

TURF AND TRACK

THE SULKY.

THE dam of Phoebe Wilkes, 2:08½, is in foal to Director, 2:17.

PIXLEY did not come to California, but will be bred to Monbars.

DOC SPERRY, 2:09, and Elmonarch, 2:15½, are being driven in Cleveland to pole.

JOHN H. WALLACE says that Messenger was far and away the greatest of all trotting progenitors.

DONNACONNA, by Kentucky Prince, out of a sister to Dexter, 2:17½, is expected to trot in 2:20 next year.

ALCONA JR. has a number of colts and fillies in Sonoma county that are considered the finest and most promising in the county.

THERE are now three stallions that have over one hundred standard performers in the list—Electioneer, Nutwood and Red Wilkes.

THE strong Trotting Association of Grand Rapids, Mich., will hold its summer trotting meeting July 1st to 5th, and will, during the five days, hang up a programme of \$25,000.

REMEMBER the entries to the Occident Stakes to be trotted at Sacramento close next Tuesday, January 1st. This is the last notification breeders will get of this important event.

WITHIN a radius of fifty miles of New York there are at least one thousand race horses in training. The average cost of wintering these horses is not less \$50 per month for each horse.

H. PIERCE has quite a lot of fine looking colts and fillies at the Santa Rosa Stock Farm, which he is having jogged on the track. This farm will have a number of representatives on the circuit in 1895.

BROS, 2:29½, by Electioneer, dam Sontag Mohawk, dam of seven record makers, by Mohawk, has gone to his new home at Fair View Farm, Kewana, Ind. He is owned by Messrs. Henderson, of New York City.

HARRY AGNEW is matching teams of young Dawns, and when they are thoroughly broken he will have no trouble in disposing of them at good figures. They have size, style, good disposition and pure trotting action.

W. H. GOCHER, editor of the American Sportsman, Cleveland, Ohio, will publish a complete list of 2:30 trotters and pacers, both in alphabetical arrangement and under their respective sires, and has the book ready for delivery about January 10.

DUBOIS BROS, of Denver, are said to have a yearling colt named Sulphide, a full brother to Carbonate, 2:09, and Beulah, that is showing speed at the pace of the phenomenal kind. He is a bay colt, and will be out with the DuBois string next year.

THE Horse Show enthusiasm is extending to such a degree that in a year or two there will be no town of importance without a show. Horse Show circuits will then be in great vogue; all the better—the more the horse is put on exhibition the better will be the market for horseflesh.

THE Cliff House, the great resort for all horsemen and their friends who ever came to San Francisco, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night. It is believed Mayor A. Sutro, who owns the land, will now erect one of the grandest seaside resorts in the world on the site of the famous old building.

ALCANEER, the handsome son of Alcantara and Meg Merries, by Electioneer, is a full brother to Robert Lee, 2:13½, a new comar in the list. Alcaner is owned by the Santa Paula Horse and Cattle Company, Santa Paula, and has a large progeny of very handsome youngsters there that will be trained this year.

ELECTIONEER has 155 standard performers; forty-seven of his sons sired 282; his daughters have produced forty-seven; eight of his grandsons sired twelve; mares by sons have produced eight; seven sons out of his daughters have sired sixteen, and of his other descendants he has one in 2:30 list. Total, fifty-two.

It is announced semi-officially that Bowerman Bros., of Lexington, Ky., have decided to sell at auction about half of their great stable of trotters, including the fourteen-year-old sire, Wilton, 2:19½, sire of 58 performers in 2:30 and of fifteen new ones this year. A few years ago \$75,000 was offered and refused for this horse.

C. W. WILLIAMS, secretary of the Galesburg Association, in addition to the circular sent to owners, trainers and managers of trotters and pacers regarding the \$80,000 meeting to be given by the association he represents, writes: "If a horse is entered in two stakes we will agree to give two or more days between races or cancel one entry."

So much is being said about the Hackney proclivities of the trotting-bred Devil's Deputy, that it is interesting to recall that Lou Chief, the chestnut saddle mare that has captured in the past four years over one hundred first premiums at the largest shows, forty-one of these being taken this year, is a standard-bred and registered trotter. She is sired by Harrison Chief and her dam is by Peavine.

