

SATURDAY'S RACES.

HIGH SPORT AT THE BISMARCK DRIVING PARK.

Griffin's "Lehigh" Gets Away With First Money in the Trotting Match—Good Day and Big Time.

Saturday's Races.

The weather yesterday being as mild as a day in June, and there being in the city a number of horsemen anxious to test the metal of their steeds, several gentlemen, prominent among whom were R. B. Marsh and L. N. Griffin, conceived the idea of utilizing the driving park for that purpose. Accordingly at 2:30 p. m. a large concourse of people, probably numbering three or four hundred, assembled at the race course, already alive with animated and ambitious equines. There were little horses with big names and small drivers and horses with no name and big drivers. There were corn-fed horses, stall-fed horses, and horses that hadn't been fed at all. There were nags with great record—on paper—and nags without record; all anxiously waiting for a shining medal therefor. The race course was in very fair condition with the single exception of dust. This, however, does not bother Bismarck horses as they leave it so far behind.

THE JUDGES

were Dennis Hannafin, L. M. Harriman and A. P. Ayott, all experienced horse fanciers. The first race called was the one mile trotting match, best two in three, for a purse of \$35, and \$2.50 entrance fee. The entries were "Boney," owned by McLean & Macnider, "Lehigh," owned by L. N. Griffin, "Mandan Nellie," owned by W. A. Carr, of Mandan, and Daisy Dean, owned by John A. Stoyell. The first heat was an exciting one, "Mandan Nellie" taking the lead from the start and holding it by a good distance during the entire mile, winning easily by two lengths. Time, 3:05. "Lehigh" second, "Boney" third, and "Daisy Dean" fourth. The race brought forth hearty cheers, and more than one was inspired with the belief that Mandan would take the money. Mr. Griffin "flashed a big roll," however, and but few were pronounced enough in their belief to back it with wealth. Time being called for the second heat the attention of everyone was centered on "Lehigh." "Mandan Nellie" took the lead again, but before the quarter mile post was turned "Lehigh" had overtaken and passed her, which position she held, coming in first by several lengths; "Mandan Nellie" second, "Boney" third, and Stoyell's "Daisy Dean" coming back from the direction it started, disgusted and pawing for fodder. Time 3:07. In justice to Mr. Stoyell, however, it is but just to state that he did not expect to win the race, but simply entered to make it interesting.

THE POLE RACES.

During the interval between the second and third heats of the trotting contest, time was called for the double team one mile trotting match best two in three for a purse of \$25 between C. R. Williams' bays and J. W. Raymond's black and gray. In this race Raymond's team could not be held down, and the race was therefore interesting, Williams coming in in fine style, in 3:35, with scarcely a break. Raymond's team scarcely reached the three-quarter stake.

Following this race the third and last heat of the trotting match was called. A good start was had. "Daisy Dean" having been withdrawn from the field. "Lehigh" took the lead and gained steadily during the entire heat coming in first and distancing all competitors. Time 3:00. First money was declared for "Lehigh;" second money to "Mandan Nellie."

Williams and Raymond's trotters were again called, with much the same results as in first heat save that Williams bettered his record by two seconds, winning the purse.

THE AMATEURS.

The next race on the programme was the amateur trotting race between Marsh's "Mable Eda" and Ostland's "Belle of Bismarck" for a purse of \$50. The first heat was won by "Belle of Bismarck." Time, 3:36. Following this was the half mile dash running match between Proctor's "Sport" and Whitsett's "Harquin," the former winning by a few feet; time, 1:00. Purse \$10.

The second heat of the amateur's followed and closed the day's fun. This was the most exciting race of the day. Both horses broke several times and each was in the lead three times, "Belle of Bismarck," however, keeping the last gain, coming in first and winning the money. Time, 3:46.

On the whole the races were interesting and highly enjoyed by everyone. The festivities were more novel and interesting because of their possibility in mid-winter, in the country generally believed to be wrapped in snow and ice the year through when to the contrary it is quite the reverse. The performances of the day will probably be repeated during the holiday week.

A White Buffalo.

Mr. Alex McKenzie, of this city, is now the possessor of one of the wonders of the world. While Bob Roberts, John Chinnick, Jack Hy-

land and Sandy Ten Broeck were out hunting for stock recently in the Bad Land or "Pyramid Park" they run across a two-year-old white buffalo. They followed him about sixty miles, endeavoring to lasso him. After several attempts Chinnick finally succeeded in roping him, but pulled him up so sudden that his neck was broken. They then skinned him as well as they could with their pocket knives, took a drink, feasted on some of the rump of the carcass, and then concluded that the best thing they could do with it was to send it to sheriff McKenzie with their compliments. Mr. McKenzie says he would not take a fortune for it, and that everybody in the city may have an opportunity of seeing it he has left it at the Capital building, where it will remain for a few days.

