A REVIEW OF SPORTS.

Leading Baseball Features of the Week.

NEW LEAGUE ENTHUSIASM.

Some Reasons Why Billy Murphy Defeated the Belfast Spider.

THE WAY PUGILISTS ARE RUINED

And still we are all waiting to hear and see the effects of the baseball bomb; that is, whether it will explode or whether it is merely a bladder that the application of a pin will burst. This anxious world of ours, with its millions of human beings, cannot be kept in suspense much longer; if we are there will in all likelihood be an explosion of human passion that will shake the very foundations of the judicial structure of this vast country. Judges, nor Presidents, nor governments must fool and trifle with baseball cranks. Therefore, if Judge O'Brien has any respect for his health in this world and his eternal happiness in another, he had better make up his mind on the injunction case right away. However, the case has afforded good reading during the week. I feel certain that everybody who has read the accounts of the lawyers' speeches must have felt exceedingly interested. Both ex-Judge Howland and Mr. Choate did capital work, and presented their respective arguments with an ability that would compel the Judge to ponder well before giving an opinion. Mr. Choate is undoubtedly a very able and witty gentleman and some of his pieces of wit and many of his metaphors are, indeed, rare treats. It would be extremely audacious on my part to even attempt to give an opinion as to what the legal outcome of the case will be, but judging from outside appearances, or rather side issues, I am inclined to think that there will be no injunction granted. It seems to me that the resolve of the Judge to reserve his decision for a few days augurs well for the players, because it would seem that if there was anything like a good supply of reasonable argument in favor of the injunction an injunction of a preliminary kind would have been granted.

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Will It Affect Others?

Much has been said during the week regarding the effect of the Judge's opinion. It has been stated that if an injunction against Ward is granted it will have no effect on the other players and that Ward will simply content himself with managing the Brooklyn Players' club. I fear there is not much solidity about a statement or prediction of this kind. A decision against Ward is sure to have a great moral effect on the players, and will also have considerable effect on the general cases which are sure to follow. If the New York League Club is successful in this instance depend upon it other suits will be pushed with great rapidity, and the chances will be against the players. But if the Judge's opinion goes against the New York League Club I cannot see the utility of carrying the legal fight further. Ward is certainly the best case that the National League could tackle, and if that cannot be won the conflict in the courts had better be dropped. I certainly am inclined, and very strongly, to the belief that Judge O'Brien's opinion will end the entire matter. I expect it to favor Ward, and I will be disappointed if that does not terminate the legal fight. I have never had much faith in the law in sporting matters, chiefly because if a law forces a man to perform against his will there is a corresponding absence of harmony and contentment, and in matters of sports or amusements these are two great essentials. Moreover I am inclined to think that should the law enjoin every player interested it would prompt such an outburst of public feeling against it as would make things exceedingly unpleasant. The Public's sympathy, right or wrong, is invariably on the side of those whom the law fetters in their daily efforts to make an honest livelihood.

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The Week's Doings.

Outside the famous injunction case there has not been much of importance going on in the baseball world during the week. Certainly in what little has been going on the new League has had the best of it; none of us can shut our eyes to this fact. The new organization has made advances at various places, and as a result there is more enthusiasm regarding it than there has been since it was first launched. In Pittsburg, particularly, I have observed during the last few days that the new League supporters are extremely enthusiastic; and, indeed, this quality is one of the greatest essentials to success. The quality is contagious, even more so than the "grip." If it—enthusiasm, not the "grip"—develops much more, we will see an idea borrowed from Sir Walter Scott, made to rhyme as follows, and prominently displayed at every street corner and public building:

Breathes there a man with soul so dead;
Who never to himself hath said,
With the boys I mean to stand?
If such there be go punch his pate;
And deal to him Nicklinty's fate.
He ought not to live upon our land.

Whatever enthusiasm may lead us to, however, we should try and be fair. When we become so wild in mind as to forget the spirit of fair play then our downfall is very near. It is, therefore, incumbent that the supporters of the National League and their efforts should not be unfairly dealt with. The old League has its good and bad points just as has the new League, and it should never be forgotten that the old League officials think, aye, earnestly believe, they are fighting for the maintenance of their own territory. I am aware that there are many Brotherhood supporters, I have met many, who are so intolerant that they would not allow, had they the power of absolute prevention, anybody to think other than that the new League is the ideal of perfection and that the old League is the concentration of rottenness, tyranny and robbery. Such people are enemies to their own cause. None of us are entirely right, and this worldwide fact certainly ought to prompt a little toleration, if not respect.

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Priddy and McClelland.

