

The Sulky.

SPEEDWAYS are becoming popular in every American city.

REDDING has asked for a date in the Northern California circuit.

RULES for speedway contests are to be adopted by the road riders in New York.

SOME one has figured it out that of the 292 2:10 pacers, seventy-five made their records with the aid of hoppers.

THE \$25 000 offer for Jupe 2:07½ was made by Thomas W. Lewson, Boston, through James Golden and Herbert Grey.

THE first race John R. Gentry 2:00½ won was the 2:35 class at Higginville, Mo., August 25, 1892, in 2:25½, 2:43½, 2:41½.

OF the 3500 horses and mules that were shipped to Africa from New Orleans recently only 105 head were lost on the voyage.

ED. GEERS owned only a half interest in the \$10,000 Direct Hal, Chefee Bros., Spring Hill, Tenn., owned the other half.

VIDETTE 2:16 by Alexander Button is believed to be safely in foal to Altamont and was the first mare bred to him this year.

GAFF TOPSAIL'S owner offers a purse of \$250 for the get of his horse to contest for six three year olds in 1904 on the Vellejo track.

MCKINNEY was taken to Pleasanton this week. He is looking better than he ever did in his life and is one of the handsomest horses in America.

J. J. CONNER, of Salinas, is driving his fine trotting gelding, Shelby 2:19½, by Wilkes Moor, on the road this winter. Shelby makes an ideal road horse.

ARTHUR W. 2:11½ has his book nearly full as he is to be bred to but ten mares. He is looking wonderfully well and J. M. Nelson says he likes him better every time he jogs him.

DICTATUS 2:18½, one of the best bred horses in the country and the sire of Dictatress 2:12½, will make the season of 1900 at Salinas where a dozen or more mares have already been booked to him.

THE Golden Gate Perk Driving Association has secured the Oakland track for matinee racing May 30th. President Fhos. H. Williams very kindly gave the use of the grounds and track free to the association.

FILL out the blank headed "What Classes Do You Want?" published in this issue and send it to this office immediately. It will enable Secretaries to get out their programs early if trainers will attend to the matter promptly.

THE omission of a figure made our Los Angeles correspondent say last week that there was a crowd of 200 at the matinee racing in that city January 20th. It should have read 2000, and some estimated the crowd at still larger.

DIRECT is having mares booked to him every day. He never looked as well as he does now. A number of his get will be trained in California this year, and we predict right now that this State will add three or four to his 2:20 list before "the ides of November."

THE first foal at Palo Alto this year is a brown filly by Dexter Prince out of Elden (3) 2:19½ by Nephew; second dam by Electioneer; third dam Sallie Gardner, thoroughbred mare by Vandal. The little miss arrived January 9th. She has been christened Princess Elden.

CHAS. DERBY 2:20 and Owyhee 2:11, will stand for public service at Oakwood Park Stock Farm, the former at a fee of \$100, the latter at \$50 for the season. Some notes on these stallions, their performances and blood lines will appear next week in the BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN.

DIABLO 2:09½ will get a still larger number of new performers in 1900 than he did in 1899. There is not one that is being worked this year but is showing speed enough to beat 2:30. Diablo will have a number of every choice mares booked to him this year—the best lot he has ever been mated with.

G. LAPHAM, of Alameda, has leased from Mr. Fraser the stallion Secretary by Director and will make the season of 1900 with him at the Alameda track. Secretary is one of the greatest sires of style, size and good looks ever in this State and all his get have speed. He is a grand looking horse.

I. M. LADD, of Hollister, recently purchased from G. P. McNear, of Hollister, a four year old full blood Clydesdale stallion by Buffalo Bill out of imported Maid of the Mist, the purchase price being \$1000. Robert I. Orr, of Hollister, has a full brother to this horse and both are grand specimens of the breed.

BUT one mare has two daughters that have each produced two 2:12 performers. Mery by Flectail has that honor. She is the dam of Lettie by Wayland Forrest, who produced Wayland W. 2:12½ and Welcome 2:10½. She is also the dam of Grece by Bucceneer, who produced Daedalion 2:11 and Creole 2:15.

