non-winners of the meeting; one mile and fifty yards. Atalanta assumed command shortly after they took the track, and, running easily, won as she pleased by two open lengths from Jasper, who was whipped out; Annie May was third. Time, 1:59.

Second Race—For two-year-olds; four and one-half furlongs. Julia Smith won by a half length from Richards, who beat Governor Porter a length for the place. Time, 1:01¼.

Third Race—Brewers' stakes; for three-year-olds and upward; $1,000 added; one and one-quarter mile. W. G. Morris was first away and led past the stand. Then Glockner went to the front and piloted the field home, winning, with his neck pulled double, by three lengths from W. G. Morris, who got the place by a length and a half from Ed. Hopper. Time, 2:18¾.

Fourth Race—Purse, $500; for non-winners of the year; one mile and one hundred yards. Little Crete won by six lengths from Florence Slaughter, who captured the place by a neck from Free Trade. Time, 2:00.

Fifth Race—Purse, $600; one mile and seventy yards. The race was a mere exercise gallop for the winner. Anna Race jumped off in the lead, and remained there throughout the journey, landing the purse under a pull by four lengths. Vanzandt was the runner up and Lantry, the favorite, third. Time, 1:56.

Sixth Race—Purse, $500; for non-winners of the meeting; one mile and fifty yards. Chestnut Belle forged to the front shortly after they were sent off and won in a common canter by eight lengths from Antonio, who was a neck before Hamlet. Time, 1:56.

Seventh Race—Purse, $600; for two-year-olds; four and one half furlongs. Severton won by a length and a half; The Hero second, Tom Harding third. Time, 1:00¼.

Eighth Race—Purse, $600; for non-winners of the year; one mile and seventy yards. Barney won; Louise M. second, Duke of Sonora third. Time, 1:56½.

"Cannon Ball" Can Run.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., June 20.—A match running race occurred at the Driving Park this afternoon, the bobtails being Bishop and Evans's "Frank Wise," of this city, and Mock's "Cannon Ball," of Marion. The purse was $200, winner to take all. "Cannon Ball" won both heats. Time—:53, :52.

AQUATIC AND ATHLETIC.

Cornell Easily Outrows Columbia in the Two-Mile Freshman's Race.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 20.—The two-mile race between the Cornell and Columbia Freshman College crews was rowed over the Thames river course, from Winthrop Point to the naval station, this evening. Cornell proved an easy victor, winning by three and a half lengths in ten minutes and thirty seconds. The contest was viewed by comparatively few people, as not much interest was taken in the event. The contestants backed up to their starting point at 6:35 P. M., and Referee Ives, of Yale, quickly gave the word. Columbia caught the water first and gained a slight advantage, but this lead was only temporary. Cornell soon settled down to business, and pulling a powerful stroke of forty per minute, gradually crept up along side of the Columbia crew, and just before the quarter mile was reached Cornell led by three-fourths of a length. Both crews were pulling in fairly good form. At the half-mile flag Cornell had one and one-half length the best of it and had the race well in hand. They then took matters easy and at the mile were leading by the same distance. Several of the Columbia crew showed signs of distress at this point. The Cornell crew continued to row in good form and finished an easy winner, three and a half lengths ahead. As soon as the Columbia crew crossed the line No. 6 fell over in the seat completely exhausted. He did not recover for fully three minutes. The Cornell crew finished strong and rowed back to their quarters, a distance of two and a half miles. Cornell averaged forty and Columbia thirty-eight strokes per minute throughout the race.

The Henley Regatta.

