THE FAST QUARTERS

Do Not Indicate That the Mile Trotting Mark Will Ever Be

WITHIN THE TWO-MINUTE LIMIT.

Some Interesting Statistics on the Fastest Time Yet Made.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS AND GOSSIP

No trotter or pacer has ever gone a quarter in 30 seconds in a record or race performance, despite all the talk about and alleged belief in the two-minute harness performer. Some of the most interesting and rare figures are those of the fast quarters of all trotters with records of 2:13 or better, and all pacers who have gone in less than 2:12. Here are those figures, in order:

TROTTING.

Year.	Horse.	First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.	Mile.
1885	Maud S.	32½	32	31½	30½	2:08¾
1884	Maud S.	31½	31¼	31	32¼	2:09¾
1891	Allerton	33	33½	33	31¾	2:11
1891	Allerton	32¼	33¼	32½	32	2:10
1891	Allerton	32½	34	32¾	32	2:10
1891	Sunol	32	33¼	33¾	31½	2:10½
1884	Jay-Eye-See	33½	31½	34	31	2:10
1891	Guy	32¾	33¼	32½	32½	2:10¼
1891	Nelson	33¼	32½	33	32	2:10½
1891	Nelson	31½	32¼	33½	33½	2:10¾
1886	Stamboul	32¾	32¾	33½	33	2:11
1885	St. Julien	32	33	33½	32½	2:11¼
1891	Nancy Hanks	32½	32	33¾	31¾	2:12
1891	Nancy Hanks	32½	33	32¼	32¼	2:12
1885	Axtell	33	32¾	32¼	34¼	2:12
1890	Margaret S.	32	32¾	34	32¼	2:12½
1891	Jack	32¾	32¼	33¾	33	2:12¾
1884	Palo Alto	32½	32¾	34	33¼	2:12½
1891	Belle Hamlin	34¾	32¼	32½	33¼	2:12¾

PACING.

1891	Direct	32	32	31½	30½	2:03
1891	Direct	31½	31½	32	29¾	2:03¼
1884	Johnston	32	31½	31½	31¼	2:06¼
1876	Rev Wilkes	32¼	30¾	31½	31¼	2:06¼
1876	Rev Wilkes	32¼	32	32¼	34	2:11½
1884	Hal Pointer	31¾	32½	33¼	32¼	2:09¾
1891	Hal Pointer	33	32¾	32¼	31¾	2:10¼
1891	Hal Pointer	31	32½	33	31½	2:10¼
1890	Cricket	31¼	32½	32	34½	2:10
1889	Gold Leaf	31	33	34	33¾	2:11¼
1891	Red Belle	32½	33¼	32½	32½	2:11½
1890	Adonis	32½	32½	33½	32¾	2:11½
1890	Dallas	33	32¾	33	32	2:11
1884	Manager	32	32¾	33¼	34	2:11¾
1891	Little Brown Jug	34½	33	32¾	31¼	2:11¾
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THE BEST PIECE OF PUBLIC SPEED.

Maud S has shown the fastest bits. The second quarter of her fast Providence mile was in 32 seconds, her record middle half at Cleveland in 1:03 and she trotted the middle half of a mile in Chicago in 1:02. Nelson's 33¼ and Jay Eye See's last quarter in 31 seconds rank behind Maud S' best. In the pacing line Direct's Independence last quarter in 30½ and last half in 1:02 is the best piece of public speed on record.

Don Lenthers, of Grand Rapids, half owner of Monbars, 2:20, the holder of the 2-year-old stallion record, says he has refused an offer of $400 00 for the colt, who cost $7,500 last fall. Budd Doble is after Sunol's 3-year-old record of 2:18 with Monbars, and if he does not beat it at Terre Haute or Lexington, Monbars will go to California this fall and tackle Sunol's figures on Sunol's own ground.

The actual facts about Axtell's actual purchase price, about which so many fairy stories have been told, are these: When the syndicate bought him in 1889 it paid Williams $55,000 in cash and gave him a year note for $50,000 with 6 per cent interest. That note was paid at maturity with $3,000 interest, so that Axtell really netted Williams $108,000. The agreement in Colonel J. W. Conley's hands shows these facts.

A PACING TROTTER.

