TROTTING MEN FORESEE ERA OF HIGH PRICES

Recent Sale of Peter the Great for $50,000 Is Hailed as Harbinger of Good Times to Come—Record of Stallion Never Equalled.

For a long time many trotting men have been looking for a return of the big prices for trotting stock which prevailed twenty years ago, when the breeding industry, so far as values were concerned, was at its zenith. The recent sale of Peter the Great for $50,000 bears out their contention, and then there is the further and better evidence in the refusal last week of $60,000 for Peter the Great's unraced son, Peter Mc, 2:03½, and in the refusal not long ago of $25,000 for that same sire's promising racing daughter Mabel Trask, 2:14½. Never before in so brief a period have three such cases occurred, and as particularly indicative of the confidence which breeders hold for the future, thus warranting big prices, trotting men point to the fact that there is no instance on record where a stallion of Peter the Great's age—he is now 21—ever fetched a price half so large.

The only near companion that can be found is Dictator, that stood at the head of the stud at historic Ashland, near Lexington, Ky. After this brother to Dexter had given to the turf the champions Jay Eye See and Phælas his owner, Henry Clay McDowell, refused $21,000 for Dictator at 22 years of age. Dictator lived long enough to earn $100,000 above expenses, and as Peter the Great has for several years been in the enjoyment of the greatest reputation as a sire and commands the highest service fee of any stallion of the last twenty years he should be more profitable in his declining years than was Dictator.

The history of Peter the Great is so unusual that no comparison or parallel can be found in any other trotting sire. He was bred by D. D. Streeter of Kalamazoo, Mich., and was foaled in 1895. Peter the Great was a good two-year-old, but was beaten in the junior division of the Kentucky Futurity. The next year he was trained solely for the main race of the Kentucky classic, and he won in 2:12¼, proving himself the best three-year-old up to his time. Then J. Malcolm Forbes of Boston bought the colt for $20,000, with ten services included. In 1899 Peter the Great won at Empire City Park in 2:07¼, stamping himself the fastest racing four-year-old colt of his day. He should have won the Transylvania that fall. Peter the Great was never raced after his colt form, but he probably was a 2:05 trotter.

His great rival as a family founder, Hogen, 2:06¼, was Peter the Great's companion in the stud at Forbes Farm, and as Mr. Forbes admired the upheaded, roany gaited Hingen and took a violent dislike to Peter the Great Hingen was so favored in the stud that Peter the Great was all but neglected; indeed he spent his days in such solitary confinement that he got few foals, but among them was the sterling race mare Sadie Mc, 2:06¼, which gave him a standing. When the horses of Forbes Farm were sold at auction Hingen, foaled in 1893, fetched $30,000, but $5,000 was all Peter Duryea paid for Peter the Great when he bought him for W. E. D. Stokes's Patchen Wilkes Farm. Under the pleasant environments of a blue grass paddock Peter the Great became one of the most prolific sires in the country, producing as many as one hundred foals in a single year.

While a well bred stallion paternally Peter the Great had nothing in his blood lines to indicate that he would within a decade stand out so distinctly as a sire of speed as to leave no room for any other sire, living or dead, to be compared with him. His tremendous success is accounted for only by the fact that his blood lines furnish a distinct outcross. Peter the Great is a son of Pilot Medium by Happy Medium. The last named was by Hambletonian out of the long distance champion Princess, that won a race at ten miles for $36,500 on Long Island in 1859. Happy Medium, it is true, sired the Champion Nancy Hanks, 2:04, and the champion stallion Maxey Cobb, 2:13¼, in 1884, but his tribe did not compare in popularity with the Wilkeses and Electioneers, and of a large number of sons only Pilot Medium was much of a success.

Besides Peter the Great Pilot Medium sired Jack, 2:12; Lady Bullion, 2:16¾; Pilot Boy, 2:09¼, and Pletta, 2:11½, all good winners in their day. Pilot Medium was out of the good mare Tuckey, 2:26, and she was by Pilot Jr., whose blood has had as much to do with the establishing of the American trotter as a breed as has any other line of blood. Pilot Jr. was a fast and fine horse, and that he preserved great merit is attested by the fact that a place was found for him in the stud at famous Woodburn Farm, where he got the dams of Maud S. and Jay Eye See among others.

