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ROMOLA WINS A RACE

THE PENNSYLVANIA FILLY TROTS IN 2:26 AND BEATS MISS NELSON.

The Turf Contests at the Exposition Yesterday—Large Crowds See the Battle of the Crater.

THE races yesterday afternoon and the battle of the Crater last night were the most attractive features of the Exposition yesterday. The former were witnessed by about 2,000 spectators and the latter by fully three times that number. The turfmen were given a genuine surprise in the work done by Romola, the 5-year-old bay filly belonging to E. H. Tyson, of Chester, Pa. It was, of course, expected that Miss Nelson would out-trot her competitors for the first prize in Race No. 1, but the Chester nag walked over the favorite and won the race in 2:27, having previously in the day trotted a mile in 2:26, which is 1 second fast for a half-mile track. Considerable changes hands as a result of the races, the backers of Miss Nelson claiming that she would be queen of the occasion, but she won in two successive heats, against odds upon their favorite.

THE OPENING RACE.

There was trotting to harness between races for a purse of $400, mile heats; $200 to first horse, $125 to second, and $75 to fourth. Four entered, and the following order: Miss Nelson first, Zilla B. third, and Romola second.

Considering the heat the animals had to endure, the race was a close one, the mare being speed by all the others and taking position at the pole until the turn in the first quarter went by, and did some beautiful trotting afterwards, coming home fast and gracefully except for a slight break at the quarter post. She also went to pieces in reaching the last stretch, but showed a neck and a half of place in the heat from Romola, who won and Zilla B. was left in the rear.

THE SECOND HEAT.

The second heat was one of the prettiest on the race-course. Every horse came to the wire at the same time, with Romola at the pole, Romola second, Miss Nelson third, and Zilla B. fourth. Before the quarter post Miss Nelson made a spurt and fell far behind the other mares, she only gained to third place in the race, which she had won in the first round. Romola pulled out with an even gait for Blondetine. The pretty bay filly strongly upon Romola, when the latter broke, and Miss Nelson came by about three lengths the winner, as follows: Miss Nelson first, Romola second, Blondetine third, and Zilla B. fourth.

THE THIRD HEAT.

This was an animated one. Miss Nelson, but was pushed furiously by Romola, who passed the quarter-mile wire ahead of Nelson's head, and kept a steady gait, and, if it participate in the affair. Veterans who really took part in the contest near the Cockade City were delighted with the spectacle.

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Minnetree, Washington, D. C.; Lee Smith, Kentucky; Miss Maude Powell, New York; Miss Aubrey Powell, Baltimore, M. M. Tompkins, New York; Mrs. A. G. Bootright, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Ada Clayton, New York; Charles M. Bayne, Caroline; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. C. Spencer, Williamsburg; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller and son and J. H. Cosby, Danville; Mrs. Dora E. Wynn, Palmyra; Miss E. F. Booth and L. D. Booth, Charlottesville; Miss Annie Henry, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Agnes Walke, Staunton, Va.; R. E. Evans and wife, Petersburg; J. A. Henderson and G. R. Mitchell, Nelson county; G. W. Mitchell, Buffalo Springs, Va.; Miss Josephine Sizer, King William; Miss Peachy Sizer, Aylett's; Miss Inez Acre and Mrs. and Miss Lassiter, Henrico; W. P. Green, Petersburg; P. B. Scales, Sharp, N. C.; Misses Clara and Allie Bowles, Caroline; Miss Ella Jennings, Goochland; Mrs. C. W. Oder, Wynnesville; Mrs. J. F. Deans, Park P. Dean, Miss Cavelia Brook, Miss S. E. Briggs, Winder; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Howard, Norfolk; W. E. 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Brockwell, O. Brockwell, and A. A. Oniel, Norfolk; Mrs. W. C. Webb, Charlottesville; Mrs. Mary A. Trevillian, Manchester; J. H. Cooke, Atlantic City; J. W. Hannah, Johnson City, Tenn.; R. P. Gunn, Dinwiddie; E. T. Havill, Prince George; E. G. Nesbitt, Front Royal, Va.; E. W. Shumate, Manchester; E. J. Tucker and C. Tucker, Roxboro', N. C.; Crutchanks, W. Priddy, T. McCann, and E. L. Christian; Hanover county; Mrs. W. E. Ponton and W. E. Ponton, Danville, Va.; W. A. Pointdexter, Louisa; F. M. Butler, Miss Lizzie Tombs, and Miss Carrie O. Butler, Glen Allen, Va.; W. P. Thornton, Lexington, Va.; W. J. Clements, Fennoywood, Va.; W. O. Willis, Mt. Airy, N. C.; J. H. Scate, Byrdsville, Va.; W. H. Thompson and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Amelia; G. W. Congdon, F. C. Congdon, J. Congdon, and C. C. Congdon, Chesterfield; J. C. Phillips and F. Sinclair, Elizabeth City; Miss Susie Broaddus and Miss Lizzie B. Broaddus, Bowling Green; E. D. Newell, Prince George county; W. J. Jordan, South Boston, Va.; Mrs. A. Taylor, Miss Clara Alvis, and Robert Taylor, Goochland; A. Dillard and wife, Blanche Booker, and Charles Booker, Old Church; W. E. McCor. Louisa; Miss Bettie W. Sisson and Mr. William Sisson, Culpeper; Miss P. S. Farrish, Page county, Va.; H. F. Butler, Glen Allen, Va.; R. L. Harris, Glen Allen; R. F. Dennis, West Virginia; J. Benjamin, Staunton; E. Colbst, Washington, D. C.; J. S. Vanhorn, Manchester, Va.; A. S. Jones, R. S. Jones, and A. S. Jones, Jr., Emporia; J. E. Peake, M. J. Kuby, and E. S. Clarke, Churchland, Va.; W. N. Cairo, Florence, Ala.; L. W. Landrain, Fredericksburg, Va.; T. A. Harris, Spotsylvania; T. F. Morrison and Miss Maggie Wood, Fredericksburg; Miss Laura P. Martin and J. H. Martin, Jr., Palmyra, Va.; R. F. Dunlap, Newberne, Va., W. S. Trimble and L. E. Trimble, Wytheville, Va.

