SAN NICHOLAS SCORES BRILLIANT VICTORY IN STAKE WHICH MARKS OPENING OF WINTER RACING SEASON

PROPER HAS ILL LUCK AT THE START

Jennings Horse, With Knapp Up, Plunged On by the Talent at Scant Odds and Finishes Unplaced

TERN'S ROD THIRD AT A LONG PRICE

High Chancellor, a Close Second in the Stake, Would Have Been Returned First in a Few More Strides

By Fred E. Mulholland.

The crowd at the California Jockey Club track at Oakland yesterday was no different from any other big gathering at a racecourse. It waded patiently through three ordinary but excellent contests, with Proper and the Opening Handicap, though, ever in view.

The race figured out $2450 to the first horse, and that sum will put a lot of flour in the barrel. Good Cheer, Judge, Reservation and Briarthorpe declined the issue, but Beau Ormonde and Corn Blossom were added. This left the hoodoo thirteen to fight it out. How could Proper lose after beating all the good ones around New York? That's what everybody wanted to know. The idea, too, of the handicapper only asking the big horse to carry 126 pounds! It seemed too absurd to be true. Walter Jennings received congratulations for standing so well with Handicapper Egbert. The bookmakers also became imbued with the idea that Proper doped a certainty and quickly rubbed the price about the Jennings entry from 4 to 5 to 3 to 5. This saved many of the larger bettors from complete annihilation.

SAN NICHOLAS NEVER HEADED.

Packey Ryan's black horse San Nicholas, carrying 109 pounds and piloted by Willie Davis, went out in front as Jake Holtman released the barrier, and without being headed stood a hard drive, beating High Chancellor a head in 1:40. Tern's Rod, a 40 to 1 shot, secured show honors. Proper, with "Big Bill" Knapp in the saddle, ran sixth, with excuses. He caught the barrier at the start and then met with considerable interference on the clubhouse turn, which seemed to knock him off his stride. Bragg and Rightful, although both were among the "also rans," gave promise of doing better.

There was a world of coin in the ring, and the downfall of Proper started the layers off on velvet. Two other choices were dethroned and the books quit with the honors.

Anybody could have had a bet on Miller's Daughter for the asking. "Kentucky John" Givens, trainer of the filly, didn't think she had a chance, and at odds of 25 and 30 to 1 the daughter of Belvedere beat Dod Anderson a scant neck for the introductory seven-furlong selling run. Laura F. M. enjoyed first call, and after playing along in second position to the stretch she sought retirement. Dod Anderson made all the pace, only weakening the last few yards. Potrero Grande was third.

WATERCURE SCORES CLEVERLY.

Touted far and wide as one of the real mellow ones of the day, Watercure, a 6 to 5 chance, made good without effort in the mile selling number. Jimmy Long's Kermit filled the leading role for six furlongs, then wired his regrets. Willie Smith here picked up the running with the favorite, subduing Del Coronado and The Lady Rohesia. Rostof, a backed outsider, failed to cause a flutter of excitement by anything he did.

Dick Williams sent one to the post in the five and a half furlong scramble for three-year-olds that certainly gave the talent a rocking. If all the stories extant could be believed, betting on Loyal Front was stealing something. The colt closed an 8 to 5 favorite and ran unplaced. The winner showed up in the diminutive I'm Joe, a 9 to 1 shot, which McBride dropped in first, more than a length before Sir Edward and Retropaw.

"Lucky" Baldwin's Cruzados, with "Cricket" Kelly on his back, formed a combination difficult to beat in the fifth, a six-furlong purse affair. Despite the fact that Bearcatcher was a starter, his condition has not pleased the "clickers," and Cruzados went to the barrier an odds-on choice.

BEARCATCHER SLOW TO BREAK.

Both Bearcatcher and the favorite gave Jake Holtman some trouble before he caught them both straight, and then Garnet Ferguson's brown horse seemed slow in getting away. The Baldwin flyer quickly assumed the lead, romping home ahead of Tocolaw, a 20 to 1 shot, in 1:13½. Radtke on Bearcatcher lost the place by almost a length.

Those who strung with Dick Williams got even on Reservation, winner of the final mile and a sixteenth selling race. The Cayuga horse ruled a sturdy favorite, and through some delicate maneuvering E. Walsh landed the money. The 20 to 1 shot Lady Goodrich, ridden by little Robinson, proved troublesome in the stretch, only losing the verdict by a head. Played down from 5 to 3, Hugh McGowan finished a close third.

