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H. L. HALSTEAD.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be held responsible for opinions here expressed.)

MR. VANDLING DEFENDED.

Editor of THE TRIBUNE:

Dear Sir: A copy of the Scranton Times of Aug. 7 has just been received, and I was greatly amused to find an article on the last page on "The Polander This" in which there is a list of a column of abuse for Postmaster F. M. Vandling.

The Times claims to be the "only Democratic daily in Lackawanna county." From a perusal of this article and from an inspection of the paper in general, I confess that my congratulations are due to your county. A county that has no Democratic daily newspaper is certainly greatly blessed, and when it is not inflated by more than one such paper per diem it is entitled to a considerable degree of felicitation.

There are parts of the attack on Mr. Vandling, which, being a non-resident, I know nothing as to the truth; but there are other statements so absurdly false that I shall esteem it a favor if you allow me space to let the public know it—and thus show how much dependence may be placed upon the Postoffice reports in the paper of a man, who, I understand, was one of the "very hungry and very thirsty" crowd that yearned for appointments about a year ago, but were disappointed when the patronage was divided round.

The Times article declares that when the robbery was discovered, Mr. Vandling was "up at Lake Henry with a party of convivial friends, and with whom, at that time, he has been most of the time since his appointment," "celebrating his appointment, fixing up plates," etc.

Now the fact is that I was in Scranton a week with my brother-in-law and his wife and one of their children, and through Mr. Vandling's kindness, was accompanied by a lady cousin of his, who, accompanied by my brother-in-law and myself are staunch Republicans, and the boy is being trained up to the political way he should go and which I hope he will not depart from when he reaches the voting age.

The convivial part of our experience there was confined to beverage like coffee and water, which cheer but do not inebriate; there could have been no celebrating nor slate fixing, that was evident.

I know that Mr. Vandling is a Democrat and I am sorry that is so; he is a fine fellow and would make an excellent Republican, you know. But he has the malicious sorehead in the race for postmaster; the sorehead does not miss a chance to rail at him; and any decent paper should be glad to expose the mendacity of which said sorehead is guilty.

I read THE TRIBUNE every morning while in Scranton, and I feel sure that it will accord Mr. Vandling the benefits of my denial of some of the base slanders in the Times.

J. JOSEPH LAWRENCE, Yonkers, N. Y., Aug. 9.

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Dr. Gibbons, of New York City, will be in the Scranton office, 411 Wyoming avenue, every Monday from 8 to 10 in the morning and 9 to 11 in the evening.

BEST TROTTING YET

Three Heats Were Required to Decide Each Race.

OUTSIDERS WERE THE WINNERS

The Track Dusty and a Trifle Slow, but the Finishers Were Speedy and Exciting—C. M. Sanderson's Billy the Only Winning Favorite—Keeley Surprises the Talent by Beating Magnolia—Abigail Also a Winner.

There was the usual attendance at yesterday's race of the Gentlemen Drivers. Four events were trotted and each required three heats to find the winner. The track was a trifle dusty and slow, excepting possibly in the 2:50 race, in which the heats were worked off in 1:16, 1:15 and 1:17. The feature of the sport was the uncertainty in selecting the winners. Fanny Blair and John Hannon appeared to be the favorites in the second race, but the first horse turned up in Mr. Crawford's gray pacer Coxy, driven by W. G. Parks. Duke carried the hopes of the majority in the 2:50 race, but gave his admirers a trot for their confidence, but Dr. Hausser's Abigail captured the last two heats, although she was a rank outsider. Magnolia was looked upon to win the last event in a walk, but not pulled down the first heat and Keeley captured the other two heats after being reminded by Magnolia that he had been in a race. Uncertainty and several close finishes made the sport more exciting than at any of the previous meetings, which, added to the fact that the last race was over at 5:35 o'clock, sent the crowd home well satisfied.

THE RACES SUMMARIZED.

Following are the summaries: Frank McNeil, starter; E. J. Goodwin, timer, Louis Bunnell and J. W. Hutchinson.

First race—400 class—Billy, b. g., C. M. Sanderson, 2 1/2; Nellie, g. m., John Heuser, 3 1/2; Harry B. g., J. A. Swages, 4 1/2; George W. b. m., John Fritz, 4 1/2; Flax, s. m., John T. Richards, 6 0 0. Time, 1:37, 1:36, 1:35.

Second race—2:50 class—Coxy, g. g., W. G. Parks, 3 1/2; Fanny Blair, b. m., G. M. Shelly, 3 1/2; John Hannon, g. g., C. M. Sanderson, 3 1/2; Frank H. b. g., J. A. Swages, 4 1/2; Baron Lee, b. m., W. Jernyn, 6 0 0. Time, 1:18, 1:18, 1:18.

Third race—1:16 class—Abigail, br. m., Dr. J. W. Housser, 3 1/2; Duke, bl. g., L. T. Payne, 3 1/2; John, b. g., Dr. G. E. Hill, 4 1/2; Daisy, b. m., C. S. Adams, 4 1/2. Time, 1:16, 1:16, 1:16.

Fourth race—3:40 class—Keeley, b. g., W. Jernyn, 4 1/2; Magnolia, bl. m., Dr. J. L. Wentz, 3 1/2; Nellie, g. m., Dr. G. E. Hill, 4 1/2; John, b. g., Dr. G. E. Hill, 4 1/2. Time, 1:10, 1:17, 1:15.

