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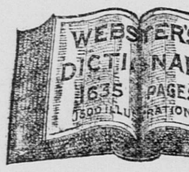

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TURF NOTES.

A Despised Outsider Wins a Very Valuable Stake.

Close of the Westchester Meeting—How a Future Book is Made—T. H. Griffin's Stable of Fast Trotters.

On Saturday last the spring meeting of the New York Jockey Club at Morris Park, Westchester, came to a close after a most brilliant and successful session of twelve days' high-class racing, the best horses on the turf sporting silk daily.

The track was faster even than last year and records were lowered at nearly all the distances, particulars of which were given in last Monday's turf columns of THE CALL.

EASTERN COMMENTS.

Now that the meeting is over and the Eastern turf writers have had a chance to digest their criticisms all that they have found to condemn is the location of the press-stand, and on this point the Turf, Field and Farm says:

Race reporting will become a lost art with a few more courses like Morris Park and Sheepshead Bay. With their straight tracks nothing can be told of the starts, and but little idea formed of the relative positions of the horses coming, as they do, head on, until the short races are more than half over. While they make the contests failures as spectacles until near the end, the redeeming feature that they lustre fairer contests and give all a chance compensates for the lost view of the starts. Now the reporters can see neither the start nor the finish, and receive the information of the distances between the first three horses on a slip of paper furnished by the judges, certainly a very unsatisfactory and unreliable manner of "reporting."

The facilities to reach the track have also proved sadly insufficient.

FELL OFF A LITTLE.

To some extent the racing on the last three days of the meeting was not quite up to the standard of the preceeding days' sport, owing to heavy rains which caused much scratching and consequently small fields even in some of the richest stakes.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.

On Saturday, the closing day, the richest stake of the meeting, the great Eclipse stakes for two-year-olds, value $20,000, only brought out a field of six, although the original entries numbered 223. The Morris stable, that has taken all the two-year-old stakes that were of any value, sent out three champions, the cracks of the year, namely Russell, believed to be as good a two-year-old as ever looked through a bridle, Dr. Hasbrook and Reckon. Against them Sallie McClellan, Bolero and Hoodlum went to the post. In the betting Russell was considered invincible and even at 1 to 3 the book-makers hardly cared to write a ticket. Dr. Hasbrook was next in favor at 4 to 1, with Reckon third choice at 8 to 1. Bolero was priced at 10 to 1, and the two others at 20.

A RACING UPSET.

The result signally proved how uncertain racing is and how blind backers are, and what an easy thing it is for even good judges to follow the money and not closely scrutinize each horse's chances. On a cool comparison of form it was not a certainty for the Morris trio.

OVERLOOKING A GOOD ONE.

Sallie McClelland, who is bred as well as anything now on the turf, whose ancestry shows excellent wind powers, who was known early in the spring to be as fast as any two-year-old in training; who, in particular, showed that she was equal to any crack, by winning the Debutante stakes, with 115 pounds up, from a large field, including several of Morris' cracks, in the record time of 59 seconds for five furlongs; and who, later on, took up 120 pounds, and giving weight to winners ran third in six furlongs, this high-class filly was allowed to start in a six-horse field at 20 to 1 to win and 8 to 1 for the place.

SALLY'S A FAST FLIER.

On Saturday she carried 115 pounds, and the others as colts 118. The race was entirely between Sallie and Russell. It was a close contest over the muddy track, and after a desperate finish Sallie won by half a length in 1:14. Her owner, Byron McClelland, won a good stake over the result. It was a verification of form, and how she was overlooked and thought not to have a chance to win is another of those mysteries that the race-track daily offers.

VIGILANT JUDGES.

During the past week a job was attempted in a race between Watterson, Major Daly and Guard. A stable-boy was put up on Daly and Bergen on Watterson. Watterson was made a red-hot favorite at 2 to 5, and the rumor quickly spread that the rider of Daly had been so selected to make the race a certainty for Watterson. The judges, when informed of the situation, took the boy off Daly and put Hamilton up. This changed the betting at once, and from 3 to 1 Daly went to first favorite. The race was won handily by Daly. An investigation into the circumstances is to be made by the judges.

