

WON THE HOUSE BUT NOT THE MAN.

Mrs. Dr. Titus and Her Strange Breach of Promise Charge.

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FOR MEDALS AND RECORDS

Some Lively Contests for Prizes at the Two Shooting Ranges.

SCORES AT SHELL MOUND.

H. Hellberg Wins the Beautiful Bullseye Trophy Presented by Captain Siebe.

The Shell Mound rifle range was liberally patronized yesterday by marksmen of



The Gold Medal Presented by Captain Siebe and Won by H. Hellberg on the Three Best Centers.

all orders. The day was pleasant and there was just enough wind to carry off the smoke. At times the light was poor and varying, owing to the occasional presence of clouds in the sky. Nearly every shooting-stand was occupied all day, and the shooting continued as long as there was light enough to see the targets.

The Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club's members were out in full force for their semi-monthly shoot for records, medals and cash prizes. A number of fine scores were made on the club's new target. A. Strecker broke the 200-yard three-shot rifle record of the club by making a 7, consisting of a 1, 2 and 4. This shows that he

bunched his three shots all inside of the three-inch circle.

On the 50-yard pistol range a large amount of ammunition was consumed. C. M. Daus, who stands at the head of the list of pistol shots, made another record for himself by securing 6 points in three shots on the Blanding pistol medal record.

J. E. Gorman, whose picture in his characteristic position appears in this column, did some excellent shooting with his best was a 9. Mr. Gorman is the assistant secretary of the club and is among the best all-round shots. His favorites, however, are the pistol and revolver. With the latter weapon he has made on the Blunt target 95 out of a possible 100 and 432 out of a possible 500. He possesses a first-class medal and has held the 50-shot pistol diamond medal.

Following are the scores made on the 50-yard pistol range: Champion class, 10 shots—C. M. Daus 51, Ed Hovey 58, F. O. Young 60, J. E. Gorman 60. First class, 10 shots—Dr. L. O. Rodgers 45, D. W. McLaughlin 52, F. Baumgartner 62, M. J. White 63, P. Bohr 96.

Military rifle, 10 shots—G. M. Barley 71, E. Jacobson 73, W. Unfried 127, L. Zimmerman 130, W. E. Lawrence 137, M. A. Callinan 160.

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artistic piece of workmanship, as seen by the accompanying picture. The other prize winners were as follows: First, D. Von der Meiden, 229 points; second, G. Alpers, 305; third, L. Bune, 432; fourth, Medinger, 430; fifth, Anderson, 435; Meyer, 436; sixth, A. Mocker, 437; seventh, O. Luncke, 724; eighth, F. Schuster, 807; ninth, J. Gorman, 915; tenth, G. F. Hagedorn, 1093; eleventh, E. Ipsen, 1217; twelfth, J. Lankeau, 1220.

Several other sharpshooters' clubs and military teams were on the range and their records were as follows: Germania Schuetzen Club, monthly medal contest—Champion class, D. B. Faktor, 423 rings; first class, G. Alpers 409; third class, H. J. Wicker 433; fourth class, C. Rast 346; first best shot, H. J. Wicker 24; last best shot, G. A. Hagedorn 24.

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Companies C and G, monthly medal shoot—J. N. Dugdale 42, H. W. T. Fink 40, W. C. E. Goodell 43, W. M. Zenzel 39, C. G. Larson 42, M. A. Froment 26, V. F. Northrup 40, G. W. Summire 37, J. Irvine 17, F. Lamcke 12, J. Rowe 18, J. R. Barrick 43, T. E. Carson 39, P. J. Gorman 915, A. Larson 37, Povey 38, W. G. Hagedorn 24, A. Vaughan 42, F. Sherman 29, F. Carson 38, W. N. Swasey 34, D. A. Conroy 36, C. Newhall 36, R. Berry 37, W. B. H. Hagedorn 24, J. Knight 38, B. A. Hagedorn 41, L. O. Jacques 39, J. Christie 38, A. H. Kennedy 39, J. Switzer 26, W. W. Thompson 42, J. J. Gorman 915, G. F. Hagedorn 24, M. A. Callinan 29, J. R. Dowdall 37, E. C. Arnold 20, J. A. B. Bohr 37, P. D. Butt 32, C. E. Thompson 32, F. W. Mckenzie 19, C. F. Waltham 42, Butler 21, J. Smith 42, W. Williams 32, E. C. Suttile 43.

Independent Rifles monthly medal shoot—Champion class, E. Morning 26, J. H. Kukhik 36, H. Hagedorn 16, F. T. Bond 21, L. Hagedorn 16, Hagedorn 20, J. Staudt 36, F. M. Zelig 40.

Company M of the First Practice—Lieutenant Hogan 40, Sergeant Rivers 39, Sergeant Colby 38, Sergeant Smith 43, Corporal Maher 38, Corporal Chutech 40, Private Arhens 29, W. Buhlinger 24, G. Buhlinger 32, W. Murphy 33, Murrey 27, Eisan 30, Nutter 31.

COMPANIES D AND E. Rivalry of National Guardsmen at Schuetzen Park. Company D of the Fifth Regiment, stationed at San Rafael, occupied places at the range at Schuetzen Park yesterday, and with Company E of the First, from this city, tried their luck at the wet pastebord, with the following result: Company D's score—J. Dayson 47, T. S. Archer 42, E. F. March 41, J. Begley 40, M. J. H. J. Hagedorn 38, N. Butterworth 38, S. Smith 37, D. McCamish 36.

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This list comprised those of the first class and for the second class company medal. S. Solomon scored 37, followed by J. Mullen with 36, M. Dwyer 32 and E. Wesch 32.

There is an active rivalry between these two companies of the National Guard for the shooting honors of 1896.

SUNDAY COURSING. Results of Two Old Dog Stakes Deeded at Ocean View Park Yesterday.

An unusually large number of coursing men assembled at Ocean View Coursing Park yesterday to witness the running of the twenty-four dog stake that was on the card, and some fine sport was witnessed by all present.

Old reliable Mission Boy succeeded in winning the main stake, after a run with Nellie C in which the points were nearly equal.

The speculators made a heavy day of it through the frequent winnings of short-enders. Toward the close, however, the talent succeeded in sizing up the true form of the dogs and the favorites took nearly all of the last runs.

The hares were in fine condition and in many instances showed the way across the field and into the escapes. Following is the result of the run-down: G. White's Tippler beat J. Tracy's Soudan, G. Parkinson's Starlight beat D. Chilli's Santa Claus, Villa Kenna's Shamrock & E. Walton's Bobolink beat J. Rock's Victor, C. Byan's

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