

"COMING events cast their shadows before," is a true saying, and when we glance through the advertising columns of this journal and see the large number of racing associations that have sent on their shadows in the way of advertisements, we become impressed with the fact that there is something interesting to make them so prominent. The Saratoga Association of Saratoga, New York, publishes its programme for the summer meeting, and as the list of stakes are larger and the amounts in each have also been increased, it is only necessary to call the attention of the hundreds of horsemen now on this coast to the fact that entries in all of these events will close next Monday, January 15th. Blanks can be had at this office, or at our correspondent's desk at the Bay District track. This is the last notification horsemen will receive, and if they want to have the road to success prepared they should see that this important subject is not delayed.

THE spring meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club is advertised in this issue, and as a large number of our horsemen intend to visit the East this year, it is to their interest that they have their horses entered in all the important stakes to be contested for. This club offers inducements to all such enterprising horseowners which cannot be overlooked. The races commence on May 8th and last eight days. Entries for the stake races, as per advertisement in another column, will close next Monday, January 15th. To those who have never visited the beautiful city of Louisville, we urgently recommend them to make entries for their horses now, and bring them to the blue grass region where everything will be done to make their visit pleasant and profitable. Entry blanks can be had at this office, or at our representative's desk at the Bay District track.

THE auction sale of Valensin broodmares, colts and fillies besides those bred at Palo Alto, which is to take place next Monday at Killip & Co.'s salesyard should be well attended, for it will be a good opportunity to secure first-class animals at low figures. A number of sulkies, road carts, wagonettes, harnesses, horse boots and clothing will also be disposed of.

Stock Farms For All.

The attention of a large number of Eastern horsemen who are visiting California for the first time is attracted to the great resources of our valleys and hillsides, the equable climate and the many advantages this State possesses over all others for the breeding, developing and raising of fine horses. They have read of this great land by the sunset sea in song and story, and have seen carload after carload of well-bred colts and fillies, thoroughbreds and trotters consigned by California breeders sold in the Eastern auction marts during the past few years. The excellence of every animal surprised these Eastern horsemen and they were anxious to visit the land from whence these wonderfully well-developed youngsters were bred. To come to the Coast seemed almost out of the question with them, but when the Blood Horse Association offered liberal inducements to all Eastern horsemen to come, a large number availed themselves of the opportunity, and now that they are here they are so infatuated with what they have seen that most of them have concluded to invest in some reality on the Coast, and already they are seeking lands for the establishment of stock farms. To these and all others who are seeking investments that will prove profitable we wish to call attention to that beautiful piece of land known as the Dougherty ranch in the famous San Ramon valley in Contra Costa county. The owner of this desirable piece of agricultural land has had it surveyed and is now placing it on the market to be sold in subdivisions to suit purchasers.

It is the largest body of land ever subdivided in small tracts so near San Francisco and for the purpose of raising horses and stock of all kinds it is unsurpassed by any other in the United States. This is a bold assertion, nevertheless, it is a true one.

The land lies in a valley that is well watered by the Alamo creek and its numerous tributaries. The soil is of a rich alluvial nature and can produce wheat, barley, fruit and vines, while for the cultivation of alfalfa, blue grass and Australian rye grass, it is pronounced by the most competent of farmers to be far better than the lands along the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. The climate of this San Ramon valley according to the report of the State Board of Horticulture of the State of California for 1892 is suitable for the raising of fine stock:

"Its situation, lying as it does between the Golden Gate and the great San Joaquin valley, gives it a medium climate, equally free from the fogs of the ocean and from the intense heat of the exterior of California. Its mean annual temperature is fifty-two degrees to sixty degrees, except in the extreme eastern portion, where it is sixty to sixty-eight. Its western range of hills protects it from the cold winds that sweep in from the Pacific during the summer months, while the interior bays serve to modify the heat of the summer sun. The winter frosts are light and of short duration; roses, geraniums and other plants bloom throughout the winter season."

