# A GREAT SIGN OF THE TIMES.

*A ROOM IN RETAIL TRADE WHICH MANUFACTURERS DON'T FEEL YET.*

**Cotton and Woollen Manufacturers having a Hard Time, But the Retailers Can't Handle the Great Rush of Trade.**

A peculiar condition of the general dry goods trade of the country, which has continued for a year or more, is worth popular attention. Whereas six or eight years ago cotton and woollen manufacturers were doing fairly well and the retailers were complaining of dull times, these conditions are to-day practically reversed. The retailers and jobbers are doing a rushing business, while the manufacturers of most cotton goods and all but certain lines of woollens say they are unable to make any money. General retail trade for more than a year has been of the most satisfactory description. People have been spending money freely and prices have been well sustained. But it so happened that the mills, great and small, increased their capacity in advance of the demand and the effects of the present spurt in business have not yet been fully felt by the manufacturers. The situation and the causes of it are discussed in an interesting way by representatives of the manufacturers, the middlemen, and the retailers.

"The jobbing trade is in nosense depressed," said a representative of one of the greatest houses in the world. "In volume of trade and in prices business is in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. If wholesalers are not making money it is because of bad management. The only drawback to the retail trade has been the unfavorable weather. The head of one of the great Brooklyn retail houses, a man who never exaggerates on the side of optimism, came in yesterday and remarked, 'There's nothing the matter with trade when the weather is good. People won't come out when it rains, but that is all we have to complain of.' The bad weather drawback has been more felt in the country than in the cities, for everywhere east of the Rocky Mountains the roads have been in horrible condition all winter. Our business is just as good as it was five or six years ago, and very much larger in volume. There has been no material reduction in the margin of profits. We are selling some lines of goods at hardly more than fifty per cent. of the prices five years ago, but we are making just as much money on them, in some cases more. The explanation of the reduction is the discovery of cheaper methods of manufacture. It is not true of the dry goods trade, as it is of the grocery that we sell certain staples at cost or lower in order to hold the trade of our customers for fancies and specialties in which there is a big profit. There is a great deal of talk because the wholesale grocers are compelled to sell sugar at less than cost, but I don't believe they would agree among themselves to put the price up. Why? Because every man is willing to sell at the lowest figure in order to get a market for his proprietary and other specialties, on which he makes, perhaps, 100 per cent. profit. In the dry goods market it is different. We don't get such big profits on anything, and so we can't afford to sell anything at a loss or at cost.

"Some of the woollen manufacturers are in a bad way and are losing money rapidly. It is wholly on account of the customs rating of certain worsteds imported chiefly from Germany. If the tariff bill just reported is passed in about the present shape, that is the woollen trade on its feet at once, and within a year the manufacturers would forget all about the hard time they had had. But this condition of things does not affect the jobbers or the retail trade. We get our profit just the same whether it is on the imported German woollens or on those of home manufacture. So while woollen manufacturers and commission agents are in a bad state just now, both the wholesale and retail dry goods dealers are doing as well as they have a right to expect."

The condition of the home market for cotton goods is an interesting one as explained by a member of a commission house which represents fifteen or sixteen of the greatest cotton mills in the country, employing more than 20,000 operatives.

"The condition of the country is unquestionably prosperous," said he, "and yet the cotton manufacturers are suffering a periodical dullness. Beginning soon after the temporary boom of 1882, we had a period of depression lasting until 1884. This was felt in all lines of business. Then came three or four years of improvement, culminating with the blizzard just two years ago. Of course the blizzard was not the cause of the change, it simply marked it. The real causes were natural and inevitable in their effects. There was a good demand for the products of all the mills, and they earned hand-some profits. But the extra earnings were not distributed to the stockholders. If the corporations did not build more mills, they put up additions or found a few corners where they could set up new spindles. Something was done in almost every case to increase production. That is human nature, and it will always be so, but it always brings the same effect—an overstocked market, lower prices, and vanishing profits. That effect began to manifest itself, as I said, two years ago. It was almost imperceptible at first, but now it is upon us in full force. There has been no curtailment of production yet of the large mills, but there are indications that it will be resorted to before long. Some of the smaller mills have already shut down. They cannot stand the present market. The big mills can manufacture goods a little cheaper and they are stronger financially, so that they can bear the strain of a collapse in prices below the cost limit.

"It is literally true that we are now selling goods for less money than it costs to make them. Our mills are so large and have such financial resources that we can do this temporarily if there is a prospect of an improvement. The jobbers, wholesalers, and retailers do not suffer by this condition of things. The jobber and retailer can stop buying. We can't stop manufacturing, or rather it involves such suffering and such indirect losses that we don't do it except as a last resort.

"The retail trade in some directions has suffered for more than a year. The weather is directly responsible for it. For instance, I am wearing the same thin flannels I put on last September, and I presume millions of others are doing the same thing. The retailers have in stock now heavy underwear that they would have sold early in the winter of 1888 if the weather had been favorable. But the country is prosperous, labor is everywhere well employed at high wages, and everybody is able to buy what he needs. So long as this condition continues retail trade will be good, and by and by the pendulum will swing back and manufacturers will make money again."