NOTES OF THE TRACK.

Radtke failed to get aboard a winner.

It was a great day for the Willies—W. Smith, W. Davis and W. Kelly.

Captain Forsee of the Pinkerton agency reached town Friday night. He made many a circuit of the ring yesterday.

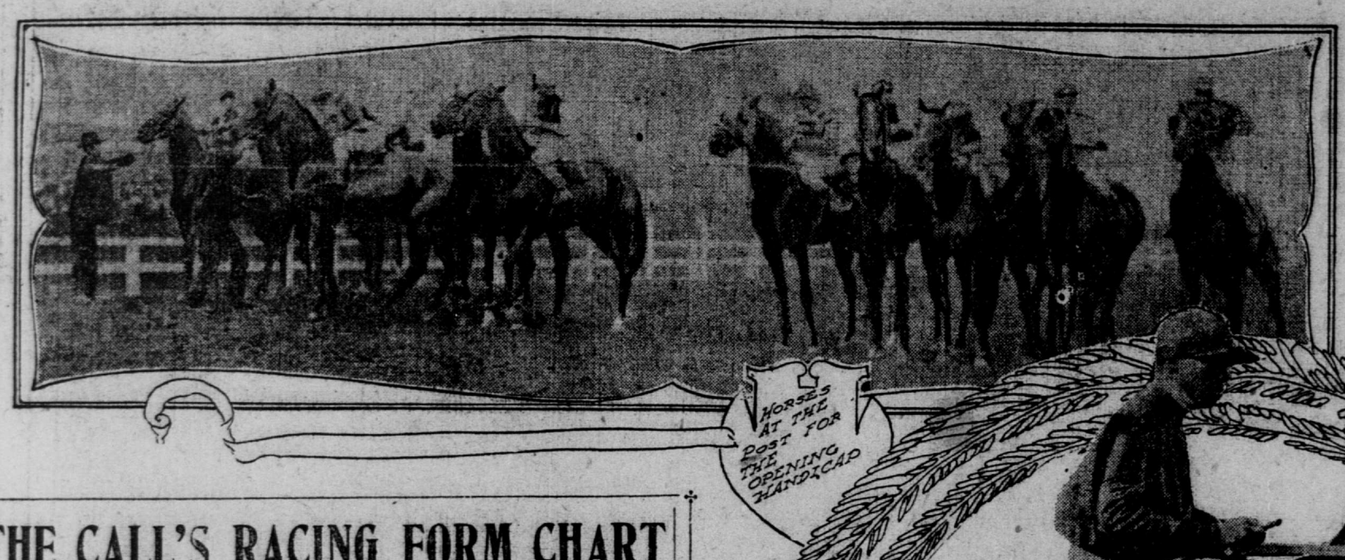
Watercure was bid up $300 over his entered selling price of $400. T. A. Davies retained the old gelding.

F. W. Barr, the crack colt from the Stanfield stable was pulled up bleeding profusely. The same thing happened the two-year-old about a week ago after a workout.

Laura F M was as short as the Partridge people were after the recent city election.

Twenty books, three field books and a combination book laid prices.

The following firms cut in: Pete Christenson, Hoffman & Co., Ed Soule, Charley Pettingill, George Kistler, Joe Harlan, New York Club, Golden Gate Club, Bain Club, Western Club, Falstaff, Arizona Club, Del Elo Club, Stuyvesant Club, Del Mar Club, Missouri Club, Eagle Club, Barney Schreiber, San Francisco Club and the Colonial Club.



CALIFORNIA-BRED HORSE, WHICH LED FROM START TO FINISH YESTERDAY IN THE OPENING HANDICAP AT OAKLAND. THE WINTER SEASON OF RACING WAS INAUGURATED UNDER AUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, A LARGE CROWD BEING IN ATTENDANCE TO WITNESS THE HIGH-CLASS SPORT.

THE CALL'S RACING FORM CHART

OAKLAND—Saturday, Nov. 11. Weather fine. Track good.

