Footing Is Quite Sloppy and MUDLARKS SKIM Home First at Racetrack

HONITON HANDLES WEIGHT AND TAKES THE HANDICAP

Magrane Runs Second, a Nose in Front of Judge.

DR. LEGGO WINS

Nigrette Loses Her Company in the Last Race.

DORA I IN FRONT

BY FRED E. MULHOLLAND.

That a good horse can carry weight and dispose of ordinary ones received exemplification at Oakland yesterday when P. Ryan's sweet mare Honiton picked up 118 pounds and strolled in first for the handicap, decided at seven furlongs.

On paper, the chances of some of the lightweights of the party stood out like a full-dress suit at a Tehama-street lawn party, but faded away when it came down to actual racing. Magrane, a 95-pounder, received some smart backing, and while the three-year-old finished second, he had no more chance of beating the daughter of Ormonde than a Chinese laundryman in a glass-bottomed boat would have of safely passing through the Niagara whirlpool rapids, and his price would be 88 to 1. Still the admirers of Magrane, Judge, Romaine and Matt Hogan enabled the followers of Honiton to get as good as 2 to 1 about him, although 7 to 5 was the market price.

DAVIS PILOTS HONITON.

Davis had the leg up on the favorite, and he had orders to wait for nothing but his jockey fee after the race. At the head of the stretch the plebeian members of the company had all received theirs, and Honiton finished the remainder of the route at her leisure. She won by two lengths in 1:27½, which is a remarkably good performance over a sloppy course. Sam Greenfield kept Magrane hard at work, with a result that he nosed Judge out for the place.

Another large crowd viewed the racing, despite the threatening condition of the weather. The betting was all that could be desired. Favorites won three races.

Perhaps the longest price laid about a winner, all things considered, was the 11 to 10 chalked against Nigrette, winner of the last race of the day, over one mile and seventy yards. A little slop on the surface of the track appears to intensify the mare's speed, and after indulging Red Cross Nurse with the lead to the far turn she picked up the running.

NIGRETTE AN EASY WINNER.

Travers had apparently made up his mind to take no chances of losing, but allowed the favorite to sift along, breezing home ten lengths before Leila, the second choice. Red Cross Nurse secured the show from Harka, the only other starter, by nearly half a block.

Velna, with Sam Greenfield up, went to the post a slight favorite over Handy Bill and Edgecliff, for the Futurity sprint, first decided. The Rubicon filly filled third position until well into the stretch, when she dropped back and ran unplaced. McBride on Edgecliff caught Salable, the pacemaker, the last few yards, winning by less than a length. Handy Bill dropped in an indifferent third.

At no period of his racing career did Bell Reed fancy six furlongs, and he finished third for the six-furlong selling affair, after ruling a pronounced choice. Albemarle, the second choice, piloted by Sam Greenfield, took the lead from the favorite when ready and in a mild drive led Lady Kent out a couple of lengths. Hipponax lost the show to the first choice by a nose.

DR. LEGGO BEATS SEA AIR.

While Sea Air held the balance of the starters in the six-furlong purse event safe, Dr. Leggo proved too much for the filly. Quoted at 7 to 10 and ridden by Bonner, the doctor after a somewhat stormy passage, defeated Sea Air by a length. Smithy Kane tincanned out in front for half a mile, then he slunk away to the rear. A. Muskoday ran third at 20 to 1.

Wally Brinkworth and his friends unloaded on The Cure to win the mile selling fixture and Dora I, a 30 to 1 shot, dropped in unexpectedly. The outsider had McBride in the saddle and led from start to finish. The Cure in a hard drive got up in time to down The Lieutenant a neck for place honors. The Fretter, at one time favorite in the betting, ran a poor race.

TRACK NOTES.

McBride piloted two winners, Edgecliff and Dora I, besides finishing second on Lady Kent and Sea Air. His record was marred by a piece of rough riding on Sea Air that caused the judges to set the capable young rider down for a week. It looked as if McBride went out of his way on two or three occasions to foul Bonner on Dr. Leggo, and it surprised nobody that the judges took action.

Sam Greenfield rode one winner and finished second astride Magrane, The Cure and Leila.

Pearl Waters received support on the strength of a fast five-furlong workout.

F. A. Meyers, an Eastern turfman, owner of Gay Boy and other prominent performers, is here.

Joe and Sam Blume, who booked at Oakland last season, reached here Thursday night from the Eastern country.

