

"SPORTS OF THE TIMES"-DISPATCH

RICHMOND BIRDS FIGHT TO DEATH

But Win Finally From Nelson in Great Mill South of Charlottesville.

MUCH MONEY WAS DROPPED

While Local Sports Win in End, Stoo Was Dropped in Single Fight.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., January 23.—A cock fighting, which was supposed to be the last in Virginia just before and after the Civil War, seems to have been revived hereabouts, since one of the biggest mounds that has occurred in the State for a number of years past was pulled off Tuesday in this county.

The scene of the mill was the yard of a log cabin, several miles south of Charlottesville on the road to Staunton. A half-hundred cocks were shown, and a hundred sporting men from Richmond, Staunton, Arrington, Charlottesville and other sections of the State were on hand. In the cabin, containing two rooms, the birds were quarantined, while the pit, squared off in the open, just measured eight by ten feet.

It was Richmond vs. Nelson county, or to be more precise, Richmond against Arrington. The main began at 11 o'clock in the morning, and was not concluded until midnight. There were fourteen stiff battles (twenty-eight birds). At the end of the twelfth battle, however, the main was broken up, and the birds were quarantined, while the pit, squared off in the open, just measured eight by ten feet.

The last two fights, however, went to Richmond, thus giving the victory to the Capital City contingent. The main was fought according to Southern rules, omitting rule 5. On the spur of the Richmond cocks were 2 1/2-inch gaffs, while the Nelson entries were George Huff's jagers. It was plainly seen that Nelson was fighting Richmond from start to finish. The Nelson birds were far stronger, while the Richmond cocks were faster. Nelson fought Black Devils, Hammond Gordons and Irish Grays. The Richmond birds were of various crosses.

The first battle was such a lengthy one that at one time it looked as if the mill would run through two days. Fully forty minutes were consumed, and the contest proved perhaps the best of the day. Nelson conceded to Richmond eight ounces in weight, but even with this handicap, Richmond only won out on a count, while the Richmond cock being dead when taken out of the pit, while the Nelson bird still lives.

Each side showed a runner. A Nelson entry was the first to show the white feather. As he scampers off, the Richmond crowd set up a merry laugh. The joke was turned, however, in the very next battle, when one of Richmond's most heavily backed cocks took to his heels, and could not be induced to fight. It is stated that the Richmond sports dropped as much as \$100 in this one event. The main, it is understood, was for the sum of \$500, while the \$200,000 side bets amounting to \$50 or \$75 were made. When the day was done, twelve dead chickens lay alongside the ring.

The outcome of the main was an event to the Richmond crowd which had anticipated a walkover. At a recent main in Norfolk, between Richmond and North Carolina birds, Richmond had a runaway, winning eleven out of thirteen battles. That mill, it is understood, was to have been a twenty-one-ounce main, but the old North State crowd threw up the sponge before the mill was concluded. At the conclusion of Tuesday's main the Staunton crowd is said to have challenged the Richmond sports to fight from five to ten battles, and at one time it looked as if the challenge would be accepted and the main pulled off that night. Upon coming to the city, however, some of the Richmond contingent took the train for Baltimore to attend a main there, and the fight fell through. Local sporting men, it is understood, would have backed the Staunton birds.

Banquet to Bill Reid.

BOSTON, January 23.—William T. Reid, the Harvard football coach for the past two years, was honored last night by the Harvard team which played Yale last fall. Every member of the team spoke in commendation of the system inaugurated by Mr. Reid, and at the close a valuable souvenir was presented to the coach. Mr. Reid's term as football coach expired last fall, and he will resume his duties as instructor at Berkeley, Cal., in a few weeks.



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THE PRIZE FIGHTER WHO HAS A HOST OF FRIENDS



McGovern ready to uppercut with right.

The once terrible Terry, who is now in a sanitarium from which he will probably never depart, is still his friend.

NEW YORK, January 23.—The last of a series of benefits for Terry McGovern, the former featherweight champion, who is now in a sanitarium, was held at Madison Square Garden this evening. There were a number of bouts between boxers and wrestlers of national reputation. The treasurer of the fund says that between \$1,000 and \$11,000 has been realized for McGovern from the various benefits.

TWO JOCKS FELL AT CITY PARK

Schreve, on Dorrie, Was Dragged, But Escaped Serious Injury.

NEW ORLEANS, January 23.—Two jockeys fell during the races at the fair grounds today. In the second race Jockey Schreve, on Dorrie, was crowded against the fence and thrown over his mount's head, after which he was dragged by the string for about fifty feet. He was not badly injured. Ferris was thrown in the third race, when Posing stumbled in the stretch. Summaries: First race—three and a half furlongs—E. M. Fry (4 to 5) first, Hannan (2 to 1) second, Janette's Beau (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:21.5.

