

ONE YANKEE TELLS ABOUT THE DERBY

Quite the Most Important Event in the British Calendar.

IS THE CELEBRATED DERBY DAY

Elwyn A. Barron, the Versatile London Correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, Gives a Polished Description of His First View of This Momentous Affair.

Next to the crown the most important thing in English esteem is the Derby; and when for the first time in considerably more than a century the prize is borne off by a Prince of Wales, and that prince extremely popular with all classes, no wonder that the degree of jubilation is nothing less than in excess.

Derby day on Epsom Downs (they were known as Bannetted Downs in the days of the Inimitable Peppys) is always the thing of the year; but the conditions and experiences of yesterday made it one of the red-letter events of a lifetime. I find it a blessed gift of fortune to have been present, and I owe it to our good friend, the admirable Willard, that the most favorable circumstances attended me.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT.

We pulled out from the road on a hilltop and became spectators of the heterogeneous pageant. An extraordinary sight, indeed, is the tide of vehicles, the most numerous that ever flowed to the Derby. The like of it is to be seen nowhere else in the world.

THE IMMENSE THROG.

As there is no charge of admission to the course (excepting, indeed, to the inclosures about the grand stand, with its stalls, private boxes, clubhouse, etc.), to enter which you must pay 10) there is no restraint on the throngs of spectators and there is no possibility of ascertaining the number of people in attendance.

As you drive up you seem to be coming under the encampment of an army. Thousands of tents, of various sizes and in every shade of radiation, from approximate white to the grim of age and use, give the impression that an advancing host has pitched its camp for a brief sojourn.

THE BOOKIES.

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which means they will give odds against any horse you will name, the favorite being the "bookies." They are the open huge placards erected in front of them bearing their names, where from he who reads may determine their descent as well as their responsibility.

Then there are swings and merry-go-rounds, besides such pastimes as throwing at cocoanuts, striking with mallets on automatic machines to test your force, watching girls dance on the turf to the quavering lamentations of a hand organ, or forming a ring about a rather buxom young woman in blue-colored lights and close-fitting sleeveless red bodice, who engages in a few bouts at boxing with a chap who seems to have come from Whitechapel for the purpose.

MANY GYPSIES.

The gypsies tell fortunes at their vans, or make themselves importunately unuseful about the grounds, or give their indolent attention to refreshment stands, to paralyze which requires the uncritical appetite of a "navvy." They travel in vans, and not in gypsies, however, for a goodly percentage of the lower British public lives and breeds families in the coollike houses in order to have a home of their own, and yet escape the payment of rates as householders.

WALLES WON.

As I have said, the fact that Persimmon, against whom odds of five to one had been laid not an hour before, shot so smartly to the fore after an uncommonly well-run race, set the people wild, and they came rushing onto the track behind the horses, like a black deluge, roaring their joy and bearing down toward the judges' stand, where the policemen were already forming their circle to keep clear a space into which the horses should be ridden before unsaddling.

And it was genuine. I imagine that the people who bet on the result were gladly sympathetic with the prince in his good fortune in the achievement of the highest of England's sporting honors; and as for the public at large, well, if the radicals have any doubt that the people of Great Britain are wedded in love and fidelity to royalty, let them say why there was such a convulsion of happiness because the Derby stakes were gathered in by the Prince of Wales.

BEFORE THE START.

You know that the starters in the Derby on being brought from the stables are led at a walk past the grand stand, etc., and are then ridden by at a gallop before they are taken to the starting point at the further end of the course, about half a mile across the downs from the Judge's stand.

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with the smoothness of a machine, and their stiller, garbed riders, is something to thrill the most phlegmatic temperament.

There was no pretense at stolidity on the part of the Americans present, and their name was legion. They uttered their delight with more than English fervor when Persimmon met his destiny, and lunged ahead, thrusting his nose and then his neck in the lead of the splendidly laboring St. Frusquin, as they shot toward and passed the post.

When the Whig convention met at Philadelphia in 1852 the candidates were Fillmore, Scott and Webster, and not a single vote from the south was cast for Webster. He received the lowest vote of all the candidates and Scott was finally nominated.

CANDIDATES IN DEFEAT.

Historic Instances Showing How Difficult It Is for Great Men to Conquer Their Chagrin at an Ill Turn of Fortune.

There are few men who can bear defeat with equanimity, particularly when the loss is the greatest to which man may aspire. Consequently, when Mr. Reed expressed himself more forcibly than politely at his recent defeat, with some remarks as to the management of the canvass by his friends, the temporary exaltation of rage was excusable.