In a party of metropolitan turf-goers arriving here yesterday from New York by steamer via Panama were: Joe Haymon, Willie Kerryheart, Phil Maguire, Jules Frank and Kid Rogers.

An Eastern exchange says that the Brooklyn Jockey Club has fallen in line with the innovation sprung at Brighton last summer, and "will provide a stand for the trainers and owners." "Sprung at Brighton, eh?" Poor old New York. If some of those descendants of Rip Van Winkle would take a trip to California occasionally they might observe trainers' and owners' stands on our tracks and an annunciator which flashes the first three horses past the wire in time to get people home for an early dinner.

Following are the weights as assigned by Handicapper Egbert for the Christmas handicap at one and a quarter miles, with $3000 added, to be decided next Monday:

Claude	127	Forest King	105
Dainty	125	Ink	105
Fossil	114	Last Knight	105
Rockaway	112	Ed Lilburn	105
Sidney C. Love	111	Grail	105
St. Valentine	111	Ishtar	105
Elliott	111	Veterano	105
Gold Money	110	Achilles	105
Dalvay	110	Caliban	105
Schoolmate	109	Easy Street	105
Beau Ormonde	109	Kenilworth	105
Modicum	107	Greenock	105
Vesuvian	107	Feline Lugo	102
Horatius	107	Military Man	102
Jack Ratlin	107	The Lady Rohesia	102
Bombardier	106	Blue Eyes	102
Divina	106	Little Wally	100
Arcade	105	Leila	100
Grafter	105	Laocoon	100
Major Mansir	105	Solanus	100
Evea G.	105	Mendon	100
Byronerdale	105	Tocalaw	100
Flying Torpedo	105	Sacredus	100
Barklvite	105	Bugle Horn	100
Yellow Tail	105	Padua	100
Martinmas	105	Captain Forsee	100
Luckett	105	Telephone	100

New Orleans Racing.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Results of the races:

First race, seven furlongs—Sis Lee won, Gasconne second, Fruit third. Time, 1:28.

Second race, six furlongs—Little Jack Horner won, Miladi Love second, Sadduccee third. Time, 1:14 2-5.

Third race, mile and an eighth—Lady Fonso won, Always Faithful second, Gigantic third. Time, 1:57.

Fourth race, handicap, six furlongs—Dick Bernard won, Frontenac second, Astarita third. Time, 1:13 2-5.

Fifth race, mile and a quarter—Brooklyn won, Bessie McCarthy second, Homestead third. Time, 2:09 3-5.

Sixth race, one mile—Jack Greenberg won, St. Tammany second, Ahola third. Time, 1:42 3-5.

Yacht Entry List Not Official.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—It developed today upon investigation that the list of American entries for the trans-Atlantic yacht race next year published by the Lokal Anzeiger in a dispatch from Kiel yesterday, although purporting to be official, was only the impression which the Imperial Yacht Club officials derived from American letters. The entries will not be officially announced until they are closed.

Lagarde Offers to Bowl Thorpe.

Jack Lagarde, the bowler, has accepted the challenge of Arthur Thorpe for a match for $100 a side. He specifies that the match take place at Oakland within ten days, as the men cannot agree on a neutral alley here.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL'S RACING FORM CHART.

OAKLAND—Friday, December 23. Weather showery. Track sloppy.

7611. FIRST RACE—Futurity course; 2-year-olds; selling; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
7569	Edgecliff (Judge & Co.)	102	3 ...	4 n	6	1½3	½ 1	McBride	4	5
7541	Salable (Blasingame Bros.)	107	4 ...	1 n	1	1½1	2½2	Crosswaite	6	9
7575	Handy Bill (D. Zellinsky)	110	5 ...	5 ¾	5	½ 7	8 3	Helgesen	7-2	23-5
7527	Velna (G. M. Van Gordon)	102	2 ...	3 2½	2 n	2 n	4 1½	Greenfield	4	7-2
7587	Bearskin (Skinner & Co.)	110	6 ...	6 ½	4 n	5	½ 5 ¾	H. Michaels	6	12
7546	Pearl Waters (O. F. Waters)	107	7 ...	7 8	7 8	6 3	6 1	Kunz	10	7
7587	Herthus (V. Gilbert)	102	1 ...	2 1	3 2	4 ½	7 10	Travers	8	16
7535	Mogregor (California Stable)	110	8 ...	8	8	8	8	Bullman	4	6

