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THE SULKY.

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ED CONNOLLEY has a string of very promising trotters at the Los Angeles track.

ALMA MATER is the only mare that has produced standard speed by six different sires.

DIRECTLY, 2:07½, won \$3,500 for Monroe Salishury last season, which is pretty good for a two-year-old.

REGAL WILKES, 2:11½, will be trained after his stud season, with the object of giving him a lower record.

SALISBURY has, we understand, leased Ella T. (2:12) and will race her this year on the circuit.—North Pacific Rural.

DIRECTLY, 2:07½, replaces Fantasy, 2:08½, and Whirligig, 2:10, as the world's champion three-year-old harness racehorse.

ED GEERS has Robert J., Nightingale and Joe Patchen at the Los Angeles race track. He thinks he will remain there for the rest of the winter.

A FILE-DRIVER and a number of men are very busy working at the breaks where the water washed through the two tracks at the Oakland course.

PAYNE SHAFTER will take two youngsters to the Oakland Trotting Park next week. There is no doubt Mr. Shafter will be seen on the circuit this year.

CHRIS. W. SMITH reports that Ida W., by Abbottsford, is the dam of Royal Prince, 2:19½ and Index, 2:27½, both by Dexter Prince, and both records made in 1894.

ELSMERE, by Electioneer, dam Winona, by Almont 33; second dam Dolly, the dam of Director, etc., died January 25th at Elk Hill Stock Farm, Koping, Mo., of pneumonia.

THE colts and fillies by Wayland W., 2:12½, to be seen at Eureka, Humboldt county, are pronounced perfect by their proud owners. His book is a most filled and the season has not quite commenced.

EVERYTHING about the breeding business indicates a brighter future. The demand for trotters is increasing, the value enhancing and owners of well-bred mares are casting about for proper sires to breed to.

MESSRS. DUFFEE & SONS have quite a large string of trotters and pacers at the Los Angeles track, among them being the noted horses McKinney, 2:11½, the two-year-old pacer Harvey Mc, 2:18, and Hillsdale, 2:19½.

W. C. TRIMBLE, Newburg, N. Y., who brought out and campaigned that fast and game trotter, Cobwebs, by Whips, is now driving a full sister to Azote, 2:08½, which he thinks will be great goods in her class this season.

ALL of the Pleasanton champions that were at Sacramento have been sent home, and will remain in that pretty little place until the Oakland track is put in order, then they will be taken there, and some fast exhibition miles be given.

ORRIN A. HICKOK is jogging Hulda, 2:08½, and three others belonging to A. B. Spreckels, at Oakland. Hulda has not shown any signs of lameness and may stand her work yet. It is hoped she will, for a gamer or better mare never looked through a bridle.

Geo. ROBENS has a very promising colt in Geo. Starr, 2, by Direct, 2:05½, dam Red Girl, 2:23½, by Red Wilkes; second dam Valley Girl, 2:30 (sister to Dick Swiveller, 2:18), by Walkill Chief. This colt is a natural pacer, and will be trained and campaigned this year.

JAMES BERRYMAN, the well-known driver, will have a small string of trotters on the circuit this year, but what they lack in number they make up for in quality. Mr. Berryman is a capable horseman and will be seen going down the line with the best of our drivers this season.

THE character of men identified with the veterinary profession of to day compares favorably with physicians. In every respect the old-time cow doctor is a thing of the past. The diseases of the animals are treated more scientifically and with far greater success than in years gone by.

J. MALCOLM FORBES has a youngster that will attract marked attention some day; a colt by Arion, 2:07½, out of a producing daughter of Alcyone, 2:27, the grandam being an inbred daughter of the famous racehorse Wagner. Such a colt is indeed a prize in the lottery of breeding.

WHEN a horse is not working it should have cool, comfortable quarters. Roof ventilation of stables should always be maintained when possible. The light ammonia vapor charging the stable air cannot force its way through windows against the heavier air pressure outside the building.

THERE is a Diablo filly at Pleasanton owned by F. Timmerman that is a handsome, pure-gaited trotter and very promising. Everyone who bred mares to Diablo last season seems anxious to do so this year, the owners knowing they will make no mistake, and the more Diablos they have the better.

