

KITE-SHAPED TRACKS Local Horsemen Greatly Interested in the Latest Innovation to Make Records.

HOMWOOD PARK MAY HAVE ONE. The Brooklyn and Louisville Ball Clubs Arrange a Schedule for Their Big Series.

BRUNELL'S IDEA OF A COMPROMISE. He Expresses His Opinions Regarding the Baseball Situation.

A question that is sure to be the theme of general discussion among horsemen between now and next spring is the question of "kite-shaped tracks." Recent fast records at Independence have forced the matter before the highest authorities on trotting and pacing. The general opinion seems to be that the new-fashioned track is considerably slower than the old-fashioned oval-shaped track.

A LOCAL OPINION. Pittsburgh horsemen are becoming much interested in the matter and may be that if horse racing is successful here a kite-shaped track will be built at Homewood Park.

Official of that association, speaking on the subject, says that the kite-shaped track is faster than the old style of track, but because of that it does not follow the general rule of the system. Of course, if it becomes general we will keep pace with the times, but I don't know whether or not it will be adopted. I am inclined to think it will. The present track affords a better view than the kite-shaped track and that is a matter for the public to decide. I think that the public will like to see the kite-shaped track, but I think that the public will like to see the kite-shaped track, but I think that the public will like to see the kite-shaped track.

AN EASTERN AUTHORITY. An authority in the Sportsman says: "The kite-shaped track is the latest 'fad' in trotting circles, and ambitious owners whose horses have failed to break records on regulation tracks are hastening to take the kite-shaped track and acquire records for display. I use the word display because the value of the records lies only in being used for that purpose. All intelligent owners will not be so easily misled. The regulation style, and three-foot records are rather slow, and the kite-shaped track is a better performance than the regulation style. I have long been a believer in the kite-shaped track, and I have often had occasion to note his performance. I have long been a believer in the kite-shaped track, and I have often had occasion to note his performance. I have long been a believer in the kite-shaped track, and I have often had occasion to note his performance.

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THE DYING JUSTICE. No Perceptible Improvement in the Condition of Judge Miller.

GROWING WEAKER EVERY HOUR. A Career of Remarkable Activity Slowly Drawing to a Close.

THE JURIST'S POLITICAL FRIENDS. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, October 12.—Contrary to everyone's expectation, Justice Miller survived the night of Saturday and was still alive when Sunday's sun set.

His wonderful vitality is the theme of general conversation. Everybody is surprised at it, and the doctors as much so as the unprofessional public. There was no improvement, however, in the condition of the invalid during these long hours of waiting between life and death. He lay unconscious all the time, breathing heavily and with difficulty and gradually growing weaker. The large, massive frame has been absolutely motionless and the pulsations of the heart have been fainter with each beat. His old friend, Prof. Wilson, of the Smithsonian Institution, and his wife sat by his bedside in momentary expectation of the end. His throat is filling fast with the accumulation of mucus which he is powerless to get rid of, and his breath comes in short gasps.

READY TO DISBAND. The P. L. Players Will Commence to Leave for Their Homes To-Day. The local P. L. ball club will disband for the season to-day or to-morrow. The players will all be paid off probably this afternoon and during the week those who are not wanted for next season will be notified to that effect. The club has been successful during the season and all debts will be paid off this week. The directors will meet and hear the Secretary's report. It is known already that the club has suffered a financial loss, but not as great as many people think.

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FOUR LIVES ARE LOST. In the Burning of a Lodging House Fire Trap in Chicago.

HOW LODGERS MET THEIR DEATH. It is Not Known How Many Inmates the House Contained.

PERHAPS OTHER BODIES WILL BE FOUND. CHICAGO, October 12.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning Putnam's European Hotel at 163 and 165 East Adams street was burned, and four persons lost their lives.