Time—:25, :50½, 1:13. At post 1½ minutes. Off at 2:14½. Edgecliff, place, 9-5; show, 9-10. Salable, place, 7-2; show, 8-5. Bill, show, 9-10. Winner, br. g. by Eddie Jones-Shasta Water. Trained by S. Judge. Scratched—Indicate, Bill Short, Glendene, Mabel Bates, Golden Idol, Tar Baby, Fisher Boy, Julia South. Start good. Won all driving. Crosswaite on Salable was seized with first-past-the-wire fright and Edgecliff beat him out. Latter did some bumping in coming through. Handy Bill slipped the bunch another package. This race ought to have done him a world of good, so keep him on tap. Velna retired gracefully. Pearl Waters a morning glory. Mogregor off very badly. Herthus a "mut."

7612. SECOND RACE—Six furlongs; 4-year-olds and up; selling; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
7567	Albemarle, 4 (J. Quinlan)	107	2 ...	2 ¾	2 2½	1 h	1 2	Greenfield	2	16-5
7565	Lady Kent, a (J. Ryan)	107	1 ...	6 1½	5 4	4 5	2 ¾	McBride	10	9
7594	Bell Reed, 4 (Fitzgerald&Cree)	109	3 ...	1 n	1 n	2 1½	3 ns	Sherwood	7-5	11-10
7601	Hipponax, a (A. C. Dean)	114	4 ...	4 4	3 1½	3 2½	4 4	Bullman	6	11
7600	Albonita, 6 (McAbee & Davis)	109	6 ...	3 1¾	4 2	5 3	5 10	Loague	50	100
6981	Resin, 5 (Walker & Co.)	109	8 ...	8	7 1½	6 4	6 5	Bell	30	60
7523	Sterling Towers, 5 (Stockton S.)	109	7 ...	5 h	6 n	7 4	7 6	Helgesen	5	13-2
7266	J. H. Bennett, 4 (Romigh)	109	5 ...	7 ½	8	8	8	T. Clark	40	100

Time—:24, :49, 1:15. At post 11 minutes. Off at 2:45. Albemarle, place, 1; show, 9-20. Kent, place, 3; show, 7-5. Reed, show, 1-4. Winner, b. g. by Deceiver-Fable. Trained by J. Quinlan. Scratched—Bronze Wing, Karabel, Flaneur, Troy, Royal White, Kubelik, Alta G. Start good. Won ridden out. Second driving. Third stopping. A day or two on the grindstone and a change of stage drivers sharpened the speed of Albemarle until it would cut a limburger cheese without destroying the bouquet. Lady Kent, a late arrival, was noticed. Bell Reed stopped, when ready. Hipponax shy of speed. Sterling Towers is done for the season, maybe.

7613. THIRD RACE—Six furlongs; purse; two-year-olds; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
7597	Dr. Leggo (G. W. Wilson)	110	1 ...	3 4	3 2½	2 1½	1 1	Bonner	7-10	8-5
(7597)	Sea Air (T. E. McLaughlin)	107	2 ...	2 1	2 3	1 1	2 5	McBride	6	5
7597	A. Muskoday (G. W. Dodge)	110	6 ...	4 h	4 6	3 2	3 10	Travers	12	20
7576	Royal Red (J. Touhey)	107	7 ...	8 2½	6 1	5 ½	4 n	Jenkins	30	20
7597	L. Goodrich (W. Applegate)	107	5 ...	6 1½	5 1	6 4	5 5	Bell	30	50
7597	Smithy Kane (Hall & Marsh)	107	3 ...	1 5	1 4	4 4	6 1½	J. Jones	6	9
7573	Lilitus (J. Hackett)	110	8 ...	5 n	7 2	7 2	7 4	Minder	30	40
7599	Robt. Mitchell (Summers Co.)	110	9 ...	7 h	8 4	8 10	8 12	Larsen	20	30
7468	Ferryman (M. J. Daly)	110	4 ...	9 2	10 9	4 9	10 15	W. Daly	100	200
....	D'Albert (El Primero Stable)	110	10 ...	10	9 2	10 10		Loague	6	150

Time—:23¾, :48, 1:14. At post 2½ minutes. Off at 3:12. Leggo, place, 1-3; show, 1-5. Air, place, 9-10; show, 2-5. Muskoday, show, 5-2. Winner, b. c. by Puryear D-Sevens. Trained by C. C. McCafferty. Scratched—Lindsay Gordon. Start good. Won all driving. Bonner had to draw his razor and carve his way through. McBride was given a week on the ground for trying to tie the colored boy and his mount to the three-furlong pole. Sea Air no excuses. Muskoday, though sore, ran well. Smithy Kane spoke a short piece and sat down. Royal Red will win shortly. Lady Goodrich will do among lesser lights.