With such land and with such a climate it is any wonder that this place should be the greatest place in California as a center for the raising of great horses. When one comes to inspect this beautiful piece of land and ride beneath its natural park of live oaks or over the gently rolling knolls or beside the never-failing streams, any lover of nature or judge of land will at once become enthusiastic over its innumerable advantages. Then when inquiring whether any fast horses were ever bred and raised in this section, it is only necessary to look at the adjoining farm, where the great Directum, 2:05½, his dam, Stemwinder, 2:30½, and

herdam were all bred and raised there. Just two miles away is the famous Valensin Farm, on which the champion sire of early and extreme speed, Sidney, 2:19¾, achieved his greatest successes. This farm was not a bit better situated than many of similar size in this great tract. Five miles from the Dougherty ranch is the town of Pleasanton, the home of the great Direct and the training ground for the far famed Pleasanton string. At this place such famous trainers and drivers as Orrin A. Hickok, John Kelly, Andy McDowell, Millard F. Sanders, Wm. Murray, Dan Lawrence, J. Sutherland, J. Maguire and at least a dozen more have secured stalls for their horses adjacent to the track, where they can handle their horses for speed all winter, and where they can be fed on the rich grasses that grow without artificial irrigation in this great valley. There are two splendid roads from the ranch to Pleasanton. On the other side of the ranch and adjoining it is the celebrated Oakwood Park Stock Farm, the place where Steinway, 2:25¾, and Charles Derby, 2:20 are domiciled. On this farm live the great pacers W. Wood, 2:07, Diablo, 2:09½, Free Coinage, 2:11¾, Caesar, 2:16, and at least a dozen other famous horses were bred.

It is strictly a horse-breeding center, and as such it should attract the attention of horsemen everywhere. It is situated only nine miles from Hayward, and is not more than half a mile from the terminus of the San Ramon Valley railroad. These 3,000 acres have never been cultivated except for the raising of wheat and barley, and the immense crops of these cereals have made its reputation almost a household word. Around the few residences erected on this ranch small orchards and vineyards have been planted, and in the language of those who have visited these beautiful homes, "everything yields enormous crops."

C. M. Dougherty, son of the original owner of this large ranch, has lived in this portion of the San Ramon Valley since childhood, and will take pleasure in showing intending purchasers all over this ground. It will be sold as heretofore stated—in subdivisions—in each of these a stream of water, a little rolling land and a large piece of level land will be found. The terms of sale are most liberal, only one-third cash, the balance to be paid in six years at seven per cent. per annum. As it is only two hours' ride from the city, and as the climate, land and surroundings are unsurpassed, there is no hesitancy on our part in recommending this valley for the consideration of our visiting horsemen. Even as an investment no property will yield a better income than it.

This land is offered at from \$57.50 to \$90.50 per acre, while land no better than this and immediately adjoining, is selling at \$80 and \$125 per acre. Mr. C. M. Dougherty has opened an office at 22 Montgomery Street this city, and will cheerfully furnish any information regarding this land either in person or by mail. We personally know Mr. Dougherty to be a gentleman of a high sense of honor and a man whose word can be relied upon.

Just Like His Ma.

Gradually the tree springing from the family of Black Hawk 5 is growing larger. Neglected and almost forgotten branches put forth little buds each spring, and at the close of the year each one has done something toward perpetuating the fame of the old-time cluster of Long Island and New York trotters. Among those having a limited but somewhat interesting history is Wapsie, an ungainly, cock-ankled son of Bashaw 50. This speedy, but not handsome descendant of Diomed was bred by Jessie Bowersock, a respected one-eyed Quaker, of West Liberty, Ia.

No soon was Wapsie foaled than his breeder began winning prospective races and wearing the whitewash off the inside rail of a comfortable, inclosed winter track. Although we have due reverence for William Penn and all his children it is undeniably true that Mr. Bowersock never did anything tending to check the inclination to trot around the stove. The two-minute trotter had not then been dreamed of, but in his mind he owned nothing less than the world's champion.

He had so much confidence in Wapsie that he took him to Henry Hess, then at Muscatine, to have him trained. With pride and exultation he portrayed the wonderful speed of Wapsie, and consented to drive the horse an exhibition mile. Here is where the amusement begun. Wapsie might have been called good, but no sane man would pronounce him handsome. He was a dun, had a big head, a black stripe down his back, one on his shoulder, and had leopard legs, but the spots and stripes could not hide the crookedness of his limbs. All the faults Mr. Bowersock overlooked, and with unintentional disrespect, declared Wapsie was the very picture of his dam.

