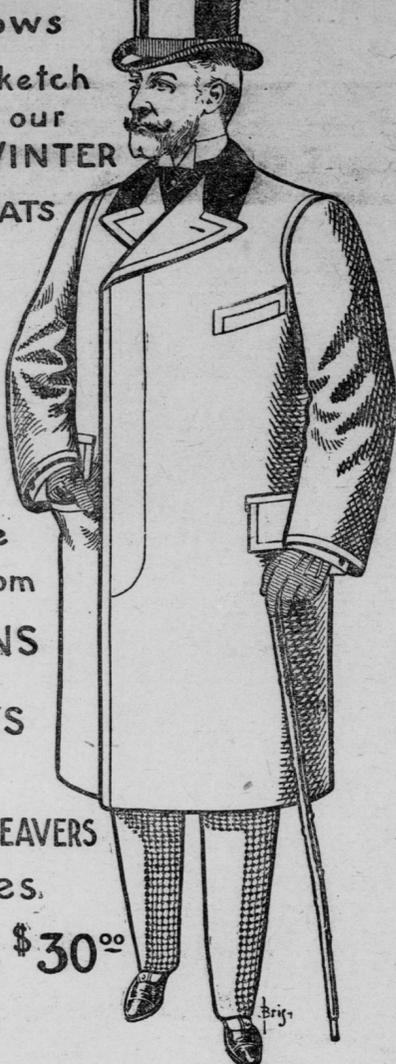


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RACE IS HALF OVER

RIDERS IN THE BIG SIX-DAY EVENT STILL BREAKING RECORDS.

HALE'S FIRST THOUSAND.

COMPLETION OF THE DISTANCE THE EVENT OF THE DAY'S SPEEDING.

HE IS STILL SETTING THE PACE.

Clever Young Irishman, at Midnight, Nearly Forty Miles Ahead of His Nearest Competitor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The event of the big six day international bicycle race today, came close to 6 o'clock, when Hale, the young Irishman who is setting the pace, completed his 1,000 miles. He was then far in advance of any record ever made in equal time, and the men in the bunch closely following him were also ahead of the record. There were several accidents during the day, but none of them were serious. At 9:30 o'clock there was a smash-up in which Rice, the second man in the big race, and Moore were the central figures. When they were picked up they seemed to be badly hurt, and it was some time before they could return to the track. Moore's face was slightly cut.

At midnight, when the race was half completed, the score was: Hale, 1,000; Schoch, 952.4; Forster, 1,024.7; Rice, 1,034.2; Schoch, 952.4; Reading, 922.8; Smith, 969; Forster, 1,012.3; Pierce, 974.1; Moore, 1,001.7; Taylor, 971; Ashinger, 937; Maddox, 901.6; Cassidy, 888.6; Glick, 841.96 Gannon, 786.3; McLeod, 679.5. At 2 o'clock the score was: Hale, 1,000; Schoch, 952.4; Forster, 1,024.7; Rice, 1,034.2; Schoch, 952.4; Reading, 922.8; Smith, 969; Forster, 1,012.3; Pierce, 974.1; Moore, 1,001.7; Taylor, 971; Ashinger, 937; Maddox, 901.6; Cassidy, 888.6; Glick, 841.96 Gannon, 786.3; McLeod, 679.5.

Schoch left the track at 11 o'clock, returning at 11:32, saying he felt greatly refreshed. Maddox, McLeod, Glick, Cassidy and Taylor also took a look about the same time. Hale let up somewhat during the afternoon. In spite of his good showing, Rice, Hale's rival, was not so well. He was unable to keep his seat. From the forks of his wheel a brace has been rigged, and upon this Rice rested his chest. Schoch at noon was in sixteenth place. At the end of 60 hours Hale was 57 miles ahead of all previous records. He had been resting in his tent for nearly two hours. West led on the track, but neither was hurt.