JESSE D. CARR, of Salinas, sent three fine trotters to Millard Sanders last week to be prepared for the Eastern sale. Mr. Sanders has fifty head of very choice trotters and pacers at the Lodi track, and they are all doing well. He has the reputation of being the hardest working and most conscientious trainer ever seen at Lodi.

W. H. LUMSDEN, Santa Rosa, Cal., writes that Miss Brown by Brown's Volunteer, given in the same list as dam of Oaknut, 2:24½, by Dawn, and Dan Brown, 2:24½, by Anteeo, is also dam of Major Brown, 2:28, by Philosopher. The breeding of Major Brown's dam is not given in the last Year Book, which accounts for the omission.

A BILL has been drafted, and will shortly be introduced into the legislature of New Jersey providing for the examination of all stallions offered for public service, and also for the creation of the necessary veterinary board to conduct the examinations. The bill will be modeled after the French law, now in force, and is likely to be passed.

FRANK GRANT, Marysville, Cal., says that Zen H., 2:25½, is a previously unreported performer to the credit of Hawthorne, the son of Nutwood. He is the fourth performer out of his dam, the Ryan Mare, by McCracken's Blackhawk, also dam of Abby, sire of Geneva, 2:20, one of the new performers of 1894.

It is rumored that Wm. Russell Allen is contemplating purchasing an extensive estate in Virginia to winter and breed trotters, so it will be seen the trotting horse business is on a boom in the Old Dominion. It is surely a cheap place to raise horses, and the mild climate makes it a most desirable place to winter.

MR. LATHROP tells me that Frank Covey says: "Our colts were never so far advanced at this time of the year as they are now. We jogged them through all the rain uncovered; they caught no cold and are lusty and strong. Fit to take fast work from this time on. Jack Phippen is in the sulky and we hope he will remain there to prepare colts and win races."

SANDOW is the appropriate name for a yearling colt by the grandly-bred stallion Dictatus, out of Etta (dam of Cora C., 2:22½), and Like Like, 2:25½, by Naubuc; second dam by Vick's Ethan Allen Jr. This one is a pacer of the first-class, and is a wonder. We would like to see a colt from Cora C., 2:22½, and Dictatus. She was one of the gamest mares for the work we have ever seen in Napa county. Sandow is owned by H. W. Crabb of Oakville.

At the Fasig-Tattersall sale in Madison Square Garden shortly after the Horse Show last November, Mr. J. Galt Smith bought the stallion Governor Stanford Jr. by Governor Stanford, the son of Electioneer. He sent the stallion to his place in the North of Ireland, and so popular did the horse become that within thirty days he had twenty mares at \$100 apiece, and Mr. Smith has since advanced his fee to \$150 with continued success.

J. R. McPHERSON, a well-known horseman of Los Angeles and a particular friend of W. H. Parker, the horseman of Stockton, has been in Stockton several days investing in horses. He has bought seventeen head altogether. Eight of these he bought of Joshua Cowell and five of L. U. Shippee. Among them are six Cleveland bays and a span of driving horses. Of those bought from Mr. Shippee one is by Campaign and two by Hawthorne. They are all fine, fashionable animals.

It is said that Hambletonian got over thirteen hundred foals and not a chestnut in the lot. When this great horse was at his best, his owner offered a free service to any man that could show a chestnut foal by Hambletonian. One put in an appearance a couple of years after the offer was made, but when the youngster shed, those who had the matter in hand decided that it was a yellow bay. Patron it is said has never sired a chestnut, this seems strange when it is known that his sire, Pancoast, got a number of chestnuts.

THE finished half-mile of the speed-drive, Alameda, was crowded on Sunday and over a hundred teams were on the track before noon to test it. All work has been suspended on account of the rain and necessarily the completion of the track will be delayed for some days, possibly for one week, as it is impossible to do anything with the mushy condition of the ground by reason of the wet. However, the members of the Driving Association are satisfied with the work done and agree that they found the right man when they chose A. O. Zingg to build the drive for them.—Encinal.

