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Stamboul's Stockton Record Not Yet Officially Accepted.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

Kremlin's Owner Alleged to Be Strongly Opposing It.

PLIMMER AND M'GRATH BATTLE.

A Local Poolester Talks Interestingly About the Trotting Season.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY.

There is still some uncertainty regarding whether or not the record of Stamboul, the trotting stallion, will be accepted by the publishers of the "Year Book."...

ENGLISH SPORTING GOSSIP.

Howell, the Famous Bicycle Rider, Arrested and Fined for Disorderly Conduct. The mail which reached here yesterday brought a budget of interesting news of the latest doings in English sporting circles.

DOUGHERTY'S FOREFIT UP.

The Champion Skater Issues a Challenge to Any Man in the World. Joseph F. Dougherty, of Newburg, the champion amateur skater of the world, Saturday called at the office of a Minneapolis newspaper and made a deposit as forfeit with authority for that paper to publish...

A TALK WITH SAM ENGLISH.

The Well-Known Poolester Talks About Trotting and Frotters. Sam English, the well-known poolester, is in the city. During a conversation yesterday he spoke highly of the past trotting season.

To-Day's Guttenberg Card.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The following races were sold here on evening on to-morrow's race at Guttenberg: First race, one mile, selling—Prince Fortunatus 107, 810; Belle 107, Brussels 107, Headlight 108, Little Jack 101, Macaulay 101, Boyle Rhodes 101, Transit 101, 85; Fancy gelding 88, Mollie Davis 95, 83; others, 92 each.

THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

A Western Writer Thinks It Wise to Let Well Enough Alone. A little more than two months remain for debating the question. Frank Kiecher has swung Sporting Life into line for the opponents, and has every gun trained against the proponents of the measure.

WALTON WON'T WIN

In His Race for the Speakership, but He Expects to GET ON SOME GOOD COMMITTEES.

Allegheny Doesn't Care for Any Office if That of Resident Clerk

IS ALL THAT THE QUAT SLATE ALLOWS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH: PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Representative Harry E. Walton is still in the fight for the Speakership, backed by Senator Forster, and has been making interesting for the others in the race during the past two weeks.

Walton's bold and aggressive contest has excited much attention over the State, and has challenged even the admiration of ex-Speaker Thompson's friends. His canvass has been strongly and vigorously made with a view to securing the support of the inferior counties, and in this he has succeeded very materially.

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EXPLANATION.

CLOUDLESS. PARTLY CLOUDY. CLOUDY. RAIN. SNOW. Arrow flies with wind. First arrow indicates station temperature; second arrow indicates change in temperature; third arrow indicates direction of wind; fourth arrow indicates amount of rainfall.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—Fair, brisk and high Northwest Winds; Cold. FOR WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO—Fair, Northwest Winds; Cold.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The temperature fell rapidly during the forenoon and middle of the day over the districts east of the Mississippi river and in the Southwest. Began to rise very much in the afternoon, with increasing westerly winds and rapidly falling temperature over the Lake region, Central Valleys and the Southwest.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Local Forecast Official of the Weather Bureau furnishes the following:

BAROMETER—8 A. M., 30.29; 3 P. M., 30.30. RELATIVE HUMIDITY—8 A. M., 90; 3 P. M., 82. PRECIPITATION DURING 24 HOURS, from 8 P. M., 15. TEMPERATURE—8 A. M., 37; 12 M., 37; 3 P. M., 23. Highest, 23; lowest, 10. Average, 30, which is 18° below the normal.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items.—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25.—River stationary, with a foot and a inch and a half below normal. The stage of water at Louisville is 1 foot and a inch and a half below normal. The stage of water at Cincinnati is 1 foot and a inch and a half below normal.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Milwaukee.—Two days occurring almost simultaneously yesterday afternoon, destroyed the Keenan flour mill and the plant of the Milwaukee Electric Light and Power Company. The loss on the latter is \$88,000, and on the former \$15,000. Both fires are thought to have been incendiary.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

J. R. Milroy and wife, of Greensburg, and Charles W. Deane, of Indiana, were at the Seventh Avenue Hotel yesterday. Robert L. Lowe, of New Castle, and G. F. Arnold and wife, of Washington, are stopping at the Monaca Hotel.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