Hale was a little more than 25 miles ahead of the record at 6 o'clock, his long rest having naturally decreased the commanding lead he held during the morning. The second man, Rice, overtook the record at 6:30, but Schoch had fallen behind. Pierce went out about 2 o'clock and Smith and Morgan followed his example. When the band began to play, the riders took to the road with renewed courage, all except Schoch, Ashinger and Hale, who rated along at a ten-mile gait. Glick's wheel had a bad accident shortly before 4 o'clock. Rounding the fourth turn, his right pedal came off and he was thrown with much force. Luckily the fall did not injure him. The distance in the rear, Glick's face and left arm were badly scratched and he went to his tent for a rub down.

At 4 o'clock the riders in the garden presented a livelier appearance than it has at any time since the word "go" was given. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed when the "Frisco" railroad, Hale, scored his 1,000 miles. This was shortly after 6 o'clock. Hale rode the 1,000 miles in 56 hours 11 minutes, 27 seconds. The record for the same time was 313 miles and 3 laps, made in the garden in 1893 by Martin. Between 5 and 8 o'clock, Hale rode 41 miles and 1 lap. Schoch fell behind during the hours named on account of frequently being off the track. He rode as if very tired and scored only 29 miles between 5 and 8 o'clock. Schoch and Hale indulged in several spurts, but the Irishman went ahead and won the short stop class as well as plodder in this race, and during the night he kept up a pretty steady gait. At 9 o'clock On Baker, of Columbus, O., came out the track and gave an exhibition of fast riding. He was not out to break any records, but he made the racers hustle to keep up. The crowd in the garden howled and yelped for a couple of laps. Forster even passed the sprinter, but could not keep up the gait.

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FIGHT WAS "FIXED"

UGLY EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF FITZSIMMONS.

SHARKEY'S TRAINERS "SPLIT."

DETAILS OF THE SWINDLING SCHEME TOLD TO THE WITNESS STAND.

REFEREE EARP WAS IN WITH IT.

Sailor Sharkey One of the Members of the "Club" That Palled Off the Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—The legal contest between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for the possession of the \$10,000 purse has commenced before the Superior court. Excitement was intense when the proceedings began in the crowded court room, and Manager Julian brought out his witnesses to prove the conspiracy which he stated had deprived Fitzsimmons of the purse.

"Australian Billy" Smith, one of Sharkey's trainers, was the first witness. He detailed his work in connection with preparing Sharkey for the ring, and said when the question of selecting a referee was mooted in Sharkey's training quarters, he was asked to suggest a referee. Witness suggested Hiram Cook, and said Lynch then asked him if he knew Cook well enough "to talk business with him." Afterwards, witness said, Lynch characterized Cook as "no good" because he would not favor his own brother in a fight.

On the evening of the fight Sharkey told the witness that Earp had been fixed as referee, and that "Earp was all right." Witness described the uproar over the preliminaries to the fight and said when Fitzsimmons objected to the bandages on Sharkey's hand, Earp went over to Sharkey's corner and said: "Take off these cloths; it will be all right anyway."

Witness said when Sharkey received the knockout blow on the jaw in the eighth round, Lynch said to Sharkey: "He low, hold your hands on your groin and pretend to faint with pain." Sharkey was then carried to a room. He did not appear to be hurt. The witness said, Allen, another trainer, "removed Sharkey's bandages and did the work which caused the swelling. Sharkey was then driven to his hotel in a hack. Allen was with him. Sharkey was all right."

Smith was cross-examined by Sharkey's counsel, but nothing of importance was elicited. The case then went over till tomorrow. Trainer Allen, who has not yet appeared as a witness, will then go on the stand.

George Allen, another of Sharkey's trainers, according to a local paper has corroborated the story of Billy Smith, adding that several physicians were refused admittance when Sharkey was undergoing the operation with which Allen produced the evidence of a foul. Lynch said no doc-

tor should come into the room and interfere with his plans. Allen said Sharkey told him the National Athletic club was composed of Groom, Gibbs, Lynch and Sharkey, and that Sharkey was to receive 20 per cent of the proceeds of the fight after the purse was deducted. Sharkey said his three partners in the National club were broke and Sharkey had to advance \$2,500 for preliminary expenses, which had left the sailor pugilist stranded financially. Allen adds, a few days before the fight Sharkey told him he thought Earp would be the right kind of a referee for him and added it would be worth \$2,500 to Earp if he were the right kind of a referee.