STABLE COMPANIONS.

On Friday Bravo and Now-or-Never, both in the same stable, were the only contestants in a race out of which all the others had been scratched. Bravo was a hot favorite at 1 to 2. The stable won with Now-or-Never and the race was called a walk-over. The judges declared the bets off, but how are the combinations to be considered? Of course they are made out pay or play, and are so considered under the circumstances, but those extra-chance takers, combination-players, should also be given a little protection as well as the direct speculators. It would not have been any injustice for the judges to have ordered that the combinations should be divided.

SUBURBAN DAY.

To-morrow the Coney Island Jockey Club commences a two weeks' meeting at Sheepshead Bay and some excellent sport is already assured. On the opening day the Suburban handicap will be run. It is more than probable that the field will be small and that less than a dozen will start. Tenny is now first favorite and even with 127 pounds up is thought to be a sure winner. Raceland, Prince Royal and Fides, Salvator and Firenzi, representing respectively the Belmont and Haggins interests, are next in favor.

OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE.

Although Tenny has won three races this spring in easy style, he will meet a much higher class of company on Tuesday than he has yet done this year. It is quite possible that despite all the talk of the certainty of Tenny's starting that he may not do so. Pulsifer, Tenny's owner, is not racing simply for his health. He is closely affiliated with some leading book-makers who have laid heavily against the colt. Yesterday's dispatches state that Tenny did not go quite as well as he did before, although he beat Sorrento, his only opponent, by ten lengths.

HE MAY BE SCRATCHED.

Pulsifer is said to have backed the colt himself, but if his book-making friends placed him on velvet on condition of scratching Tenny so that the money they have laid against him goes without any bother into their pockets, would Pulsifer do it? That remains to be seen. But even if Tenny starts, with Raceland sent to the post with Mr. Belmont's confidence, there is not much need to look further for the winner.

POOR PROCTOR KNOTT.

Poor Proctor Knott and verbose gabble about his wonderful powers and the great things he can and is going to do seem inseparable. Last year Sam Bryant could not find words enough to praise Proctor up in. Now the Scoggan Brothers, who own the colt entirely, have the same disease. This is what they recently said to a correspondent of the New York Spirit of the Times:

"We will work him a mile and a quarter and if he covers it in 2:09 he will be shipped East at once. I have no fears at all about his making that time in his trial, for he was never such a horse as he is this spring. The big fellow and English Lady will be shipped East about four days before the Suburban is run. As for the Lady, I consider her nothing short of a wonder, and time will prove what I now tell you. She is the greatest filly of her age, and on this point I think I can hardly be mistaken."

"Which would you prefer to win with, the big gelding or the filly?"

"I will win with Knott if I can, and if he is perfectly fit on Suburban day—well, just wait and see how the race will turn out, and I don't care a snap what starts against him at that."

Knott certainly never looked better than he does this spring, and if he is just up to the notch on Suburban day I doubt if there is a horse living can beat him a mile and a quarter.

This was June 3d.

EASILY BEATEN OFF.

This is what the great crack did on June 7th, four days later. Latonia, June 7th, Saturday: Special race, one mile. Mamie Fonzo, 97, first; Newcastle, 102, second; Catalpa, 114, third. Also ran, Proctor Knott, 115; Spokane, 115; Wary, Josie M. and Birthday. Won after a close finish, in 1:42¾. In the betting Newcastle was favorite at 2 to 1; Fonzo, 10 to 1, and Proctor Knott, 3 to 1; Spokane, 4 to 1; others, 10 to 20. Proctor Knott quit badly in the stretch and Spokane was never prominent. This ought to be pretty good news for the books that were laid against Knott all winter.

FUTURE BOOKS.

