

## TURF AND TRACK

## THE SULKY.

ANDY McDOWELL is handling twelve horses at Pleasanton.

The attention of horsemen is called to the stallion advertisement.

HORRI, 2:17; Nelly McGregor, 2:14, and Montrose, 2:18, are all in foal to Arion, 2:07½.

A TALLION standing for public service that is not worth advertising is not worth keeping.

ADVERTISE your stallion now if you wish to get the patronage of the best mares in California.

PHENOL, 2:11½, the game pacing mare, has been hooked to Diablo, 2:09½. The produce ought to be fast.

The date for holding the convention has been decided upon. It is Tuesday, February 18th, at 7 P. M.

TEN thousand dollars was refused for Zombro, 2:13, and still peoplessay there's no money in the trotting horse industry.

VANQUISH, 2:19, will be on the circuit this year. He has had a rest of two years, and should be a good horse this season.

J. O'N. REIS, of Alamo, has sent all of his trotters to Andy McDowell, at Pleasanton. There are some good ones among them.

ALCONA JR.'s record was 2:24, not 2:29. His record of 2:19, which he made at Stockton, was rejected by the Registry Association.

MONROE SALISBURY arrived from the Cripple Creek County last week. He is looking well, and we hear that financially he is strengthened.

ON January 17th Edith (the dam of Hummer, sire of Bouncer, 2:10½) foaled a good strong hay colt by Monaco, 2:19½, son of Electioneer.

THE number of dams of three or more in the list that made their reputation as such in California exceeds that from every state in the Union.

WM. VIOGET, of the Vioget Stock Farm, has a number of young colts and fillies by Wildboy that he is preparing for the race meetings this year.

HORSEMEN of Colorado Springs have built a new track at a cost of \$6,000, and will give a trotting meeting the week before the Denver meeting in June.

SADIE, by Hambletonian 10, is the dam of Silver Bow, 2:16, and Sadie McGregor, dam of Carrie C., 2:21½ and Pompadour, sire of Charley H., 2:29½.

THE filly Grandids, by Grandissimo, out of Alida (dam of Director, 2:28), by Admiral, is one of the finest looking as well as the fastest in Napa County.

JOE HARVEY, the well known horseman, purchased a very fine mare by Regal Wilkes, out of a mare by Nutwood, second dam by Abdallah 15, last Tuesday.

ED LAFFERTY is gradually strengthening his string at San Jose. He had Fitzsimmons, by Dexter Prince, and Loupe, the handsome pacer, sent to him last Monday.

SIMMONS, 2:28, may be purchased by a prominent California stock breeder to be placed at the head of his stud harem. Simmons is to be sold at Lexington, February 3.

JEROME SMITH is working a stable of trotters and pacers at the Vancouver track, consisting in part of Malheur, 2:28 a half sister to Ella T., 2:09, and full brother to Doc Sperry 2:09.

THE youngsters being prepared to be sent East from the San Mateo Stock Farm surpass all others ever handled at this great nursery of early and extremely fast trotters and pacers.

THE Belmont Stock Farm leased the handsome yearling Sandow, a son of Dictatus and Etta (dam of two in the list), by Nanhuc. This is one of the most promising youngsters in California.

W. D. LARSEN has opened a public stable at Vancouver, Wash. He is working a three-year-old by McKinney and two two-year-old Altamonts, which are entered in the Witch Hazel Stake.

THE filly by McKinney, 2:11½, out of Accident (dam of Wanda, 2:14½, etc.), now at the Rinconado Rancho, near Mayfield, is pronounced the finest ever foaled by this great broodmare.

ON January 12th Lulu Wilkes (the dam of Advertiser, 2:15½, and Welbeck, 2:24) foaled a fine-looking brown filly by Altivo, 2:18½, full brother to Palo Alto. Great rejoicing at Palo Alto.

Pr Zombro, 2:13, is not sold by may betaken to Portland, Oregon, this season and bred to a number of Altamont mares there. His owner, Geo. F. Becker, of Los Angeles, says he never saw a finer lot.

