

TURF AND TRACK

THE SULKY.

DIRECTUM is getting some finely-bred mares.

MONROE SALISBURY started East on a business trip last Wednesday.

T. C. SNIDER has a very fast mare by Dexter Prince at the Sacramento race track.

THE Whips gelding Navidad, 2:22½, is entered in some leading stakes this year.

J. A. LINSOTT, of Watsonville, has sold his stallion Jim L., 2:20, to John Ferguson of Santa Cruz.

RAMONA, by Alcione, dam by Woodford Mambrino, has been sent to California to be bred to Directum.—Buffalo Enquirer.

DAN MCCARTY'S army of trotters that were on the Hearst farm near Pleasanton have been sent to a farm in Contra Costa county.

A FULL sister to Senator 2:29½, by Dexter Prince and the trotting mare Hazel Kirke 2:24, by Brigadier, have been bred to Direct 2:05½.

H. W. CRABB offers for sale at a very low price the two Whiplington racers, Cora C., 2:22½, and Like Like, 2:25. See his advertisement.

J. WARD is busy at Vallejo handling a number of good horses. He has a green pacer that has already shown his ability to go inside of 2:20.

THERE is an Eclectic filly, out of a mare by Dawn at the Lakeville Stock Farm, that is one of the fastest two-year-olds seen in Sonoma County.

J. COCHRAN and B. Bowman are getting their strings of horses ready for the season's campaign. They have been at the Petaluma track all winter.

THE Commercial Club at Omaha is pushing a scheme to build a regulation mile track in the Nebraska metropolis. What a boom that will give racing interests there?

THE trotting mare Seminary Girl, that P. A. Finegan sold to Charles Hughes of Mayfield, has been sent to be bred to Richard's Elector at Grayson, Stanislaus County.

THE Ladies and Gentlemen's Driving Club of San Jose is progressing very favorably. The Committee on Finance has been authorized to purchase trophies for the first matinee.

J. B. IVERSON'S horses, as well as J. D. Carr's and C. Z. Hebert's, are being handled at Salinas. The racetrack will soon be in fine shape and active work will commence immediately.

DEXTER PRINCE will have a better opportunity in the stud this year than any horse in California. We were going to say in the United States, and we do not know that this statement is a rash one.

SIDNEY DILLON, brother to Cupid 2:18 and Adonis 2:11½, is pronounced by competent judges to be the finest looking Sidney in California. He belongs to Pierce Bros. of the Santa Rosa Stock Farm.

IT is a shame to have a lot of stock and half feed it. The man who thinks that stock which can hardly live through the winter will be worth anything in the spring, needs to have a guardian appointed.

ONLY 122 stallions were imported from England last year, against 262 the year before; and 337 mares, against 417 the year before. Most of the mares are hackneys and nearly all of them went to New York State.

THERE is a full sister to Chloe 2:23½ and Dexter Thorne 2:23½ at the Moorland Stock Farm which should be purchased by some good trainer; she is faster than Chloe was at her age, and is just as handsome.

W. A. PAXTON, Jr., Omaha, Neb., reports that Red Rose, by Jester D., owned by Gilbert Tompkins, of Souther Farm, will be trained this year. Red Rose is eleven years old and at nine was in the great broodmare list.

K. O'GRADY at the Hobart Stock Farm has his paddocks and fields in splendid order; feed is plenty and a large number of thoroughbreds and trotters are enjoying rural life and healthful ease upon its pastures green.

ONE of the best colts seen at Pleasanton is the light bay colt Guycesca by Guy Wilkes. This youngster is owned by Meyers & Meyers and is, like all the Guy Wilkes family, speedy as the wind, pure gaited and dead game.

THE great trotting mare Flora M., 2:16, by Richards' Elector, will be sold at auction next Monday afternoon at Killip & Co.'s saleyard. She is fit to be taken in hand by a good trainer at once, and will lower her record this year.

AT Parkville Farm they are feeling good over the arrival of a bay filly by Regal Wilkes, 2:11½, dam Rosalind Wilkes, 2:14½. There are the makings of a world beater in this inheritor of great speed from both parents, and inbred Wilkes.

CAPT. GRIFFITHS purchased a sister to Don Lowell, 2:20½, at Yuba City, and has named her Scud. Unlike Flying Jih, this lassie is a trotter, and can scud before the wind or in the teeth of it in a way that is most gratifying to her jolly owner.