Without doubt one of the most important foot races that has taken place for years is that arranged during the week between Peter Priddy and E. C. McClelland. The race as stated in THE DISPATCH is to take place on March 1, and will be for $1,000 a side, quite a stake for a foot race nowadays. When I say quite a stake I mean a real stake, because every week we hear about these busy pedestrians out West running at very small towns for very large sums of money. However, this kind of reported stakes only exist in the fancy. The stakes of the local race in question, however, are genuine, and if all goes well the $2,000 in cash will be run for. There are two or three interesting features about the proposed race, and one of them shows that Pittsburg sporting people make themselves prominent more by deeds than by words. At many other places we find quite the reverse. Facts bear this out. For a long time past any number of Eastern pedestrians have been monopolizing space in newspapers, declaring their readiness to run anybody else. Whenever it came to putting up the cash, however, the declarations were apparently forgotten. McClelland issued a challenge to the world through THE DISPATCH, and none of these gushing Easterners noticed it. It was left for Pittsburg to deal with, and, as usual, it was dealt with in a business and sportsmanlike way.

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Features of the Race.

I am inclined to think that the proposed race will do more toward bringing that kind of sport back into popularity than anything else has done for a very long time. More than once I have pointed out my reasons for wishing that foot-racing was more popular than it is and I have a hope that it will once more get into public favor if good and honest contests only are encouraged. It seems reasonable to me to say that Priddy and McClelland will run for the three-mile championship of America. Of course, I am aware that some people will oppose any such claim; but, in bookmaking parlance there is 10 to 1 on the assertion that there is more reason in support of the claim than there is in more than half of all other instances. I would like to know why the two runners can not put the title at issue, because McClelland particularly has been eager for a long time to run anybody a three-mile race. Besides, the winner of the race in question will certainly be prepared to tackle anybody at the distance, and I venture to say, for a larger stake than $1,000 a side.

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O'Connor and His Backer.

If reports that have been in circulation during the week are true Mr. Rogers has left William O'Connor, the sculler. This is undoubtedly a great loss to O'Connor, because there are few men who are the equal of Mr. Rogers in dealing with matters aquatic. He has had a long experience, and with good men; he is an excellent judge of a rower and a good business man. He states that the pressure of his private business prevents his devoting aly necessary attention to O'Connor. This may and may not be the sole reason for the severance, but I venture to say that had O'Connor defeated Searle the Canadian and his backer would still have been pulling together yet. If O'Connor is the rower many of us thought he was when he defeated Teemer on the Potomac, there is a profitable future before him yet, and he will undoubtedly hold the American championship at least for a long time to come. The status of professional sculling is certainly at a low ebb, but it may come to the front again. One or two international contests would do much toward re-establishing it, and it seems safe to say that these international contests will take place. Even though Mr. Rogers has declared his severance from O'Connor, the latter states he is going to Australia to row Stansbury. This report may and may not be true, but I will not be surprised if it is. O'Connor has taken the sensible view that the championship title cannot and should not be settled in a regatta or sweepstakes affair. He has issued a bona fide challenge, and certainly if he and Stansbury should row a match race there would be some reason for saying that the title was at issue. There would be no such reason if only a regatta were being held.

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Murphy and Weir.

Matters have been tolerably busy in the pugilistic world during the week, and from now on until the springtime has come and gone there will be much to talk about. The most prominent event of the week among the manly art exponents has been the contest between Billy Murphy, the little Australian, and Ike Weir, the Belfast Spider. The latter's famous laurels were plucked, and many people were surprised, very much surprised indeed. However, when the details of the encounter are looked into there is little or no reason for surprise. I wouldn't have risked a $10 bill on Weir's chances; I was victimized, or at least a friend on my account was, to the extent of a small luxury over the result, but I certainly was not surprised at Weir's defeat. Weir, to a great extent, has gone the road of numerous others who, by comparative ease, have attained the crest of fortune's wave. So far he has had a remarkable career, and has proven himself to be a first-class pugilist at his weight. That Murphy never will be as good as Weir when the latter is, or was, at his best, there is no doubt, but the question is, will Weir ever be Weir again? His encounter with Murphy on Monday night was, according to accounts, a miserable affair; so much so that a large portion of the San Francisco public deemed it a "take." However, it would be unsafe and unfair to come to that conclusion without some very definite information on the question. I am of opinion that Wier lost because he could not win. He was sadly out of condition and his hands were in very bad shape. For several weeks before the battle he had been warned about his mode of living, and although he "slowed" up a little toward the date of the fight, he did not make sufficient preparation for his task. Past achievements had his self-esteem much too high. However, bad as things were, he almost battered Murphy stupid in a very short time. The Australian was a pitiable sight, and about the seventh or eighth round only another good blow was needed to extinguish Australia's chance. At this stage, however, contrary to his past record Weir was done, and he held out the well-known signals of distress. He rushed in and freely indulged in upper cuts. This was a sure indication that his hands were gone, because a man who is such a terrific straightout hitter as Weir would never think of rushing in to pummel an opponent with half-arm upper cuts. Weir settled himself; Murphy, though badly battered and bruised, regained his wind, and had an easy task at the finish of knocking all the wind out of an already pricked bladder. Murphy is a game little fellow, but will never rank with Weir when the latter was at his best. They may meet again, and if it is found that there was nothing dishonest about the recent battle they should be given another try.

