

Our New York Letter.

NEW YORK, April 30, 1898.

It affords his Eastern friends great pleasure in being able to congratulate Mr. Judson K. Moore, the enterprising proprietor of the BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN, on the announcement of the engagement of his only sister, Mrs. John A. Goldsmith, to Count Henri Conrad von Rhoden-Kohsel of Hanover, Germany. The many friends of Mrs. Goldsmith in California will be pleased to learn that after visiting the estates of the Count at Hanover, it is the intention of the happy couple to return to America and make a tour of the States, visiting the Western Coast.

Springfield, the noted English running sire, died recently at Newmarket. He was foaled in 1873 and was the sire of Sainfoin, a Derby winner.

The estate of the late Edmund Tattersall is valued at \$500,000.

The old Guttenberg race track in New Jersey, in spite of its dilapidated condition, has assumed a busy aspect, so many trotting trainers having availed themselves of its accommodations and close proximity to this city. Seven strings are already there in training and "there are others" coming.

The Treasurer's report of the American Trotting Register Association shows an income above expenses.

It is said about 7,000 mares have been exported from this country since January.

Mr. Harriman has quoted to Europeans \$15,000 for Onoqua, 2:08½.

The horsemen of Orange County are congratulating themselves that General Tracy has decided to occupy the Stony Ford Stock Farm, recently owned by Charles Backman, the birth place of Electioneer.

A continuous rain of five days has insured fine crops for the coming season. We regret that human agency is unable to transfer the large excess to the suffering farmers of the Golden State. Prime hay can now be purchased here for \$7.00 per ton.

The bill recently introduced at Albany in relation to "ringing" has become a law. The penalty is not less than \$500 fine nor more than one year imprisonment.

Very many of the managers of Eastern tracks this season will require all drivers to wear colors and all grooms to wear neat uniforms, or appropriately attired. It would be well for the Western tracks to follow this example.

Marcus Daly's Limerick, 2:19½, and E. Harriman's Elsie S. 2:24½ are matched for \$2,500 a side at the Orange county meeting August 23th-26th at Gohen. They are three-year-olds.

Sir Walter is en route from Kentucky to Morris Park.

War talk does not appear to effect the price of horses materially. On Monday, Shot and Cannon, 2:35½, trotting bred geldings brought \$2,100.

Nellie Haldine 2:20½, died at Parkville in foaling twins to Stranger, and Anna B dam of Limerick, 2:19½, died recently from same cause.

A dealer has been imprisoned in Boston for one year for swindling in a horse trade. The jails are being enlarged in view of this decision.

The New Orleans starting gate is being used at Aqueduct and is spoken of very highly by horsemen.

Richard Croker has sailed for England to look after his racers.

Nothing new has been produced at any of the play houses during the week. Patriotic skits are introduced wherever there is a place for them and are applauded. In the second act of "La Poupee" at Daly's among the dolls introduced "an Uncle Sam doll, and the doll maker himself (James T. Powers) is costumed somewhat as Uncle Sam.

Mrs. McKinley witnessed "Way Down East" at the Manhattan on Tuesday evening. Her box was beautifully decorated with ferns. When she entered the lobby every head was uncovered, the entire audience rose to its feet, and the orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner." In the second act representing a new Hampshire home, a portrait of President McKinley was hanging on the wall and the audience again delayed the performance by repeated cheers.

The case of Hansen Fiske, editor of the Dramatic Mirror was ended Wednesday. He was sued for libel by the theatrical trust and fined \$300 each on two counts.

The New York baseball team are repeating history, and stand ninth in the list. Cincinnati at the head.

Yousouf, the terrible Turk, is the favorite in the wrestling contest with Roebert this evening at 10 to 8. The Turk has bet a case of wine against a package of cigarettes that he will win a fall in five minutes. He had an easy task in the contest before.

Dr. Wm. Nassiss, of Brooklyn, has lost his Great Dane dog Sidney. In an encounter in the hallway of the doctor's residence with Caesar, during a terrible fight he succeeded in seizing the latter by the throat and had to be shot in order to save the life of Caesar. Five bullets were lodged in the brute's head and he rolled over dead. The dead dog's jaws had to be pried open in order to release his victim. The dogs were valued at \$1,000.

Lotta is coming back to the stage and will take part in the Professional Woman's League Minstrel Show, at Olympia, May 12th. Many prominent actresses will appear in burnt cork for the benefit of their projected club house.

Oscar Hammerstein has written a play which he says is a "truly burlesque." Poor Oscar's ventures of late partake of that nature.

J. O. M.

Two Good Green Ones.

On the Eastern circuit this year, in the string of Andy McDowell will be a four-year-old chestnut mare called Dolly Marshutz, that has never as yet faced the starter. She is by Charles Derby out of Lassie Jean, by Brigadier, second dam the thoroughbred mare, Lexington Belle, by Lexington, third dam the great mare Eagle, by Glencoe, the dam of the great race mare, Lizzie Luca, and others. Dolly Marshutz was bred by Mr. A. G. Gurnett of this city, owner of the Sulphur Springs Stock Farm, who sold her to McDowell & Wise last Saturday at Pleasanton for \$1,500, stipulating in the bill of sale that the mare shall bear the name he has bestowed upon her if she is raced. She has not been worked to any great extent, but on Saturday morning at Pleasanton went a mile handily in 2:15, and a quarter in 31 seconds. She is perfectly level-headed and is as game as anyone would expect her to be with the large amount of long-distance thoroughbred blood she carries in her veins.