The price paid for Peter the Great is far from the record, but when age is considered it stands by itself. Following is a list of notable sales of trotting stallions:

Arion, 2:07¾, by Electioneer, sold in 1892 when coming 3 years old by Leland Stanford to J. M. Forbes of Boston	$125,000
Axtell, 2:12, by William L., sold in 1889 at 3 years by C. W. Williams, Independence, Ia., to the Axtell syndicate	105,000
Anteeo, 2:16¼, by Electioneer, sold at auction in 1891 at 12 years by S. A. Browne & Co., Kalamazoo, to H. S. Henry, Morrisville, Pa.	60,000
The Harvester, 2:01, by Walnut Hall, sold in 1911 at 6 years by estate of August Uhlein, Milwaukee, to C. K. G. Billings of New York	51,000
Peter the Great, 2:07¼, by Pilot Medium, sold in 1916 at 21 years by W. E. D. Stokes of New York to S. J. Fletcher of Indianapolis.	50,000
Bell Boy, 2:12¼, by Electioneer, sold in 1889 at 4 years to Jefferson & Seamans, Lexington, Ky., for $35,000, and by them sold at auction to G. H. Hopper, Unionville, Ohio, and J. H. Clark, Elmira, N. Y.	50,000
McKinney, 2:11¾, by Alcyone, sold in 1906 at 19 years by H. B. Gentry, Bloomington, Ind., to William Simpson of New York	50,000
Allen Winter, 2:08¾, by Ed Winter, sold in 1908 at 9 years by M. J. Reardon, Indianapolis, to Louis J. Winans, Brighton, England	50,000
Dare Devil, 2:09, by Mambrino King, sold in 1902 at 9 years by Village Farm, East Aurora, N. Y., to Thomas W. Lawson of Boston	40,000
Billy Burk, 2:03¼, by Silent Brook, sold in 1913 at 11 years by J. Howard Ford of New York to Russians	40,000
Shiko, 2:08¾, by Moko, sold in 1907 at 4 years by John E. Madden, Lexington, Ky., to Louis J. Winans, Brighton, England	35,000
Bingen, 2:06¼, by May King, sold at auction in 1904 at 11 years by Forbes Farm, Milton, Mass., to A. H. Parker of Bedford, Mass. for $30,000, sold in 1908 to William Bradley of New York	30,000
Todd, 2:14¾, by Bingen, sold at auction in 1907 at 8 years by J. M. Johnson, Calais, Me., to William Bradley of New York	30,000
Peter Scott, 2:05¼, by Peter the Great, sold in 1914 at 5 years by W. R. Cox, Dover, N. H., to H. W. Oliver of Pittsburg, Pa.	30,000
Pancoast, 2:21¾, by Woodford Mambrino, sold at auction in 1886 at 9 years by Glenview Farm, Louisville, Ky., to John H. Shults of Brooklyn, N. Y.	28,000
Mascot, 2:25¾, by Stamboul, sold at auction in 1889 at 2 years by L. J. Rose, Los Angeles, to Marcus Daly, Bitter Root, Mont.	26,500
Baden, 2:05¼, by Bingara, sold in 1912 at 6 years by L. Neidhart of Jersey City to Russians	25,000

The genuine offer of $60,000 made recently for the six-year-old stallion Peter Mc was made by A. M. Gaffney of Kane, Pa., who raced the pacer Roamer, 2:03¼, through the Grand Circuit several years ago, and it is one of several attempts that have been made to buy the horse since early last summer, when Peter Mc. began to show great speed. He has never turned in company, in an effort against the watch, but October he won in 2:03½, trotting the first half in 59¼ seconds. He is a Peter the Great in conformation, not as large as most of that family and more finely finished. Peter Mc. is out of the noted trotting mare Lilliam R., 2:04½, by J. T., 2:12¼, a grandson of Director, while his grandam is Letitia, 2:18¾, and she is by his grandsire, Pilot Medium.