JAKE SCHAEFER IS AFTER U. TITLE

NEW YORK, January 23.—Jake Schaefer, the Wizard father of balk-line billiards, has challenged George Sutton, of Chicago, holder of the 181 and 182 balk-line championship, for the 181 emblem, and Sutton has accepted the Wizard's offer. Sutton defended the 182 title successfully against Ora Morningstar on Monday night in Chicago. Sutton's score was 860 points to 472 for Morningstar. The winner's high run was 71, and the loser's 72. Sutton's average was 17, 28, 28, and Morningstar's 17, 17, 27.

Sutton agreed to meet Schaefer and arrange terms for their 181 match as soon as he had played Morningstar. The Wizard wants to play at least 2,000 points. He claims that a game of 500 points is too short for a world's championship contest. To Jake Schaefer is given the credit of bringing the game of billiards to its present high standing. Starting at the straight rail game the Wizard drew a bead on the other experts. In the eighth game when Schaefer forfeited the 181 title, he claims he has never played as strong a game as he is capable of today.

One thing is certain the winner of the Sutton-Schaefer match, wherever he may be, will have to tackle Willie Hoppe when the hot-headed returns from his trip to Amsterdam next fall.

NORTHSIDE TEAM WINS IN BOWLING

Come Out at End of the Game With Forty-Four Pins Majority.

COTTON SECURES PRIZE

Second Roll-Off for Weekly Prize at Lake Alleys To-Night.

The Northsides and the East End team of the Greater Richmond Bowling League rolled their ninth game of the series last night at the Lake Alleys, and put up a very close and interesting game. The Northside boys won the match by forty-four pins majority over the East End boys. The next game will be played next Monday night at this alley, where the Northsides and the Southside teams will battle for the honors.

Table with columns for Northside Team and East End Team, listing players and scores.

Cotton Again Winner. In the weekly roll for the prize given once a week in Williams' alley, Cotton was the winner last night, with the score of 112. Graves made a close second with 106. The match was very interesting and close, and the final scores showed fairly well.

For Weekly Prize. The second roll-off for the regular weekly prize will be rolled at the Lake alleys to-night. The contents are becoming more and more popular each week, and are always largely attended by the local bowlers.

RACES AT RINK FRIDAY NIGHT

Four Fast Skaters Are Practicing Daily for the Event. Messrs. Ford, Frazier, Taylor and Hancock, the fast little skaters who will participate in the pursuit race at the big rink at Idlewood Friday night, are practicing daily on the smooth floor and getting themselves in trim for the contest, which promises to be one of the best ever pulled off here.

Another event that will prove interesting, will be the free-for-all contest, open to all skaters, in which the participants will skate for fifteen minutes, the leader at the expiration of time limit having covered the most ground to be awarded the prize.

DIXIE TO GO ABROAD. Will Compete in the International Motor-Boat Race.

NEW YORK, January 23.—A challenge has been forwarded to the Motor Yacht Club of England by the Motor-Boat Club of America, naming Dixie, owned by Commodore Edward J. Schroeder, as the representative of America for the British International Cup, known as the Harcourt trophy, which was last year won by Yarrow Napier, representing England and owned by Lord Montagu of Alington, and Lord De Rothschild. Owing to rather an unfortunate accident Dixie was prevented from going abroad last year.

BASEBALL GAME IF WEATHER IS WARM

If the weather to-morrow is warm enough the baseball game between the "Down the Pike" team and the Brownies will be pulled off at Broad Street Park at 3 o'clock. The proceeds of the game will be turned over to the Y. M. C. A. one, just inside Southampton water, is a distance being thirty-two nautical miles. The contestants had to cover the course five times. Yarrow Napier's time was one hour twenty-nine minutes thirty-seven seconds in the elimination race. The course last year was a triangular one, just inside Southampton water, the distance being thirty-two nautical miles. The contestants had to cover the course five times. Yarrow Napier's time was one hour twenty-nine minutes thirty-seven seconds in the elimination race.

A Conflagration

Members of the Motor-Boat Club of America are to confer here to-day with oratory members of the Motor-Yacht Club during their stay in Southampton waters.

PASSENGER RATES STILL THE ISSUE

Chesapeake and Ohio Will Probably Finish Up To-Day.

Another whole day was consumed in the two-hour passenger rate inquiry before the State Corporation Commission, and the hearing will probably last for ten days or two weeks longer.

Assistant General Passenger Agent W. S. Bronson, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, completed his testimony yesterday, and Comptroller L. P. Sullivan, of the same road, was put on. Mr. Sullivan will likely get through at the morning session today, and then the Norfolk and Western will be called. The officers and attorneys of the latter road are on the ground and are ready to go on.

