

CHRISTMAS MADE SPORTS AND MERRYMAKING THE HOLIDAY FESTIVALS

SAN FRANCISCANS ENJOY AN IDEAL DAY AT THE CITY'S PLEASURE RESORTS

Park and Ocean Beach Are Crowded With Merrymakers and Theaters Are Filled to the Doors--Many Residents Take Advantage of Fine Weather to Visit in the Country



IDEAL weather and prosperity were the means of making the celebration of Christmas, 1901, long to be remembered by the residents of this city and vicinity. It was a day of gladness. Even the poor were not forgotten, as they were invited to partake of a dinner spread by the Salvation Army.

The tired salesmen and women who worked incessantly for the past month were given a much needed holiday. All the stores were closed, and only places where refreshments are sold were open.

He Adroitly Brings Voices and Orchestra Together in the Beautiful Anthem "America."

Hunter Baltimore Rye advertisement with logo and text: 'The High Standard of Hunter Baltimore Rye is the result of Se'ected Rye, Careful Distillation, Thorough Aging.'

BASEBALL STARS

Eastern Teams Each Win on Recreation Park Diamond.

Nationals Capture Fastest Game of the Winter Series.

The Nationals and the All-Americans each won a game of baseball yesterday at Recreation Park. The morning game, which was won by the Nationals by a score of 3 to 2, was one of the fastest and cleverest games of the season.

Waddell was in the box for the All-Americans in the afternoon and only three hits were secured off his delivery. He struck out only two men, which is away below his average in previous games.

"Sandow" Mertes was the hero of the afternoon game. With two men out in the third inning he sent the ball over the center field fence for a home run. The Nationals scored their second and last run in the fourth inning.

Lee, the first man up, was safe at first, as Davis took his foot off the bag in reaching for the ball. He went to second on a passed ball and made his way to a wild pitch. He scored on the throw-in of Steinfield's fly out near the flagpole in center field.

The All-Americans did their scoring in two innings. In the first they scored one run. In the second they scored three runs. Decisions to render, each time calling the runner safe. Beckley and his men stopped the game to object to the decisions, which were sustained by Barrett, the popular center fielder, was the man who scored. Pickering, the first man up, hit a home run in the second inning.

There were two unusual plays during the afternoon. In the fourth inning Irwin tried to catch a ball on a foul fly by the catcher, but did not succeed.

Christmas at the Roanoke. Christmas night was spent in a delightful fashion at the Roanoke on Bush street. After dinner a reception was held by Mrs. Morris, the proprietor, and her two charming daughters, after which a Christmas program was given.

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS A RAILROAD WILL SPEND Cut-Off Line in the Northwest Country to Be Built Early Next Year.

RIOS SHANNON, A 15 TO 1 OUTSIDER, BEATING VESUVIAN HANDILY AT THE FINISH--ENTRIES OF GREEN MORRIS OUT OF LUCK--HOLIDAY CROWD HIT BOOKS

Jockey Lee Jackson Gives the Long Shot a Perfect Ride, Beating Vesuvian Handily at the Finish--Entries of Green Morris Out of Luck--Holiday Crowd Hit Books

RIOS SHANNON, piloted by Lee Jackson, will go to his grave being remembered for the sensational feature at Oakland yesterday by capturing the rich Christmas handicap. Favorites divided honors with long shots, the twenty-four books were

bombarded and battered out of all shape, and many more could an immense holiday gathering wish for? When Sidney Bender, the plunging talker, told his friends in New Orleans he found no sunshine in California while here he must have resided in a basement and labored at night. More perfect weather could not be found. Many of the ladies were attired in summer silks, and only those of the male persuasion whose systems had become debilitated by indulging in ferry-boat diet resorted to topcoats. In the ring the crowd was so dense that it was more difficult for a stranger to place a bet than to pick up a "steepie" in a Kentucky farm game.