Mr. W. L. Strong, who is one of the largest dealers in light woollens, says that business now is fully as good as it was a year ago, and better than five years ago.

"Two days ago," said he, "our books showed a smaller amount due us from our customers than at any time within ten years at this season. That shows how easy the financial situation is, or rather that trade is brisk. Prices are precisely where they were a year ago. I happened to meet to-day three commission merchants who deal in the lighter woollens. Every one said his orders were fully as heavy as a year ago. In fact, one had a larger trade in sight. It is the makers of heavy woollens who are suffering just now, and of course it is on account of the extraordinary weather. Besides the lighter woollens and flannels which ladies use we deal quite heavily in blankets. We expect a marked falling off for some time to come in the demand for them. Indeed, we have made over half the machinery in our mills on which blankets were made for the manufacture of lighter goods. We expect an increased call for them.

"The overstocked condition of a certain portion of the woollen market I attribute not so much to defects in the tariff, or the tariff decision on worsteds, as to excessive importations. These began immediately after President Cleveland's election. There was a great rush of foreign manufacturers to the American market, for it was thought abroad that the election of Cleveland meant free trade. They were willing to sell goods at cost or lower, at first, in order to get a foothold in the market. So home manufacturers suffered in spite of a protective tariff. There was never so large a general foreign trade as during the first months of Cleveland's administration, and it aggravated a tendency to over production which existed here in some lines. The new tariff bill will have an important effect in checking off importations of various goods under the dry goods classification. It has had that effect already, although it has not been passed. Importers say the orders for foreign goods for fall delivery are very much less this spring than a year ago."

The head of a great Broadway jobbing house said that the conditions of doing business have so much changed within a few years that it was difficult to make comparisons. There used to be forty or fifty jobbing houses in town; now there are scarcely more than half a dozen. There is some tendency to consolidate in the retail trade. The big establishments are no longer dry goods stores; they are universal supply depots.

"Trade is in a most satisfactory condition, both for the retailers and the jobbers," continued the man who manages a business of ten millions a year. "I expected some reaction from the driving business of last year, but it has been scarcely perceptible, and prices are well sustained. The failure of Plummer and one or two others is absolutely without significance. The causes are not in trade at all."

The testimony of the retailers, big and little, is all to the same effect. They are doing a business so great that they can scarcely handle it. A member of one of the largest of the sixth avenue concerns said:

"If we could just double our establishment—building, stock, force of employees, and all our facilities—there would be customers enough to keep everybody busy. On a pleasant day, such as last Monday, our store is so jammed with buyers that it is almost impossible to move about. We are compelled during the rush to use certain doors for ingress and others for egress in order to facilitate handling the crowds. Trade is very much larger than it was a year ago, and that five years ago was nothing in comparison with it."

On Fourteenth street, Twenty-third street, Grand street, and the avenues, all told the same story. The big boom is already affecting the wholesalers, but it has not quite reached back to the manufacturers yet. When it does, which must be before many months, there will doubtless be an end to the talk about overproduction and selling goods below cost to get rid of them.

*WOMEN VOTING IN KANSAS.*

**They are Not Taking Much Interest in Politics Just Now.**

TOPEKA, April 1.—Elections were held in Kansas to-day in sixty-six cities of the first, second, and third class, for Councilmen and members of the School Boards. In nearly all the cities no political lines were drawn, and the battles were fought on purely local issues. The only interest attaching to the elections was the exercise of the suffrage by the women, who are permitted under the laws of Kansas to vote for city officers and members of the School Board.

At Manhattan the women had a ticket in the field, and the prospects are that it was elected over the three other tickets. They had control of all the election machinery, having appointed women judges and clerks of elections at all the precincts.

At Leavenworth the interest centered in the candidacy of Mrs. H. D. Cushing, who ran for the Council on the Republican ticket. Women were also candidates for the School Board in three wards. Over 600 women were registered, but not over half of them went to the polls. The Democrats ran a male ticket, and it was elected with the exception of the candidate from the First ward for Council, who was defeated by Charles Ballinge (Rep.). All the women candidates were defeated.

The women of the W. C. T. U. took the greatest interest in the election, and spread an election temperance lunch on Delaware street during the noon hour.

At Emporia the women were worked up to the highest pitch of excitement over the candidacy of Mrs. Jackson as a reelection as a member of the school board. The registration of women was 50 per cent. larger than a year ago. Most of them voted in support of Mrs. Jackson. The issue was made on the proposition of the opposition to Mrs. Jackson to reduce the salaries of school teachers in the interest of economy. Mrs. Jackson's platform was "Good salaries for good teachers." The returns indicate Mrs. Jackson's reelection.

At Toneka about 750 women were registered, but less than half that number cast their votes. They had no candidates in the field.

