

AN AUSPICIOUS OPENING.

Several Thousand People Entertained at Exposition Park Yesterday.

Three thousand people attended the races at Exposition Park yesterday afternoon. Threatening rain clouds filled the heavens, and doubtless kept many lovers of turf sports away from the grounds.

The racing race brought five starters. Stella Foster was made the favorite, selling for \$23.1, while Will Kerr brought \$15. Excelsior led the field \$5. Kerr won the first heat quite handsly, with Excelsior a length away.

Summary 2:35 Trot. C. M. Spencer's m. n. Traphagen... 1 1 H. Schreiber's s. g. Harry... 2 2 Time, 2:46, 2:46 1/2.

Summary 2:35 Pace. H. Hagmaler's m. g. Excelsior... 2 1 1 Moore Floyd's s. g. Will Kerr... 1 1 1 Charles Paul's m. n. Stella... 3 3 3 B. Milton's m. g. Careless... 3 dist D. K. Miller's s. m. Kitty H... dist Alex. Shaur's m. g. Harry... dr Moore Floyd's Little Nell... dr Time, 2:40, 2:39 1/2, 2:39 1/2.

JEROME PARK RACES.

Sam Brown, Portland, Mikado, Miss Palmer Wandering and Captain Curry Win.

New York, May 30.—Although the weather was damp and muggy—in fact a light rain fell during most of the afternoon—a great crowd went to Jerome Park this afternoon.

First race, free handicap for all ages, one mile and a furlong—Starters: Sam Brown, Duplex, Tolu, Heel and Toe, Walkover, Duke of Westmoreland, Woodrow and Caravan. Sam Brown won by three lengths. Caramel second, Tolu third. Time, 2:30.

Second race, the juvenile stakes, for 2-year-olds, one mile and a half—Starters: Laura, Glenside, Glenside, Nannie Black, Colt, Gibbas, Buffalo, Portland, Salisbury, Mink, Retreat, Preclash and Fortuna. Portland won by three lengths. Retreat second, Electric third. Time, 2:30.

Third race, the Harlem stakes, all ages, one mile and a furlong—Starters: Duchess, Mikado, Mink, Himalaya and St. Louis. Mikado won by a head, Duchess second, Himalaya third. Time, 2:30.

Fourth race, the ladies' stakes, for 3-year-old fillies, one mile and a half—Starters: Bata, Sapphire, East Lynn, Miss Palmer, Panka and Error. Miss Palmer won by a length. Panka second, Bata third. Time, 2:47 1/2.

Fifth race, purse \$300 selling allowances, 2 1/2 of a mile—Starters: Navarre, Glenside, Mikado, James Mack, Wandering, Mentmore, Warden, Carrie Stewart and Queen Fan. Carrie Stewart was left at the post, Wandering beat Glenside by a length. Gutter third. Time, 1:19.

Sixth race, handicap steeple chase over full course—Starters: Patterson, Euro, and saved on the ham and Flanes. Capt. Curry and Echo bolted the third jump. Flanes fell at the fourth, and Patterson was second from the second jump. Patterson won by three lengths, Abraham second, Patterson third. Time, 4:10.

THE CANOE REGATTA.

Equally Weather and Dead Wind Prevent Some of the Races.

The Pittsburg Canoe Club regatta was held yesterday afternoon. It was a success so far as having a delightful time was concerned, but the equally weather somewhat interfered with the races.

At 8:30 a. m. the Park Painter left the Monongahela wharf, having in tow one of Pat Luther's boat barges, on which were all of the canoes of the members, who numbered 25 young men of this city. There were also a large number of invited guests on board.

Although on the course in time for a race before dinner—a magnificent lunch furnished by the Duquesne Club caterer, and served on the barge—the races were postponed until afternoon, on account of there being little or no wind. The course was one mile up the river from a ripple half a mile below the boathouse to another ripple near the P. M. C. and Curry wharves.

PSALTER REVISION

Is Described to the U. P. General Assembly by Dr. Robinson, of Allegheny.

THE CHURCH ORGAN CONTEST IS ALIVE.

More Figures Both as to Increased Presbyterian and Lutheran Efforts.