The trotting-bred pacing champion Direct has no blood license to pace, yet naturally goes from side to side and always did. Weight on his feet made him trot. Early in his 3-year-old form Direct wore as high as 31 ounces shoe, toe weight, quarter boot and rolls combined. This was required to make him trot, as the pace was his natural gait. As he trained on the weight came off. When he made his 3-year-old record, 2:23, he had but 18 ounces on each fore leg, a 14 ounce shoe and a 4 ounce toe weight.

He began work as a 4-year-old with 24 ounces on, but this weight was reduced with each set of shoes until, when he made his trotting record of 2:18¼ at Sacramento, Cal., September 19, 1889, he had on the same old 14 ounce shoes and 4 ounce toe weights. When at Stockton the next week he was at Palo Alto's side in 2:16½. Direct wore 16 ounces on each foot, 13 shoe and 3 weight. He finished the season in these shoes, and when they were removed they weighed 11 ounces, 4 ounces weights and 3 ounces for boots and rolls. As a pacer Direct wears but an eight ounce shoe. Mr. Salesbury thinks he has a chance against Hal Pointer in a race, and the pair are likely to meet before the snow flies. Direct is 6 years old, by Director, 2:17, the gamest trotter that ever came from California, not excepting Palo Alto, out of Echora, 2:23½, by Echo, stout blood, too.

The Brooklyn Opening Day.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—[*Special.*]—Following are the entries for the first day of the Brooklyn fall meeting beginning to-morrow:

First race, five-eighths of a mile, all ages—Rinfax, 116; Eclipse, 116; Osric, 96; Dr. Hasbrock, 116; Trinity, 116; Refraction, filly, 93; Reilly, 113; Chesapeake, 122; Sir George, 116; Sleipner, Madstone, 122; Homer, 116; Charlie Post, 122; Correction, 113.

Second race, one mile, 3-year-olds—Pessara, 122; India Rubber, Mountain Deer, 110; Flavilla, Melanie, Orageuse, Mary Stone, 107; Believe, Sir George, Lyceum, 110; Lizzie, 107; Terrifier, Port Chester, 122.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile, Prospect stakes—Ignite, 115; Rechford, Lamplighter, Low Weir, Phil Dwyer, Silver Fox, M. Monarch, Alonzo, Curt Gunn, Leonawell, St. Florian, Galindo, King Cadmus, Osric, Dagonet, 118 each; Alcenec, Georgia, Zorling, Yorkville, Belle, 115 each.

Fourth race, one and one-quarter miles, Oriental handicap—Kingston, 128; Fon, 124; Judge Morrow, 120; Strathmoath, 112; Raceland, 120; Demuth, 115; Peter, Port Chester, Castaway II, 105 each; Masterlode, 104; English Lady, W. G. Morris, 100 each; Folsom, 98; Charlie Post, 92; Sir George, 90; Kirkover, 90.

Fifth race, half a mile—Laughing Water, 105; Tringle, 110; Bengal, 98; Natalie S, 106; Julio, 108; Holmdel colt, 108; Knapp, 98; Tom Hardine, 113; Innovation, 105; Guilty, 98; Uproar colt, 98; Wah Jim, 113; Recess, 105.

Sixth race, half a mile—Mayer B, 106; Panway, 98; Enid, 106; Billiedoux colt, 103; Captain Brown, 104; Kirsch, Airplant, 108 each; Panhandle, 100; Vanclose, 110; Piccalilli, 95; Gift colt, 98; Belle D, 95; Detroit, 105.

Seventh race, one and one-sixteenth miles—Folsom, 97; Peralta, 87; Long Knight, 97; Mountain Deer, Alabama Post, Hidalgo, 102 each; Mike Scott, 94; Celia, 99; Lemoine H, 97; Virgie, 89; Mabelle, 84; Pearl Set, 94; Ballyhoo, 107; Lepanto, 87; Sir John, 112.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

At Brooklyn—
Brooklyn.....2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—3
Pittsburg.....6 0 0 3 0 4 0 0 *—13
Pitchers—Terry, Carruthers and Baldwin.
Second game—
Brooklyn.....0 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0—4
Pittsburg.....0 1 4 0 2 0 0 1 0—8
Pitchers—Inks and Baldwin.
At Boston—
Boston.....4 0 1 0 0 2 0 1 1—9
Cincinnati.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Pitchers—Clarkson, Mullane and Crane.
At Philadelphia—
Philadelphia.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—2
Chicago.....0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 *—3
Pitchers—Keefe and Gumbert.
At New York—
New York.....2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—4
Cleveland.....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2
Pitchers—Ewing and Young.
Second game—
New York.....0 0 0 3 0 4 0 0 0—7
Cleveland.....0 0 2 1 2 0 0 0 3—8
Pitchers—Barr and Gruber.