While on the subject of winter books, an error has been made by a local turf reporter about them. He states that in a $5000 book that such a sum is invested by the backers of each respective horse, and states that as eight horses are marked full in the local book, $40,000 has already been paid in to the bookmakers on these eight chances alone. This is entirely incorrect.

HOW IT IS MADE.

The way a future book is made is as follows: Supposing that a book-maker decides to open a $5000 book on a future event as soon as the weights are published, generally several months before the race comes off. This means that after considering the chances of the respective entries, he marks up what odds he estimates each horse's chances at and on which he will take enough money to lose just $5000. For example, if he marks up a horse at 100 to 1 he will only accept $50 on that horse and writing a ticket of $5000 to $50, mark such horse "full." On a horse that he has marked up, say 5 to 1, he will accept $1000, and lay $5000 to $1000. On a horse at 10 to 1 he will take $500, and if the has one at 500 to 1 he will only take $10.

ALL ARE PAY OR PLAY.

As the bets are all pay or play, the book-maker wins all the money on horses that do not start. But under no circumstances, if he makes his book correctly, will he stand to lose more than $5000, let the result be what it may. In most instances the book-maker does not fill his book on any one particular horse the moment he puts up the odds, and he governs himself by the state of the market, the information he receives and his own judgment, in varying the odds.

KEEPS HIS EARS OPEN.

Often on a horse that opens at 100 to 1 he only takes $10. Information as to its chances reaches him and he reduces perhaps the odds to 10. Standing already to lose a thousand on the horse he will only accept $400 more at 10 to 1 on this particular chance, making $410 that he takes in to pay out $5000 winnings, whereas if the horse had been filled on the first bet he would only have received $50 to offset the $5000 winning he must pay if the horse wins.

WANTS THEM ALL BACKED.

If all the horses in the race are backed to the limit, or, of course, if an unbacked outsider wins, or one out of a dozen or so strong favorites, the book-maker wins. There are too many niceties in the art of making a successful book to be described in the present space at command, but the general principle is that if the book-maker does not exceed his original limit and has all or nearly all of the entries backed to the limit, he must win. The same process applies to the place betting for the race if the book-maker also gives place odds.

TWO-YEAR-OLD FORM.

The two-year-olds this year are of high class, and generally equal if not better than those of the past few years, but this applies only to the Eastern youngsters. In the West the daily form is most inconsistent and mediocre.

ONLY ONE, BURLINGTON.

Only one first-class three-year old has shown up yet, and this is Burlington, one of the best that has ever been saddled. His win in the Belmont on Tuesday last with 127 pounds up, one and a quarter miles, in 2:07¾, stamps him the champion. He gave lots of weight away to his competitors, and with luck has all the big three-year-old stakes for which he is entered at his mercy.

STILL IN THE REAR.

The California horses now in the East have not made a win during the past week. As long as the "hoodoo" trainer Mat Allen has the Hearst horses to mess about nothing need be expected from that quarter. When the Haggin and Undine stables begin to race better results may be expected. L. J. Rose has only one animal in his string, Fairy, that will prove a reliable performer. Ashe's Geraldine is reported as being quite sore from her hard battle with Fides in the Toboggan Slide.

RINFAX SOLD.

The Undine stable has bought the two-year-old colt Rinfax, that has this spring at the local meetings, from the Palo Alto people for $3000. Rinfax has been shipped East to join the string. He is a big gangling fellow, who will be at his best late in the fall.

SUSPICIOUS MEETINGS.

It seems a chronic condition for all races run at the middle Western meetings to savor too much of jobs. At Memphis, Louisville, Ladronia (especially), and now at St. Louis, the most suspicious circumstances are noted daily. To say the least, it looks very queer to ascertain that telegrams come pouring in on certain races stating that the favorite was "stiff" and to play such and such a horse—which wins. The Workmate-Cecil B race at St. Louis is a case in point. Cecil B, the favorite, was announced in the dispatches to be "stiff," and Workmate given as the winner. It turned out so. Cecil B was third.

