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THE PRIZE RING.

Desperate Prize Fight Between Tom Hammond and Charley Dougherty—The Latter the Victor After Two Hours and Eight Minutes' Hard Fighting—Eighty-five Rounds Fought—Bloody Character of the Fight—Hammond Taken Inaccessible Out of the Ring.

RICHMOND, Va., April 25, 1899. The boxing world of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and New Orleans, will be started to its center by the announcement of a prize fight that took place here this morning, which, for display of pluck, bottom and control of temper, stands without its parallel in the records of Philadelphia. About a month since Charles Dougherty and Thomas Hammond went into training for a fight to come off on the 26th day of April, and on the 15th inst. articles of agreement were signed for a fair stand up fight according to the new established rules of the prize ring. As per agreement the stake of \$300 was duly deposited in the hands of responsible parties. The training, in consequence of the short time intervening, showed the exercise of judgment and experience, and the men appeared in the ring to-day in a condition hardly surpassed by any of the famous prize fighters of the North. By a judicious secrecy and the quiet conduct of the whole affair, not the slightest interruption or annoyance took place, and so lately distinguished himself by the success of his midnight raids, was caught napping on this occasion. Both military and civil authorities were kept in the dark, and not a private soldier was allowed into a full participation of the mysterious preparations.

The record of the fight is as follows:—Charles, a novice, is a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, stands five feet six and a half inches, fighting weight 135 lbs., twenty-two years of age, and has a build of a mauler by trade. Thomas Hammond is a native of Staffordshire, England, twenty-seven years of age, five feet seven and a half inches in height, fighting weight 135 lbs., and has some experience in the ring, this being his third essay; but in this contest he labored seriously under the disability of a sprained right hand, caused the night before in training, and which was his most effective weapon.

As of necessity the affair got wind, the principals, their backers and those through whom they were in considerable trepidation lest the authorities should interfere, and the utmost precaution was observed in consequence. Leaving the city at midnight the five o'clock train, with its load of about 200 persons, besides principals and seconds, arrived at the depot at nearly a quarter of ten. Hammond on the York River Railroad, in New Kent county, about thirteen miles from this city. The ropes and stakes were laid out in a hall at the depot, and chosen. Mr. J. B. Cummings acted as referee. The umpires were Kelly for Hammond and John Brown for Dougherty. R. H. Allen was second for Dougherty, and the preliminaries being arranged the men stripped for the fray. Hammond wore blue, with a variegated border, and Dougherty wore a blue and white striped shirt. Dougherty won the choice of corners, and, after shaking hands, at the call of time began.

THE FIGHT.

ROUND 1.—Both men came to the scratch, showing some science and a little pluck, when Dougherty, in a heavy blow, struck Hammond on the forehead. A wrestle followed and Hammond went down. First blood on Dougherty.

ROUND 2.—At the close of the second round, Hammond was on his feet. After some pluck Dougherty gave him a blow on his left eye, again drawing blood, Hammond again down.

ROUND 3.—At the close of the third round, Hammond got in an effective blow on Dougherty's frontispiece, drawing blood. They grappled, and after some hard wrestling, Dougherty sprang from the clinch, and struck Hammond on the forehead with a powerful blow from Hammond on the chest. Hammond, with prolonged cheering.

ROUND 4.—The excitement was rapidly increasing, and at the call of time, Hammond landed a heavy blow on Dougherty's forehead, which brought him to ground and seemed likely to stifle him. Hammond, however, recovered, and transferred from the outgoing to the incoming train.

The passenger train due in Jersey City at forty minutes past six last evening, was standing at the depot at New Brunswick, when the Trenton freight train, making the two rear cars a complete wreck. The locomotive was also greatly damaged.

The engine, driven by the engineer, struck the rear of the latter breaking his left arm and the others sustaining slight injuries. None of the passengers were hurt. It is reported that the flag on the freight train was not placed there.

BERGEN COUNTY.