WAYLAND W., 2:12½, will be seen on the California circuit this year. He has had a year's rest and is in better condition than he has ever been. His mark will be 2:08 before the rains of next winter fall.

BAYWOOD, 2:10½, will make the season of 1896 at the Oakland Trotting Track. Baywood is now one of the stars of J. M. Nelson's string, and this competent driver will hold the lines over him on the circuit this season.

THE principal topic of conversation among breeders is the convention. Nearly every association in California will have its representative there. If things are rightly managed this will be a golden year for all concerned.

WILLIAM PORTER, secretary of the Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, of Lexington, Ky., writes: "We expect to give about \$40,000 in stakes and purses, stakes to range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each, and the purses from \$1,000 upwards.

SINCE the glorious rain has visited California everyone from Oregon to San Diego is rejoicing and horse and cattle breeders are smiling and happy for good pasture is assured.

T. J. CROWLEY will not place Ed. Lafferty (brother to Diablo 2:09½) in the stud this year. He will place him in charge of Ed. Lafferty, the well known trainer and driver, and no doubt will get a regular Lafferty record of 2:10 or better.

IN Austria-Hungary, the sums won by American horses last year were: Bellwether, \$6,655; Blue Bells, \$6,150; Quarterstretch, \$4,500; Archie Sherman, \$3,325; Big Maid, \$3,000; Spofford, \$2,975; Eddie Hayes, \$2,650; Valkyr, \$2,850.

MATTIE C., the three-year-old filly that took a record of 2:18 in the fourth heat of a race at Corsicana, Tex., is the first of the Cleburne Farm's stallion Mercury, to be trained. Mercury is by Sidney, out of Venus, one of the late G. Valensin's best mares.

EDWARD APPEL, of Rochester, has purchased of A. A. Boaner, Nancy Norris, by Norris, 2:22½, dam Lady Boone, by Hambletonian Mambrino; second dam Nancy Lee, dam of Nancy Hanks, 2:04. The filly has extensive engagements and will be campaigned.

THE owner of Junio, 2:22, will breed the first two mares with records of 2:20, or better, free to the horse. He will also breed the first mare sent to this horse with a record of 2:25 free of cost. Any one wishing to take advantage of this liberal offer can address this office.

At the To Kalon Stock Farm, January 4th, Cora C., 2:22½, by Whippleton dropped a beautiful filly by Eyraud, son of Eros, 2:29½, and Whisp, by Whippleton. This little one came very near being a New Year's caller, and she is the prettiest made one this fine mare has ever had.

HARRY AGNEW has adopted a new plan at his stock farm near Edenvale, Santa Clara County. He is matching several double teams and is surprised and pleased with the wonderful speed, style and perfect uniformity in gait, he finds among the youngsters by his fine stallion, Dawn, 2:18½.

WM. MURRAY had a very fine Diablo colt out of a mare by Richard's Elector; second dam by Tramp, by Logan, he by Hambletonian 10. Tramp was the sire of the dam of Pactolus, 2:12½. Andy McDowell purchased this Diablo youngster and three others, and he says they are the best youngsters he ever saw.

WE would be under obligations to all who are interested in the earning capacity of the light-harness horse of California if they would send us any corrections that may wish to make in the tables published in our last week's issue. From the meagre sources of information we had it was impossible for us to claim that such a compilation was perfectly accurate.

WESLEY HEIDT, of San Francisco, has in Diaboleto one of the handsomest and most promising young trotters in California. She is by Diablo, 2:09½, out of Benton Waxy, by Gen. Benton 1755; second dam Mohawk Waxy, by Mohawk Chief; third dam Waxy (grandam of Sunol, 2:08½), by Lexington, etc. She was bred by L. E. Clawson, of San Francisco.

A FEW years ago any one that would set himself up for a trainer could find plenty of patrons. But the world "do more," and that most excellent of instructors—experience—has taught many a wholesome lesson. The best trainers and drivers are men of intelligence and judgment. Such men are constantly striving to better themselves, consequently they improve from year to year.