DR. J. V. NEWTON tells a Toledo reporter that he had often eaten horseflesh in Canada when attending college, and, while the flesh is too dry for baking, in stews or boiled it is quite as appetizing as beef. The usual plan for preparing this meat in Europe is in stews, but for that matter steaks are rare in the old country; they believe in getting all the good there is in meat, and this alone comes through the slow stew.

ABOUT half of all of Electioneer's get are now "in the list." No other horse who has sired as many foals can approach this showing. Alcyone, perhaps, comes nearer Electioneer in this respect than any other stallion.

A YOUNG man in this city has applied for a patent for a covering for bicycle wheel pneumatic tires. It consists of a band of steel similar to a large clock spring. It does not let the rubber flatten on the course, as it thoroughly fills the circle of steel, thus equalizing the pressure and presenting a very small bearing surface to the course. Bicycle riders who have used it declare their bicycles ride easier and go faster, besides there is no danger of the bursting or being injured.

ORO WILKES, 2:11, the handsome trotting stallion at San Mateo Stock Farm, returned from his hard Eastern campaign feeling better than when he left here. His clean limbs are not marred by a pimple, puff or scar. In fact he has not a blemish anywhere, and bred as he is, being by Sable Wilkes, 2:18, out of Ellen Mayhew, by Director; second dam Lady Ernest, by Speculation; third dam Lady Hibbard, dam of Lou Whipple, 2:26½. Mr. Corbitt may be induced to breed a few outside mares to Oro Wilkes this year.

O. B. SERVER, of Los Angeles, writes: "The people of Los Angeles are becoming more interested in trotting and pacing horses than ever. The advent of the kings and queen of the turf has stimulated everyone to study all the news they can. The turf papers and especially the BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN are in demand. Next fall we want to have the Breeders meeting held here we believe we can show the horsemen of California that the interest in light harness horses in the southern part of this State does not diminish a particle."

THE net profit of the New York Driving Club for its Grand Circuit meeting was \$11,293.02. The matinee given September 22nd, resulted in a loss of \$648. The one on October 9th showed a loss of \$303, while the Inter City races cost the club \$1,794. This shows that there is but one kind of a meeting to give, and that is a good one with large purses on liberal terms. Such a meeting, attracting as it always does the best horses on the turf brings out the public as well, and sets the balance on the credit side of the ledger.

POWELL BROS., of Pennsylvania, have sold to Leo Houthous, Groningen, Holland, two highly-bred trotting stallions. They are the black stallion Shadeland Electricity, by Electricity, 2:17½, dam Fatima, by Berlin, and the chestnut stallion Shadeland Russell, by Lord Russell, dam Isadore, by Satellite. They were selected by Julius Pajonzeck, a well-known German trotting-horse trainer, and will be shipped to Holland this week from New York City by the steamship Zaandam.

C. E. NUTTING, Lima, Ohio, has an exceedingly well-bred yearling colt by Alfonso, out of his fast mare by Sidney; second dam Belle Grand, 2:21½, by Le Grand; third dam Oak Grove Belle (dam of Beanmont, 2:23, and Belle Grand, 2:21½), by Arthurton; fourth dam Henrietta, by Bell Alta; fifth dam by Peacock. He traces thus six times to Hambletonian, twice to Harry Clay, six times to Mambrino Chief, with some fine thoroughbred thrown in. The youngster is nominated in the Kentucky Breeders' Futurity for foals of '94, while the dam will be trained and campaigned the coming year.

THE committee in charge the General Sherman statue selected for a model for the horse the handsome young stallion Pawnee, 2:26½, son of Stamboul and Minnehaha (dam of eight with records below 2:30). Pawnee is owned by J. B. Dutcher & Son, and when the committee expressed a desire to have the horse in New York several weeks Mr. Dutcher felt it his duty to decline. The committee evidently know a good thing when they see it, for Pawnee is every inch a show-horse, but too valuable to be away from Pawling so long at this season of the year.