The women of Atchison had three candidates for election to the School Board. They made no issue beyond that of the right of women to equal representation on the Board with the men. Early returns indicate that they were all unsuccessful, and that the straight Republican ticket is victorious.

Six hundred women were registered at Wichita, and about 300 of them voted. The ladies had no candidates in the field.

The registration of women throughout the State was generally smaller than usual. A little over half of the women who registered voted.

*CLEARING AWAY THE WRECKAGE.*

**Louisville Doing Her Best to Get Over the Disaster.**

LOUISVILLE, April 1.—The sun came out bright this morning and has been shining all day. The ruins dried off rapidly and the work of repairing the damage by the tornado has gone forward energetically. Walls are going up and roofs are reappearing on every hand. The work of relief is now proceeding systematically. A half dozen clerks are kept busy taking the statements of those in need, another pays out the necessary sums of money, and still another records both the name of the applicant and the amount paid out. Nothing but absolute need is relieved, and that only for the present.

The clearing of the streets of the wreckage was begun to-day. A temporary mechanism has been constructed by which it is hoped the water reservoir can be supplied. Meantime six fire engines will be put to work to pump water into the reservoir.

It has been decided by the underwriters that where a building has been only partially destroyed the fire insurance will be allowed to stand if proper repairs are made. When building materials are totally destroyed the insurance is cancelled, but premiums paid in advance are refunded.

Out of about eighty houses destroyed by the tornado in Jeffersonville the owners of four-fifths of the number are poor people, whose little homes were their only possessions.

*AMUSEMENTS.*

**The Performance of "Aida" by the Italian Opera Company.**

"Aida" was the opera presented last evening by the Italian company. Mlle. Nordica was the heroine, Mme. Synnerberg *Amneris*, Signor Tamagno *Rhadames*, Signor Zardo *Amonasro*, and Novaro *Ramfis*. The chorus was most of the time rough and unsatisfactory in its performance, but considerable glitter and show made the stage bright, and the large audience assembled seemed to absorb pleasure in large quantities and pretty constantly, if we may judge from its wildly enthusiastic manifestations during the entire evening. Nordica's *Aida* is quite an original charming personage—not the sentimental, dreary, and homesick individual to which we have been accustomed from many former presentations, but a strong, vigorous girl, with smiling face and active, energetic ways. She was beautifully dressed, too, jewels, silks, and gold fringes being substituted for the beads and feathers of old-time prima donnas. The music does not suit Nordica's voice as well as that of "Traviata," yet many of her notes were of exceeding purity and sweetness. Her high notes are remarkable for strength and resonance.

Tamagno created the same excitement among the audience as at former representations. Though opinions differ widely as to his merits and attractiveness, and about him bitter wars of words are waged in the lobbies and the auditorium, yet he does bring down genuine applause of the most flattering kind every time that he sings one of those grand high notes that are larger and finer than any other tenor has ever made. So long as this condition continues retail trade will be good, and by and by the pendulum will swing back and manufacturers will make money again."

**Bass von Bulow.**

Herr von Bülow played delightfully yesterday afternoon in the Broadway Theatre the following programme:

Fantasie and Fugue ..... Bach
Sonata, F major ..... Mozart
Variations Serieuses ..... Mendelssohn
Carnival of Vienna ..... Schumann
A Nocturne, Tarantella, Polonaise, and four Mazurkas by Chopin.

He played most delicately the nocturne of Chopin. There was real poetry in it. The other pieces were remarkable for exactness and that cold intelligence which forms Von Bulow's prominent characteristic. His wonderful memory astonishes more and more as its resources more fully develop, and respect for the musicianly qualities of the great artist knows no bounds. He enchains his audience; they listen with absolute reverence, and the feeling among the assembly is something akin to that felt at a religious service. Bülow seems himself to enjoy his work, and to be completely *en rapport* with the crowds that hear him.

**Can't Compete with the Prison Broom Makers.**

TRIBE'S HILL, April 1.—The brooms manufactured at the Auburn and Onondaga county prisons are sold at much less than the market price. The members of the Broom Manufacturers' Association of the Mohawk valley say they cannot compete with these prices and that they will shut down their factories. For some time the factories have been run on half time. The manufacturers say that the system in force in the prisons is illegal.

**Stone Masons on Strike in Toronto.**

TORONTO, Ont., April 1.—The stone masons of this city recently asked for an increase in wages of 7½ cents per hour, but subsequently decided to accept an increase of 2½ cents. They refused to go below this point, and as the masters declined to accede the masons struck work to-day. There are a hundred men out. The employers cannot pay the increase and their men continued at work at the new rate of 55 cents per hour.

**Dr. Norvin Green's Golden Wedding.**

LOUISVILLE, April 1.—The golden wedding of Dr. Norvin Green, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Martha Anne English is being celebrated by a large gathering of their friends at their residence at Second and Broadway, this city, to-night. They were married here soon after Dr. Green graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School. There are many present from New York and other cities where Dr. Green is known.