THOMAS MURPHY and Wm. Overholser, the well-known horsemen, left for Russia last Wednesday. John A. McKernon shipped a large case of harness and boots, besides sulkies and horse clothing, to St. Petersburg for them a few weeks ago.

THOS. SMITH has Columbus S., 2:27½, and George Washington 2:20, on the Vallejo track, and this year these stallions will lower their records. Mr. Smith has been quite unfortunate with these fine horses, and it is hoped his luck has taken a turn.

AT Palo Alto Stock Farm, there is a chestnut filly that is a pacer, and she is such a good one it is decided to let her pace. She is by Advertiser, out of Mamie, by Hambletonian Jr. Her name is Mitra. She is entered in the Des Moines \$10,000 Progressive Stake.

ROBER STEEL has purchased two acres of ground, nearly in front of the entrance to Belmont Park, Philadelphia. He will erect a stable with 78 box stalls in it, and place Thomas Grady in charge.

NOONTIDE BELLE, gray filly, 5, by Bell Boy, 2:19½, dam Noontide, 2:20½, by Harold, second dam Midnight, dam by Jay-Eye-See, promises to be the "nightingale" of the Empire City Farm's stable. She is very fast, but requires twice the work necessary for other horses before she will settle down to a steady trot.

L. B. LINDSEY'S stable at Portland, Or., now consists of William Frazier's br g Hamrock, 2:22, by Hambletonian Mambrino, dam Daisy James, by Rockwood. R. Everding's b c Springstein, 3, by Baronstein, dam unknown. Hon. R. Williams' ch f Hazel Kahler, 3, by Duke of Portland, dam Nellie Kahler, by Altamont.

JOHN MADDEN, Lexington, Ky., has sent to George Starr the four-year-old brown filly Clara G., by Wilton, 2:19½, dam Bonnetta, by Commodore Belmont. The filly has been kept green for this year's Terre Haute Fair's rich four-year-old stake, first money in which is now worth nearly \$12,000. Last year she went trials better than 2:20.

IT is reported that Harriet Clay, the dam of that noted race mare Harrietta, was one of the softest mares that ever tried to enter the 2:30 list in Kentucky. She was started at Nicholasville, Ky., and after stepping down to the half in 1:08, she managed to struggle home in 2:45½. She had the flight of speed, but lacked the endurance.

EVERY one experienced in sale matters must notice the great number of new names that figure among the buyers. This means that a new element is being constantly added and that fresh blood is being infused. Without this, the business could not long continue, for there will always be more or less loss or falling away among the "old guard."

A NOTE from Trainer C. E. McDonald, Holton, Kans., says that he has added to his stable the stallion Rutgers Wilkes (2), 2:51, by Alcione, 2:27, dam Abness (dam of Steinway, 2:25½). Mr. McDonald seems to think well of this colt, and believes that he will trot fast. He also has a green filly by Lohasco, dam by Counsellor, that he says promises well.

J. D. CREIGHTON, of Fayette county, Ky., has sold to L. V. Harkness, a New York millionaire trotting horse breeder, the two-year-old brown filly Belle Meta, by Alfonso (son of Baron Wilkes and Alma Mater), dam Berkshire Belle, by Alcione, second dam Belle Brasfield, 2:20. The price was \$6,000. This youngster has shown a 2:20 gait, and is engaged in some large stakes.

GEORGE A. STONE, of Santa Rosa, will send his finely-bred trotting stallion, Illustrious, to Colusa County for the season. Illustrious is a son of that wonderful sire of fast trotters, Happy Medium, the sire of the queen of the turf, Nancy Hanks, 2:04, and ninety-three others in the 2:30 list. The breeders of Colusa County will be fortunate to secure the services of so good a stallion.

WELLMAN BROS., of Newman, Stanislaus County, recently purchased of Col. H. I. Thornton the coal black stallion Reflector, by Director, dam Oriole (dam of the three-year-old filly Oriole, 2:20), by Monroe Chief. Reflector is a splendidly formed, big-boned horse, and will make a very fast trotter. He trotted quarters at Pleasanton in thirty-four seconds with very little work. It is his new owners' intention to breed him to a few good mares and then have him developed for speed.