The opening race required no great effort by Billy. He outclassed his field and will appear in speedier company later.

Fanny Blair and John Hannon were the most prominent candidates to win the first heat of the 3:40 race. John Hannon broke at the head of the stretch and led to the mare by a length. The same horses had it out in the second heat, but both broke a few lengths from the wire and Coxy was placed first.

NORTH END.

Andrew Manyak Relieved of His Watch on Main Avenue.

Andrew Manyak was waylaid by two men at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at Main avenue and Old street and relieved of his watch. The Polander was returning home when the tallest of the men put his arms around his neck in a most loving manner and appeared intensely anxious to know the precise state of his health.

more. At one time they were successful in clearing the second ward of these immoral dens and with a little organization they could succeed once more. The public are asking why the hotelkeepers are holding aloof and their reply would be of interest.

NORTH END BRIEFS.

The annual ball of the Eureka Base Ball team was held Thursday night at the armory, where a large and respectable company filled the spacious room.

The chorus of the Methodist Episcopal church will have a day's outing at Lake Winola next Tuesday.

Miss Anna Muller is spending her vacation at Block Island.

Miss Eliza Guest, of the Globe Ware house, is spending two weeks' vacation at Long Island.

Mrs. Cummings, of Jacksonville, Fla., visited Patrick J. Kenney, D-i-s-w-a-r-e, Lackawanna and Western crossing, yesterday.

A hearty invitation is extended to all friends of the temperance movement to attend the meeting tomorrow morning, at the Welsh Congregational church.

Services will be held tomorrow evening at the Paritan Congregational church, when the Rev. D. A. Evans will preach.

The morning services will not be held owing to the Sunday observance movement meeting.

Richard O. Lloyd and Evan J. Edwards and lady friends drove to Lake Winola yesterday.

Mrs. A. E. Chenoweth, Wayne avenue, is visiting friends at Darby.

KEEPS THE MILL GOING

Rate of Taxation for City and School Purposes Announced.

VALUE AND TAX BOTH INCREASE

Figures Showing Where We Get Our Taxes From—The Rate for City Purposes Will Be Thirteen and Six-Tenths Mills and for School Purposes, Ten Mills—Two Thousand and Fifty-Nine Dots Assessed.

City Clerk Lavelle yesterday completed his computations on the city and school tax levy and announces that the tax rate this year will be 13 1/10 mills for city purposes; and 10 mills for school. Last year the assessment was 12 1/2 mills for city and 10 for school.

The increase in the rate is owing to the building of the bridges.

The total valuation for city purposes is as follows: Occupation, \$1,141,440; real and personal property, \$18,148,749; total, \$19,290,189.

There are 19,411 persons who pay \$1 apiece for keeping their jobs, in other words an occupation tax. Dogs that are assessed \$1 apiece number 2,848 and those that cost their owners \$1.50 a head number 11.

The amount of property assessable for city and city special taxes is \$5,235,754 and for school purposes \$20,341,249 worth of property is taxable. The city valuation is \$300,000 higher than it was last year.

Appended is a table showing assessable value in each ward:

Table with 3 columns: Ward, City and School Valuation, and Total Valuation.

Advertisement for a watch: TIME TO GET ONE \$3.75 Ladies' Watch Stem Wind Warranted. Rexford & Jewelry Company 213 Lacka. Ave.

TEN DOLLARS FOR FAST DRIVING.

Robert Davies Gives Himself Up and Settles for His Misdemeanor.

Robert Davies, for whom a warrant was issued about ten days ago for fast driving on Washington avenue, and who could not be found by the police officers, yesterday went before Alderman Fuller and after pleading guilty was sentenced to a fine of \$10 which he paid.

MONDAY'S GREAT EXCURSION.

Thousands Will Visit Mountain Park on That Day. There is every reason to believe that many thousands persons will go to Mountain park on Monday on the excursion of the congregation of St. Peter's cathedral.

For weeks past energetic committees have been completing arrangements for this outing, which will be one of the most enjoyable of the season. There will be music, games and everything that will tend to interest and amuse the multitude.

COLLISION IN PROVIDENCE.

It Has Resulted in Dr. Donne Salting Jesse A. Brady. Dr. W. A. Donne, of the North End, yesterday began an action to recover \$500 damages from Jesse A. Brady.

It is alleged in the declaration that on July 19 Brady so carelessly and negligently drove a horse and carriage along West Market street that it collided with the carriage of the plaintiff, wrecking the latter and badly injuring his horse.

DIED.

EASTMAN—Francis E., daughter of Daniel Eastman, of 401 Birch street, 19 years and 6 months. Interment at No. 5 cemetery. Services Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at St. Mary's church.

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COLONEL MONIES POST.

It Will Attend Reunion of One and Forty-Third at Montross. Colonel Monies post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, has accepted the invitation of the One Hundred and Forty-Third regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers to be present at their reunion at Montross on Sept. 4.

MR. MULLEN ENTERS A DENIAL.

Says That His Speech Was Not an Amusing Medley. Peter Mullen, of Minooka, called at THE TRIBUNE office yesterday and stated that the published accounts of the citizens' meeting at Minooka a week ago to protest against the erection of a new school house at Moosic had done him an injustice.

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