At last the horse was started. The pair presented rather a comical appearance, and no one suspected the driver of being a lively rival of Budd Doble. The crowd patiently waited for them to go the mile, which was actually done in the remarkable time of 3:11, "with not over three months' work given by an amateur trainer." No one questioned the importance of the performance, and Mr. Bowersock returned home in a happy state of mind, leaving the horse with Hess to be trained.

Mr. Hess discovered the horse was speedy, but his legs were very weak. To remedy the weakness he had the horse walked in tall grass each morning while the dew was heavy. It seemed to help the horse and he improved. A short time later, in the presence of John H. Wallace, J. H. Bacon and Joe Green, Mr. Hess drove Wapsie a mile in 2:43. A running horse, owned by Mr. Abbot, now of Omaha, was delegated to set the pace, but Wapsie went so fast on the stretch that the runner could not keep up with him. There is no doubt that the horse was very fast, but his legs would not endure the necessary training. He died in 1891 with a record of 2:35.

A feature of Wapsie's history proves that if "unknown" were inserted more often, and "Morgan" or "thoroughbred" less out of more pedigrees, many of them would be less misleading. Mr. Bowersock never had the slightest idea as to how the dam of Wapsie was bred. He once grew curious and made a thorough investigation, but the best he could do was to trace her to an old, side-wheel ferryboat in which she crossed the Mississippi when brought from Ohio. Beyond that ferryboat her pedigree was as much a mystery as the genealogy of a Bengal tiger. Nobody would admit having any knowledge of her history, which might be explained by the fact that Wapsie was her "very picture." However Mr. Bowersock died, and in a very short time a really and truly "unknown" presented Wapsie's dam with a pretty and sentimental pedigree which read like this: "By Hempstead's Joe Gale, running-bred," and thenceforth Wapsie's merit was accredited to Diomed and no other.—Western Breeder.

Occident Stakes.

The following have made first payment in the Occident Stake for 1896:

Palo Alto Stock Farm's br c Elbine, by Electricity—Columbine, by A. W. Richmond; br c Abdell, by Advertiser—Beautiful Bells, by The Moor; b f Cecile, by Advertiser—Cecil, by General Benton; b c Amango, by Azmoor—America, by Hambletonian 10; b f Azrete, by Azmoor—Rebecca, by General Benton; b c Coriolanus, by Langton—Coral, by Electioneer; b c Lee Rose, by Langdon—Hinda Rose, by Electioneer; ch f Bettie Barnes, by Whips—Barnes, by Hambletonian 725; b f Thornless, by Truman—Lilly Thorn, by Electioneer; b c Sequoia, by Palo Alto—Amrab, by Nutwood; b c Fay Day, by Palo Alto—May Day, by Wissahickon; b c Patton, by Palo Alto—Manette, by Nutwood; b c Palori, by Palo Alto—Lorita, by Piedmont; ch f Palsie, by Palo Alto—Elsie, by General Benton.  
Geo. H. Fox's b f Silver Vision, by Silver Bow—Vision, by Sterling. Wm. G. Layng's ch f Grayson Lassie, by Diablo, 2:09¼—Blissful Lady, by Richards' Elector.  
G. W. Godard's ch f Ruth, by Kehir—Becky Magee, by Brigadier. W. O. Bower's b f Rosa Woodburn, by Easter Wilkes—Lady Beth; b f Queen of Night, by Night—Belle Mc.  
Walter B. Anderson's sr s George Campbell, by Hoodlum (son of Prompter)—Pet, by Bazaar.  
Daniel Flint's sr c Headlight, by Nutwood Wilkes—Naumi, by Echo; b f Sylph, by Nutwood Wilkes—Etelka, by Sultan.  
Clark Cavanaugh's br f Grace McK., by McKinney—Grace Kaiser. George Stark's br c Eureka, by Eros—Lady Alice, by Nutwood.  
M. S. Severance's blk c Don Roberto, by Sidney 4770—Fan, by Signal 3327.  
James McCaw's b c Sir Knight, by Don Marvin—Nellie Bly.  
Lewis Charlton's ch f St. Bridget, by St. Patrick 20,302—Gussie Doolan, by Wheatly.  
H. T. Hatch's dk gr c Black Donald, by St. Patrick—Maud H., by Black Ralph.  
Wilber F. Smith's b f Ruinda, by Kiber—Remora, by Guy Wilkes. Oscar Mansfeldt's b f Milba, by Nutwood Wilkes, 2:20½—Amy Fay, by Anteco, 2:16¼.  
H. W. Crabb's br c Tikio, by Grandissimo—Whisp; br f Belle Cord, by Grandissimo—Flora B.  
Banquet Stock Farm's b f Vesta, by Brigadier 797—Nellie Venture, by Venture, 2:27.  
River View Stock Farm's blk f Louise, by Don Marvin—Fire Fly. Oakwood Park Stock Farm's br f Rubicelle, by Prince Red—Inex; br f Israel, by Prince Red—Roman Princess; b c Steiuway Grand, by Steiuway—Etna G.  
Thos. D. Wells' ch c Boy Wonder, by Danger—Grace, by Wormwood.  
Joseph Purrington's br f Maggie P., by Silas Skinner, 2:17—by Alexander II.; sr c Granville, by Silas Skinner—by Alexander II.  
K. D. Wise's b c Swanson, by McKinney—Tempest, by Sultau; b c Flammation, by Emin Bey—Eva McGregor, by Evermond 4556.  
J. D. Carr's b c Columbus, by Eros—Bertha, by Carr's Mambrino; sr f Isabella, by Lottery—Mohawk Mica, by Mohawk Chief.  
I. DeTurk's sr c Burris, by Silas Skinner, 2:17—Miss Brown, by Brown's Volunteer; b c Oley, by Silas Skinner, 2:17—Eveline, by Nutwood 600.  
La Sista Ranch's b c Algoncer, by Eros—Algonette, by Algona.  
Santa Rosa Stock Farm's br f Bay Rose—Lissette, by Abdallah Wilkes; br f Bay Rose—Sister, by General Benton; b f Bay Rose—Eola C., by Cresco; b f Bay Rose—Genie, by General Benton; b f Bay Rose—Madonna, by C. M. Clay 22; b f by Stamboul—Biscara, by Director; b f by Stamboul—Bon Bon, by Simmons; b c Vallotta, by Geo. Norval—Carlotta Wilkes; b f by Stamboul—By By, by Nutwood; b c by Bay Rose—Flora Allen, by Mambrino Wilkes.  
Myers & Myers' b f by Alcantara, by Hope Medium, by Happy Medium; b f by Red Wilkes—Nuttia, by Nutwood; rn f by Pancoast—Nettie H., 2:26½, by Richmond.  
Napa Stock Farm's b f by Pilot Prince—Nona Y., 2:25, by Admiral; ch f Princess Whippleton, by Pilot Prince—Alice L., by Whippleton. Jos. Cairn Simpson's br c Binivolo, by Praevolo—Volta, by Antevolo; br f La Viva, by Whips—Joe Viva, by Joe Hooker.  
Thos. Smith's ch f by Mambrino Chief Jr., 11,622—Daisy S., by McDonald Chief 3543.  
Peter Brandow's blk c Scribe, by Frazier's Secretary—Foxye V., by Meredith.  
H. W. Witman's b f Fessie, by Gov. Edwards—Mattie.  
C. A. Durfee's b f Jennie Mc, by McKinney, 2:11¼—Lionor, 2:24, by Dashwood.  
B. F. Langford's b c Lockeford, by Moubars 11,858—Mary Burkett, by Jack Nelson.  
Ben E. Harris' b f Watura, by George Washington, 2:20—Ventura, 2:27, by Adventure.

