

YESTERDAY IN ASHEVILLE.

A BIG RACE WHICH TURNED OUT A FARCE.

The children of the graded schools give a delightful entertainment—Personal and General.

The tip was given insiders yesterday morning that a really good race was on, and to be sure to be at the Fair Ground track by 4 p. m. A big crowd turned out, demonstrating one more time that there are enough persons of a sporting turn in our city to make first class turf events pay handsomely. Among those who talk horse and love to see a good race were Col. Williamson, J. S. Churchill, Wayne Ray, Bob Graham, Hal Herring, George Henderson, Arthur Child, Dr. Justice, Jim Loughran, Jim Spears, Sheriff Dan Reynolds, John Starnes, Joe Sluder, Tom Jones, A. Whitlock, Joe Ball, and Colonel Ray; Pete Foster and Ed. Overman of the railroad contingent, and many others, including a nest of dandies on the judges' stand, whose chirpings were "weal loud" occasionally.

About four o'clock Bud Buchanan drove on the track with Billy Shope's black colt, Fleetwood, and Dr. Grant soon followed with Will Blanton's black mare, Bonnie Lee. The grand "kick" then began between Blanton and Buchanan, the former stating in pale blue tones, that he was a man of few words, those few in the present instance being that he refused to go in anything but a trotting race. Bud insisted that the race should be a go-as-you-please one, and the result of the wrangle was a stepping in of owner Shope and a stepping down and out of Bud. The crowd cheered the change. Col. Williamson, J. S. Churchill and Wayne Ray were selected as judges and then three stale, flat and unprofitable heats were run in 3.37, 3.41 and 3.29.

A pacing trial between Bunn's sorrel, ridden by Wayne Ray, and Blanton's bay ridden by Charley Stakeholder was won by the sorrel.

The never-to-be-forgotten spring meet was then rudely closed with a quarter race between George Hampton's Texan pony and Stakeholder's big bay with Charley on the pigskin, the pony winning. In the interest of a tired public we beg the management to defer many moree ears again woe horsey folk to the greenward to view the ambling of a herd of cows.

GRADED SCHOOL CHILDREN

Delighted an Immense Audience Last Evening.

Decidedly one of the most excellent and enjoyable school entertainments yet witnessed in Asheville was that given by the pupils of the graded schools at opera hall last evening under the direction of superintendent Claxton and his associates.

Long before the hour of eight o'clock the hall began filling up with people, and thirty minutes later there were scarcely a dozen vacant seats in the building. The audience was a thoroughly representative one, composed of the best citizens of both sexes, of the city. They had come to witness a first-class entertainment and no disappointment was in store for them.

The scores of bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked school children had been too well drilled and prepared for the scenes they were about to enact, to admit of balks or confusion in the carrying out of the excellent program of the evening. With their picturesque costumes, exquisite posturing, lively music, graceful movements they won and secured the praise and approbation of a critical audience.

Every participant acted well his or her part, and while THE CITIZEN shall not deal in comparison or criticism, it is pleased to say that the entire performance was the finest of the kind it has ever seen.

Great praise is due both teachers and pupils, and it is with pleasure that we announce a repetition of last night's performance at Opera Hall this evening at 8.15 o'clock. The price of admission will be 25 cents; school children 15 cents, and opera hall should be packed at these figures.

Turn out this evening and see these truly wonderful children in their pleasing and perfect representations.

Have Already Appeared.

We learn from Science that it has been announced by the United States Entomological Bureau that Brood VIII, of the periodical cicada will appear this year throughout a large extent of this country. This is of the seventeen year kind. The region in which it will appear commences in southeastern Massachusetts, extends south across Long Island; then down the Atlantic Coast to Chesapeake Bay; thence up the Susquehanna river to Harrisburg; westward from there into Illinois. The Bureau will be glad to receive news of the appearance of the cicadas, and desires especially to receive accounts of all occurrences in West Virginia and North Carolina.—The American.

Strains Gets There.

Read the advertisement of E. Strauss, the popular South Main street restaurateur, in this morning's CATALAN, and if you wish something good to eat, go to his place to get it. A tempting bill of fare, indeed, is that while this wide-awake restaurant man lays before the public to-day. Strauss is a hustler.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Sheriff B. A. Berry, of Burke, is at the Grand Central.

Capt. S. V. Pickett, of Hendersonville, is registered at the Swannanna.

Miss Alice Smith left yesterday to visit relatives and friends at Rutherfordton.

Maj. P. M. Wilson, of Raleigh, State immigration agent, is in the city. He will be here several days.

Deputy collector A. H. Baird of the internal revenue service has gone to Morgantown on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis H. Yarnall and Miss Yarnall, of Philadelphia, were late arrivals at the Battery Park last night.

