

THE SHOW MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIODICAL.

Even for a First Day, the Crowd Attending Is Notable in Number, the Dresses for Magnificence, the Horses for Quality. Full Reports by Experts Telling the Story of the Beginning of Madison Square's Great Week.

chiffon hat with spangled gauze wings. Mrs. Clarence Postley had a remarkable coat. It was of patent lavender cloth, and had a deep bouillon of lace around the bottom. Above it were flowers, which looked as though they had been painted on the cloth. Her large velvet hat, facing brain was of cream color, and had feathers of the same color.

Mrs. Martin B. Brown wore a black skirt and a white sash bodice covered with cream lace.

Mrs. Wilber Bloodgood's dress was of gray cloth, trimmed with bands of darker color. Her hat was black velvet. Her hair was of cream lace and roses.

Mrs. Edward R. Ludow wore a black spangled gown and jet bouillon and her mother, Mrs. Wall was in black velvet, trimmed with jet and sable.

Mrs. Morosini looked very handsome in gray satin cloth. The bodice had a short belt, covered with steel and jet spangles, above a deep glide of pale blue fastened with ruffled buttons. A sort of cream lace was knotted around her throat. Her black hat was studded with steel spangles and trimmed with white spangles.

Mrs. Gouverneur Kortright wore jet spangles and a sable gown with white velvet ermine.

Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies was in dark blue cloth. She wore a chinchilla cape and a pink tulle toque.

Mrs. William T. Wall's black gown also glistered with jet spangles. She wore a navy blue velvet hat with a large turquoise brooch.

Mrs. Frederic Bronson was gowned in black chiffon trimmed with silver spangles and wore a jet bonnet.

Mrs. Charles M. Bellows wore a gray gown and a toque of pink velvet.

EXPERT TESTIMONY ON HORSES' MERITS.

Many Good Individuals Shown, but Some Classes Are None Too Strong.

By Francis Trevelyan.

Perhaps it need scarcely be said that expert opinions differed about the horse end of the first day of the show. Horsemen of all kinds are at all times and in all places as argumentative as old washerwomen, and around the margin of the show ring they have no less to say than on the race course or in the sales ring.

Some had before the show closed last night that the horse end was considerably below the mark, while others were throwing bouquets around and maintaining that there never had been such a display of high class talent in every line as was seen in yesterday's classes. The truth being all told, the chances are that there is a certain amount of truth in both opinions. The average merit has undoubtedly risen very largely in the last dozen years, and the progress has been steady from year to year. But, on the other hand, some classes have fallen off most lamentably. If one is to judge from this year's show the hackney has seen his day in America, and though no classes of this breed were judged yesterday it is downright pitiful to look over the winners of the representation of hackneys throughout the catalogue.

High Steppers Up to the Mark.

Taking yesterday's programme as a whole it can be said that the harness horses of the high-stepping variety were at least up to the average, and probably beyond it. The hunters and jumpers, despite some very bad performances in the morning classes, were decidedly better than usual, not so much in actual performance over fences as in the quality and conformation. The trotting-bred roadsters that came out in the afternoon were not up to the mark, which is probably due to the abnormal conditions that govern these classes. The saddle horses seem so far as to be seen at present, to show a decided improvement over previous years, as the results indicate that a decided type has been adopted, and that a powerful, well-balanced animal with plenty of power is a great deal of quality.

One of the most interesting classes ever seen in Madison Square Garden was the first set for yesterday. It was an open class for jumpers, performances only to count. There were fifty-one entries, and of these all but two responded. The only pity was that the light was so notably bad as the result of the strong glare from the skylight. The jump on the north side of the Garden made a lot of horses balk, as the shadow beyond it was evidently as black as pitch. The consequence was that a whole lot of horses noted rank, refusing and boiling right and left. Some of them had an opportunity to be made in the afternoon, the light was steady.

Many Good Lookers.

In this big lot of forty-nine it was noticeable that a large proportion of the new comers were really good lookers, that if they could not jump a sheep hurdle would always be worth a considerable sum for ordinary saddle purposes. The test was not a fair one for green horses, and the old hands carried off a majority of the honors. Young Sydney Holloway was in great form. Indeed, this clever young horseman never rode better. He has a persuasive way with a horse that is not to be seen in the old days, the obstacles, and if it is in the animal will get him over in good style, if only by the use of his perfect hands. He won the first two trials for Mrs. S. K. Hayes, the lady who was recently injured while out for the Meadowbrook hounds.

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MRS. ASTOR sails on Wednesday, and her arrival in New York will make things literally hum. We want a stimulus of some kind.

So far there has not been any very great gathering of society at the horse show, although for the opening day the attendance was more than fair. I saw many people going around to the different boxes. Of course, the usual stock figures were there, and I had not been in the place a minute before I saw John Drew and Berry Wall and Tom O'Neill and all the rest of the boys. I also came across Carman Harriot, who was very grand, and more like an actor than ever.

The Gerrys had recovered their clothes, and were there in all their glory both morning and evening.