**Ice for New York.**

TROY, April 1.—Sixty cars loaded with ice from Lake Champlain are passing through this city every day, and it is estimated that 3,000 car loads have already passed south over the Central Hudson Railroad. Large shipments have also been made over the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, by way of the Albany and West Shore road.

**A Soldier Disabled in a Barroom Fight.**

Joseph Guise, a United States soldier stationed at Governor's Island got into a quarrel at 508 West Fifty-first street last night, and was struck on the head with a beer keg. His skull is badly fractured and he is in Roosevelt Hospital. Capt. Killilea's detectives are hunting for the man who struck him.

# SCORE ONE FOR FATHER BILL.

*HIS THREE-YEAR-OLD SIR WILLIAM WINS A RACE AT 40 TO 1.*

**The Talent Thought They Would Have a Good Day, but Changed Their Minds Later On—Young Duke Another Heart Breaker—The Dalys Bid Mamie Hay Up**

When the favorites captured the first two races at Guttenburg yesterday the talent came to the conclusion that it was their day, and settled down to coin some money on the balance of the programme, but they had a sad awakening before the end of the day's sport.

The surprise of the day came in the third race, which was considered an air-tight for Re-Echo, with Bergen up. The favorite was never prominent, the three-year-old Sir William, at 40 to 1, winning hands down, after a lively tussle with Frejols in the stretch. This colt was bought by Bill Daly out of a selling race last fall for $1,325, being considered of little or no use, although he was quite high class in the early spring. Clayton went to sleep on Frejols when he saw Sir William could not be beaten, and Jim Gates, a 30 to 1 shot, secured the place. The opening event was an easy thing for the favorite, Sierra Nevada. Algebra gelding and Foreigner both were backed, running second and third. Tom Kearns, the favorite for the second race, got away in front, and was never headed, winning by five lengths from Gypsy filly, with Seatick third. Fitzroy, Autumn Leaf, and Ban Lassie were equal favorites for the fourth, and a right smart scramble it proved, until the final furlong, where young McDermott sent Young Duke, a 10 to 1 chance, to the front, and won by four lengths. Fitzroy could not beat Ban Lassie out for the place. Garsman carried the money for the fifth, but Glendale was the good thing. Garsman, Wahoo, and Glendale ran in close order to the head of the stretch, where Hueston cut loose with the outsider, and drawing away won handily. Garsman coming strong at the end. Mamie Hay was the favorite for the last race, but toward the close Count Luna was said to be the air-tight, and the mare receded in the betting. The Count was unequal to the emergency, and when King Idle was winning Stevenson sent Mamie Hay along on the extreme outside, getting home first by a neck. When the mare was put up at auction the Dalys ran her up to $805, at which figure she was bought in by her owner.

Ted Foley was one of the lucky backers of Sir William, winning $500 for $10.

The following is a summary of the events:

THE FIRST RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second, for three-year old maidens, six furlongs.

J. A. Batchelor's ch. f. Sierra Nevada, by Springbok—Fannie Hall, 118 (Sedan) ..... 1
W. Lovell's b. g. by Reform—Algebra, 107 (McDermott) 2
T. Haffner's b. c. Foreigner, 118 (Hill) ..... 3

Pelham, Jerry Woodward, Gold gelding, Barrientos, Periwinkle, Tip Top, and Wissahickon colt also ran.

Time, 1:23¾.

Betting—Against Sierra Nevada, 3½ to 1; Foreigner, 4 to 1. Algebra gelding, 8 to 1; Wissahickon colt, 7 to 1; Jerry, 8 to 1; Felix and Woodlawn, each 12 to 1; Periwinkle, 2 to 1; Mayfield gelding and Barrientos, each 20 to 1; Tip Top, 40 to 1. Mutuals paid $8.90, $3.15, $4.65, 30 to 1; Tip Top, $4.15.

THE SECOND RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second, for non-winners; five furlongs.

M. T. Downing's b. g. Tom Kearns, aged, by Harkaway—Sunlight, 107 (Stevenson) ..... 1
W. Lovell's ch. f. by Kyle Daly—Gipsy, 3, 110 (McDermott) ..... 2
J. W. Thayer's b. g. Seatick, aged, 102 (Clayton) ..... 3

Hieland, Skip, Alfred, Red Grande, Benedict, Wilfred Jay, Electricity, Little Mickey, Easterbok, and Bettie L. also ran.

Time, 1:05¾.

Betting—Against Tom Kearns, 11 to 5; Benedict, 4½ to 1; Seatick, 6 to 1; Hieland, 8 to 1; Skip, 10 to 1; Wilfred Jay, 12 to 1; Gipsy filly, Electricity, and Easterbok, 15 to 1; Red Grande, 20 to 1; Bettie L., 40 to 1; Little Mickey and Alfred, each 50 to 1. Mutuals paid $4.55, $3.25, $3.95.

THE THIRD RACE.