The League Record.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Chicago	74	44	.627	Cleveland	53	67	.442
Boston	69	48	.590	Brooklyn	51	65	.440
New York	62	46	.574	Pittsburg	51	67	.436
Philadelphia	59	55	.518	Cincinnati	46	72	.390

Our Boys, 13—Charleroi, 7.

CHARLEROI, Pa., Sept. 13.—The Our Boys, of Pittsburg, defeated Charlerois with ease yesterday. Score:

Charleroi.....2 0 0 2 0 0 3 0—7
Our Boys.....1 3 0 4 0 2 0 3—13
SUMMARY: Two-base hits—Our Boys, Woods 2, R. Smith 2. Three-base hit—Woods. Batteries—Hays and Conlin; Gray and Bryce.

A Humane Society Benefit.

The theatrical people in the city this week propose to give a ball game Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the benefit of the Humane Society. The game will be under the management of Dr. Frank McDonald and the two teams will be captained by Messrs. W. J. Magee and Ben Cullen. Ed Morris will be umpire. The players will be dressed for business and some rich sport may be expected. The gate fee will be 25 cents with an extra quarter for the grandstand.

YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATION GAMES.

At Columbus, first game—
Columbus.....0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 1—5
Washington.....0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—2
SUMMARY—Batteries—Leiper and Donahue; Foreman and McGuire. Hits—Columbus, 4; Washington, 5. Errors—Columbus, 3; Washington, 3.
Second game—
Columbus.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1
Milwaukee.....0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2
SUMMARY—Batteries—Twitchell and Donahue; Carsey and McGuire. Hits—Columbus, 2; Washington, 3. Errors—Columbus, 1; Washington, 1.
At Milwaukee, first game—
Washington.....3 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 0—7
Athletics.....2 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 2—8
SUMMARY—Batteries—Killen and Grim; Chamberlain and Milligan. Hits—Milwaukee, 9; Athletics, 11. Errors—Milwaukee, 1; Athletics, 4.
Second game—
Milwaukee.....3 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 7
Athletics.....0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 2
SUMMARY: Hits—Milwaukee, 6; Athletics, 8. Errors—Athletics, 6. Batteries—Dwyer and Grim; Weyhing and Milligan.
At Louisville—
Louisville.....3 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 *—6
Boston.....2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3
SUMMARY: Hits—Louisville, 11; Boston, 3. Errors—Louisville, 1; Boston, 4. Batteries—Meekin and Cahill; O'Brien and Murphy.
At Baltimore—
St. Louis.....8 2 0 2 2 0 0 0 0—14
Baltimore.....0 0 0 0 2 1 0 3 0—6
SUMMARY: Hits—St. Louis, 14; Baltimore, 6. Errors—St. Louis, 2; Baltimore, 5. Batteries—McGill, Burrell and Boyle; McMahon, Van Halren and Townsend.

The Association Record.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Boston	81	36	.692	Columbus	58	68	.460
St. Louis	75	45	.625	Milwaukee	52	68	.433
Baltimore	66	51	.564	Washington	46	76	.345
Athletics	65	56	.463	Louisville	41	78	.345

A Proposition From the Association.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 13.—President Phelps, of the Association, wrote to Young, of the League, to-day, proposing a series of games to test the relative strength of the teams of the two organizations. He proposes three, five or seven games between any number of Association and League clubs, some to be played on Association and some on League grounds, the deciding game, if necessary, to be played on neutral grounds. As to the National agreement, he says it cannot affect the case, as the League is now only a party to the agreement. Phelps says he makes the proposition without consulting with the people he represents.

The Our Boys Show Fight.

To the Sporting Editor of the Dispatch:

If Manager Mayer, of Bridgeville, is as anxious for a game as he would have the public believe, let him meet me at THE DISPATCH office Monday, at either 3 or 4 p. m. and cover my forfeit of $10 for a game to be played next Saturday on neutral grounds, each club to bear half the expense and the winner to take the stake and all the gate money. Hoping he will appear at the time mentioned and make the game, I remain yours truly,

WILLIAM LENG,
Manager Our Boys.

PITTSBURG, September 13.