Wyatt Earp today pleaded not guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons and denied that there had been a conspiracy to defraud Fitzsimmons. The case then went over until Friday, when the concealed weapon case will be heard. The present trial is over. His statement is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, and it is very clear that West had been deceived by the Fitzsimmons crowd to give testimony damaging to Sharkey. Smith demanded \$1,000 after the fight for four weeks' assistance as trainer. Sharkey refused to give more than \$400. This is the animus of his testimony in court today.

HONORS EVEN.

Bout Between Walcott and West Decided a Draw.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Tommy West, of Boston, fought a draw with Joe Walcott, the famous colored welterweight, at the Marlborough Athletic club tonight. A bout between the two was arranged by Dick O'Brien, but another club insisted that O'Brien could not appear. In default of O'Brien, the bout was arranged by the manager, Tommy Dixon, of Rochester, N. Y., and Mike Sears, of Lewiston, Me., sparred tea hot and cold, and West decided that honors were even.

At 9:35 o'clock Walcott entered the ring first, and West followed. The referee used usual tactics of left on the face and right on the body. In the second round he sent West's left hand jabbing to the face, and West jabbed a right and left on the body and a left on the face. In the third round West's left hand jabbed to the face, and West jabbed a right and left on the body and a left on the face. In the fourth and fifth rounds West punched his left hand several times on the face, and West jabbed a right and left on the body and a left on the face. In the sixth round Walcott swung his right hand to the face, and West jabbed a right and left on the body and a left on the face. In the seventh and eighth rounds West was lively and even in honors, though Joe rushed West to the ropes as the gong struck in the eighth.

In the tenth Walcott hugged West and swung him on the ropes. Again there were cries of "foul," but the referee only separated the men. At the close of the twelfth round West landed a good right on the side of the head and swung his left on the head immediately afterwards, suggesting Walcott in the thirteenth round Walcott swung a right on the head, but Tommy got square a body later with a swinging blow on the head. He forced Walcott to the ropes, where Walcott slipped down and held onto West. When they were separated West swung a left on the jaw. Walcott staggered, and the gong rang out on a draw.

During the fourth round West exclaimed, "Don't hit me so low," and retained the fourth round. West was retained in the fourth round. West was retained in the fourth round. West was retained in the fourth round.

West drove Joe to his corner and a moment later Joe rolled to the floor from the effects of a right hand smash on the jaw. Walcott got to his feet in five seconds and at the close of the round swung his left on the neck. The spectators threw their hats in

WHIST TOURNAMENT CLOSED.

Metcalf and Sergeant Win the Championship Prize.

The twelfth and last game in the duplicate whist tourney was played at 8 o'clock. The high score badge was won by Bunn and How. This completes the tournament. Metcalf and Sergeant won the championship prize, Buford and Miller the second prize, and Zenius and Sanders third prize. The following is the score of the night's play:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Metcalf and Sergeant (173), Buford and Miller (172), Morgan and How (171), Ward and Whellans (170), Hay and Mollie (167), Fisher and Patterson (164), Baker and Sauer (164), Metcalf and Sergeant (158), East and West (157), Williams and Stoltz (157), Zenius and Sanders (156), Johnson and Vogel (156), Gordon and How (155), Wright and Whitney (153), Sperry and Taylor (150), Bunn and How (149), Average, 158.

PRINCETON GAME.

Events of the Indoor Handicap Well Contested.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 9.—The indoor handicap games held in Princeton Casino today were watched by a large crowd. The New York Athletic club members, Kilpatrick, Cogan and Lane, were entered in the run, but called the game off.