Bass, Dr. J. Randolph, of Cartersville, and J. Lindsay.

Bantam honors were divided between J. W. Bush and E. N. Zacharias.

COLORED-PEOPLE'S DAY.

Last night a conference was held between Colonel Buford, president of the Virginia Agricultural Society; Vice-President Wickham, Colonel Murphy, and a number of leading colored citizens, looking to the making of suitable preparations for Colored-People's day (Monday, October 24th) at the Exposition.

Rev. W. W. Browne, President of the True Reformers' Bank, was made chairman of the Committee of Arrangements and James H. Hayes, secretary.

After a full exchange of views, a committee consisting of Rev. W. W. Browne, B. F. Turner, Dr. H. L. Harris, and James H. Hayes were named to arrange a programme for the day, which will probably consist of running and trotting races, bicycle races, a sham battle, a walking match, athletic sports, base-ball and a grand concert. This committee will meet the Exposition committee this evening at 5 o'clock at the Exposition-Grounds.

The general committee of colored citizens will meet at the True-Reformers' Hall on Saturday evening at 3 o'clock.

From the enthusiasm evinced in the meeting it looks as if Colored-People's Day will be a great success.

The following well-known colored persons attended the conference: Major J. B. Johnson, Dr. R. E. Jones, William Custalo, Thomas H. Lewis, E. A. Randolph, George Stephens, Jr., Charles F. Walttie, and Hon. John H. Smythe, of Washington.

EXPOSITION NOTES.

Yesterday was probably the most successful of any day since the Exposition. The races were particularly good, the minor attractions did well, while the Battle of the Crater was executed better than ever before. The gatemen said that the crowd was larger than heretofore, and the people from the country rolled in by thousands. The Exposition seems to grow more attractive every day, and the crowds are increasing steadily.

Many persons have manifested interest in the rooster-minstrels, and several have inquired at the DISPATCH booth when the performance would begin. A reporter learned yesterday that the roosters were all here, but the performance would not begin until Monday next at 12 o'clock, the show being repeated in the Music Hall every thirty minutes during the day. It is said to be a first-class minstrel-troupe of its character, and doubtless it will give satisfaction.

Mr. Jean Witzman, who was recently hurt by falling from the light-rope at the "Paris and Commune" performance, has not sufficiently recovered from his injuries to appear again tonight, but will be at his post Saturday night, and will be welcomed by a host of people who are interested in athletic feats.

In the Poultry Hall all the fowls have been judged, and the ribbons, blue and red, decorate many of the coops. Large crowds are viewing the different specimens and much interest is manifested in them.

Dr. Charles L. Siegel is the authorized surgeon upon the grounds of the Exposition. His office is at the DISPATCH headquarters, where he can be found, and will serve in any emergency.

Major W. T. Stilwell, of Baltimore, accompanied by his wife, are doing the Exposition, and are highly pleased with Virginia's great fair.