A LEGISLATOR SHOT.

Found in the Room of His Neighbor's Wife, Her Sons Take Vengeance.

WOODSTOCK, CONN., Sept. 13.—John F. Hibbard, a member of the Legislature, was shot and fatally wounded last night at the home of Charles Ide, a wealthy farmer. It seems that Mr. Ide and his two sons, who had been away from home during the early part of the evening, returned home unexpectedly, and noticing a light in Mrs. Ide's room, supposed she was still up, and entered. There they found their neighbor Hibbard and Mrs. Ide. Ide made his presence known. Hibbard was frightened almost out of his senses and plead for mercy. But a moment afterward he was shot. The Ides were arrested, pending investigation.

The Coroner secured an ante-mortem statement from Hibbard, who said that the senior Ide had grappled with him on entering, but he was getting the better of him when his sons came to the rescue, armed with shotguns. They fired two charges into him, one of which entered his neck and the other his back. He is still living.

Hibbard has held numerous offices in the State and town. His relations with Mrs. Ide are said to have been of long standing, and known to some. He had been repeatedly warned by friends to give up the intimacy, but without result. The Ide family are also among the most prominent in this part of the State.

MISS AVA'S IDENTITY.

Mr. Byrne's Description of Diss Debar Hardly Matches Her.

THE FACT MAY BE SETTLED TO-DAY.

She Indulges in Strange Talk to an Inquisitive Reporter,

ABOUT THE WOMAN SHE TRIED TO KILL

CINCINNATI, Sept. 13.—Vera Ava still remains the heroine of a cunning romantic episode or the victim of a cruel outrage. There is a strong disposition here to regard her as Diss Debar sailing under another name. Mrs. Bonnell, of New York, who knows Diss Debar, called on her last evening and said: "This is not Diss Debar."

The dispatch from New York last night gave a description of the real Diss Debar from a statement of Inspector Byrnes. It tallies with that of Miss Ava in that Debar was fat, had blue eyes, wore a wig and was a voluble talker. After that it diverges. This Ava woman has by no means a repulsive countenance. Debar's nose is described as large and coarse. This woman's is neither large nor coarse. Debar was described as 5 feet 2 inches high. This woman says she is 5 feet 4½ inches high, and that she is ready to prove it by measurement. Debar is described as weighing 280 pounds. This woman says she weighs 200 pounds, and is willing to prove it by going on the scales. She looks as if she might weigh 230 pounds.

THE WOMAN IS CONFIDENT.

To a reporter late this evening she scouted the Debar theory, and said: "Witnesses will settle that. Every person that ever knew Debar will, on seeing me, testify that I am not that woman."

At this stage of the interview the Lieutenant of Police came into the office of the House of Detention and announced that a Mr. Hummel, of New York, who said he would know Diss Debar in any disguise, would arrive here to-morrow to see whether or not she was Diss Debar under another name. She expressed herself delighted, and said: "That will settle the matter."

This morning she was visited by a committee of religious women from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She led in prayer and afterward thrilled them with her eloquence, taking for her text the condition of some mere children that occupied cells in the House of Detention.

A reporter this evening asked her why she did not make known the names of her friends in London so that she might get help from them. She said, "I have my reasons for that. I have a right to expect help from Dr. Bolton. It was only last Sunday night that my money was more than one-third of all that went into his contribution box." Then she broke out into an uncontrolled denunciation of Dr. Bolton, accusing him of ingratitude and unfaithfulness in not coming to her aid.

WILL LECTURE IN STOCKING FEET.

Then recovering composure she said: "I think I shall lecture here some time this week just as I am in my stocking feet. I think I can raise money in that way to get back to Chicago.

Just then she arranged her calico dress somewhat, and throwing a sash of heavy black crepe around her neck, she said:

"This is all that is left of the woman I killed, or tried to kill, on Friday, when I made my escape. I intend to keep this as long as I live, and I hope to be buried in it when I die."

Then she drifted away into talk about her scheme to lift childhood out of the slums. In this connection she said Archbishop Feehan was displeased with her, not on account of her efforts to elevate the wretched, but because she took the poor children to Dr. Bolton's congregation. In all her conversation her voice was clear, her enunciation perfect, her story consecutive and her language fluent and well put together in vigorous English. In all the phases of feeling that she exhibited she showed the most perfect self-control, and at the same time impressed one that she held power in reserve.

