

With the organization of the Pacific Trotting and Pacing Association, which is now in a fair way of being established, every one will have better protection, because the help and advice when needed will come quicker and there will be no long delays when questions arise involving personal or pecuniary wrongs, for answers can be telegraphed at once.

The associations on the California circuit are bound to leave nothing undone which might contribute to the success of their meetings, and two of them have already issued their programmes and advertised them in this issue.

The Napa Sale.

The largest number of people ever assembled at a sale in Napa county gathered at the race track on Wednesday last. The incessant downpour of rain during the past three weeks rendered the track unfit for the trotters to be jogged over, so it was decided to sell all the stock without showing their speed. Of course this entailed a great loss, from the fact that there were a large number of youngsters there that brought just about one-third of the amount they would if they were shown to harness. The buyers therefore can congratulate themselves on securing bargains. Just fifty head were sold. Eyraud, the great son of Eros, brought \$1,050; the bidding on this colt was very lively, Auctioneers Loeber and Watkins doing their work well. A number of the fastest mares, having been bred and being in foal, did not bring the prices they otherwise would, Oakville Maid, 2:26, selling for \$300, and Flora B., 2:27, \$310. W. Vioget secured a bargain in the broodmare Whip, getting her for \$245. H. Moore purchased the phenomenal green pacer, Blue Bells, for \$405. Blonde Wilkes was bought by M. Kemper for \$825. The total amount received was \$8,700. The following brought \$100 and over :

Flossy, by Whippleton—Young Belle by Naubuc, 506; E. P. Heald.....	\$170
Whisp, by Whippleton—Kitty Patchen, by Geo. M. Patchen Jr. Vioget Stock Farm.....	245
Eyraud b c (3), by Eros, 2:29½, Whisp, by Whippleton; H. Floyd.....	1050
To Kalon b c (2), by Grandissimo, dam Whisp; J. McCord.....	185
To Kio b c (1), by Grandissimo, dam Whisp; J. McCord.....	100
Blanche gr f, by Grandissimo—Biddy Toole, by A. W. Richmond; Ed. Crabb.....	110
Oakville Maid, 2:26, by Whippleton—Buttiner Mare; W. G. Layng.....	300
Lullaby bl f, by Grandissimo—Capitola; H. Floyd, Jr.....	155
Etta bl m, by Naubuc—Maggie, by Ethan Allen Jr.; H. W. Ward.....	425
Cora C., 2:22½ (p), by Whippleton—Etta, by Naubuc; H. W. Ward.....	435
Like Like, 2:25, by Whippleton—Etta, by Naubuc; W. R. Gift.. Blue Bells (1891), bl f, San Diego 8776, dam Etta, by Naubuc; Harry Moore.....	405
Grandetta ch f, by Grandissimo—Etta, by Naubuc; W. McGraw.....	300
Neptune, by Grandissimo—Star, by Naubuc; H. Martinez.....	155
Matched road team, Queen Ad and Mate; J. B. Daly.....	155
Flora B., 2:27 (dam of Topsy, 2:29½), by Whippleton; H. Floyd Lottie, br f, by San Diego—Flora B., 2:27; W. R. Smith.....	310
Belcora, by Grandissimo—Flora B., 2:27, by Whippleton; G. Hampsbire.....	150
Coloma, by Alcona Clay—Fontana, by Almont 33; W. R. Gift.. Daphne, ch f, by Secretary—Lillie C., by Alcona Clay; J. W. Even.....	200
Blonde Wilkes, 2:22½ (p), by Guy Wilkes—Blonde, by Arthur-ton; M. Kemper.....	115
Stonemason, bl c, by Mountain Boy—Nellie Steinway, by Stein-way; N. Coombs.....	825
Ed L., br g, by Whippleton—Dollie, by Dalley's St. Clair; J. Chapman.....	140
Ruby, b m, by Irvington Chief—Alida (dam of Directa, 2:28), by Admiral; Jno. Layng.....	110
Aztec, b f, by Azmoor, 2:20½, dam Urania, by Kentucky Prince; S. Grabam.....	120
	250

At the hour of going to press the following letter circular, with proxy blank attached, was received :

There will be a meeting of the Pacific Coast Blood Horse Association next Monday Evening, February 26th, 1894, at Palace Hotel, Maple Hall, at eight o'clock, P. M.

The object of the meeting is to discuss our financial obligations, and a proposition will be made to the members by which they will be relieved of all responsibility as to the present indebtedness or any that may occur in the future, but will still retain their privilege of admission to the grounds and club house by the payment of their annual dues.

Your presence at the meeting is urgently requested. Enclosed please find form of proxy. If unable to attend the meeting kindly fill out the same in my name, and I will vote the same in favor of the proposition above alluded to. Respectfully yours, THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, JR., President P. C. B. H. A.

THE State Agricultural Society has opened four colt stakes for trotting and pacing colts, entries for which will close March 15. These races will take place during the State Fair this year. Their descriptions and terms can be seen in another column.

THERE will be some very lively bidding next Monday at the Lopez sale (Bay District track) when Idaliun (brother to Sir Modred), Trentola (the great Musket horse), Crichton (the speedy stayer) and the beautiful black mare, Candid, are led into the ring. These animals are simply superbly bred, and being grand individuals, should command big prices.