CROWDS WITNESS THE BATTLE.

The "Battle of the Crater" was produced last night at the Exposition-Grounds before an immense throng of people, who filled every available seat and spot from which the beautiful spectacle could be witnessed.

Fully 12,000 persons watched the movements of the military, cheered the "Old Guard" when they made their famous charge, and gazed in breathless admiration at the magnificent pyrotechnic displays in which the show closes. The soldier boys who took part in the performance all did their duty well, and the great battle was almost fought over again by the enthusiastic participants in the affair. Veterans who really took part in the contest near the Cockade City were delighted with the spectacle.

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Brockwell, O. Brockwell, and A. A. Oniel, Norfolk; Mrs. W. C. Webb, Charlottesville; Mrs. Mary A. Trevillian, Manchester; J. H. Cooke, Atlantic City; J. W. Hannah, Johnson City, Tenn.; R. P. Gunn, Dinwiddie; E. T. Havill, Prince George; E. G. Nesbitt, Front Royal, Va.; E. W. Shumate, Manchester; E. J. Tucker and C. Tucker, Roxboro', N. C.; Crutchanks, W. Priddy, T. McCann, and E. L. Christian; Hanover county; Mrs. W. E. Ponton and W. E. Ponton, Danville, Va.; W. A. Pointdexter, Louisa; F. M. Butler, Miss Lizzie Tombs, and Miss Carrie O. Butler, Glen Allen, Va.; W. P. Thornton, Lexington, Va.; W. J. Clements, Fennoywood, Va.; W. O. Willis, Mt. Airy, N. C.; J. H. Scate, Byrdsville, Va.; W. H. Thompson and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Amelia; G. W. Congdon, F. C. Congdon, J. Congdon, and C. C. Congdon, Chesterfield; J. C. Phillips and F. Sinclair, Elizabeth City; Miss Susie Broaddus and Miss Lizzie B. Broaddus, Bowling Green; E. D. Newell, Prince George county; W. J. Jordan, South Boston, Va.; Mrs. A. Taylor, Miss Clara Alvis, and Robert Taylor, Goochland; A. Dillard and wife, Blanche Booker, and Charles Booker, Old Church; W. E. McCor.

A POWERFUL SPEECH

HON. HOLMES CONRAD ADDRESSES THE DEMOCRATS OF RICHMOND.

A Fine Gathering at Old-Market Hall Last Night—Exhaustive Discussion of the Campaign Issues.

Several hundred earnest Democrats attended the meeting at Old-Market Hall last night and listened with rapt attention to the stirring eloquence of Hon. Holmes Conrad, who delivered a magnificent address upon the issues of the present campaign.

The large room was crowded with people, but in the huge assembly, which embraced many of the most prominent persons of the city, there was not the slightest disorder or misbehavior of any kind. From the moment the speaker commenced his remarks until he concluded his address there was scarcely a sound from his auditors, save when some spontaneous outburst of applause occurred, for they were profoundly interested and all attentive. At times, when the distinguished Democrat paused for a moment, one could almost have heard a pin fall.

THE SCOUTS WERE THERE.

The Cleveland Scouts, in their zouave uniforms and accompanied by a band of music, attended the gathering. They were under the command of Captain F. D. Barnett.

The rostrum from which Major Conrad addressed his audience was prettily decorated in the national colors, and many well-known politicians occupied seats upon it. Among these were Mr. S. S. P. Patteson, chairman of the City Democratic Committee, who presided over the meeting; Mayor Ellyson, Colonel John B. Cary, Captain Alexander Coke, Captain George Wayne Anderson, Judge Hunter H. Marshall, William H. Callingworth, J. Taylor Stratton, G. K. Mason (chairman of the Democratic Committee), Cunningham Hall, Dr. Edward McGuire, and Dr. George Foy, of Ireland, who is the guest of Dr. Hunter McGuire.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. S. S. P. Patteson, who gracefully alluded to the abilities of the orator and his popularity before Virginia audiences. Just before Mr. Conrad commenced his remarks the Cleveland Scouts and other enthusiasts raised a cry of applause which assured him of his welcome before his hearers.

THE REPUBLICAN YOKE MUST BE THROWN ASIDE.

The speaker began by saying that Chauncey Depew had recently stated that this canvass was characterized by an unusual apathy, which indicated a marked lack of interest in the result of the coming election. Such was not the case. The outward signs showed but little demonstrativeness, but notwithstanding this there was a deep current of feeling. The people had awakened to the importance of shaking off the Republican yoke. Even in the ranks of the enemy there had been many defections, and now as never before have the public been awakened to a realization of the fact that unless they put aside party leaders and come out in their own strength the work of their forefathers will be in vain and every institution will perish, and this government be among the governments of the past.