The offer of $25,000 which Barton Pardee of Lock Haven, Pa., refused for Mabel Trask is moderate in view of the chestnut mare's capacity and possibilities. She is sound, only five years old, her record is only 2:14¼, but she has trotted in 2:04¼, last half in 1:01. In recent years the turf has had such mares as Esther W., Judson Girl, Tenara, Margaret Drulen and Lassie McGregor, all winners of $20,000 in a single year, but none of which trotted so fast as Mabel Trask. Two years ago she proved a good race mare for her breeder, W. C. Brown, and again last September she showed good racing qualities by easily coming second to Peter Scott in a stake of $10,000. Mabel Trask is superbly bred, being out of Miss Nutonia by Nutwood, she out of Iona, 2:17½, by Alcyone, and third dam Jessie Pepper, one of the greatest brood mares and daughter of Mambrino Chief.

In view of what is expected on the turf this summer from Peter Mc. and Mabel Trask it is interesting to note the rising hopes of the members of the Pastime Stable in their stake horse Bacelli, 2:09¼. Writing from the winter training ground at Thomasville, Ga., P. W. Harvey of the syndicate says:

"Lee Axworthy, 2:03¼, is about the best looking horse right now that one ever saw. If there is a better or more healthful one in America it is Bacelli, and he is not afread of Peter Mc., Mabel Trask or any one else."

This information will not surprise those who followed the colt's races at the back end of the last racing season. Not highly regarded, he proved one of the contending horses in the Kentucky Futurity. He made speed so rapidly that he trotted the third heat in 2:07. In the Kentucky stake one week later he beat some of the best of last year's crop of unusually good three-year-olds, including Deroche, 2:07½; Bondella, 2:07¾, and Colorado Ranger, that in the Futurity had trotted in 2:05½. Billy Andrews, the colt's trainer, has said that all his life he has heard about perfectly mannered horses, but that he never knew what "good manners" meant until he took Bacelli in hand.

Bacelli's sire and the sire of his dam are both sons of Bingen. He is by Bertini, 2:22¼, out of the Bingara mare Ban, that at ten years has five trotters in the list. Last year the Pastime Stables accomplished the gigantic feat of beating both Peter Volo and Peter Scott with the colt Lee Axworthy.

Brown Will Hold Earle Trophy.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., April 22.—By defeating Guy R. Jenkins in the final of the handicap squash tournament, C. F. Brown won the first leg for the Francis Earle trophy at the Montclair Athletic Club courts to-day.

MANY IN SPEEDWAY PARADE.

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Early entries already in the hands of the committee point to a gratifying number of participants in the annual Speedway Parade and Horse Show to be held on the Harlem driveway next Saturday. The open events, which have been so arranged as to bring out as many public spirited horsemen as possible, have resulted in more nominations and many new faces will be seen in the competition for the blue ribbons.

No exact count can be made at present, as the entries have not closed yet, but the committee feels confident that at least 300 equipages will be in line to make the tour from Dyckman street to 155th street.

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Sloan and Bowie Lead on Links.

CRANFORD, N. J., April 22.—A four ball handicap, aggregate scores counting, was played to-day at the Cranford Golf Club. The winners were F. T. Sloan and A. W. Bowie, who turned in a net score of 166.

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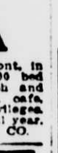

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THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

Steamship Arrivals and Departures—Outgoing Foreign Mails—The Fire Record.

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York, overcast on the coast, probably local rains in the interior to-day; partly cloudy; to-morrow light westerly winds.

For New Jersey, partly overcast and cool to-day; fair to-morrow; light westerly winds.

For western New York, overcast with probably light rains to-day; light to westerly winds to-morrow.

For New England, overcast to-day, probably preceded by showers in early morning; partly cloudy to-morrow; light to moderate westerly winds.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The western storm continued its abnormally slow northeastward travel and covered the lake regions and middle Atlantic and southern New England States yesterday.

It possessed no remarkable vigor, but merely caused rain in the lake regions and eastward and a little snow in Minnesota.

Moderately low pressure covered most of the country, but assumed no other definite formation.

Light rain also occurred at a few points in the Northwest and on the north Pacific coast, but generally fair weather prevailed elsewhere.

It was generally warmer in western parts of the country and cooler in the lake regions and the Atlantic States.

In this city rain fell in the morning; clearing in the afternoon; cooler; wind, fresh, becoming westerly; average humidity, 86 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.65; 3 P. M., 29.66.

