

TURF AND TRACK

THE SULKY.

ADVERTISER, Dexter Prince, Whips and Azmoor are the four leading sires at Palo Alto.

LEE SHANER is working a fine string of trotters and pacers at the Agricultural Park, Sacramento.

GREAT preparations are being made at Huenehme for the races to be held on May Day at that place.

THE race track managers are busy preparing their tracks for the horses that are to be trained for the races this fall.

THERE is a green trotter at Sacramento by Soudan, out of Signa, by Sidney, that will surprise the boys this fall. He is a good one.

DEWAYNE, 2:30, by Director, owned by Sam N. Warren, Clover Wood Farm, Spring Hill, Tenn. is in Gill Curry's stable, and will be trained for a low mark this season.

BILL LINDSAY and Valissa, in the Bascom stable at the fair grounds, are looking as fine as split silk. Valissa, after a rest of two years, will no doubt be among the best of them this year.

DAN LAWRENCE, the trainer who piloted the erratic pacer Cyrus to victory and gave him his low record last year, will have a string of very good trotters and pacers on the circuit this season.

THOS. SNIDER, the well-known driver, is getting his string of trotters and pacers in shape to start in preparing them for the races this year. He will have Dubec, 2:17, ready when the bell rings.

ANDY McDOWELL is handling a wonderfully fast pacer at Pleasanton, and although she is not quite a Yolo Maid, she will be fast enough to make Andy and his friends rejoice before the races in this State end this fall.

THE handsome Nutwood stallion, Cyrus R., 2:17½, will be sent by his owner, T. W. Barstow of San Jose, to Chicago, to be sold at the auction sale to be held by F. J. Berry, the famous auctioneer, on the 26th of March.

JOHN SHEPARD, the wealthy Bostonian, in speaking of the report that Actress, 2:26½, by Knickerbocker, beat Arab, 2:15, in a brush recently, says the report is wrong, and that no horse in Boston can beat Arab in a brush down the road.

It will be a sore disappointment to Orrin A. Hickok in not having his favorite, Hulda, 2:08½, to take East this year. She might break down in the most critical portion of a race and be forever after ruined. A two years' rest may do her a "world of good" and then she can be worked for a lower record still.

THE instance of closest inbreeding to be found in the 2:30 list, is that of Harry McGregor, 2:28. Martin McGregor was got by Robert McGregor, out of the Martin mare, pedigree not traced. In turn, Martin McGregor was bred to his own dam, the Martin mare, and Harry McGregor, 2:28, was the result.

GEORGE STARR has brought to Terre Haute from Kentucky his yearling filly by Wilton, dam by Jersey Wilkes; a three-year-old pacer that he bought down in Tennessee last fall because he looked like Little Albert, and the ten-year-old mare Tillie Lee, that he purchased at Tattersalls' sale last week.

JACOB JUSTICE, of Philadelphia, Pa., is arranging for a series of road horse races, to be trotted in early spring over the Belmont course. Mr. Justice is selecting a number of useful articles to be put up for prizes, among which are several fine sets of harness, blankets, whips, etc. The races will be strictly for non-professionals.

FROM all the leading stock farms reports are heard that the epidemic of distemper that has been so prevalent this year, has entirely disappeared. The mares, colts and fillies are now looking well, and as the pastures never looked finer, the hopes of the farmers and breeders have taken a decided upward tendency since the rains ceased.

OWING to the death of Chas. Durfee's wife at Los Angeles, all of the plans for 1894, set by this well-known horseman, have been changed, and instead of sending McKinney and Gossiper to Pleasanton, he will keep them at Los Angeles. This will be a disappointment to a number of breeders who signified their intention of breeding their mares to these horses if they were to stand at that place.

LEXINGTON, Ky., has secured another great stallion, Simons, 2:28, who will be moved from Abdallah Park, the farm founded by W. H. Wilson at Cynthiana. H. K. McAdams, for so many years associated with his father-in-law, has leased a part of Orchard Park near the fair grounds at Lexington, and on March 1st will remove all the horses belonging to the W. H. Wilson estate from Abdallah Park.

