

CLOSING OUT SALE.

Horses Bred by the Late H. W. Crabb to be Sold at Auction.

On Thursday, May 25th, at the Napa Fair Grounds, Napa, Cal., all the mares, colts and geldings remaining on the well known To-Kalon Stock Farm, at Oakville, Napa county, will be sold by auction by the leading auctioneer of that county, Mr. Mackinder. There are sixteen animals catalogued, all of good breeding and many of them splendid individuals and splendid prospects. The late Mr. Crabb, as is well known, was an enthusiastic breeder who sent his mares to the best stallions in the State, and the result is that To-Kalon Stock Farm has an excellent lot of colts and fillies to show. The sale is to be held at the Fair Grounds at Napa, and special excursion rates can be had by those wishing to attend it. The boat leaving the foot of Market street at 7:30 A. M. will connect with the train for Napa, and the sale will be completed in time for all to return to the city the same afternoon. The horses to be sold at this sale are as follows:

Sandow, sorrel gelding, by Dictatus, 2:19½, out of Etta, by Nanhuc (dam of Cora C., 2:22½, Lika Like, 2:25, and Black Prince, 2:36½); second dam Maggie, by Vick's Ethan Allen. This gelding is a very fast pacer, fast enough to train for the races. His sire, Dictatus, is the sire of the filly Dictatress that paced many game races against aged horses last year and got a three-year-old mark of 2:13½. Nanhuc, the sire of Sandow's dam, also sired the dams of Directly, 2:03½; Eva W., 2:25½; Redwood, 2:27; Campaigner, 2:26½, and others.

Miss Elliott, an iron grey filly, by Grandissimo, 2:25½, out of Jessie Elliott, by Whippleton. Grandissimo is the sire of Myrtle Thorne, 2:18, and others, while Whippleton has sired seven trotters and one pacer in the list and is the sire of the dams of Clay S., 2:14; Rect, 2:16½; Rokeby, 2:13½, and others.

Quality, a handsome bay mare, by Grandissimo, out of Flora B., 2:27 (by Whippleton), dam of Topsy (2), 2:29½.

Major McK., is a grey gelding, by Eyraud, son of Eros, sire of Dione, 2:09½, and others. Eyraud was a phenomenally fast yearling, is a grand looker and his get are good lookers, though none have been trained.

Coretta is a bay filly, by Eyraud, out of Cora C., 2:22½, by Whippleton.

Blanch, iron grey mare, by Grandissimo, dam Biddy Toole, by A. W. Richmond, second dam the first running mare Dublin Mary, by Hnmholdt. As Grandissimo's granddam was a full sister to A. W. Richmond, this young mare has two crosses of that good blood close up.

Saturn, brown mare, by San Diego 8776, out of Cora C., 2:22½, by Whippleton.

Necondia, dapple grey mare, by Doncaster 4370 (son of Commodore Belmont, sire of the dam of Monterey, 2:09½), out of Isola, by Alconeer, 15,120.

Nimrod, bay gelding, by Eyraud, dam Etta, by Nanhuc.

Define, brown mare, by Toronto Chief Jr., out of Kate, a mare by a son of Grey Eagle, out of a daughter of St. Clair.

Cogswite, bay filly, by Eyraud, out of Cora C., 2:22½.

Floretta, bay filly, by Eyraud, dam Flora B., 2:27, dam of Topsy (2) 2:29½.

Fearless, bay gelding by Eyraud, dam Flora B., 2:27.

There are two yearling colts in this sale, both of which should bring good prices. One is by the great Altamont 3600, sire of Chehalis 2:04½, five others in 2:10, and 39 in 2:30 out of Saturn, by San Diego, second dam Cora C. 2:22½, third dam Etta, (dam of two) by Nanhuc, fourth dam Maggie, by Ethan Allen Jr. 2903. This youngster from his breeding ought to be very fast, and as he is a good individual is worth taking a chance on.

The other colt is by McKinney 2:11½, the only stallion that at 11 years of age has nine in the 2:15 list. This colt is gray and will grow into a large, fine looking horse and gives promise of being fast.

This sale is the first of the year of trotting bred stock and as the Tokalon Farm has the reputation of having furnished to this city some of the finest looking roadsters that are driven on the roads here there should be ready sale for this consignment. One thing is certain—those who buy at this sale will get horses for less money than those who purchase at later dates. The price of good horses is constantly on the rise and the time to buy is right now.

