

THE SPORTING WORLD

ON THE RACE TRACK.

Results at Tampa. Tampa, Fla., Feb. 18.—The weather was fine and the track good today. The third race, a handicap, with the feature and Ray Thompson and Momentum fought it out all the way but the weight told on Ray Thompson and he was last by three-quarters of a length in the fifth race, Kate Carney fell and Amador was badly cut down. After the investigation into the race run by Jeanette M. yesterday, the judges ordered her entry refused at the meeting on account of inconsistent running. Jockey Hinchcliffe will be reinstated. Summary: First race, 6 furlongs and 90 yards: Roseboro, 4 to 1; won; Malvina, 5 to 5, second; Rexall, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:21. Second race, 6 furlongs: Klameshi II, 4 to 1; won; Anna Smith, 3 to 1, second; Dew of Dawn, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:24. Third race, 6 furlongs: Momentum, 5 to 1; won; Ray Thompson, 5 to 5, second; Roseburg II, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:04. Fourth race, 7 furlongs: Merise, 2 to 1; won; Elysium, 5 to 1, second; Pimpante, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:30. Fifth race, 7 furlongs: Aunt Tabitha, 5 to 1; won; Birdaxarta, 4 to 1, second; Revery, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:04. Sixth race, 6 furlongs and 90 yards: Carraugh, 6 to 1; won; Minnehaha, 8 to 1, second; Alrship, 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:12.

Race Track Law Will Cut Season Short. Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 18.—Governor Gifford will sign the Walker-Otis anti-race gambling bill to-morrow morning. It becomes operative 60 days after the Governor's signature is attached. This means that the Emeraldville and Santa Anita tracks will not be able to finish their present season as scheduled.

MISS ALLISON FRIGHTENED. Statesville Young Lady Finds Negro in House Where He Doesn't Belong—In Fleeing She Falls and is Badly Cut and Bruised. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Feb. 18.—Miss Lizzie Allison, a popular and prominent young lady, was badly frightened by a negro early Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Allison, on Davis avenue, and as a result of the scare her left hand is badly cut and her wrist sprained. Miss Allison fell while fleeing from the negro and her hand was cut by the breaking of a lamp which she held at the time. The negro made no attempt to place his hands on her and it is not probable that he was on the premises with any evil purpose in view.

Miss Allison and her mother were at home alone up to a few minutes after 7 o'clock, when Mr. John A. Parker called. About 7:30 o'clock Miss Allison went to the servant's house in the back yard on an errand. The servant's house had not been occupied for about eight days, but during the afternoon a fire had been kindled in the house to heat some irons and the only light in the house was that from the coal in the fire place. Therefore Miss Allison took with her a lamp and a match, expecting to light the lamp as soon as she entered the house, which is only a few feet from the back porch of the residence. When Miss Allison opened the door of the servant's house and before she could strike the match, a negro who was in the room spoke to her. Knowing that the house had not been occupied for more than a week and that no one had a right to be there, Miss Allison feared that some one was about to take advantage of her, and screaming for help she rushed back to the house. As she started out the back door she stepped on the coal in the fire place, her hand being badly cut by the broken glass and her wrist sprained by the fall.

On hearing Miss Allison's screams Mrs. Allison and Mr. Parker rushed to the back of the house, and Mr. Parker made a thorough search of the premises, but of course the negro had departed. Tracks were found leading to and from the coal in the fire place and the door was found a heavy stick which he had left there. Who the negro was is yet to be ascertained.

FIRE AT ROCKY MOUNT. One Residence Burned and Two Damaged by Midnight Blaze. Special to The Observer. Rocky Mount, Feb. 18.—Tuesday night about 12:30 o'clock the home of Mr. E. L. Vick on Bassett street, was destroyed by a fire. The flames had gained considerable headway before the occupants of the house were awakened and they were forced to flee for their lives, saving but little. A high east wind was blowing at that hour and the flames rapidly spread to the home of Mr. E. L. Barnes. The home on the other side of the burning building, which was occupied by Mr. J. C. Barnes, caught several times but persistent effort on the part of the Gibson Hill hose team prevented its destruction. The home of Mr. Vick was owned by Mr. W. M. Soden, who estimates his loss on this building at \$1,200, with \$750 insurance. The loss in furnishings is estimated at \$500. The home of Mr. J. C. Barnes, also owned by W. M. Soden, Jr., was damaged to the amount of \$100, insured; the furnishings damaged in moving to the extent of \$50, and the loss to the home of the same insurance. The fire originated in the kitchen of the Vick home, either from carelessness in handling fire or from a defective flue.