KNOWS LITERARY PEOPLE WELL.

With a view to get at something of her antecedents by strategy, the reporter made some inquiries about London people and English notables in literature and art.

"Oh, yes," said she; "I knew Madame Blavatsky. She had great learning; knew Hindoo, Syriac, Arabic and other oriental languages."

"Did you know Walter Besant?"

"Oh, yes; I have met him. He is not Annie Besant's equal. He is a dude in literature. He lacks the constructive faculty."

"I suppose you have met John Ruskin?"

"Oh, no; but I have seen him. He was red-headed, wore a very long beard, had a very big head and a little body. How the artists do hate him!"

At this moment the conversation turned upon art. She said: "The British museum looks stiff. You should go to Rome to see great galleries, where Raphaels are abundant."

Speaking of modern English literature she said: "I wish I had a copy of Charles Kingsley's 'Water Babies' here. I would like to read it again after that scene this morning in front of the cells containing little children shut up charged with crime. Why those two little boys charged with burglary were not much more than babies! I don't believe either of them will weigh over 50 pounds.

This remark started her off on her hobby again, the care for the poor. She said: "If I would make myself known to my English relatives money would flow in to me. I have money of my own. I inherited it from ancestors that got it by theft and robbery, and, as God is my judge, it shall go back to God's poor, where it originally came from."

PITTSBURG DROPS TO NINTH PLACE.

Baltimore and Cincinnati Forge Ahead in the Clearing House Race.

BOSTON, Sept. 13.—The following table, compiled from dispatches to the *Post* from the clearing houses in the cities named, shows the gross exchanges for the week ending September 12, with the rates per cent of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding period last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$626,987,597	....	14.1
Chicago	88,958,000	6.6	....
Boston	81,242,422	....	5.9
Philadelphia	72,321,178	....	16.9
St. Louis	24,557,229	0.6	....
San Francisco	15,254,544	12.3	....
Baltimore	14,490,995	9.1	....
Cincinnati	11,746,550	....	4.9
Pittsburg	11,311,741	....	25.4
Kansas City	10,080,787	11.5	....
Louisville	9,041,320	....	11.4
Buffalo	8,034,050	....	2.3
Minneapolis	9,244,120	49.3	....
Milwaukee	6,050,500	....	9.3
Providence	4,614,300	3.4	....
New Orleans	6,196,253	....	14.4
Detroit	6,048,871	4.2	....
Cleveland	5,591,759	....	9.3
Omaha	3,906,021	....	21.9
Denver	7,512,049	....	15.5
St. Paul	3,189,146	0.6	....
Indianapolis	4,370,276	141.2	....
Galveston	7,521,463	9.6	....
Columbus	3,031,700	5.2	....
Memphis	3,314,939	....	10.3
Duluth	1,714,973	....	13.4
Dallas	1,341,336	28.0	....
Hartford	2,602,494	....	12.5
Richmond	2,239,759	29.0	....
Nashville	1,792,640	....	20.2
Portland, Ore	1,382,695	....	4.3
Salt Lake City	1,873,285	....	13.0
Washington	1,521,870	3.4	....
St. Joseph	1,312,948	....	14.2
Peoria	2,007,949	8.7	....
Rochester	1,330,877	7.7	....
Springfield	1,083,043	10.0	....
New Haven	1,289,400	8.2	....
Worcester	1,070,244	....	8.6
Portland, Me	1,219,125	8.0	....

A DANCE OF DEATH

Among Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians That Is Peculiarly Fatal.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., Sept. 13.—(*Special.*)—A Government Inspector coming in from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian reservation to-night tells of a large number of deaths among the members of those tribes. For nearly a week they have been holding a grand dance on the Washita river. They dance all night and during the day feast on melons, both green and ripe.

During the past two days nearly 100 of the Indians have fallen unconscious during the dance, and fully half of them have died. Scores of others are very sick. The dance was started by the Indians to appease the evil spirit and drive away a malarial fever which has been prevalent among their tribes all summer, causing the death of several hundreds.

STATE SUGAR SCHOOL

Under Way in Louisiana, With a Full Corps of Professors.

EXPERTS TURNED OUT ON DEMAND,

To Oversee Cane Culture and the Making of the Sweet Stuff.