O. E. Needham's Sale.

Ill health compels this well known breeder of fine horses to discontinue in business, constantly he has consigned all his stallions, geldings and mares to the Occidental Horse Exchange, to be sold at auction, Wednesday, May 31st. Among those to be disposed of are several very finely matched teams suitable for carriage use, a number of choice roadsters and among them are as good "prospects" as any trainer could desire. The foundation stock on this farm at Bellota is pure Morgan. Mr. Needham bought several of the best representatives of this famous breed to this State in 1862. He bred the produce to the best sons of Hambletonian procurable and the venture has been unusually successful. He will have some of the progeny of the following aires at this sale and all who desire stylish, toppy, pure-gaited road horses should come and see them: Steve Whipple, 2:12; Dexter Prince, Chrisman's Hambletonian, Votcr, Elect, Andy R., Prindex, Directed, son of Director, etc. Catalogues will be issued next week.

Rio Alto Writes From Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, May 3, 1899.

EDITOR BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN—The shipment from Palo Alto to the Blue Ribbon sale arrived in Cleveland in good shape and are quartered in Fasig's Exchange. There are a large number of horses working on the Glenville track among the number several from California. Yesterday morning while sitting in the judges stand with Mr. Fasig I saw a horse coming down the stretch that made my heart beat a little quicker than usual, for I recognized my great favorite Pasote. It made me feel lonesome to see her so far away from home. Last year this daughter of Palo Alto was beaten by a breath by Tommy Britton in 2:10½, and this year she is looked for to beat 2:10, an effort I have always thought her capable of. Another that brought pleasant recollections was the game little mare Peko, 2:11½; she won a great matinee race here last year, and is quite a favorite for her good manners, a quality that is highly respected here by road drivers. Walking through the stables I ran across another favorite in Whips Jr., sold at a sale here for \$170; he has developed into a grand looking young stallion, and a few days ago stepped a quarter quite handily in 0:34, and ten times what he was sold for would not purchase him now. He will be campaigned this year. The good California colt John A. McKerron is in Doc Tanner's stable; he is looking strong, and doing nicely. Derby Lass, a filly that was sold by the Oakwood Stock Farm, has shown a great deal of speed and is now in Millard Sanders' string. Glenville Park is a beautiful spot, and around it hovers many pleasant memories of trotting history. The name of Colonel Edwards will always be associated with all that is good at Glenville Park, while over the gate hangs a gold gilded shoe with the inscription Mand S., 2:03½, and across from the track in a picturesque field roams Clingstone, "the Demon of the homestretch," passing his old days in peace and quiet in sight of the track he helped make famous.

RIO ALTO.

Will Race at Chicago All Summer.

Jerry Driscoll, who was formerly one of Chris Buckley's ablest lieutenants in this city and who probably better than anybody now identified with racing affairs knows how to smooth the rough edges of warring factions and bring them together in harmony, has succeeded in effecting a treaty of peace in Chicago between the Harlem and Hawthorne race track people. This may seem like an improbable story but it is true and Harlem will open its track May 30th, continue for twelve days and then the gates will close while Hawthorne enjoys two weeks of racing. Everything is to be harmonious during the year and it will be away late in the fall when the cold frosty mornings warn the touts and poor horse owners that the climate of California is such that overcoats may be left in pawn and summer clothing worn during winter without danger to health, before racing will cease at Chicago. Just at present the Condon syndicate is wrestling with the judgeship problem. So far no one has been selected to take the place of the late M. Lewis Clark. Judge Pettinill has the call thus far, though heroic work is being done by friends of Rees and Kelsey. The name of George Siler was considered for a time, but the fact that the well known referee of prize fights wore glasses militated against his chances of securing the position.

THE idea of excluding geldings from classic races now and then comes up in England as well as in this country, and while it finds advocates with theoretical hacking the practical side of the question negatives the exclusion proposition. In the first place, if all the classic events are open to geldings this would tend to encourage the use of the knife, and the consequent allowance in weight, under the weight theory, would give the geldings a better chance to win. It is contended in favor of exclusion that the classic events furnish the only line for breeders to follow in that winners of great events gain prestige therefor when they are retired to the stud, and as geldings are useless in the breeding ranks a Derby winner from that class counts for nothing. To refute this argument it is only necessary to state that the sire of a Derby winner, be it gelding or colt, has proven his success at the stud while the colt which wins a Derby has a record to make as a sire, and whether or not he becomes a success is one of the contingencies of the breeding lottery. If a gelding can beat the colt then his sire and dam are entitled to the breeding prestige resulting from the performance. Turf records show that geldings last longer as a rule than stallions, and by gelding more colts the overproduction of thoroughbreds would be curtailed, so that in order to encourage the use of the knife the prominent events should not be closed to geldings.—Turf, Field and Farm.

DENOLEN'S P. O., Penn.

