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LAPORTE HORSE NOW OWNED BY CLEMENT STUDEBAKER.

RACES CREATE ENTHUSIASM

Brilliant Work of Rotha J. and Victory of Allen Over Ions are Surprises—Good Card for Friday.

As a fitting climax to the third annual meeting of the South Bend Driving club came the announcement last night that Billy H., Laporte's king of the snow path and still yesterday the champion of northern Indiana, would remain in South Bend instead of returning to his former home, the bay gelding having become the property of Clement Studebaker, who purchased him from the estate of the late William Hall, for a consideration of $600. The announcement was made at the banquet which followed the races, by Roy "Hun" Line, the young Laporte horseman who made Billy H. what he is to-day.

The defeat of Billy H by Rotha J. was the greatest event of the meeting and it was the sole topic of discussion among the horsemen of this and surrounding cities throughout the afternoon and evening. This event too, was the attraction which drew the majority of the 2,500 people to the Colfax avenue speedway for every person with a love for fast horses realized that the fight among Rotha J, Billy H and Ormonde would be the last contest of the series of winter meetings being held in South Bend. For two years South Bend men labored in vain to find a horse who could take the measure of the Laporte horse and for two years they have met with success they are happy enough to vote John C. Barrett, the owner, a medal.

How Rotha J. Won.

This big event of the day was a real surprise. Rothat J. was not the favorite and if South Bend had picked the winner they centered their hopes on Ormonde, Rotha's mate.

To make the race more interesting and to bring out the best qualities of the crack trio of horses, they were driven by professionals. The celebrated Hal Dillon was given the reins over Rotha's horse, Harry Hoffman handled the reins for Oscar and Hun Line pilloted Billy H. The first heat furnished a splendid finish, Rotha J. winning by a head after Billy H. had crossed the wire H. had surprising his own way. Barrett's horse finishing a poor third because of a broken check. In the third heat Rotha J came down the stretch at her best and finished over the line 20 feet in the lead.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of the pinchy little Ions formerly queen of the Chicago snow path. Although driven in excellent style by her owner, Clement Studebaker, the Laporte horse could not do second to Allen, who made his first appearance on the course this winter. The race went to O. W. Herrold's horse in straight heats, Ions getting second both times and Paul Onward, owned by Warde L. Mack, taking third.

Greene Fares Poorly.

H. L. Greene, who has made many appearances on the speedway this and other seasons driver in South Bend, of this part of the state had a bad day of it and he took his failure to land better than a third in a graceful manner. Greene drove Ions, Billy H., Mary J. C. Elsworth's Hubbard, driven by Dr. W. A. Wickham and Garwood's Riley Wilkes both passed his Rowena; in the fourth his bay mare was beaten by Ormonde, driven by Ben Gentry while A. W. Lobbinghof's Inlins and Col. George M. Studebaker's Dora M took first and second place.

The stallion race, won by Tony Hill furnished a good quality of sport and brought out a hard fight between Hill, Ormonde and Billy H. Gentry's Hill. The latter won the first heat, finished third in the second and got back as far as second in the third. In the two final heats Tony Hill came down the stretch in a whirlwind finish and approached the line winner, he was greeted with cheers.

The sixth race did not develop into the warm contest that the enthusiasts had looked for and Robbie Lee had no trouble in beating Wilkes Gentry and Dora M.

The summaries were as follows:

FIRST RACE.

Hubbard, blk g (Wickham) J. C. Barrett 1 1
Rowena, b m (H. G. Garwood) 2 2
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SECOND RACE.

Hazel K, blk m (Dr. W. B. Kimer) 1
Johnny O., b g (J. C. Barrett) 2
Ruby Wilkes, b m (Riley Wilkes) 3
Wedding Chimes, b g (Dr. R. M. McDonald) 4

THIRD RACE.

Allen, br g (Herrold) 1 1
Ions, blk m (C. Studebaker) 2 2
Paul Onward, b g (Mitchell W. L.) 3 3
Mack 4 4

FOURTH RACE.

Rotha J, b m (McMahon) J. C. Barrett 1 1
Billy H., b g (H. Line) 2 2
Oscar, b g (Hoffman) H. M. Johnson 3 3

SIXTH RACE.

Tonsetor, b m (Col. G. M. Studebaker) 1
Blossom, b m (Dr. W. A. Wickham) 2
Inlins, b g (J. C. Barrett) 3

SEVENTH RACE.

Somersbeck's Pride, br g (A. Somersbeck) 1 1
Rapsodo, b g (C. M. MacNeil) 2 2
Rapsodo, b g (C. S. Hubbard) 3 3

EIGHTH RACE.

Robert Lee, blk g (Col. Studebaker) 1
Sam Patch, b g (J. Abel) 2
Wilkes Gentry, b g (Riley Wilkes) 3

NINTH RACE.

Orr Allen, blk g (A. Somersfield) 1 1
Cris C., b m (Saul Westerveld) 2 2
Frank J., b g (I. Lower) 3 3

TENTH RACE.

Jersey Pete, g g (Sam Lesser) 1 1
Ed Lewis, b g (Dr. W. B. Kimer) 2 2
J. D. C., blk g (H. E. Kaufman) 3 3

ELEVENTH RACE.

Tony Hill, b s (Tony Lochbaum) 1 1
Jack Riley, b s (Dr. W. B. Kimer) 2 2
Capt. Tom, b s (Dr. R. M. McDonald) 3 3

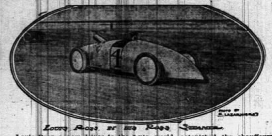
Senate of the Country.