7614. FOURTH RACE—Seven furlongs; handicap; all ages; value to first, $400.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
7592	Honiton, 4 (P. Ryan)	118	2 2 n	1 h	1 ¾	1 ¾	1 2	W. Davis	6-5	7-5
7441	Magrane, 3 (W. P. Magrane)	95	6 4 2	4 5	3 n	3 ½	2 ns	Greenfield	5	23-5
7596	Judge, 3 (J. J. McAlester)	97	1 3 ¾	3 h	4 1½	2 ½	3 4	J. Jones	3	4
7584	Romaine, 4 (W. Scharetg)	107	4 5 ¾	5 ¾	6 8	4 1	4 h	Helgesen	6	8
7579	Matt Hogan, a (Romigh)	97	7 6 2½	6 8	5 1	5 n	5 ¾	T. Clark	10	15
7585	T. L. Rohesia, 3 (Henshall)	101	3 7	7	7	7	6 3	Kunz	20	50
7585	Sea Voyage, 2 (Mrs. Miller)	82	5 1 h	2 ¾	2 ¾	6 2	7	Taylor	30	60

Time—:23¼, :47, 1:14½, 1:27½. At post ¼ minute. Off at 3:35. Honiton, place, 3-5; show, 1-3. Magrane, place, 7-5; show, 3-5. Judge, show, 2-5. Winner, br. m. by Ormonde-Libbertiflibbett. Trained by P. Ryan. Start good. Won easily. Balance driving. Honiton came home under a spread of canvas that would carry a clipper ship from Point Bonita light to Sandy Hook in forty-nine days. Magrane, like his owner and namesake, is a pretty good piece of broadcloth himself. Judge tardy in calling court. Helgesen on Romaine bobbed about like a champagne cork in a country hotel bath tub with no chance to get out. Romaine must have gone back sure. Hogan was never mentioned.

7615. FIFTH RACE—One mile; selling; all ages; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
7601	Dora I, 5 (J. Ryan)	98	5 1 ½	1 1	1 2½	2½	3½	McBride	30	20
(7593)	The Cure, 3 (Brinkworth Co.)	95	2 6 4	5 ½	4 n	4 4	2 n	Greenfield	6-5	8-5
7603	The Lieutenant, 3 (Stover)	100	6 4	2½	4 ¾	3 ½	3 ½	3 2	Travers	7-2	21-5
7570	Bill Young, 6 (J. Sturgeon)	99	3 2	1½	2 1½	2 2	2 ½	4 6	Loague	100	200
7593	The Gadfly, 2 (Keene & Co.)	82	1 7	7	7	7	7	5 1½	R. Coleman	12	12
7601	The Fretter, a (O'Rourke)	100	4 3	h 3	n 5	1 6	1 6	2½	J. Jones	5-2	2
7587	San Jose, 2 (G. W. Wilson)	78	7 5	n 6	3 6	4 5	n 7		Taylor	50	30

Time—:25½, :49¾, 1:16¼, 1:43. At post 1 minute. Off at 3:59½. Dora, place, 5; show, 2. Cure, place, 3-5; show, 1-4. Lieutenant, show, 4-2. Winner, br. m. by Eagle Plume-Frolia. Trained by G. Wentworth. Scratched—Telephone, Platt, Flaunt. Start good. Won ridden out. Balance driving hard. Dora I was there with Swiss bells on. The Cure, late in getting up speed, closed strong. The Lieutenant can do better on a dry track. For a horse that was played, The Fretter made a tame showing.