Timely Advice to Trainers.

The trainer's reputation is his stock in trade, and until he has amassed a sufficiently large amount of this world's goods to enable him to settle permanently in a city and maintain a winter stable, he should be on the alert all winter to locate improving campaigners and fast green horses. He should move around amongst owners and endeavor to make arrangements to handle such a string as will bring him fame as well as dollars. It is with the trainer's business as in mercantile pursuits—prosperity seldom seeks the man. A large amount of hustling is necessary to success. Many young trainers make the mistake of considering all is fish that comes to their net. While, of course, daily bread and butter is the grand desideratum, it will be found that to undertake the education of inferior brutes is always a losing game in the long run, for owners who have no better sense than to have such horses trained, always think that the trainer is to blame in not developing them into record breakers. A few good ones with fair speed and promise will prove much more profitable in the long run than a whole stableful of bad ones.

Having made an examination of the probabilities in his case, it is well for the trainer to take up his residence in some city which is convenient of access to the owners he desires to interest in his behalf. This will be found to be a point in his favor, for the majority of men who have race-horses like them to be conditioned at some place where they can go and mark progress without any great expenditure of time or money. The city selected should, of course, have a good track and be situated in a community where the light-harness horse is admired. In such a location, when once established, the trainer will receive local business. It is generally unwise to attempt "building up an interest in trotting," there are too many places nowadays where the interest can be found ready made. Nor should the conditioner undertake the care of too many horses. Until in a position to employ a lieutenant of at least average skill he should not accept—even supposing he can get them—more horses than he can work himself. If he does the result is plain. The horses showing the least improvement will receive the least attention, and their owners will be disappointed in consequence. Every man who owns a trotter has some influence over his fellow men and it will naturally enough be exerted against the trainer who failed to give him something for his money. A case in point may be cited. A friend of the writer's owned a very well-bred three-year-old. He placed him in the hands of a good trainer and expected from the colt's breeding, disposition, conformation and natural speed that he would develop into a trotter of the first class. The reinsman had more to do than he could personally accomplish, and as the colt improved but slowly he was shelved and eventually sent home marked "no good." He was fat as a pig and showed very conclusively that he had been neglected. Nothing daunted, however, the owner paid his bill, put his colt by for the winter and next summer worked him and marked him a little better than 2:30. With the advent of another spring he sent him to a young man who gave all his time to the few in his charge, and when the winds of late October began to strip the leaves from the trees the despised colt had a record down low in the teens; had made a barrel of money for his owner and a reputation for his driver. He had trotted many seconds faster than any that were in the stable with him when he was three years old, and it goes without saying that his owner has not since then helped the trainer who took his money for nothing to very much business. The moral of all this is as clear as day: Pay strict personal attention to every horse in the stable and bring out the best that is in them. Those that are a little slow in showing improvement should get a little extra time spent over them. Retributive justice is pretty sure to be meted out in the trainers' world, and if he succeeds in a hard case he will reap his reward in his employer's good-will just as surely as his enmity if he neglects his charge.

Next, the trainer should make his arrangements to get the horses he is to train as early in the season as possible. The earlier the better is the general rule; in fact, horses would generally do better if wintered by the man who is to condition them. They need not necessarily be jogged, they can be rested just as well one place as another. It will be found advantageous to take campaigners early and give them road work even if only board rates can be obtained for their maintenance and exercise. The driver gets accustomed to the peculiarities and dispositions, and is, therefore, in a much better position to do the best by them when active training begins than if they are sent to him fresh at that time when every day is of value in getting them ready to race. The question of compensation is one well worthy of discussion. As stated in a former article, a charge of less than \$2 per day means inferior service, and while every trainer should endeavor to make his customers' expenses as light as possible, he must charge enough to pay for everything and leave him a fair salary every month. As mentioned in the issue referred to, a good article will always bring its price. It must be remembered that stall rent, feed, help, board and incidentals have all to be paid.

Even in the secondary matters of boots, harness, sulkies and other racing paraphernalia—secondary because they are of no use without horses—an early start should be made, so as to avoid haste and disappointment in the spring. A full outfit of necessary blankets and boots should be insisted upon with every horse, and should be supplied by the owner at the time the horse is sent to the trainer. If new ones are needed from time to time they should be promptly settled for; it is not right to tie trainers' money up in chattels that do not belong to him. It is easily figured out what a horse will need, with a very few exceptions, and the articles should be sent with him. Sulkies should always be ordered early. It does not cost any more to get a sulky that fits both horse and man, and therefore is conducive to their best efforts, than it does to wait for the last moment and then pick one out haphazard from the manufacturer's stock on hand.

The trainer should always receive a commission from the owner in the event of one of his charges being sold. This is only a fair return for the reservation of the right to sell at any time and thus deprive the string of a profitable member—it is always the good ones that are sold. The conditions upon which the racing is done must, of course, be arrived at and governed by mutual agreement. The safest and best plan for trainers to pursue is, as far as possible, to let the owners bear the expenses and take all the gains, receiving as

added compensation a certain percentage of the winnings. When they become horse owners and can pick and choose from the country's best, they may pursue different tactics, but in the creeping and walking stages of their careers the most conservative policy will be found the best.—Horseman.