Purse $400, of which $75 to second; selling allowances; six and a half furlongs.

M. A. Daly's b. c. Sir William, 3, by Woodlands—Retribution, 96 (Lambley) ..... 1
J. B. Dyer's b. g. Jim Gates, 4, 94 (F. Doane) ..... 2
J. A. Hedge's b. c. Frejols, 3, 94 (Clayton) ..... 3

Peril, Battersby, Re-Echo, Aftermath, and Gyda also ran.

Time, 1:28¾.

Betting—Against Re Echo, even money; Peril, 3 to 1; Frejols, 6 to 1; Battersby, 8 to 1; Aftermath, 12 to 1; Jim Gates, 30 to 1; Sir William, 40 to 1; Gyda, 60 to 1. Mutuals paid $1.25, $40.75, $3.45.

THE FOURTH RACE.

Purse $500, of which $100 to second, for all ages; six furlongs.

Hildalde Stable's b. g. Young Duke, aged, by Duke of Magenta—Hortense, 117 (McDermott) ..... 1
M. Barrett's f. Ban Lassie, 3, 99 (Clayton) ..... 2
W. C. Daly's b. h. Fitzroy, 6, 120 (Palmer) ..... 3

Autumn Leaf, Morristown, and Lady Puisifer also ran.

Time, 1:16¾.

Betting—Against Ban Lassie, Fitzroy, and Autumn Leaf, each 2 to 1; Young Duke, 10 to 1; Morristown and Lady Puisifer, each 40 to 1. Mutuals paid $18.45, $7.80, $3.15.

THE FIFTH RACE.

Purse $500, of which $100 to second, for all ages; selling allowances; one mile and a sixteenth.

J. T. Carmody's b. h. Glendale, 5, by Glenmore—Alice J., 113 (Hueston) ..... 1
Beverwyck Stable's br. g. Garsman, 6, 104 (Stevens) ..... 2
D. A. Honig's ch. g. Wahoo, aged, 103 (Clayton) ..... 3

John Jay 8., The Hogrbon, and Vigilant also ran.

Time, 1:53¾.

Betting—Five to 3 on Garsman; 3 to 1 against the winner; 6 to 1 against Wahoo, each 8 to 1; John Jay 8. and Vigilant, each 15 to 1. Mutuals paid $23.10, $6.25, $3.15.

THE SIXTH RACE.

Purse $300, of which $50 to second; selling allowances. Seven furlongs.

M. T. Downing's ch. m. Mamie Hay, aged, by Kyrle Daly—Silence, 108 (Stevenson) ..... 1
M. Daly's br. h. King Idle, 4, 99 (W. Doane) ..... 2
W. Cherry's b. g. Festus, aged, 102 (Penny) ..... 3

Tyrone, Big Brown Jug, Chambly, Al Reed, Count Luna, and Harwood also ran.

Time, 1:33.

Betting—Against Mamie Hay, 2 to 1; Count Luna, 3 to 1; Chambly, 5 to 1; King Idle, 7 to 1; Festus, 8 to 1; Harwood, 10 to 1; Tyrone, 15 to 1; Big Brown Jug, 50 to 1; Al Reed, 80 to 1. Mutuals paid $5.90, $4, $7.65.

**Entries for Clifton.**

The following are the entries for Clifton to-day:

First Race—Five furlongs; selling. Freedom, 114 pounds; Brennan, 110; Filleck, 108; Dalesman, 107; Chapman, 105; Specialty, 107; Golden Rod, 105; Theora, 105; Osceola, 105; James Nevermack, 104; Carlow, 104; Woodstock, 100; America, 96; Gracie, 97; Miss Olive, 95.

Second Race—Seven and a half furlongs. Ten Booker, 122 pounds; Friar, 125; Playfair, 116; Elgin, 113; Joslin, 111; Savage, 107; Ed Mack, 107; Crowley, 105; Rosemary Murray, gelding, 104; Linguist, 92; Ariel, 80; St. Mary, 79; Lady Darnley, 69.

Third Race—Six and one-half furlongs; selling. Sparling, 117 pounds; Bergomaster, 117; St. Paris, 114; Mandolin, 112; Vesay, 108; Romp, 108; Avery, 105; Brilliant, 102; Viedex, 102; Hairspring, 99; Lemon Blossom, 98.

Fourth Race—Mile and sixteenth; selling. Van, 118 pounds; Juggler, 114; Grimaldi, 112; Falcon, 105; Glory, 98; Bonnie B., 95.

Fifth Race—Half a mile; selling; 2-year-olds. Lizzie, 112 pounds; Florence, 110; Hurricane gelding, 108; Blossom colt, 108; Emola, 105; Geody, 103.

Sixth Race—Three-fourths of a mile. The Sinner, 105 pounds; Thad Rowe, 105; Courtier, 105; Fordham, 105; Rafter, 105; Issaquena filly, 105; Brier, 95; Boodle, 99; May Queen, 93; Harrison, 87; St. Mary, 73.