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fore the age of two was paralyzed in his right leg. He had a stroke of apoplexy. He had this vision on hearing of the death of Byron: Coming into the dining room he saw before him the image of his dead friend; on advancing toward it he recognized that the vision was due to drapery extended over the seven, Colaire, like Cicero, Demosthenes, Newton and Walter Scott.

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PASTRY IS WHOLESOME WHEN SHORTENED WITH COTTOLENE

THE ENGLISH MEN OF LETTERS who have become insane or have hallucinations and peculiarities in the course of their lives are few in number. Some of the most notable are Swift, Johnson, Cowper, Southey, Shelley, Byron, Goldsmith, Lamb and Pore. Swift was also cruel in conduct, but he was hardly representative, as his insanity was congenital.

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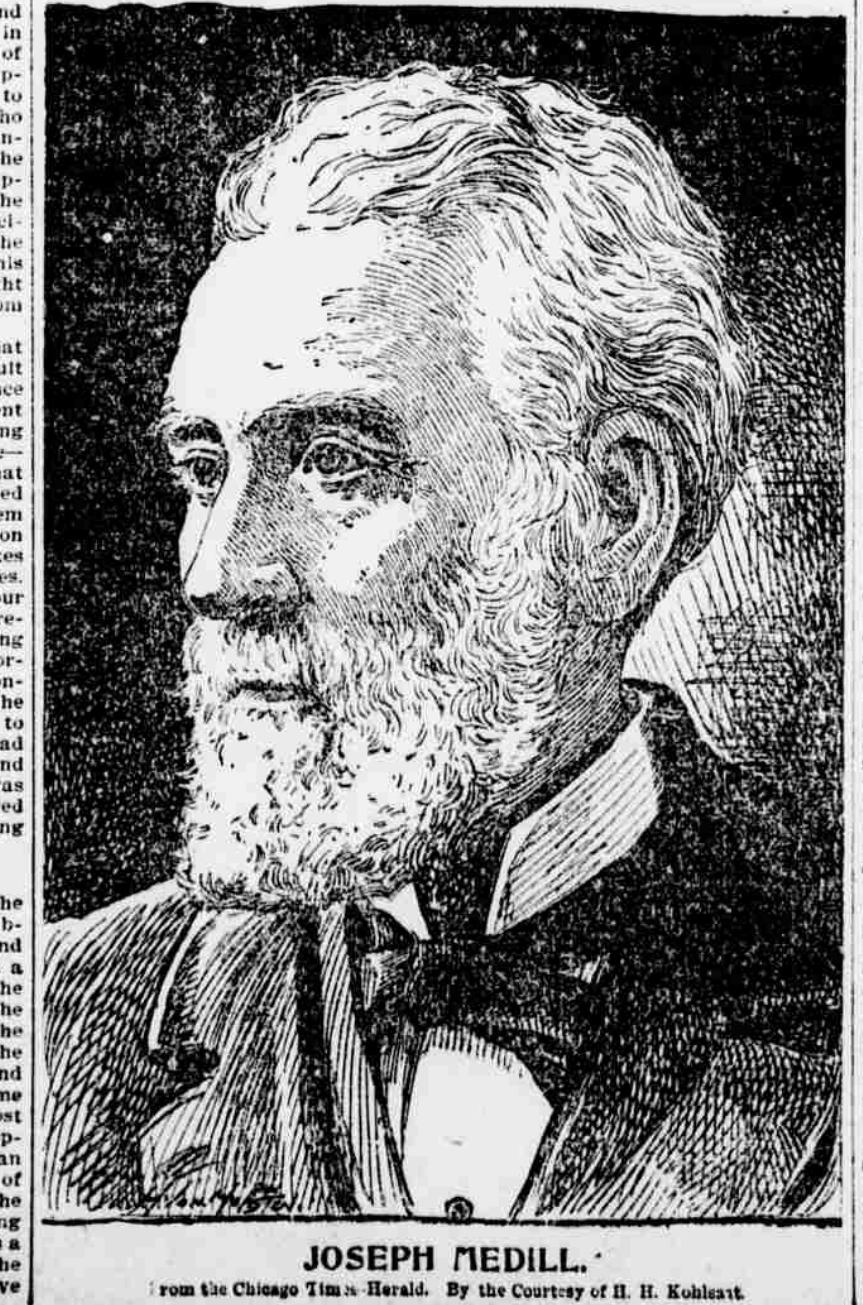
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