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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 20, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Match for the Championship—Hamill Again Victorious.

The contest for the sculling championship between James Hamill, of this city, and Joshua Ward, of Newburg, N. Y., took place yesterday afternoon, and was, probably, one of the most exciting and interesting races that has ever come off in this country. About noon large crowds of people commenced flocking to the vicinity of the Glen Hotel, the place designated as the starting point, and at two o'clock the crowd was variously estimated at from ten to fifteen thousand. Three special trains, filled with passengers, were sent out by the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company, and the steamers James Rees, Stephen Bayard, Franklin, Skipper, the ferryboat Allegheny No. 3, together with an immense number of row-boats, skiffs and crafts of every description, also left for the race. The steamboats charged fifty cents per head for the trip, and appeared alive with human beings. Carriages, buggies and wagons lined both banks of the river, and every one waited anxiously for the appearance of the contestants.

At two o'clock Ward had not made his appearance, and after waiting an hour Hamill launched his boat, and rowed out into the river, when he was greeted with cheers by the spectators. Half-past three arrived, but still Ward was absent, and rumors prevailed that he had given up the race. At a quarter to four, however, Ward was observed pulling down the river, and on his arrival the preliminaries of the race were arranged. Mr. James Scott was chosen Judge on the part of Hamill, and Mr. William White on the part of Ward, Ned. James, of the N. Y. *Clipper*, was appointed Referee. The signal for being appointed was given about four o'clock by the firing of a pistol, and the contestants started in beautiful style. Ward led off for the first few strokes, but Hamill quickly gained on him and kept the advantage during the race. After the first quarter of a mile Hamill had made such a gap between himself and his antagonist as to feel himself perfectly safe and beyond the reach of pursuance. Before the second mile had been completed it was the subject of general remark by those on shore that Hamill was stimied the lurking suspicion that he was saving his wind, with the intention of giving his antagonist hot work on the homestretch. Hamill turned the buoy in beautiful style, and when he headed up stream, he was between two and three hundred yards in advance. It became evident now that Ward had not the slightest chance of making up the lost ground, and his friends were willing to concede the contest as lost. During the last mile and a half Ward gradually crept up, still lessening the distance between them, but those who profess to know say that this result is attributable rather to a slacking off on the part of Hamill than to Ward's superior speed. The time made would seem to strengthen this impression. When Hamill passed the Judges' boat, he was about thirty yards in advance of Ward, which about thirty yards in advance of Ward, which about thirty yards in advance of Ward, which