More About the Wilkes.

There was given recently in these columns some interesting statistical information regarding the two most prominent sons of George Wilkes—Gambetta Wilkes and Guy Wilkes—but there is much other matter concerning this family of trotters of value to breeders. One point which has marked significance is that of the eighty-seven sons of George Wilkes that have sired 2:30 speed, their total contribution of performers being a trifle over one thousand, no less than sixty-one have given the turf one or more 2:20 horses. This is important in these days when anything less than 2:20 speed is valueless from a racing standpoint. And there are still other features of the matter well worth looking into. For instance, nineteen of these sixty-one sires of 2:20 or better speed among the sons of George Wilkes have five or more such animals to their credit. These nineteen sons of George Wilkes are:

Name.	Record.	2:20 list.
Red Wilkes.....	2:40	27
Onward.....	2:25½	21
Alcyone.....	2:27	16
Gambetta Wilkes.....	2:19½	16
Alcantara.....	2:23	15
Guy Wilkes.....	2:23½	13
Bourbon Wilkes.....	—	10
Simmons.....	2:28	9
Young Jim.....	—	9
Wilkes Boy.....	2:24½	8
Patchen Wilkes.....	2:29½	7
Wilton.....	2:19½	7
Adrian Wilkes.....	—	6
Ambassador.....	2:21½	5
Baron Wilkes.....	2:18	5
Jay Bird.....	2:31½	5
Jersey Wilkes.....	—	5
Petoskey.....	—	5
Tennessee Wilkes.....	2:27	5

Four-fifths of these most highly distinguished of the Wilkes tribe have records, and of the other five at least two—Young Jim and Bourbon Wilkes—are known to have possessed better than 2:30 speed in their youth. But when it comes to siring 2:15 speed the standard is much higher and the successful ones less in number. Thirty-six sons of George Wilkes have sired 2:15 speed. Eighteen of them have sired two or more 2:15 trotters or pacers, eleven have sired three or more, and only five have sired five or more. The quintette that come under this highest test are:

Name.	Record.	2:15 list.
Guy Wilkes.....	2:15½	9
Alcantara.....	2:23	6
Alcyone.....	2:27	6
Simmons.....	2:28	5
Bourbon Wilkes.....	—	5

It will be noted that the higher the test the greater is the percentage of sires with records, four of the five named above coming under this head, while the other, Bourbon Wilkes, can speed better than a 2:30 clip. Guy Wilkes leads them all, both in numbers and quality, for six of his nine 2:15 performers are trotters, while none of the others can equal his showing of six 2:15 trotters in addition to the three pacers.—Breeder's Gazette.

Portland's Prospect.

EDITOR BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN:—Every horseman in Oregon sends congratulations to the P. C. T. H. Breeders' Association for their "wonderful" meeting, and as this is the first gun of the season, it clearly indicates the future for the racing season of 1894 on the Pacific Coast. Horsemen here are preparing more horses than usual for the coming circuit and as they have all wintered well, you may look for us to be in the front line when the bell taps, for we have a better class to pick from than ever before. We regret very much in losing our phenomenal pacer and game race horse, Doc Sperry, 2:14½, but "what is our loss is your gain." We understand this grand campaigner will go through the Eastern circuit this year, the stable companion of Flying Jib, 2:04, and we predict for him to carry the colors of his stable to victory in many hard-fought races. He is comparatively a green horse, though his record would indicate that he has had considerable work from an Oregon standpoint, but such is not the case, and had he not been handicapped with hobbles he no doubt would have gone faster last year.

The Portland Speed and Driving Association have claimed dates for their spring meeting and will have their programme out in a short time. Horsemen going to Montana can stop off here and have plenty of time to take in the meeting at Anaconda. Our new Board of Directors are working hard to make this meeting a grand success, and they are meeting with encouragement from every direction. Hoping to see California well represented here, and promising them all nothing but fair treatment I am, yours truly, NOGERO. Portland, Ore., Feb. 17, 1894.

A SUBSCRIBER writes to an editor: "I have a horse that has suffered lately from periodical fits of dizziness. Please answer through your valuable paper and let me know what I should do with him. I'm afraid he will get worse if something is not done soon." The editor replies: "Our honest advice, based on a very careful perusal of that capital book, 'Every Man His Own Horse Doctor,' would be to take him some time when he is not dizzy and sell him to a stranger."

At Jamestown, N. Y., recently, a mare lost her life in a somewhat peculiar manner. The door of her box became unfastened and she strayed out into a field through which a small stream passed. It was frozen over, but in attempting to cross the ice gave way and one hind foot became fastened so that the mare could not rise. She lay in the icy water for a long time, and when rescued was too far gone to recuperate, dying a short time afterward.

F. J. Leary, Trainer Park Farm, Cranston, R. I., writes: I have given your Absorbine a thorough trial, and think it a good thing to keep in training stables.

Don't call a horse a quitter because he loses one heat at the wire. Moses only got to look over into the promised land.