PICK A DERBY WINNER

The Blue Ribbon Event of the American Turf at Louisville.

It Will Be Run on Historic Churchill Downs Next Thursday.

Equine Giants Entered for This and Other Events of Importance.

The Majority of Them Will Also Compete for Twin City Stakes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 5.—On Thursday next the great Kentucky Derby will be run, and the twenty-eighth meeting of the Louisville Jockey club inaugurated. Despite the withdrawal of certain stables because of the Kentucky handicap blunder, the thousands of people who will assemble at Churchill Downs between May 9 and 18 next will doubtless witness one of the greatest race meetings in the history of the Kentucky turf. There may not be as many horses here this year as last, but there will be an abundance—at least half a thousand—and there will be no lacking in the matter of quality. The best horses in the Western country—the majority of which will be seen at the Twin City meeting at Hamline in July—will meet here and battle for the rich trophies offered by the Louisville Jockey club—equine giants from California, the flower of Kentucky and the seasoned veterans of the South. Many a record has been lowered at Chnrchill Downs since the day when Aristides captured the initial Kentucky Derby, and it is not unreasonable to expect that one or more will suffer similarly at the coming meeting. Ten Broeck's great record of a mile in 1:39¾ has remained un broken for twelve years. No horse save Stuyvesant has ever approached it, and he failed of reaching it by a quarter of a second. Old man Harper, Ten Broeck's owner while he lived, will endeavor, however, to eclipse even Ten Broeck's record next week or the week following. To accomplish or attempt this feat he has selected that fleet-footed daughter of the dead sire, Valuable. The race will be made against time, as was the case with Ten Broeck in 1877, and as the mare has already covered a mile in 1:40 in her trials this spring, there is excellent prospect of her succeeding. The coming meeting will comprise nine day's racing in all and the following review will give a foretaste of the quality and nature of the sports to be expected:

The principal event of the first day is, of course, the Kentucky derby, a mile and a half, for three-year-olds. It is the blue ribbon event of the American turf, and while it may not in intrinsic value equal several of the important events in the West and a number of those in the East, to it attaches a greater prestige than to any race probably run on American soil. It enhances the values of the winner as a racer and as a sire. Take the derby winners from 1885 to that of 1888—Aristides, Vagrant, Baden Baden, Day Star, Lord Murphy, Fonso, Hindoo, Apollo, Leonatus, Buchanan, Joe Cotton, Ben Ali, Montrose and Macbeth II.—and it will be found that every one of them were race horses from muzzle to heel. With the exception of Fonso, who went to pieces with lung fever shortly after the race, all were winners again in good company. Hindoo, Aristides, Leanatus, Fonso, Baden Baden, Day Star, Buchanan and Ben Ali are to-day making fame for themselves and gold for their owners in the stud, while Montrose and Macbeth II. are still on the turf, battling with the newer equine generations. Lord Murphy was taken to England, and is doubtless doing stud service there to-day. Joe Cotton is dead. So is Apollo, who was saved the fate of the only other gelding besides Macbeth who won the Derby, namely, Vagrant. Poor old Vagrant is still paying the

PENALTY OF IMPOTENCY.

by dragging a buggy over the streets of Lexington. So much for past Derby winners. Of the horses remaining undeclared for the coming renewal, the following are likely to come to the post: Sam Bryant's pair, Proctor Knott and Come-to-Taw; Spokane, Montana stable; the Beverwick stable pair, Cassius and Castaway II.; Kasson, J. J. Carter; Harper's pair, Lee Christy and Casella; Hindoocraft, Ireland Bros.; Moxie, Labold Bros.; Robin Hood, Hearst & Murray; Sportsman, J. K. Megibben & Co.; Long Dance, George Rye; the best of Baldwin's pairs, Caliente or Ganymede; and Once Again, Milton Young. This will give a field of fourteen, which may be reduced by the dropping of one of Harper's pair, the worst one of the Beverwick stable pair, and, possibly, Kasson. Nothing is known of the condition of Baldwin's couple outside of the stable, and it is quite possible that neither will be found at the post when the flag falls next Thursday. To offset these, however, additional starters may be found in Cartoon, Gatican and Teuton. Heron will hardly start; it would be apt to cause a "coolness" between Guest and Hankins. Almont won't start for the simple reason that he has been declared off inside of the past three days, being sick from the effects of his journey from the Pacific slope. Indeed, Senator Hearst has been peculiarly unfortunate in this respect, his only other Derby representative besides Robin Hood, N. Y. M., having died since his arrival here. Kasson is reported a doubtful starter, but this lacks official confirmation.

