

HERE ARE THE TIPS

Some Interesting Facts for You To

REMEMBER AT THE RACES

The Great Ones That Will Compete for the Prizes—Men That Win Races and Records.

Today will witness the opening at Comstock park of the second meeting of the western southern circuit. The first of the series was held at Sturgis last week and was a great success in spite of a new and snaky track, and of the fact that many of the greatest horses of the country, which are now here, were engaged in the grand circuit races at Buffalo or in the west. While others had taken a week off after the Cleveland meeting, Hal Pointer and Direct went last week the fastest race ever paced over a regulation track, and as it was the first race of the year for both, and will edge them up for faster time, there is little doubt but that a new race record may be looked for on Wednesday when the mighty pair come together. They have met four times and each has defeated the other twice. Hal Pointer will start a big favorite, but remember that the Comstock track is much superior to that at Buffalo and it should not rain enough between now and Wednesday to make it heavy the little black stallion will be apt to down the big gelding from Tennessee. Direct's peculiar gait and snaky pace make it quite possible to go on as soft a track as his long-legged, flat-footed rival, so the question of which will be the winner depends largely on the condition of the footing. But don't think for a moment that there are no other great ones fast at the track. Hal Pointer has a diminutive stable companion called Robert J that has already taken a race record of 2:04, made in a race with Flying Jib, 2:07, last week at Buffalo. They will meet again at this meeting and it is quite favorable that 2:07 will be beaten in the race. There are two other great sideliners to start at this meeting, Export Prince, 2:13, and May Wonder, 2:14, and there are two more that no one is speaking of that can beat this great pair like breaking dry sticks.

Better Than With Him. The great stallion race will be more of a contest than it would have been if Allerton had stood up to come to the score, as then it would have been anything to beat the champion, while now every driver will be against the great and the best horse will win. Labasco will probably be the favorite before the race on the strength of what he showed in his race with Allerton at Davenport last week, but the race will not be given him until he has made a new race record for such a horse. The great Cauck stallion Alvin, 2:14, always a hard horse to defeat, and don't think Mr. Salisbury will not be able to show some speed with his entry, Steve Whipple, which he brought from California on purpose to start in the big stake. Don't forget, too, the Ed Gray, the silent man from Tennessee, has Fred S Wilks in this race, and this one-eyed roan stallion is hot goods in any company. Budd Doble has Evelyn in this race, and as Budd has set his heart on winning this race, and as his horse is four times split six he will go some that day. You remember Harry Noble, the big bay stallion that won the 2:16 trot so handsily the day that Allerton beat Nelson last year? Well, you remember that plenty of people said that he could have defeated Nelson that day himself? He will be in the big stake and he won't be behind the money. Today or tomorrow Roy Wilks, 2:08, next to Direct, 2:06, the fastest pacing stallion in the world, will be exhibited in a genuine hallooing jumping game sulky, the second one of the connected. The other so-called pneumatic are only ordinary sulky with a bicycle wheel attachment. Many people are as much interested in seeing the great drivers as the horses they ride behind. Nearly all the great trainers will be present. Doble, the "old marshall," who was first known to fame as the pilot of Dexter, 2:17, the world's record on it was made as Buffalo in 1920. Dexter was purchased that day by Robert Bonner, and when Bush, then a lad of seventeen, drove the white-legged brown gelding to his record, Mr. Bonner, in response to repeated calls, came into the stand and said: "Ladies and gentlemen: Yesterday I saw the greatest wonder in the world, Niagara Falls. "I could not pin this that, but today I have purchased the second greatest wonder, Dexter, 2:17." Doble has some Robinsons, a last mile behind Goldsmith Maid, 2:14, and Nancy Hawks, 2:14, and others, and his horse to ride his last mile behind the latter at this meeting.

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John H. Goldsmith, the Snapper (Governor of the trotting turf, it were with the barbed string from San Mateo, Cal., and "Dentistman George" Starr with the Pleasant Farm stable, Ed Geers, "the silent man from Tennessee" has the largest stable of trotters and pacer ever campaigned by one man, the famous Flying Fair at Buffalo. He has the champion pole team, Globe and Bella Hamilton, and these with Justina make the famous triple team with a record of 2:14 made at Cleveland last year. Orrin Hickok, the "Tiptop of the turf," has come from the land of the setting sun with a great string of trotters from which he hopes to select one that will be as good as his old favorite, the famous record breaker, St. Julien, 2:11. Out west they speak that Myron McHenry is the greatest race driver on earth, and he pulls off the money leads to the belief that they are not very far from right.

Today Arno, 2:10, at two years, and said for \$25,000, will be shown on the track by Mr. Macrin. The stakes will be the three-minute trot for a \$2,000 purse, with an extra, with \$500 extra if 2:14 is beaten, the 2:40 pace with

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The Decorations Are Profuse and Costly—The Next Grand Commander to Be Hugh McCurdy.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 8.—Still the crowds continue to pour into the city. They came in today at the rate of 1,000 an hour and the streets of the city were jammed tonight. Everybody is out viewing the illuminations, the electric lights having been turned on for the first time tonight. There are 100,000 incandescent lights of all varieties and arranged in all sorts of designs, notably the Knights Templar and Masonic emblems. These are especially unique and beautiful. The commanderies are still rapidly arriving and the last of them will not come till tomorrow morning, but all expect to be on hand for the parade. This will be the feature of the week. There will be 30,000 uniformed knights in line. Of these California No. 1 will make one of the most striking appearances. They will have 100 men all mounted on black horses, the control of which is the part of their display having been against a year ago and the agreement being to furnish any number of horses not exceeding 200. The parade will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and will not be concluded for over six hours.

A Genuine Holiday Scene. There will be 500 bands in the line and all the best bands in the country; for all the commanderies pride themselves on this feature of their battalions. Tonight they are giving concerts in different parts of the city, notably at state and club headquarters. It is a genuine holiday scene which the streets present tonight. There were two disappointing things to many today. The slower in the afternoon was a sad blow to many of the decorations. The streets are all paved with asphalt and scrubbed clean, however, and this prevented any mud or dirt from the streets and the marching of the hosts continued. The other disappointment was to those who had counted on taking part in the competitive drill Wednesday. It was an order from Grand Master Cushing directing that the drill be declared off. There were two suggestions of harmony exclusively and was at the suggestion of knights of prominence. The handsome silver prizes which are offered by the chamber of commerce will not be kept. They will go to some drill squad. It may be decided during the parade tomorrow and it may be Thursday. In any event the prize will be bestowed at a time when it is not being especially contested for. The exhibition drill will be given Thursday and all will participate.

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