E. C. HOPPER, Presiding Judge. J. J. HOLTMAN, Starter.

8771. FIRST RACE—Seven furlongs; selling; 3-year-olds and up; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
8075	Miller's Daughter,3 (Z.Abrms)	105	9	9 2½	8 1½	6 n	3 h	1 n	League	12	25
8215	Dod Anderson, 4 (W. Gabriel)	109	2	1 ½	1 2	1 2½	1 ½	2 ns	T. Clark....	5	7
(6562)	Potrero Grande, 4 (J. Curl)..	112	4	5 ¾	5 ½	4 2	2 n	3 1½	Aubuchon .	3	5
....	San Primo, 3 (Keene Bros.)..	100	7	2 n	3 1	3 1½	5 3	4 1	Radtke	6	4
8542	Laura F M, 5 (Caine & Co.).	109	1	4 2	2 n	2 2	4 n	5 2	Fountain ..	5-2	13-5
8242	Glenarvon, 5 (Summers & Co.)	109	10	8 2	7 n	7 3	6 ½	6 4	McBride ...	15	30
8449	Lucrece, 3 (J. Coffey).....	105	5	3 ¾	4 h	5 ½	7 1	7 2½	Crosswaite	5	8
....	W. B. Gates, a (R.R.Rice Jr.)	109	3	10 3	10 1½	9 2	8 2	8 4	Goodchild .	8	20
8766	Hipponax, a (L. L. Aller)...	109	11	7 h	9 2	8 1	9	9 5	Mountain ..	6	8
8249	Tannhauser, 4 (Hayes & Co.)	109	8	11 6	11	11	10	10 8	J. Hayes...	10	20
8376	Only Jimmie, 3 (Gldnsn & C.)	105	6	6 1	6 1	10 1	11	11	W. Knapp.	15	50
....	Monster, 4 (J. W. Blaylock).	104	12	12	Pulled up				Battiste ...	20	30

Time—:24, :49¼, 1:15¼, 1:28¼. At post 3½ minutes. Off at 2:08. Daughter, place, 10; show, 5. Dod, place, 5-2; show, 6-5. Grande, show, 1. Winner, b. f. by Belvedere-Lindemere. Trained by J. Givens. Start good. Won in a hard drive of five. League rode a persevering race on winner. She ran unbacked by her stable. Dod Anderson is best at six furlongs. San Primo probably a bit short. Laura F M not ready. Glenarvon can beat ordinary ones. W. B. Gates lacked speed.

8772. SECOND RACE—One mile; selling; 3-year-olds and up; value to first, $410.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
8767	Watercure, a (Davies & Co.).	102	5	4 2	4 2½	2 2½	1 ¾	1 2	W. Smith..	6-5	7-5
8762	Del Coronado, 3 (L. A.Bonsk)	102	2	3 n	2 n	5 2	2 h	2 n	McBride ...	6	9
7727	The Lady Rohesia, 4 (J.Curl)	107	6	5 ½	5 2½	5 3	4 n	3 2	Aubuchon .	2	7-2
....	Akela, 5 (J. D. Millin).....	107	4	2 1½	3 h	4 2	5 3	4 3	E. Walsh..	10	15
8366	Rey Dare, 3 (Alameda Sta.).	107	8	8 4	6 2	6 3	6 3	5 ½	T. Sullivan.	5	8
8248	Kermit, 6 (J. Long).....	107	3	1 4	1 2	1 ¾	3 1	6 n	League	8	7
....	Rostof, 3 (R. W. Marks).....	102	7	9 h	8 2	8 ½	7 2	7 2	Rice	6	8
8767	Tarrigen, a (McCarty & F.).	107	9	10 n	11	10 6	9 8	8 4	E. Lang....	15	30
8222	Theodora L, 5 (J.H.Tmpknsn)	107	11	11	9 ¾	9 2	10	9 4	T. Clark...	30	40
8767	Harry Beck, 6 (Lynch & Co.)	108	10	6 1½	7 ¾	7 1½	8 4	10 10	Mountain ..	10	12
8255	Fortunatus, 5 (W. T. Andersn)	109	1	7 1	10 2	11	11	11	Hoffman ...	12	20

Time—:24½, :49½, 1:15¼, 1:41¼. At post 3 minutes. Off at 2:36½. Cure, place, 7-10; show, 1-3. Coronado, place, 3; show, 8-5. Lady, show, 3-5. Winner, ch. g. by Watercrese-Lena's First. Trained by T. A. Davies. Scratched—Redmont, Warte Nicht. Start good. Won easily. Balance driving hard. Watercure won smiling. Del Coronado no excuses. The Lady Rohesia will win shortly. Akela did well. Rey Dare lacked speed. Kermit blew up. Rostof played on good work. Harry Beck couldn't unlimber.