WM. C. HENDRICKSON, of Belle Meade, N. J., has a great colt in Stambold, by Stamboul, 2:07½. His first dam is Bicari, by Director; second dam Biscara (dam of Pancoast and others), by Harold. Whew! Here's a phenomenally bred one, too. No wonder Driver Coville, who is now located at Trenton with twenty-two nags, smiles serenely behind this fellow. They say the youngster can just fly, too.

IF the lessons of the sale ring teach anything, it is that fashionable breeding will not sell an animal whose individuality is away below par. While it is true that you must have them bred right, it is also certain that they must be possessed of other attributes in order to command anything like good prices. The day for selling animals on the shape or record of their progenitors is past and will ever remain so.

DURING the past year no less than six of the few remaining veteran sons of Hambletonian have died. Florida, Hamblehawk, Black's Hambletonian, Strathmore, Sweepstakes and Knickerbocker have joined the silent majority, leaving Dauntless as probably the sole remaining son of the Father of Trotters doing active stud duty. Hambletonian's Last, the last foal gotten by Hambletonian 10, was gelded last year, and is now doing service as a roadster in Lexington.

SINCE 1845, over fifty years ago, fifteen trotters have held the champion record, but never once has a stallion worn the crown. Eight mares and seven geldings is the division, and since 1880 mares have monopolized the distinction, with the exception of the one short day that Jay-Eye See was champion. To day the fastest trotting record, 2:03½, is held by a mare, the next, 2:04, is held by another mare, the third, 2:04½, is a gelding's, and the next, 2:05½, is held by a stallion.

OF the 1,016 original entries to the Kentucky Futurity Stake for foals of 1895, second payment has been made on 667. The foals are out of mares by the following named horses: Nutwood 27, Electioneer 17, Baron Wilkes 14, Ooward 14, Dictator 12, Red Wilkes 12, George Wilkes 11, Lord Russell 10, Robert McGregor 11, Strathmore 10, Guy Wilkes 9, Harold 9, Princess 9, Happy Medium 8, Wilkes Boy 8, Kentucky Prince 7, Sultan 7, Mambrino Patchen 7, Stamboul 7, Alcione 6, Alcantara 5, Pancoast 5, Mambrino 5, Piedmont 5, Aberdeen 5, Almont 5, Gen. Benton 5.

FRANK ROCKEFELLER, Cleveland, O., is reported to be making numerous preparations for strengthening his stable this year. Besides Maud C., 2:10½, and Rizpah, 2:13½, he will have the sensational filly Fanny Foley, that trotted a half over an Ohio track in 1:08½ as a two-year-old last spring, and a reputed world-beater which he bought last fall at Woodburn farm in the shape of the chestnut gelding Extractor, by Expedition, 2:15½, out of Rosehish, grandam the great mare Primrose. He has shown a mile better than 2:16, and is wonderfully speedy.

SINCE the reports about the splendid trotting and pacing races to be given in Montana have been published, every horse owner in the land it seems has begun making preparations to go there. Lee Shaner will take a string of four good ones there, including Altio, 2:09½, next month.

A BAND of cavalry horses was recently brought from Oregon to the Presidio. Symptoms of distemper were noticeable among some of them, and after they had been at their new quarters two days almost all of them were afflicted with a very mild form of the disease. The veterinary has them nearly all on the road to recovery.

AMPLE provision has been made for the care and protection of horses driven to that famous resort, the Cliff House. Mayor Sutro has had a magnificent building erected where teams and huggies can be driven in out of the winds and fogs so prevalent in the summer months there; and so far as appointments go it has never been equaled in California. Illuminated with electric lights at night, it will always be tenanted by the best roadsters we have in this city. Mayor Sutro never does anything by halves.

MR. DE BEAUVIS, who shipped a number of trotters from this side not long ago, met with misfortune before arriving at his destination. A storm came up in crossing the English Channel, and the trip consumed five days instead of so many hours. The horses were on the upper deck of the steamer and were fearfully treated in the rolling and pitching of the vessel. Vision, dam of Woven Wind, 2:25½, was thrown to the lower deck, causing her to slip her foal by Krenlin, the mare dying shortly after arriving at Paris. Phallamont Girl, 2:27½, slipped her foal by America, and Langford, by Stamboul, dam Lillian Wilkes, 2:17½, and five others did not survive their injuries.

