

RACING MEN ARE LOOKING FORWARD EAGERLY TO THE GREAT SUBURBAN HANDICAP TO BE RUN THIS WEEK.

THE GREAT SUBURBAN.

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING BIG RACE AT SHEEPSHEAD BAY.

IMPROVEMENTS OF CONEY ISLAND JOCKEY CLUB-ENTRIES FOR FIRST DAY OF JUNE MEETING.

Now that the Brooklyn Handicap has been run at Gravesend, the owners, trainers and backers of the famous runners of the season are waiting with eager expectancy the outcome of the Suburban next Saturday, which opens the June meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club, at Sheepshead Bay.



MEN PROMINENT AT THE OPENING OF THE CONEY ISLAND JOCKEY CLUB'S JUNE MEETING.

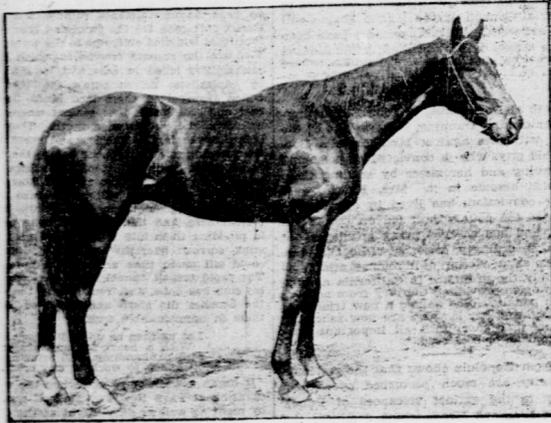
1, Frank T. Clarke, superintendent of the track; 2, Arthur Featherstone, owner of Reina; 3, William C. Whitney, owner of Blue Girl; 4, William Kissam Vanderbilt, president of the club; 5, Cornelius Fel-lows, secretary; 6, Clarence Hungerford Mackay, who has entered five horses for the Suburban.

ROYALTY AT THE ASCOT.

THE MOST CHARACTERISTICALLY ENGLISH PAGEANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

Near half a century has elapsed since royalty attended the Ascot races in full state, and those who in the last forty years of the reign of Queen Victoria have witnessed each June the so-called semi-state procession of the Prince of Wales and his consort from the country seat which they had happened to have rented for the week to the course can derive therefrom no idea of the picturesque pageantry which formerly characterized this particular meeting, and which will be revived a few days hence by King Edward VII. The last occasion on which there was a full state attendance of the reigning family at Ascot was in 1857, when the observed of all observers in the Queen's procession were her eldest daughter, the late Empress Frederick, and the latter's fiancé, who still lives in the hearts of the German people as "Unser Fritz."

Up to that time the Queen and the Prince Consort were in the habit of entertaining a large



DIXIELINE.

A heavy blow to the tipsters, these industrious and persistently hopeful individuals have been busy for more than a week, and even at this early date are giving the nudge as to this or that candidate as being "a good thing."

Out of a list of fifty-eight entries it is estimated by the officials of the Coney Island Jockey Club that about eighteen horses will start. It is regarded as a most promising field, and Frank T. Clarke, superintendent of the Sheepshead Bay track, said yesterday:

"The outlook for the Suburban, as well as for the entire racing season at the Sheepshead track, is the most promising for years. Racing has taken a boom this year, and the interest and activity displayed by owners, trainers and every one else associated with the sport are phenomenally keen. In anticipation of the bigger crowds which I believe will attend the races at Sheepshead this year, extensive improvements are being made and larger accommodations are being provided."

According to the officials of the club, the list of probable starters is as follows:

Table listing names of horses and their owners/trainers, such as F. C. McLewee & Co., Gold Heels, and others.

or twenty starters. As can be seen from the list printed below, there has already been an elimination of more than forty horses from the original entries. Of these only seven have been officially declared out of the contest. The other horses which have been stricken from the list have not been in training for the contest, and are not generally regarded as candidates. The horses actually declared out are Banastar, Watercolor, Garry Hermann, Dr. Barlow, Black Fox, Lancelano, Maximo and Emporium.

Gold Heels has been specially trained for the race, and will be heavily backed. Blues, who was such a favorite in the Brooklyn Handicap, although he failed to run up to expectations, is a colt which usually improves with work and is strong of heart. Some time before the Brooklyn Handicap was run his trainer seemed to have the impression that Blues would not give a good account of himself in that race, for he said afterward that he would not want to see the horse. At any rate, Blues will be a strong choice if he goes to the post.