THE NEW COMMON COUNCIL.—The new Board of Aldermen organized on Monday night. Mr. Isaac Romaine was elected president; Mr. H. H. Newkirk, clerk; Mr. Benjamin F. Welsh, treasurer; John V. Vreeland, collector of revenue, and Samuel McBurney, comptroller. Several ballots were taken with the result of the following:—Mr. Vreeland, William E. Rogers, William Brinkhoff and Jonathan Dixon, Sidman T. Tamm, and John J. Lawrence, were appointed commissioners of assessments. The board stands eight republicans to four democrats.

A DESPERATE FIGHT TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY BETWEEN SOME CATTLE DROVERS AND BERNARD MCCARTHY, WHOSE FENCE SEVERAL OF THE CATTLE BROKE DOWN. CLUBS AND STICKS WERE EMPLOYED WITH SUCH EFFECT THAT BERNARD WAS HELD FOR A FEW DAYS ON THE GROUND BY A BLOW OF A PAVING STONE AND LEOPOLD WALS WAS BATTERED ON THE HEAD WITH A CLUB. SEVERAL PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AND TAKEN BEFORE THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AT TRENTON, WHERE HENRY VAN ARX, JAMES MCCARTHY, BERNARD MCCARTHY AND JOHN LAUBERT.

TRENTON.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—A meeting of the State Board of Education was held in the State House yesterday. Judge B. S. Field presided. After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. William H. Peabody of Pennington, was elected County Superintendent for Burlington, and N. W. Pease, of Elizabeth, for Union county.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

In this court yesterday the newly appointed United States Marshal for New Jersey, took the oath of office and received bonds in the sum of \$20,000 for the faithful discharge of his duties. Messrs. John C. Belden and Samuel Borden, both of Salem, are his sureties. The Grand Jury of this court reported that the time for the trial of the case against the defendants who were discharged for the term, will be held on Monday next.

COURT OF CHANCERY.—A CASE DEPENDING ON THE DOTTING OF AN L.—Chancellor Zabriske was employed in hearing a very interesting and novel argument yesterday, between Messrs. A. Q. Keastley and Henry C. Putner, growing out of the misinterpretation of a word through the dotting of an "L." It appears that the Legislature, in an act providing for the drainage of 15,000 acres of land known as the "Great Swamp" in Morris county, took the word "L" as being a letter, and not a word, and the commissioners to purchase the property known as the "Dennis Mill," with "Dennis Mill" is near the tract, and was evidently intended by the Legislature, it is contended, for the purpose of the absence of any other description the error can be corrected upon verbal evidence, as there can scarcely be a doubt but it is "Dennis Mill" that was intended by the Legislature, and not "Dennis Mill," as the dot over the "L" changes Dennis into Dens, and hence the error. No decision has been rendered.

LONG ISLAND.

THE PAIL BURNING ACCIDENT AT FOSTER'S MEADOWS.—The mysterious death of Mrs. Ches. Newman, at Foster's Meadows, in Queens county, about ten o'clock on Monday morning, has excited a great deal of suspicion, and the sad affair may yet prove to have been a case of pail burning.

Coroner Hendrickson empaneled a jury and reported the verdicts were at the time of the coroner's inquest, and whether to agree upon a verdict of death from burning, or whether to render it "injuries received at the hands of some malefactor, the name of which is withheld." The jury returned a verdict of "death from injuries received by burning."

ALLEGED POST OFFICE ROBBERY AT FISHING.—Charles R. Lincoln, Jr., a clerk in the Post office at Fishing, L. I., was yesterday arrested by special agents of the Post Office Department, on a charge of secreting and sending a valuable letter to the absent owner of the money contained in it. Many complaints had been received by the Post Office Department of the loss of money letters passing through the Fish Hook post office, and on Monday evening taken from one such letter was found on the person of the accused, and that he made confession of his guilt. He was taken before the United States Commissioner in Brooklyn, and committed for examination.

LAD BOMER.