Division Meeting, Monday Night.

Messrs. Stoyell and McLean, of the republican central committee some days ago called a republican convention for Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., to take into consideration the subject of the division of Dakota.

The feeling so generally prevailed that the meeting ought to be a mass convention, that with the knowledge and consent of Mr. McLean, one of the persons calling the republican convention, the following call was issued for a meeting of the citizens at the same time and place:

DIVISION OF DAKOTA.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Burleigh county is hereby called to meet at the city hall on Monday evening, December 26th, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of adopting appropriate resolutions regarding the proposed division of the territory and to elect four delegates to represent our interests at the convention to be held at Fargo, January 4th, 1882. Democrats, republicans, and all parties interested in the welfare of the territory are cordially invited to attend.

By request of Wm. Harmon, R. B. Thurston, Alex. McKenzie, Wm. Thompson, James A. Emmons, Robt. Macnider, J. H. Marshall, C. R. Williams, C. A. Lounsbury, John Carland, Henry Suttle, C. S. Weaver, Valentine Schreck, H. P. Bogue, and many others.

THE ORGANIZATION.

At 7:45 p. m. Mr. McKenzie suggested that it was time to organize the convention.

Mr. C. R. Williams nominated C. A. Lounsbury as permanent chairman of the meeting, and he was declared elected. Mr. Lounsbury stated the object of the meeting.

Mr. Thomas Van Etten was elected secretary.

Wm. Harmon moved the appointment of a committee of five on resolutions, which was adopted.

Mr. McLean suggested several names for members of this committee, among them the name of Mr. Stoyell.

Mr. Stoyell declined to act or take any part in the convention until it was properly organized. He said the chairman was chosen only to call the meeting to order. The motion as passed was stated and Mr. Stoyell then said a republican convention was called at the time and place named in the citizens' call, and when they got through with the hall the republicans would organize and hold their convention.

MR. WALLACE

moved that the republican convention be merged into the citizens convention. The chair decided the motion out of order on the ground that this meeting, organized as a citizens meeting, could not assume control over a republican meeting not yet organized, although called at the same time and place.

Mr. McLean appealed from the decision of the chair. He stated that the call for the citizen's meeting was made with his knowledge and approval, and that if he had supposed it would have been in order to have called a citizens meeting under the call of chairman Walsh he would have so called it. That now, as one of the committee calling the republican convention he wished to withdraw that call and merge the republican meeting into the citizen's meeting. He plead for harmony and thought it spoke bad for the city to wrangle over every matter that came up. He blamed the chair for its decision and thought it the result of ill-feeling toward one of the republican committee.

Mr. Wallace thought the decision outrageous and senseless. He thought it possibly technically correct, but believed that the chair ought to have overlooked that point for the

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particularly since there were only three present who had originally favored a republican convention, and Mr. Stoyell was the only one who was now opposed to merging the two conventions at this time and place.

A vote being had on the appeal the decision of the chair was sustained.

Capt. Wm. Harmon moved that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, and stated the pur-

pose to be to surrender the hall to the republicans and endeavor to harmonize matters.

This motion was lost.

Mr. Hannafin moved that the chair appoint the committee on resolutions ordered under Capt. Harmon's resolution. This motion prevailed, and the chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Wm. Harmon, Geo. P. Flannery, Wm. Thompson, John E. Carland, and James A. Emmons.

The convention then adjourned until eight p. m. Wednesday evening, December 28, 1881.

CONVENTION NO. 2.

After the citizens' convention had adjourned, and all but a dozen had left the hall, Mr. Stoyell called the republican convention to order. He stated that the selection of secretary was unnecessary, the fact being that there was but Mr. Stoyell and Mr. Wallace present, who had come under the republican call, and if a secretary was chosen there would be no one left to make motions. Mr. J. F. Wallace arose and asked if there was anyone present who came under the republican call. There being no response he said: "Well, as I am the only man besides the chair who came under that call, I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this republican convention, convened by a call from the republican central committee, do now adjourn to meet with the citizens' mass meeting, to be held at the city hall Wednesday evening, December 28, at 7:30 o'clock, and that all republicans are appealed to act with the citizens' convention in giving expression to their views on division of the territory of Dakota, in naming the same, and in choosing four delegates to attend the territorial convention, to be held at Fargo, January 4, 1882.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the convention adjourned.

ANTI-DIVISION.