The Third party, which was asserting itself in this and other States, was simply a wing of the Republicans in disguise.

The speaker in his vigorous language then pointed out the work of Harrison's administration—its extravagance, its recklessness, and its evil ways. When Cleveland turned over the keys of the White House to the present Executive there were $100,000,000 in the public Treasury—$100,000,000 of Democratic savings. Where is it now? Gone! Expended in addition to all the other extravagances to which the people have been subjected in the past three-and-one-half years under the domination of the Republican party's hold upon power. Gone! And, what is more, the United States is bankrupt to-day. From official and authentic sources we learn that the government has repudiated its obligations.

MILLIONS WASTED IN PENSIONS.

The people were crying for reform in tariff; but there was another matter which needed still more attention—the cry of pensions. Willingly the southern people had paid their money to aid the Federal veterans, but they had received no thanks. Nothing has ever been done for our old soldiers, but even this has been submitted to. When the Confederate veterans assembled from various parts of the country to do honor to Lee or Jackson they cheerfully paid their own expenses, but when the G. A. R. met at Washington just on the eve of an election Congress appropriated $50,000 for their entertainment and pleasure. Half of the revenues of the government are now being expended in pensions. Two hundred and eighty-one millions of dollars are paid out for this purpose from our Treasury, and as its equivalent we receive nothing.

The speaker read extracts from two of Harrison's messages in 1889, in which the President urged Congress to take steps to suppress alleged election frauds in the South. The language and the suggestions embodied in the document plainly showed that "Little Benjy" is first and foremost as an advocate of the force bill. It is the corner-stone of Republican policy. To-day the right of the exercise of suffrage hangs upon the issue of the canvass. If the sceptre of governmental power is again confided to that party, the very first act of the administration will be the enactment of that bill into an irrepealable law. When that time arrives what becomes of the rights of freemen? When measures are obnoxious to the public, they have but two ways to prevent them—by their ballots or by recourse to arms. The former prerogative in case of Republican success would be lodged in the hands of one man to adjudicate our votes.

Major Conrad's speech was one of the most powerful which has been delivered in Richmond for months. It was free from verbosity, clear, plain, and forcible, yet interesting from beginning to end. The most ignorant man could have understood every argument and yet the most scholarly could not have failed to appreciate it.

A Brave Man Rewarded.

Several months ago Stuart Madison, a lad 10 years of age, was drowned in James river near the Chesapeake and Ohio railway bridge, while bathing with several other boys near a sunken boat. Great difficulty was experienced in getting the body out of the water, and several persons made efforts to recover it. At great personal risk Mr. M. J. Mahoney, who is better known as "Mike" Mahoney, dived for the little corpse and succeeded in getting it ashore. Mrs. Madison, the mother of Stuart, offered him a handsome reward, but the brave fellow positively refused to take it, and would not hear of any compensation. The unfortunate parent was not to be outdone, however, and yesterday she presented Mr. Mahoney with a beautiful gold medal bearing the name of the deceased and the date of the sad accident.

The Foot-Ball Season.

The foot-ball season will open in Richmond tomorrow afternoon, when the middle-weight but active Richmond College team will tackle Washington and Lee's representatives at Island Park. "Big" Clements will take care of the centre in the rush line for the college boys, while Hazeln, the captain of the team, Bocker, and Rucker are expected to acquit themselves with their usual skill in the rear. The college team averages 158 pounds, and they are a muscular-looking group. Washington and Lee also has a first-rate team, and they have been exerting special energies for the approaching contest. The ladies will be admitted to the game free of charge. An exciting contest may be expected, for the two teams are well matched, and each is fully determined to win the game.

Work of the Ambulance.

The ambulance responded to four calls yesterday, as follows:

At 3 P. M. to Seventh and Byrd streets to a white man who had gotten his hand caught in machinery, badly mashing it. He was treated and left.

At 3:50 P. M. to P. H. Mayo's tobacco-factory to a colored woman, who had fallen down the steps and sprained her foot. She was treated and taken to her home, on Twentieth and Broad streets.

At 4:20 P. M. to the First Police Station to a white man suffering with a fit. He recovered before the arrival of the ambulance.

At 5:30 P. M. to the First Police Station to a colored boy whose arm had been cut by a piece of glass. He was treated and left.

Among the Clubs.