Mr. Gurnett has a colt by Nutwood Wilkes out of the dam of this mare that is looked upon at Pleasanton as the probable champion three-year old of 1898. In the Special Department of this paper a few weeks ago Mr. Simpson published a picture of this colt coming down the stretch, over the caption, "The coming champion—'Who Is It?'" So pleased was Mr. Gurnett with the name thus suggested that he has given the colt the title and has already entered him in the State Fair colt stakes as "Who Is It." He will enter him at the Breeders Meeting and also at Los Angeles and at other places on the California circuit where races may be given this year. Mr. Gurnett says he is as fast as his four-year-old half sister. Both are square trotters and very steady and reliable in their work.

As we go to press Messrs McDowell & Wise are negotiating with Mr. Gurnett for "Who Is It," and it may be that he will also be in their string this year. We had hoped that Mr. Gurnett would retain this fellow as we feel certain his performances will add lustre to the California records if he is raced here, but if he should go East he will be in good hands and will add still further to California's fame as a horse breeding State.

The Horse Owners' Opportunity.

The little meeting held in Pleasanton last Saturday (it was big in attendance) was the cause of several trotters and pacers being sold at good prices—some of them bringing four figures. The Breeders meeting which will open at Oakland, June 25th, is your opportunity to earn some money if you have a horse that can trot or pace, and wish to race him, and will also give you a splendid chance to find a buyer if you want to sell. Any horse owner who has a good horse cannot make a better investment than naming said horse in his class at the Breeders meeting.

That the attendance of the opening day will be beyond anything seen on trotting tracks in California in recent years we feel certain and good, square contests will increase the public patronage. By scanning the programme for the first two weeks as published in the BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN it will be seen that races are provided for all classes of trotters and pacers, and the dash system will permit horses to be started every other day without injury to them, thus increasing greatly the opportunity of earning money. There are buyers now for every horse in California that has size, style, soundness and speed, and they are willing to pay good prices. No better opportunity to show your horse can be found than that afforded by the Breeders meeting. Enter your horse and thus add to his value in more ways than one. The entries close June 1st, with F. W. Kelly, Secretary, 22½ Geary street, San Francisco.

The Denver Meeting.

Forty thousand dollars. Purées of \$500 or \$1,000 for trotters and pacers. Twenty-six classes provided for. Five per cent to enter and five per cent from money winners. This is the program arranged by the Overland Trotting and Running Association for its meeting which begins at Denver June 11th. There will be three running races each day. The entries to the trotting and pacing events close May 15th. Bear the date in mind, and get your entries mailed in time. The meeting will be a great success if all signs do not fail and California horses will carry away their share of the money.

THE French Government has put a duty of \$40 per head upon all foreign horses imported to that country. This will make little difference with choice trotters and high class carriage horses, but it will stop the trade in general purpose stock. Fortunately there are other markets.

ALTHOUGH this is a dry year and some are complaining of business being dull, the well-known harness manufacturer, J. A. McKerron, of this city, has no idle time on his hands just now. At his factory, 203 Mason street, his employees are working over-time every evening to fill the many orders that he is receiving from the East and from various localities in this State. An order for a large number of track harness received a few days ago from Marcus Daly is not only evidence that Mr. Daly knows where to send when he wants the best, but it is also evidence that the light harness horse still receives a considerable share of that well-known breeder's attention. The Daly horses will campaign on the eastern circuit, but they will wear California harness and boots.

ALLEN LOWE, who is pretty fair at predicting, thinks that Nico, 2:16½, as a three-year-old will be the fastest trotter out this year. Nico was foaled in 1894, and is by Arion 2:07½, his dam being Maggie Sultan 2:30 by Sultan, second dam Maggie Prescott by Jim Monroe. Nico was bred by J. Malcolm Forbes. Nothing would please Californians more than to have the greatest trotter of 1898 a son of Arion, a California bred horse whose two-year-old record of 2:10½ has never been equaled by any horse of that age.

WHEN a young horse sells for \$975 on account of style, and when a stag brings \$3,000 on the same score, it is poor policy to longer ignore the demands of a critical but profitable market. The first animal was sired by Dr. Herr, a good son of Mambrino Patcher, and sold for what he could "show." The second horse, an eleven-year-old son of Alroy, by Almont, had done stud service, and could out-hackney any hackney ever shown on the Chicago market.

ONE year from now, says the Chino Champion, good horses will undoubtedly command higher prices than they have for many years. This season is going to compel people to dispose of a very surplus horse they can in some way. Many will go to the fertilizer works and many others will doubtless go to ranges where they will die of want. Only the best horses will be fed \$20 hay, and if next winter gives a normal rainfall it will mark an upward tendency in the horse market.

C. L. HELM, of Ellensburg, Washington, recently shipped a cargo of horses to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. The horses were roadsters and Percherons. He had a contract for the Percherons at from \$400 to \$450 per span according to size, for those weighing 1,300 pounds he will get \$225 a head.

KLAMATH is in the very pink of condition down at Santa Ana. His owner and driver, Mr. Judd, is getting him ready for the eastern circuit. Klamath has gone an eighth in 13½ seconds more than once during the last two weeks, if the Santa Ana papers have not got their figures mixed.

THE Burr bill, having for its object the punishment of ringers, passed the New York Senate, and was signed by the Governor last week.

ANTELOPE, Oregon, is to have a half-mile track, and a fair and race meeting will be held there this fall.

"Works Like Magic."

Mr. F. G. Bartlett, of Fort Plain, N. Y., manager of W. J. Arkell's stables, writes as follows: "Through the advice of W. B. Fasig, of Cleveland, I was induced to use Quinn's Ointment on a case of curbs on a two-year-old Nutwood colt, and am now pleased to say they have disappeared, and no indications of ever returning. I cheerfully recommend Quinn's Ointment to every one." For curbs, splints, spavins, windpuffs and all bunches it has no equal. Price, \$1.50. If you cannot obtain it at your druggist, address W. B. Eddy & Co., Whitehall, N. Y.

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