BOB MURRAY is busy hauling a number of colts and fillies at Dublin, Alameda county, "the Home of Directum." Bob has charge of Directum, the king, and will take him East in June, so that Jno. Kelly can have the pleasure of preparing him for his races. Murray is a first-class horseman, and is anxious to see how fast Electrical and Electrina will go. He says he knows what Directum is capable of doing.

"THE year to plant wheat is the one when the other fellows are raising corn and other farm products. The supply will be short and the price will go up. The same is true of the horse business. During the past two years a less number of broodmares were bred by 35 per cent. than in former years. Because the other fellow does not breed his good broodmare is no reason you should do likewise. The supply is sure to be short, and the price just as sure to advance."

WHITE horses are to be barred from military service in Germany. The Emperor has ordered that no more be purchased for the army, and those now in use are to be sold. He thinks that in war white horses would be especially conspicuous because of the use of smokeless powder, and would afford an easy mark for the enemy. This decision as to white horses was made also by the French immediately after the Franco-Prussian war, as a result of their experience therein.

H. W. CRABB had such great anticipations of Eyraud, the colt sold to Mr. Floyd at the sale a week ago last Wednesday, that he paid \$150 in advance to the latter so that he could get him back, and as the bidders did not pay for Cora C. or Like Like, according to these two advertised conditions of the sale, he determined to keep them and dispose of them at private sale. Eyraud is heavily entered in the California circuit, and with Jas. Berryman up behind him, will pull down many of the richest purses.

T. W. MOORE shipped all of his thoroughbreds and trotters (some twenty-five head) to Hope Glen Stock Farm, Santa Barbara, in care of J. Dinue last Wednesday week. They arrived safe and sound at their destination, and when Wm. Duubar, the superintendent, gets them in readiness for the races they will be able to show that they are in every way worthy of their breeding and care. No better-bred or finer-looking stock was ever sent from this city to the southern part of California than this lot.

M. E. MCHENRY, of Freeport, Ill., writes that he has just made an arrangement with Colonel R. S. Stoner, whereby the entire product of the Oakland Farm will be turned over to him at weaning-time for the next three years. The stock is to be owned jointly by the Freeport trainer and their breeder and controlled by the former from the time it is turned over until sold. This will vest in trainer McHenry the virtual possession of the large majority of Baron Wilkes' get, and it is only reasonable to expect the development of a good proportion of race-winners from among them.

IT SEEMS that the celebrated Russian stallion Krakus is not in his own country looked upon as a really first-class subject, according to his performances there. He beat Wjun's record of 2:22½, trotting the distance, about ten yards short of a mile, in 2:20. He also beat Wjun's record of 4:54½ by one second, and for these performances he received the premium of 5,000 rubles. He trotted altogether sixteen races in Russia, winning four first moneys, one second money, one third money and two premiums, the whole amounting to 13,766 rubles. When Krakus, therefore, trotted in this country a quarter in 32 seconds, at the rate of a mile in 2:08, he showed considerably more speed than he had ever exhibited in Russia.

A VETERINARIAN of experience gives the following as an excellent remedy for colic in horses: Three parts colocynth 1-100, one part morphia 1-10, for remedy No. 1, arsenicum 1-100, for remedy No. 2. Give seven drops of No. 1 on a lump of sugar or with a half teaspoonful of water and inject with a clean syringe alternate with seven drops of No. 2 each 15 minutes, and by the time the fourth dose, two of each number, has been given, the patient will be found to be much relieved, if not entirely well; then give 1 and 2 in alternation every hour, and then every two hours, until nature can take care of the case herself, and that will be in short order. Get the remedies at the homeopathic pharmacy. This remedy is good for man or beast (adult), two drops in half teaspoonful of water will be found to be about the thing.

MONROE SALISBURY visited Yuba City last Wednesday to see what kind of a colt the five-year old Don Lowell was. It did not take him long to ascertain, for in a few hours he had seen the youngster trot and then purchased him for \$4,000. Don Lowell is a splendidly-formed bay colt sired by the game Don Marvin, 2:22½, out of a mare by Brigadier, 2:21½. He got his record of 2:20½ in his first season on the turf, driven by a son of Seul Harris, the breeder and owner of this colt. That he will get a very low mark this year everyone who has seen him trot believes. The price paid is very reasonable, for the first time the colt was driven last year T. J. Crowley, of this city, offered his owner \$3,000 cash for him, and the colt had no record then. Mr. Salisbury is to be congratulated in securing such a bargain.