A HORSEMAN suggests that the official report of every sale should state the defects, if any, of every animal sold. The point, as he puts it, is that a richly-bred horse may go at a very low figure, the same being due to a radical defect or permanent and hereditary blemish; but the public does not know of this and many persons therefore arrive at the conclusion that the low price was due to most any cause, save the right one. The suggestion is a good one, and if adopted into practice and followed closely might produce good effects.

CHARLES HUGHES, a wealthy horseman of Mayfield, purchased the fast trotting mare Mabel H., 2:17½, from Mrs. J. H. Hoppin, of Yolo last week. Price, \$1,500. It is her new owner's intention to take her to France. Mabel H. was sired by Alexander Button, 2:26½, out of Winnie (dam of Gen. Logan, 2:23½), by Dietz's St. Clair; second dam by Young St. Louis; third dam by Bertrand. She was one of the gamest mares seen on the circuit last year, and one that will lower her record in any country.

SAMUEL GAMBLE superintended the loading of two cars with five young horses at Pleasanton last Monday and started to New York with them. The youngsters will be sold at P. W. Kellogg's salesyard, New York. There were in the consignment two by Directum, one by Direct, two mares in foal to Direct, several promising young trotters and pacers by Director, some by Noonday and Steinway, and other well-known sires. A great deal of interest will be aroused when the youngsters by Directum and Direct are led into the salesring.

THE well-known farm on which Sidney's great family of record-breakers first saw the light of day, and was known as the Valensin Stock Farm, has been sold to R. E. de B. Lopez, an Australian breeder of thoroughbreds, and its name changed to the Merriwa Stock Farm, in honor of the premier stallion he has brought there. As it is quite close to this city and in the neighborhood where the great kings of the trotting turf have a home, it would not be surprising if a colt greater than Salvator should come from this desirable place to add laurels to his present crown of fame as a horse-breeding center.

TROTTING association announcements published to date show no signs of what has come to be known as the "prevailing depression." Under its new directorate, the Philadelphia Driving Park Association, whose track is at Point Breeze, offer exactly twice as much money for their Grand Circuit meeting as they did in 1893. About \$20,000 is put up for thirteen events, and \$5,000 is reserved for a special race, either for a big free-for-all race or an exhibition of Directum or Fantasy, or any other "cracks" that may be available. The following stakes have been opened, in imitation of the lead taken by Fleetwood: For two-year-olds eligible to the 3:00 class, \$1,000; for three-year-old stallions eligible to the 2:33 class, \$1,000; for four-year-olds eligible to the 2:29 class, \$2,000; the David Bonner Stake for the 2:14 class, \$2,000; Turf Club Stake for 2:10 class, \$2,000; for the 2:20 and 2:24 classes, \$2,000 each.

THE following words contain the essence of horse philosophy: Reins may guide the horse, the hit may inspire him and the whip may urge him forward, but the human voice is more potent than all. Its assuring tones will more quickly dispel fright; its sharp, clear, electric commands will more thoroughly arouse his ambition, and its gentle, kindly praises will more completely encourage the intelligent road horse than the united force of the hit and reins and the lash. No animal in domestic use more readily responds to the power of kindness than the road horse.

THE Veterinary College in Paris recommends the following composition for stopping splits and cracks in horses' hoofs: Two parts of gutta percha should be softened in water and divided into small pieces and melted, together with one part of crushed sal ammoniac, over a gentle fire in a tinned iron pan, carefully stirring the melted mixture until the mass has assumed the color and appearance of chocolate. Before use the cement should be again melted and then applied with a heated knife blade, just as a glazier uses his putty, the hoof having previously been carefully cleansed. The cement becomes so hard that it will hold the nails.

OVER the main entrance to the famous church of St. Marks, Venice, are four horses in gilded bronze, five feet in height, which are among the finest of ancient bronzes. They are said to have once adorned the triumphal arch of Nero, and afterward that of Trojan in Rome. Constantine sent them to Constantinople, and the doge Dandolo took them thence to Venice in 1204. In 1797 they were carried by Napoleon to Paris, where they afterward crowned the triumphal arch in that city, but in 1815 were restored to their original position by Emperor Francis. A photograph of these horses shows that the modeller was portraying what we now call knee actors, and while the tails are not "locked," the switch is shortened and trimmed to a point. Did they 'ave 'ackneys in those ancient times?

