

STATE FAIR PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN.

The Outlook Promising for a Good Exhibition.

There Will be a Fine Pavilion Display and a Racing Programme of Rare Attraction.

Local Directors Cox and Hancock and Secretary Smith of the State Board of Agriculture are busy as nailers these days preparing for the annual State Fair, which will open in this city on the 3d of September.

"Yes," replied Secretary Smith yesterday, when asked if the outlook for a good fair was encouraging, "the prospect is that we will have as attractive an exhibition as in any past year. Indeed, I don't know but it will exceed in merit many of our more meritorious fairs. It certainly will possess many features very different from anything heretofore seen here, and as novelties as what the people want, this year's fair ought to attract a large attendance and give the best of satisfaction.

"Some people," added the Secretary, "are always looking on the darker side of everything, and frequently men who come here express doubts of the success of the coming fair simply because the big Midwinter Fair closed only recently, and they take it for granted that the people are weary of fairs.

"Now, in my opinion these doubters are awfully off. The same pessimistic prophecies were made when the San Francisco Fair was first talked of. So many persons had visited the World's Fair in Chicago that it was by many believed to be the utmost folly to attempt to carry out the plans for the Midwinter Fair, but what was the result? Why, the World's Fair only seemed to have given the people an appetite for more of the same sort, and the San Francisco Exposition was a great success, financially and otherwise.

"There is an old saying that one can have too much of a good thing, but experience has shown that it does not hold true in regard to fairs. Give the people something attractive and instructive to look upon, and they generally respond. This we are trying our utmost to do this year, and, as I said before, the outlook for success is most flattering.

"Rare music alone," continued Mr. Smith, "will attract many thousands to the pavilion, and this year we are going to give the people an opportunity to daily and nightly hear the greatest band ever heard on the coast—the famous Cassara Band, that attracts to the fair the thousands of people to the Midwinter Fair. Then we are to have some of the rarest foreign exhibits shown at that fair, and, above all, the best of the paintings that grace the walls of the Fine Arts building. It seems to me that such attractions as these ought to insure an unusually large attendance from all over the State.

"Some people," he said, "in the country haven't any money to spend for amusement, but I have never known them to hold back on this account when a circus comes along, and, by the same token, 'three-rings-in-one' show they had seen year after year. The truth is the farming community are not all hard up, and as they appreciate a good thing as keenly as any other class of people, you'll find that they will come to the State Fair.

"Another thing," added Secretary Smith, in conclusion, "the day time admission fee to the pavilion this year will be only one-half what it formerly was—twenty-five cents, instead of a half-dollar. And then there will be some of the best racing ever witnessed on the coast. Look at the way the young trotters and pacers are going at the district fairs this summer. Why, such time as they are making would, a few years ago, have been the whole nation, and Californians have a keen relish for good racing.

"Quite a number of men are at work getting the pavilion in readiness for exhibitors, and several enterprising firms are already engaged in putting up fine displays.

Trotting and Pacing Starters. Final payments have been made on the following horses in the Occident and Trotting and Pacing circuit sweepstakes for the State Fair of 1894:

OCCIDENT STAKE. Palo Alto's Aria, by Bernal-Ashby, by General Benton. Williams and Morabouse's Silver Note, by Silver Bow-Maud Singleton, by Singleton.

TWO-YEAR-OLD TROTTING STAKE (2:40 CLASS.) W. S. Severance's La Belle, by Sidney Anna Belle. M. O. Bowers' Worthwood, by Cornelius Belle Mac.

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Jesse D. Carr's Genevieve, by Engineer-Flossie, by Carr's Mambino. Vendome Stock Farm's John Bury, by Antinous-Muldoon, by George M. Patchen, Jr.

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Oakwood Park Stock Farm's W. W. Foote, by Steinyaw-Maggie McGregor, by Robert McGregor. S. W. Aldrich's Lou Lane, by Cour D'Alme-Bentley, by Altamont.

Ed Pickett's Hendoo, by Prompter-Viken, by Privateer. THREE-YEAR-OLD PACING STAKE (2:20 CLASS.) Oakwood Park Stock Farm's Amazon, by Charles Derby-Princess, by Antego.

B. F. Langford's Prince Nutwood, by Dexter Prince-Luelia, by Nutwood. EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Correspondence of Interest to the General Public. Under this heading the RECORD-UNION will publish short letters from correspondents on topics of interest to the general public. The matter in these communications will be understood to represent only the views of the writer. All communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication unless desired, but as a guarantee of good faith.—Eva.

State Support, Taxation and Decline in Values. EDS. RECORD-UNION: Referring to an article in the RECORD-UNION of August 9th I notice that County Auditors are behind time, awaiting the State Board of Equalization's report. I find further on in the same article that a large proportion of the County Assessors report great depreciation of value of all kinds of property in this State during the past year, and they mentioned that they approximate 25 per cent. Now, I take it for granted that the towns, counties and the State must collect a certain sum annually in taxes to meet certain fixed salaries of officers. Now the assessment is lower than in the past, and the amount of tax is higher, or is there surplus on hand to meet the deficiency? Or, will the towns, counties or State issue bonds, and later have the people to pay it with interest? I wish to be enlightened, because I am aware that earthquakes, torridness, officers' salaries and death we cannot avoid? I am of the opinion that any law that will pre-

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