

though I believe that a quadrennial register would answer every purpose the same as the English Stud Book provides for English thoroughbred pedigrees. Year-books like racing calendars cannot be delayed, and again it is my opinion that quarterly, or at least semi-annual issues of the trotting reports would be more acceptable from every point of view. Form and performances will be the guide in the hereafter, and while pedigree will always be a grand consideration, "Standard" without these adjuncts, will hear small significance.

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ALREADY ENDORSED—The Napa Agricultural Association, as will be learned from the advertisement in the paper of this week, has followed the same general plan as that which proved so successful in the case of the P. C. T. H. B. A. Should any detrimental features be shown by the full working of the scheme, or at least enough drawbacks to nullify the advantages I shall be greatly surprised. It has been followed on the American turf for a long period and the trouble in collecting delinquent forfeits has been the only objection. That is not paralleled in the lately introduced trotting scheme. The conditions of the stake embraced in the programme The Stanford, to be decided in 1896, were as before; entrance money alone subjected to the modification. Racing has no such guard as exists in trotting. A man suspended for non-payment of entrance money is effectually debarred from participation on any track, and though in some cases that has not been as effective as it should, owing to the length of time before notices could be sent from headquarters, when the organization of the Pacific is perfected, that difficulty will be overcome.

There is no question that the Napa Society will gain largely from the adoption, and as the entries close on March 1st next, it will not be long before the proof is presented. With that favorable, in all probability, there will be a general acquiescence by other associations, beneficial to all interested.

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NOURMAHAL.—This old-time favorite of mine figures quite largely in the Napa sale through the get of her grandson, Grandissimo. That her blood will be found of great potency in the hereafter, I have not the least doubt. Her son Cassidy, bought by Matt Byrnes for a roadhorse and not given any opportunity in the stud is the sire of Schoolboy, which has gained a place in the list.

Nourmahal's game and endurance, perfect trotting action, in that respect being so close a second to Arion that there is barely a nose difference at the outcome, and her relationship, own sister, to A. W. Richmond, altogether make even a sanguine prophecy well within bounds.

JOS. CAIRN SIMPSON.

M. D. T. C. S. Entries.

Entries to the several stakes of the Monterey District Trotting Colt Stakes Association closed last Thursday. The nominations in each stake are given below. A reference to them will show that the several events have filled, with the single exception of the four-year-old trotting stake for the 2:30 class, which had but two entries and hence failed to fill.

Following are the entries to the two-year-old stake to be trotted in 1895:

J. D. Carr's br c Columbus, by Eros, dam Bertha by Mambrino 1789; ch f Isabella, by Lottery, dam Mowawk McCa; h c, by Gabilan, son of Ansel, dam Flossie, by Carr's Mambrino.

J. B. Iverson's br c Prince Gift, by Good Gift, dam Belle, by Kentucky Prince; sor c, by Eugeneer, dam Wilhelmina, by Messenger Duroc; sor g Monterey, by Eugeneer, dam Salinas Belle, by Vermont 322.

William Vanderhurst's h f, by Eugeneer, dam Mamie V., by Mambrino 1789.

Z. Hebert & Son's blk c Wempa, by Bruno, 2:19, dam Laura H., by Altoona 8850; h f, by Bruno, 2:19, dam Topsy, by Starr King, a son of Oliver Cromwell; hf, by Eugeneer, dam Dolly, the dam of Bruno, 2:19; h c, by Brown Jug (sire of Charley C, 2:14), dam Patchen May, by George M. Patchen Jr. 31.

William H. Clark's b f Lady B. G., by Consoler, a son of Junio, dam by Paul's Abdallah.

Robert Garside's h s, by Nutwood Wilkes, 2:20, dam by Junio, 2:22.

W. J. Lynn's br f Fannie M., by Gilpatrick, 2:29½, dam by Mambrino 1789.

Worthington Parson's h c, by Fred Arnold 11,774, dam Gypsy, by Erwin Davis 5558.

C. C. Allen's br c, by Alpheus 8827, dam Pocahontas, by Erwin Davis 5558.

A. D. Shaw's b f, by Benton Boy, dam Diana Wilkes. James Dwin's h c, by Eugeneer, dam Florine, by Mulvorhees, second dam Flora G., 2:25, by Altoona.

The three-year-old stake for the 2:35 class closed with the following nominations:

Donnelly, Dunne & Co's h f Letter B., by Ward B., a son of Eros, dam Brown Irish.

