

SPORTING GOSSIP.

The most important trotting event of the season will take place at Fleetwood today between Harry Wilkes and Belle Hamlin. The contest is especially interesting as between the best and fastest representatives of the George Wilkes and Belmont branches of the great Hambletonian trotting family. Belle Hamlin is generally regarded as the most complete combination of equine beauty and trotting speed in the world, but her owner's notorious unwillingness to start her in a race of more than three heats has created a not unreasonable doubt as to her staying ability. As to her speed there can be no question. Her record of 2:10 1/2, made this season, sufficiently proves it, since no mare except the incomparable Maud S. has ever surpassed it. Belle Hamlin beat Harry Wilkes at Buffalo last August easily enough, but he is said to be a much better horse now, and those who credit the theory of the mare's faint heartedness believe that the upgrade in the third quarter at Fleetwood will ruin her chances of victory. Harry Wilkes is a perfect trotting machine. He knows no gait but a trot, and his courage is indomitable. He can trot as fast around the turn as in the stretch, and if Belle Hamlin makes a mistake he should beat her. There is little to choose between the two in the matter of actual speed, for he has a record of 2:13 1/2, and at Mystic Park recently he trotted a mile in 2:18, the last quarter in a season, in a 2:08 gait. There are plenty of horses that can trot the first quarter fast, but very few can cover the last quarter of a fast mile at each speed. So far betting on the match has been an even figure.

Every team in Colorado will be allowed to compete in the rock-drilling contest at Leadville, October 20th. It will be held at the baseball park. The *Denver Tropic* gives these as the conditions: Entrance money for each team, \$50. Entries for visiting teams will close October 10, 1890. Any team entering and failing to drill on the day stipulated for the contest will forfeit the entrance money and same will be added to above purse. Each team must consist of two men, one striker and one turner, who can change off at their pleasure. The hole must be a "down hole" in granite rock, with water. Time allowed for each team to drill will be fifteen minutes. No drill must be used less than seven-eighths steel, and no bit must be smaller than seven-eighths. Drills must be examined and measured by the judge before the contest takes place. No team will be allowed to start a second hole unless they drill through the rock. Judges and timekeepers will be selected on the grounds by ballot by the contesting teams, and must be mining superintendents or mining bosses. Each team has the privilege of writing the name of the judge and timekeeper they may select on a piece of paper, such slip to be placed in a cigar box and shaken up, and six drawn out, three of those drawn to act as judges, and three as timekeepers. Outside teams will have the same privilege. Teams winning first prize will receive 60 per cent. of the purse; second prize 25 per cent.; third prize 15 per cent.

There is a new candidate for pugilistic honors in Pittsburg. His name is Patrick Farrell and he is an officer of the city police force. Farrell is the only man the police officials have kept down the toughs at Point Bridge. Other officers have been downed, but Farrell turns the tables on the toughs. Farrell can be backed to fight La Blanche and he will be sent to New York to get lessons in the art. He will fight at 158 pounds. He fought Dominick McCaffrey in Philadelphia several years ago and knocked him out.

Jack Carlock says: "I don't believe there is a man living who can throw Muldoon from the floor, I shall try to throw him from his feet, and if the referee understands flying falls I think I shall throw him. Graceo-man is not my best style of wrestling. My forte is Cornish wrestling, but I defeated Wannop in England six weeks ago at Graceo-Roman style, and I think I will be able to hold my own against Muldoon. I would give \$500 to gain a fall from Muldoon; that is, a fair pin fall."

The Montana Kid has issued a defiant challenge to Joe Bowers to fight in the Occidental club. The recently arrived Australian middle-weight, Billy Smith, wants a go at Bowers, and so does Choginski, and Glover telegraphs half way across the continent to have himself matched against Bowers, so that Smiling Joe is in no straits for a job.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

A fight to a finish between Phil Davies of Chicago and Billy Nichols of Leadville, is announced to take place at Parker station on Tuesday, October 15. Both men are short in stature, and will probably weigh after a week's hard training 140 pounds each. They will fight for a purse of \$500 and the entire gate receipts.

Judging by the comments of eastern sporting writers Joe Lannon will be the next man from beyond the Rockies to tackle Joe McAuliffe. Lannon seems to be bent on getting whipped, which he most certainly will whenever he faces the big Mission boy.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

Dempsey is doing a lot of work at the California club as a boxing instructor and is a great attraction to aspiring athletes, who delight to don the gloves with him. Last week Dempsey weighed in his exercising rig and tipped the beam at 146 pounds.

Senator Stewart Objects to Being Kissed. From the Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle. A prominent resident of the state capital, who was a passenger on the V. and T. express at the time of the visit of Senator Stewart to Carson after the main appointments had been made, informs the *Chronicle* that on the arrival there of the train it was boarded by several prominent appointees, who threw their arms around the venerable senator's neck and kissed him to express their gratitude. One of the officials who attempted to slobber over the senator's patriarchal beard, was repulsed with the remark that his breath was offensive. The senator is said to have avowed that he will have every male appointee removed who adopted the osculatory method of expressing his gratitude.

A Problem in Physics. From the New York Press. "Laura," said the young lady's mother, not unkindly, "it seems to me that you had the gas turned rather low last evening."

"It was solely for economy, mamma," answered the maiden. "There is no use trying to beat the gas company, my daughter. I have noticed that the shutting off of the gas is always followed by a corresponding increase of pressure."

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