**Liberal Entries for Saratoga's Stakes.**

The list of nominations for the stake events of the Saratoga Racing Association are now complete. The number of entries for the different events are as follows: Flash Stakes, 52; California Stakes, 47; Adirondack Stakes, 32; Solaway Stakes, 50; American Hotel Stakes (new), 42; Excelsior Stakes, 31; Virginia Stakes, 44; Kearney Stakes (handicap), 20; Foster Memorial, 43; Merchants' Stakes, 33; United States Hotel Stakes, 28; Hotel Balmoral (new), 30; Tennessee Stakes, 40; Congress Hall Stakes, 32; Alabama Stakes, 54; Beverwyck Stakes, 34; Pocahontas Stakes, 28; Equity Stakes, 45; Mortimer Stakes (handicap), 20; Relief Stakes, 29. Total entries, 754.

**Racing at New Orleans.**

NEW ORLEANS, April 1.—The track was in excellent condition to-day. First Race—Selling; half mile. Lexington 8. won by a length, Pete Harlan second, a head before Beth, third. Time, 0:51½.

Second Race—Five furlongs. Germanie won by a head, Maggie M. second, a length before Cliquot, third. Time, 1:02¾.

Third Race—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Marchburn won by a nose, Skobeloff second, a length before Fremont, third. Time, 1:08.

Fourth Race—One mile and a quarter and seventy yards. Vice-Regent won easily by three lengths, Alphonse second, five lengths ahead of Balance, third. Time, 1:47¾.

The regular spring meeting opens to-morrow, when there will be four races.

**A Thoroughbred for Mexico.**

Auburndale, a chestnut colt, three years old, by Harry O'Fallon, dam Little Nell, by King Lear, has been sold by L. S. Fields, Lexington, to Signor Francisco Alfaraide, city of Mexico, for a good price. He was bred in Kentucky, and, we say colt, two years old, by Sultan, dam Nellie Monroe, by Jim Monroe, has been sold by W. H. Wilson, Abdallah Park, Cynthiana, to Vandergrift & Odell, Chautauqua, N. Y., for a private price.

**A Row in the Oak A. C.**

There is a high old rumpus going on in the Oak A. C. just now, with Secretary Charles Foy on one side and pretty much everybody else on the other. It is the outcome of the boxing and wrestling exhibition that the club gave last Saturday night at the Bleecker building. Jimmy Lynch came to the show, having been requested to do so, expecting he would receive remuneration for sparring four rounds with Jack Hopper. He soon learned that he was expected to give his services gratis, and that he wouldn't have. Secretary Foy called upon the committee to pay Jimmy, but the committee said nay. Foy declared that the least they could do would be to give the popular boxer, whose promised appearance had attracted a large portion of the spectators, a $5 note for his services, but still the committee kept their hands in their pockets. Thereupon the Secretary told them what he thought of them and he wasn't slow in calling them names that were pretty good evidence to show that the talker considered them a mean lot. Excitement ran high, but Foy stood his ground, and much bad feeling was engendered and has continued ever since. Secretary Foy has resigned from the club.

The membership of the Westchester County Wheelmen, with quarters at Castle Inn, New Rochelle, has reached 28. Gene Valentine, the veteran racer, is Captain of the club.

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*WASHINGTON JOCKEY CLUB RACES.*

**Five Interesting Contests on the New Bennings Track.**

WASHINGTON, April 1.—After having been a farm for about ten years the old Bennings race track was revived to-day.

The ground is splendidly situated for a first-class track, and the most is being made of its natural advantages. The track and inner field are almost level, so that a good view of the whole course is obtainable. The track is springy and is thought to be at least two seconds faster than the old track at Ivy City.

A neat and comfortable grand stand, capable of seating 2,000 people or more, has been erected, and stable accommodations of an excellent character have been provided for a large number of horses, and will be added to during the summer. The betting ring and pool booth, with the grand stand, furnish room for nearly 5,000 people.

The weather to-day was clear, but so cold that the 2,000 spectators in attendance were chilled through long before the last event of the day. The track was slow and heavy, but in remarkably good condition in view of the heavy snow and rain storm which prevailed yesterday and last night.

Little Ella and Beck were strong favorites in the first race, but Village Maid, an outsider, pulled away in the stretch and won handily. Shotover and Manhattan, two outsiders, repeated the performance in the next race, easily running away in first and second places respectively from the favorites, Cornelia and Nina W., and a large field of other horses. Capt. Wagener, a good second choice, captured the next event by fast running in the home-stretch. In the last two races, Prather and Jim Murphy, the favorites, had things all their own way, and were never headed, but poor backers made a good thing, Vandergrift and Bassano being long shots. James L. Lee, a new starter from New York, held the flag.

First Race—Purse $300; divided; five furlongs. Village Maid won, Onward, second, Peck, third. Little Comfort, Aquasco, Paulina, and Little Ella also ran. Time, 1:06.

