badly injured that she sank, carrying down thirteen of her crew.

The returns issued by the board of trade show that during the month of July British imports decreased compared with that month in last year by £340,000. The exports also decreased during the same period £537,000.

ISCHL, Aug. 8.—The emperors of Germany and Austria arrived here at noon. The former was met by the latter at Ebensed, where very cordial greetings were exchanged between the two.

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—Thousands of persons are arriving at Erfurt to participate in the festival in celebration of Martin Luther's entry into that town.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—A small tin box containing explosive material was on Tuesday thrown in the Varnesinskey prospect from a carriage which was being driven along the thoroughfare. The box exploded immediately. No arrests have yet been made of persons supposed to have been connected with the deed.

DUBLIN, Aug. 8.—Poole has been committed for trial to answer the charge of murdering Kenny. Mrs. Kenny was one of the witnesses at the hearing to-day. She was the person referred to by the crown solicitor on the first instant as "a witness expected from America." She corroborated the evidence of previous witnesses, who swore that they saw Poole and Kenny together on the night the latter was murdered.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Suez Canal company, at which the British members were present, was held to-day. The board unanimously approved the letter of M. de Lesseps of the twenty-third ultimo to Mr. Gladstone, in which M. de Lesseps informed the English prime minister that he need not consider himself bound by the terms of the agreement in regard to the second Suez canal which he had signed.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

Routine Trotting at Brighton, Saratoga, Monmouth Park, and Elsewhere.

BRIGHTON BEACH, Aug. 8.—Two favorites, two second choice, and three field horses divided the honors at the Brighton Beach races to-day. The contests were spirited, and unusual satisfaction was exhibited by the vast throng present. The weather was delightful and the track was in excellent condition.

First race, purse $250, divided, for non winners in June or July at Brighton Beach, three-quarters of a mile. Laura G. won, Barbarian second, and Bradford third. Time, 1:18. French pools paid $28.85.

Second race, purse $250, divided, for non winners in June or July at Brighton Beach, three-quarters of a mile. Rosemary Murray won, Mamie Fields second, and Charley Kempland third. Time, 1:18. French pools paid $113.75.

Third race, purse $250, divided, selling allowances, one mile. Hotachiemie won, Rushaway second, Blush Rose third. Time, 1:44. French pools paid $18.50.

Fourth race, the Murphy memorial stakes, a sweepstakes for two-year olds, $25 each, p. p., with $300 added, of which $100 to the second, and $25 to third; ⅞ mile. Unknown won, Eros second, Maj. Barkley third. Time, 1:20½. French pools $6.95.

Fifth race, purse $250, divided, for all ages, one and a quarter miles. John Ledford won, Frankie B second, Lord Edward third. Time, 1:57. French pools paid $18.25.

Sixth race, purse $250, divided, for three-year-olds, one mile and a quarter. Centennial won, Alfonso second, Bonairetta third. Time, 2:12½. French pools paid $15.95.

Seventh race, purse $250, divided, for four-year-olds and upward, the winner to be sold at auction, one and one-eighth miles. Cathcart won, Newsboy second, Mamie Fields third. Time, 1:57½. French pools paid $81.65.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The first race, three quarters of a mile, for all ages, was won by Freeland, Callao second, and Vera third. Time, 1:16.

Second race, one mile and a furlong, heats for all ages. The first heat was won by Capias, Ida B second, and Nettie third. Time, 1:59.

The second heat and race was won by Capias, Nettie second, and Jim Nelson third. Time, 1:56½.

The third race, five furlongs, for all ages, was won by Nora M, Rena B second, and Fair View third. Time, 1:03.

The fourth race, one mile and a quarter, over five hurdles, for all ages, was won by Guy, Miss Moulsey second, and Bill Bird third. Time, 2:23.

BUFFALO, Aug. 8.—The second day's trotting of the Buffalo Driving Park association passed off quietly. The time made, like on the opening day, was slow. The attendance was about the same as yesterday, and the weather and track were fine. The winners were strong favorites, Wilson at $100 to $10 and Pallas at $50 to $5. There was no pacing race, as the one announced failed to fill.

The following are the summaries:

First race, purse $3,000, for 3:00 class—Phallas, 1 2 1 1; Index, 2 1 2 2; Gerald, 3 3 3 3; Mambrionette, dr.; Pearl, dr.; Eva, dr.; Southam, dr. Time, 2:23½, 2:33, 2:24½, 2:27.

Second race, purse $2,000, for the 2:22 class—Wilson, 5 1 1 5 1; Tony Newell, 2 2 2 1 2; Cornelia, 1 3 5 3 3; Gladiator, 6 4 4 2 4; Judge Davis, 4 6 3 4 5; Amelia C, 3 5 6, drawn. Time, 2:22½, 2:20, 2:20½, 2:21¾, 2:21½.