BIG PAY ATTACHED TO THE BUSINESS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 13.—Under the auspices of the State and the Louisiana Agricultural and Scientific Association, a sugar school has been established in this city, and will go into operation here next month, for the purpose of educating all who desire to take the course in the culture of cane and the manufacture of sugar from it. The school is equipped with a corps of five professors of sugar agriculture, sugar chemistry, analytical chemistry, sugar mechanics, and sugar-making respectively. It has a plantation attached, with a small sugar house on it, but one thoroughly equipped with the latest and most improved machinery; a library containing all the books and journals on sugar, and everything necessary to teach this industry.

The course will be one of two years, at the end of which time the student will be turned out a thorough sugar-maker; a chemist prepared to carry on a sugar plantation in the most scientific manner. There is, and always has been, a demand for this class of experts, for the supply is far too small.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

The pay is very good, for a skilled sugar-maker can readily command between $500 and $1,000 a month. The planters compete for the better ones, and some of them even receive a percentage on the crop raised, on the theory that this will encourage them to greater efforts, for how much sugar ten tons of cane will produce and what quality of sugar is made from it depend upon the sugar maker who has charge of the plantation.

The necessity of having a skilled man in charge of the business is now greater than ever, since the bonus paid under the McKinley bill is graded on the quality of sugar provided. Much of the open-kettle sugar falls below the 80 per cent saccharine limit, and will under the law receive no bonus whatever unless an expert is in charge of the manufacture and turns out a higher grade article. A difference of 1 per cent in the amount of saccharine in the sugar makes a difference of $80,000 in bonus to the planter whose place produces 2,000,000 pounds.

INCREASING THE INDUSTRY.

It is believed that this will cause the sugar-makers to be more in demand than ever, and there are not enough to go around now as it is. Moreover, there will be a large increase in the industry and in the number of sugar houses in operation, it is said, in the next few years, in consequence of the stimulus given to it by the McKinley bill. The sugar industry as now conducted requires experienced men, skilled not in agriculture alone, like the old style overseers, but with a thorough knowledge of analytical chemistry and mechanics in the various branches, and who keep abreast of the times and all the latest discoveries and inventions.

The Louisiana Agricultural and Scientific Association, recognizing the necessity of such experts, and knowing that they are to be obtained in no other way, as there is no institution in the United States where they can get the specific instruction they need, has aided in establishing this sugar school here, believing that the large pay guaranteed to sugar experts will assure a good attendance. The school is of some interest outside of Louisiana, for it promises to be the principal factor in enabling that State to largely increase its production of sugar and supply the demand of the country.

Montana Democratic Clubs.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., Sept. 13.—J. E. Collins, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, has issued a call for a meeting at Helena, September 21, to organize a State Association of Democratic clubs.

THOUSANDS OF CLAIMS

CONTINUE TO POUR INTO THE PENSION OFFICE FOR ATTENTION.

Almost a Million of Them Are Now Pending—The Vast Amount of Work Required Upon Them — Commissioner Raum's Reply to a Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. — General Enochs, member of Congress, elected from the Twelfth Ohio district, came to Washington for the purpose of a consultation with the Commissioner of Pensions as to the seeming delay in the settlement of pension claims, and especially as to the Pension Bureau on calls made by the General as to status of claims, some of his calls being answered promptly and others not for months, if at all. In answer, Commissioner Raum has written General Enochs an instructive letter, in which he says among other things:

"In compliance with your request of this date, in regard to certain matters connected with the business of the Pension Office, I beg to advise you that I have been and am now doing all I can to secure the prompt adjudication of all claims pending in this bureau. On the first day of July there were 523,787 claimants prosecuting cases before the bureau, who have never been pensioned, and there were 235,689 claims pending in the shape of claims for increase of pension and duplicate claims under different laws, making a grand total of 229,426 pending claims. It will be obvious from this statement of the volume of business here that it is practically impossible to bring all these cases to immediate settlement.

"I have adopted certain rules for the government of the business of the office, whereby claims which are complete shall have the right of way and be hurried to the earliest possible settlement. I have felt, too, that where claimants are already receiving a considerable pension, they are not entitled to as great a proportion of the official force working up their claims for increase of pensions as those claimants—old soldiers and widows—who are not drawing pensions.

"Now in addition to letters of members of Congress, the office last year received 1,170,660 communications from claimants, their friends and attorneys, making inquiry as to the condition of these claims. These communications poured in at the rate of more than 3,800 per day. By directing the energies of the office to the adjudication of claims and keeping the force steadily at work upon that business, I have at last brought the office up to the adjudication of 50,000 claims per month. I believe that this can be kept up during the present fiscal year."

