

DOWNING AND COTTER MAKE A TANDUM RECORD Standing-Start Mile in 1:59 4-5.

MICHAEL IS STILL ON TOP HE RIDES THE FASTEST MILE OF THE MEET.

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Another large assemblage taxed the capacity of the Mechanics' Pavilion last night to see the bicycle races, and were rewarded by some splendid exhibitions of speed. The track is fast becoming famous as a record-making arena.

Downing and Cotter, both Californians, lowered the standing start tandem record to 1:59 4-5 in the mile pursuit race.

These who qualified for the final of the half-mile professional were Lawson, Furman, Goodman and Cotter, winners of the four heats, and Chapman, second in the fastest heat.

Tantau, Russ, Bozjo, Smith, and H. D. Bean, who rode in the fastest heat, were in the final of the amateur mile handicap.

Tantau and Bean, on the long-distance marks, had a very close race, but Tantau, leaving Bozjo and Smith far in the rear, Tantau had too much of a lead to be overtaken.

The mile pursuit match, best two in three heats, between Jay Eaton of New Jersey and Orlando Stevens of Iowa, was a beautiful race.

Stevens had the position behind him, Eaton closely following, at the start of the first heat, and these positions were unchanged until the sixth lap, when Stevens jumped the pacing machine, opening a gap between himself and Eaton of fully a dozen lengths, which the New Jerseyan could not make up.

Something happened to Fournier's machine at the start of the second heat, and a tandem manned by Lawson and Leonard was put in to do the pacing, the position being behind him, the New Jerseyan again had speed up his sleeve, and although "King" Eaton pressed hard at the end, Stevens won out by a brief margin in 1:59 4-5, and took the match.

The exhibition race between Harry Elkes, holder of the world's hour record, rode two miles pace by two tandems, the mile exhibition by Jimmy Michael, the popular middle-distance champion of the world, tandem paced. The exchange between the tandems was perfect. Michael's time for the mile was 1:57 1-5, the fastest time of the evening.

The mile tandem pursuit race, professional, kept everybody on edge with excitement. In the first heat Downing and Cotter beat Nawn and Fredericks in 2:02. J. Lawson and Julius beat Theisen and Goodman in 2:02. L. Stevens and Goodman, in a fine ride, beat Chapman and Barnaby in 2:01. Iver Lawson and Leonard did the same to Turville and Earl Stevens in 2:02. In the semi-finals, Downing and Cotter won from J. Lawson and Julius in the record time of 1:59 4-5. O. Stevens and Goodman beat L. Lawson and Leonard in 2:03.

This brought Downing and Cotter against Orlando Stevens and Goodman in the final heat. After two false starts, due to the starter's gun falling to shoot, they got away. It was a hot ride from the beginning, neither team gaining a decisive lead. On the last lap Downing and Cotter went ahead by four inches, winning by a bare margin, in 1:59 4-5, being their record time made in the first semi-final heat.

Notes of the Meet. "Big Bill" Furman of Los Angeles, the crack amateur who rode the last relay for the Bay City Wheelmen last year and helped them win the race, turned professional last night and won the first race in that class—the second heat of the half-mile handicap. He was unplaced in the third heat, however.

Fournier's "infernal machine" is one of the greatest attractions of the meet. It is a contrivance of his own design, and is used to pace the riders. It is a small, light, portable machine, and is used to pace the riders. It is a small, light, portable machine, and is used to pace the riders.

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HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY. Anniversary of His Birth Is Generally Observed in San Francisco.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, grandest character and the most unselfish patriot this country has produced since George Washington. From the day the martyr President was struck down by the assassin's bullet the feeling of veneration for his memory and the appreciation of his great qualities of head and heart have been becoming more firmly rooted in the breasts of the people of this country, until the advent of the 12th of February of each year is the signal for the pouring forth of tributes of praise in his honor in every city and hamlet.



Dr. Mackenzie's Tribute to Lincoln.

Rev. Dr. Mackenzie delivered an eloquent panegyric on Abraham Lincoln last evening in the First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Van Ness and Sacramento streets.

The subject of his discourse was "The Ninetieth Anniversary of the Birth of the Martyr President." After showing how, from humble beginnings, Lincoln had developed into the greatest man of his century, the learned preacher said:

"Lincoln was never ashamed of his lowly origin, and, on the contrary, he gloried in it and said that in this country it was no handicap to any honest man. He sought to work out his destiny by his own effort and how well he succeeded is a matter of history. There have been three crises in the life of our nation, but we have never worked out our destiny by the aid of men sent to grapple with them. The first crisis was in the foundation of the republic and God sent Washington. Next for the purification, unification and perpetuation of the republic God sent Lincoln, and in the last crisis God has given us McKinley."

"Lincoln was the typical man of our continent. The hearts of twenty million human beings throbbed in his pulses, and the groans and cries of millions of slaves were sounded in the depths of his great heart. He found himself standing alone for God and the right, and he swore to live and to die for it. The shadow of a great tragedy was upon his soul and he knew what was to come, but he was unbroken in his lowliness of spirit.

"The hour and the man came together. The origin and became a veritable whirlwind that threatened to engulf the whole nation. It needed a man to guide the storm, and Lincoln felt that he was sent to that guidance by his genuine love for American liberty. Questions of constitution, of legal right, of free head and free press, but the atmosphere that surrounded them all was the atmosphere of slavery. He was bit-

terly opposed to the extension of slavery, and he declared for the universal freedom of the white as well as the colored races.