The commissioners took quite a hand in the examination yesterday, but Judge Crump and Mr. Stuart having questioned Messrs. Bronson and Sullivan at length, Mr. Wickham and Attorney-General Anderson had several colloquies, which would have appeared to a stranger to be heavy, but they were good-natured, and never took a semblance of a personal turn. The manner of both men in court is impetuous, and they often appear angry when they are not. Much of the testimony yesterday was similar to that adduced in the freight rate hearing. Mr. Wickham having offered much of the former evidence of Mr. Sullivan bodily.

FOUR KILLED IN B. & O. WRECK

Others Injured — Relief Train, With Physicians, Sent to Letart. PARKERSBURG, W. VA., January 23.—A bar freight wreck occurred on the Ohio division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad near Letart, about forty miles from this city to-night. Four people are reported to have been killed and many others injured.

DARK IN WALKER.

No Coal, No Oil, No Candles; Electric Plant Shut Down. WALKER, MINN., January 23.—Walker has exhausted its coal supply. This caused the electric light plant to shut down Saturday. Most of the residences in the village use electric lights, and when the electric light plant shut down a run was made on the Koresan tanks. By 9 o'clock Saturday night every drop of oil in town had been bought up. Then followed a run on the town's stock of candles, and by Sunday night all the candles had been sold. When the light went out, the supply of both oil and candles was limited. Many homes will be in darkness to-morrow, and a majority of the merchants will have to shut their shops.

RINGSIDE GOSSIP.

Spokane Offers \$30,000 to Jeffries Alone for Fight. NEW YORK, January 23.—The latest offer that has been received by James J. Jeffries for a world's championship fight with Jack O'Brien on Bill Squires' terms from Spokane, Wash. The fight promoter there has offered Jeff. \$30,000, win, draw, or lose, and an additional sum will be paid to his opponent, the amount to be determined after the man is picked. It is said that the solid business men of Spokane are behind the scheme, and that in all \$75,000 is already pledged to put the match through.

GENERAL GORDON'S SON DIED OF PNEUMONIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23.—Major Frank B. Gordon, late of the Third United States Volunteers, died suddenly last night of pneumonia. He was the youngest son of the Confederate General John B. Gordon. He leaves a widow, the daughter of the late Hallett Kilbourne, and a son, now in Cuba.



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Daily Court Record

Supreme Court of Appeals. In the Supreme Court of Appeals the following business was transacted yesterday.

Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Wilkinson. Fully argued by R. M. Hughes, Jr., for plaintiff in error, and G. M. Dillard for defendant in error, and submitted.

Richardson vs. Jones, substituted trustee. Fully argued by H. L. Lewis for appellant, and Mary Jones and John W. Friend for appellee, and concluded.

Next cases to be called: Webb's Trustee vs. Lynchburg Shoe Company; Lewis vs. Palmer; Armistead vs. Kirby et al.; Davenport vs. Javenport; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company vs. Knight, and Gatewood vs. Garrett.

Law and Equity Court. Case tried yesterday: In the case of H. L. King vs. N. C. Cauthorne, trial by jury was waived and case submitted to court on the law and evidence. Testimony not concluded when court adjourned. Jury dismissed until to-morrow morning.

Hustings Court. Case tried yesterday: City of Richmond vs. Powell. Verdict for defendant. This case has been set for next Monday.

Circuit Court. Suits instituted yesterday: R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company vs. Old Dominion Steamship Company. Action of assumpsit, damages, \$100. Same vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, damages, \$150. Same vs. the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, damages, \$100. Same vs. the Southern Railway Company, damages, \$100.

Property Transfers. Richmond—Monroe and Cohen, special commissioners, to Thomas J. Blackwell, Nos. 501 and 503 West Duval Street, \$730. Annie E. and Eugene Bostwick to W. R. Robins, 211-2 feet on south line of Twenty-fourth Street, 119 feet north of Broad Street, \$2,235.

Isaac Capton and wife to D. H. Wiseman, triangle lot beginning at a point on Seventeenth Street, 74 feet north of northeast corner of Cedar Street, \$30. Henry M. Cannon and wife to George R. Cannon, 44 feet on north line of Grace Street, northwest corner of Adams Street, \$1.

Henry M. Cannon and wife to Henry M. Cannon, 50-1/2 feet on north line of Broad Street, northeast corner of Henry Street, \$1. Henry R. Wallerstein and wife to H. C. Owens, 178-1/2 feet on south line of Chamblin Street, 24-1/2 feet west of Beech Street, \$550.

Henrico—Annie M. and Harry C. Beattie to Charles P. Johnson, interest in 83 acres on west side of Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, about 1 mile north of Acca Station, \$200. Charles E. Johnson and wife to James D. Carnal, \$1,267 acres on west side of Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, about 1 mile north of Acca Station, \$2,000.

Libbie A. and Everett Duval to Arthur S. Preston, lots 172 and 173, plan of Highland Terrace, \$100.

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