8773. THIRD RACE—Five and a half furlongs; purse; 2-year-olds; value to first, $400.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
8272	I'm Joe (W. G. Yanke).....	108	2	...	3 n	2 3	1 1½	1 1½	McBride ...	8	9
(8364)	Sir Edward (G. M. Van Gord)	112	3	...	6 2	4 ½	3 ½	2 ns	T. Clark...	4	6
....	Retropaw (J. Curl).....	112	5	...	2 h	3 1	2 1½	3 ½	Aubuchon .	6	8
(8677)	Tenordale (J. F. Clifford)....	105	4	...	4 n	5 n	4 n	4 5	R. Lutler...	12	12
(8741)	Loyal Front (S. M. Williams)	108	8	...	7 n	6 1½	6 ½	5 n	E. Walsh..	2	8-5
8741	Equorum Rex (Summers & Q)	112	7	...	8 h	7 n	7 2	6 2	League	7-2	6
8207	La Chata (E. J. Baldwin)...	105	1	...	1 2½	1 3	5 1	7 2	W. Kelly...	10	10
....	Nealon (B. Schreiber).....	108	10	...	9 h	9 1	8 1	8	Schade	20	40
....	Gov. Davis (R. R. Rice Jr.).	108	9	...	11 n	10 2	10 2	9	Goodchild .	20	40
8677	Chief Wittman (T.E.McLghn)	108	11	...	10 h	8 h	9 1	10	Kent	8	20
8364	Mooropus (P. Sheridan).....	105	12	...	12	11	11	11	Fountain ..	10	12
8281	F. W. Barr (W. L. Stanfield)	110	6	...	5 ½	Pulled up			W. Davis..	5	7-2

Time—:23¾, :50½, 1:08¾. At post 1¾ minutes. Off at 3:01¾. Joe, place, 4; show, 2. Edward, place, 5-2; show, 6-5. Retropaw, place, 3-2. Winner, ch. c. by Joe Terry-Puss. Trained by T. P. Schwartz. Start fair. Won all driving. La Chata made a hurried getaway at the start, but did not last. Near the paddock I'm Joe swerved, badly interfering with Retropaw. Sir Edward closed strong. Tenordale came fast under a weak ride. Loyal Front a disappointment. Equorum Rex bore out on the turn. He ran a clever race. Mooropus can do better.

8774. FOURTH RACE—One mile; The Opening handicap; 3-yr.-olds and up; to first, $2450.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
8155	San Nicholas, 6 (P. Ryan)...	109	6	1 3	1 4	1 2	1 ½	1 h	W. Davis...	9-2	6
8298	High Chancellor, 5 (Bonsack)	108	1	4 ½	3 ¾	3 4	2 ½	2 7	McBride ...	6	6
....	Tern's Rod, 3 (W. Eagan)...	97	5	2 5	2 2½	2 1	3 2	3 4	Rice	20	40
7890	Bragg, 6 (J. Curl).....	108	3	5 n	9 n	9 n	6 n	4 1½	Aubuchon .	10	15
....	Rightful, 5 (R. R. Rice Jr.).	106	10	11 1	11 ¾	10 ½	9 ½	5 ½	Goodchild .	30	50
6221	Proper, 5 (W. B. Jennings)..	126	2	8 n	10 1½	8 1½	8 n	6 1	W. Knapp..	4-5	3-5
8257	Salable, 3 (J. Ryan).....	98	8	10 h	7 ¾	4 2	4 n	7 2½	O. Chandler	20	20
(6505)	Beau Ormonde, a (E. L. Kripp	107	9	6 1½	1	5 1½	5 h	8 ½	Loague	7	12
8530	Ocyrohe, 4 (J. Coffey).....	102	4	3 h	5 n	7 n	10	9 n	Crosswaite	20	30
8186	Blue Eyes, 4 (P. Sheridan)..	100	12	12 6	12 10	11 2	12	10 2	Fountain ..	15	20
(8066)	Corn Blossom, 3 (H.E.Rowell)	105	11	9 1½	8 2	12 6	11	11	Minder	6	12
(8174)	Ceres, 3 (E. Gaylord).....	105	7	7 ¾	6 1	6 ½	7 h	12	Graham ...	12	20
8394	Bombardier, 4 (E. J. Ramsey)	104	13	13	13	13	13	13	T. Clark....	10	25

Time—:24¾, :49¼, 1:14½, 1:40. At post 3½ minutes. Off at 3:33. Nicholas, place, 2; show, 1. Chancellor, place, 2; show, 4-5. Rod, show, 6. Scratched—Good Cheer, Judge, Reservation, Briarthorpe. Winner, blk. h. by Reggie-Virginia Dare. Trained by P. Ryan. Start good. Won all drving. San Nicholas, a quick breaker, enjoyed a mild, balmy passage. High Chancellor was catching him at every stride. Tern's Rod will do in slower company. Bragg was messed about. Rightful a slow beginner, apparently. Proper nearly took the barrier away in his mouth and also received a refreshing going over at the first turn, never getting into his stride. Corn Blossom off all tangled up. So was Bombardier.