Early in the season it was thought that Bally-hoo Bey, who suffered from a severe attack of influenza last year, was sound and well again. In his true condition the horse is one of the kings of the turf, but it seems as if the slowest of the slow could now outfoot him and give him a severe beating. He has started several times this sea-

W. H. Laudeman, is a high class performer in public, and has run some excellent races on a sloppy as well as a dry track. He is a son of Hanover, and the bookmakers are not likely to bettle his chances.

Nearly all the horses in the stable of J. G. Follansbee seem to be in the pink of condition, and Rehampton, the stable's candidate, from his record, is one of the most consistent performers. He won seven straight races last year over a dry track, and finished either first, second or third in every race he started except two.

It is the opinion of some shrewd judges that Advance Guard has had a hard season already, by this strain. His recent performances at Gravesend have disappointed his backers.

Reina, the winner of the Brooklyn Handicap, has to pay the penalty of twelve extra pounds in the Suburban. Julius Bauer, her trainer, is now training her with special care for that contest, and she will go to the post heavily backed.

Dublin has been performing well recently, and, though the odds against his chances are likely to be long, this will not cause his admirers to forsake him. He is owned by the Goughacres Stable, and it is a peculiar coincidence of turf history that this stable has won many important stake races and handicaps with horses who were not decided favorites.

The Brooklyn contingent will once more undoubtedly back Oom Paul, from the stable of Jacob Worth, to win the race. In the words of the "railbirds," he is a "morning glory," just now, as he has performed better in trials than in public.

such favorites as Blues and Advance Guard. In that handicap also the public had further surprises in the ability of Pentecost to win the show money, with the sturdy Advance Guard second.

"Jack" Joyner, the trainer of Hermin, who has now been withdrawn from the Suburban, said the other day that from the present outlook he would not be surprised to see the unexpected happen again in the Suburban of 1902. Other trainers also acknowledge that they have a similar feeling, and for this reason the interest in the race this year has become phenomenally great. The Suburban is so much more than that of the Brooklyn, the uncertainty appears to be even greater than was noticeable in that race.

Ever since its inception in 1884 the Suburban has been a society as well as a sporting event. It has been attended by many of the leading families of the city, who even delay their departure from the city for the summer until this race has been run and won. W. K. Vanderbilt is the president of the Coney Island Jockey Club, under whose auspices the Sheepshead Bay racecourse is managed. Cornelius Fellows is the secretary, and John H. Bradford the treasurer of the association. Prominent among those who are expected to attend the race are William C. Whitney, Clarence H. Mackay, August Belmont, Perry Belmont and J. E. Haggin. Whatever may be the weather, and however the track may be, the throngs which attend the Suburban each year are always distinctively characteristic of this particular occasion. The costumes on the grand stand, if the day should happen to be



TRAINER "TOM" WELCH.

He believes he will win the Suburban with Frank Farrell's "Blues."

Should he run up to his form he will be a hard horse to beat.

The best three-year-old filly of the season is Blue Girl, from the Whitney stable. She is being trained by Madden. Blue Girl is in light, and there are many turfmen who think that at the weights the prize is in easy reach.

Despite the heavy backing and past performances of racehorses, the chances of a comparatively unknown horse winning the race should never be overlooked. There are many turfmen who have been saying the last few days that they would not be surprised if a dark horse showed up as the winner of the Suburban. Among the probable starters who will not be favorites, but who may cause a sensational surprise, there are a dozen horses.

Pentecost, who caused such a surprise in the Brooklyn Handicap, Sadie S., who "overturned the grandstand" a week ago Saturday, and Toddy are all expected to start, with the belief of their backers that they will again do something remarkable. Other horses which have their particular admirers are Monograph and Argregor, the Western colts; His Eminence and Kamara, who are likely to represent the Mackay stable, inasmuch as Heno has been withdrawn from the American Derby; Water-cure, the Rhymer, Carbuncle, Chilton, Dixieline, Fly Wheel, Slipthrift and Northern Star. In the last few days Contend is making remarkable progress in his preparation for the race, and winning peculiar favor among the "railbirds."

In order to ascertain what horses have been withdrawn since the original entries, a comparison must be made between the schedule printed above and the one below, which gives the full list of horses originally entered for the race:

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one of those "rare days" such as Lowell has written about, create the particular edicts of fashion which are to be followed by the elect for the season.