NEWS FOR CHURCH-GOING PEOPLE TO READ.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

TOPEKA, Kas., May 30.—In the United Presbyterian General Assembly to-day when the question of the adoption of the Home Missions report came up for consideration, quite an interesting event occurred. It turned upon the question of the adoption of that portion of the report which relates to the removing of Rev. C. B. Smythe, of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Street New York City Church.

No report was made on the part of New York delegates to shield the minister who has been referred to above.

Pending the consideration of the report of the Committee on Publication, Dr. J. Robinson, of Allegheny, gave a succinct history of the work being done by the committee to revise the Psalter. He said the committee met twice every month and completed 10 pages of the Psalter at a time.

The general feeling in the Assembly on the question of instrumental music seems to be against any change in the church laws regarding the matter.

The election of Moderator Johnson is said to be a victory for the organ party.

HEALTHY FINANCIALLY.

A Few Eloquent Figures Presented to Presbyterians Assembled in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 30.—At the Presbyterian General Assembly this morning, a report, was made on the Presbyterian Alliance, held last year in Belfast, Ireland. A letter was read from the "Free Independent Church of Bohemia." The council appointed a standing committee, one section to be in Great Britain and one in America, involving an outlay of \$6,000 per year, this country's share being \$1,950.

The Committee on the Board of Aid of Colleges and Academies reported that the total receipts for the year were \$40,049. Seven new institutions have expended \$174,700 upon their own property, and \$16,014 has been given to them by the board.

The report of the General Assembly's trustees shows that the total receipts for the year were \$87,383; expenditures, \$84,820, and that there is credited to the stated clerk \$313,521.

LUTHERAN STATISTICS.

Presented at the General Synod, Show a Marked and Healthy Growth.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

HARRISBURG, May 30.—At the session of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church to-day the eighth biennial report of the Board of Church Extension was presented. The total receipts for the two years were \$77,800 92. Of this amount \$1,188 was interest on loans made to the churches.

HUGO'S LAST DAYS.

Scenes at His Bedside During His Illness—Death a Welcome Visitor.

A Paris letter to the New York Courier des Etais Unis describes the scenes at Victor Hugo's bedside during his illness. On Holy Thursday several guests, including M. de Lesseps, dined at Hugo's house, and the poet was in high spirits, and gave no token of approaching illness.

On the morning of May 19, three days before his death, Mme. Lockroy asked him: "How do you feel, father?" "Well, very well," he replied. "It is death, it is welcome," he replied. "No, it is the end, I feel that I am going to die."

Then to M. Lockroy he said: "My friend, it is a dying-man who speaks to you." He added an instant later: "Death is very long; it is too long." In the course of the preceding night, during a moment of delirium, he pronounced in a loud voice this line: "C'est tel le combat du jour et de la nuit."

Then he talked of his grandfather. Between his fit of delirium he conversed freely with the members of his family.

TWO MEN MURDERED.

By a Drunken Man, and Several Others Wounded at the Same Time.

BINGHAMPTON, May 30.—At Deposit, on the Erie road, 45 miles east of this city, occurred to-day an awful tragedy. George Axtell, a young man, came to that place and drank more or less during the day. While in a saloon he became angered at a negro waiter, and pulling a revolver, he began firing. The saloon was crowded. Axtell fired five shots, killing two men outright, wounding a third fatally and two more seriously.

HARMONY RULED THE HOUR.

In the Republican County Convention Held at Beaver, in Spite of Class Votes.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

BEAVER, May 30.—The Republican County Convention met at 3 P. M. to-day, after a recess taken from 4 P. M. yesterday, and received the vote of the districts that had not reported yesterday. The general result as predicted was changed by reason of the additional returns, and Stone was declared the nominee for the office of Protonotary, he having a plurality of 6 votes over Swaney, his chief competitor.

The Faded Jersey Lily.

A London correspondent writes: "I regret to have to say that the general impression made by Mrs. Langtry at the private views this year was that her good looks had wonderfully faded since her first appearance in London society. The beautiful complexion and the distinguished yet simple bearing remain as charming as ever, but the once lovely eyes are no longer so bright. There is a fagged expression in all the features, and instead of conveying the impression of abounding health, as she once did, the lady from Jersey now seems to be delicate. Her slowness of figure adds to this effect."

Miss Cleveland's Poems.