THE LOCAL CIRCUIT.

In less than six weeks the local circuits will commence and the trotters and pacers will be given a chance to earn their oats. This season the racing promises to be unusually interesting. In some ways the absence of the big stables East—like Palo Alto, Hickok, Johnston Farm and the Daly lots—will be conducive to better sport. Not such fast time as last year's may be made, but the contests wont be quite so jug-handled, and the battles will be hotter and better. Quite a large number of stables are pitting for the fray, and the number of entries to the different events are remarkably large.

A LIKELY STABLE.

In this connection one stable that promises to show up quite prominently through the circuit may be mentioned. It is that of Thomas H. Griffin, which was looked over at the Bay District track last Saturday afternoon by THE CALL's turf reporter. The string numbers ten, and although the material is new to local tracks a better-looking lot would be hard to get together.

GOOD TROTTING STOCK.

All were in the pink of health and the condition of the collection reflects much credit on Griffin's ability as a trainer. The first one of the lot off whom the blankets were stripped was a medium-sized brown pacer who has been christened McGinty. Mier has no record, but has shown easy miles in 22. Walley, a good-looking brown six-year-old, can go in 21½ whenever called on. Next came a very handsome dark-brown, Sol Wilkes, full brother to Lilian Wilkes, record 2:17¾. Sol is 5 years old and comparatively green, but can trot handily in 2:25. With a little more handling this good-looker will make his mark and get his full share of the money.

THE STABLE'S CRACK.

The crack of the string is about as attractive a specimen of trotting horseflesh as any one could wish to see. He is Ed Fay by Whiteman's Hambletonian, out of a mare by George M. Patchen, 5 years old. Of a light-brown color, with black points, Ed Fay shows remarkably good blood-lines. Better shoulders, back and quarters could not be desired, and when the hand is passed over him the great solidity of all the muscles is immediately noted.

CAN GO A FAST MILE.

This colt has no public record, but ever since Griffin bought him three months ago for $2500 from A. H. Allers of Los Angeles, he has shown faster and faster clips. Under Griffin's careful handling Fay has developed great speed and can now go out any day and reel off miles in 2:21¼ and handy halves in 1:07½. This colt looks as if he would be first under the wire in all he starts for. He is owned entirely by Griffin, who is also solely interested in Walley. He was named after the well-known horseman and wing shot, Ed Fay of the Grand Hotel. Alfred D, a noted sire, is also in the string.

A LIKELY LITTLE LADY.

Kodak, a two-year-old filly by Sultan-Lily White, is a most taking-looking little lady. She can show quarters in 0:35 and is owned by Ed Fay. Three green colts, who are now being educated up to track behavior, complete the string.

GONE TO SAN JOSE.

The entire stable left for San Jose on Saturday evening, and will remain there until the opening of the circuit at Los Angeles. They are well entered throughout the circuit, and with Griffin's well-known ability as a trainer and driver should form a most dangerous combination to defeat. Inside of a year Griffin has put two in the 20 class and three in the 30 division.

WHAT MARVIN SAYS.

Charley Marvin writes from Terre Haute that "Palo Alto and Sunol are doing quite well." Mr. Dobie has started to work Axtell slowly. Great interest is centered in the two four-year-olds. Should both keep right there will be a desperate race between them to settle the question of supremacy. The rivalry between the houses of George Wilkes and Electioneer is so great that the conflict cannot be avoided.

Palo Alto will have a useful stable for the fall, despite their many sales. Peel is doing fair work and is expected to stand up, while Faustine, Muta and several of the youngsters will be in good trim when required.

THE AMERICAN DERBY.