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LONDON, June 20.—Oxford University has not yet been represented co nomine at Henley since 1853, but this year all eight will row for the great challenge cup which is really an Oxford University eight, though the men will wear oleander colors. G. Nickalls and P. M. Poole make room for W. F. C. Poland (last year's bow,) and J. A. Ford, of Brazenose, but otherwise the crew is the same that rowed at Putney. The Cantabs now seem to be affecting the Thames Rowing Club, and those well-known old blues, P. Landale, A. M. Hutchinson, S. D. Mutlebury and J. C. Gardner, will all be found in this club's Henley eight. G. Nickalls, who has won the diamond sculls for three years in succession, is going for them again, and may be opposed by his brother, V. Nickalls, and also by G. Glen, the Cambridge stroke. The Goblets should be a most exciting race. Oxford will be well represented by college crews, for Balliol, Exeter and Pembroke are sending eights, and Brazenose, holders of the Stewards' cup, and Magdalen are sending fours. First Trinity and Trinity Hall crews will come from Cambridge, and probably one or two others. The London Rowing Club is at present the holder of the Grand Challenge cup, and the Putney critics speak well of the crew which will represent their powerful club in the chief race of the regatta. Of other Thames clubs, Moulsey, Twickenham and Kingston will have eights or fours at Henley. On the whole, the Henley regatta of 1891 promises to be as interesting and exciting as any rowing competition of recent years.

Field-Day Sports at Spiceland.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPICELAND, Ind., June 20.—To-day was field-day at the Spiceland Academy. The number in attendance was very large—much larger than at any previous like occasion here. The morning was so rainy that the exercises were postponed until afternoon. Costly prizes were given by the merchants and others for the winner in the various rings. The exercises were as follows:

Standing and running hop, step and jump, won by A. Holloway; throwing base ball (women), won by Nellie Ratcliff; throwing base ball (men), won by Olen Payne; high kick, won by Bert Woodard; high jump, won by Walter Thomas; walking race (women), won by Dora Stafford; sack race, won by Otho Poer; hopping race, won by A. Holloway; putting shot, won by Fred Bogue; display on horizontal bar, won by W. T. Evans; wheelbarow race, won by Fred Bogue; Three-legged race, won by Hiatt and Symons, vaulting, won by Walter Thomas; batting base-ball (women), won by Ida Hiatt; running race (women), Class 2, won by Mattie Wilson; running race (women), Class 1, won by Ruby Hinchman; 220-yards dash, won by Will Mauzy; archery, won by Ida Hiatt; one-hundred-yard dash, won by Will Mauzy; frog race, won by Fred Bogin; toad jump, won by W. T. Evans; tug of war, won by senior class; best athlete of the day, won by Arthur Holloway. Awarding of prizes was by Prof. Newlin. There was a dumb-bell exercises by ladies.

On account of a heavy rain in the evening a game of base-ball between Spiceland and New Lisbon clubs was declared off. A large flag was hoisted on the Academy building to float hereafter.

American and British Athletes Meet.

LONDON, June 20.—The New York Manhattan Club team met a British club of athletes at Huddersfield, to-day, and acquitted themselves neatly, in spite of the fact, as generally regarded, that they were overhandicapped. They showed good form throughout. Luther Carey (scratch) won the 220-yards race for the Manhattans; Shaw of New Zealand, defeated Sarre in the quarter-mile race, over ten three-foot hurdles, time 59 3/5 seconds, beating the world's record. In the initial heats of the 120-yards handicap, Remington and Hall were defeated. Carey won his heat, but was defeated in the final. Young was second in the mile handicap. Dadman easily won in the quarter-mile handicap; time, time, 51 1/5 seconds. The games were witnessed by fully 18,000 spectators.

National League Ball Games.

At Boston—

Boston	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0—5
Brooklyn	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1—6

Hits—Boston, 8; Brooklyn, 12. Errors—Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 3. Batteries—Nichols and Bennett; Caruthers and Daily.

At New York—

New York	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0—2
Philadelphia	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	*	—4

Hits—New York, 5; Philadelphia, 7. Errors—New York, 4; Philadelphia, 0. Batteries—Rusie and Buckley; Gleason and Clements.

At Pittsburg—

Pittsburg	1	0	2	3	4	2	0	1	0	—13
Cincinnati	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	—8

Hits—Pittsburg, 10; Cincinnati, 9. Errors—Pittsburg, 5; Cincinnati, 7. Batteries—Baldwin and Mack; Rhines and Harrington.