W. K. Murphy, one of the best known horsemen in the country, H. T. White a noted harness horse authority, and Dick McMahon, who of late with the best, formed the most distinguished gathering of horsemen seen here in the city yesterday. Murphy formerly owned Rotha J. and frequently raced her on the Empire city track and the New York speedway, where she won her fame. Murphy has seen more more than hold her own on the west and south side speedways in Chicago. Mr. Barrett secured the mare through the advice of Mr. White and now holds the northern Indiana championship through the driving of Rotha J.'s former owner.

According to Chief McAvoy there is nothing blue about Barrett's place except the blue ribbon won by Rotha J.

Admirers of Allen, the horse that

THE MOST UNIQUE CAR IN THE ORMONDE AUTOMOBILE RACES.



Louis Shaw, a new driver to the 8-ate world, astonished the chauffeurs at Ormonde and Daytona by winning several races with his "freak" car, which he built at his home.

least lose, are in high glee to-day and then to a man they are boosting for the performance of their favorite. Allen was driven by F. W. Bennett, who a trotting race record of 2:19¼. Sam by Hiram Woodworth as did the last brother to Fred McCune, who turned in the fastest time of the day. Allen has been in the harness seconds in a race, 2:12, and a half in 1:05. He is a green horse without a record.

A great race is promised for next Friday when Rotha J. meets Allen and Oscar meet. It is also likely that Billy H. will again appear on the path. Friday's card will be the last appearance of Oscar for the season.

Ormonde, the Indiana horse is present in the city yesterday there is more horse enthusiasm in South Bend than in early crowds must have been recording to the population South Bend takes the lead for fast trotting horses.

South Bend will be well represented at the Indiana State Fair this year.

Following the races of the afternoon the horsemen were entertained at the ball, the spread being in charge of Chef William Hagen, who served by 17 active Turners served what was pronounced by the horsemen the finest spread ever served at the ball. The guests numbering about 250, were taken to the ballroom at 6:30 o'clock and from then on to 8 o'clock there was no cessation of the good eats. The following menu was being served to the orchestra played in an adjoining room.

Pickles
Roast Beef Tongue
Potato Salad
Knockwurst
Olives
Rolls
Hiver Salad
Coffee
Cigars

The musical programme was as follows:

March, "Prodigious" ..... Powell
Overture, "Poet and Peasant" ..... Suppe
Intermezzo, "Sylvan Scenes" ..... Bachelet
Selection, "Faddists Land" ..... McCune
March, "Sons of Yale" ..... Yale
Overture, "Tell" ..... Rossini
Intermezzo, "Dance of the Sylph Lights, "Angels Whispers" ..... Lacome
Selection, "Ben Hur" ..... Van Alstyne

With the dinner over and toasts by George M. Studebaker president of the club, took the office of toastmaster and asked the following responses to toasts:

H. T. White, Mr. Murphy, Richard McMahon, of Chicago; J. C. Barrett, John C. Decker, John Kelly, Dr. A. McDonald, Dr. F. H. Carson, Dr. Wickham, Dr. Kimer, Dr. Hubbard, Dr. Lobbinghof, Dr. Dowagiac, the Messrs. Hoyt, Schulke and Gay, of Elkhart, and Roy Line of Laporte.

Others called upon to speak were J. Mack Smith, Hiram Woodworth, Lessner, J. Abel, Mr. Mitchell, Lower, Mr. Lewis, A. A. Wickham, H. L. Greene, Charles Bechtel and Charles Kreider of South Bend, Marshall Wood, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Gentry of Laporte, Mr. Mitchell of Chicago.

Among the horsemen who became the out-of-town delegation were Mr. Tom Elliott, Bill Gardiner and Charles Stutz, of Kendallville, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. H. Bonnell, Mr. Schulke, Mr. Gay, Mr. Dowagiac, Mr. William Bieber, of Niles, James A. Kelly, of Niles, Dr. Tom McMahon and Ben Bahler of Chicago, Charles Hubbard, Eugene Lugbill, Dick Lassiter, W. Bascom, F. Hill and Roy Elliott of Dowagiac, Mich.

CENTRAL LEAGUE GOSSIP.

Jimmy Ryan to Carry 13 Men For Every Game.

Hugh Collins has at last come to an agreement with Manager Bill Hubbert of the Springfield team, and the lucky caterer is now only waiting for his contract to arrive to sign and return it.

The playing managers of the Central league teams will be as follows: Dayton, Hugh Bradley; Springfield, Dick Collins; Wheeling, Teddy Peter; Evansville, Jimmy Ryan; Grand Rapids, Bert Denzer; Fort Wayne, Jake Weyhing; Austin, Jack Warrender; South Bend, Austin Grant.

The Dayton team will be kept under secret of the fact that 12 men will be carried. Manager Bradley will be on hand when the first game takes operation, but he will be in the background and will dodge by making some of the boys do the playing manager, such as will be the title Jimmy Ryan will carry. It is a sure thing that if it works well the Dayton team will be made up of such players and this carry the colors of Evansville has 22 men under contract to follow Jimmy Ryan. Warwick, Adler, Wacker, Miller, Wheatly, Fowler, Coleman, Hoffman, Ryan, Ryan, Ryan, Ryan, Chandler, Moore and Cross, Infielders, Kelly and Conway, first base; Thum, second base; Fraser and Ryan, second, third base; Lynch, shortstop. Outfielders, Ryan, Ryan, Ryan, Ryan