A NOTE from Morris J. Jones, of the Standard Trotting-Horse Company, explains that Alix, 2:07½, is wintering nicely and is better in health than she ever was before. Alix was foaled in 1888 and is consequently now six years old. She has improved consistently every season, and it is only natural to suppose she will be better this year than ever. Owner Jones is confident of her ability to lower her mark a good many notches, and more unlikely things have happened than Alix dropping the trotting race-record down to 2:04. Should she do so there will be a pandemoniacal demonstration indulged in by the spectators such as never was seen before, for Alix is dear to the public heart. Redwald, 2:23½, and Pactolus, 2:12½, will make full seasons in the stud at Red Oak, Iowa, at fees away down, when individuality, pedigree and speed capacity are considered.

THE Breeder and Turfman, the turf publication started some year and a half ago, has suspended operation. Although it was claimed for the publication a subscription list up in the thirty thousands (?), the paper passed out of existence without making apparently much of a fight for life. In the beginning the paper had a prospect that was very flattering, and the breeders of this section rallied to its support, and it launched out on the sea of literature with full sails. Just why the paper was not continued no one seems to know. Surely the field for such a journal in the South was a very broad one, and it is to be regretted that it was not continued on the high plane as was marked out for it from its first inception. The star of its destiny has been on the wane for some time past, but where it finally set no one seems to know positively, but one thing surely, it has failed to make its appearance for several weeks.—Kentucky Stock Farm.

IT is stated on good authority that Mr. A. B. Spreckels, owner of Dexter Prince and Hulda, 2:08½, intends to breed them this year, therefore Hulda will not be sent East. Mr. Spreckels has seen enough of the good qualities of Dexter Prince as a sire to convince him that no mare in the United States is too good for this horse. From all parts of California, owners of colts and fillies by Dexter Prince, out of mares of the commonest breeding are loud in their praises of the youngsters, and the eagerness with which all our trainers are looking for Dexter Princes to strengthen their strings, proves conclusively that as a sire this well-bred horse will lead the best in the United States before five years elapse. Mr. Spreckels used good judgment in leasing the horse this year to Palo Alto, for this is the first opportunity this horse has had to be bred to mares of good breeding, but none there have earned higher honors than the game daughter of Guy Wilkes, the handsome Hulda. Her foal will be considered invaluable by her fortunate owner.

AT the recent sale of the Lang Farm horses in New York A. H. Moore, who has invested more money in famous broodmares than any other breeder in America, bought Kitty Patchen, the dam of Patchen Wilkes and Georgiana, 2:26½, and will breed her to Director. Kincorette, the filly that C. H. Koerner bought of George Urban at an advance of \$500, will be bred to the same sire. In all probability J. N. Shults will campaign Nellie Aldine, 2:21½, this season. Sara Meade, by Happy Medium, out of Metella, was bought by J. B. Olcott, owner of Athol, full brother to Arion, 2:07½, and Guilford, by Red Wilkes out of Buffalo Girl, 2:21½, was bought for George Latimer of Buffalo. Nearly all the stallions bought at this sale will go into the stud. Mambrino Wilkes, sire of two in the 2:20 list, will go to East Aurora, and Ulan, the son of Artillery and Kitty Patchen, will stand at Bridgeport, Conn.

WHILE the year 1893 was one of unusual depression in all lines of business, it was, nevertheless, the greatest trotting and pacing year the world has ever known. It is estimated that the grand total of trotting meetings for the year was 1,705. The number of days trotted 5,742, and the value of stakes and purses given, \$4,125,375. In view of such startling figures representing the enormous earning capacity of the light-harness horse on the turf, it is self-evident that the depression in breeding affairs is only temporary. Already there is a break in the horizon that is the forerunner of brighter days. At the recent sales good horses brought remunerative prices. Buyers are scouring the country for the right kind of horses, and whenever one is found he brings 100 cents on \$1. At the first day of Tattersalls' Lexington sale nineteen undeveloped colts, the get of Baron Wilkes, averaged \$804.