Mr. A. C. Melke has arrived in the city, and will occupy his handsome residence in West Asheville during the summer.

Mr. H. Osborne, of Knoxville, is at the Swannanna. Mr. O's business here is to organize a dancing class for the summer.

Dr. J. F. Ramsay returned last night from Greenville, Tenn., where he has been on a pleasure trip for the past few days.

Mr. T. C. Starnes has gone on a pleasure trip to Greenville, Tenn., and Pearisburg, Va. He will be absent several weeks.

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O'BRIEN GROWS EXCITED.

REBEL LION PARDONABLE IF IT WERE NOT HOPELESS.

Hold Talk From the Irish Editor—Mr. Gladstone Presents—The Crowds Cheer His Pleas to the Attorney-General.

LONDON, May 23.—Mr. Gladstone was present at the session of the Parnell committee to-day. Cross examination of Mr. Wyn O'Brien was continued by Attorney-General Webster. Mr. O'Brien declared that United Ireland, his paper, worked in accordance with constitutional methods and advocated nothing but peaceful means to attain the end sought by the Irish parliamentary party. He admitted writing an article which had been printed in United Ireland, in which it was stated that Queen Victoria was only known in Ireland by her screeching and indecently disguised hatred of Ireland and by her inordinate vanity. He also admitted having written another article declaring that Earl Spencer would be the last strong Englishman who would attempt to rule Ireland by barbarism, paid perjury, butchery and the use of the sacred rope. He admitted the authorship also of an article declaring that the chairman of the committee to receive the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Ireland would be driven from public life. At this point Mr. O'Brien became excited and vehemently exclaimed: "He has been, and rather than to allow Englishmen to be deceived by the show of sham loyalty I am resolved to tell them the truth."

Continuing Mr. O'Brien said that he personally had never spoken disrespectfully or offensively about the Prince of Wales. No, people, he declared, ever suffered more for loyalty than Englishmen and non-profits by their protestations of loyalty less than the people who oppressed them. It was clear that England would not satisfy the aspirations of Ireland and if there was any rational chance of success an attempt should be made to rebel.

He declared that London papers were more responsible for the actions of the dynamite party than was either Fenerty or Ford. But for the views those papers had expressed 1000 pounds would not have been collected in America for the use of dynamite. Referring to articles concerning the Queen and Prince of Wales, previously mentioned in his testimony, O'Brien said they were justified at the time they were written, but were not justified in the present state of relations between England and Ireland. The articles were not intended to calm the people's objections to British rule as then administered. He thought it hateful now. Parnellites, when the visit of the Prince of Wales was under discussion by the authorities, passed a resolution to the effect that the visit was not intended for any purposes and should not be the mere occasion of trouble. This action of the Parnellites resulted in creating a feeling of calumny in the public. The Prince of Wales was allowed to pass throughout Ireland unopposed, the Irish members of the House of Commons being crushed by the power of Parnell. It was then thought desperately necessary to show Englishmen that this was a mistake and the Prince's visit was being used to strike down the Irish cause.

O'Brien explained that when he made the speech in which he used the words, "We are in a State of civil war tempered by the severity of fire arms," he was exasperated by his expulsion from the House of Commons and spoke under intense feeling caused by the fearful hatred displayed by the majority of the House of Commons against the Irish members of that body. He declared that if any people ever had a right to rebel the Irish people then had that right if there was a chance of success.

Attorney-General Webster interrupted O'Brien at this point, saying: "You only objected to rebellion because it was hopeless." O'Brien—"In the circumstances of the time, unquestionably. Violent language could not have further inflamed the people's minds against England. Their minds had become like lightning conductors when the air is charged with electricity."

O'Brien justified certain articles written by him and printed in United Ireland by illustrating the brutal argument that because the English people numbered thirty million and the Irish people four million the English people were entitled to do as they liked.

Attorney-General Webster quoted from an article in United Ireland headed "Allen, Larkin and O'Brien Honored by Their Country Kindred," and asked the witness whether it referred to Manchester murders.

O'Brien replied: "Not murders, but men engaged in open war who shot a policeman by accident."

INVITING THE PRESIDENT

To Come and See the South—Ordered to Hayti—Washington News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—Bond offerings to-day aggregated \$100,157, all accepted at 1.08 for four and halfs and 1.29 for fours.

The United States steamer Boston now at New York, will be ordered to Hayti in a day or two in command of Captain O'Keefe. Secretary Tracy says that the order is in pursuance of his policy of receiving frequently vessels on the West Indian station where they are exposed to yellow fever. He added that if any one connected with the State department was going on the Boston he did not know of it. The officials at the State department were equally ignorant of any intention to send a representative to Hayti.