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Dempsey's Illness.

Readers of these columns will remember that when Dempsey and La Blanche had their last encounter I contended that Dempsey was going sadly out of form. Now we are informed that he is seriously ill, and that he is in the first stages of consumption. If there is any truth at all in these statements we have seen the last of Jack Dempsey in a fistic encounter for a prize. At any rate, we need not expect to hear of his fighting McCarthy for many months, if ever at all. Of course, all patrons of the "noble art" will regret the disappearance of Dempsey from the scene of action. As far as modern boxing goes, probably he has been one of the best exponents of the art that America has had. He was essentially a boxer, and that alone carried him to his many honors. He had plucky, of course, and intelligence, but his great forte was in knowing when and where to hit an opponent. In this and in this respect only was he like Mace. Certainly he could never hit like Mace, but like the Englishman he was quick to embrace opportunities. Dempsey's method of boxing was thoroughly American, and of the most modern kind, and should he never enter the ring again his record will always be looked upon as a brilliant one. However, it can never reasonably be contended that Dempsey was a first-class pugilist, and had he flourished during the period immediately preceding the "glove period" his fame would not have been so national.

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Causes of Ruin.

But Dempsey is alone responsible for his physical wreck. Of course this is seemingly cold comfort, but I mention it to point out one or two facts. The period of glove contests which set in a few years ago has done more toward increasing dissipation among first-class boxers than anything else. Not only have successful contestants, that is, the most successful, been idolized by the public, but their pockets have been filled with money. Two or three years ago there was such a national craze in favor of boxing that a first-class exponent of the art received more attention in what may be called "blooded" society than the President of the United States. The times were gay and festive, no doubt. Well, these times of dissipation have told their tales on more good men than Weir and Dempsey. Sullivan, of course, is an exception, and it is only his extraordinary constitution that has enabled him to so far withstand the evil results. However, some day old Mother Nature will inflict an impressive chastisement. But men who are lightly put together, like Dempsey and Weir, are very silly, indeed, to think that they can revel in the scenes of fast life and retain their pugilistic abilities. Many have tried it, and all have sooner or later failed.

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Jackson's Home Coming.

Before many days pass by Peter Jackson will be again on American soil, and he returns with the professed intention of defeating John L. Sullivan. That there is considerable interest in the proposed battle between these two big men I am convinced, because of the numerous letters I have received on the subject during the week. Everybody seems to want to know what chance Jackson will have against Sullivan. However, after all the talk, it may be that Sullivan and Jackson may not meet each other in the ring this year. It is a fact that Sullivan and the others who took a prominent part in the late Kilrain-Sullivan fight are convinced that the Mississippi authorities mean business. Sullivan, therefore, declares that he will make no engagements to meet anybody until after the Southern trouble is over. Therefore, if Sullivan has to serve his 12 months' sentence out, it may be that the two men may never meet at all. However, one thing is certain, and that is Jackson's agents will herald him for all he is worth. The Australian and his managers are entirely out for business and so far they have done well. That they will continue to do so there is little doubt, because Australian stock is very high just now. The Antipodeans have for a long time been carrying everything before them. What may be termed their luck cannot last and they had better make hay while the sun shines. Just as sure as we live, whenever Jackson gets beaten there will be thousands who now deem him a first-class man, who will then declare that he is a pugilistic fraud. This has ever been so, and when Sullivan defeats Jackson, if the latter does not disappear from public view just as completely as our late lamented and mutual friend Mr. McGinty, I'll be very much mistaken. However, the two may never meet and it will be none the worse for Jackson.

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The Middle Weights.

Really, I am fully convinced that the most interesting features of pugilism at present are among the middle weights. There are good grounds for saying that there is a better field, if such a turfy expression can here be used, of middle weights to-day than there has been for years. That class has ever been, and, I think, ever will be, an attractive class of boxers. In it there are always some very able men of muscle, science and intelligence. Well, at the present time there are some very promising middle weight pugilists, and each one seems to be a little wary of the other. Of course, had Dempsey been in condition, I think he would have downed both McCarthy and young Mitchell, but now that Dempsey has gone to one side, for a time at least, it will be interesting to know what the magnates of 'Frisco will do. I for one am curious to know what show they will give Fogarty. I am in a position to say that Fogarty will take Dempsey's place if sufficient time is afforded him to get ready. The Philadelphian will certainly face McCarthy, and if victorious will face young Mitchell, and if still victorious will meet La Blanche. If this is not meaning business, I don't know what is. It is indeed very, very strange that no opportunity is afforded Fogarty to make his way in a profession that he desires to select, while others from all parts of the world have every chance given they want. Fogarty even goes so far as to post a forfeit to fight for a big stake, and still he is ignored. Those athletic clubs on the Golden Shore may have many good points, but they are miserably partial. Before this year is out, however, I have an idea that La Blanche will be compelled to meet somebody and contest for the middle-weight championship. Of course at present La Blanche has no legitimate claim to the title, because he was overweight when he met Dempsey. It is, therefore, reasonable to say that when the Marine has to come down to weight to meet a good middle-weight he will find that he has a much harder task in hand than he expected. It may be that Dominick McCaffrey will definitely join the middle-weight class this year, if he does, I expect to hear good accounts of him. He will be a good man at 158 pounds. PRINGLE.