THE OLD LEADERS GONE.

Mrs. John A. Logan Says the Republican Party Is Disintegrating.

JOLIET, Sept. 13.—Mrs. John A. Logan was here to-day. In the course of an interview she said: "Blaine is the most popular man within the ranks of the Republican party, but it is a question whether he can placate or coalesce all divisions of Republicans in the various States. He could not do so in the past, and it does not seem possible, with the disintegration now going on, that he can do so a year hence. The old leaders who won victory for the party have gone, and in their place stand many whose ambition and avarice overleap their patriotism and loyalty to party.

"Do I think the Republicans will win in the coming campaign? Certainly, if united. But if they cannot unite in Illinois, a single State, how can you expect them to unite in all the States? They seem to be falling to pieces of their own weight and through their diversity of opinions and efforts. I can hardly fail to see the signs of the times."

"Do you regard Democratic success as possible?" was asked.

"Yes, and more than possible, unless Republican malcontents put their shoulders to the wheel and work from patriotic motives, as was the case under the old leaders."

Ocean Steamship Arrivals.

Steamer.	Where From.	Destination.
La Bretagne	Havre	New York
Umbria	Liverpool	New York
Augusta Victoria	Hamburg	New York

THE WEATHER.

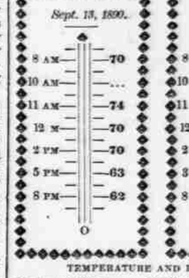
For West Virginia: Fair on Monday, With Slightly Cooler Northerly Winds.

For Western Pennsylvania: Generally Fair on Monday, Northerly Winds, Cooler, Except Stationary Temperature on the Lakes.

For Ohio: Fair, Northerly Winds and Slightly Cooler, Except in Extreme Southeast Portion, Stationary Temperature.

Comparative Temperature.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 13.—The United States Weather Bureau officer in this city furnishes the following:



TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

Maximum temp.	79	Mean temp.	68
Minimum temp.	61	Rainfall	24
Range	18		

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The State of Water and the Movements of Boats.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 13.—Weather clear. River falling at 7 o'clock, with 3 feet 3 inches on the falls, 5 feet 7 inches in the canal and 9 feet 2 inches below. The Congo, from Cincinnati, passed down to Memphis. Departure—Big Sandy, for Cincinnati. The Tell City got in from Evansville.

What Upper Gauges Show.

MORGANTOWN—River 4 feet 2 inches and falling. Rainy. Thermometer 74° at 4 p. m.

WARREN—River stationary at low water mark. Clear and warm.

The News From Below.

WHEELING—River 4 feet 6 inches and falling. Departed—Ben Hur, Pittsburg; Keystone State, Pittsburg; Lizzie Bay, Pittsburg; Allen, Parkersburg. Clear.

MEMPHIS—Arrived—Kate Adams, from Arkansas City. Departed—City of Vicksburg, St. Louis; City of Cairo, Natchez. River 8 feet 2 inches and falling. Clear and warm.

CINCINNATI—River 11 feet and rising. Fair and pleasant.

NEW ORLEANS—Cloudy and warmer. Arrived—City of Hickman, St. Louis.

Down on the Wharf.

THE Keystone State was due last night, but was unable to get above the dam, owing to the accident.

THE wharf was unusually quiet yesterday, even the Mayflower being laid up. The marks show 5 feet 4 inches.

A PATENT steam steering apparatus has been placed on the Chartiers packet Lent Leonti. It is giving satisfaction. All that is necessary to change the course is to turn a lever and the wheel goes around without its being touched by the pilot.

THE lower river traffic will be suspended for some time owing to an accident at the Davis Island dam. Early yesterday morning the Courier entered the lock on her way down the river and in some unaccountable way control of her was lost and she ran her bow onto the lower gate, sticking there. The W. G. Horner was sent to her assistance, and after considerable trouble, succeeded in pulling her off. The gate was damaged so badly that it cannot be opened. The Courier is laid up above the dam. It could not be learned what the damage to her will amount to.

DIED.

MILLARD—On Sunday, September 13, 1891, at 11:15 P. M., at the residence of his parents, Gass avenue, near McClure avenue, RICHARD WILBERT, youngest son of Richard and Elizabeth Millard, aged 3 years, 7 months and 13 days.