Anderson Company to Install Seneca Electric Plant. Special to The Observer. Anderson, S. C., Feb. 18.—The Piedmont Electric Company of this city has been awarded the contract for the installation of the new electric light plant at Seneca. The contract will amount to about \$10,000, and the work is to be completed within 90 days if the necessary machinery can be placed on the ground. The Piedmont Electric Company has but recently completed the contract for the wiring and fitting up of the Calhoun Mills at Calhoun Falls, and is working on a number of large contracts to be executed within the near future.

Gillespie Dies in Electric Chair. Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—Charles Gillespie, a negro, who a month ago attempted an assault upon a young lady of this city while she was on her way to church, was put to death in the electric chair in the penitentiary here to-day.

SCABBARD MYSTERY AIRED

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witness: "How many shells does an automatic revolver hold?" "Nine—eight in the clip or magazine and one in the chamber." On re-direct examination the officer said he picked up an empty shell near the scene of the shooting. Where he picked it up was several feet behind where Senator Carmack stood when the firing began.

ROBIN COOPER'S WOUNDS

Dr. R. E. Fort, to whose infirmary, near the scene of the tragedy, the two Cooper's walked after the shooting, detailed how the defendants came to him. "Robin Cooper had a pistol wound in the right shoulder just above the coracoid," said the witness. "I dressed the wound. There was no point of exit and I assume that the bullet is still in the young man's shoulder." "When I started to dress the wound Robin asked for a cigar and a cigar paper and I got them out of his pocket and found in his overcoat an automatic revolver. A bullet had passed through the left sleeve of his overcoat but had not touched his person."

COOPER'S DAUGHTER WEEPS

During Dr. Fort's recital of his incident, Mrs. Buch's eyes filled and she began to cry softly to herself, shielding her eyes with her gloved hand. On cross-examination Dr. Fort said he did not hear Colonel Cooper say: "I did not want to kill another man." He thought the remark might have been made and might have been called forth by the intense excitement and the crowd that was growing outside. "When I got to the northeast corner of the street Judge Hart announced that there must be no further demonstrations in the court room."

CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Senator Gary Assails Immigration Commission for Its Extravagant Expenditures With No Good Results—Calls for an Investigation. Washington, Feb. 18.—The immigration commission, composed of the main of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, was the subject of sharp criticism to-day in the Senate. The criticism was made in connection with a speech by Senator Gary of South Carolina, based upon a resolution introduced by himself, directing the commission to report to the Senate a summary of its acts and its present work.

Mr. Gary had not proceeded far when he was interrupted by a number of Senators. "I do not understand," said Mr. Penrose, "I thought I had the floor and no one had a right to interrupt me without my consent." "The Senator proceeded into the ordinary business of hearing additional amendments of the bill read."

Senator Dillingham, chairman of the commission, said that while not desiring to break in upon Mr. Gary's speech, he was desirous of giving all the information possible. He stated that in addition to the Senate and the House of Representatives, who are members of the commission, it was composed of Professor Jenks, of Cornell University; Dr. Wheeler, of California, and Labor Commissioner Neill. He also stated that the total cost of the commission had been fixed at \$1,500 a year or the equivalent of the salaries of Senators and members. In the case of Mr. Neill, sufficient had been added to bring his pay up to that figure. Senator Dillingham said, "Never for an hour has that man Neill earned one-third of this amount."

