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The popular greeting among our oarsmen—"How's your muscle?" ... Lewis and Posey, the men "fleet of foot," propose running a race on the 25th inst., one hundred yards, for \$500 aside.

THE CLINTON CASE.

Opening Day.

The Benham Warrant Investigation.

At the opening of the Superior Criminal Court yesterday there could hardly be said to be a crowd on hand. The lobby was partially filled by a heterogeneous collection, judges, bankers, merchants, idlers, and others whose occupation could not be discovered from their personal appearance.

Benham was in our office about March 17th. He presented a lot of vouchers. Being shown Benham's vouchers, he says "This is my writing on the envelope. These are the vouchers Benham presented to me or like them. I haven't seen them since they were presented, but I think these are the ones."

EX-TAX COLLECTOR ALBERT HAWTHORN. A Big State License Swindler. Suspicions having been aroused of late that one Albert Hawthorn, alias Hoffman, who was at one time State tax-collector of Grant parish, but removed from that position by the Governor, was in this city holding a number of illegal State licenses of various denominations, an attaché of the Auditor's office interviewed Supt. Loan, and laid the matter before him, requesting that, if possible, the man in question be arrested.

FRUIT GROWERS' EXHIBITION. This morning at 10 o'clock the Directors of the Fruit Growers' Association will throw open their doors to the public. The St. Patrick's Hall (the largest and finest in the Southwest) has been engaged for the occasion, and has been beautifully decorated under the supervision of W. Nelson, Esq., the celebrated florist, who was assisted by many ladies.

WASHINGTON NOTES. WASHINGTON, July 14.—The subject of our relations with Venezuela was laid before the Council of Secretaries Fish yesterday, who read the latest communications from our Minister to that country, and stated the general facts of the case.

THE PENITENTIARY MATTER.

Statement of the Lessee.

From Col. S. L. James, lessee of the State Penitentiary, we have received the following: NEW ORLEANS, July 14, 1875. Messrs. Editors—I herewith enclose an official list of convicts that have escaped from all my railroad camps since January.