Betting—Little Ella, 6 to 5; Peck, 2½ to 1; Onward, 4 to 1; Village Maid, 5 to 1; Paulina, 15 to 1; Little Comfort, 40 to 1, and Aquasco, 40 to 1. Mutuals paid $16.65.

Second Race—Purse $300, divided, for 3-year-olds and upward; winner to be sold at auction for $1,200; with weight allowances; six furlongs. Shotover won, Manhattan second, Cornelia third. Vivid, Valerium, Blue Blood, Nina W., and Nina Boy ran also. Time, 1:18.

Betting—Little Ella, 6 to 5; Peck, 2½ to 1; Onward, 4 to 1; Village Maid, 5 to 1; Paulina, 15 to 1; Little Comfort, 40 to 1, and Aquasco, 40 to 1. Mutuals paid $16.65.

Second Race—Purse $300, divided, for 3-year-olds and upward; winner to be sold at auction for $1,200; with weight allowances; six furlongs. Shotover won, Manhattan second, Cornelia third. Vivid, Valerium, Blue Blood, Nina W., and Nina Boy ran also. Time, 1:18.

Betting—Nina W. and Cornelia, 2½ to 1 each; Vivid, Pall Mall, and Shotover, 4 to 1 each; Fountain and Lina, 6 to 1 each; Pall Mall, Valerium, Blue Blood, Nina Boy, and Bowdy Boy, 20 to 1 each; Parthian, 40 to 1. Mutuals paid $10.20.

Third Race—Purse $300; for two-year-old colts, to carry 110 pounds; half mile. Capt. Wagener won, Corleanus second, Elston third. Grapeshot, Doswell's Cerise colt, Best Boy, Grafton, and Hanover Stable's Sequence colt also ran. Time, 0:52¾.

Betting—Best Boy, even money; Capt. Wagener, 6 to 5; Doswell's Cerise colt, 7 to 1; Grafton, 8 to 1; Corleanus, 12 to 1; Elston, 15 to 1; Grapeshot, 20 to 1, and Hanover Stable's Sequence colt, 75 to 1. Mutuals paid $6.20.

Fourth Race—Inorance Handicap, purse $400, divided; for three-year olds and upward; one and one-sixteenth miles. Prather won, Vandervrift second, Bass third. Laclair, Fannie H., and Carrie G. also ran. Time, 1:53¾.

Betting—Prather, 9 to 5; Bass, 2 to 1; Carrie G., 3 to 1; Fannie H., 4 to 1; Vandergrift, 20 to 1, and Laclair, 30 to 1. Mutuals paid $6.

Fifth Race—Purse $400, for three year olds and upward, 1½ pounds each; one mile over five hurdles. Jim Murphy won, Bassano second, Elphin third. Kings Burg and Emba also ran. Time, 4:00 taken.

Betting—Jim Murphy even money, Elphin, 6 to 5; Bassano, 5 to 1; Emba, 15 to 1; Kingsburg, 20 to 1. Mutuals paid $4.55.

**The Programme for Bennings.**

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The following is the programme for to-morrow's races at Bennings:

First Race—Purse $400, for three year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Parthian, 117; Consignee, 119; Triduana, 114; Reinhabert, 114; Sandy Brown, 105; San Jose, 103; Gipsy King, 103; Grip, 103; Reed, 103; Little Monarch, 103; Romita, 98.

Second Race—Purse $400, for three year-olds; six furlongs. Pall Mall, 8; Little Ella, 15; Sophist, 95; Bias, 85; Palestina, 99; Infatuation, 93.

Third Race—Purse $500; for two-year-olds; half a mile. Kitty P., 119; Blue Blazes, 116; Helen Wallace filly, 110; Gaiety, 110; Sarah Hall, 110; Puzzle filly, 110; Vintage Time filly, 110; Helen S., 110; Queen of the Forest filly, 110.

Fourth Race—Purse $500; for three year-olds and upward; one mile and an eighth. Prather, 111; Frank Ward, 107; Pelham, 103; Iceberg, 95.

Fifth Race—Purse $500; for three-year olds and upward; one mile. Manhattan, 101; King Idler, 107; Carrie G., 101; Gossip gelding, 99; Facial B., 97; Bob Swim, 95; Dave S., 95; Not Guilty, 95.

**Athletic Road Runners.**

The road-running athletes took advantage of the fine weather for their exhilarating sport which prevailed last night, and they were out in force in the upper part of the city.

The New Jersey Athletic Club team held a well-attended run, starting from Frohmer's Hotel, corner of East Seventy sixth street and Fifth avenue and traveling up to 125th street, returning by way of the old Polo grounds, where the canvasmen of the old Barnum show, whose tents are now all up, made verbal offers for the athletes as freaks in the side show. J. Rose finished first, C. S. Gardiner was second, Gus A. Pfortner was third, S. F. Gardiner fourth, and Capt. Ernest Hjertberg fifth. Time 38 minutes 41½ seconds.