FOR many years past the human surgeon has discarded what used to be the chief point of treatment in cases of joint diseases and sprains of ligaments and tendons. During the last few years veterinary surgeons have also adopted what may be called the "bone-setter's" treatment of the application of force to the flexion of a certain class of stiff joints. This treatment was the subject of a paper read before the Central Veterinary Society recently by Veterinary-Captain L. Blenkinnopp. The method has certainly something to recommend it, if it only tends to diminish the abuse of firing in such cases, and perhaps the still greater abuse of blistering by amateur veterinarians and ignorant grooms.—London Live Stock Journal.

THE stallion owner that is looking into the future should announce the services of the stallion in the columns of reputable papers that reach all classes of breeders, both large and small. Even a business man, owner of a good mare, and with an inclination to breed her, would be materially induced by the appearance of a well-worked advertisement to further acquaint himself with the class of goods, such an enterprising breeder would naturally have. Prospects for breeding the coming season are brighter than they have been for some time, and mares that have been idle for the past few years will be bred this year; therefore, it behooves the stallion owner to let the public know what he has, and there is no better method than a card in a paper that caters to the people that are interested in this line of goods.

THERE is no case on record where a colt has outclassed its division so far as to win all of the big races, and a breeder need not be alarmed at the extraordinary doings of this and that colt that may be entered in the same stakes as their own, but can keep right on with the preparation and bring it to the wire in the best possible shape, as it is there the final test is made and not in theorizing. In '94 Nellie A. won the Nutmeg purse of \$20,000 at Hartford, but was beaten in the \$27,000 Futurity at Lexington by Beuzetta; Silicon was successful in the \$22,000 stake at Terre Haute, but was beaten in the big stake at Detroit; Boreal won a \$10,000 stake at Terre Haute and was behind the money in the stake at Lexington, while Mary Best, winner of the \$15,000 purse at Hartford, was behind Silicon in her Terre Haute victory. All this goes to show that they all have a chance, and the loudest-touted colt is liable to be a scant nose behind, most any time.

FROM the age of six to fourteen are the best years of a stallion's life, while it is not fair to pronounce him a failure as a sire of speed even though his list of performers is small at the last named milestone, for many a since famous sire had but few 2:30 performers to his credit as he rounded into his fifteenth year. At fifteen years of age Nutwood had only eight standard performers to his credit. At the age of twenty-two Blue Bull had only nine in the list. General Knox was twenty-five when he gained his ninth 2:30 performer. Pilot Jr. was twenty-nine when his eighth descendant fell into the list. At seventeen Electioneer had only eight, while Harold was twenty before he had as many. Rysdyk's Hambletonian was twenty-three years old before his 2:30 list reached the figure nine, and at twenty-four George Wilkes had but ten. With an abundance of similar evidence before them, the majority of men will pronounce well-bred stallions failures unless they have a score or more to their credit at the early age of fourteen.

THE home market for trotters that can trot was never better than it is right now, though prices are not, and never will be, as high as in the boom times. But rare good ones are selling every day for prices well along in the thousands, and buyers are willing to travel long distances to look at what they have been led to believe is something good. So far as the foreign market is concerned, there is no denying that it is making quite a demand for certain kinds of good horses, hence there is a briskness about the business that was apparent at no time in 1894 or early in 1895. From correspondents in every section of the United States, we learn that buyers find it difficult to fill orders. A Kansas horseman writes that there has been very little breeding done the past two years, but that many owners of mares are awakening to the fact that there is, just ahead, a scarcity of good youngsters and there is, now, an insufficient supply of good drivers, hence will breed this year. He goes on to say that a Kansas City buyer came to the town to buy 200 horses, advertised extensively but did not buy one. Those brought in for his inspection were all scrubs, and he had no customers for that kind. And he never will have again. The market for the scrub is gone bottom, hoops and staves, and no combination of circumstances will ever put it together. The good horse will bring a good price and buyers for him will soon be plentiful, if indeed there are not now more of them than of the kind of horses they desire.—Exchange.