8775. FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs; purse; 3-year-olds and up; value to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
8276	Cruzados, 6 (E. J. Baldwin).	112	2	...	1 3	1 4	1 2½	1 2½	W. Kelly...	3-5	13-20
8793	Tocolaw, 4 (J. Madison).....	112	6	...	3 n	3 ¾	3 1½	2 ¾	Minder	12	20
(5827)	Bearcatcher, 4 (T.G.Ferguson)	112	7	...	5 8	5 1½	4 2	3 8	Radtke	5-2	13-5
(8262)	Gorgalette, 5 (Fitzgerald & T.)	109	4	...	7	6 h	4 2½	4 2½	McBride ...	15	20
8715	H. L. Frank, 4 (J. O'Toole)..	110	1	...	2 ¾	2 1½	2 1½	5 h	W. Davis...	8	12
(8300)	Christine A, 5 (Lamasney Br.)	109	5	...	6 ½	7	6 n	6 7	W. Knapp..	20	30
(4859)	Deutschland, 5 (B. Schreiber)	115	3	...	4 1	4 2	5 ½	7	Davisson ..	20	40

Time—:24¼, :48¼, 1:13½. At post 6 minutes. Off at 4:01½. Cruzados, place, 1-4; show, out. Tocolaw, place, 4; show, 6-5. Bearcatcher, show, 1-3. Winner, b. h. by Emperor of Norfolk-Atalanta II. Trained by T. H. Cook. Scratched—Duelist, Albert Fir, Sea Air. Start good. Won easily. Next two driving hard. Cruzados possessed a dazzling assortment of speed. Away better. Bearcatcher would have been second. He made up a deal of lost ground. H. L. Frank played a one-night stand. Gorgalette may be worth a bet next time out.

8776. SIXTH RACE—One and a sixteenth miles; selling; 3-yr.-olds & up; to first, $325.

Index	Horse and Owner.	Wt	St. ¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
....	Reservation, 5 (S.M.Williams)	112	3	5 1	3 ½	3 2½	1 2	1 n	E. Walsh...	4-5	9-10
7964	Lady Goodrich, 3 (Applegate).	101	2	3 n	4 h	4 3	4 2½	2 1	Robinson ..	10	20
8659	Hugh McGowan, 4 (Rowell)..	104	1	4 h	6 4	5 n	3 1½	3 4	Minder	4	3
7898	Foncasta, 4 (J. Curl).....	106	7	2 ½	2 2½	1 h	2 h	4 3	Aubuchon .	4	4
8226	Red Cross Nurse, 4 (J. Ryan)	103	5	6 8	5 4	6 4	5 1	5 4	O. Chandler	15	15
....	Lone Wolf, 3 (R. R. Rice Jr.)	101	4	1 1½	1 n	2 n	6 2	6 n	Goodchild .	7	8
7760	Ink, 5 (Lamasney Bros.)....	106	6	7	7	7	7	7	McBride ...	10	20

Time—:24½, :49¼, 1:15, 1:41½, 1:47¾. At post ¾ of a minute. Off at 4:18½. Reservation, place, 2-5; show, out. Lady, place, 6; show, 2. Hugh, show, 2-5. Winner, b. h. by Cayuga-Arragon. Trained by T. C. Williams. Scratched—Tern's Rod. Start good. Won all driving hard. It may be his way of doing business, but at any rate the winner had no time to talk to strangers at the finish. But for being cut off on stretch turn by Lone Wolf, race might have gone to Lady Goodrich. Hugh McGowan weakened last sixteenth. Red Cross Nurse will improve. Foncasta made an excellent showing.

Cumberland Park Racing Results.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Cumberland Park racing results:

First race, six furlongs—Windshield won, Bitter Brown second, Inspector Girl third. Time, 1:15 1-5.

Second race, steeplechase, handicap, short course—Poorlands won, Sceptre second, Orisis third. Time, 3:07 3-5.