ROGERS' STATEMENT.

He Explains Who Are Delaying the Philadelphia Baseball Cases.

PHILADELPHIA, January 18.—In reply to the statements that the officials of the Philadelphia League club are afraid to push their suit against Hallman and Buffinton, Colonel Rogers says:

"I deny that there has been any delay in the prosecution of the equity suit against Buffinton and Hallman. Service was only effected against Hallman, who is a resident of this city. At the time we expected to be able to secure service against Buffinton, but he did not come to the city, as was expected. I asked Lawyer Vandersilce to accept service on behalf of the players in order to expedite matters, but he failed to do so. Having filed our title on December 23 for the defendants to plead, demur or answer within 30 days, nothing can be done with the plaintiffs until their answer is filed.

"The present delay is therefore caused by the defendants taking advantage of the time allowed them by the equity rule. They have yet six days left to file their answer. If no new matter is alleged in their answer other than denials of the bill of complaint, then the court will appoint an examiner to take testimony. If new matter is alleged the plaintiffs will be allowed ten days to file a reply. It all depends then upon the desire of the respective lawyers to expedite matters how long a time will be consumed in taking the testimony. The Philadelphia Club will do all in its power to complete the testimony in time for the argument list in March, when the whole matter should be answered on bill, answer and proofs.

"An application will then be made for a final injunction. Under our practice in this State there would be no good to ask a preliminary injunction to restrain Hallman from playing ball, as the Court would very properly say that there is no danger of him playing ball this season of the year. In New York the practice is entirely different, but even there a preliminary injunction would not have been asked against John Ward, regarded only as a ball player. It is principally asked because he is at present the head and front of the Players' League, and he is every day doing something for its advantage and to the injury of the New York club. Hence Lawyers Evarts, Choate and Beaman rely with some confidence on the injunction being granted now to stop further efforts on Ward's part toward promoting the organization of the Player's League."

VERY MUCH SURPRISED.

Homer Peacock Talks Strongly About Collins' Defeat at Sheffield.

Homer Peacock, of Detroit, backer of Collins, who was defeated in the recent Christmas handicap at Sheffield, talks strongly about Collins' defeat. He cannot understand it. He says:

"Now, as to what I know Collins can do, if disposed, it being a well-known fact that he can always run faster for a large sum than he can in trials or races for a stake. I believe he beat George Smith, of Pittsburg, U. S. A., two yards in 1:20 last autumn, this same Smith having previously won a Sheffield handicap. He can beat, in my opinion, any man in America that is known 120 yards, or any man in the world from 220 yards to a quarter of a mile. I make this statement based on present records, and having timed him at all distances from 50 yards to a quarter of a mile. He can run 300 yards inside of 32 seconds, and should have won this last Sheffield handicap six yards inside of 12 seconds. He can run a quarter of a mile inside of 48 seconds, and at any distance down to 100 yards as above stated, can beat all records. With Collins on the 828-yard mark, there is no man who stands behind him can win, in my opinion, when he makes up his mind to go for the pieces, and no American will be backed to win with Collins on his present mark. All American pedestrians know these statements to be true, but those runners who do not know me I affix my affidavit."

Winners at Guttenburg.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

RACE TRACK, GUTTENBURG, N. J., January 18.—The track here to-day was in capital shape, and as the starting was prompt, the large crowd was in good humor. The results are as follows:

First race, six furlongs—Pommery see first, Gold Fish second, Lord Beaconsfield third. Time, 1:20. Betting—Pommery Sec 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, Gold Fish 20 to 1 and 8 to 1, Lord Beaconsfield 7 to 1 and 7 to 5.

Second race, five furlongs—Sue Finney gelding first, Millerton second, Miss Rhody third. Time, 1:04¾. Betting—Sue Finney gelding 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, Millerton 7 to 5 and 1 to 2, Miss Rhody 4 to 1 and 7 to 5.

Third race, seven furlongs—Crispin first, Arizona second, Jim Gates third. Time, 1:32¾. Betting: Crispin 18 to 5 and 7 to 5, Arizona 20 to 1 and 4 to 1, Jim Gates 6 to 1 and 2 to 1.

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Lafitte first, Vigilant second, Vendetta third. Time, 1:52. Betting: Lafitte 12 to 5 and 9 to 10, Vigilant 8 to 1 and 2 to 1, Vendetta 8 to 1 and 2 to 1.