Some years ago, when Miss Cleveland was living a quiet life in Holland Patent, she was a frequent contributor to the poet's corner of the Utica Herald; and her stanzas, thoughtful and graceful as they invariably were, and suggestive frequently of the Emersonian verse, attracted considerable attention.

Capture of a Youthful Burglar.

WASHINGTON, Pa., May 30.—George Price, a 14-year-old colored lad, who hails from Pittsburg, was arrested this evening, charged with breaking into the residence of J. C. McDaniel, at Rankintown, a suburb

A PLUCKY WOMAN.

How Miss Ober, of Opera Fame, Has Stemmed the Tide and

MADE A FORTUNE IN SIX YEARS.

Satisfied to Rest Under Her Own Vine and Fig Tree Henceforth.

A HAPPY FAMILY BEHIND THE SCENE.

It is shameful to state, yet the fact remains, that in this enlightened age there are many who think all labor, except housework, belittles a woman, and who look with holy horror on one who has courage enough to leave the regular routine laid down for the flimsy sex and enter the manlier domain.

Miss E. H. Ober has been filling a position that was never before attempted by women—proprietor and manager of an opera company. In an interview with her week before last she said: "Six years ago I left in Boston a theatrical bureau. Times were very dull then among 'show people,' so I concluded to put an opera troupe in the Boston Theatre for six weeks. Costumes were procured, and we opened with 'Elnorah.' It was a great success, both musically and financially. Some advised me to go on the road, and I did."

A WOMAN OF NERVE.

"Were you not afraid of falling?" "Afraid of falling?" she repeated with a smile. "No, I was not afraid. I knew people had started out before and failed, but I also knew many had started out and succeeded. So I had just the same chance as any man."

"What arrangements do you make with your company?" "Simply this: I pay each a stated salary. From that they must pay their board and furnish their wearing apparel. I pay all traveling expenses and furnish the entire opera outfit."

"How much do your costumes cost?" "For each opera we have separate costumes, and any one set will cost more than \$2,500. My expenses are more than \$4,000 weekly, but I have always cleared them, notwithstanding the hard times."

"What is your opinion on women entering public life?" "I think if they are fitted for it, all right. Women are just like men—some may be fitted for a position that another could not fill; but I say what they can do, let them. If they have energy and pluck to start out and take care of themselves, they should be praised for doing so."

"What treatment do you receive in dealing with the men with whom you are thrown in contact?" "The best, the very best from managers, landlords and all. I cannot complain of one thing. My sister always travels with me as an assistant."

"Will it not be hard to settle down after traveling constantly for six years?" "No, I cannot say it will. I was content to travel, now I have made enough to keep me comfortable my entire life, so why should I worry to earn more. Of course I have not made a great fortune, and men might not count me wealthy, but I have earned plenty to last me the rest of my life, and it has been all made with the Boston Ideals."

"Do you not feel sorry to separate from them?" "Yes, we are like one big family. We never quarrel, we are all fond of one another, and so it will be hard to part. I have yet a good many people who started with me six years ago. Among the leading ones are Miss Burton, and Messrs. Lading, Jones, Barnabe and Frothingham."

"Have you sold your title yet?" "No; but next season there will still be a Boston Ideal Opera Company."

BEHIND THE SCENES.

On Friday evening, just after the second act, the company all came to the walking court, where the interview took place. Karl tipped back his hat and leaned gracefully against the side of the door, meanwhile chatting with lover-like devotion, that none can better assume, to a pretty chorus girl, W. H. MacDonald, who was not playing, sauntered leisurely in, humming an opera air and looking every inch the handsome "Duke, minus lights and black velvet tunic, abstracting first for a black suit and high silk hat. Lady Fandora, Geraldine Uimar, held the train of her night dress gracefully over her arm, while she looked and talked bewitchingly to Lorenzo, chief of the cabiniers, Herndon Morsell. Miss Matilde Phillips, dressed in black silk, leaned back in her chair majestically, while crowding around in merry groups were several girls and men dressed in pretty costumes. Lord Rosbury, H. C. Barnabe, taking Miss Carrie's hand, led her forward before a velvet object. Mr. Pond removed the cloth, and Mr. Barnabe, in his most pleasant manner, presented the gift in the name of the Boston Ideals, with their best wishes for the happy