Lincoln is Dr. Locke's Theme. At the Central M. E. Church last evening Dr. Charles Edward Locke took for his subject, "The Superb Christian Character of Abraham Lincoln." He said in part:

"The 12th day of February, 1899, is most significant in the calendar of this country. It is remarkable as being the birthday of a group of men most influential in the great achievements of the last fifty years. It gave to posterity Edgar Allan Poe, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Alfred Tennyson; to music, Chopin and gentle Mendelssohn; to science, Charles Darwin; to England and Europe, William Edward Gladstone. It was the birthday of Samuel F. Smith, the author of 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee,' and of Ray Palmer, who is immortalized in 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee.' But to us that 12th day of February was most memorable as it gave America a complete and the most ambitious seeker after the highest level attainable to the earnest and devout Christian. The life and achievement of Abraham Lincoln are a complete vindication of the teachings and promises of Jesus Christ. He was a man of integrity, whose life was always a plain model of abstinence habits. He was the people's friend; he forgave his enemies and made them his friends.

Oliver C. Miller's Address. Oliver C. Miller delivered an address in connection with the Lincoln memorial exercises in the chapel of the Crocker Old People's Home. He said Christ was the great liberator of men and that Lincoln, Washington, Paul and the great army of heroes and martyrs were the instruments of this power.

"They are inseparably united as men whom the truth loved, and upon whose brows the Goddess of Liberty loved to place her crown."

"Lincoln, though surrounded by doubters, never lost the courage of his convictions, and he was always ready to take care of a just cause. He was deaf to the faltering crowd that clamored about him, and he was always ready to take care of the most sublime."

James A. Garfield Post, G. A. R., has detailed members of the Lincoln memorial exercises in the chapel of the Crocker Old People's Home.

Girls' High School, General Edward S. Solomon, post commander, Col. Cohen; department commander, Frank Elliott Myers; officers of the day, and F. A. Kelly, section commander. Sig. L. Simon; chaplain, A. Ennis, and

Announcer Dixon had to enlist the services of Alfred Cellier of the Olympic Club as an interpreter. The speaker's appearance in the ring was a surprise, and was expected of him in pacing Stevens and Eaton.

Terrill established a new "slide" record last night which will stand for some time. By actual measurement he slid fifty yards in this can be judged from the fact that he did not even suffer a bruise.

The great six-day race starts to-night at half-past six o'clock. The starters are Bear back the American institutions from ruin. When bad men conspire good men must combine. In conclusion learn that the citizenship of our native land must be rallied to the defense of our country's honor and to the preservation of her institutions."

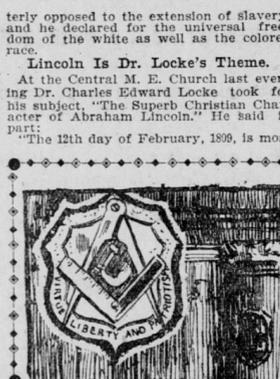
and one mile scratch, professional. Jimmy Michael, the world's champion long-distance rider, will make his first appearance in the ring to-night, and will take to-day. He will ride in the colors of "Kid" Blazer on San Marco. Michael has been riding horses in training here, and is ambitious to become a jockey. He has received the most valuable tips from Tod Sloan, and his courage and good management of speed should stand him in good stead in the game. He will not desert cycle racing, however, believing that the two sports should go hand in hand.

Artists' materials, house and floor paints and fine bath enamels at Sanborn & Van Dine.

ATHLETICS WINNERS. A benefit baseball game was played yesterday afternoon at Recreation Park between the Athletics and a picked nine of the family of the late "Jack" Smith baseball club.

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CONTEST OVER THE FORTUNE OF A PIONEER. Young Widow Must Defend Her Rights. UNDUE INFLUENCE EXERCISED SO CLAIMED BY RELATIVES OF AARON SHAVER.



Nephews and Nieces Assert That the Old Capitalist Was Not in His Right Mind When He Married.

Mrs. Annie Shaver, widow of Aaron Shaver, late capitalist of San Rafael, will make her home in San Francisco for some time to come. The family residence across the bay will be temporarily closed, and the gossips of Marion County's capital will be able to give free rein to their tongues.

Things have been said and done during the past week or so, however, that are likely to end in bitter personal suits before the difficulties are over.

In the meantime the contest over the money left by the dead capitalist will begin to-day, and the indications are that the legal battle will be a bitter one. The contestants assert that Aaron Shaver was not in his right mind when he was married nearly five years ago, and that his will made two years ago was drawn under the influence of the widow. The dead man's brother "Jake" and James Tunsted, the real estate agent of San Rafael, the property involved is considerable.

Two-thirds of it was left to the widow and one-third to the brother, while the remaining relatives were ignored.

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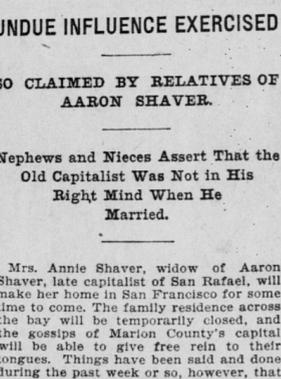
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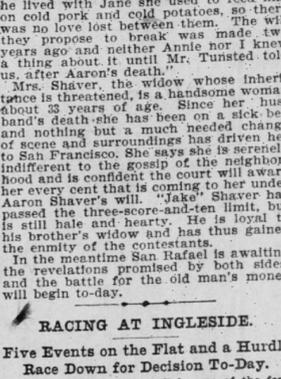
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