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RULED OFF THE TRACK

The most sensational piece of news that has lately been received here is the information that A. C. Beckwith, of Evanson, was expelled at Denver from all tracks of the members of the American Trotting Association.

The whole affair grew out of a ruling of the judges in regard to Gypsy Queen. It may be said in the first place that Faust, Mr. Beckwith's entry, is a 3-year-old while all the others are aged horses.

Bryan went to the judges' stand to ask for information and from all accounts he acted in a perfectly gentlemanly way. He was cut off with scant ceremony and persisted that it was proper to ask for information at that time and place, and was fined \$100.

There is no doubt in the minds of any disinterested spectator that the judges acted harshly. No charge has or could have been brought against the horse or the driver and under average circumstances Faust could have beaten any horse in the field.

THE LEADER was last night given the contract for printing 10,000 copies of the state constitution which are intended for general distribution.

THE QUESTION OF SUBMISSION.

A question that is now being quietly discussed is whether the constitution will be submitted to the people for ratification at the November election or without ratification be submitted to congress with an application for an enabling act under which the constitution may be subsequently ratified and adopted by the people.

This question has also received some discussion in other territories but we have not yet heard any very satisfactory arguments in favor of the proposition to hold over for the congressional enabling act.

The constitution is now about framed. While it contains a few innovations as compared with other constitutions it also contains important provisions concerning which there may be reasonable differences of opinion.

There is one other very important consideration. Wyoming's constitution is the first one ever adopted in the United States which has directly incorporated in it a provision establishing universal suffrage.

There can be no doubt that there is some foundation to the report that the

Union Pacific contemplates an early extension of its line to the Pacific coast. The Central Pacific has long annoyingly discriminated against it in favor of its southern route and has had the Union Pacific practically at its mercy on all San Francisco and Southern California trade.

LIGHTNING'S STRANGE FREAKS.

Queer and Serious Things Done in a Twinkling by the Seattle Field. James Craig, a Scottish servant employed by Elias Rogers, a carpenter who resides at Allentown, N. J., was the victim of a queer prank of lightning a few years ago.

Two peculiar cases of death by electricity occurred in Asbury Park a few years ago, and the story is oft told there. James Young and Henry Brooke, two house painters, were at work on the exterior of a cottage on Wesley lake when a terrific thunder storm came up.

Just as each painter touched his brush to the wet woodwork a flash of lightning came, followed quickly by a crash of thunder, and a workman in a near by house saw both of them fall.

One day a 6-year-old child in a Connecticut town was playing in the garret during a severe thunder storm. A chimney was struck. The bolt ran down the side of the house to the ground.

A queer experience befell Miss Jennie Button, of Springfield, Mass., when a residence on Florida street was struck by lightning. Miss Button was standing in her room with a hat in her hand when the current shattered the door frame within a few feet of her.

Miss Cora Kirkland, who was standing down stairs in the dining room at the time of this shock, held a knife in her hand, and the shock drove the knife through one of her fingers, cutting it to the bone.—New York Press.

Modern Rome. Since 1870 the aspect of Rome has considerably changed. The old narrow winding streets are a thing of the past, and are replaced by large, wide thoroughfares.

The gate of Porta Pia, where the breach was made in 1870, and outside of which there was nothing but vineyards and fields, will soon, instead of being the limit of the town, be the center, because houses are springing up now to a good two miles outside that gate.

The Tiber also is being widened and an embankment is being built on each side, and handsome new bridges cross the river at different points. The widening of the Tiber is necessitating a slight change in one or two of the old monuments, such as the Bridge of St. Angelo, to which will have to be added another arch; and the Temple of Vesta runs some risk of being tampered with; but it is hoped that, as just at that point the river curves, and by doing so makes it sufficiently easy for the width to be effected on the opposite side, that advantage will be taken.—London Tablet.

Ramming Ice Floes. No stronger vessels than those of the Dundee whalers are built, they are from four hundred to one thousand tons displacement, have powerful, well secured engines to resist the shock of ramming or stoppage of the propeller by ice, and are built with an eye to the easy and rapid replacement of the rudder, propeller, and propeller shaft if damaged, these parts being carried in duplicate. Above all other considerations, they possess strength for ramming as well as resistance to lateral pressure when nipped.

Another very important feature is that the bow shall have considerable inclination, which permits the vessel, when ramming very heavy ice, to lift slightly and slide on it, thus easing the shock and assisting the cutting action of the bow with the downward crushing weight of the ship. In this way it is possible for these steamers at all speed to ram ice over twenty feet thick, receiving no immediate incapacitating damage.

If the ice is not too heavy, the shear like rise and fall of the ship is repeated several times as the vessel steams powerfully ahead until her headway is checked. The difficulty then is to extract the ship from the dock she has cut by her advance, the floes press on her sides, cakes of ice and slush fill her wake, and there is nothing but the ice hampered propeller with which to overcome her inertia and draw back out of the nip. Frequently this is insufficient, and the ship may be crushed.—Ensign A. A. Ackerman in Popular Science Monthly.