7616. SIXTH RACE—1 mile and 70 yards; selling; 3-year-old and up; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
7598	Nigrette, 4 (W. B. Jennings)	102	3 2	3	2 2½	1 2½	1 6	1 10	Travers	1	11-10
7598	Leila, 3 (C. F. Clark)	95	2 3	¾	3 5	3 10	3 10	2 1½	Greenfield	8-5	8-5
(7603)	R. C. Nurse, 3 (Moler & Co.)	92	1 1	1 2	1 2	2 2	2 n	3 20	R. Butler	6	11-2
7610	Harka, 3 (C. T. Henshall)	97	4 4	4	4	4	4		Kunz	20	40

Time—:24½, :49½, 1:14, 1:40¾, 1:44¾. At post ¾ minute. Off at 4:25½. Nigrette, place, 1-3; show, out. Leila, place, 1-3; show, out. Nurse, show, out. Winner, blk. m. by Midlothian-Twinkle. Trained by W. B. Jennings. Scratched—Horatius. Start good. Won in a gallop. Second easily. Third driving. Nigrette won with more of a margin than Jimmy Britt. Leila cannot beat her in any kind of going. Red Cross Nurse found the game too fast and tucked herself away early.

SOME MUDLARKS PICKED TO WIN

BY FRED E. MULHOLLAND.

First race—Dotterel, Karabel, Dollie H.

Second race—Squire Johnson, Prince Brutus, Yada.

Third race—Sol Lichtenstein, Revolt, Sir Preston.

Fourth race—Briers, Anvil, Idogo.

Fifth race—Mountebank, Albemarle, Bard Burns.

Sixth race—Dusty Miller, Dungannon, Serenity.

FIELDS HAVE AN OPEN LOOK AT OAKLAND

The card at Oakland to-day, while devoid of any especial feature, should furnish some good sport. Interest no doubt will center in the meeting of Prince Brutus and Squire Johnson, two shifty two-year-olds. The day's entries:

First race—Seven furlongs, three-year-olds and up, selling:

7565 *Myrtle H (Hertzell) 97
7551 Cinnabar (Clark) 98
7565 Young Marlow (McLaughlin) 102
7570 Dotterel (Lynch) 102
7605 *Dollie H (Burnett) 93
7589 Mosketo (Strobel) 102
7581 Homage (Stephenson) 102
7400 *El Moro (Stewart) 97
7467 Dandie Belle (Winters & Johnson) 102
7607 *Sunny Shore (Dunn) 97
7601 Bedner (Cruza) 102
7605 *Standard (McAlester) 93
7593 Karabel (Bottger & Harmon) 102
7601 Military (Quill) 102
7601 Sugden (Sturgeon) 102

Second race—Six furlongs, two-year-olds, purse:

7597 Yada (Cahill) 110
7599 Fay Templeton (Dodge) 103
7597 Prince Brutus (Cameron) 103
7604 Cardinal Sarto (Summers) 106
7608 Squire Johnson (Miller) 106
5967 Morita (Napa Stock Farm) 103
7593 Jerusha (Engstrom) 103
7552 Gossiper (Touhey) 103

Third race—Futurity course, three-year-olds and up, selling:

7594 W. R. Condon (Ezell) 111
7421 *Cousin Carrie (Gaylord & Co.) 97
7600 *Battidor (Fine) 95
7603 *Revolt (Gilbert) 101
6789 Hulford (Stover) 99
7603 *Maud Muller (Miller) 95
7594 Sol Lichtenstein (Madison) 106
7547 *Sir Preston (Scharetg) 101

Fourth race—One and a sixteenth miles, three-year-olds and up, selling.

7612 *Lady Kent (Ryan) 97
(7596) Meistersinger (Healey) 107
7568 *Isabellita (Ronaldson) 99
(7562)*Briers (Rowell) 99
..... Wenrick (Dayton & Kahn) 105
7603 *Anvil (Murray) 99
7609 Barrack (Barrett) 107
7595 *Major Tenny (Piedmont Stable) 99
7603 *Northwest (Figaro Stable) 95
7610 Colonel Anderson (McLaughlin) 110
(7571)*Idogo (Wilson) 95

Fifth race—Seven furlongs, three-year-olds and up, selling.

(7612) Albemarle (Quinlan) 107
7565 Flaneur (Bianchi & Co.) 107
7570 *Delsegno (Logan) 97
7607 Border Mark (O'Brien) 102
7595 Flip O'Or (Appleton & Co.) 107
7545 *Mr. Farnum (Wilson) 97
7589 Mountebank (Keating) 107
7603 *Mocorito (Ryan) 102
(7589) Bard Burns (O'Rourke) 110
7580 *Profitable (Winter) 102
7567 Molto (Shannon) 107
7567 *Educate (Hoppas) 102

Sixth race—One mile, three-year-olds, selling.