Fifth race—Battersby first, Hilda second, Howe third. Time, 1:48½.

Betting of fifth race: Battersby 2½ to 1, Hilda 6 to 5, Howe 2½ to 1.

Sixth race, one mile—Landseer first, Tyrone second, Mamie Hay third. Time, 1:46½. Betting: Landseer 2 to 1, Tyrone 6 to 5, Mamie Hay 12 to 1.

Clifton Entries.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CLIFTON RACE TRACK, N. J., January 18.—The entries for Monday are as follows:

First race, five furlongs—Frejols, Katie H, John Atwood, Little Jake 110, Joe Cannon 105, Belair, Moonstone 102, Lizzie M, Mirabeau 100, Little Mickey, Prospect, Harry Rose, Squantum, Ronchos, Pat Moran 96.

Second race, seven and one-half furlongs—Sterling, J O C, Gusch, Owen Golden 112, Ben Lasher, The Abbess, Mabel Glenn, Gratitude 107.

Third race, six and one-half furlongs—Ethel 99, Aristocrat, Brait, Romance 94, Blessed Be, Hilda, Fannie H 93, Miss Cody, Deception, Zulu 90, Owen Golden 89.

Fourth race, one mile—Juggler 116, Frejols 109, J. J. Ob 106, Tellie Doe, Glory 104.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Omdire, Serenader, Faster, Red Elm, Autocrat, Rosarium, Jim Murphy 122, Ofalece, Question, Saluda 115, Chapman 113, Rafter 104, Mamie B, Lillie M 99.

Sixth race, six and one-half furlongs—Puzzle, Crusader 130, Gendarme, John Arkins 127, Hemlock 123, Hairspring 123, Melodrama 116, Richland, Lady Archer 102, Triffet, Courtier 105, Linguist, My Own 95, Dougan, Alveda 90.

Ready to Start.

Everything is ready for the 24-hour pedestrian contest which begins at the Palace Rink, East End, to-morrow evening. The contestants will run four hours each evening, from 7 to 11 o'clock, for six days. The track is about 16 laps to the mile and is a good one. There are 18 entries and the first man will receive 65 and the second 35 per cent of the entrance fees. The contestants' share of the receipts will be divided as follows: First, 40 per cent, second 30, third 20 and fourth 10 per cent. The contestants entered are Fred Robinson, "Reddy" Mason, Joe Sheridan, J. Keefe, Clarke Waddell, N. McCaffrey, E. C. McClelland, Ed Nikirk, Joseph Priddy, Jr., G. Hagerling, Andy Siebert, Ed Moninger and Charles Shaul.

The Chicago Team a Wonder.

A prominent local supporter of the National League, who objects to his name being used, said yesterday to the writer: "Well, I really think the Brotherhood is getting stronger, and certainly the new club at Chicago is the strongest combination of players I have ever known. I have been in the baseball business for many years, and never knew of such a team of star players. There are so many great men among them, however, that they may differ among themselves. If they don't they will be a wonderful aggregation."

Wants Another Battle.

NEW YORK, January 18.—Frank Cox, who fought Tommy Barnes at Buffalo, N. Y., two weeks ago and lost on a foul in the eighth round, called at the *Police Gazette* office yesterday and stated that the donors of the purse in the late fight have offered to subscribe $300 to $500 for another meeting between Barnes and himself, the contest to be with skin gloves to a finish and to occur in the vicinity of Buffalo. Cox will bet $250 outside of the purse that he will win. He will meet Barnes at 2 P. M. to-morrow, to post a forfeit and arrange the match.

Postponed the Fight.

NEW YORK, January 18.—The glove fight to a finish between Paddy McCarthy and George Reynolds for $250 a side and purse of $250 has been postponed indefinitely, owing to the illness of Reynolds, who was taken with pneumonia while training. The backers of the men met yesterday. Reynolds' backers will pay McCarthy training expenses, and the stakes in the match will be drawn.

Jimmy Rowan's Success.

Local patrons of the fistic art will be interested to know that Jimmy Rowan, the lightweight pugilist of Pittsburg, now of Steubenville, will be married to-day. Rowan has been doing well and has entirely abandoned the prize ring. He is now a prosperous business man.

Wegand's Challenge.

George Wegand offers to run "Reddy" Mason a foot race of 150 yards for $100 a side and concede Mason three yards' start. Wegand will be at this office on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to make a match.

BAXTER'S RACY TALK.

Interesting Details About the Disastrous Fire at Macey's Stables.

THE LAST SEASON'S RECORDS.

A Few Significant Facts About the Young Pacers and Trotters.