MR. D. G. TENNEY, of New York City, who has a stock farm in Methuen, this State, shipped some twenty head of trotting stock, mostly broodmares, colts and fillies, to P. S. Talbot, Lexington, Ky., several weeks ago. The colts and fillies were mostly by his grandly-bred young stallion Eldorado 10,700, by Guy Wilkes, 2:15½, out of Adella, by Electioneer. Among the broodmares were Fawnette, by Alcantara, 2:23, dam by Abraham; Galena, by Happy Medium, dam Patsey F., dam of Citizen, 2:21, and Waymark, 2:27½, by Mambrino Patchen; Nelsonia, by Nelson, 2:09, dam by Belmont 64, second dam by Mambrino Chief; Vesper Bell, by Nutwood, 2:18½, dam by George Wilkes, 2:22; Lady Ross, by Sultan, 2:24, dam Atalanta (full sister to the famous broodmare Beautiful Bells, 2:29½); Lady Patchen, by Mambrino Patchen, dam by Almont, and Genie, by Sultan, 2:24, dam Lady Graves (dam of two in the list), by Nutwood, 2:18½, second dam by Whipple's Hambletonian. It was a grand lot, and it will not be surprising if a two-minute trotter may be found among them or their progeny.

OLD MORRILL, the founder of the Morrill family, was dropped in a pasture in a rain-storm at Walden, Vt., in 1843, and he was sold when four months old for \$25, and subsequently became the property of French Morrill of Danville, Vt. He was by the Jension Horse, a bay of nearly sixteen hands (son of Young Belmont Morgan), out of a gray mare of fifteen hands. In his History of the Morrills and Hambletonian Horses of Vermont, Allen W. Thompson says: "Mr. Morrill's farm contained 110 acres, and for four seasons he did the team work on it with his horse. So great was his strength that his harness and cart had to be equally as strong. The harness was one of the heaviest of truck harness, and the shafts to his cart were made of small trees, the smallest end nearly four inches through. Mr. Morrill's land was moist, so that the wheels with a common rim would cut in badly; he had a pair made with the rims seven and a half inches wide and two and a half inches thick, the body for them holding thirty bushels. There was another body for drawing hay, and it was said when so rigged that it weighed 1,000 pounds. The wood lot was some three miles from the Green, and Mr. Morrill often drew from it with his horse to his place a cord of green wood. On one of the trips he met two yoke of oxen hitched to a sled of wood. They were stuck, and the men with them wanted Mr. Morrill to hitch his horse on forward and help them out. He told them to take the oxen off and that he would draw it out. They were taken off and Old Morrill was hitched to the end of the tongue and he drew the load out." The feat commended Old Morrill to the farmers, and they bred to him in the hopes of getting stout work horses. He stood over sixteen hands and weighed over 1,200 pounds. He learned to trot himself and founded a family of trotters. He died in 1862 from the effects of a severe beating, a clear case of cruelty, which should have sent his owner to prison.—Turf, Field and Farm.

EVERYWHERE breeders of trotting horses are receiving letters of inquiry in good numbers which points to the fact that interest in harness racing prospers and that better prices will be realized from this time on. One of the most prominent farm owners in the middle west lately said that he had received more letters from prospective buyers during the first two months of the year than ever before in the same period. It is true that from his stables have gone many winners and successful producers of winners, but it is not alone from him that the good news comes. When we look at the condition of other lines of business we see the great mills and factories closed down or running on one-half time. Even those which are the most successfully and conservatively managed have been compelled to retrench in every possible way. Those which had been directed on a lavish scale of expenditure were forced to the wall and crushed. The same principles apply to the breeding interests, but with this difference, that they are much more prosperous than any mercantile enterprise in the country. True, those which were managed extravagantly have failed and for the most part have been sold out, but those which were properly directed are now receiving and always have received paying prices for their stock. The time has come, however, when the public will not buy prospects of any kind. What has been, what may be, or what under certain circumstances ought to be, is no longer desirable. Speed under the watch, or proven merit as producers, good manners or good looks, or all combined, alone will set. The prospects of a season of harness racing that will eclipse all former years are at present very bright. More colts are being trained than ever before in the history of the trotting breed and more meetings will be held than ever before were marked in any season. A survey of the whole situation is from our point of view gratifying in the extreme. It is very pleasing to note that of all industries in this wide land the breeding of horses is the most prosperous.—Horseman.