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PENAL CODE BILL PASSES. Similar Measure Has Passed the Senate and the House. The House Committee on Penalties. Washington, Feb. 18.—The House today passed the bill revising, amending and codifying the penal laws of the United States. A similar measure, though varying in detail, had previously passed the Senate and a committee on conference will now undertake to harmonize the differences between the two houses. Before taking the vote to-day the House adopted an amendment offered by Mr. Bartley, directing the calling of the law which made it a crime for State officers to disqualify certain persons from serving on juries on account of race or color. Mr. McCall's amendment abolishing capital punishment was defeated by the lack of a quorum in the House when a vote was taken. Probably the provision which will cause most discussion by the conferees is that added by the House relating interstate shipments of liquor. Pension Bill Ready for Senate. Washington, Feb. 18.—The Senate committee on pensions to-day completed its consideration of the pension appropriation bill and when the Senate convened Senator McComber, chairman of the committee, presented the report to the Senate. The only important change made in the bill as it came from the House was the elimination of the provision for the consolidation of a number of pension agencies throughout the country in one office at Washington. As has been done in previous years this provision was stricken out because of the opinion of the Senate committee that to discontinue the offices now scattered throughout the country would cause great inconvenience while effecting a very small saving. Newberry Favors Consolidation of Shops. Washington, Feb. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Seware's report before the House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day to discuss the results attained through the consolidation of shops in the various navy yards. Mr. Newberry

STORMY SCENES IN SENATE

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have been reasonably diligent on the committee on Indian affairs. "It is the unanimous testimony of its members," said the speaker, "to attend those meetings," interposed Mr. Penrose angrily.

LAFOLLETTE REPLIES

"I would have more confidence in the statement," replied Mr. LaFollette deliberately, "if Senators on that committee made that declaration themselves. I am absent from the Senate two months at the last session, being confined to my home in this city by illness. I was absent during the holidays—a week—during this session when I was at my home superintending the publication of a magazine in which I am interested, and that seemed necessary to the success of the business at that time."

Then, standing in his place in silence for ten seconds, he looked intently towards the Senator from Pennsylvania. Framing his words with great deliberation he continued: "Against his course and vulgar assault I put my record. I have been a member of this body." Then looking at the chamber, Mr. LaFollette continued: "You can take to course which will deter me from exercising my right upon this floor to express my views upon legislation and upon the orderly conduct of the business of this body. If you were better acquainted with me you would know that."

Mr. LaFollette took his seat and Mr. Penrose, at the next amendment in the postoffice bill, Mr. LaFollette at almost the same time addressing Vice President Fairbanks to make an inquiry concerning the amendment. "Mr. President, Mr. President," called the Senator from Pennsylvania, in a loud voice. For a moment the Senators from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and the Vice President were all talking at the same time. Finally Mr. Penrose's voice was heard declaring that he believed he had the floor. "The chair," said the Vice President, calmly, "is undertaking to answer a proposed inquiry by the Senator from Wisconsin."

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ry was enthusiastic over the success of the plan and said time and labor were saved. Through the adoption of the plan the various bureaus of the department use the same shops instead of having separate shops for each bureau. The Secretary said that as a result of the adoption of the scheme the Navy Department could get the work done in place under the other purposes which would save the cost of constructing new buildings. House Turns Down Naval Bill Amendments. Washington, Feb. 18.—The House today rejected the Senate amendments to the naval appropriation bill which would have authorized the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the Foss of Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, and Padgett, of Tennessee, were appointed the House conferees. Admiral Dewey Unable to Attend Review. Washington, Feb. 18.—Because of his recent indisposition Admiral Dewey was unable to attend the review of the President's invitation to accompany him to Hampton Roads to witness the review of the battleship fleet.

HANCOCK GUILTY, SAYS JURY. Jurors Deliberate Twenty-seven Hours Before Reaching a Verdict—Five Years in Penitentiary the Sentence Given by Judge Webb. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 18.—After deliberating for about twenty-seven hours, the jury in the case of L. G. Hancock, charged with embezzlement, returned a verdict of guilty this afternoon at a quarter of 4 o'clock. After Messrs. C. B. Watson and J. C. Buxton, counsel for the defendant, made short arguments expressing surprise at the verdict, Judge Webb sentenced the defendant to five years in the penitentiary. The verdict was given in rather unusual form. It read: "We return a verdict of guilty. We ask the mercy of the court for the reason that some of the jurors have some doubt as to the sanity of the defendant."

There was stir, but no disorder in court when judgment was pronounced. The young wife of the defendant burst into sobbing, and the aged mother seemed on the verge of collapse. The defendant himself bore the ordeal with as much composure as could have been expected. He betrayed no particular emotion. He was not compelled to stand to face the verdict. After the preliminaries of notice of appeal, and renewal of bond, Hancock, his wife and mother, were taken out of the court room to their home. Mr. Watson in his speech to Judge Webb said the verdict was a shock to him. He had no idea that the jury would fall to find that the defendant was mentally responsible for his acts. He added that during the progress of the trial he had had many persons come to him voluntarily and say that he is insane.