J. D. Carr's Little Joker, blk c by Gabilan, a son of Ansel, dam by Carr's Mambrino 1789; Coralitos, b f by Boodle 2:19½, dam by Menlo 2:21½.

M. P. Kelly's Little Glory, b c—Z. Hebert & Son's Leonora, h f by Altoona, dam Patchen May, by Geo. M. Patchen Jr. 31.

The four-year-old stake failed to fill, having but two nominations, as follows:

Z. Hebert & Son's Effie D., br f by Altoona 8850, dam Dolly, the dam of Bruno 2:19.

J. D. Carr's Eros Jr., hr g by Eros, dam Bertha by Carr's Mambrino 1789.

The pacing stake for all horses eligible to the 2:30 class received the following nominations:

W. J. Lynn's Little Alf, h h by Sidney 2:19½.

J. P. Sargent's McGinty, gr g by Jim Mulvenna, dam by Budd Doble.

Z. Hebert & Son's Altoonita, h f by Altoona 8850, dam Dolly, the dam of Bruno 2:19.

R. I. Orr's Dora, h m by Brown Jug, dam Lady Wilkes.

S. E. Kent's Susie K., h f by Brown Jug, dam by General Benton.

J. B. Iverson's Ivolo, b m by Antevolo, dam Salinas Belle by Vermont 322.—Salinas Journal, Feb. 4.

Thomas P. Gaddis, Dayton, O., writes: Please send one more bottle of Absorbine. Have got the puff off one hock.

NEXT WEDNESDAY'S SALE.

The Chance of a Lifetime for Seekers After Roadsters, Double Teams, Fast Trotters, Pacers and Great Broodmares.

In the search after well-formed, handsome, pure-gaited trotters and pacers of good size, color and disposition, all of the prominent stock farms in California have been visited at various times by horsemen from all parts of the United States. When at last they have been successful and the question is asked: "What do you want for that one?" the price given is invariably so high that the visitor turns away and goes home discouraged. He hardly thinks of the time and trouble devoted, besides the amount of money that has been paid for securing the animal or animals selected.

A good judge of a horse in not made, he is born. And the breeder thus gifted who has filled his paddocks with the very choicest individuals has a reputation extending far beyond the confines of the State he lives in. It is always a pleasure to visit these places and study carefully the form and quality of the equine aristocrats that have full sway on the farms owned by such gentlemen, besides, every horseman in this State knows who the best judges of horses are, it seems, for whenever the names of these gentlemen are mentioned his praises are sounded by the exclamation: "He would not own a poor one!"

The handiest roadsters and the best-formed game campaigners are all traceable to some of the farms owned by these excellent judges, and it is perfectly right that this should be so. When one of these gentlemen concludes to retire from the business of breeding and raising fine horses, his reputation, as a judge, sets everyone who desires a good horse to thinking about the possibility of securing one of the handsome animals that is known to be there, and which was always considered priceless. Such an opportunity presents itself now, for next Wednesday at the Napa Fair Grounds, H. W. Crabb, of the To Kalon Stock Farm, will dispose of every head of choicely-bred stock he possesses, and, when we say that there is not an individual in the lot that has had markings; every one is of good size, perfectly sound in wind and limb, and selected because of superior conformation, excellent feet and legs, and kindly dispositions, we are making no idle boast.

Mr. Crabb laid the foundation of his stud farm by getting a class of broodmares that he knew would fill all the requirements of horsemen. He had the great sire Whippleton in the neighborhood and bred these mares to him. A splendid description of this horse appears in a contemporary and is worthy of a place here, it reads as follows:

"Whippleton, by Hambletonian Jr., the best son of Whipple's Hambletonian, was foaled in 1874 and died in 1890. His dam, Lady Livingston, was by that old twenty-mile champion, Gen. Taylor. Whippleton spent the greater part of his life in Napa county and was liberally patronized by the farmers of that locality, as his magnificent individuality was impressed upon all his progeny, and he got first-class carriage horses from all kinds of mares. Whippleton was a large seal brown horse, weighing probably 1300 pounds or more, and though never trained could show a very fast gait on the road. His owner, Fred W. Loeber, of the Vineland Stock Farm, though always predicting that Whippleton would be a sire of trotters, stood him as a general purpose horse and he was bred to the ordinary farm mares in Napa county. Whenever Whippleton was bred to a mare of good individuality and breeding he invariably got colts that could trot fast. When Lily Stanley was sired by him from an unknown dam and took a record of 2:17½, and Homestake, a pacer from a mare of unknown breeding, got a mark in a race of 2:16½, and Flora B., also from a mare of unknown lineage, trotted a mile in 2:27, Whippleton began to attract attention from breeders, but he died just as he was beginning to make some money for the gentleman who had labored against opposition to prove that his blood was valuable. In 1893 four of Whippleton's get entered the 2:30 list, which gives him a total of nine inside the circle, no two trained by the same person, none from mares that ever produced a 2:30 horse when bred to any other sire, and five of them from mares of unknown breeding. For his opportunities Whippleton was undoubtedly a great horse, and his blood is breeding on. The fastest three-year-old on the Salisbury farm is from a Whippleton mare, and will get a record of better than 2:15 this year sure."