THE Nutwood Driving Club, of Dubuque, Ia., is preparing for a big race meeting for 1900, which will in every respect equal or exceed its former meetings, and that is saying a great deal, for last year the purses were very valuable, and the men who are at the head of this organization know no such thing as fail.

MR. A. F. STICE of Los Angeles, who purchased Beechwood 2:10½ a few weeks ago, has sold the daughter of Silkwood to Mr. Joseph Damsel of Los Angeles, who will use her for matinee racing. Our Los Angeles correspondent states that Beechwood worked a half in 1:05 before the sale and that Mr. Stice doubled his money on her.

NUTWOOD WEEKS, the dam of Ethel Downes 2:10, is heavy with foal to Altamont and will be booked to him again. This mare is now twenty years of age, but doesn't look half of it. She was foaled the year her dam (Ledy Weeks by Williamson's Belmont) was twenty-six years old and has inherited her remarkable vigor.

SAM HOY will have another fast performer by Beysweter Wilkes, sire of Kelly Briggs 2:10½, this year. The pedigree of Beysweter Wilkes, as given in these columns a few weeks ago has attracted a great deal of attention. His fourth dam the thoroughbred race mare Fennie Howard is also the dam of Firetail, the son of Norfolk that sired the dam of Miss Logan 2:06½.

GUS LINDAUER, the well known liveryman and horse dealer of 862 Howard street, this city, recently purchased a car load of draft horses at Gilroy, Santa Clara county, for shipment to British Columbia. Nine of the horses were purchased from Henry Miller and two from S. N. Mazs. They averaged 1600 pounds each, brought an average of \$160, and were a fine lot of horses.

C. M. BARNEY, formerly Secretary of the Woodland District Fair Association but now a resident of Gilroy, passed through San Francisco last week after a sojourn of two weeks at his old home in Woodland. He reports a deep interest being taken by the Woodlandites in the proposed fair this year and thinks Secretary C. F. Thomas, aided by the Directors, will make it a great success.

TRAINER ROBINSON has begun work on three young horses, and is occupying stalls at G. Lapham's "Horse Hotel and Speed School." Mr. Robinson has the good gelding Dolador five years old by Advertiser out of Dolly Nutwood, and Agate, a six year old by Boxwood out of Ledy Agnes by Electioneer. Both these geldings were bred at Palo Alto Farm and are very promising green horses.

CLARENCE DAY has four or five trotters and pacers at his home on Central avenue in Alameda and is working them on the Alameda track. Two of them are by Dictatus and two by Clarence Wilkes out of a mare by Fellsie. The last two mentioned are three and four years old respectively and are square trotters. Both are very promising. They belong to W. J. Gillespie of Redding and will probably be raced this year.

KENTUCKY BARON, a royally bred son of the great Baron Wilkes, and the only stallion by that horse now standing for service in California, will make the season of 1900 at Colusa to a limited number of mares, and will be campaigned this year. Kentucky Baron is a grand individual and his breeding is unsurpassed. There is a three year old by him now being worked at Chico that is expected to be one of the surprises of the year when racing begins.

R. E. WHIDDEN of Santa Cruz has booked a mare to Altamont this year. She is by a son of Mambrino Wilkes out of a full sister to the dam of Loupe 2:09½. Mr. Whidden called at the BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN office last Wednesday, having just returned from a visit to T. E. Keating at Pleasanton, and had many complimentary remarks to make of the approved appearance of everything at that celebrated training ground.

THE only mare that has produced four 2:15 performers is Nell, a roan mare by Estell Eric out of a mare by Embry's Lexington. She is the dam of Belle Vane 2:08½, Vassar 2:07, Susie T. 2:09½ and Ambidexter 2:11½. The thoroughbred "close up" has certainly afflicted Nell with the speed producing disease. Those theorists who think there is nothing but herm to result from the introduction of the "hot blood," should have Nell quarantined.