To-morrow's races include a pacing race for the 2:22 class, a trotting race for the 2:20 class, and a free for all.

BUFFALO, Aug. 8.—The races at Rochester next week will include on Wednesday a contest for a special purse of $2,000 between Phallas and Trinket, and on Thursday one between Edwin Thorne, Fanny Witherspoon, and St. Julien for $5,000. On the latter day Jay-Eye-See will trot three heats to beat his record of 2:15¼ for $2,000.

Pennsylvania Apportionment.

HARRISBURG, PA., Aug. 8.—Gov. Pattison has approved the judical apportionment bill.

PERSONAL.

John D. Young, Virginia, is at the Riggs.

W. P. Tisdel, New York, is at the Arlington.

T. M. Bayne, Pennsylvania, L. Vrotrot and wife are at the Riggs.

Misses Alice and Eva Knowles, of this city, are at Bridgeville, Conn.

Mr. William McKnight and wife will leave next Tuesday for Ocean Grove.

Hon. Samuel Moore, Ohio; Col. Thomas Pratt, Kentucky, are at the Ebbitt.

Mrs. T. C. Lyman, Mrs. Morris, Miss Lyman, Philadelphia, are at the Riggs.

T. A. Thomson and wife, Texas, and Gen. W. W. Belknap, Iowa, are at the Arlington.

Hon. D. E. Anthony, New York; Hon. Frank Struman, New Jersey, are at the Ebbitt.

Hon. C. A. Chester, North Carolina; Hon. F. W. Wharton, New Orleans, are at the Ebbitt.

Hon. W. A. Duncan and wife, Pennsylvania; Hon. J. M. Haworth, Kansas, are at the Ebbitt.

Rev. Dr. Chester, of the Metropolitan Presbyterian church, has left the city for a short vacation.

Hon. H. M. Wright, New York; Hon. C. Pattu, jr., New York; W. J. Moore, U. S. N., are at the Ebbitt.

G. W. Gilbert, J. C. Gardner, Norfolk; J. Levy, Baltimore, Md.; H. H. Plant, New York, are at the St. Marc.

Hon. W. U. Chancellor, Virginia; Hon. Oscar Turner and wife, Miss Turner, Kentucky, are at the National.

J. H. Dawson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Whitehurst, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Lekies, all of Norfolk, are at the St. Marc.

Hon. C. J. Faulkner, West Virginia; C. F. McKenna and wife, Pittsburg; Hon. J. S. Allston, Maryland, are at the National.

Commodore J. G. Walker, chief of the bureau of navigation, Navy department, left Washington yesterday for a month's visit to Portsmouth, N. H.

M. M. Holmes, Chicago, Ill.; H. C. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ed. Struller, New York, and W. F. Shanks, Louisville, Ky., are at the St. James.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Elmer, who recently went to New York to arrange accommodations for an European trip for his wife and family, returned to Washington yesterday.

Capt. C. H. Eckstein, a member of the Frederick, Md., bar, is here visiting his brother, Mr. William Eckstein. The captain is on his way home from Denver, where he went to attend the reunion of the G. A. R.

Mr. John D. Atkins, son of ex-Congressman Atkins, of Tennessee, is in the city for a few days. Mr. Atkins is a member of the United States geological survey and has been stationed in Arizona for a year past. He will go to North Carolina to a station there in a short time.

John H. Jackson, Florida; James McKenney, New York; John T. Gillman, Belcontaine, Ohio; Anson Dunlap, Maryland; Ferdinand Richmond, Dakota Territory; Salvador Cisnew, New York; Andrew J. Cormick, New York; Albert P. Cross, St. Albans, N. Y.; Charles R. Conner, Boston, Mass.; Jessie Conner, Boston; C. P. Shaw, U. S. N., D. Roome, New York, and E. S. Godfrey, U. S. A., are at the Ebbitt.

CORPORATION STOCK.

Spicy Correspondence Between the Assessor and the Commissioners on the Assessment.

THE REPUBLICAN all along has indicated that the decision of the commissioners on the subject of the assessments of the capital stock of corporations would be that they shall be taxed at their market value. The recent correspondence between Mr. R. P. Dodge, the district assessor, and the commissioners on the subject is given below. As to the gratuitous slurs upon the newspaper reports of the buying and selling price of stock shares in the assessor's letter, it may be said that newspapers get their figures from the actual sales, and newspaper quotations of the market prices of stock are generally conceded to be the most authentic statements of such values that can be obtained. The letter of Mr. Dodge says:

It has heretofore been the rule of this office to take the returns of the several corporations as to their capital stock as the basis of value for personal tax, deducting therefrom their real estate, if any.