Delmonico's and the Waldorf were jammed. We had a good look at Mrs. Carter, who is very pretty, but not as striking as some of our own beauties. Mrs. Oelrichs looked very bored, and stopped only a short time, and Clinch Smith walked dutifully around with his wife, who was very stunning in her gray gown.

There was the usual lot of fun-making young matrons in the Sidney Smith box, which was the centre of attraction, and Mrs. Burnett was also quite radiant in her turquoise blue costume.

Beauty was ignored, although in spite of her rapid, rushing style she made the trip over the fences faultlessly.

The show and several other horses including St. Nicholas, the horse for whom Frank D. Beard paid \$10,000 when he was the yearling, by St. Blaise out of Thora, were ridden by Mr. Belmont. He deserved great praise for the pluck he showed in getting on the stumpy disposition he showed when Mr. Belmont tried to race him on the flat. He thought it advisable to strap his left arm to his body, but in every case he had to ride with a strong grip on the reins.

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Heavyweight Carriage Horses. Just as the morning jumping class was one that thoroughly represented the horses of that sort included in the show, so did the first class of the afternoon for heavy-weight carriage horses bring out virtually all the best of the kind. It was a very interesting class in that it produced a Philadelphia, New York and Boston class was remarkably strong, and a number of horses that were dismissed without any honors would have had the ribbons if only a few years ago. Philadelphia's horse was most ably represented by Mr. W. L. Clark's stable. Of his horses Andre Rattler, Red Cloud, and Red Cloud, however, Red Cloud was a stranger here, but he did not take long to make an impression. He was a horse of the highest class, and he showed a great deal of spirit. He was shown before two-wheeled traps, and he showed a great deal of spirit. He was shown before a pair of four-wheeled traps, and he showed a great deal of spirit. He was shown before a pair of four-wheeled traps, and he showed a great deal of spirit.

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In the Novice Class. One of the new novice classes was judged during the afternoon, for pairs of horses that had never taken a ribbon at any of the association's previous shows. Mr. Jordan won a fairly good lot, and Mr. Jordan won with a useful pair of brown mares which must have had a close call to beat the bay geldings that Sam Hexter rode.

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SAYS: That the Republicans Will Try to Pass a State Constabulary Bill and Former Opponents Will Vote for It.

That Croker Need Not Fear Punishment of New York, as the Measure Will "Purify" All Cities of the State.

That He Doesn't Want Quigg Punished for His (Platt's) Sins and Has No Inclination to Have Him Forced Out.

We shall try to pass a State Constabulary bill at the next session of the Legislature.

I think some of the Republican Senators opposed to it last session will vote for it.

Mr. Croker need not fear the punishment of New York for being a Democratic city. State constabulary legislation will be offered solely for purification of the police system of the cities of the State.

Why should Mr. Quigg be punished for my sins? I would much prefer to be punished than to have Mr. Quigg punished. I do not expect Mr. Quigg to resign. I have no inclination to have him forced out. The Republican organization in this county cannot afford to suffer discomfiture.—STATEMENT OF SENATOR T. C. PLATT.

Senator Platt thus indicated to a Journal reporter yesterday his attitude as to proposed police legislation at Albany this Winter, together with his answer to the demands of Louis F. Park, John Ka'nes and other up State leaders, to say nothing of Greater New York leaders, that Leonard Ely Quigg be decapitated as president of the New York County Republican Committee.

The statements are the more significant because the Senator had with him during the afternoon Senator Raines. That leader in behalf of his brother-in-law, the rural districts, again pleaded that Quigg be sent to the rear and a county president substituted in his place in harmony with them.

Raines Gives His Views. Raines, having finished his interview with the Republican chief, went to the office of Superintendent of Elections John McCullagh, who is being talked of for State Superintendent of Police. There he said to a Journal reporter:

"A State constabulary bill will certainly be introduced, and I would not be surprised if it became a law before the next Legislature. It is the duty of the State, as the Republican leader of the Senate, I introduced it last session. I presume he will next session.

"The Senate has a pretty much there next last session? Well, the Senators from Rochester will be for it. Coggeshall, Wadsworth and I have not talked with them, but I believe they will be enough to pass the bill in the Senate. There certainly will be in the Assembly.

"The bill will have pretty much the same lines as that defeated last Winter, I assume. Mr. Croker's fear that New York is to be policed by the State is unwarranted. The bill will apply to all cities in the State. Now that the Republicans have carried nearly all the cities, the bill will have a very good chance against that we are going to discriminate against Democratic cities.

"The bill will have kept denouncing the Excise law which bears my name as one of the most vicious measures ever framed. It will have the effect of increasing the revenue of the State by \$12,000,000, and reducing taxes proportionately. In the recent campaign the Excise law was the main issue, and the Republicans were the only party that stood for its repeal. The benefits of the law have been clearly apparent.

He Makes a Prophecy. "I make the prophecy that should the Democrats ever gain control of the Legislature they would never repeal the revenue-gathering section of the law, whatever else they might do about it.

"A State constabulary law would give us efficient police forces in all the cities. It would put an end to the corruption and incompetency exhibited by them last election. The present police system would seem to be an improvement," added Senator Raines.

"It is likely that the Mazet plan for cutting the city's debt to two years, the abolishment of the Municipal Council, and other proposed amendments to the charter will prevail at Albany," was asked.

