

A CHICAGO GAME OF POKER.

The most famous game of draw poker on record was played in Chicago in 1859. The players were Charles H. Farwell and Hugh Maher. It seems that Messrs. Farwell and Maher did not play a cash game. Experts in the great national game assure us that it is impossible to play poker properly unless the money is put up every time, and it is altogether owing to the neglect of these players to conform to this commendable usage that they have been involved in litigation which promises to be tedious, irritating and unprofitable. At the end of the game between Mr. Farwell and Mr. Maher—it may have been a series of games, but the principle is the same—Mr. Maher found himself owing a considerable sum—\$1,700, we believe—to his opponent. According to his story, he offered to settle soon afterward, but he says that Farwell raised him a thousand, or in other words that he claimed \$1,000 more than was really due him. The matter was arranged by a transfer to Farwell of eighty acres of land belonging to Maher, who says that this transfer was made as security for the payment of the claim pending an adjustment of the dispute as to the amount actually due, with the understanding that Farwell should reconvey it back when the two could come to an agreement upon the amount of the debt, and when the money should be produced to liquidate it. Since then the land has increased greatly in value, being worth now about \$100,000; and one day Maher was greatly surprised to learn that a portion of it had been sold and resold, whereupon he filed a bill in court for the purpose of securing a conveyance. This occurred long ago. Since then nothing has been heard of this case, so interesting to the poker playing community, until a few days ago, when application was made for a rule of court requiring the opposing counsel to file certain documents forthwith, so that they might be examined by the attorneys of persons holding lots under title derived from Farwell. It is said that a great mass of depositions and other testimony has been collected, and that some of this evidence contains information of great value in regard to the mysteries of draw poker as played in Chicago.

LANES AND FOOTPATHS.

The fall is again here, and dull days and chilly nights warn us that winter is not far away. Before its advent let every preparation be made to meet it, for at best it is a disagreeable season for the farmer. Of all the causes that combine to make it so, none are so potent as one thing—mud. Through perhaps five months of the year mud is a necessity, but the farmer has it in his power to obviate its evils to a great extent. Before the fall rains come on, let the lanes be ditched and graveled, and good board, stone or gravel walks constructed, from house to road, from house to barn, from house to well or spring, and, in short, along every frequented walk or drive, on or about the premises. See that they are well made—high and dry—so that the wife or daughter can pass from place to place without sinking in mud up to the shoe-tops. No one can estimate the amount of sickness, the doctors' bills, or death, the direct result of wet feet from this cause. See to it that the sickness or death of a member of your family be not laid at your door. Your own health and comfort, as well as that of your horses that are compelled to draw heavy loads through muddy lanes, demand that you make these improvements. Suppose they do involve labor and a little expense? The pleasure of passing along these dry paths and drives when the mud at each side is knee-deep is sufficient compensation, to say nothing about facility, health or comfort.

It has often occurred to us that farmers should unite in the construction of foot-paths along the roadside, so that the village, the postoffice, the school or church could be reached on foot without wet feet. This could be done at little expense, comparatively, and then what a world of annoyance, trouble, exposure and discomfort would be prevented! who can tell how many lives would be saved annually?—Ohio Farmer.

Connecticut has a marksman who gave an exhibition of his skill at a fair recently. He used an improved target-rifle, requiring neither cartridge, powder nor air, a percussion cap alone, sending a large shot—single B—with force sufficient to penetrate a pine board at some distance. He stuck a pin in a board twenty-five feet distant, took his rifle in one hand, pistol fashion, and knocked the pin down. He then stuck his knife in the board, at the same distance, and split several shots in succession, while he rang the target-bell nine times out of ten.

"My dear sir," said a candidate, addressing a stray wag on the day of election, "I am very glad to see you." "You needn't be," replied the wag, "I have voted."

A Memphis policeman thought that his orders included all cases of drunkenness, and, therefore, arrested the Mayor and was discharged.

An hour's industry will do more to produce cheerfulness, suppress evil humors and retrieve your affairs, than a month's moaning.

Allegheny Valley Rail Road.

Oil Creek & Allegheny River Railway, and Buffalo, Corry & Pittsburgh R. R.

Table with columns for stations (Pittsburgh, W. Penn June, Kittanning, R. R. June, Brady Bend, Parker, Emontion, Scrutgrass, Franklin, Oil City) and times for Northward and Southward directions.

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DEPART. Southern express, 5.20 a. m.; Pacific express, 2.40 a. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 1, 6.20 a. m.; Mail Train, 8.10 a. m.; Brinton's accommodation, 1.20 p. m.; Bradlock's accommodation No. 1, 3.10 p. m.; Cincinnati express, 12.35 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 2, 11.51 a. m.; Johnstown accommodation, 4.05 p. m.; Homewood accommodation No. 1, 8.50 p. m.; Philadelphia express, 8.50 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 3, 5.05 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 4, 6.05 p. m.; Fast Line, 7.40 p. m.; Wall's No. 5, 11.00 p. m.

The Church Trains leave Wall's Station every Sunday at 9.05 a. m., reaching Pittsburgh at 10.05 a. m. Returning leave Pittsburgh at 12.50 p. m., and arrive at Wall's Station at 2.10 p. m.

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Trains leave Pittsburgh for Oil City at 7.20 a. m., 1.00 and 8.30 p. m., arriving in Oil City at 2.33 a. m., 8.15 and 8.05 p. m. Trains leave Oil City for Buffalo at 2.45 p. m., 6.30 p. m., arriving in Buffalo at 8.35 p. m., 1.15 a. m.

Trains leave Buffalo for Oil City at 6.05 a. m. and 12.25 p. m., arriving at Oil City at 2.00 p. m. and 8.05 p. m.

All trains given above run through from Pittsburgh to Buffalo and return, without change of cars. Trains run on Philadelphia time, which is 20 minutes faster than Pittsburgh time. The time at Buffalo is L. S. & M. S. R'y time which is 25 minutes slower than Philadelphia time.

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