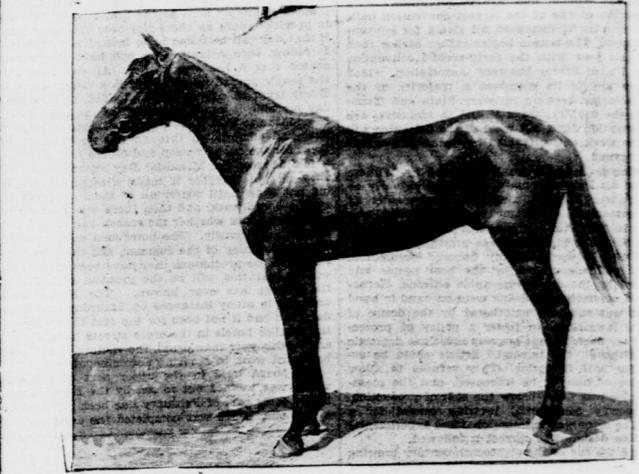
Because of the short vision of the weather prophets it is impossible to learn even from these altogether not infallible prophecies what will be the color of the sky next Saturday, but it is to be hoped the day will not be a repetition as regards the weather of the Suburban of last year. Then a keen, damp wind chilled the throng of spectators, although by no means affecting their spirits, and it made something of a mockery of the costumes of the women. But the crowd was characteristic of the day, as it always is, despite the weather.

The Suburban marks the opening of the Sheepshead Bay meeting, and the race of next Saturday marks the twenty-second year of the existence of this famous racecourse. The Suburban became the opening feature of the June meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club, however, in 1884, or four years after the track was laid out. In the days of the first Suburban the grounds were considerably smaller than the present holdings of the club, and consisted of only 200 acres, with grandstand accommodations for about three thousand people. At the present time the club has an inclosure of 500 acres and the grandstand has seats for the entire throng of thousands of persons. In anticipation of the still greater crowds of this year, the management has increased the field stand by one-half its length, and has added thirty feet to the betting ring. It is expected that as many as forty thousand persons will go down next Saturday to see the Suburban.

As even a casual observer may see from a seat on the grandstand, the Sheepshead Bay track is distinguished, aside from its size and its picturesque location, by reason of the colony of stables which have been built up around it. With the opening of the present season several new stables have been added to the number surrounding the track, so that they now aggregate about sixty. The stables are remarkable for the lavish expenditure which has been made in their construction and equipment, and each is surrounded by a high wall, and the stables of J. E. Madden, the "permanent population" of the track in the racing season is more than a thousand. One may see the roofs of these stables stretching around the track in a great semi-circle, from the extreme right, where are the stables of W. C. Whitney, the owner of the color of the day, and as he is not only training his own small army of horses, but as many more from the stables of W. C. Whitney, because of the illness of J. V. Rogers, the trainer of the Whitney horses. The Whitney stables, which are a small town in themselves, may be seen somewhat from the grandstand, but the personal efforts of such men as William K. Vanderbilt, Cornelius Fellows, John H. Bradford, James G. K. Lawrence, John G. Heckler, Frank Gray and Lawrence Kip. Many of these men have been closely identified also with the establishment of the Coney Island Jockey Club, and is also the president of the National Horse Show Association, having been elected to this office at its inception in 1888.

To repeat the record of the Sheepshead Bay track would be to tell over again a number of important chapters of turf history which are too well known to warrant repetition. In view of the fact, however, that such unusual interest is being manifested this year in the opening race of the track, the following list is given of the winners of the Suburban since its establishment:

Table listing names of horses and their owners/trainers, such as General Monroe, Troubadour, and others.



BLUES.

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The Suburban is a handicap for three-year-olds and upward. The conditions of the race are as follows:

Of \$50 each for starters, \$100 forfeit, or only \$15 if declared out by February 20. Guaranteed cash value, \$10,000, of which \$1,500 to the second and \$500 to the third. Weights to be announced February 1. Winners after announcement of weights, of two races of \$1,000 or one of \$2,000, four pounds extra; of two of \$2,000 or one of \$4,000, eight pounds extra; of three of \$2,000 or two of \$4,000 or one of \$8,000, twelve pounds extra. In the case of horses handicapped at 115 pounds or over, these penalties shall apply to the extent of one-half only, in the case of those handicapped at 122 pounds or over, to the extent of one-quarter only; and in the case of those handicapped at 130 pounds or over, they shall not apply at all. Penalties in the case of horses three years old shall not make the weight to exceed 115 pounds.

This race antedates the Brooklyn Handicap by three years and the Brighton by twelve years. It has become the most popular for the reason that it is backed by the richest sporting men of the country, and, coming later than the Gravesend racing, it attracts better seasoned horses. Of the

party of foreign and English royalties at Windsor Castle for the Ascot race week, driving every day from the castle to the course with an immense amount of pomp and picturesque magnificence. Indeed, Emperor Nicholas I of Russia was so much impressed with the splendor of the unique spectacle in 1845 that he declared his intention of presenting a gold cup every year, and continued to do so until his death. In the course of the Crimean War, in 1854. It was known in those days as the Emperor's Cup, and when in that same year Napoleon visited Ascot in state as the guest of Queen Victoria he asked to be allowed to take the place of the Muscovite monarch as annual donor of the trophy, and presented it each year until his overthrow in 1870, since which time the prize in question has been known merely as the Gold Cup, and has been paid for out of the race fund.