Third race, handicap, seven furlongs—Funiculaire won, Envoy second, John Carroll third. Time, 1:26 3-5.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs—St. Joseph won, Rolla second, Calabash third. Time, 1:07 2-5.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—J. Ed Grillo won, Presentation second, Running Star third. Time, 1:09 1-5.

Sixth race, one mile—Thespian won, Rolinda second, McInvain third. Time, 1:41.

Unique "At Home."

Unique Circle of the Companions of the Forest, A. O. F., will have an "at home" for its many friends in its hall in the Foresters' building, 102 O'Farrell street, to-morrow evening. The committee has arranged an interesting programme for their entertainment. This will be followed by an order of dancing.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—It is estimated that increasing the size of the battleships of the German navy and the addition of six large cruisers to the programme, as the Government is about to ask the Reichstag to do, will add to the naval budgets during the next eleven years $200,000,000.

Nothing chills the church quicker than a hotheaded sermon.

Eugenia Burch Runs Second.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Aqueduct racing results:

First race, six furlongs—Quadrille won, Sheen second, Hannibal Bey third. Time, 1:15 3-5.

Second race, mile—Darkie won, Platoon second, Thistle Heather third. Time, 1:41.

Third race, handicap, six furlongs—Flip Flap won, Hooray second, Kinleydale third. Time, 1:14 2-5.

Fourth race, mile and a furlong—Bedouin won, Eugenia Burch second, Alwin third. Time, 1:53.

Fifth race, seven furlongs—Isadaisy won, Society Bud second, Glencare third. Time, 1:29.

Sixth race, mile—Sailor Boy won, Ivan the Terrible second, Debar third. Time, 1:40 3-5.

Seventh race, mile—Massa won, A. Muskoday second, Janeta third. Time, 1:41 1-5.

Accused of Using Boron in Cream.

W. K. Freeman, State Dairy Inspector, obtained a warrant from Police Judge Cabaniss yesterday for the arrest of S. de Carli, a dairyman. He is accused of using boron, a preparation of borax in cream, sold by him without having that fact pasted on the bottles.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 11.—An autopsy held by the deputy County Coroner shows that alcoholism caused the death of John Dixon, former private secretary of United States Senator William A. Clark of Montana, who was found dead in his room at a local hotel. Dixon formerly lived in Butte.

GAY CROWD GATHERS AT RACECOURSE.

Ideal Weather Draws Thousands to Enjoy Opening at Oakland.

By William H. Jordan.

"They're off!"

It was opening day at the New California Jockey Club's track yesterday at Oakland. Those who have watched these opening days come and go said it was a record-breaker.

The scene at the beautiful race course did not belie their words. Under conditions (climatic and otherwise) that could not have been improved the fall and winter meeting was inaugurated with an attendance which easily rounded out 8000 persons.

Nearly the middle of November and the skies an opalescent blue, the air balmy and exhilarating as on a day in spring, lovers of the racing game turned out by thousands, whetted for sport by the long months of waiting.

California was there to give the strangers from beyond the Rockies—and there were many of them—a glorious reception. Though it may be trite to write about ideal weather, yet this was the day that met every definition of the term.

Half the joy of horse-racing is in the weather. Clear skies, fresh air, fast track—these make for speed, for the inch-by-inch fighting over the course that impels the heart to thump, the pulse to quicken and the eye to glisten as the swift contenders press their way under whip and spur toward the finish.

And such a day was this at the Oakland track when Starter "Jake" Holtman mounted the stand for the initial race. If the sightseer had stood at the point of vantage he would have noted a great grand stand literally packed from roof to the asphalt parade below, jammed with enthusiasts, men and women, waiting in eager excitement for the beginning of the game. The crowd at a race course is a spectacle by itself.

WHEN THE HORSES RUN.

"They're off!"

From the throng echoes a long-drawn sigh. The favorite shows in front and there are cheers and more cheers.

The troop of fleet animals guided by their brilliantly garbed jockeys cover the outer edge of the oval, and then the climax as the gallant steeds show around the last turn and head away for home.

One would imagine every emotion capable expression of human actions was manifested in the thousands who are straining as the horses near the goal. And, if the finish be close, every cut of a jockey's whip finds echo in the cheers, the cries, the yells, the roars that press him toward the line.