7558 Serenity (Dayton & Kahn) 101
7605 *Inspector Munro (Fox) 109
7605 Box Elder (Moran) 111
7609 Scherzo (Pueblo Stable) 114
7616 Harka (Henshall) 111
7515 War Times (Grossheim) 111
7589 *Dungannon (Knebelkamp) 106
7590 *Dusty Miller (Sheridan) 106

*Apprentice allowance.

BAIN DEFEATS JAMES IN HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

Several Interesting Events Are Planned by the Officials of the Olympic Club.

The handball tournament was continued last night at the Olympic Club. The matches resulted as follows: Foran beat Tansey, 21-17; Bain beat James, 21-13, 21-18; Barkin beat Selig, 17-21, 21-3 and 21-4.

The games to be played to-morrow are as follows: First class—H. W. Bogen vs. H. S. Russ, A. A. Pockwitz vs. Louis Levy. Second class—H. Brickell vs. L. A. Smith, C. E. Cutter vs. W. F. Humphrey. Third class—F. M. Goodrich vs. F. E. Atkins.

The Olympic Club will give a ladies' night on Thursday evening, January 19, under the leadership of John J. Gleason. The cafe, which has been closed for the past few months, will be thrown open about the first of the year. It will be conducted under the management of the directors of the club. On New Year's day the club will hold a cross country walk through Golden Gate Park to the ocean beach. President William Greer Harrison will lead the members and will be the first to enter the surf. Max Rosenfeld, the club captain, is supervising the event. A large number of members have expressed their intention to take part.

Jockey Club in Receivers' Hands.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—John M. Wood, who was to-day appointed permanent receiver for the Union Jockey Club property, was also ordered to sell the property from the courthouse on December 30 for not less than $50,000. The club had its first season last summer, when it operated without the sanction of the Western Jockey Club.

SHARON ESTATE DIRECTORS MEET.—The annual meeting of the Sharon Estate Company, which controls the local property of the heirs of the late Senator Sharon, was held yesterday at the Palace Hotel. The principal business was the re-election of the old board of directors, who are as follows: Fred E. Sharon, president; John C. Kirkpatrick and J. M. Allen, vice presidents; W. F. Herrin, Francis G. Newlands and James Newlands Jr. J. P. Martin was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, of which Colonel Kirkpatrick continues as manager.

BOXING TALENT SEEMS SCARCE

San Francisco Club Match Maker Finds Difficulty in Getting Strong Card

Matchmaker Alex Greggains of the San Francisco Athletic Club is finding it difficult to find a card for next month which will have the drawing power of some of the recent fights held here.

Battling Nelson would give him no decided answer yesterday, saying he could not talk business until he had straightened out his differences with Manager Murphy. The latter will be brought back from Stockton to-day by the police and an effort will be made to straighten out the tangle into which their accounts have been twisted.

If Nelson cannot talk business within the next twenty-four hours with Greggains the latter will look at once for another match. He has in view matches between Jack Johnson and Marvin Hart, Jack Root and Hart and Jimmy Gardner and Buddy Ryan. The objection to two of these matches is that the principals are strangers here and outsiders seldom draw well.

There are few sensational matches in view, the old material having been worked over so often as to have palled on the public taste. Jabez White, the English champion, is anxious for a match with Britt. The latter does not want to talk fight until after the holidays.

There are no rising young boxers in sight of championship material.

Manager Al Murphy of the Lincoln Athletic Club has completed the card for the boxing show to be given in Mechanics' Pavilion next Friday night. There will be seven bouts of four rounds' duration. Billy Roach has been selected referee. The best contest will be a four-round go between Sam Berger of the Olympic Club and Jim Casey, the husky longshoreman who has been fighting under the name of "Young Fitzsimmons." Berger is training at Sheehan's, Ocean Beach. Casey is preparing at the Hayes Valley Athletic Club. George Finnigan, amateur bantam champion of the world, and Eddie Kehoe will meet a second time. Kehoe nearly beat Finnigan three weeks ago. Bob Cairns and Mike Synfy will battle at 138 pounds. This is a return match, Cairns having beat Synfy in four rounds. "South-Side" Jack O'Brien, who earned a decision over Carroll, is to box Bob Ritchie at 125 pounds. Jim Fox and George Murray of the Olympic Club are to meet again at 160 pounds. Harry Baker and Ralph Bullard will open the show. They will box at 105 pounds. Alec McDonald and Danny Cole are next on the programme. They are to fight at 115 pounds.