MR. W. F. YOUNG, Dear Sir:—I have used Absorbine on bad legs according to your directions and want to say that I have obtained better satisfaction from your cure than from anything I have ever used before. I have used the best of liniments and blistered frequently; received numerous receipts from the "Chicago Horseman" which were supposed to be of the best.

Yours truly,

W. Y. LEVAN.

Extract from letter Oct. 22, 1898.

WESTERN TURF ASSOCIATION.

A New Racing Organization to Build a Track at South San Francisco.

San Francisco leads the world as far as race tracks for the runners are concerned, having two splendidly equipped courses within a half hour's ride by rail, one within the corporate limits of the city, the other across the bay in Alameda county, not to less a San Francisco institution, as 90 per cent. of its patronage comes from this city. And now another track is to be built. At Redwood City, which is the county seat of San Mateo county, the Western Turf Association last Monday filed articles of incorporation. The capital stock is \$250,000, divided into 5000 shares of \$50 each. All the stock has been subscribed. The association is authorized to lease, own and construct race tracks and clubhouses in San Mateo county. The directors of this new company are W. J. Martin (who is Land Agent of the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company), Wm. Rehberg, Julius Ekerenkotter, F. H. Green (Secretary of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club) and Charles F. Gardner, an attorney, with offices in the Crocker Building. Among the heaviest stockholders are Henry J. Crocker, Daniel Meyer and E. R. Lillenthal, all well known capitalists of this city. The site selected for this new track is a tract of 200 acres of land in South San Francisco, belonging to the land and Improvement Company of that place. This tract is perfectly level and is situated thirteen miles from this city and can be reached by trains in twenty minutes. When the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company was organized some years ago, a racing park was one of the projected enterprises. A survey was made for track, etc., but they were never built, although on the company's maps it has always stood out in all the bold relief that red ink and large capitals could give it. While many of the gentlemen closely identified with the Pacific Coast Jockey Club are stockholders and directors in the new corporation it does not therefore follow that the two are one. In fact there is no alliance, offensive or defensive, between the two at present. They are entirely separate enterprises.

It is proposed to begin work on the new track at once, and to this end contractor Allen, who built both the Ingleside and Oakland tracks, has been telegraphed for and it is said work will be begun in July. \$100,000 has been set aside for improvements, which will provide for all the necessary buildings, though, of course, not on the elaborate scale of the already established tracks. The transportation facilities are first class. The Southern Pacific company's trains run right to the property while the bay steamers can land within a few hundred yards of the gate. When the new track is completed, which will be in time for winter racing this year, the Pacific Coast Jockey Club will hold its meetings there if at that time the present local laws against betting are in force.

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY

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Subscribers to this paper can have advice through these columns in all cases of sick or injured horses or cattle by sending a plain description of the case. Applicants will send their name and address that they may be identified.

C. T. L.—Please inform me through the columns of your esteemed paper the proper treatment for Umbilical Hernia in a filly now near six months old. The rupture has been slowly growing for about four months and is now the size of an egg. The local veterinary advised me to blister with electric caustic which I did. I do not see that any beneficial effects followed or rather I am in doubt about its being proper or recognized treatment. It is three months since I blistered her. I believe the rupture was caused by natural weakness and not by strain or fall.

Answer—In an animal of that age, giving concentrated food, and avoiding coarse bulky food to relieve the internal pressure, at the same time applying a strong irritant to the skin over the enlargement, generally reduces the hernia in the course of a few months.

Should the hernia increase in size, or this treatment fail to reduce it, then it would be well to operate on it.

The operation should not be attempted by anyone but a veterinary surgeon, as it needs to be performed very carefully, and under strict antiseptic precautions.

The operation consists in cutting through the skin, putting the bowel back into the abdominal cavity, freshening the edges of the internal ring and suturing it. Then suturing or clamping the skin and applying an antiseptic dressing.

A simpler operation, which is often successful, consists in placing the animal on her back, pressing the contents of the sack back through the umbilical ring (without cutting through the skin), pinching up the loose skin and clamping or ligaturing it.

After ten or twelve days the clamped skin drops off, leaving the part inside it healed up.

S. L. W.—I have a two-year-old filly that received a severe kick on her hock joint about three months ago. It broke and ran for awhile, but it has healed up now. It remains hard and swells badly when allowed to stand in the barn over night. There is quite a hard lump on the leg now, just below the hock. Would like your advice in regard to treatment.

Answer—Clip the hair off the part and rub the following blister wall into it for about ten minutes. Tie her head up a few days so that she cannot get her mouth near the blistered part.

After five or six days turn her out to pasture, leaving her out night and day. If there be still any enlargement after a month, apply the blister a second time.

Beniodide of mercury, half an ounce.

Lanoline, four ounces.

Mix well and apply as directed.