Twenty-eight-yard dash—Won by Jarvis, 1:50; second, Herndon, 2:0; 4 feet; third, Jamieson, 97.2; Time, 2:30.

Punting 12-pound shot—Won by Buttger, 30.5; second, actual put, 27 feet 6 inches; 30 scratches, 45 feet 1 inch; third, Wilson, 27.6 feet.

Putting 16-pound shot—Won by Craig (Sen.), 3 feet, actual put, 25 feet 4 inches; second, Patton, 28.4 feet, actual put, 24 feet 9 inches; 37 scratches, 47 feet 10 inches.

The lightweight wrestling was won by Poe, 150, who downed his opponent, Harkness, 97, after a 25-minute fight.

MUSIC AND POLO.

Special Attractions at Aurora Park Hereafter.

Manager Comiskey has arranged for a series of polo matches to be played at the new Aurora park skating rink between now and the opening of the winter carnival. There will be music Wednesday and Saturday evenings in addition to the other attractions.

A number of good teams have been organized for polo, and have consented to play at the Aurora rink, which has also been made the rendezvous of the new Eighth Ward Carnival club, which is named after the rink—Aurora.

New Orleans Races.

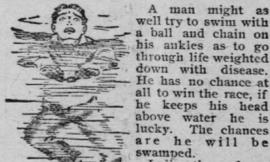
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—Summary: First race, one mile—Damocles won, Sidkel second, Ida Iekwick third, time, 1:57. Second race, five furlongs—Loneley won, Grayling second, Miss Varne third, time, 1:30 3/4. Third race, one mile and a quarter—Seabrooke won, Sandoval second, Ondage third, time, 2:35. Fourth race, one mile and a quarter—Uncle Jim won, Seaman second, Dick Truxton third, time, 2:30. Fifth race, six furlongs—Roubie won, Skyblue second, Eleanor Mc third, time, 1:15.

Poland Won Again.

Poland won himself into second place again last night by beating Bartholomew in their contest at Foley's for the short stop amateur prize. He jumped away with a good lead at the start, and Bartholomew was never able to catch him, although he made a strong spurt at the finish, but he could come no closer than 47 hurdles of Poland when he finished the game. Poland went into double figures after hitting 18, 15 and 14 for his best. This evening Harrison and Young Aldrich and Larkin are the contestants for a paper-bound copy will be sent free on receipt of the twenty-one cents in one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing. Address, The National Dispensary Medical Association, No. 665 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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McCLEARY AT CANTON.

Mankato Man Calls on the President-Elect.

CANTON, O., Dec. 8.—Callers were numerous at the McKinley residence today, and both the president-elect and Mrs. McKinley were kept busy receiving and welcoming them. Among the women who called were Mrs. Sibley, of Akron; Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams, of Chicago; Mrs. J. F. McCleary, of Mankato, Minn.; Mrs. Merkle, of Columbus; Mrs. Hazlett and Mrs. Maria Saxton, Mrs. James Boyle, of Canton. They all enjoyed a pleasant social talk with Mrs. McKinley. The president-elect was called up by Congressman McCleary, of Minnesota, and his son Leslie. The major and Mr. McCleary had an extended conversation.

Good Billiards.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—In tonight's match game with W. A. Spinks, at Slosson's billiard table, the champion class was made by Edward McLaughlin in his run of 140. Following is the score: Spinks, 1,500; McLaughlin, 1,200; highest run, 140; average, 14-13-34.

CHESTER BURNING.

Apparently No One Aboard of Her, Alive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—An unknown steamer is ashore just east of Belport, La. The Fire Island life-saving crew left for Belport at midnight.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS VOID.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 9.—Judge Vinje, of the circuit court, has rendered decisions in seven important suits and his findings affect the validity of all the sewer assessments made since the incorporation of the city. The cases were brought by seven taxpayers against the city, and the assessments against property for the construction of the big central sewer, nine feet in diameter and costing \$50,000, set aside.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS.