SENATOR STANFORD'S LAST PURCHASE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LEXINGTON, KY., January 18.—Though no sales of magnitude have been reported in trotting horse circles here since the new year set in, still the market holds its upward tendency, and what little trading has been done in a quiet way, has in every instance resulted in an exchange of good prices. When at leisure trotting horsemen, the last few days, have confined their chat to Macey Bros.' terrible loss of last Saturday. These unfortunate young men have the deepest sympathy of all. They have received telegrams of sympathy from leading horsemen from all over the Union. It is also reported that the citizens of Versailles will aid the Maceys to rebuild their stable and re-establish the business which was of so much value to the town. On the other hand, a gentleman who is in a position to know, says the Macey Brothers will not rebuild, but will hereafter confine their training operations to their breeding farm near Versailles.

The following celebrated trotters and pacers are among the 1,200 head of horses which will be sold at auction here at the Brasfield and other sales during February: Susie S, 2:16¼; Horri, 2:17; Bud Crooks, 2:18¼; Protection, 2:19¼; Hinder Wilkes, 2:20¼; Cognac, 2:20½; Emulation, 2:21; Elgin Girl, 2:20¼; Calinda, 2:28½; Thalia, 2:26; Lurette, 2:25¾; The King, 2:29¼; Count Wilkes, 2:25¼; Egberta, 2:29½; Elkhorn, 2:28¼; Woodford Pilot, 2:23¾; Lusette, 2:26½; Danville Wilkes, 2:27; Bessie Wingate, 2:28; Problem, 2:24½, and Rene, 2:26. Never in the history of breeding have so many tried performers been offered at public sale in a single month in the same county.

LAST YEAR'S RECORDS.

There was no change in 1889, of the records made by trotters, at various distances, and the records from one mile up to 20, are as follows:

One mile, 2:08¾, Maud S, against time, in harness, with running mate, at Glenville, O., July 30, 1885.

Two miles, 4:43, Fannie Witherspoon, against time, at Chicago, Ill., September 25, 1885.

Three miles, 7:21¾, Huntress, in harness, at Brooklyn, L. I., September 21, 1872.

Four miles, 9:38¾, Longfellow, to wagon, Sacramento, Cal., December 31, 1869.

Five miles—13:00, Lady Mac, in harness, San Francisco, Cal., April 2, 1874.

Ten miles—27:29¾, Controller, in harness, San Francisco, Cal., November 23, 1878.

Twenty miles—58:25, Captain McGowan, in harness, half-mile track, Boston, Mass., October, 31, 1865.

Johnston still holds the best pacing record, 2:06¾, but during the season of 1889 Brown Hal reduced the stallion pacing record to 2:12¾, and Yolo Maid the 3-year-old mark down to 2:14. The following are the tables showing the phenomenal youngsters the trotters are far in the ascendancy, although Johnston has paced 2¾ seconds faster than any horse ever trotted.

Age.	Trotters.	Record.
2	Sunol	2:18
3	Sunol	2:10¼
4	Manzanita	2:16
4	Edwards	2:16
5	Jay-Eye-See	2:10¾
5	Ed Rosewater	2:20½
3	Yolo Maid	2:14
4	Gold Leaf	2:11¼
5	Arrow	2:12¾

It is also worthy of note that even Brown Hal's mark of 2:12¾ is also excelled by the trotters Axtell, 2:12¾, Palo Alto, 2:12¾, and Stamboul, 2:12¾. In the fight against Father Time it will be seen the trotter is now away in the lead.

A NEGLECTED RECORD.

In its table of fast performers in groups, the *Turf, Field and Farm* fails to give Houri, 2:17, a place in its 5-year-old table, giving Mocking Bird 2:17¾; Stamboul's mark of 2:17¼ (at that age) and Lot Slocum's 2:17¾ the preference over Onward's great daughter, who met all the requirements of a race horse by taking her record in a red-hot contest. The only 5-year-old records better than Houri's are those of Jay-Eye-See, 2:10¾, Patron, 2:14¾, and Susie S, 2:15¾. Houri's dam, Jessie Turner, who is now owned by A. A. Kitzmiller, Plainview stud, is only 9 years old, and is the youngest of Mambrino Patchen's daughters to produce a trotter with such a fast record. She is in foal this season to Ellenrie Wilkes, 2:28¾.

Of the five great mares in trotting history—Maud S 2:08¾, Sunol 2:10¼, Belle Hamlin 2:12¾, Goldsmith Maid 2:14, and Trinket 2:14—two Maud S and Trinket, were bred in Kentucky, while one each of the other were bred in California, New Jersey and New York. As to the great geldings, Jay-Eye-See, 2:10, was bred in Kentucky, while Guy 2:10¾, St. Julien 2:11¼, and Rarus 2:13¾, first saw the light in New York. California leads in great stallions, Palo Alto, Stamboul 2:12¾, Electioneer, being bred there, while Axtell, 2:12, was bred in Kentucky, and Maxey Cobb, 2:18¾, was bred in Pennsylvania. Of all the States, however, Kentucky bears off the palm, she having produced not only the greatest trotter, but the most wonderful mare, gelding and stallion yet foaled in the world.