Headed by Judge Thomas Van Etten there was a feeling soon made manifest that there was need of an anti-division convention. Judge Hare was also of this opinion, and accordingly pocketed his hat and called the convention to order. He made a glowing speech favoring the anti-division, stating that he wanted to see one grand state, and believed that to be the only means of bettering our present condition. Judge Van Etten was unanimously elected to the chair, and in taking his seat made the most eloquent speech of the evening. He believed in the anti movement. "If we don't anti how are we going to win the pot? I don't believe in this idea of division. It's simply a movement of a lot of disaffected political chumps who want office. If we are divided the southern half will be admitted and the northern half will remain a territory an indefinite period. I believe more citizens will follow the anti movement than any other."

Mr. Swindlehurst was elected secretary of the convention, but his cigar went out so often, and there being no matches in the crowd he was obliged to use the major portion of the paper on which the proceedings were recorded in relighting his flaring Havana.

JUDGE HARE,

after the election of judge, Van Etten to the chair, moved that the chair appoint a committee of five to draft resolutions favoring anti-division. The chair objected, stating that he did not know who was anti or who was not; he would be glad to have the gentleman name the committee and he would put the motion. Mr. Hare then moved that the committee consist of J. P. Dunn, W. A. Messerve, A. Robidou, Samuel Whitney and Thos. Van Etten. Judge Van Etten declined on the ground that he did not want to be placed on record in the matter; he further objected, stating that the chair could not entertain the motion, there being none of the above named gentleman present. It was suggested by some one that Van Etten be the chairman of that committee and

ACT AS PROXY

for the other four. This did not seem to meet the approval of the convention. There was some little further discussion after which Judge Hare moved that the anti-convention adjourn to the same day and hour of the citizens' convention and that it act in union with that body for the interests of the citizens of Burleigh county and North Dakota. It is supposed that the motion was seconded and carried, but in the loud and continued applause, during which everybody left the room, it is not known whether the secretary recorded this fact or not before he "dowsed the glim."

Thus ended the triplet convention. It is safe to say that as the matter now stands, there could be no better feeling, and the convention Wednesday night will doubtless prove this fact. All factions have been harmonized and the coming convention will be one of faultless unanimity.

The Great London Fire.

The Polaris, having a copy of the London Gazette, dated September 10, 1666, finds, among other things, the following description of the fire. The mail at that time was nearly three months in getting to the United States. The paper is about the size of an old fashioned window pane. The article is given verbatim:

THE ordinary course of this paper having been interrupted by a sad and lamentable accident of fire lately happened in the City of London; it hath been thought fit for satisfying the minds of so many of His Ma-

jesties good Subjects who must needs be concerned for the Issue of so great an accident, to give this short, but true Account of it.

On the second instant; at one of the clock in the Morning, there happened to break out a sad and deplorable Fire in Pudding Lane, near New Fish street, which falling out at hour of the night, and in a quarter of the Town so closely built with wooden pitched houses spread itself so far before day, and with such distraction to the inhabitants and Neighbors, that care was not taken for the timely preventing the further diffusion of it, by pulling down houses as ought to have been; so that this lamentable fire in a short time, became too big to be mastered by any engines or working near it. It fell out most unhappily, too, That a violent easterly wind fomented it, and kept it burning all that day and the night following, and spreading itself up to Grace Church street and downwards from Cannon street to the Waterside, as far as the Three Cranes in the Vintrey. * * *

What a confusion! the Lord Mayor of the city came with his officers, & London, so famous for its wisdom, can find neither hands nor brains to prevent its utter ruin. London must fall to the ground in ashes & who can prevent it? The fire raged mastery, & burned dreadfully; by the fierce easterly wind it spread quickly in all directions, overturning all so furiously that the whole city is brought into desolation. That night most of the citizens had taken their last sleep; & when they went to sleep they little thought that when their ears were unblocked that such an enemy had invaded their City, & that they should see him with such fury break through their doors & enter their rooms with such threatening countenance.

It commenced on the Lord's day morning; never was there the like Sabbath in London; many churches were in flames that day; God seemed to come down and reach himself in them, as he did in Sinai when the mount burnt with fire; such warm preaching those churches never had before & in other churches ministers had preached their farewell sermons. * * *

On Wednesday the Lord had pity on them; the wind hushed & the fire burnt greatly; then the citizens began to gather a little heart.

The following list of buildings destroyed in this terrible disaster hath been taken; Thirteen thousand two hundred houses, eighty seven churches, six chapels, the royal exchange, the custom house, jail at Newgate, three city gates, the Guildhall and four bridges.

Masonic Installations.

The following officers were installed at a meeting of Bismarck Lodge, No. 16, A. F. and A. M. on the evening of the 27th inst: John Davidson, W. M.; Geo. P. Flannery, S. W.; Joseph Hare, J. W.; J. H. Marshall, treasurer; John E. Carland, secretary; Frank Donnelly, S. D.; C. R. Williams, J. D.; O. S. Goff, S. S.; W. B. Watson, J. S.; and Alex. McAskill, Cler. The membership of the lodge is large and is increasing from year to year.

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