"I have not studied the suggested amendments carefully enough to express any opinion on the matter. I shall await the report of the Mazet committee before committing myself."

Chief Justice Magee falls partially in line with Justice Gummere's \$1-a-Life Opinion.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 13.—For the third time the courts of New Jersey have decided that \$5,000 is an excessive amount of money for a railroad to pay for the destruction of the life of a child.

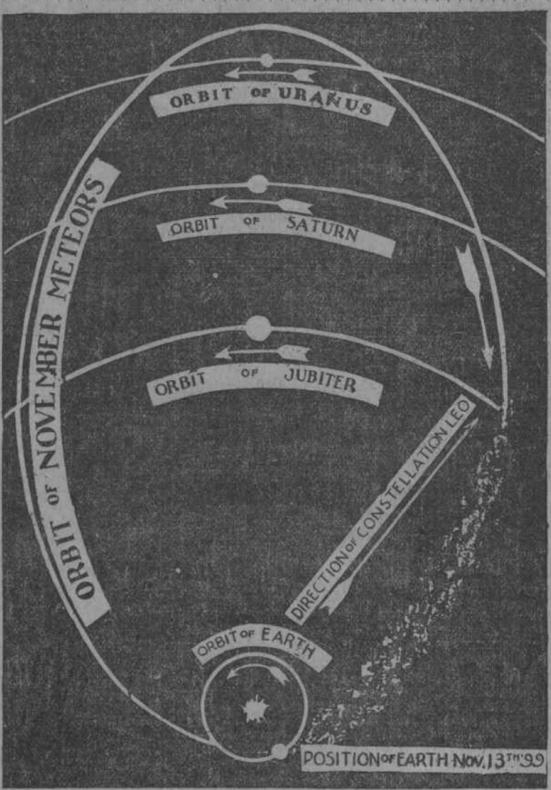
Chief Justice Magee to-day filed an opinion in the case of Abraham J. Graham against the Consolidated Traction Company of Newark, in which the plaintiff sued for damages resulting from the death of his four-year-old son, who was killed on the tracks of the defendant.

It is the case of a famous by Justice Gummere's declaration that the nominal value of a child's life is \$1. In the trial court the award for the child's life was reduced for Graham. In setting aside the verdict and granting a new trial, the Chief Justice says:

"Looking to the liability of the father for the child during minority, and considering what pecuniary benefit the father would receive from the son's earnings during or after maturity, in the most favorable aspect, it is plain that the award for the child's life should be a sum of money of considerable value."

Charged with Washing Stamps. Hugh S. Walsh and William Fickler were arrested at the Cortlandt street ferry yesterday on the charge of selling washed revenue stamps. These stamps were of the denomination of \$5, and had been cancelled, but it is alleged the cancellation marks had been washed off with acid. An envelope with \$50 worth of stamps was found.

Employment "Want" Advs. printed in last Sunday's Journal.



The Positions of the Earth and the Meteors.

This diagram shows the orbit of the "falling stars" which were expected last night and which astronomers declare will begin to pelt old Mother Earth by November 16 at the latest.

Dr. Elkin, of Yale, Says View of the Phenomenon May Not Be Good—Telescopes and Cameras Pointed Heavenward Last Night.

THE great telescopes, the eyes of thousands, the interest of astronomers and the curiosity of the multitudes of laymen were turned heavenward early this morning in vigil for the expected meteoric shower.

At Yale Dr. Elkin, chief of the department of astronomy, and his assistants were in waiting at 1 o'clock this morning. Thirty cameras were pointing to the heavens from the dome of the observatory.

At midnight the interest was acute, though Dr. Elkin said that conditions were unfavorable for good observations. He said that the moonlight would prevent by far the greater number of meteors from being visible. He said that he really did not expect the shower to be seen to a satisfactory degree until to-night. No meteors were observed on Sunday night.

At Princeton Professor Young and Assistant Professor Reed were at the great telescope in Halsted Observatory at midnight. Professor Young said:

"The meteoric shower has already fallen and been missed. Calculation as to the exact time is difficult on account of the movements of certain planets. We hope to have good photographs of the meteors which fall on Thursday morning."

The predictions of the astronomers caused tremendous interest in unscientific circles as well. In New London, for instance, thousands were awaiting the shriek of the first alarm which was, by order of Mayor Beckwith, to be the means of notifying citizens that the meteoric shower had arrived. In Middletown Elder David Coning will lead a great meeting of song and prayer upon the occasion.

Dates Are Uncertain. The diagram prepared for the Journal by Dr. J. Morrison, of Washington, illustrates the position of the earth last night with reference to the planets and the course of stars. The dates as fixed by the best authorities are uncertain, though all agree that the display should be seen on the nights of November 13, 14 and 15.

Extraordinary preparations have been made to get the best results from the observations. The astronomers at Yale began their watch on Sunday night, and arrangements were performed for announcing the arrival of the meteors to all sections of New England. Local astronomers will visit neighboring observatories, for, strangely enough, the great institutions of learning in New York are lacking in such facilities as are possessed by the small colleges of the West.

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