THE Salisbury champions and record breakers are now at Pleasanton, but will be brought to Oakland in a few days and when the track gets good and fast the people around the bay will be treated to a sight of two world heaters in action. At Sacramento last week in the dead of winter on a dead slow track Azote trotted three faster heats than was ever seen on this Coast. Alix trotted a faster mile and Flying Jib beat the Coast pacer record, and Directly, at Fresno, beat the world's three-year-old record. So much for their quality. It will be a great treat and ought to draw 10,000 people.

As to the use of convict labor for any kind of either public or private use, there is great public prejudice, but, doubtless, there would be less objection to a general use of convict labor for public roads improvement than for most anything else that could be suggested. But whether or not convict labor be used for this purpose, it behooves trotting horse breeders and farmers generally to encourage and assist in every way possible the project of road improvement. Good roads the year round increase the value of adjacent farm lands, and, if general, would greatly increase the demand as well as value of road stock.

A VETERINARY surgeon, if he takes pride in his art and conducts himself like a gentleman, should be recognized as such on all occasions. It requires infinitely more knowledge and power of discernment in this than in other professions, as the power of intuition must be much greater in order to cope successfully with all ailments of domesticated animals, and it is unquestionably a great mistake in laymen to coerce and antagonize veterinarians. In the labor in stamping out contagious disease they certainly have the welfare of the people at heart, and they gladly avail themselves of every opportunity to obtain knowledge by which to combat disease successfully.

ONE of the most studios of all our breeders was the late Daniel J. Murphy of the Moorland Stock Farm. He bred the mares on his farm with an eye single to the improvement of the stock. He bred Carrie Malone (sister to Chas. Derby, 2:20) to Guy Wilkes, 2:15½, and the produce was one of the handsomest looking colts to be seen in Santa Clara County. He called him Danton Moultrie, and when the young fellow was old enough bred him to a few mares, among them was a black mare belonging to L. E. Clawson, of this city. In time the foal came and it was a filly. Mr. Clawson sent it when old enough to M. McManus at the Lodi track, and if all the reports be true, there is not a faster two-year-old on that celebrated track. Danton Moultrie represents the acme of fashionable breeding. Guy Wilkes, Electioneer, Steinway, and all of his progeny show that they are endowed with extreme speed and gameness. If Mr. Murphy lived we believe he would have made a second Palo Alto of the Moorland Stock Farm and kept developing all the colts and fillies by this, his favorite, stallion.

THE dates for the Oyerland Park meeting at Denver will probably be June 8 to 15 inclusive. A meeting of the stockholders will be held within the next ten days to determine what shall be done in 1895. Denver wants to get in some circuit, and, since Lincoln is also clamoring for admission into a circuit, these two prominent Western cities will doubtless be admitted to the Western circuit, thus adding much strength to it.

THE Directs at Pleasanton are going like bullets and every time their owner, Mr. Salishury, sees them work, he wears a broad smile on his face for a week. J. C. Newton, President of the Los Angeles Agricultural Association, spent some days at the Pleasanton track watching the "black rascals" go and he thinks they are simply beyond comparison. One nine months old fellow went an eighth in eighteen and one-half seconds. "Too Soon" is in great form and moves with all the vim and energy of Directum without his excess of shoulder action. A full brother to Too Soon, Soon Enough, is better at his age than Too Soon was. The two-year-old brought from Lexington two months ago unbroken, is already a trotter and it will be a phenom that beats him. There are eight Directs that are better, considering age and work, than Directly was.

MR. J. H. DONNELLY, formerly superintendent of Woodlawn Stock Farm, Saratoga, N. Y., but now filling that position for the Cloverdell Stock Farm, Colmar, Pa., the home of the great Director, in a recent letter to the Horse World says: "You would be surprised to see some of the Director colts that I am handling; they are as fast as bullets and make one think they ought to own a trotter. It is almost impossible to keep a colt on the farm after he is broken, as they show so much speed that some one wants them and there they are taken from me; there is hardly a day but some one is here looking for a young Director. They come from all directions; parties from Europe have visited the farm one day and the next day I shake hands with parties from the Golden State. Several from Virginia were among the recent callers, and even Kentuckians do not miss the opportunity of witnessing the speed of the young Directors. I could hardly tell you what we will campaign, as all colts at the farm are for sale, and I can never depend upon keeping a fast one for racing purposes. There are ninety-seven broodmares here and they include some of the choicest-bred ones on any stock farm in the world."

