

## THE WALKING MANIA.

### An Octogenarian on the Track.

A pedestrian feat of a novel character began at ten o'clock last night at Coakley Hall, in Pacific street, near Clinton, where Bartholomew O'Donnell, who is in his eightieth year, started on a tramp of twenty-four hours, during which time he proposes to cover seventy-five miles or forfeit \$500. The old gentleman is well known to the sporting fraternity and for years past has been the victor in several walking or running contests at Summer picnics. There is probably no man in the world of his age who is so active on his feet, and the indications are that he will accomplish his present big undertaking, as at noon to-day he had made fifty-six miles, an average of four miles an hour. He only left the track once during the night for half an hour's rest. The hall was crowded with spectators, and the old sport was loudly applauded from time to time. The track is an excellent one, and will be the scene of many pedestrian contests during the next two months.