For the Republican National Committee Selected by Hanna.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Chairman Hanna today decided upon and leased a suite of rooms in the Glover building, 1419 F street, as permanent headquarters for the National Republican committee. The governing committee, which Charles J. Bell is chairman, also has engaged quarters in the same building and will take possession at once. Chairman of additional inaugural committees have been appointed as follows: Gen. H. V. Boynton, press; Levi P. Wright, public comfort; Chapin Brown, transportation; M. J. Waller, street illuminations and fireworks; George B. Williams, banquet; George Gibson, invitations and tickets; J. C. Chesney, music; Clarence Norman, auditing; John B. Wright, public order.

RECRUITS FOR CUBA.

Representative of the Insurgents Raising a Company Here.

An emissary of the Cuban insurgents has established headquarters in St. Paul for the purpose of enlisting recruits for the insurgent army. His mission is made known by the careful placing of small cards bearing the significant inscription: "Viva Cuba Libre" and are distributed by a special agent. Twenty men were secured yesterday to go towards making up a company here.

Had an Encounter With Burglars.

NEW ULM, Dec. 9.—Late yesterday an attempt was made by a young German to rob Julius Frank, of this city. Mr. Frank lives in the outskirts of the city. His house was entered, and the would-be robber, at the point of his revolver, demanded the valuables and money of said Frank. By a quick motion the revolver was knocked from his hand and the robber fled. The night watchman was called and he was soon captured and taken to the county jail. He is a young man who has been working at West Newton.

Stockmen Alarmed.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 9.—A special train loaded with sheep was sent out from this city yesterday to Alta, 10, where they will be wintered. These sheep came from the stock ranges beyond Pierre, and were shipped

Simply a Myth.

Was a Yarn That Appeared in Print Yesterday.

General Passenger Agent Charles S. Fee, of the Northern Pacific, says the report in a morning paper that that road was contemplating a scheme to hoodwink the Eastern run lines was a myth, and calculated to do the Western roads a great injury. The Eastern trunk lines have refused to include Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana points in the Canadian excursion scheme, running through the gateway of Toronto to Eastern Canadian points. A morning paper asserted that the Northern Pacific intended to sell tickets from the prohibited territory just the same, using special stamps and marking the tickets as having been sold from Canadian points.

LOCAL EVIDENCE INVAL.

A Former Ruling Reversed by Chairman Caldwell.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Passenger association, has handed down a ruling to the effect that arbitrators might, in any controversy between two or more lines, shall not have the right to hear argument from either side, but shall be governed entirely by the evidence given by the local association before which the case was originally heard, and from which the appeal has been made. Some time since he made a ruling to the effect that arbitrators might hear arguments covering only the ground of why the appeal had been made from the local association, but in this ruling made today he says that he is satisfied that his former ruling was an error, and revokes it.

Northern Pacific Ramor.

General Traffic Manager J. M. Hannaford, of the Northern Pacific, has for weeks been broom ready to resign. He is to be replaced by E. W. Winter, instead of the general manager of the road, as was the custom under the late management. The resignation is the only basis for a rumor to the effect that the office of general manager has been found vacant. The general manager, however, will not leave until the end of the year. An evening paper gravely asserts that President Winter is anxious to move work, and that he will divide up the work now being performed by the general manager so as to throw some of it to the lap of the general superintendent, some to the chief engineer, and some to himself.

Western Union Earnings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The report of the Western Union Telegraph company for the quarter ending Dec. 31 shows: Net revenue, \$1,690,000; decrease, \$3,416; surplus, after all charges and dividends, \$164,881; decrease, \$3,223. The statement for the six months ending Dec. 31 shows: Net revenue, \$3,157,233; decrease, \$28,592; surplus, \$16,954; decrease, \$238,153, and a total surplus of \$1,903,588, decrease, \$61,545.

Railway Notes.

Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Passenger association, has called a meeting of the rate clerks of the Eastern union lines to meet Dec. 14 at St. Louis at the Southern hotel, for the purpose of compiling tariffs to improve joint tariffs A-3, quoting all-the-year tourist rates.

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