No better or firmer friend of Whippleton ever lived than Mr. Crabb. He bred his mares by Naubic, John Nelson, Geo. M. Patchen Jr., Vick's Ethan Allen and Blackbird to him, and the seven mares—the result of these unions—to be sold next Wednesday will need no fulsome flattery from the auctioneer when they enter the ring. Then when their families, which have for sires such great horses as Eros, 2:29½; Grandissimo, 2:23½; Alcona Clay, San Diego, 2:36, and a host of others, appear, the good judgment of their breeder will at once be endorsed by all present, and the universal verdict will be: "A finer-looking lot of perfectly-gaited, speedy and promising trotters and pacers never appeared before an auction block in this State before."

Here is an opportunity for trainers to get campaigners; gentlemen of leisure to secure first-class teams and perfect-driving roadsters; stock-farm owners to procure grandly-formed broodmares, colts and fillies that are royally-bred, and which will prove a credit to the wisdom of their purchasers. There is not a "weed" in the entire lot, and there is not one that will not increase the new owner's love for a horse before he has him a day.

The catalogues do not begin to explain all of the merits of these individuals. It would be impossible for them to do so, but when such mares as Oakville Maid, 2:26; Like Like, 2:25½; Cora C., 2:22½; Flora B., 2:27, come in, bidding will be lively, for they are all noted as game and consistent performers. Everyone is sound as a dollar, and, individually, the ideal of perfection. Then when Whip, the dam of the sensational Eyraud, appears, a hum of excitement will be heard, for no finer-formed broodmare ever appeared before an auctioneer. Her family, also to be sold here, will show what kind of a matron she is, and, as she is heavy with foal, whoever gets her will never regret making the purchase. Her son, Eyraud, by Eros, is a second Arion, for no pure-gaited trotter ever trod the turf than he. Large in size, heavy in bone, strong in back and loin, powerful quarters, and all guided by a head that is full of trot, he is the ideal of a trotter. He, as well as To Kalon and Tokid, and a number of other youngsters, are all entered in the stakes on the California circuit.

Belle Greer, dam of the two-year-old Belle Thorne, 2:36, and grandam of Myrtle Thorne, the brown filly with a record of 2:35 as a two-year-old and a candidate for 2:20 honors this year, will also attract attention and bids.

Biddy Toole, by A. W. Richmond, is a model mare, and her two fillies, Maude Pilot and Blanche are good ones.

The Kobinoor in the crown of equine jewels, is the great broodmare Etta, heavy with foal to the great Dictatus. Etta's family, Cora C., 2:22½, Like Like, 2:25, the great pacer Blue Bells, who is the "dead picture of her mammy," and the clean-cut, racy-looking filly Grandetta show that she is a perfect broodmare and every one of her produce that have not done so will enter the "charmed circle" this year.

Star, "the queen of the Napa roads," is a substantial-looking, heavily-made, clean-limbed mare that never was passed on the road. Her family consisting of Sue, Neptune and Roxey, will also be sold.

Flora B., 2:27 (dam of Topsy, 2:29½), will be sold, together with her two fillies Lottie and Belcora, the latter being a full sister to Topsy, and a very promising one she is.