The following have made second payment in the Occident Stake for 1895:

Palo Alto Stock Farm's blk c Day Bell, by Electioneer—Beautiful Bells, by The Moor; b c Glubar, by Electricity—Jennie Benton, by General Benton; b c Rustam, by Azmoor—Rosemont, by Piedmont; br f Nordica, by Advertiser—Sallie Benton, by General Benton; b f Emir, by Advertiser—Emma Robson, by Woodburn; br f Alla, by Palo Alto—Lula Wilkes, by George Wilkes; b c Oman, by Palo Alto—Nellie Benton, by General Benton; b f Mary Osborne, by Azmoor—Elsie, by General Benton; b f Narida, by Palo Alto—Lulancer, by Electioneer; b f Thelma, by Truman—Idemay, by Electioneer; br f Cressida, by Palo Alto—Clarabel, by Abdallah Star.  
Jas. W. Rca's b c Iran Alto, by Palo Alto—Elaine, by Messenger Duroc; b c Chas. M. Chase, by Antinous—Bonnie Piedmont.  
I. DeTurk's blk f Hazel Turk, by Silas Skinner, 2:17—Miss Brown, by Brown's Volunteer; b f Corre Camino, by Silas Skinner—Maud Fowler, by Anteco 7863.  
W. H. Lunsden's br f Juanita Skinner, by Silas Skinner 10,681—Gipsy, by Echo 462.  
H. W. Crabb's br c Tokalon, by Grandissimo—Whisp.  
Thos. Smith's br c General Vallejo, by Woodside—Daisy S., by McDonald Chief 3543.  
Paulin & Co.'s b f Bessie Mc, by Panjabi 14,635—Lizzie Bernard, by Mountain Boy.  
George A. Stone's b c Marcello, by Illustrious 4178—Tilton Maid.  
Williams & Morehouse's b f Silver Ring, by Silver Bow 11,705—Maud Singleton, 2:28¾.  
Oakwood Park Stock Farm's b c Our Jack, by Steinway, dam Inex; br c Our Seth, by Prince Red—Ada F.; Uncle Dan, by Charles Derby—Nannie Smith.  
Oscar Mansfeldt's b f Danzella, by Silver Bow, 2:16¾—Amy Fay, by Anteco.  
La Sista Ranch's b c Nelsoncer, by Eros, 2:29½—Sister, by John Nelson 187; b f Algotilla, by Eros, 2:29½—Algonette, by Algona 11,543.  
Jesse D. Carr's dk br f Rosita, by Eros—Bertha; dk b f Sausal Maid, Gabilan—Flossie, by Carr's Mambrino.  
Santa Rosa Stock Farm's b f Etta Rose, by Bay Rose—Lissette, by Abdallah Wilkes 7562; ch f Palo Belle, by Palo Alto—Belle Isle, by Piedmont; b f Electric Light, by Electricity—Juanita, by General Benton.  
W. O. Bowers' b c Wortworth, by Cornelius—Belle Mc.  
Norman Rideout's b c Dagon, by Sable Wilkes—Ida Belle, by Dawn.  
Wm. H. Graves' ch f La Belle, by Sidney, 2:19¼, dam Anna Belle, 2:27½, by Dawn, 2:18¾.  
Thos. Bonner's b f Abbott Rose, by Bay Rose 9814—Lady Wattles, by Abbottford.  
Napa Stock Farm's ch c by Pilot Prince—Maud Weeks; cb c by Pilot Prince—Bessie Young.  
Ramsdell & Brandow's blk f Foxye Roderick, by Sir Roderick—Foxye V.

The following have made third payment in the Occident Stake for 1894.

Palo Alto Stone's b f Sweet Rose, by Electioneer—Rosemont, by Piedmont; br f Palatine, by Palo Alto—Elaine, by Messenger Duroc; b f Aria, by Berual—Ashby, by General Benton.  
Napa Stock Farm's b c Silverado, by Sidney 4770—Alida, by Admiral 488.  
R. Miller's b f Freda, by George Washington—Belle.  
Williams & Morehouse's ch c Silver Note, by Silver Bow 11,708—Maud Singleton, by Singleton.

THE brother to Belle Acton, 2:17¾, that M. C. Campbell purchased of Woodline Farm, Fullerton, Neb., is now at his new home at Spring Hotel, Tenn. Mr. Campbell has named him Acton, and will train him as a yearling and two-year-old, giving him as fast a mark as possible. Then he will be bred to some of the best pacing bred mares in Tennessee. Mr. Campbell has bred all his Brown Hal mares to a fast pacing son of Sidney, and the fillies from this young horse will be bred to Acton, thus combining the elements that produced the two latest pacing yearlings. What will the harvest be?