In those days the procession consisted of a gorgeous array of huntsmen, grooms, keepers, beaters, outriders, all in their respective state liveries, and magnificently mounted, headed by the Master of the Buckhounds, in his gala uniform of green and gold, with hunting horn and silver couples on his shoulders, followed by the splendidly appointed state carriages and four,



HERBERT.

winners of the Suburban, Pontiac and Lowlander were the only imported horses. The rest have been home bred, though several, including Salvator by Prince Charles, and Kinley Mack, by Islington, were sons of imported stallions. Nevertheless, throughout the sporting world the Suburban has come to be known as an American race for American horses. Kinley Mack is regarded as having run one of the most remarkable races from the standpoint of time, having gone the mile and a quarter in 2:06 4-5, with 125 pounds, slow going.

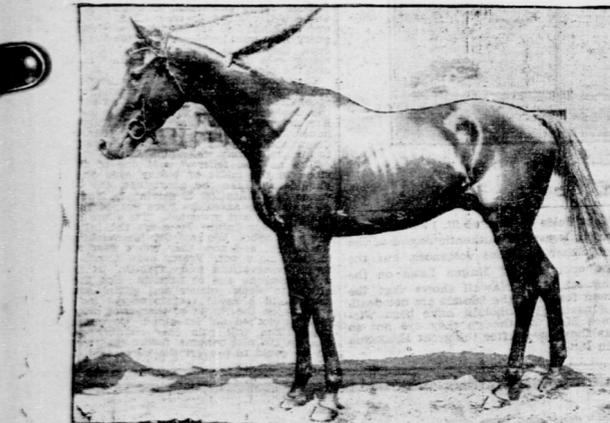
A TRUISM.

From The Philadelphia Record. When the undertaker is sent for he generally comes to grief.

OH, SO POLITE!

From The Chicago Post. "Foldest people I ever knew down in that fever and ague country," remarked the traveler. "In other places they shake hands when they greet you, but down there they shake all over."

containing first of all the dignitaries of the court, thereafter the English and foreign royalties, and lastly the Queen, her husband and any visiting sovereign, all the gentlemen being garbed either in what is known as the Windsor dress or in the uniform of their rank, and the women in their most brilliant summer toilets. Equerries, military officers and the escort of Royal Horse Guards would close the cortège, which, sweeping down the racecourse between the dense crowds of cheering people on either side, would halt in the royal inclosure. King Edward has abolished the office of Master of the Buckhounds, which formerly headed the procession, and it is understood that next week the royal cortège will be led by the Duke of Portland, who in his capacity of Master of the Horse has all things equine pertaining to the sovereign under his direction. It was King George IV who introduced the



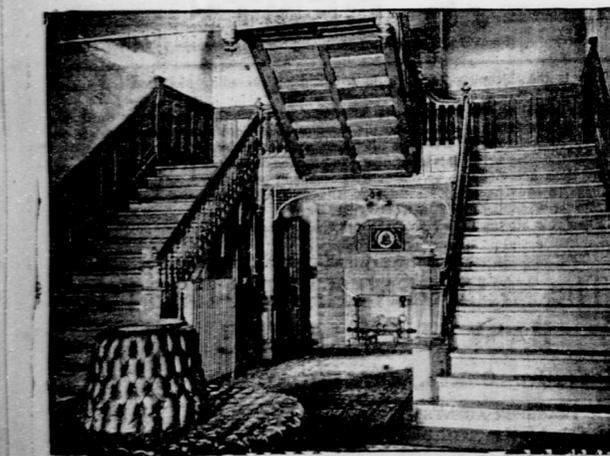
ROEHAMPTON.

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son, and in no race has he shown an inclination even to run.

The "railbirds" love a horse that can pick up weight, and stand a long drive with a fair turn of speed. Imp, in her day, was one of the popular idols of the "railbirds" and of the majority of those who visited the course on holidays. Since Imp's retirement her place as a turf idol has been taken by Herbert. This stanch son of Albert and Bonnie Ola has run many races, and is seldom outside of the money. In the great handicaps he seems to have the knack of getting second or third place. He was never in better condition than now, and W. C. Rollins, his owner, feels certain of winning the first honors with him. Herbert is especially fond of a muddy track.

Heno, the candidate from the stable of



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