THE prices obtained at the Lexington sale now being held are the best that have been had for some years, says the Horseman. "Something like the old times," was to be heard on all sides the first day of the sale, when so many good performers were offered, and the average of over \$713 for so large a number of harness horses proves that the comment was tritely made. At \$12,000 Wilton cannot be said to be a dear stallion, for with the lease of life he may reasonably be expected to enjoy there are many years of stud usefulness before him, and as he has proven his worth as a progenitor of speed, at the same time being a favorite with breeders, these years should be years of profit to his new owners. Dan Cupid, even though he is one of the few stallions with records below 2:10, brought an excellent price, and it is evident that his purchaser believes he has not yet reached the limit of his speed. The enthusiasm shown and the readiness with which trotters able to go out and win in their classes changed hands at full figures indicate that the desire to engage in active racing is even stronger than it was this time last year, which gives great promise for the success of the 1895 campaign. The market for trotters and pacers now rests on a strictly commercial basis; the period of uncertainty has passed.

A LARGE number of persons witnessed a sight at Sacramento Agricultural Park last Thursday forenoon that they may never again behold—at least not after this week. It was three horses going abreast in harness and covering a quarter of a mile at a rate of speed better than two minutes for a mile. The horses that did this remarkable thing were Directly, the champion three-year-old pacer, Flying Jib, the king of pacers, and Klamath, the California trotter. These wonderful horses were being worked out preparatory to their races against the world's records the next day, and they were speeded up the backstretch in 0:29½, which means at the rate of a mile in 1:59. Alix, the beautiful little mare that stands at the head of the list of trotters with her record of 2:03½, was worked out by Andy McDowell in 2:12, traveling around the outside of the track. She was speeded for only one-fourth of the distance, which she covered easily in thirty seconds—a two-minute gait. The 29½-quarter paced by Directly, was the fastest, Mr. McDowell said, the colt had ever made, which shows that he is in record-breaking form, while the track is far from being right just yet. Indeed the path near the pole is not used at all, as it is being rolled, harrowed and sprinkled every day.—Record-Union.

ELECTIONEER, with 146 trotters and 1 pacer, still heads the list of sire of speed. Second to him, and sure apparently to eventually surpass him, is Nutwood, whose 104 trotters and 18 pacers give him second place. The only other stallion with more than 100 standard performers to his credit is Red Wilkes, with 81 trotters and 20 pacers. Onward comes fourth with a total of 93, and Happy Medium is fifth with 91, only 5 of which took their records at the lateral gait. George Wilkes with a total of 82 follows, and Alcantara is seventh with 76, twenty-one of them pacers, as against 10 got by his sire. The other stallions which have sired 50 or more standard performers are: Egbert 69, Robert McGregor 63, Blue Bull 60, Strathmore 59, Sidney 54, Belmont 54, Pilot Medium 51, Gambetta Wilkes 50, Dictator 50. Gambetta Wilkes and Sidney, both foaled in 1881, are the youngest sires in this select list, and both have largely gained their reputations by the speed shown by the pacers they have begotten. As far as relates to the string of pacers, Sidney leads with 24, followed by Alcantara and Gambetta Wilkes with 21 each, Red Wilkes with 20, Nutwood with 18 and Onward with 15, while Electioneer with 1 and Robert McGregor with 2 have the smallest number in their lists. With the single exception of Blue Bull, every one of the sires that have got more than 50 standard performers trace to Hambletonian. Five are sons of the old horse and four of George Wilkes, while eight of the 16 have records better than 2:30. Belmont, Red Wilkes and Onward are out of mares by Mambrino Chief, Dictator and Robert McGregor out of mares by American Star, Nutwood and Pilot Medium out of mares by Pilot Jr. A comparison of these statistics with those given elsewhere relating to the families most prolific of producing mares shows that breeders are profiting greatly by experience and more closely restricting their selections to certain lines of blood.—Horseman.