The members of the Amity Athletic Club held a fine road run last night, going over a five mile course in the vicinity of the Park in 27½ minutes. Capt. F. Kunze led the pack across the finish line after a fine run.

Capt. James Hendrick led a big team of Trinity athletes of the East Eighty sixth street branch of the Young Men's Christian Association on their semi-weekly road run last night. It was the most vigorous run of the night, and was heartily enjoyed by all participating therein.

Taking advantage of the splendid weather for their sport, the cross-country team of the Pastime Athletic Club had a fine run from the club house, on the club grounds, foot of East sixty-sixth street. A six-mile course was covered in good time, and a good finish was the result of the run in.

**The Spectators Were Frightened.**

In a small-glove battle for the bantam championship of the Seventh and Thirteenth wards and a gold medal, which took place on Monday night not far from the Grand Street Ferry, one of the contestants received such a hard blow on the jaw that he was knocked senseless, and remained so for fourteen minutes. The fighters were Jack Carpenter, an old-timer, and a pupil of D. Driscoll. The referee was selected from the Eleventh ward. Carpenter seemed to hit the harder, but his opponent had the better wind. In a fast rally near the ropes in the fourth round Jack Carpenter caught an uppercut on his jaw that sent him reeling backward to the floor, which he struck with his head as well as his shoulders, so that he lay there unconscious. Every effort was made to bring him to, but after several minutes' unsuccessful rubbing, the spectators became frightened and most of them sneaked away. Carpenter's seconds took him to their work, however, and within a minute of a quarter of an hour brought him around to consciousness.

**Boston's Bench Show.**

BOSTON, April 1.—The big bench show of the New England Kennel Club in the Mechanics' building was opened to-day, the opening hour finding most of the 730 entries in their kennels ready for the work of the judges. These gentlemen went almost immediately to work, and the rings were soon filled with canine competitors for prizes. There was a large attendance of visitors. In the challenge dogs E. B. Fearn's bears Monard took first prize in the mastiff class. Count Howard and Daisy Foreman were first in the English setter classes. The famous Chestnut Hill kennel's dogs from Philadelphia made a clean sweep in the collie challenge classes. The collie champion Scottish Chief first prize and champion second. Champion Flurry Second took first prize for challenge bitches, and Flurry Third secured second prize.

**New York's Chess Match.**

Messrs. Delmar and Lipschutz began the nine games in their match in the Manhattan Chess Club rooms on Saturday evening. Delmar opened the battle irregularly with P—Q B 4. Lipschutz adopting a sound defence. The game proceeded evenly with liberal exchanges, including queens. After twenty-four moves a lively skirmish ensued for a pawn, and at thirty-four moves it was adjourned to last evening. Lipschutz had to surrender the coveted pawn after resuming hostilities, and the battle became wearisome Lipschutz playing for a draw, while the veteran handled his pieces deftly in the hope that his antagonist would make a careless move, as he did at last Tuesday evening, when he lost his game through a hallucination. But the young printer's head was level, and the game ended in a draw at the sixty-ninth move. The score now is: Lipschutz, 4; Delmar, 2; draws, 3.

**The Acme Gun Club.**

The members of the Acme Gun Club had a very enjoyable shoot yesterday on Louis Miller's Dexter Park grounds, on the Jamaica plank road, Long Island. The marksmen shot at 20 blue rocks each. Short winning the first medal on 18 and Link the second on 17. Four sweepstakes and three private matches were shot off subsequently. In the first sweep C. Wissell and A. Netty broke 5 each and divided first money. In the second Kuhn, Dethloff, Schottler, and Bramwell were tied on 4 out of 5 and divided. Kuhn, Bramwell, Siebe, and Short were in for first place on the third sweep, the last-named gentleman outshooting his competitors in a miss-and-out shoot-off. Link won the last sweepstakes with 5, Netty taking second money by outshooting Siebe and Schettler.

The score of the regular club shoot: Schottler, 19; Short, 18; Wissell, 13; Kellman, 9; Kurzweiler, 18; Link, 17; Dethloff, 18; Verbeck, 12; Fiernay, 16; Kuhn, 18; Rose, 8.

*THE DE GABALDA LACES AND FANS.*

**Miniatures, Old Costumes, and Paintings Sold at the American Art Galleries.**

A number of miniatures and a varied assortment of fans and laces and a lot of fantastic Spanish costumes in the styles of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries were auctioned off at the sale of Francisco Guiu de Gabalda's collection at the American Art Galleries yesterday afternoon.

The miniatures sold readily at prices ranging from $8 to $50. The latter price was paid for a Limoges panel representing "Magdalen" set in a carved ivory frame of the Renaissance style. J. M. Munoz bought for $13 "The Musician," a portrait of a lady painted on parchment after Sir Joshua Reynolds. A miniature of the Duchess of Devonshire and another of the Duchess of Bourgoyne went to Mr. Bulkley for $20 each. Over one hundred fans of many varieties of design and finish were