DIVORCE CASES.—Judge Hunt yesterday granted an interlocutory decree of divorce to Celissa Beebe from George A. Beebe, who deserted her. New suits for legal separation were begun by Salvator Tartaul against Leonora Tartaul and by J. J. Sullivan against Grace M. Sullivan, both on the grounds of desertion.

POLICE RAID BACON PLACE.—Captain Duke with a squad of policemen raided Bacon place shortly before midnight last night and arrested forty-seven inmates of the houses. They were released on bail. A temporary injunction granted by Judge Hebbard prevented a contemplated raid on Belden place.

JOE YEAGER'S WASWIFT WINS EASILY FROM KENILWORTH

Three Choices Finish First

Descuento Defeats Highly Touted Oxford and Sportsman in Juvenile Race.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Waswift, Joe Yeager's big chestnut horse, showed some of his speed exhibited at Ascot last year when he hung up the track record of 1:39½ for the mile, with 124 pounds up, by winning the third race to-day from Felipe Lugo and Kenilworth. Waswift was almost overlooked in the betting, the form players arguing he had not done anything during the past season to warrant support. He drifted from 5 to 8 to 1 in the books, while Kenilworth was played from 2 to 1 to 8 to 5. Waswift took command at the head of the stretch and won easily.

Three favorites took first money today. They were: Happy Chappy at 4 to 5 in the second, Heather Honey at 4 to 5 in the fifth, and Rodolfo at 3 to 1 in the sixth.

Descuento surprised the crowd by winning the fourth race for two-year-olds from the much-praised Oxford, with Sportsman third. Descuento was 8 to 1 in the books, but was well played at these figures on his last performance.

Willie Knapp put his first winner over the line in the first race, riding Andvari to victory at 6 to 1, with Anona, the favorite, second and Sinicado third. Weather cloudy, track slow. Summary:

First race, five furlongs—Andvari, 103 (Knapp), 6 to 1, won; Anona, 105 (Miller), 11 to 5, second; Sinicado, 103 (McDaniel), 16 to 5, third. Time, 1:03. Auro, Lady Kispar, St. Dixie, Miss Powell and Garvice also ran.

Second race, Slauson course, selling—Happy Chappy, 107 (Lawrence), 4 to 5, won; Hersain, 92 (McDaniel), 6 to 1, second; Foxy Grandpa, 111 (Knapp), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:12. James J. Corbett, Crosby, Our Pride, Pastmaster, Mireina and Miss Provo also ran.

Third race, six furlongs—Waswift, 105 (Hildebrand), 8 to 1, won; Felipe Lugo, 166 (Dugan), 6 to 1, second; Kenilworth, 110 (H. Smith), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:14¼. Sais, John F and Birdie P also ran.

Fourth race, five furlongs—Descuento, 105 (Rennenkamp), 6 to 1, won; Oxford, 111 (Fuller), 4 to 5, second; Sportsman, 108 (Kent), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:01½. Devon B, The Novice, Belle Dixon and Buchanan also ran.

Fifth race, one and a sixteenth miles, selling—Heather Honey, 94 (McDaniel), 7 to 5, won; Akela, 105 (Walsh), 5 to 2, second; Eva G, 102 (Knapp), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:50½. Harbor also ran.

Sixth race, Slauson course, selling—Rodolfo, 108 (Truebel), 3 to 1, won; Great Eastern, 106 (Lynch), 7 to 1, second; Jardin de Paris, 97 (Miller), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:13. Trovator, Pygmalion, Dipper, Egg Nogg, Estrellada, Great Mogul, Lady Mirthful, Bessie Weifley, Tizen and Tuckback also ran.

READY TO FACE THEIR ACCUSERS

Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann Arrive in Portland From Capital

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Senator John H. Mitchell and Congressman Hermann arrived in this city to-night from Washington, D. C., to deny by their presence and by their testimony, if permitted to do so, the charges made in cretain quarters connecting them with the land frauds in this State which are being investigated by secret agents of the Government at the behest of President Roosevelt.

Prosecuting Attorney Heney, for the Government, requested the attendance of Mitchell and Hermann during the trial which was concluded two weeks ago, but owing to the pressure of important Congressional business in Washington affecting the State of Oregon neither could respond to the summons.