Wedding and visiting cards in great variety at the Leader office. Job printing at the Leader office.

The Trouble Nero Took. A useful example of the proper care of the voice is to be found in a very unexpected quarter. The Emperor Nero, as is well known, believed himself to be a great artist, a notion of which those about were not likely to disabuse him. His dying words, "Qualis artifex pereo!" show that he had at least one feature of the artistic temperament. He sought fame by many paths, in poetry, fiddling, driving and other branches of the fine arts, to say nothing of his scientific experiments on the bodies of his nearest relations.

He was proportionately careful of so precious a possession. His system is worth quoting. In addition to such general measures as attending to his liver, and abstaining from such fruits and other food as he fancied to be injurious to his voice, we are told that at night he used to lie on his back with a small plate of lead on his stomach.

This was probably for the purpose of checking the tendency to abdominal breathing, the less perfect way in respiration for singers. In order to spare his voice all unnecessary fatigue he gave up haranguing his troops and ceased even to address the senate. As in later times there were keepers of the king's conscience, Nero gave his voice into the keeping of a phoenician. He spoke only in the presence of this phoenician, whose duty it was to warn him when his tones became too loud, or when he seemed to be in danger of straining his voice.

To the same functionary was intrusted the formidable duty of checking the emperor's eloquence when it became too impetuous; this he did by covering the imperial orator's mouth with a napkin. It must have needed no small measure of courage to apply this effectual remedy to the emperor, the tyrant of history when intoxicated with the exuberance of his own vocalization.—Contemporary Review.

Art for Philistia.

To begin with, art for the class in question means oil painting and nothing else. At the great Philistia show there are rooms for water colors and sculpture, but these are never crowded, and the majority of the visitors are those who come to find a seat. Philistia, as a rule, is kind to the votary, and gives him what he wishes to look at—landscapes, with yellowy green tints and blue gray shadows, with packed up clouds and proper sized patches of sky thrown in between. In genre, the poor governess and the fisherman's wife are safe cards. The Irish peasant at one time was a great favorite, and it is still almost impossible to overdo the market with the varying humors of babyhood and serio-comic animals.

Portraits must be smooth and pinky—a little extra carnation thrown in for the ladies, and for the men guns, with flybooks lying about for territorial magnets or apocryphal sportsmen, while for the frankly commercial the silver inkstand and the crimson curtain are still valuable properties. Any departure from these canons is liable to cause the picture to be branded as outlandish, or fanciful and new fangled; and works to which such epithets as these can be applied are not often hung upon the walls of the upper middle class. But for several years there have been signs that Philistia is uneasy, and they point to open revolt within her very walls.

Our middle class gazer, whether he will or not, has to look at landscape painted, apparently, in soot and water, with skies the color of the Thames at Poplar; at haggard faces staring out of dreary expanses of gray and dirty white by way of genre, and at portraits in which the splot has again been called in to denote shadow and the whitening brush for the high light. The mindstagers in contemplating the result, should this revolt become a revolution; but Philistia will probably be wise in time, and not suffer the eccentricities of genius to check the cheerful flow of shillings at the turnstiles.—All the Year Round.

A Mind Reading Pawnbroker.

A well dressed gentleman entered an Eighth avenue pawnbroker's, and taking a silver watch from his pocket said to the proprietor: "I'd like \$2, please."

"Can't give but \$1.50 on that," was the reply. "But you gave \$3 before." "That may be, but I'll only give \$1.50 today."

The gentleman insisted on \$2, but finally took the \$1.50 and went out. "Why didn't you give him \$2?" asked the reporter, who overheard the transaction. "Because I knew he would take \$1.50. The watch is worth \$15. I can sell it for \$6 easy. That's a pretty good profit on \$1.50. The odds are 100 to 1 that he won't take it out. The first time he came I gave him \$3, and would have given him \$5 if he had asked for it. You see, he is new at it, but now that the ice is broken he'll not take it out. If he makes a raise he will buy a new one and let this go. Over two-thirds of the people who 'hook' a watch the second time do not redeem it."

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Obtaining the Necessary Permission. The Young Man (rapturously)—And now, Flossie, it only remains for you to name the happy day. Please make it soon, very, very soon, darling.

The Young Woman (in the kitchen a few moments later)—Bridget, would it interfere with any of your engagements if I should be married three weeks from next Wednesday evening?—Chicago Tribune.

Change is one of the irresistible laws of nature, and fortunately the change is almost invariably for the better. As an instance of this St. Patrick's Pills are fast taking the place of the old harsh and violent cathartics, because they are milder and produce a more pleasant effect, besides they are much more beneficial in removing morbid matter from the system and preventing ague and other malarious diseases. As a cathartic and liver pill they are almost perfect. For sale by B. B. David.

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