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Stallions Adverted for Service.

TROTTERS AND PACERS.

CHAS. DERBY, 2:20.....Oakwood Park Stock Farm, Danville
DIABLO, 2:4 1/4.....Wm Murray, Pleasanton, Cal
GEORGE WASHINGTON, 2:16 3/4.....Chas. Johnson, Woodland
HAMBELTONIAN WILKES, 1879.....Green Meadow S. F., Santa Clara
MCKINNEY, 2:11 1/4.....C. A. Durfee, Oakland
NUTWOOD WILKES 2:16 3/4.....Nutwood Stock Farm, Irvington
OAKNUT, 2:21 1/4.....J. B. Nightingale, Cordelia, Cal
PRINCE ALMONT, 2:18 3/4.....J. B. Nightingale, Cordelia, Cal
STAM B., 2:11 1/4.....Tuttle Bros., Rocklin
STEINWAY, 2:25 3/4.....Oakwood Park Stock Farm, Danville

THOROUGHBREDS.

MONTANA, by Ban Fox.....Oscar Duke, Conejo, Ca
LLANO SECO.....Baywood Stud, San Mateo, Cal
HACKNEYS.

IMP. GREEN'S RUFUS, 68 (4291).....Baywood Stud, San Mateo

DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED by the Governor during the past week for several of the Agricultural Districts, and as far as these districts are concerned there should be no further delay in the announcement of programs for their summer meetings. In many of the districts the terms of a majority of the boards had expired, and with less than a quorum of qualified members to act, nothing could be done, and this is still the unfortunate situation in a number of them. In those where the Governor has filled the vacancies, however, this excuse does not exist, and if meetings and programs are not promptly announced the members of the boards will have themselves to blame if large entry lists are not secured. There are at the present time in California five times the number of horses in training that have been entered for the events in the Breeders meeting and if sufficient programs are announced within the next two weeks to make a good circuit a certainty, these horses will be kept in training and liberally entered throughout. If, however, there is a long delay before announcements are made, a very large number of these horses will go out of training, as owners cannot afford to spend money in preparing their horses unless there is an assurance that enough meetings will be given to make it worth their while. All over the East, especially on the two Grand Circuits, entries to the majority of all the big purses and stakes have already closed with tremendous lists. One race at Glens Falls has over sixty entries, and there is not a high-class Eastern meeting advertised but the entrance money this year will pay the purses and leave a profit besides. The reason of this splendid condition of affairs is that all these purses were announced and advertised early in the year. Horsemen knew months ago when and where meetings would be held, what the amount of the purses would be, and began working their horses accordingly. The result is that 1899 is a record breaking year in the East as far as large entry lists are concerned. Secretaries and speed committees should understand that it is cheaper for an association to give big purses with many entries rather than small purses with few. A purse of \$1000 for 2:30 horses, if offered by any of the associations on the California Grand Circuit, will in all probability attract twenty or more entries. When it is taken into consideration that sixteen paid entries make the purse a self-sustaining one, that is, one that does not cost the association a cent, it can be readily seen that an event of that kind is cheaper than a \$300 purse which attracts but eight entries. We would not advise the smaller associations to make all their purses \$1000, however. Discretion must be used. The size of the town, probable gate receipts, etc., etc., must be considered. Nevertheless, the purses should be as liberal as possible under the circumstances, and where there is almost an assurance that a very large entry list can be had for a large purse, offer it. The principal thing, however, is to get out the programs as soon as possible. As has been stated before in these columns, the date of closing need not be made early—two or three weeks prior to the meeting is sufficient—but get the programs before the

horsemen, as every day of delay means fewer entries to the purses offered. Let every association that has a full board of directors get to work at once. There is a season of great activity and prosperity just ahead of the people of California, and if the harness horse breeders are given the opportunity they will be able to share in the good times coming.

IT WILL BE POOR POLICY on the part of any Agricultural Association in California this year if it does not make an extra effort to secure a creditable showing of the farm products of the district at its fair this year. There must be a departure from the habit into which the majority of the district organizations inadvertently dropped during past years, of making the racing the only feature of the program to which particular attention was given. The appropriation is given by the State to encourage the farmer to improve the quality of the products of his farm, orchard, vineyard and stock ranches and while there is nothing that will lead to improvement in the breeds of light harness and thoroughbred horses like good purses and stakes offered for speed contests, it must be remembered that there are beef and dairy cattle, wool and mutton sheep, ham, lard and bacon hogs, table and egg producing fowl, that need improving, while the fruits and grains and the handiwork of mechanics should not be overlooked, but liberal prizes be offered for the best that can be produced or manufactured by the residents of the district. The old time county fair is a model which only needs intelligent study and practical energetic work to bring up to a standard that will cause it to be looked forward to annually with increased interest, as a place where the very best lessons in practical advancement may be learned, and where every resident of the district can find new ideas that will add to his comfort, happiness and financial benefit. It should be the endeavor of every agricultural board to hold a fair that will attract the very best people of the district to it as exhibitors and patrons. The speed contests should be the best that can be given, and the most strenuous effort made to have them honest and free from crooked work of any sort. Insist that everything connected with the meeting shall be clean and wholesome, and make the race track as well as the pavilion a place where the wives and children can be taken with impunity and where the respectability of the town and county can receive innocent recreation and enjoyment combined with instruction and actual benefit.