BUNNELL BROS. have their horses comfortably quartered down at the Pleasanton track. The horses take very kindly to California climate, and the brothers expect to put their horses in fine condition before the races open. They inform us that they have a large ranch near Colfax, Washington, where they have about two hundred head of trotting-bred horses, and as the training season is so much longer here, they decided to come with their horses. Their stable consists of Ingraham, by Volunteer 55; Oro Fino, 2:22, by Ingraham, Primus; Ovole, brother to Oro Fino; Ben Ingraham, by Ingraham, dam by Bellfounder 62; Tacoma, by Ingraham, dam dam Cloudena; S. D., by Ingraham, dam by Button Morgan; Joseff, by Ingraham, dam Trixie, by Joe; Ebonwood, by Ingraham, dam Primus.

E. H. HARRIMAN, the New York banker, has given instructions to have all his broodmares, their foals and Stamboul, 2:07½, sent to his Orange county farm. It is probable that Stamboul will be seen on the track no more, as his owner, having recently added many acres to his farm, contemplates the purchase of more broodmares, and, therefore Stamboul will be required to make a full season, which will, of course, preclude the possibility of his being worked in condition to go a mile better than his record. Mr. Harriman is still confident that Stamboul can beat 2:07½, and would like to give him a chance to do so, but in duty to his business instincts considers it best to keep him in the stud. The brown horse has become quite a feature of Terre Haute, and will be greatly missed after his departure.

DIRECTUM, the trotting king, had a bad habit of running into the fence. George Starr had all he could do to keep him straight, then John Kelly tried his hand and every kind of hit he could purchase, but of no avail. When forced, the black colt would swerve into the fence. Monroe Salisbury determined to see what was the matter with him, so at Terre Haute he told Kelly to get the pacer out and he would ride behind Directum. Before he had driven him three hundred yards he discovered the cause and in a few seconds he got the colt straightened out and could hardly drive him near the inside fence. On being asked how he did it, he said: "Why the black rascal when touched on the off side with the whip tried to get away from it and halted for the fence, so I just tapped him on the nigh side and he went straight. Kelly will never have to use any new bits on him hereafter." Directum never made a mistake of swerving from that day to this.

IT is stated on good authority that Monroe Salisbury is negotiating for the addition of the following very promising youngsters to take East this year; they belong to Palo Alto and are heavily engaged in the largest stake races in the East: Atena, by Palo Alto, out of Astoria, by Gen. Benton. She has a record of 2:19 and is entered in the stakes for four-year-olds. Palatine, 2:23½, by Palo Alto, out of Elaine, 2:20, by Messenger Duroc; she is a three-year-old. Bellbird, the handsome daughter of Electioneer and Beautiful Bells which got a record of 2:26½ as a yearling in 1891. Expressive, by Electioneer, out of Esther, by Express, no record. Rio Alto, by Palo Alto, out of Elsie (dam of Novelist, 2:27) by Gen. Benton; second dam Elaine, 2:20, by Messenger Duroc, and Mary Osborne, by Azmoor, out of Elsie, by Gen. Benton. With such a grand lot Mr. Salisbury need have no fear of the best youngsters in the East. Superintendent Covey has these coming champions in perfect order.

THE kinetoscope recently perfected by Edison promises to be of almost limitless benefit in accurately determining winners in close finishes. The great value of this new camera consists in the number of continuous impressions it furnishes, thus showing every motion and change of position for a limited space of time. In a public trial made with a kinetoscope a few days ago photographs were taken at the rate of forty-six to the second, the exposure lasting twenty seconds, the length of time necessary for the unrolling of the entire film. The camera is kept in darkness and when the impressions are desired the curtain is withdrawn, the structure pushed forward on rollers, the mechanism thereby started and the exposure takes place. Such extreme speed is by no means necessary for the photographing of close finishes. Half that number of impressions would show all that is vital to the decision of any race. The advantages of the kinetoscope over the single impression camera are many. Its negatives will show all the changes of position, even to every stride of the horses, and the ease with which it is operated will render it a valuable adjunct to the paraphernalia of the judges' stand. When the camera plainly exhibits all the movements of the horses—this one gaining, that one falling back—the judges will be absolutely certain of the order in which the horses finish.—Horseman.