THE BUILDING RESEMBLES A FIRE TRAP. The halls are narrow and crooked, and the narrow stairway is in the center of the structure. A very little fire was sufficient to make enough smoke to render the halls impassable. When the fire reached the hotel, the upper floor was ablaze. So rapidly had the fire spread that the marshal thought a second alarm was necessary. With the increased force of the fire, the smoke was quickly put out. The smoke was thick and dense, and the members of the engine company had great difficulty in seeing their way. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

STEEEL MAKES TO CONFER. Government to Obtain the Views of Experts on Ship Plates. A conference of steel makers and ship builders with the Secretary of the Navy is to be held at the Navy Department next Thursday. Among the steel producing firms that will be represented are Carnegie, Carnegie, Phipps & Co., of Pittsburgh; Park Bros. & Co., of Pittsburgh; Linden Steel Company, of Pittsburgh; Oliver Iron and Steel Company, of Pittsburgh; Bethlehem Steel Works, Bethlehem, Pa.; Midvale Steel Company, Philadelphia; Phoenix Iron Works, Phoenix, Pa.; Siemens & Sons, Reading, Pa.; Pennsylvania Steel Company, Reading, Pa.; Standard Steel Casting Company, Thurlow, Pa.; Solid Steel Company, Alliance, O.; Pacific Rolling Mills, San Francisco; Philadelphia Steel Works, Philadelphia; Union Iron Works, San Francisco; the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore; the Quinard Iron Works, New York; the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me.; Harrison Loring, Boston; S. Moore & Sons, New York; the Virginia Locomotive Works, of Richmond.

THE JUSTICE RAPIDLY SINKING. WASHINGTON, October 13.—At 1 o'clock Justice Miller was sinking rapidly and his breathing had become more difficult. It is believed that he will not survive the day. He is now in a very weak condition. He is now in a very weak condition. He is now in a very weak condition.

KNOTS TO UNTANGLE. MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE OCTOBER TERM OF THE SUPREME COURT. The Constitutionality of Electrocuting to be Considered—Liquor Laws of Various States Among the Important Cases—The Original Package Question. WASHINGTON, October 12.—The October term of the United States Supreme Court will begin to-morrow morning. The familiar face of its oldest member, Justice Miller, will be missing. The session will be brief. A few preliminary motions will be received, and the court will probably adjourn before the end of the month. A dozen or more cases, which had been argued at the last term, still remain to be decided, but no opinions will be handed down in any of them tomorrow. The most important of the cases which come over from the last term are those between Colorado and the United States, involving the construction of some very important mining questions. The coming term of the court, it is expected, will be a busy one. A number of interesting cases are on the docket. Notice has already been given that an effort will be made to impeach the constitutionality of the New York electrocution law, on the ground of its being a cruel and unusual punishment. The Japanese, Juggis, in the man in whose behalf this point will be raised. Another case which will attract attention will be an appeal brought here to secure the release of a certain anarchist now in prison under a heavy sentence.

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HUNTING SPEAKESIES. SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY RAIDS MADE BY THE POLICE.

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BURDENED WITH PROSPERITY. Is the Way a Railroad Man Sizes Up the P. and L. E. An experienced railroad man says that the work attempted by the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railway Company is like attempting to force a 6-inch stream of water through a 4-inch pipe. It has so much business that neither freight nor passenger traffic can be handled properly nor profitably. While it has more expense than are needed, they are kept so steadily employed running freight trains out of the way that they cannot be kept in repair, and yet the sidings are constantly filled with freight and the drilling of trains is interminable.

THE METALLURGISTS IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, October 12.—Members of the Iron and Steel Institute and of the Verein Deutscher Eisenhüttenleute began to arrive in this city today. The great body of 300 visiting members of these two great societies will arrive to-morrow by special train from Pittsburgh.

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED. Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading. AN alarm of fire from box 85, in Allegheny, was sounded at 10:05 o'clock last evening. It was occasioned by a chimney fire in the case of Mr. Adair, at No. 55 Hemlock street. No damage resulted.

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