The race is ended. There is a rush to the betting ring. The favorite jockey, if he win, is acclaimed by his successful backers as he rides back to the judges' stand. The horses, winner and losers, are led away. The band plays and the raucous calls from the betting ring summon the throng for the next event.

Thus was it yesterday at Oakland. To the veterans at the game it might have seemed stale, perhaps. To the tyro, the newcomer, the picture was one of vast human interest, for on every side was the very essence of human nature depicted.

GROUNDS IN FINE TRIM.

The New California Jockey Club management believes in cultivating an esthetic side. The grounds at Oakland were spick and span. At the clubhouse for the guests everything was bright and clean, fresh under much new paint. Grass swards, fresh and invitingly cool, vines and plants, palms and foliage, called hither for relief from the bright sunlight. Along the boardwalk from the main entrance, covered for shelter against the rains, beautiful creeping vines had overgrown the sides, forming a delightful arbor half a mile long.

The stables, neatly kept, the appointments for patrons new and bright, the attendants quick and polite—all this added to the attraction of the day. But President Williams overlooked one item. He should replace that dingy black and gold banner that was flung from a pole in the inner field. The colors are weather-worn and not in keeping with the general appearance of the grounds.

Long before the bugle call sounded for the first race the betting ring was swarming with crowds of eager investors. There were twenty bookmakers in the main ring, three field books and a combination stand to handle the public's money. The evidence was that there was plenty of it to handle. Some of the men on the block needed as many hands as a centipede has legs to accommodate the press of patronage.

The betting men said it was a day of days for an opening, as oftentimes the public shies a bit at inaugural races. Form is not always so readily figured, especially when a host of new horses and new jockeys appear on the cards. But that is for the technical side of the game.

Around the ring the old-timers greeted Barney Schreiber, who had been away for a season. "Kid" Weller's face was a new one after his absence of three or four years. Among the jockeys who were given a cordial reception from the grand stand were Willie Davis and Knapp.

Noticeable in the betting ring was a large number of Eastern horsemen who have come to California for the season. The game has been heavily advertised throughout the East. The tracks in the Middle West have closed for the winter. The yellow fever scare at New Orleans has sent many followers of the sport westward, the large stables have given impetus to public interest, and, all combined, these reasons account to some extent for the successful opening of the racing year.

Fine weather, prolonged as it has been this year, gave the club management every opportunity to put things shipshape, and conditions at Oakland prove that none of the opportunities were overlooked.

It was suggested yesterday at the track that the football game at Stanford might have been a counter attraction to win many an enthusiastic devotee of racing. If any were absent the thronged grand standing, betting ring and paddock parade did not give evidence thereof. The interest of women in this exhilarating sport is hardly second to that of the men folk. While the men pressed about the betting stands and wisely or not wisely made their selections, they barely diminished the occupied space in the pavilion above. Hundreds of daintily gowned women graced the grand stand, and in the height of battle in the race their voices, shrill with excitement, joined in the chorus of the course.

It was kaleidoscopic. Finery in the grand stand and the gay intermingling colors in the field. The jockeys, in their brand new suits of brilliant hues, the women bedecked in their holiday best, and, in passing, one might include some of the men. For there was raiment on display which did not lose luster by comparison with the rich silks of the fair sex.

Of course, the crowd's interest centered on the Opening Handicap—but Mr. Mulholland will tell the story of the races.

BOSTON, Nov. 11.—The police this afternoon began a systematic raid of all illegal medical establishments in the city. The raid was based on a statement given the authorities by a 13-year-old girl of Sanford, Me., who avers that she submitted to illegal treatment at a Tremont institution recently.

WILL USE ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON TRAINS

Denver and Rio Grande Road to Spend $1,000,000 in Improvements.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 11.—Close to a million dollars will be expended by the Denver and Rio Grande Company in installing an electric lighting system for the road. Electric light plants will be placed at all shops and the storage battery system will be installed in all trains. These storage batteries will be charged from the company's plants. The present rush of business on the road demands night work at the company's shops and a more satisfactory system of lighting is necessary.

Electric plants will be placed at the Burnham shops at Pueblo, Grand Junction, Salida and Salt Lake City.

The most expensive and most modern machinery will be purchased for use in the shops, and it will take a year to install the plants. The road will be the most modern in the United States in respect to its lighting system when this work is completed. In fact, it will lead every railroad in this respect.