The temperature in this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

	1916	1915		1916	1915
9 A. M.	44°	49°	6 P. M.	46°	48°
12 M.	44°	52°	9 P. M.	46°	47°
3 P. M.	44°	52°	12 Mid.	46°	48°

Highest temperature, 47°, at 4:30 P. M.
Lowest temperature, 42°, at 4 A. M.

EUROPEAN MAILS.

The Russian America liner Liv, sailing tomorrow for Archangel, will take mail, closing at 10 A. M., for Russia, when specially addressed only.

The Greek liner Themistocles, sailing tomorrow for Piraeus, will take mail, closing at 12:30 P. M., for Greece, when specially addressed only.

The French liner Chicago, sailing Tuesday for Bordeaux, will take mail, closing at 7 A. M., for France, Rumania, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Greece, British India, British East Africa, Siam, Malta, Gibraltar, Ceylon, Straits Settlement, Dutch East Indies, West Australia and Persia.

The White Star liner Canopic, sailing Tuesday for the Azores, will take mail, closing at 7 A. M., for the Azores and Gibraltar.

The Scandinavian-American liner Hellig Olav, sailing Thursday for Christiansand and Christiania, will take mail, closing at 10 A. M., for Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Luxemburg, Bulgaria, Serbia and Turkey.

FIRE RECORD.

A. M.		Damage
1:05	2186 7th av.; C. D. Hoethel, hoe	Trifling
2:45	721 11th av.; Ed. Dey	$10,000
7:30	145 1st st.; John Smith	Trifling
9:20	9 Christopher st.; Flora Farina	Slight
11:05	238 East 121st st.; Leo Cohen	Trifling
P. M.		
1:15	Albany and Washington sts.; automobiles, Flynn & Co.	Trifling
2:20	227th st. and Independence av.; automobiles, Best & Co.	Slight
2:30	2540 Cambrelleng av.; Mary Wallington	Slight
2:35	1775 Broadway; S. Mones Button Co.	$200
4:30	432 St. Marks pl.; Morris Bloom	Slight
6:00	635 6th av.; Solomon May	Slight
7:05	3 Mitchell pl.; Louis Rosen	$500
7:50	2223 5th av.; Jenny Ford	Slight
8:50	230 W. 141st st.; Augustus Hyatt	Slight
9:45	2 E. 22d st.; Wolf Shirt Waist Company	Unknown
10:20	1185 Madison av.; Louis Jacobson	Trifling

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—These army orders were issued today:

First Lieut. E. L. Franklin, to Thirteenth Cavalry.

Capt. R. S. Fitch, from Fifteenth to Sixth Cavalry.

Second Lieut. A. L. P. Johnson, to Second Cavalry.

These navy orders were issued:

Major T. F. McGill, Marine Corps, from naval prison, Mare Island, to duty staff of commander Second division Atlantic fleet.

Capt. J. M. Salladay, Marine Corps, from marine barracks, Philadelphia, to the Oklahoma.

Second Lieut. T. A. Scott, Marine Corps, from naval magazine, Hingham, to command marine detachment, naval powder depot, Dover, N. J.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The destroyer Chauncey has arrived at Iolo, P. I.; submarine D-1 at New London; submarine G-3 at Newport; cruiser Cincinnati at San Diego; monitor Ozark at Lamberts Point; collier Panther at Key West and destroyer Whipple at San Diego.

The collier Natshak has sailed from San Diego for Tiburon.

GOULLET PRAISES HIS UNION.

Says It Will Help Bicycle Riders to Earn More Money.

President Alfred Goullet of the Cycle Racing Men's Union of America waxed talkative yesterday in extenuation of his plea for cleaner sport. He says his organization is having its troubles, but is making good progress toward the goal. The men now within it broke away from the old system and banded together for mutual protection, according to his version. The contention of Goullet is that the old parent body, known as the National Cycling Association, has failed to control the sport. The new order, he insists, will free the game from conditions that have disgusted patrons and riders alike.

"The National Cycling Association," said Goullet, "is practically under control of the Newark Velodrome management. All questions are settled as the promoters demand, and the rider with a real grievance hasn't a chance. This has grown intolerable and we have struck out for ourselves. With the new track, now building in Washington Park, Brooklyn, another in The Bronx and several in other cities now in sympathy with us, our boys will have plenty of work."