The Cleveland-Chicago game was stopped at the end of the fourth inning on account of rain. The score then stood: Cleveland, 1; Chicago, 7.

American Association.

At Columbus—

St. Louis	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	—6
Columbus	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	—3

Hits—St. Louis, 6; Columbus, 8. Errors—St. Louis, 1; Columbus, 3. Batteries—McGill and Munyan; Easton and Dowse.

At Philadelphia—

Athletics	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	—3
Boston	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	*	—12

Hits—Athletics, 7; Boston, 14. Errors—Athletics, 2; Boston, 0. Batteries—Sanders and Milligan; Haddock and Murphy.

The Louisville-Cincinnati game at Cincinnati and the Washington-Baltimore game at Baltimore were postponed on account of wet grounds.

Local Base-Ball.

The Journals and Easterns will play the second game of their series, this afternoon, at Coy's Park. The first game ended in a tie, 3 to 3, and both teams will put their best players in the game to-day. The batteries will be Gray and Castor and Keefe and Dreamons.

The Grand Avenues and Daltons will play the first game of a series of three this afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, at Brighton Beach. The batteries will be: Daltons, Gray and Iten; Grand Avenues, Donovan and Bright.

MUST LIMIT THEIR TICKETS.

Protest from the Big Four, the Pennsylvania, the Monon and the C., H. & D.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Commissioner C. E. Fulton, of the Chicago and Ohio River Traffic Association, has issued a circular signed by the general passenger agents of the Big Four, the Pennsylvania, the Monon and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton roads, and addressed to all connecting lines, in which it is set forth that passenger rates are disturbed by the appearance in the market of tickets sold over circuitous routes at short line rates and bearing sufficient limits to permit of their manipulation by brokers. Connecting lines accordingly are notified that unless these tickets are in future limited to continuous passage, the roads in the Ohio River Traffic Association will refuse to honor them.

An Old Case Decided.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Justice Harlan, sitting in the United States Circuit Court, decided the long-contested litigation over the old Chicago, Danville & Vincennes (now the Chicago & Eastern Illinois) brought by C. C. Merriam and other judgment creditors of the old company. The action was in the nature of a creditors' bill to compel the Chicago & Eastern Illinois to pay the judgment creditors of the old road, it being alleged there was fraud and collusion in the sale of it. It was also sought to compel Edwin Walker, Jos. Young and others to pay judgments from funds paid them by the Eastern Illinois, possibly for bonds which Walker had but which complainant alleged were given him for the purpose of allowing fraudulent foreclosure to proceed. Justice Harlan held that the Eastern Illinois could not be held by the creditors of the old road, but that Walker and Young must turn over bonds to their creditors, allowing Walker, however, a reasonable sum for attorney's fees. The suit as to the Eastern Illinois road was dismissed, and will be appealed by Merriam et al. to the new Appellate Court. If Justice Harlan's decision is sustained it means a saving of $500,000 for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois. Attorney Walker will be compelled to pay something like $100,000 for bonds which he retained.

The Boycott Not Successful.

CHICAGO, June 20.—The board of rulings of the Eastern roads has been trying in vain to induce the transmissouri lines to unite in the boycott against the Chicago & Alton. At the meeting of the Transcontinental Association in this city a resolution drawn up by the board of rulings was presented indorsing the order of last January to discontinue the payment of commissions. The question was defeated. Reports are in circulation that some of the Eastern roads have grown very tired of the boycott, and one by one are quietly resuming the sale of Alton tickets. Officials of the Alton manifest no interest in the situation whatever. They say that the Eastern lines can resume the sale of their tickets or not as they please; it makes no difference to them. Under any circumstances they will not recede an inch from their present position.