Mr. Buxton said, "If you send this man to the penitentiary, you are telling the authorities there will be convinced that he is insane." Judge Webb expressed his commiseration for the defendant, but said that as an intelligent jury had passed upon the case, he had no right to interfere with the verdict. He added that if he was proven insane he might be pardoned later. There has been the greatest division of opinion as to the extent of the prisoner's mental condition.

An Active, Useful Man. Raleigh Times. Mr. J. H. Weddington, of Charlotte, one of the hospital commission for the insane, was in the city yesterday looking after the interests of that class before the committees of the House and Senate, together with the other members of the commission. Mr. Weddington is an exceptional man, and has given a large part of his life to the help of his town and State with no compensation comparative with the service rendered, and still keeps up the work in the face of the advice of some friends that he should leave the work to others.

From Elkville to Wilkesboro on a Boat. Wilkesboro Chronicle. Mr. J. C. Hendrix, of Darby, was in to see us Saturday morning. He and Mr. W. L. Wilson, one of our leading lawyers, had made the trip from Elkville to this place the day before in a boat down the Yadkin, a distance of twenty miles or more. They encountered some pretty rough places along the river but succeeded in avoiding the "breakers" and reached here without an accident. They built a fire on the boat and prepared their dinner. All in all, they claim it was a very pleasant trip.

INAUGURATION—PRESIDENT-ELECT. W. H. Taft, March 4th. Washington, D. C.—Special low rates from all Seaboard points, round-trip rate from Raleigh \$2.25, Charlotte \$12.25, Wilmington \$11.80, Durham \$9.20, Henderson \$7.25, Orford \$7.75. Rates on same basis from other points. Tickets to be sold February 17th to 24th inclusive, good returning to New Orleans as late as February 27th. Mobile and Pensacola as late as March 1st, and on payment of fee of \$1.00 ticket can be extended until March 15th.

SEABOARD. VIA. SPECIAL LOW RATES. New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Account Mardi Gras, Feb. 18th to 23d. New Orleans—Rate from Raleigh \$2.75, Wilmington \$2.75. Charlotte \$2.25. Rates on same basis from other points. Mobile—Rate from Raleigh \$2.50, Wilmington \$2.25. Charlotte \$1.85. Rates on same basis from other points. Pensacola—Rate from Raleigh \$2.90, Wilmington \$2.35, Charlotte \$1.10. Rates from other points on same basis. Tickets to be sold February 17th to 24th inclusive, good returning to New Orleans as late as February 27th. Mobile and Pensacola as late as March 1st, and on payment of fee of \$1.00 ticket can be extended until March 15th.

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EXPOSITION IN FOUR MONTHS.

Seattle to Have Everything Ready Thirty Days Before Opening—Northland Exhibit Will Be Very Comprehensive Display. Special to The Observer. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—With nearly four months to go to the opening day, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is 50 per cent. complete in its every detail. It could be ready for the public a month before the day announced, but the extra thirty days will be given over to the perfection of exhibits and the testing out of the thousand and one utilities so that, once the big show is on, there will be no hitches or interruptions of any kind. The four monumental buildings for the government exhibits were the last begun, but they are now, to all intents and purposes, complete. A fortnight will see the installation of the Philippine and Hawaiian exhibits and thirty days will see the fisheries show in place under the notice that has been built for it. The Hawaiian exhibit will require more time for the reason that there are several such little details as real pineapple plantations and cocoa-palm forests to be planted and made to grow, all of which takes time. Alaska is at the present time flooded with commissioners gathering the exhibit from Uncle Sam's big treasure house. Yukon, the Canadian division of the north, and Alaska, the

Two Children Burned to Death. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 18.—The home of Joseph Herzog, at Lakeville, Pa., was destroyed by fire last night and two of his children, aged 13 and 15 years, were burned to death. Mrs. Herzog was badly burned before she could escape with an infant. The fire started from an overheated stove. Two Killed in Riot. Granada, Spain, Feb. 18.—There was an outbreak of rioting here today over the question of the collection of duties on foodstuffs coming into the city in which two persons were killed and five wounded.

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