The American Derby, to be run at Chicago on June 21st, the opening day of the Washington Park meeting, is now a leading topic of conversation among patrons and followers of the turf. Seventy-two colts and fillies are eligible to start for this rich three-year-old event, and it is fair to presume that there will be a large field of starters. Early in the season the public conceded the race to El Rio Rey in consequence of his phenomenal two-year-old record, but since his sickness and the various conflicting reports as to his condition there has been a great change in the opinions of the wise heads who are wont to name the winners of big events a long way in advance. Under the circumstances it looks at present as though it would be a very open race, with heavy betting, for the owners of such horses as Bill Letcher, Rosemont, Penn P, Uncle Bob, Helter-Skelter, Honduras, Santiago, Blarneystone Jr., Jed, Frontino, Rascal, Protection, Eberlee, Extravagance and many others. They all have a good chance to win.

SEA AND SHORE.

An Accident Delays the Sailing of the L. Schepp.

Chinese Passengers by the Oceanic—The Eppinger Loses Part of Her Deck-Load. The Fyer Micronesia.

The wheat-laden American ship L. Schepp was scheduled to sail yesterday for Queenstown for orders. The tug Active, Captain Marshall, took hold of her as she lay in the stream, the anchor was raised and the tug started down the stream with her tow. As soon as the anchor was at the hawse-pipe and the vessel got under way the mate started to cat the anchor, using the fish-tackle from the foretopmast-head for the purpose. When the fish-hook was hooked on the chain-compressor was raised to allow some slack chain to pay out.

As soon as the weight came on the fish-tackle the mast-head lashings carried away and the pennant and tackle came down by the run. Two of the sailors, who stood on the forecastle-head at the time, were injured, one being badly bruised on the head and the other receiving internal injuries. They were treated on board the ship.

When the fish-tackle carried away, the fish-hook was lost and the anchor fell into the mud, the compressor being open. As it would take some time to hoist it and the tide would not serve at the expiration of the time, Captain Gates determined to stay in port until to-day.

CHINESE BY THE OCEANIC.

The total number of Chinese who arrived on the Oceanic from China on Saturday evening was 154. Of the number 121 (115 males and 6 females) are for this city, 3 for Honolulu, 11 for Panama and 19 for Havana. Nine having proper certificates were landed yesterday afternoon.

Of the six females on the Oceanic 4 are reported in the official passenger list as on the way to join their husbands, one is a girl with her mother and one is a woman with her husband. Of the 115 males for this port, all with the exception of one, who is designated as a druggist, are called grocers, and all those for Honolulu, Panama and Havana are similarly designated.

The weather was hazy at Point Lobos yesterday and the wind moderate all day, veering from south to west. The barometer read: 8 o'clock in the morning 29.89, noon 29.88, 5 o'clock in the evening 29.87.

LOST PART OF HER DECK-LOAD.

The schooner J. Eppinger arrived yesterday 14 hours from Fort Bragg, with a cargo of lumber and posts for the Fort Bragg Redwood Company. Captain Lundquist reports that on Saturday night, during a northwest wind, he lost part of his deck-load overboard.

John Sloan & Son, the ship-store dealers, moved their quarters a few days ago to 316 Battery street. Yesterday afternoon when John Sloan, the senior partner, visited the store to get some papers for a ship that was going away, he fell down a hatchway that had been carelessly left open and had the tendons of his left ankle severely strained.

The steamer Corona, Captain Hannah, arrived at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, nineteen hours from Eureka, bringing forty-five cabin and seven steerage passengers and a large list of freight.

RAN INTO THE WHARF.

The ship Arabia came down from Port Costa on Saturday afternoon laden with wheat for Liverpool direct and dropped anchor in the stream. As the tug was towing her out from the dock at Port Costa the vessel took a shear and ran into the dock shed carrying a portion of it away. The damage to the ship was very slight, but the dock and shed were damaged about $500.

The shipping arrivals yesterday up to dark comprised six coasting steamers, two barks and three schooners.