The Powhatan Club will meet at 8:30 o'clock to-night to arrange details in connection with the demonstration to be had under its auspices. The Committee on Demonstration will meet at 8 o'clock sharp, and members of it are requested to be prompt in attendance. It is desired that members of sub-Committees on Speakers, Reception, Invitation, Finance, and on Arrangements shall be present at the meeting of the club.

The Fulton Club, at its regular meeting last night, decided to have a big demonstration next Friday night, the 21st, in the vacant lot opposite Bonaparte's Hall. Messrs. T. H. Davis, S. A. P. Pyle, James E. Grady, P. C. Martin, John O'Connor, and P. M. O'Donnell were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the rally.

Work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

A well-attended meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held yesterday at noon at the Second Baptist church. Reports of the contributions from several of the branch societies were received and the sums collected amounted to more than $150. It was a matter of great regret that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt, who were expected, did not reach the city in time to attend the meeting.

It was resolved to make an immediate effort to raise a contribution for the centennial fund.

A called meeting of the society will be held on the first Tuesday in November.

Council Committee Meetings.

The Council Committee on James-River Improvement held a business meeting at noon yesterday. The usual number of bills and the regular pay-rolls were approved. It was decided to hire out one of the city dredges to Mr. John A. Curtis.

A special meeting of the Committee on Health was held yesterday afternoon. No business of importance was transacted.

The Committee on Light was to have held a conference to discuss the water-gas plant problem, but there was not a quorum of the members present.

Henrico County Court.

The County Court of Henrico was still engaged yesterday in hearing evidence in the case of John Sylvia, charged with arson. The examination of the Commonwealth's witnesses was concluded about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The examination of the witnesses for the defence still probably conclude this morning. The court adjourned over until to-day.

The Woman's Christian Association.

The Woman's Christian Association met last night at their new quarters on Franklin street, and much interest was manifested by the members, among whom are ladies from every denomination in the city. Mrs. Joseph Bryan, the president of the association, being absent Dr. Wm Williams took the chair. The meeting was opened with an earnest and appropriate prayer by Dr. George Cooper, after which Dr. Williams made a brief address, explaining the origin, growth, and object of the organization, which, he said, held its first meeting in the parlors of Bishop Whittle. The Rev. Dr. Tudor then made an admirable speech, which went straight to the point and contained much sound advice. Dr. Tudor was followed by Dr. Hoge, who in a brief speech aroused great enthusiasm in the meeting. After a hymn Dr. Hoge pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned, each member feeling a decided encouragement for the work of the association.

Worthy of Sympathy and Consideration.

A few days ago we called attention to the painting of the tattered Confederate battle-flag being exhibited at Murphy's by Miss Louise Williams, the young lady artist who is labering to support her father, a paralyzed Confederate soldier, by her brush. Among her testimonials from prominent men is the following from the late Henry W. Grady:

"*To Whom It May Concern:*

"This will introduce Miss Louise Williams, of this city, who is highly endorsed by her pastor, who is my personal friend, and by all others who know her, including Governor Gordon. She is the daughter of a helpless invalid, and upon her efforts mainly depend the support of her family. She is worthy the sympathy and consideration of all with whom she comes in contact, and I heartily wish her such sympathy as the helpless and unfortunate deserve.

"Very truly, HENRY W. GRADY."

Not a Single Grand-Jury Case.

In the Police Court yesterday the cases heard were of a trivial and unimportant nature, not a single one being certified to the grand jury of the Hustings Court.

George Bailey (colored) was charged with stealing the hat of Ed Sallie. The accusation was not borne out by the testimony and the case was dismissed.

George Robinson (colored) was required to pay $5 and costs for being disorderly in the street and cursing and abusing Mary Johnson.

Sandy Eaton and Rutledge Clark (both colored) paid $2.50 and costs each for fighting and creating a disturbance on the Exposition-Grounds.

The continued case of John Cox, who was arrested for assaulting and beating William Hammond, was heard, and the accused was fined $5.

To Guarantee Tobacco and Other Merchandise.

A guarantee stock company is now forming here to issue certificates of its own on loose tobacco in factories, which shall certify the true value, condition, &c., of the tobacco. These certificates will be from an officer of the company, who shall also look after the insurance and see that the rebandler or factory-owner is properly bonded. On such certificates banks and others will lend money if the guarantee company has not money of its own. A number of leading tobacconists of the city are interested in the company. A charter for the company has already been obtained, which allows it to extend its work to any part of the State and guarantee other lines of merchandise in addition to tobacco.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The following cases were argued in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals:

Van Gunden and others against the Virginia Coal and Iron Company. Motion on behalf of plaintiffs in error for leave to file a petition for reh