Should the first fourteen named go to the post, Proctor Knott, of course, will be a warm favorite. The Futurity winner has improved immensely in the past fortnight, and developed his old time speed. There need be no fear of his not being able to go the route. He is bred that way. Come-to-Taw may cut some figure, and he may be permitted to win by license of his stable companion, but this is doubtful. Spokane is apt to make a showing. He is both speedy and game, and has made many friends by his creditable performance in the Peabody Hotel stakes at Memphis. The Blue Ribbon stakes, a mile and a half, to be run at Lexington next Monday, will doubtless disclose the best of Harper's pair, as both are entered in that race. So is Once Again, Milton Young's Derby Hope, now being keyed up by Brown Dick, that veteran trainer who handled Gallifet last year. Hindoocraft has been showing excellent work in his trials, and his victory in the Distillers' stakes at Lexington Wednesday makes him a dangerous factor in the race. Moxie is stable secret. He may be another Montrose, but it is doubtful. The Labold Bros.' luck is not apt to run in the Derby channel the second time. Robin Hood was undoubtedly fit before he left California, and is still looking well. Bnt he has been eased up in his work—

NOT A VERY FLATTERING SIGN

Cassius is said to be Johnny Campbell's hope, and not Castaway II. Cassius ran disappointingly in the Montgomery stakes at Memphis, but the same thing could have been said of Macbeth last year, and yet Macbeth won. Baldwin's pair, as before stated, are uncertainties. The remaining one of the fourteen, Long Dance, is reported to be receiving a special training for the race, but has yet to disclose any especial prowess. Altogether, the race seems a pretty open one outside of Proctor Knott. Bryant still maintains that the latter will not start, but it is no breach of confidence to state that nobody believes him. In any event, whether he starts or not, Kaintuck's classic event will be a contest worth coming miles to see, and the winner will be cheered by probably twenty thousand throats as he passes under the wire. Three purse races and an extra race yet to be designated complete the first day's programme.

On the second day, the Hurstbourne stakes, for two-year-old fillies, five furlongs, will bring together such youngsters as Charlotte Cushman (Proctor Knott's sister); Fairy Queen, Farmer Scully's fleetfooted filly; Baldwin's best, among them Oscelita, Violetta and St. Cecelia, the last named a full sister to old Volante; Flyaway, Amos McCampbell's promising Kinney filly; Dilemma, Millie Williams, Zelica, Blue Vail, Daisy F., Lady Ali and probably half a dozen or more untried fillies. Fairy Queen and Charlotte Cushman will likely have more friends on that day than any other two that could be named, and the winner will likely be found among these two and the best of the Baldwin's. A sprint of half a mile, a three-quarter dash, a race of seven furlongs and an extra race complete the programme. The Delbeck handicap is the stake event of the third day. It is a handicap sweepstakes for three-year-olds and upward, with $1,000 added, one and one-sixteenth miles. The prominent candidates for this, not yet declared, are Libretto, Long Roll, Hypocrite, Los Angeles, Strideaway, Lottie Wall, Mollie McCarthy's Last, Insolence, Clay Stockton and Meckie H. If Strideaway, Libretto and Hypocrite come to the post the winner is apt to be found among them unless the weights—which are not assigned until two days before the race—are prohibitive. The same number of purse races as on the two preceding days fill out the third day's programme. The fourth day will undoubtedly bring together a fine lot of two-year-old colts to compete for the Alexander stakes, a five-furlong dash, with $1,000 added money. Onsrard, Grayson, Uncle Bob and Major Nolan (Bryant's pair), Labrador, Starter Caldwell, Baldwin's trio, Guadaloupe, Amigo and Santiago, some promising youngsters belonging to the Scoggan Bros. and a number of other likely youngsters are engaged in this race. Grayson, Amos McCampbell's colt, is very fast, but is hardly as seasoned as some of the others, Onsrard for instance. The West Side stakes, to be run at Nashville next Monday, may disclose a line on this race.