Record Entry for Horse Show.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Seventeen hundred entries, 200 more than last year, and comprising the pick of the show horses throughout the country, have been received for the exhibition of the National Horse Show Association, which will begin at Madison Square Garden next Monday morning. The greatest increase on entries is in the class for harness horses. After an absence of a year Judge W. H. Moore of Chicago will again be in evidence, having 100 entries. He has Forest King, one of the champions of the country, and many other very valuable blue ribbon winners.

The hunter and jumper classes will be well represented.

The special classes have been filled better than ever and the Waldorf-Astoria Cup contest will have some of the best horses that ever competed for it.

Paget Sells His Racing Stable.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The entire stable of horses belonging to Sidney Paget were sold at Aqueduct race track to-day. The star of the sale was Kinleydale, a stake winner and a son of Kinley Mack-Berriedale. He was bought by N. Dyment for $11,600.

Jacobite, Golden Garter-Flora Mac, and winner of $20,000, was sold to E. R. Thomas for $8000.

Waterwing went to M. L. Hayman for $6000.

W. L. Powers paid $4000 for Floralia and $5000 for Watergrass.

Alexander Shields paid $3500 for Ormonde's Right, this year's winner of the Garter handicap.

Belle Strome sold for $2500 to M. L. Hayman.

Young Ladies' Night.

Next Wednesday night will be "Young Ladies' Institute night" in St. Ignatius Hall on Van Ness avenue, on which occasion the Gentlemen's Sodality of St. Ignatius will present on an elaborate scale "The Sybil's Prophecy." A section of the hall has been reserved for the members of the institute and their friends.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—Talbert von Watson, a native of Vienna, Austria, son of an Austrian army officer and a cousin of the military attache at the Austrian Embassy at Washington, yesterday enlisted as a private in the hospital corps of the United States army at the Jefferson Barracks recruiting office.

COUNT VON MOLTKE WILL BE PROMOTED

Kaiser Intends Appointing Him German Army's Chief of Staff.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—Though the report still lacks official confirmation, it is now considered certain that Count von Moltke, at present quartermaster general, will succeed General Count Schleiffen as chief of the general staff and thus occupy the post which was held for thirty years by his uncle, Count von Moltke, the greatest military genius of modern times. The position, of course, is the most important that exists in the entire German army and naturally Count von Moltke's fitness for the position is keenly discussed in military circles. He is generally regarded as a capable leader in the field, but much doubt is expressed as to his possession of those far higher talents necessary to the planning of great campaigns.

As quartermaster general he had to relieve the aged, overburdened Count Schleiffen of a part of his duties and thus it fell to his lot this year to plan the big "Kaiser" maneuvers. Military critics were not greatly impressed by them, contending that hey were not at all adapted to the requirements of genuine warfare. But the Kaiser himself was well satisfied with them and that, probably, was the object Count von Moltke had most in view when he made his arrangements.

Count von Moltke is 57 year old and the son of a Danish chamberlain. In the war with France he served as a sub-lieutenant and was awarded the Iron Cross for bravery.

Those who are jealous of the Count's prospects are not above hinting that, apart from the prestige which his name confers on him, he owes not a little to petticoat influence. His wife, a Danish woman of noble birth, enjoys the friendship of the Empress, as does also one of his nieces, who married the son of the former lord high steward of the Empress, Count von Mirbach.

THINKS THAT HE KNEW NULDA PETRIE'S FAMILY

The exclamation, 'Poor Eva," let fall by a woman visiting Hagan's undertaking parlors yesterday to view the remains of Nulda Petrie, led to an alleged identification of that unfortunate woman. The remark caused Hagan to question the woman. She said: "Ask Mr. John P. Gallagher, who used to keep the Langham Hotel."

Gallagher wa sent for, and declared that Nulda Petrie might have been Eva Howard, daughter of Augustus Howard, alias Charles Doyle, leader of a desperate gang of thugs, who broke open the strong box of the steamship Alameda in August, 1899.

Howard's wife and daughters stayed at the Langham Hotel, then kept by Gallagher, some weeks previous to the time of the robbery. What makes the identification shaky is the fact that Howard's eldest daughter was but 9 years old at that time, and would be but 15 now. Nulda Petrie must have been over 24 when she was shot by Andrews.

Gallagher was at first almost positive that the woman was Howard's eldest daughter, who, he declares, was at least 14 when he saw her. Later he decided that he was not certain.

Augustus Howard was as remarkable a crook in his way as was Andrews. While he was plotting and carrying out big robberies his wife and children were housed in the finest style. At the time of the Alameda robbery they were living in a $100 a month flat.

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