The Fight Against the Soo.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Vice-chairman Donald, of the Central Traffic Association, has advised Chairman Finley, of the Western Passenger Association, that in meeting the rates of the Soo the Western roads must observe the following rules: No round-trip tourist tickets shall be issued at points in or through trunk-line territory. No round-trip tickets shall be sold to Buffalo; no round-trip tickets shall be issued to a destination reached by crossing a line drawn through Portland, Me.; Rochester, N. Y.; Concord, N. H.; Rutland, Vt., and Plattsburg, N. Y. This arrangement must be considered as void and revoked if competition with the Soo line results in a reduction of rates from St. Paul and Minneapolis to an equality with the fare obtained from Chicago.

Disposed of the Tourist-Rate Question.

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—The St. Louis Association of General Passenger Agents has disposed of the summer tourist rate-sheet question affecting St. Louis territory. When the matter was brought up the Alton interposed an objection, owing to the boycott of that road by the Eastern lines. While it was decided not to issue the rate-sheet, the regular tourist rates will obtain, as heretofore. For the St. Louis exposition and fair the association decided to make the same arrangement as last year. A special rate of one and one-third fare will be allowed for two days of each week during the exposition season, and one fair for the round trip during fair week.

Losses by Fire.

MARQUETTE, Mich., June 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Hester and Gregory blocks. Loss on stocks and buildings, $125,000; insurance, $75,000. Captain C. M. Goodang, of the Morse company, and firemen Patenault and Tim Meany were badly cut by falling glass. Fireman Mullenau and a boy named Edward Somers were overcome by smoke. Their recovery is doubtful.

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—G. H. Thonsseh's picture-frame factory, located on Main street, between Anna and Sidney, was damaged by fire to-night to the extent of about $70,000, two-thirds of which is on the stock, and one-third on the building. The loss is covered by insurance.

OLDTOWN, Me., June 20.—The Bodwell Water-power Company's saw-mills, at Milford, were burned last night. The Nichol House and other buildings caught fire, but were saved. The Bodwell Water-power Company's loss is $75,000; insurance, $30,000.

KINGSTON, Ont., June 20.—The bush fires here destroyed a lumber depot belonging to McLachlan Brothers, at Alytenstake. The loss is $75,000. It is reported that Booth's depot, at Egan's estate, on the Madawski, was also burned, with all its contents.

Slavin Sails for Europe.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Among the passengers by the steamship Aurania, which sailed this afternoon for London, were Francis Patrick Slavin, the Australian heavy-weight champion pugilist; Charley Mitchell and "Pony" Moore. Previous to his departure, it was arranged that a representative of Slavin's should meet champion John L. Sullivan's backer on Monday and make a deposit of $1,000 to bind a match of ten rounds for $10,000 a side and the largest purse obtainable.

President Harrison Enjoying Himself.

CAPE MAY, N. J., June 20.—President Harrison spent a very quiet morning upon the piazza of the cottage, surrounded by members of his family. After perusing the daily papers he took a carriage drive down the shady avenues of the point to Cape May City, returning in time for luncheon. The afternoon was spent in walks upon the beach and in reading Prof. Woodrow J. Wilson's book, "The State."

Soldiers Acquitted of Lynching.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 20.—The jury in the case of the six soldiers tried for lynching J. Hunt on April 24 returned a verdict of not guilty this afternoon.

WHY SILVER IS ADVANCING

Mr. Leech Attributes the Rise to Natural Causes and Not Manipulation.

Increased Demand for the White Metal in India, Portugal and South American Republics Factors in Forcing Up the Price.

Address to the Country by the National Executive Silver Committee.

Troubles of the Barings and Other Financiers Held Up as a Warning Against Continuance of the Single Standard.

THE ADVANCE IN SILVER.

Mr. Leech Thinks It Was Caused by Trade Demands and Not by a Pool.

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WASHINGTON, June 20.—Scarcely a day comes now that does not bring something to attract attention in financial circles. This morning's reports from New York about the existence of an international silver-bullion pool and the sharp advance in the price of silver created a decided flurry, although they were viewed calmly at the Treasury Department. The fact is there have been so many canards circulated recently against the condition of the treasury, and so many Democratic efforts made to stampede the financial credit of the federal government, that the Treasury officials have become "stampede-proof," and cannot be made to lose their heads.