The wonderment of the spectators was the staying qualities exhibited by Rio Shannon, the 15 to 1 outsider, who, at one and a quarter, for which nine faced the webbing. Green Morris started three-quarters of a mile out, but after being with 105 pounds up, against this trio of smart ones 7 to 10 could be had. To an uneven start the chances of Autolight, Brul, and Vesuvian, who were favored by P. Ryan's barn, ridden by Tommy Burns and well respected in the ring, quite a figure in the lead for a mile; the favorite, Vesuvian, was in its work. After Icle had undergone the evaporation process Lee Jackson, astride Rio Shannon, moved from second to first position while Vesuvian, once looked troublesome, "Jimmy" Coffey's buggy horse passed past the judges two lengths in front in 2:36. Johnny Woods, with Watercure, unloaded his cargo in third place, followed closely by Autolight, well kicked and thumped by Vesuvian. Brul was not very hot, and Shannon stretched it out further than usual. Vesuvian ran a fine race. Watercure peculiarly handled. Autolight came within an ace of being beaten by Vesuvian. Former probably best, and under other conditions could have won. Icle and Greaford cut out on the stretch. Coupled with Watercure, Scandro handicapped--Imperious 95, Goal Runner 95, Nones 115.

For a time during the progress of the six and a half furlong run it looked as if Vesuvian might lead, but Icle, who was in the saddle he led to the stretch, when he suddenly decided to suik. Vesuvian, however, never let up, and Wyoming, the favorite, worked his way to the front and driving hard got the verdict from Orleans by a head. King Dellys had a stormy trip. A surprise was furnished in the hurdle event, over a mile and three-eighths, for which Phil Archer, a 15 to 1 outsider, coupled as a stable, ruled pronounced favorites. Phil Archer, the mainstay of the entry, piloted by "S" B. Jones, who lowered by injury. Distance, a 20 to 1 shot and a handy jumper, looked to have the race won. He did not, however, as he was led out more than a length by Sam Green, a 15 to 1 shot, ridden by Evans. Lord Chesterfield got away from the post prominently. Another member of the Jennings string finished second in the Scandro handicap, a six and a half furlong race, for two-year-olds. Stear Jeanie, astride which O'Connor sat, went to the post a 3 to 2 choice, and in a race that was a hot one, he was lowered by Magi, a 10 to 1 shot played to 7. Escalante cut after showing first to the stretch.

Twenty-one books did business in the ring, with three field books to accommodate the more conservative players. The favorite, George Rose, was credited with being 37,000 winner since he cut in, only a short while back. He lost about \$200 yesterday. R. B. Miller, who for years has been connected with the association across the bay, was well remembered by the horsemen. His Christmas box came in the form of a magnificent case of silverware and a very handsome dressing case, the latter being presented to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Miller. Eddie Greenay was fortunate enough to have a good bet down, straight and show, on Rio Shannon.

GENERAL ALGER SAFELY PASSES CRITICAL PERIOD DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25--Dr. C. G. Jennings, who is attending General R. A. Alger, said to-night: "You may announce that General Alger has safely passed the first and most critical stage after the operation that was performed on him yesterday. The general will be able to get up and walk in a few days, and there is no possibility of dangerous developments for at least another week, but we do not expect any."

NEW ORLEANS Race Results. First race, five furlongs--Nelle Waddell won. Little Jack Homer second. River Dary third. Time, 1:00:25. Second race, handicap, one mile and twenty yards--Nitra won. Andrus second. Andrus third. Time, 1:41. Third race, mile and a half--Bristol won. Zella second. Golden Link third. Time, 3:08:45. Fourth race, Christmas handicap, one mile--George Arnold won. Imp. Mint Sauce second. Tagon third. Time, 1:30. Fifth race, six furlongs--Amigari won. Kaloma second. Obaden third. Time, 1:34:36. Sixth race, one mile, selling--Frank M. won. Mac Pherson second. Eva Rice third. Time, 1:34:40.

Jeffries Starts for New York. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25--James J. Jeffries and his brother, Jack Jeffries, gave a six-round boxing exhibition at Convention Hall in this city to-night. The champion will give no more exhibitions before he reaches New York, where he goes direct from here. Jack Beauschoul of Chicago and Jack Graham of Indianapolis boxed ten rounds, the contest resulting in a draw. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 25--Larry Temple of New York knocked out Edwy Kennedy of Pittsburgh in four rounds before the Abbey Athletic Club here today.

Men, Wake Up! advertisement with image of a man and text: 'Is Your Back Weak? Have You Dragging Pains? Are You Easily Tired? Have You Varicocel?'

THE CALL'S RACING FORM CHART

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Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt advertisement with image of the belt and text: 'Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt is made for you. It is the best way to give you electricity. It pours a gentle stream of life into the weak parts continually for hours every night. It refreshes the nerves, expands the vital powers, enriches the blood, and gives you a new vigor.'