The bay yearling colt by Electioneer, dam Minnona by Almont, she out of Dolly dam of Director 2:17, Onward 2:25¼, and Thorndale 2:22¾, purchased by Senator Leland Stanford, Palo Alto stud, California, of Leonard Brothers, Elsmeade stud, this county, has been shipped to his new home. It is understood he will be trained for a record by Marvin and then given a place in that great stud. He is said to be very promising, and is exceedingly smooth gaited, giving every indication that he will trot fast. The price paid for him is private, but his pedigree warrants the assertion that the figures were fancy.

Mr. P. B. Muir, the well-known trotting horse breeder of Doneraal, Ky., who has been at the point of death for some time with an attack of pneumonia, is reported to be improving, and his recovery is now merely a question of time. Mr. Muir is well known in trotting circles throughout the country as the breeder of Mollie Wilkes, 2:20¾, and that slashing colt, Burns McGregor, 2-year-old record, 2:29¾. In regard to the latter it is said he has improved much since taken out of training, and his owner is confident he will be able to hold his own with Dr. Sparks or any other sensational performer.

SOME NOTED STALLIONS.

Following is a list of the noted stallions, with records, that are booked to make the season of 1890 in Kentucky: Bonnie McGregor 2:13¾, Phallas 2:13¾, Don Pizarro 2:14¾, Jerome Turner 2:15¾, Anteo 2:16¾, Robert McGregor 2:17¼, Norval 2:17¼, Duquesne 2:17¾, Baron Wilkes 2:18, C. F. Clay 2:18, Wilton 2:19¼, Alfred G 2:19¾, Abbotsford 2:19¾, Bluegrass Hambletonian 2:20¾, Eagle Bird 2:21, Hambletonian Mambrino 2:21¼, Bermuda 2:20¾, Artillery 2:21¼, General Wilkes 2:21¾, King Wilkes 2:22¾, Cyclone 2:23¾, Sultan 2:24, Hylas 2:24¾, Wilkes Boy 2:24¾, Nutbreaker 2:24¾, Onward 2:25¼, Shawmut 2:26, Gambetta Wilkes 2:26, Alcandre 2:26¼, McAllister 2:27, Simmons 2:28, Ellerslie Wilkes 2:28¾ and Macy 2:29¾. A modest valuation of these horses would make them worth more than $500,000.

Mr. W. T. Withers, Jr., is most enthusiastic over his yearling filly by Maximus (son of Almont), dam by Sentinel, and he thinks she is one of the best youngsters ever raised at the famous Fairlawn Farm. Though she will not be 12 months old until May 11, she showed the other day, the third time she was ever hooked up, a quarter in 36 seconds. She is blessed with a faultless gait, and appears to be perfectly level-headed. Her young owner thinks she is a wonder, and believes she will show it by the end of the season.

There is much speculation among local horsemen as to the probable price the phenomenal Susie S will bring at the sale here next month. As is well known her record is 2:15¾, as a five-year-old, which is the best in the world for a mare of that age. Those who value her the lowest think she ought to bring at least $10,000, while others put the price she will fetch at from $15,000 to $25,000. She is as sound as a dollar, and will be sold for the purpose of dividing a partnership. It is safe to say she will be the highest priced trotting-bred mare that ever sold at auction.

ABOUT THE RUNNERS.

The present week was ushered in with a rather cold snap, and being followed by several days' rainfall, there was very little effort on the part of the trainers at the Kentucky Association course to give their horses any hard work. The most they attempted to do was to give the bang-tails plenty of walking exercise under the stable sheds. Work on the improvements at the course was practically abandoned for the time being. One well-known trainer, however, could have been seen at the track several days. It was Eugene Lee, who was inspecting the stables preparatory to choosing one for the accommodation of his own horses and the Hankins string, which is in his charge. Twenty of Hankins' horses will be trained here, while the balance, in charge of Tom Kiley, will go to Memphis to take part in the early spring Southern racing. It is understood Terra Cotta, Egmont and Little Minch will all three be placed in the stud this winter, and not be trained again. The latter horse could doubtless stand another campaign, but his owner is of the opinion he has done enough on the turf. He is now 10 years old, and since Mr. Hankins purchased him in the winter of 1886 for $6,000, he has won a total of 57 races and $20,769 in stakes and purses. As to Egmont and Terra Catta, they are both badly bowed, and, while they might be good for a race or two, it is almost certain neither one of them could make a long campaign. Terra Cotta cost his present owner $17,500, and he has won for him $19,085 in stakes and purses, while Egmont since entering the Hankins stable, at a cost of $10,000, has won the neat sum of $15,494. Thus Mr. Hankins is several thousands ahead on his stallions.

D. T. BAXTER.

New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, January 18.—Winter meeting, twenty-second day. Weather partly cloudy and warm. Good attendance; track fairly good but not fast.