GRACE KAISER, the dam of McZeus 2:13, and Coney 2:07½ will be bred to Nutwood Wilkes this year. A gentleman in San Mateo has written to Mr. Carter stating that he desires to book ten mares to his great young horse. Juan Galleagos, of Mission San Jose, has a grand looking yearling by Nutwood Wilkes, out of Sable, the dam of Sable Wilkes 2:18, and has already bred the old mare to him again this year. Nutwood Wilkes will have a very choice lot of mares mated with him this season.

DICK BENSON, of Kansas City, visited Pleasanton the other day and was so taken with the appearance of Clipper 2:09½, by Diablo 2:09½, that he offered his owner C. A. Durfee \$2000 for him and then raised it to \$2100, which was refused. He also offered Mr. Durfee \$750 for Miss Jessie 2:14 by Gossiper, but Du fee wanted \$1000 and that trade failed. Durfee told him he could have them both for \$3000, but Mr. Benson said he only wanted one. Since then Mr. Durfee worked Clipper a slow mile letting him step the last eighth pretty well and was so pleased with him that he raised the price to \$3000 and is not anxious to sell him at that.

ELIAS WILLIAMS is rapidly recovering from the results of his recent accident and is driving Silver Bow Jr. again. Last Sunday Ike Morehouse and Dan Dennison visited the Alameda track and Mr. Williams trotted Silver Bow Jr. out for inspection. This handsome big stallion was taken with that disease resembling distemper that was so prevalent last year and was thrown out of training. He has only been jogged this winter but is looking in splendid condition. "Doc" warned him up a little and let him step through the stretch while Mr. Morehouse held the watch. He was not urged and in fact Williams held him back, but he trotted an eighth in 17½ seconds and did it so nicely that all who saw the performance were highly pleased with it and ready to predict a fast mark for him. He has a little too much action if anything, but is as square as a die and not inclined to mix in the least. He could show 2:12 speed right now if asked, and is one of the best individuals in the State.

C. A. DURFEE is receiving letters from all over the Pacific Coast in regard to the breeding of mares to his great horse and will book the greatest lot of mares this year the son of Aicyone has ever been mated with. That "champion sire of 2:15 performers at twelve years of age" is a drawing card sure to those who want the sort that can win the money.

HAMBLETONIAN WILKES will have a good patronage this year. Col. Moorhead is receiving letters every day from breeders who wish to mate their mares to this great son of George Wilkes. A three year old by him is "the best looking colt in California," according to an Eastern gentleman who looked him over at San Jose recently after a tour of the leading stock farms.

ONE of the handsomest broodmares in California is Oakville Maid 2:26, by Whippleston. She belongs to Mr. John Lutgen, the well known wine merchant of this city, who has two very fine looking foals from her by Altamont, a yearling and a two year old. She is not with foal this year and is being given a little track work by J. M. Nelson at the Alameda track and can show better than a 2:20 clip already. Mr. Nelson has recently received from Humboldt county a big six year old gelding that is a brother in blood to Iora 2:11½, being by Ire and out of a mare by Pascola Heyward. This fellow never had a days track work in his life and when Nelson received him he had 21 ounce shoes in front and 16 behind. With these on his feet and hitched to a big high wheeled cart that weighs 140 pounds he marched off a quarter in 38 seconds the first time Nelson booked him up and he thinks he will do to train. He is a big rangy fellow and his legs end feet are perfect. The colt by Alexis in Mr. Nelson's string is one of the grandest looking youngsters in California. We are promised a picture of him when the sun shines.