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AM	PM	PM
Sun rises...5:00	Sun sets...6:43	Moon rises 12:11

HIGH WATER THIS DAY

AM	AM	AM
Sandy H'k...11:55	Gov. Isl...12:00	Hell Gate...1:24

LOW WATER THIS DAY

AM	AM	AM
Sandy H'k...5:54	Gov. Isl...6:21	Hell Gate...8:02

Arrived—SATURDAY, April 22.

Ss King Haakon, 10:30 P. M. Friday, Gibraltar, April 3.
Ss Servian Prince, 6:15 A. M., Brest, April 8.
Ss Tanatjord, 4 A. M., Liverpool, April 6.
Ss Glena, 5 A. M., Cardiff, April 2.
Ss Chicago City, 8:30 A. M., Bristol, April 3.
Ss Ardgair, 7 A. M., St. Nazaire, April 9.
Ss Morinier, 9:40 A. M., Manchester, April 1.
Ss Cymric, 10:50 A. M., Liverpool, April 12.
Ss Currier, Cienfuegos, April 14.
Ss Agamemnon, St. Lucia, April 13.
Ss Henry, Nuevitas, April 12.
Ss Nordboen, Catbarien, April 16.
Ss Guiana, St. Thomas, April 16.
Ss Lampa, Charleston, April 20.
Ss Princess Anne, Norfolk, April 21.
Ss Montebello, Boston, April 20.
Ss Verona, Gibraltar, April 19.
Ss Maracaibo, Porto Rico, April 15.
Ss Ada, Bermuda, April 15.
Ss Katahdin, Jacksonville, April 19.
Ss Northern, 4 P. M., La Pallice, April 8.
Ss Tijuca, 5 P. M., Barbados, April 11.
Ss Nordland, 9 P. M., Boston, April 22.

ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK.

Ss Oscar II., at Copenhagen.

SAILED FOR NEW YORK.

Ss Finland, from Liverpool.
Ss United States, from Christiansand.
Ss Bermudian, from Bermuda.
Ss Havana, from Havana.
Ss Carrillo, from Kingston.
Ss Philadelphia, from San Juan.
Ss Esperanza, from Vera Cruz.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

Sail To-morrow.

	Mails Close	Vessels Sail
Themistocles, Piraeus	12:30 P M	3:00 P M
Stephen R. Jones, Santos	12:00 M	3:00 P M
Portuguese, Ponce	.....	12:00 M
Princess Anne, Norfolk	.....	3:00 P M
Sail Tuesday.		
Canopic, Naples	7:00 A M	10:00 A M
Chicago, Bordeaux	7:00 A M	10:00 A M
America, Naples	8:30 A M	12:00 M
Atlas, Hayti	10:30 A M	1:00 P M
Lenape, Jacksonville	.....	1:00 P M
City of Columbus, Savannah	.....	3:00 P M
Jefferson, Norfolk	.....	3:00 P M
Sail Wednesday.		
Bermudian, Bermuda	9:00 A M	11:00 A M
Zacapata, Cristobal	9:30 A M	12:00 M
Maracaibo, La Guayra	9:30 A M	1:00 P M
Florida, Newfoundland	9:30 A M	12:00 M
Honorius, Montevideo	10:00 A M	1:00 P M
Minas Geraes, Para	6:00 A M	9:00 A M
Corona, Barbados	11:00 A M	2:00 P M
Prins der Nederlanden, Hayti	12:30 P M	3:00 P M
Highland Prince, Rio	12:00 M	3:00 P M
City of Mexico, Cabarien	.....	12:00 M
San Jacinto, Galveston	.....	1:00 P M
Hamilton, Norfolk	.....	3:00 P M
Comus, New Orleans	.....	12:00 M
Huron, Jacksonville	.....	1:00 P M
Sail Thursday		
Hellig Olav, Copenhagen	10:00 A M	2:00 P M
Alliance, Cristobal	11:30 A M	3:00 P M
Mexico, Havana	9:00 A M	12:00 M
Nordin, Progreso	9:00 A M	12:00 M
Madison, Norfolk	.....	3:00 P M
Sail Friday		
Cymric, Liverpool	.....	12:00 M
Evangeline, Bermuda	9:00 A M	12:00 M
Manzanillo, Nass