THE well-known horseman, James E. Berryman, who is at the To Kalon Stock Farm, Oakville, Napa County, has been re-engaged for the ensuing year. Mr. Berryman will have a number of good ones on the circuit in 1895. At the beginning of this season distemper affected his little string of trotters and pacers; this compelled him to take them back to the farm. It is hoped that no such misfortune will occur again. Mr. Berryman gave a number of horses fast records in the East before coming to California and during his sojourn here has marked several very low.

THE "gray ghost" Waldo J., 2:13½, has been sold by the Santa Paula Horse Company of Santa Paula, to E. A. Hardison, of that city, for a good sum, and will be taken East to pace in the principal places on the grand circuit there next season. His trainer and driver, J. Mack, will have him in charge as well as several "green 'uns" that have proven themselves worthy of being taken. Among them is a gray four-year-old by Bob Mason, out of a mare by A. W. Richmond, second dam by Ben Wade (thoroughbred), that is a second Waldo, and can hardly be distinguished from him. What a team they would make?

WHEN a horse stops and proposes to turn around, do not resist him. But give him a quiet horizontal pull in the direction he wants to turn so as to carry him further around than he intends to go, and if possible keep him going around a half dozen times, says a horse trainer. In most cases this will upset all his calculations and he will go quietly on without much ado. If six turns will not do, give him twenty. In fact, if he will keep on turning to your rein you are sure to conquer, as enough turning will confuse him and leave him at your command. If he will not turn, and will back to the rein, keep him going backward in the direction you want to go. He will soon get tired of that and prefer to go with the right end forward, but before you let him go give him decidedly more hacking than he likes.

SOCIETY owes to the horse a debt of gratitude a thousand times greater than it does to thousands of men who abuse him. He has ministered to progress; has made social intercourse possible when otherwise it would have been slow and occasional, or altogether impossible; he has virtually extended the strength of man, augmented his speed, doubled his time, decreased his burdens and, becoming his slave, has relieved him from drudgery and made him free. For love's sake, for the sake of social life, for eminent moral reasons, the horse needs to be bred, trained and cared for with scrupulous care. The teaching of men how to do it has been left too long to men who look upon the horse as an instrument of gambling gains or of mere physical pleasure.—H. W. Beecher.

SOME of the Eastern advertisers take occasion in the holiday numbers to claim that they furnish the boots used by the champions in Salisbury's, Bodd Doble's and Goldsmith's strings of horses. This is unjust to John A. McKerron, the celebrated horse boot manufacturer, for outfits from his place are seen and used by all of them. All the greatest drivers in the United States send orders for boots, harness and clothing to him. We like to see credit given wherever it is due.

WHEN Alcantara is put on the block for sale the public will have the pleasure of seeing a horse sold for more money than has been realized for any horse, mare or gelding, since Stamboul sold for \$41,000. He was bred to 123 mares in 1893, at \$200, and his book has been filled each year since Mr. Davis purchased him. His get are uniformly good-looking, possess good size and soundness, and though inclined to mix in their gait when first put to training are pure trotters when once squared away. A stallion that earns, say, \$20,000 per annum in the stud would be a good investment at \$25,000, and Alcantara will bring a generous sum of money when led into the sale ring.

HIGH knee-action, considered so essential to style and finish in English coach and light-harness horses, is a natural action and not acquired, as some suppose, says an Eastern writer. It would be a very difficult task to teach a horse high knee-action if there was no natural tendency to the gait. It is claimed that the action originated in Britain. It is known that high stepping was peculiar to the horses of Britain before the coming of Julius Cæsar. That was before the period of good roads, when wheeled vehicles had to be dragged at full speed over land covered with ruts and rank herbage; the horses had to lift their feet.

THE new performer Major Lacy, 2:20, by Mogadore, is out of Lucy (dam of J. H. McCormack, 2:29), by Flaxtail. P. P. Kirk, Mason City, Iowa, owner of Lucy now twenty-three, writes that she is still hale and hearty, and is at Ewell Farm Spring Hill, Tenn., in foal to Brown Hal. She is the dam of a number of others of great promise, including a yearling filly by the magnificent but ill-fated Storm, 2:05½, that has shown repeated quarters in thirty-seven seconds. Mr. Kirk owns a pair of fillies by Storm, out of two daughters of Lucy, Dot and Puss Brown by Eli Ab allab.—Horse Review.