Funeral notice hereafter.

THE PEOPLE'S STORE - FIFTH AVE., PITTSBURG.

VISIT OUR CLOAK DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK

We are making our first grand display of Fall and Winter Novelties---**LADIES', MISSES' and CHILDREN'S WRAPS, JACKETS and SUITS**---A perfect exposition of all the latest and most desirable styles and fashions.

WE GIVE A FEW ITEMS SUGGESTIVE, THAT IS ALL, OF THE VALUES TO BE FOUND IN OUR ENORMOUS STOCK

Cloth Reefer Jackets

Chinchilla Cloth Reefers $3.75.
Good hard-wearing cloth reefers, with roll collars. Stylish and durable, $3.75.

Chevron Cloth Reefers $4.50.
These come in good cloth, with mixed cord edge. Strongly made and finished, $4.50.

Gray Cheviot Reefers $6.50.
In three shades of rough Scotch cheviot cloth, cord edge. Extra value at $6.50.

Beaver Cloth Reefers $7.50.
A very fine cloth reefer, with stitched and welted seams. A very nobby garment, $7.50.

Embroidered Reefers $10.
Cheviot reefers, with handsome silk embroidered collar and roll, silk lined front; handsome frog fastenings. This is really extraordinary value at $10.

3-4 Embroidered Reefers $12.
This is similar to the preceding garment, but is cut longer. Very suitable and chic for tall ladies, $12.00.

3-4 Hip Seam Reefer $12.50.
These are cut in the stylish lengths, and come in black or blue beaver cloths. A very fetching jacket, $12.50.

Widewale (hip seam) Reefs $12.50.
Black or blue, stitched and welted seams. A very elegant garment for a lady of medium height.

Better Qualities by Hundreds.
We can only give you a few hints on our immense stock of reefers. Hundreds and hundreds to select from. Come and see them.

Fur-Trimmed Reefers

Chevron Cloth Reefers $4.50.
Good cloth and strongly made, with astrachan cloth roll collar, all sizes, $4.50.

Astrachan Trimmed Reefer $5.
Cheviot reefer, with astrachan collar, edged throughout with same; the price is absurd; $5.

Chinchilla Cloth Reefer $6.
These have astrachan roll collars and silk frog fastenings; very stylish looking jackets; $6.

Cheviot and Hare Reefer $8.
A very nice cheviot reefer; deep collar and roll of black French hare; frog fastenings; $8.

Wool Seal Trimmed Reefer $10
This is a great bargain at $10; a fine cheviot reefer, with wool seal collar and roll; silk frog fastenings; $10.

Astrachan Trimmed Reefer $10
Cheviot reefers, with astrachan collar and roll, loop fastenings; these can't be beat at anything like the price; $10.

Diagonal Cheviot Reefers $12.
These come in elegant diagonal cheviot cloth and have deep collar and roll in astrachan, silk loop fastenings, $12.00.

A special at $15.
Scotch cheviot reefers, Astrachan collar and roll, silk front lined. Natural head fastenings. A really super-elegant jacket, $15.00.

Mink and Cheviot Reefer $20.
A fine cheviot reefer, with mink collar. Jacket edged throughout with same fur, $20.00.

Hip-Seam Jackets.

3-4 Hip-Seam Jackets $7.50.
Black or blue cheviot cloth, handsomely stitched and finished. Only $7.50.

Hip-Seam Beaver Jackets $9.
A fine beaver cloth jacket, stitched and welted seams. A very jaunty jacket, $9.00.

Vicuna Cloth Jacket $12.
Hip-seam jackets in Vicuna cloth with pearl buttons. These come in black, fawn or tan, and have stitched and welted seams, $12.

Astrachan hip seam Jacket $12.50.
Cheviot hip-seam jackets, with fine Astrachan collar and elaborate frog fastenings, $12.50.

JACKETS WITH VESTS.

Cheviot Vested Jacket $7.
Black or blue cheviot jacket, with vest, strongly made and dyed, with silk cord, $7.00.

Fur-Trim'd Vested Jacket $12.
Cheviot jacket, with vest in black or blue, with deep Astrachan collar and roll, silk frog fastenings, $12.

French Seal-Trim'd Jacket $12.
Diagonal cheviot jacket, with French seal collar and roll, frog fastenings, $12.00.

*Widewale Vested Jacket $13.50