As soon as possible, and with the Christmas adjournment of Congress close at hand, Mitchell and Hermann boarded the train for this city. It is their desire to be permitted to appear before the Federal Grand Jury which is in session here and to explain various phases of land transactions in which they are involved.

Neither Mitchell nor Hermann would make a statement to-night except to deny any wrong-doing. They do not seem to know the exact nature of the charges against them.

The Federal Grand Jury apparently had a quiet day, but it is generally expected that indictments will be returned to-morrow before the jury adjourns over the Christmas holidays. A number of witnesses were called to-day. It is expected that the Mitchell and Hermann phase of the investigation will be taken up early next week, so that the two men can return to Washington.

SAY OFFICIAL BONDS HAVE SOME TIME TO RUN

Works Commissioners Will Furnish New Sureties if the Company May Legally Withdraw.

Commissioners Schmitz and Maestretti of the Public Works Department are not worrying about the notice filed by the Fidelity Company that it desires to withdraw from the bonds of the two city officials. Schmitz is of the opinion that the company cannot withdraw as sureties in view of the fact that his premium is paid up to April 8 next, while that of Maestretti does not expire until July 8, 1905.

On the other hand, Auditor Baehr discovered that sections 972 to 975 of the Political Code provide that sureties may withdraw from official bonds upon giving due notice to the official insured and to the Auditor and Mayor that it desires to do so. The sections also provide that unless new bonds are furnished by the officials within ten days their offices become vacant. In this case if the offices became vacant Mayor Schmitz would reappoint the two Commissioners.

"I do not think that our offices will become vacant," said Commissioner Schmitz. "If the law plainly holds that a surety company may withdraw from bonds at will, then we propose to furnish new bonds. I do not believe that such is the case. Our premiums have some time to run yet and I am of the opinion that the company having made a contract for a stated period must fulfill it for the time designated. I cannot blame the company for wishing to withdraw in view of the Superior Court decision that we are individually responsible on our bonds for damages arising from defective sidewalks and streets, for which the city alone should be responsible."

TO CIRCUMVENT EXCLUSION LAW

Plan on Foot to Take the Chinese to England and Then Get Them to America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the Immigration authorities of a scheme, by which it is proposed to bring into this country Chinese, who in the regular order of events might be refused admission. The proposition is to take the Chinese from China to Liverpool and then ticket them through to New York via Halifax or St. John and Rouses Point.

The particular desire of the promoters of the plan is to have the Chinese enter this country through Rouses Point, which is on the Canadian line near the border of New York and Vermont. At Rouses Point no detention house of the immigration service is located and the Chinese entering the country there would not be subject to the investigation of a regular board of immigration inspectors. They would be detained, however, by United States marshals, but this proceeding would bring the cases, in due course, before United States Commissioners.

Each Chinese would be provided with papers indicating that he was a resident of this country and had a right therefore to return to it. Such papers, the immigration people assert, are not difficult to obtain. The same scheme was worked successfully several years ago along the Canadian border until broken up by the establishment of detention houses where the applicants were held pending a rigid inquiry into the nature of the evidence they submitted. This plan will be followed at Rouses Point.

WEATHER IS UNSETTLED ALL ALONG THE COAST

Professor McAdie Says Showers May Be San Francisco's Portion on Christmas Day.

The weather was unsettled yesterday all along the Pacific Coast from San Diego to Vancouver. The rainfall was light in California and heavy in Utah and Southern Idaho. Much snow fell in the Sierras.

In this State there were two storms, one north of the Tehachapi and the other south. The precipitation in San Diego was 1.50 inches, while in San Francisco the registered rainfall was .46 of an inch. The winds were light from the southwest. Professor McAdie says the weather will probably remain unsettled for several days. It may be clear Sunday and Monday, but the indications last night favored showers.

While the rains are causing some inconvenience to shoppers, general benefits will be derived from plenty of moisture. Every shower is welcomed in the agricultural districts and much more water must be stored in the mountains to save San Franciscans from being compelled to drink from the bay next summer.

TAYLOR FINDS NELSON'S COIN

Local Detective Discovers Draft in the Pocket of Battling's Boy Manager

WILL BE BROUGHT BACK

Murphy and Santry Will Be Returned on Charge of Felony Embezzlement

The mutual bank roll of Battling Nelson and Ted Francis Murphy has been discovered. Detective Taylor, who went to Stockton to bring back Murphy and Eddie Santry on a charge of felony embezzlement, found