"There is nothing strange about the advance in silver," said Mr. Leech, Director of the Mint, to your correspondent. "It is but natural that the price of bullion should advance at this time. It went too high last winter when Congress threatened to pass a free-coinage bill, and after we enlarged our silver consumption and promised the fullest recognition of that product the gold nations of Europe set their teeth against silver, refusing it on every hand, and that, with the disappointment of the 'bulls' on the market, had the effect of forcing it down to an abnormally low point. Silver should be somewhat higher, naturally, and, I think, will go up a few points from what it has been for several months—possibly not above what it is to-day, and remain there.

"One of the reasons silver is advancing," continued Mr. Leech, "is that India has an enormous wheat crop to be sold very soon and she wants silver for it. Then Portugal is beginning to coin silver and some of the nations to the south of us, notably the Argentine Republic, are moving toward a silver basis. Silver with us reached the bottom the other day when it touched 97. I think it will be above that figure all the time hereafter. I am unable to account for the heavy exports of gold during the past two days, but I think it mostly goes to France to meet some specific demand. It is not significant."

Another Theory of the Rise in Price.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The Post says: Silver bullion certificates supplied a good share of the stock market's business to-day, the total business of the two hours running up to 273,000 ounces, with a gain in price of ⅝ of a cent per ounce. It is worth while to call attention to the very prevalent belief that the advance of 1¾ in these certificates since Wednesday was due solely to the heavy East Indian demand on London. There is no doubt that such a demand exists. It is natural at this period of the year and London exports of silver to India, at last reports, were nearly £1,500,000 less than those in the same period in 1890. But this gives not the slightest ground on which to build assumptions of a small supply of silver on the general market. For that there are no reliable statistics to be had. Moreover, an abrupt and sudden advance such as that of the present week could not well have been occasioned by the condition of the foreign bullion market, the facts concerning which have long been familiar. As a matter of fact, the bullion houses with London connections have been sellers of silver certificates this week, while the buying has come from the houses which operated with the "congressional pool" last year.

ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC.

The National Executive Silver Committee Gives Its Views on Free Coinage.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The national executive silver committee, which met at the Hoffman House last night, was in session again most of the day. There were present Gen. A. J. Warner, of Ohio, chairman; Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada, vice-chairman; L. M. Rumsey, of Missouri, and Lee Crandall, of Washington, secretary. Hon. Edward Pierrepont was unable to be present. Senators Jones and Stewart, of Nevada, were at the hotel, and gave the committee the benefit of their advice. As a result of their deliberations the committee gave out this evening the following address to the public:

"The national executive silver committee desires to call the attention of the country to the object lesson which is being exhibited in the desperate struggle of the great financial institutions on both sides of the Atlantic to increase the gold reserves to avoid bankruptcy and ruin, and that any increase by one necessarily diminishes the reserves of the others. Why should such a condition of things exist in a time of profound peace and abundant harvests? Why should all the great banking institutions attribute stagnation and hard times to scarcity of money, while they are exerting all their power to make money scarce by adhering to the gold standard when they admit that there is not enough gold to maintain the business or credit of the commercial world? For eighteen years the basis of credit in gold standard countries has been growing narrower as the single standard has been extended, and the production of gold fallen off, while the structure of great credit has been growing proportionately larger and more insecure, until the relation of credit to actual money, as disclosed in the Barings' failure on gold standard England, has alarmed the world, and started anew the scramble for gold that threatens all business undertakings and stalks as a menace to every legitimate enterprise.

The remedy is in the restoration of bimetallism. Place our money system again upon the broad basis of gold and silver as the money of ultimate redemption, instead of gold alone. Support the credit structure of the banks and the country by both the metals under free and unlimited coinage. A stable and not a fluctuating currency is required by legitimate business. Who can doubt that greater stability resides in money coined from the metals automatically regulated than in credit devices that exist to-day and to-morrow are gone?"