These values were taken because of the fact that officers of the companies were best acquainted with the value of their capital stock in bulk, and because this office could not be cognizant of their indebtedness as an offset to such values in bulk.

These views were recognized by the commissioners since 1879 as sound, and the taxes have been collected smoothly. I now find that I am expected to assess values by taking the newspaper rates for buying or selling single shares. I feel satisfied that such procedure will result in no collections and suits at law.

May I have your views on the subject?

Yesterday afternoon the commissioners addressed the following reply to Mr. Dodge's letter:

AUGUST 8.—COL. ROBERT P. DODGE, *Assessor*: Your communication of the seventh instant relative to the value of the stock of corporations subject to personal tax having been duly considered by the commissioners, they direct me to say that their views, as you solicit them, are that the law should be your guide as to the valuation to be placed by you upon such stock.

The commissioners' construction of the statute is that your judgment and knowledge are to control your valuation, and not the return of value made by the corporations. The law distinctly states "that the capital stock of all corporations in said district not herein exempted shall be appraised in bulk by the assessor, and the corporation issuing the same shall be liable for the tax thereon according to such value."

If a corporation returns its stock at par, when it is a matter of notoriety that the same stock commands 200 per cent. premium in lots of 100 shares, it is expected that, in the terms of the law, you would "be not satisfied as to the correctness of the return," and that in compliance with a further provision specifying your duties, you would proceed, and, "from the best information he (you) can procure, assess the same in such manner as to him (you) may seem just."

Whether the best information you can procure is to be derived by "taking newspaper rates," &c., as you quite gratuitously intimate is expected of you, is a matter for your own judgment in the discharge of your sworn duty.

As the time for your determination of what constitutes your duty in the premises is quite limited, the commissioners desire to be apprised of your conclusions without delay. Yours, respectfully, &c., WM. TINDALL, Secretary.

A REPUBLICAN reporter called on Mr. Dodge at his residence last night, and sought to interview him on his letter to the commissioners and their reply. Mr. Dodge firmly but courteously refused, but afterward said: "I am a subordinate, and, therefore, can only obey. It is not my place to question the authority of the commissioners, or to express an opinion upon their orders or rulings. The people know, however," continued Mr. Dodge, "what the old way has been, and is at this time. My letter contains all the information I am prepared to impart at present."

"Do you think your letter contained any thing to warrant the sarcastic tone of the commissioners' reply?" asked the reporter.

"I do not," answered the assessor.

"How is the law?" queried the reporter.

"It is plain enough on the subject, in my judgment."

"Will the taxation be based upon the new assessment?"

"It will," replied the assessor.

Business Failures.

ST. ALBANS, VT., Aug. 8.—There is nothing new to-day regarding the affairs of the Vermont National Bank and Trust company. Treasurer Burgess states that from what he knows of its condition, the trust company will undoubtedly be able to pay its depositors fully in time, but that it could not now stand an extensive run. He could not say when they would be able to resume.

President Brainard said to-day he was doing all in his power to make the depositors secure, and declared that all his transactions had been straightforward. The whole question seems to be whether Barlow's creditors will push Mr. Brainard to the wall or are disposed to be lenient. Barlow left for New York last night, and it is reported that he expects to obtain relief by the disposal of Southeastern railway stock. It is asserted, however, by the Montreal papers that he is handicaped by an arrangement with the Canadian Pacific company, which virtually owns the Southeastern, and no move can be made without its consent. A Montreal paper says an offer of $4,000,000 has been made for the Southeastern road, but exclusive of the rolling stock, and it is understood matters will be soon arranged by this offer being accepted. It is believed here that if the sale of the road can be made depositors in the national bank will be safe.

The Catholic Benevolent Legion.

BALTIMORE, MD., Aug. 8.—The installation of the Maryland State council of the Catholic Benevolent legion, which was postponed on account of the Tivoli disaster, took place this afternoon at St. Alphonsus hall, Park avenue and Saratoga street. The ceremonies were conducted by John C. McGuire, president of the Supreme council. Messrs. John D. Keily, jr., vice president; William G. Ross, orator; Thomas Cassin, treasurer; John D. Carroll, secretary; James H. Breen, marshal, and George B. Kuhn, medical examiner; members and officers of the Supreme council whose headquarters are in New York and Boston; James Phelan, chancellor, John Gallagher, president, and Judge Rooney, of the New York State council, were present, assisting in the exercises. The Maryland officers installed were F. A. Luchessi, president; Denis Noble, vice president; John H. Surratt, secretary; William Donnelly, treasurer; Thomas Philbin, marshal; John Roche, guard. Later in the afternoon the officers of the Supreme council, accompanied by a large party of citizens, made an excursion down the bay.