THE fine old stallion Nick of the Woods, owned by the Vance estate, died at the Shaw place, Mad river, some time Saturday night. Nick was probably the oldest and certainly the best-known horse in this county says the Humboldt Times. He was of Etban Allen stock, and came into the hands of the late John Vance in 1870, through the elder Hogoboom. He was then about eight or nine years old, and in prime condition. Nick was never worked very much, but was kept principally for breeding purposes, and in later years was used by Mayor Vance as a buggy horse. Since the death of the Mayor no one had driven Nick, and he had been spending his remaining days in equine ease in pasture on Mad river.

WHILE the Wilkes horses have usually been credited as being race and money winners, a number of writers keep harping on there not being champions in their classes. An examination of the records, however, will disclose that they are not behind in this regard, either. Among the records held by horses carrying Wilkes blood will be found the yearling record, the two-year-old race record for both colt and filly, four-year-old race record by both filly and gelding, five-year-old stallion record, five-year-old stallion record in a race, and the five-year-old gelding record, all trotting. Among the pacers the horse of Wilkes is credited with the following: The fastest stallion, the fastest mare, yearling colt in a race, yearling filly, three-year-old filly, four-year-old colt and filly, five-year-old stallion, fastest fourth heat, half-mile track record, record to wagon and others. In view of these facts it is simply making a display of ignorance to say there are no champions emanating from the house of Wilkes.

IN dealing with horses there are two things to be done: first, to control and restrain them; second, to stimulate and encourage them to perform the greatest efforts of which they are capable. For a dozen men that can do the first, you will only find one that can do the second. But that one has an extraordinary power; at a word from him, a touch on the reins, the horse will freely strike a pace to which another man cannot urge him by voice or whip or spur. It would be hard to say what is the secret of this power, but I doubt if it is ever found in any man not possessed of both a strong will and a feeling for dumb animals. The "magnetism" that people talk about is, I suspect, simply the fortunate combination of these two qualities. A trainer or driver may, it is true, succeed fairly well with a horse in spite of certain defects in his temperament or character. With ordinary horses, pluck in riding or driving can usually be made to take the place of nerve. Whyta Melville analyzed these two qualities very justly. Pluck, he said, is that kind of courage or determination which enables a man to do that which he is afraid to do, whereas, nerve is the absence of fear, the one being chiefly a moral, the other perhaps chiefly a physical quality.—Atlantic Monthly.

A NUMBER from here and elsewhere went to the Oakland Track last Saturday afternoon to witness the much-talked-of race between the horses of Henry Petermann, of Mt. Eden, J. P. Marlin, of Lorenzo, Pete Matthews, of San Leandro and Mr. Sweeney, of Oakland. The owners were to drive their fast 'uns for a purse of \$200 and gate receipts. When the time came only Marlin and Matthews showed up with their purses, and rather than disappoint the crowd they made up a special race together and put up. Marlin had Sniggle-fritz and Matthews drove his Gray stallion, best two out of three heats. The judges were selected and all was ready. After a little scoring the flag was dropped and away they went, Sniggle in the lead the first quarter. At the half the same, at the three-quarter pole no change. Down the stretch they came plowing through the mud, but not a break did Snig make, and came under the wire an easy winner with the stallion a couple of dozen lengths in the rear. When time came for second heat, Snig came on the track strong and looked like he could race for a week without quitting. This heat was only a repetition of the first and proved conclusively that Marlin's horse was the champion. The track was in very poor condition for a race and on this account the other horses did not go fast. Considering the condition of the track they made splendid time, the first heat 2:35, the second 2:32½. The original race was postponed until this Saturday, but the heavy rains would not permit of that this week. Word was received Wednesday that the race is now off, as the proprietor of the track refuses to let it again.—Haywards Journal.