The committee says this is the paramount issue in this country, and should be made such in the elections this year. All other issues are involved in this and cannot be separated from it.

Smoothing-Iron Explodes.

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MUNCIE, Ind., June 20.—This morning a very peculiar explosion occurred at McCordle & Co.'s steam dye-works. A large automatic smoothing-iron, weighing over twenty-two pounds, is heated with gasoline. This morning, in igniting the gasoline in the iron, an explosion occurred that sent the smoother flying through the ceiling and badly burned James McCordle, one of the proprietors.

Vetoed All the Beer Licenses.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 20.—Mayor Hemphill has created a big sensation by vetoing all beer licenses. Atlanta issues two kinds of licenses—one to saloonists handling whisky and wines as well as beer, at $1,000 per annum, and the other for beer alone, at $250 per annum. The former are kept in the business part of the city, within certain prescribed limits. The beer saloons are in the outskirts and, in some instances, in residence portions. The Mayor's reason for refusing his approval to beer saloons is that these have been to all intents and purposes "blind tigers," and their existence is unfair to the prohibition element and to saloon men who pay the higher license. The announcement has created a great deal of discussion, some favorable to the Mayor and some decidedly the opposite.

OBITUARY.

Thomas B. Byrnes, the Well-Known Democratic Politician of Evansville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., June 20.—While seated in the Crescent Club-room Wednesday night Thomas B. Byrnes, local manager of the Jenny Electric-light Company, was stricken with apoplexy, it being his fourth attack. He was removed to the City Hospital at once, but never regained consciousness, and died this morning.

Thomas B. Byrnes was born Aug. 24, 1844, in Newark, N. J. He was one of the foremost Democrats in the State of Indiana, and was a member of the State central committee in 1876 and 1878. In 1882 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, but was defeated. In 1886 and 1888 he secured the nomination, but was defeated both times by J. A. Lemcke. In 1890 he suffered his first stroke of paralysis, and this aided in defeating him for the nomination a fourth time. Mr. Byrnes came from the East in 1860 as a tobacco buyer, locating at Evansville. He was wealthy at one time, but lost it all. For the past four years he has been agent for the Thomson-Houston Electric-light Company. He was forty-seven years of age and unmarried.

Charles L. Franke.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 20.—Charles L. Franke, of the broken banking firm of Theodore Schwartz & Co., died suddenly to-day of paralysis of the heart. He was sixty-seven years old. He came here from Germany when young, and entered the bank fifty years ago. He was under indictment for embezzlement in connection with the failure.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

There were 2,291 immigrants landed at New York, from Rotterdam and Liverpool, on Friday.

It is said that the vacant seat in the Canadian House of Commons for Kingston will be offered to Sir Charles Tupper.

At Lewisport, Ky., yesterday, the Methodist Church was blown down by a storm. Dave Ray (colored) was killed by falling timbers.

The strike at Foster, Ia., is ended, and all the miners have gone to work under the old plan. They held a meeting Wednesday evening and agreed to resume work.

Myriads of hop lice have appeared in the Puyallup valley hop-fields, in Washington, within the past two days. They threaten to destroy the hop crop of the entire valley.

The Kansas Millers' Association has adopted resolutions requesting Secretary Blaine to expedite in every possible way the negotiations for reciprocity with Mexico.

The commission appointed by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has decided to hold the next quadrennial in Omaha during the month of May, 1892.

Herr Most, the Anarchist, was yesterday taken from prison at New York and sent in the "black Maria," with a number of other prisoners, to the penitentiary to serve one year's imprisonment, the Court of Appeals having affirmed the decision of the lower court.

The wheat harvest in Oklahoma is almost completed. The yield is estimated at not less than twenty-five bushels per acre. One farmer reports a yield of forty bushels. Crops of all kinds are very promising. Garden vegetables and wild fruits are abundant.

The Spring Valley, Ill., coal miners who went out on strike May 24 on account of a change in the screens and an order requiring them to remain in the mine until 5 P. M., have a proposition from W. L. Scott, the author of the ob