Base Ball Yesterday.

At New York—

New York	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	—5
Philadelphia	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	—4

At Boston—

Boston	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	1	0	—10
Providence	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	—2

At Detroit—

Detroit	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	—5
Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1

At Cleveland—

Cleveland	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	—11
Buffalo	2	0	3	6	1	2	0	0	0	—14

American association games at Cincinnati—

Cincinnati	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	—8
Eclipse	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1

At Brooklyn—

Allegheny	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	—4
Brooklyn	3	0	1	3	0	4	2	x	x	—13

At Reading, Pa.—

Quickstep	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	—7
Active	3	0	4	1	0	2	4	5	x	—19

Some St. Louis Man Made Them.

CARSON, NEV., Aug. 8.—The foot prints which were so much discussed in this country and Europe, and which were originally pronounced by Dr. Harkness, of the Academy of Science, to be those of mammoths, are now stated by him, after a year's examination, to be only those of big footed men.

Detained at Quarantine.

BALTIMORE, MD., Aug. 8.—The British steamship Capri, reported to have arrived here this morning from Vera Cruz, did not come up to the city, but was detained at quarantine. She has one case of sickness on board, which the quarantine physician pronounces "suspicious."

Local Items.

Kit Carson post, No. 2, G. A. R., held an interesting meeting last night and mustered in four recruits.

A grand camp meeting will be inaugurated and continue for three weeks from Aug. 10 at Garfield, D. C., on the line of the Baltimore and Potomac railway.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Progress of Improvements in the Chattanooga, Tenn., District.

The report of Maj. W. R. King, the engineer in charge of the river and harbor improvements in the Chattanooga district, was received at the War department yesterday. The following is a synopsis of the reports with respect to the condition and needs of the several works under his direction:

For the improvement of the Tennessee river above Chattanooga the estimated cost made in 1877 was $225,000, and $215,300 have been appropriated to date. Nine thousand five hundred dollars will be required to complete the work, which can be used next year. For improvement below Chattanooga $700,000 can be profitably expended during next year, and the estimated cost of the completion of the work is $1,787,500.

For the improvement of the Cumberland river below Nashville $13,821 will be required to finish the work, which can be used next year. From Nashville to Smith's shoals $51,764 will be required to complete the work, which can be done next year. At the mouth of the Jellier, Kentucky, $35,000 will be required to complete the improvement.

For the improvement of French Broad river, Tennessee, $131,500 will be required to complete the work, $15,000 of which can be expended next year.

For the improvement of Clinch river, Tennessee, an appropriation of $10,400 is asked for the next fiscal year.

For the improvement of Duck river, Tennessee, the amount appropriated, $13,000, and the unexpended balance, $120.

For the improvement of Caney Fork river, Tennessee, $140,000 was appropriated, and the amount available, $3,034. The sum of $16,228 is required for the completion of the work.

For the improvement of Coosa river, Georgia and Alabama, $368,700 has been appropriated, and $183,647 is required for the completion of the work.

For the improvement of the Ocemulgee river, Georgia, $54,000 was appropriated, of which $1,159 is available. Required for the completion of the work, $27,240.

For the improvement of Red river, Tennessee, $5,000 was appropriated, and $44 is now available.

For the improvement of the Little Tennessee, Tennessee, $5,000 appropriated, and $2,799 is now available. The sum of $18,724 will be required to complete the work.

For the improvement of the south fork of the Cumberland river, Tennessee, $3,000 has been appropriated, of which $1,303 is available, and $50,803 will be required to complete the work.

For the improvement of the Oconee river, Georgia, $20,000 is appropriated, of which $2,229 is available, and $29,500 will be required for the completion of the work.

A Canadian Murder.

TORONTO, ONT., Aug. 8.—In a street row at an early hour this morning, Charles Andres, an English emigrant, shot and killed James Marroney.

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NO. 342. OCTOBER TERM, 1882.
R. BOOTH, Plaintiff in Error.
vs.
JOHN M. TIERNAN.
MR. W. A. MAURY, in behalf of counsel for the defendant in error, suggested the death of Edward R. Booth, the plaintiff in error in this cause, and moved the Court for an order, under the fifteenth rule, to make the proper representatives parties. Whereupon it is now here ordered by the Court that unless the proper representatives of the said Edward R. Booth, deceased, as aforesaid, shall voluntarily become parties within the first ten days of the ensuing term of this Court the defendant in error shall be entitled to have the writ of error dismissed; provided that a copy of this order shall be printed in some newspaper at the Seat of Government, of general circulation, for three successive weeks, at least sixty days before the beginning of the term of the Supreme Court next ensuing.
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