The Hawaiian bark Alicia, Captain Broadhurst, which put into this port in distress June 1st, while bound from Champerico for the Sound, has been chartered to load here in the Australian Dispatch Line for Sydney, her previous charter having been cancelled. The vessel has been surveyed and found perfectly sound, only her copper being chafed a little. The captain was in distress, not the ship.

A PROUD PILOT.

When Captain Stephen Castle, the pilot, returned to his home at 2328 Jones street on Saturday last he found that during his absence on a cruise outside his wife had given birth to a boy. This is the first boy in the family, and the captain is proud of it. It is a little beauty, and weighs eleven pounds.

ARRIVALS OF COAL.

Two coal-laden vessels arrived yesterday with cargoes aggregating 2860 tons. The Nicaraguan steamer Montserrat brought 1500 tons from Nanaimo for John Rosenfeld's Sons, and the bark Templar 1360 tons from Seattle for P. B. Cornwall.

The British ship Wisconsin, Captain Greig, which is now discharging her cargo of coal from Australia at Howard No. 2, is a flyer. She left here last year wheat laden for the United Kingdom. She was ordered to Hull, where she stayed four weeks discharging. From there she went to London, where she remained five weeks loading for Sydney. She made the passage to Sydney in eighty-two days. From there she went to Newcastle, N. S. W., making the trip in fourteen days. At Newcastle she loaded 2466 tons of coal for this port, and arrived here after a passage of sixty-eight days, making the trip around the world, including detentions, in exactly one year and ten days.

The British ship Queen Victoria has arrived at Victoria, 175 days from Cardiff, thus relieving anxiety that has been felt on her behalf.

The bark Newman has arrived at San Diego, 89 days from Australia, with coal. The Majestic is 74 days out on a similar voyage, and the Charles B. Kenny and Iton each 64 days. All three are liable to arrive at any day.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

The steamer Australia came down to Folsom street from the refinery yesterday.

The ship S. P. Hitchcock docked at Union street to discharge.

The British steamer Sussex went to the sugar refinery.

The Dashing Wave sailed for Lynde & Hough's station, Sand Point, Alaska.

The Elnorah hauled into the stream from Beale street.

The Crown of Italy came down from Port Costa and anchored in the stream.

The Gotama went over to Berkeley and the Occidental to Oakland.

The bark Templar docked at Main street on arrival.

The ship Buteshire will dock to-day at Beale street and the Bryant will go to the Rolling Mills.

THE PORT OF CALAIS.

Recent Improvements Made Render It Open to Navigation.

The following extract of a letter received by H. M. Newhall & Co. from the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Calais, France, will be of interest to shipmasters loading grain here for the Continent:

I have the honor to send you certain documents relating to the Port of Calais, the recent work on which renders it open to navigation.

Notwithstanding the excellent condition of this port, it appears that the charter parties of vessels sent from your port for orders do not mention Calais as a port of choice, and consequently ships will not accept same without extra freight, as they do Havre, Antwerp or Dunkirk when they receive orders for the Continent.

The Chamber of Commerce has thought it in the interest of maritime commerce it should be informed that on the northern coast of France there exist two ports that merit the classification of ports of choice, and that even for vessels of extreme draft, Calais offers over Dunkirk the advantage of avoiding delay at the time of low water.

It hopes then that a close examination of the notices sent will give you the same appreciation of the advantages, and that your influence will prevent in future a recurrence of the condition of things recently enacted; that is to say that the vessels that come for orders will no longer refuse to accept Calais, notwithstanding the desire of buyers to direct them there.

The Chamber of Commerce will be happy to send you all the replies to questions on the subject you may think proper to ask, and your action will be appreciated if you will let it know whether by your study of the document sent, it may hope for a solution favorable to the interests of shipping.

DOES DEATH END ALL?

A Sermon by Rev. Robert A. Tufft of Elizabeth, N. J.