G. LAPHAM is getting his stells full at the Alameda track and will soon be making speed with some of his charges. He has a black pacer that he calls Robert H. and which is going to make the green ones step better than 2:15 the first time they start this year. He is by Pilot Prince out of a mare by Steinway. Mr. Lapham has a good looking black stallion called Sir Roderick Jr. which is one of the three which comprise all that Sir Roderick, son of Dictator and Prospect Meid by George Wilkes, ever sired, Phoebe Childers 2:12, being another. Sir Roderick Jr. shows the Wilkes blood in a marked degree and has a very promising way of going. Mey Melody is the euphonious name that has been bestowed on a black mare owned by W. Ford Thomas, the well known customs adjuster of this city. This mare is one of the handsomest animals in California, and Mr. Lapham is confident that she will get a low mark this year if raced. She is a natural trotter, pure getted and very speedy and when in motion is a perfect picture of graceful action. She is by Secretary out of a daughter of Rustic, second dam by Whippleston, third dam by Glediator.

ROBERT S. BROWN of Petaluma has purchased the stallion Meridian 2:12½ by Siamocolon (sire of Den Q. 2:07½) out of Sidene by Sidney; second dam Addie S. by Steinway; third dam Aldane by Wissahickon 947; fourth dam Winthrop Girl by Winthrop 505; fifth dam by Chieftain 721; sixth dam by Billy Wallece, son of Snowstorm. Meridian is a royally bred horse and was a race horse. He was foaled in 1892 and his first race was in this city in 1896. It was a six beat race and Meridian won the first and second heats, taking a record of 2:20 and paced a game race throughout being close to the winner Strathmont 2:12½ in the last heat and getting second money in a field of ten. At Napa he had another six beat race which he won, lowering his record to 2:16½. The next year he started in seven races meeting nearly all the best pacers on the California circuit and won four first moneys, was once second and twice fourth, closing the season with a record of 2:12½. He has not been raced since. Meridian is a very handsome horse and should sire extreme speed if mated with good mares. Mr. Brown will place him in the stud at his farm near Petaluma at a fee for the season of \$25.

H. R. WARD, who for several years prior to the death of the late W. H. Crabb was the trainer of the horses bred and owned at Tokelon Stock Farm in Napa county, has opened a public training stable at the Alameda track. He has three promising young horses in his string already and will have several new ones sent to him within the next two weeks. A five year old mare by Diablo 2:09½, owned by J. D. Horan of this city, is certain to be heard from if raced, as is a four year old by Allen Wilkes that is the property of J. S. Taylor of Nepe. Both are very speedy and have a nice way of going. Mr. Ward has a fine big six year old gelding in charge that is endowed with a very generous amount of good looks and style and when informed that he was by The Dane, a son of Stamboul and Dolly McMann the dam of Lilly Stanley 2:17½, we could see the strong likeness of the sire in him. It will be remembered that The Dane was bred by present United States Attorney F. L. Coombs, who sold him in New York where he took several prizes in the horse shows. This promising son is owned by Mr. Ludwig of this city. Mr. Ward is a careful and painstaking trainer and has been very successful with trotters and pacers.

DR. H. LATHAM, who had the gray mare Secret 2:26½ by Secretary worked two years ago at the Alameda track, says it is undoubtedly the best place to train horses there is in California. Here are some of the advantages he claims for the track: Ease of access from the metropolis being but 35 minutes ride by two lines from San Francisco at a cost of a dime. Good climate. A track which will positively not sore horses and which can be used more days in the year than any track in America. Excellent streets for jogging on in rainy weather. A mile straight away in addition to the circular track and just as good, thus furnishing the opportunity of variety and preventing horses from getting track sour. A beach within half a mile where horses can be daily waded in salt water, a course of treatment that is the very best to keep the feet and legs in good condition. The best of hay and grain to be obtained by the pound or ton at a moment's notice. Grass paddocks adjoining stall or within ten minutes' walk where horses can be given a run to grass. All these and a few more that we do not recall are the reasons the Doctor gave for his claim that Alameda track is the best place to train horses he ever saw. The Doctor's mare Secret is now in charge of Ches. Marvin at Lexington and is said to have more speed than she ever had, which is saying a good deal, as the writer of this paragraph saw her trot a quarter in 1898 in 32 seconds.