The sire of most of the young ones in the sale is Grandissimo, 2:23½, one of the best-bred young trotting sires in California. He is noted as a sire, having two in the list. As a game racehorse, he earned an enviable place in the estimation of all horsemen last year. Grandissimo is a brother to Grandee, 2:23½, being sired by Le Grand 2868, out of Norma (dam of two in the list), by Arthurton (sire of the dams of twenty-one in the list), son of Hambletonian 10; second dam Nourmahal, dam of Cassidy, 2:30, and sister to the great sire of speedy and game racehorses, A. W. Richmond. Nourmahal was a famous twenty-mile trotter, and she was by the great Blackbird 401, holder for many years of the five-mile record 14:33. The third dam of Grandissimo was by Rattler, and the fourth dam by Spotted Ranger. In the catalogue the following note is seen: "As a sire of early and extreme speed, Grandissimo is one of the leading young stallions in California. Myrtle Thorne, one of his first crop of foals, and the only one trained as a two-year-old in 1892, was broken to harness in June and trotted second to Rowena, 2:17, in October, two heats in 2:26 and 2:29, she made a record of 2:35 that season as a two-year-old, and is destined to be very fast this season. Last year Topsy got a two-year-old record of 2:29½, and Altissimo, a three-year-old record of 2:29½—two out of four colts trained; they were both stake-winners. Topsy and Myrtle Thorne are both out of Whippleton dams, which is a forcible suggestion that Grandissimo bred to Whippleton mares, will produce stake-winners." So, whoever purchases Grandissimo fillies or colts will find that they have treasures for either the road or track that will never quit. They are all of fine size and color and perfectly gaited. Le Grand was by Almont out of the great broodmare Jessie Pepper, by Mambrino Chief 11.

Vialma, by Alconeer; Jesseca, by Alconeer; Cindia, by Alconeer; besides the others by this sire demonstrate most clearly that this full brother to Alcona Jr. 2:19 is destined to take a very exalted place among the sires of California. When we say that this horse cannot be purchased from his present owners for any amount of money a fair idea can be obtained of the opinion held of him.

Mr. Crabb, in parting with these, does so with reluctance, but he finds that he cannot devote the time to the business he would like, nevertheless, we regret to see him leave the industry, for in looking through his paddocks, we believe that he has several that will make reputations as record breakers, and it is a pity to see some other owners get the credit of owning such great ones.

Another famous trotter is to be sold and that one is the black stallion Silas Skinner 2:17, by Alcona Jr. 2:19 out of Fontana (dam of Flora Belle 2:24, Silas Skinner 2:17, Veronica 2:29 and San Diego 2:36) by Almont 33, out of Fanny Williams, (dam of Bay Chieftain 2:28½) by Abdallah 15. Every one knows what a race horse he was. His career is a part of the turf history of California, and as a sire he is as sure to come to the front as any well bred stallion in this state. Around Santa Rosa, there are several of his colts and fillies and their owners declare they will breed their mares back to him no matter who the purchaser may be, for they have seen enough to convince them that they have the material eligible for holders of low records. Silas Skinner will need very little praise, for the echoes of the thousands who saw him win his great races are not forgotten and will do more towards creating an enthusiasm at the sale than all the auctioneer can say.

Then there is that grandly bred and game pacing stallion Blonde Wilkes 2:22½. Sons of Guy Wilkes out of Arthurton mares are scarce in California and especially those with low records such as this fellow earned. He is perfectly sound and if taken in hand will lower his record to 2:10 easily. He is only six years old and is a model of symmetry and strength. As a race horse he is bred to "stay the route" and will be a dangerous factor in his races this fall.

Mrs. A. Skinner consigns to this sale all of the stock she owns, consisting of Noonday Jr., a grandly-bred colt, and is "all horse from the ground up." He is out of the great mare Madonna, by Cassius M. Clay Jr. 22.

Coloma, by Alcona Clay out of Fontana, is a fine individual; she is a pure-gaited trotter, and one that will make an excellent animal either on the track or road, or in the harem.

Daphne, the best-bred daughter of Frazier's Secretary, is the kind of a filly to own. She will enter the list when given an opportunity.

J. B. Stevens consigns the best-matched team of roadsters ever offered for sale at auction in California. They can trot together in 2:30, and are perfect in every way. A child twelve years of age can drive them anywhere. They are not afraid of anything and are perfectly trained.

R. G. Head sends only two of the best of his stock to this sale, one is Stoneman 19,665, by Mountain Boy, and the other is Rupella, a black filly by Rupee, 2:11, out of Freda by Fred Arnold 11,084. She is as fast as she is handsome. These two should bring good prices.

J. W. Williams sends two very choice ones, Ed L., a typical roadster capable of going in 2:35, needs neither check nor hoots, and a better driving animal would be hard to find. Ruby is the name of a bay mare by Irvington Chief, that is heavy with foal to Grandissimo. She is a splendid individual and would be a credit to any hand of broodmares in this State.

Aztec, by Azmoor, 2:20½, out of Urania, by Kentucky Prince 2490, is another equine gem in the sale, and should bring a good price.

Besides these there are several splendid driving teams and a few others suitable for work teams. Catalogues can be had on application to this office, at Killip & Co's, or by writing to F. W. Loeber, of St. Helena. Every one in need of a good horse should attend this sale.