Rev. Robert A. Tufft of Elizabeth, N. J., preached in the Green-street Congregational Church yesterday morning from the text, "If a man die shall he live again?" The following will give an idea of his style and trend of thought. He said:

"Over the roofs of this world the angel of death has spread his wings of gloom. The shadow falls upon every face and tones the sunlight in every life. Every nerve that thrills, every muscle that twiches, even the merry motion of rippling laughter, beckons death nearer and nearer. He steals along the dim and silent corridors of sleep, he dashes at noonday into the busy marts of trade, he lies in wait in the tangled mosaic of grass and flowers that billows in alternate sun and shadow, he dwells where the steel-blue iceberg of the North, hurled along in the maelstrom of the deep, crush grindingly together, and he bides in the South, where a million jeweled waves play like little children at Mother Nature's luxuriant knees.

"There is no corner pavilioned by the illuminate azure that knoweth not his presence; there is no day that his sword hath not severed the thread which subtly bound some soul in body-thrall; there is no moment when he walketh not—he is the angel of the sleepless inevitable. Men weep, women wail, the cheeks of the bravest blanche, the hearts of the cowards are gnawed with fear, but that Angel Death steppeth surely, leaving no track unmarked by blood.

"The resurrection of Christ is like the news of victory brought from soldiers who have gone out to do battle; news that near ones and dear ones are safe; that, though scarred and wounded and sorely smitten, they yet live. From every house these soldiers have gone, the conscription has spared neither palace or cot, but of the vast army, though many bear honorable scars, not one is slain. Since the resurrection of our blessed Lord, there are many who sleep, but no more dead.

"If there is anything that the Bible makes plain and positive it is the future life beyond the grave. If, to use the language of professor Tyndall in his famous Belfast address, 'you and I are destined, like streaks of the morning cloud, to melt into the infinite azure of the past,' then life is a golden and glorious promise, never to be fulfilled. If man is not immortal, nature 'has imposed upon her sons, and made them a lie.' We have been created to be baffled, to be thwarted, to be mocked, to be toyed with by the great blind, pitiless forces of nature, and then to be dissolved into nothingness forever.

"Christianity teaches that man shall live again after death. It sings no funeral hyms, it wails no requiems, it chants no dirges. Distinctly and eloquently and solemnly does it proclaim the truth of our great immortality. It adopts and makes its own the sentiment of the poet:

The sun is but a spark of fire,
A transient meteor in the sky;
The soul immortal as its sire
Shall never die.

CLARKE TAKES AN APPEAL.

The Police Relief Fund List Case Comes Up Again.

An appeal in the case of Alfred Clarke, attorney for ex-Police-officer James Pugh, versus Christian Reis, City and County Treasurer, has been taken to the Supreme Court of the State. It will be remembered that the case was brought in the Superior Court to recover $256, this being the amount paid in by Pugh to the Police Relief Association while a member of the police force. When Pugh was removed from the force he asked that this money be returned, as his removal forfeited his right to all benefits accruing therefrom, but payment was refused, and on suit being brought the lower court decided adversely to the plaintiff.

The latter now asks that this decision be set aside, alleging that the court erred in its judgment. He claims that by this decision the court has taken $256 of his money without due process of law, and further claims that his property right in this money is protected by the fourteenth article of the Constitution of the United States. He then, in support of his appeal, quotes from a decision of the United States Supreme Court, in which it was held that the fund was at the disposal of the Government "until by the happening of the dismissal of the officer, the right to the specific sum became vested in the officer or his representative."

SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY.

The Prison Directors Favor the Site at Ione, Amador County.

The State Prison Directors met at their room in the Phelan Building yesterday with a full attendance. After general discussion it was agreed to purchase the site for the Preston School of Industry at Ione, Amador County, from the Ione Iron and Coal Company, and the water right from B. and M. Isaacs, provided the deeds and bonds offered are considered satisfactory by the attorneys.

At the meeting to be held at the same place on Wednesday next an architect will be authorized to prepare necessary plans for the school, provided the report of the attorneys is favorable.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Government contracts for 500,000,000 stamped envelopes annually.