First race, selling, six furlongs, eight starters—John Morris 100, 30 to 1, Fred Davis 104, 15, Tom R 108, 4, King Roxbury 109, 10, Harry Ireland 109, 5 to 2, Vice Regent 109, 15, Skobeloff 109, 8 to 5, Probus 109, 10. When the flag fell Fred Davis was in front. Harry Ireland second, Vice Regent third. At the half Regent and Ireland had exchanged places. Davis held the lead until entering the straight, where Ireland went to the front and came in winner by nearly two lengths, Skobeloff, the favorite, a length and a half before John Morris third, beating Probus; Tommy R, Vice Regent, King Roxbury, same order. Time, 1:07.

Second race, selling, five furlongs—Five starters: Frank Clapp, 97, 5 to 2; Telegraph, 96, 4 to 1; Palmira, 100, 6 to 1; Van Rennselaer, 93, 5 to 1; Governor, 107, 4 to 5. Van Rennselaer led at the start, but at the half the order was Frank Clapp, Van Rennselaer, Governor, Telegraph and Palmira, the latter out of the race. They finished in the same order, Frank Clapp winning by three-quarters of a length, Van Rennselaer second, a length ahead of Telegraph, third. Time, 1:04.

Third race, selling, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile—Five starters: Mattie McHenry 95, 12 to 1; Pete Wallis 97, 6; Castillian 99, 8; Pritchett 100, 3 to 5; Bonnie King 103, 4. Castillian was first away and held the lead to the lower turn, where Pete Wallis went to the front, Bonnie King second, Pritchett third. Entering the straight Pritchett went to the front and came in the winner by half a length, Bonnie King second, two lengths ahead of Pete Wallis third. Castillian and McHenry same order. Time, 1:20¾.

Fourth race, handicap, fifteen-sixteenths of a mile, eight starters: Colonel Gore 109, 8 to 1; Lida L 109, 6 to 5; Bertha 106, 10; Harry Ireland 120, 10; Regardless 98, 10; Metal 95, 8; Balance 95, 5 to 12; Zeb Ward 90, 50. When the flag fell Colonel Gore, Metal and Balance had the lead in order named, the others well together. At the half Balance was in front, with Lida L, Gore, Regardless, Metal, Bertha, Harry Ireland and Zeb Ward in order named. These positions were maintained to head of stretch, Balance coming in winner by a length. Bertha second, a length before Harry Ireland third. Metal, Regardless, Lida L, Zeb Ward and Gore as named. Time, 1:37.

Racing again Tuesday.

Another Good Youngster.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, January 18. — Manager Sharsig to-day signed Frank Wagner, shortstop of last year's New Castle, Pa., team. The record of this young player in the Pennsylvania Oil League last season was exceptionally good. He stood among the first in batting, fielding and base stealing. He is a fine club at the bat, and stood second in fielding and base running.

[Communication.]

Stayton's Record.

Mr. I. R. Stayton, Democratic candidate for Mayor in Allegheny City, was born in Delaware in 1842. His ancestors landed on Staten Island before the Revolution, that island having been given its name by them. He was a cabinet maker until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company A, First Regiment Delaware Cavalry, which served under McClellan, Grant and Sheridan until the close of the war. In the spring of 1864 he was appointed First Lieutenant. He is a member of Post 88, Grand Army, and Encampment 6, Veteran Legion. Mr. Stayton has resided in Allegheny for 18 years, and is a leader in Allegheny Councils, having been elected as a citizens' candidate from the Eleventh ward since 1881. He is an accomplished parliamentarian, a ready and forcible speaker, and scrupulously attentive to the duties of his position and the interests of the people. He is genial and pleasant in manner, yet dignified and commanding in appearance. He has hosts of friends in business and political circles. He is worthy of the support of every good citizen, regardless of political affiliations, and would fill the office creditably.

January Announcement.

Mr. H. J. Lynch, 438-440 Market street, will offer this month, prior to annual stock-taking, extraordinary bargains in seal plush sacques, plush jackets, cloth and stockinette cloaks, newmarkets, children's wraps and winter dress goods. Case 4-4 cloth suitings at 20c, worth 30c. Greatly reduced prices on plaids, stripes, serges, cashmeres, tricots and cloth suitings. Paris robes and combination suits reduced from $18, $15, $12, to $13, $10 and $9. Great bargains in black French cashmeres and henriettas.

Ladies', gents' and children's scarlet, camels' hair, natural wool and white merino underwear, greatly reduced in prices.

Special inducements in scarlet, white and grey country blankets, country flannels, German and country yarns, comforts, linens and sheetings.

Big bargains to be had in every department this month at H. J. Lynch's, 438 and 440 Market st. wsu

THE GREAT FIRE SALE

Of Goods Consigned to the New York Grocery

By one of the largest insurance companies of the East, commences this week, consisting of 5,000 cases canned goods, dried fruits, syrup, molasses, etc