JOHN SPLAN, of the firm of Splan & Newgass, writes to the BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN under date of May 12th: "Our May sale is over and was a success in every way. Every horse of merit brought a satisfactory price to the consignor and there was an unlimited demand for good useful animals either for track, road, carriage or family use. I am sure that if some California horseman would fit a consignment of horses for market and send them to our sale they would get as good returns for them as they would any place in the world. Since the first of January they have had the best market here for horses that they have ever had. There has been more high class carriage and family horses sold from this market than ever before in the same length of time. The enormous business that Tichenor & Co. do in that class of animals help to keep up the prices for sellers on anything of real merit. Thinking we can better accommodate our customers, both buyers and sellers, we will have our next sale the first part of November. Usually we have had our first fall sale in December but the increased demand for horses both in this country and Europe led us to believe that we could hold a very successful sale in that time of year. It would save the breeders and owners the trouble and expense of carrying them longer; they could have them in the best possible condition at that time and in shape to get the high dollar I am sure."

THE CLOSING OUT SALE of the standard bred horses belonging to the estate of H. W. Crahh will be held at the Napa Race Track on Thursday next. The horses, 16 in number, are all there now and can be seen every day. Mr. H. R. Ward, the well known trainer, has them in charge and has speed to show. Take the ferry at foot of Market street, at 7:30 A. M. next Thursday, and the Napa train will stop at the track. You can return the same evening and get home in time for dinner.

THE 2:18 PACE for which \$1000 is offered by the P. C. T. H. B. A. closes June 1st. Don't miss making an entry to this race.

SAN FRANCISCO HORSE OWNERS might as well sell their horses or trade them off for bicycles. The telegraph reports from New York that the San Francisco anti-truck company will be formed with a capital of \$5,000,000, and we may expect that within a very short time a thousand of the horseless vehicles will be climbing our hills delivering to us our daily bread and milk—carrying away our soiled linen, carting all the freight in the wholesale districts, and taking through the park and along the beach all those who now enjoy riding behind a spanking team. What makes the matter absolutely conclusive is that the dispatch announces that Mr. Howard P. Taylor is at the head of the new company. Mr. Taylor severed his connection with Western Sports a few months ago and went East, where he came very near signing Fitzsimmons and Sharkey to hammer one another to death here near the Golden Gate for \$30,000 and a steam beer lunch after the fight, but something prevented the consummation of the scheme. Now that he has concluded to bring the auto-truck to San Francisco, horse owners had better turn their stables into chicken coops, sell their harness to the junk man and prepare to get out of the way when the bell rings or the gasoline blows up. Farewell, farewell, my Arab steed.

GET THEM READY for the four \$1000 stakes which the Los Angeles Association offers, and entries to which close June 1st. The full conditions of these stakes are stated in our advertising columns and they will be found very liberal. Read them over and get your horses ready.

ENTRIES CLOSE TO-DAY for eight big, fat purses offered by the Louisville Fair and Driving Association, to be trotted and paced at their meeting the 1st week in September. These races are all mile heats, best two in three, and no strings are tied to any of them. Three to fill is the rule.

The Inaugural Trotting Sale.

There are few men in California who are better judges of what constitutes a first-class, stylish roadster than C. E. Needham. Born amid the hills of Vermont his early life was spent in the neighborhood of the home of many of the best descendants of Justin Morgan. The marvelous endurance and docility of these ideal roadstars were recognized by him and when the idea of making the long journey across the plains suggested itself he determined to collect the very choicest Morgans and Blackhaws he could to make the journey. His venture proved a success. After coming here people came from far and near to look at the hardy horses that had made the journey without an accident. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and incidentally bred horses on a small scale. His stock of equines always found ready buyers and it was with many misgivings he retained some of the fillies for breeding purposes as the prices offered even in those days seemed very high. He bred for an object, that was to get handy combined with speed and the qualifications expected in stylish roadsters. The records show that his success in this was phenomenal and at this sale which we might say, the closing out of all his horses there will be found many of the finest individuals ever offered in San Francisco. Ill health compels him to part with every one, so seekers after teams for pleasure or business will no doubt secure bargains. Catalogues have been issued and will be sent to all applicants. Sale will take place Wednesday, May 31st at W. G. Layng's Occidental Horse Exchange, 721 Howard street.

Of Derby winners imported to America was annurate the following and the years in which they won: In 1780, Diomed, by Florizel; 1783, Saltram, by Eclipse; 1795, Spread Eagle, by Volunteer; 1798, Sir Harry, by Sir Peter; 1799, Archduke, by Sir Peter; 1830, Priam; 1832, St. Giles; 1868, Blue Gown; 1870, Kingcraft; 1874, George Frederick, and 1883, St. Blaise. Of these Priam was by far the best race horse, having won the Goodwood Cup at 5 years, with the enormous weight of 139 pounds. Blue Gown and Kingcraft were both very old horses and died at sea from exhaustion; and Georgia Frederick was imported into Canada. Of the rest Diomed, Priam and St. Blaise were the only ones to achieve any real distinction. Saltram, Sir Harry and Spread Eagle being only fairly good sires. St. Giles was buried alive in the pine woods of Alabama, and Archduke got nothing of value, while his brother in England, Staniford, was their best broodmare sire prior to the advent of Pantaloon.

NINE-TOP notchers are named for the 2:04 pace at Glens Falls Grand Circuit meeting. They are Fraok Agan 2:03 1/2, Klatawah 2:05 1/2, Chehalis 2:04 1/2, Planet 2:04 1/2, Frank Bogash 2:04 1/2, Colaridge 2:05 1/2, Anaconda 2:04 1/2, and Saerchlight 2:04 1/2. The free-for-all trot at the same meeting has 15 nominations as follows: Kentucky Union, Grace Hastings, Belle J., Directum Kelly, Gayton, The Abbot, Heir-at-Law, Nico, Bingen, William Penn, John Nolan, Rilma, Alcidalia, Eagle Flannagan and Monterey. This is the first association that has closed races for the fastest classes for trotters and pacers, and the above named horses show about how they are likely to line up this year.