Breckenridge Jones, of Decatur, Ala., called on the President to-day, and in the name of the citizens of New Decatur invited President McKinley to come to take place there on the 28th inst., in the celebration of the opening of various industrial enterprises. The President received Jones very cordially and assured him that he took a warm interest in the industrial growth of the South, and expressed his gratification at the many evidences of material industry which the South was exhibiting. The President said he regretted that the state of public business would not permit him to be present in person at the opening of the new enterprise. At the suggestion of President and Secretary Noble, Judge Shields, Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department, will attend the ceremonies at New Decatur, and will represent the administration on that occasion. It is possible that some members of the cabinet will also go to New Decatur, but they have yet decided to do so. A delegation of citizens of Fredericksburg, Va., also called on the President and invited him to attend the fair to be held there in October. The President said he would consider the matter.

SPORTING NEWS

Baseball Yesterday.

At Washington—Pittsburg one in 2d, Washington 6.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2, Cleveland 5.

At Boston—Boston and Indianapolis game postponed on account of rain.

At Columbus—Columbus 4, Cincinnati 5.

At New York—New York 17, Chicago 18.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 8, Athletics 9, Louisville 8, Baltimore 9.

Greyhound Races.

BROOKLYN, May 23.—At the Greyhound races to-day the weather and track were fine.

First race—mile and a sixteenth; Scythius won; Madison second; Longstreet third; time, 1.49.

Second race—mile and a sixteenth; Brother Bun won; the Bonolian second; Bohemian third. Time 1.49.

Third race—five furlongs; St. Carlo won; Ballarat second; Tarse third. Time 1.02 1/2.

Fourth race—mile and a quarter; Dinah won; Haver second; Elkwood third. Time 2.07 1/2.

Fifth race—five furlongs; Newark won; Millerton second; Urbana third. Time 1.05.

Sixth race—six furlongs; Stonington won; Queen Elizabeth second; Queen of Hearts third. Time 1.17 1/2.

Latonia Races.

CINCINNATI, May 23.—It rained during the entire afternoon, and the track was lumpy and slow.

First race—maiden three year olds and two year olds; Mollie won; Edmond second; Bon Hazen second, May Lahn third. Time 1.31.

Second race—maiden three year olds and upwards—seven furlongs; Danette won; Gardner second; Kate Malone third. Time 1.30 1/2.

Third race—selling two year olds—five furlongs; Teddie Venture won; Portlaw second; Roman third. Time 1.04 1/4.

Fourth race—purse for three year olds and upwards—mile and a sixteenth; Lamblady won; Longboy second; Cansius third. Time 1.51.

Fifth race—selling stakes for three year olds; Bell won; Longfish second; Joe Al third. Time 1.45 1/2.

Sixth race—selling three year olds and upwards—seven furlongs; May O won; Tago second; Climboke third. Time 1.31 1/4.

Kyle Bellew Hired.

CINCINNATI, May 23.—Kyle Bellew got a night reception at McVicker's Theatre to-night. When he appeared in the first act of "Antony and Cleopatra" he was hissed three times, the noise drowning the applause and calling the police into the van at Manchester was legitimate warfare.

O'Brien—"It was not criminal. Men who openly take risks to release their comrades are no more murderers than anybody here. They acted from the highest and noblest motives."

Attorney-General Webster, holding up the paper—"Do you see the heading, 'Allen, Larkin and O'Brien Honored by their Country Kindred?'"

O'Brien—"Yes, and the article was written by me."

Proceedings were interrupted by cries of "Hear!" "Hear!"

Attorney-General Webster—"Why those 'hears'?"

Presiding Justice Hannen threatened that if order was not maintained he would have the court room cleared. He understood that O'Brien did not consider the shooting at Manchester murder, but he wished to remind him that the court did so regard it.

O'Brien said he and Redmond invited Ford to be present at the Chicago convention as a proof of the change in feeling wrought by Gladstone. O'Brien cited the fact that Ford seemed to regret his former views and appeared to be harmless. This concluded O'Brien's testimony.

A Swindling Book Concern.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Frank L. Loomis, Howard G. Loomis and Edwin S. Jewell, officers of the Century book and paper company were yesterday indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to defraud. For some weeks the business methods of this company have been a matter of discussion in various Justice courts. Witnesses testified to alleged fraudulent practices of the company and all with two exceptions, were victimized. The sums obtained from these men vary all the way from \$200 to over \$1,000.

Sam Jones lectured in Charlotte, on Wednesday night upon the theme "Get There." In an interview with the News