The people of this country consume, it is said, 200,000,000 bottles of pickles annually.

A wren in East Bradford, Pa., built a nest in the sleeve of a garment that had been hung in the yard to dry.

A man at Kingston, N. Y., who was about to be married, eloped with the fourteen-year-old sister of his affianced.

In St. Louis it is claimed that the replacing of horse-cars by electrically propelled cars results in a saving of at least 40 per cent.

London now boasts of a "Society for the Promotion of Relaxation From Business-care, and Enjoyment During Luncheon Hours."

A barber in Wellington, Kan., has put out his sign as follows: "We are here to stay. No favoritism shown; clean towels used one very customer."

Eugene Field says that German is the language spoken in the royal nursery of England, and German the language used exclusively in the royal family when they are among themselves.

The Limbless League is the latest political organization. It flourishes in Schuylkill County, Penn., and, according to its founder, Arthur Jones, has 2700 members who have lost either an arm or a leg.

A needle one and a half inches long was recently removed from the side of Mrs. Counselor Cole of Fredericksburg, Va. Mrs. Cole says that she swallowed the needle forty years ago and has never felt any inconvenience from it.

At the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of the postage-stamp, held recently in England, a stamp was shown worth 100 guineas. It was from the British Guiana collection and showed a rude postmark on pink paper.

Frank C. Ives, the young billiardist, has a sensational trick-shot which is thus described: He places one of the object balls under the table and then he sends the cue ball, after scoring, off the table so as to spin on the floor, roll back and count on the ball underneath.

The carpet product of Smyrna, says the French Consul, reaches 4,000,000 francs, or about $800,000. There are three centers of manufacture—Ouchak, Koula and Ghiordes—where carpets of various dimensions are made, but the same processes are in vogue in them all.

Nineteenth century realism has attained its culminating point in the cathedral at Manchester, England, where the late General Gordon of Khartoum frame, is portrayed on a stained-glass memorial window, the chancel, arrayed in a shooting jacket and knickerbockers.

A Greenville (S. C.) woman dug a hole in a cotton field, and pitching her babe in covered it over with dirt. Another woman working near by suspecting the crime, forced the infinitum mother to reveal the spot where she had buried the child. The dirt was pulled away and the child rescued alive.

General Van Merlen, a veteran of the Dutch army, invites all soldiers entitled to wear the silver cross for Waterloo to communicate with him at London so that he may arrange for all the survivors who wish to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the great battle on the 18th of June.

A monk of the rigid order of the Grande-Chartreuse recently served with the reserve forces in France for two months, according to the law. He relaxed in no degree the austere discipline of his order, and ate and spoke only within the bounds of the barest necessity. He was treated with the utmost courtesy.

Judge Joseph Cox tells a Cincinnati paper that General Sherman said to him once: "Cox, a mule is the easiest animal in the world to ride. I always prefer a mule to ride one during the war. In a picture representing the burning of Atlanta the artist has me seated on a fiery steed, with fury in his eyes, etc., while the houses are burning and the soldiers are tearing up the railroad iron. Well, I was there; but I was not on a prancing horse, but I was straddle of a plain, common, every-day mule."

THE LIFE IN A GLASS.

It Does Not Seem to Be Very Much, but It Is Often Enough to Be the Beginning of Death.

Did you ever hold a glass of drinking water up to the light and notice how completely filled it was with little particles of matter? It looked perfectly clear and pure when you poured it out, but yet it was reeking with animal or vegetable matter. Do you imagine it can be healthy? Do you wonder why, in a little while, your mouth tastes bad, your appetite is poor, and you feel a general disgust with the world?

But if water is so impure what shall we do? Boil it? No; that may kill the germs, but does not remove them. A far better way is to use pure whisky with it. The best physicians in America unhesitatingly declare this now, but—and bear this most carefully in mind—it must be pure whisky, for impure whisky is worse than impure water.

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