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St. Thomas News.

Last Sunday morning, at about 11 30 o'clock the residents in the vicinity of the "Field" were thrown for a time into a state of excitement by the report of pistol-shots.

The police having learnt from time to time that a gang of young men was in the habit of gambling openly in the Field, and failing to make any arrests, as the offenders would run away upon catching sight of the approach of a "Cop," the unique idea of utilizing the Hospital ambulance for the purpose of throwing the gang "off the scent" was put into vogue. Said ambulance was therefore haled before the entrance to Police-headquarters, and four cops, accompanied by their Chief (Leary and Director (Nolan) took their seats, and started for the scene of operations. In the meanwhile the gang had assembled. Blue skies, and cool breezes added their charms to the scene; so that a larger number of the "boys" had gathered. Other parties were also in the Field; some were flying their kites, some again, were playing at baseball, while others looked on.

Seated under the trees, the game was started, waxing by degrees hotter and more exciting. Larger bets were staked, and voices rose louder and more excited as the parties won or lost. Soon the chuck-chuck of a motor driven machine is heard, and a few minutes later the "ambulance" heaves in sight. Hello! Who is sick again? But so familiar is the sight of this vehicle that but scant notice is taken of it. But what is this now? The Ambulance is moving in their direction. Suddenly a pistol shot rings

out, and a stentorian voice calls "to surrender." What the h—is this? Immediately, Pandemonium reigns. Kites are cut loose; the ball is left to itself on the ground; the "bones" are hastily snatched up, and one and all leave in precipitous flight. The "cops" and their officers, with drawn revolvers, approach the gang. An attempt at flight is made; and two of their number succeed in getting away. The others, seventeen in number, are surrounded, and placed under arrest, taken to jail and locked up. Later in the day, a search having been instituted, the two "escapes" were brought in, and lodged with their comrades.

From particulars to hand, we learn that the majority of the bunch, whose ages range from 15 to 40 are old offenders, having some previous convictions to their charge.

It is much to be regretted that so much good time and money are wasted in so fleeting a pastime. But so it is; and not in public only, for there are many places in town, both high and low, where this pernicious vice reigns supreme. Of course, men will always gamble; but let us hope that such steps will be taken to check its spread, that if not even permanently, in such a manner however, as to safeguard the moral welfare of the rising generation.—St. Thomas Mail Notes, March 3rd.

STRAYED

from Estate Herman Hill
One Young Bull

with ends of horns cut. Anyone with information of same will please report at this office.

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CAMEL do.
SERENE do.
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Christiansted, 4th March 1921.
M. A. PRETTO.

AUCTION.

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**Saturday, March 26
1921 at 10 a. m.
THE NORWEGIAN BARK
"EDEL"**

of Kristianssands, Norway, 1115 tons register, as she now lies in this port.

Said vessel put into this port in distress on her voyage from Norfolk, Va., bound to Bordeaux, France, and was condemned by competent surveyors duly appointed, for account of whom it may concern, by Commander Laub, Consul of Norway at this place.

The said "Edel" was built in Sunderland, England. She can be inspected by intending purchasers until the morning of the sale, and any information required will be given by the Master Captain J. P. Hermansen, or Consignees, the St. Thomas Ship Brokers' Association.

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St. Thomas Vendue Office, February 15, 1921.

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