Next to the derby and the Kentucky handicap, the Clark stakes, with $1,500 added, is the

BIGGEST RACE OF THE MEETING

It is for three-year-olds, and is practically a renewal of the Derby, the only difference being that the distance is a quarter mile shorter. Pretty much the same horses that constitute the Derby field are entered in this, and the Derby will furnish an excellent and almost infallible line as to the winner. If Proctor Knott comes to the post, he ought to have this race at his mercy. The McCampbell handicap, a sweepstakes for all ages, a mile and seventy yards, together with three other purse races, will be run on this, the fifth day. The Merchants' handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, with $1,000 added, a mile and an eighth, is the feature of the following day. In it are entered Badge, Hypocrite, Clay Stockton, Insolence, Libretto, Lavina Belle, Allahrene, McDowell, Hey Day, Bob Forsythe, Mollie McCarthy's Last, Wahsatch and others. Until the weights appear (two days previous to the race) speculation as to the winners would seem to be useless. Four purse races will fill out the day. On the seventh day, Thursday, May 16, the Kentucky Oaks will be run. It is, like the Derby, a mile and a half, and the filly that wins it will have to possess both speed and staying power. Among the entries are the following more or less prominent fillies: The Lioness, Brown Princess, Mandolin, Almera, Corinne, Blackburn, Havillah, Retrieve, Lady Hemphill, Lydia Belle, May Laps, several of the Baldwins, Bettina, and Heliotrope. Of these Brown Princess has disclosed decidedly the best form, and ought to win. The Lioness, if she were fit, would doubtless have no trouble in winning, but there is much in that "if." The Runnymede stakes, for two-year-olds, three-quarters of a mile, will be run on the following day. It was in this race last year that Proctor Knott met his first defeat, being beaten by the Lioness and others through the bad jockeyship of Turner. The same horses that start in the Alexander stakes on the fourth day will likely compete in this as the entries are pretty much the same. The

EVENT OF THE DAY

is the Kentucky handicap, which ranks next to the Derby in importance. It has $2,500 added money, and last year was worth $4,387 to the winner, over $1,000 to the second horse and $250 to the third. Last year Egmont won it, defeating the mighty Terra Cotta in one of the greatest races ever run on Kentucky soil. The recent unfortunate blunder in assigning weights, owing to which the Chicago stables delared all of its horses in the Louisville events, has robbed the event of not a little of its interest. But while Terra Cotta and the other equine giants of this stable have been eliminated, the race promises to be even more warmly contested because of their absence, being necessarily more open and doubtful. Badge, Insolence, Clay Stockton, Libretto, Montrose, Spokane, Los Angeles, Hypocrite, Long Chance and Bridelight are a few of the leading candidates that are apt to face the starter. Badge looks well at 116 pounds, while Montrose, Libretto and Hypocrite are all well in at 116, 114 and 110, respectively. Among the light weights Clay Stockton, with only 98 pounds up, has an excellent chance. The Macauley handicap and three other purse races wind up the day and the meeting. Altogether the prospect for fine racing is a most promising one. The stalls are rapidly filling up, and by the time the Lexington contingent arrives there will be no less than 500 horses on hand. The track is covered with flyers every morning up to as late as 11 o'clock, all busily preparing for the coming contests. Nine-tenths of the horses already here and to come are entered for the rich stakes of the Twin City Jockey club, and besides these the cream of the Chicago stables and some California cracks will run at Hamline. As a consequence, the result of this meeting will be particularly interesting to residents of St. Paul and Minneapolis, who are to have a Derby of their own.

RATS IN A NEW LIGHT.

They Can Be Tamed Into Charming Pets in the Household.

Pall Mall Gazette.

I have seen and handled a pair of tame rats belonging to some young friends, and prettier, more playful, and more intelligent pets could not be imagined. They were accustomed to run about on the table at meal times. They never stole food; but, when any thing was offered them, they sat up on their hind legs, held the morsel between their forepaws and ate it daintily.

They were fond of a game which I saw them play. The rats were put into the boy's cap, which was hung on the hat-stand in the hall. The boy and his sister then went to the top of the house and whistled. At the sound of the whistle the rats jumped out of the cap, scrambled to the floor and then ran up the stairs and perched on their owners' shoulders.

The general idea of the rat is that it is an ill-savored animal, dirty in its person and revolting in its diet, whereas it is delicately clean in person and equally dainty in its food. It is ever washing itself, and never eats without washing afterward.

A Counting Contrivance.

Capital.

Some genius has just made a most elaborate affair specially designed to facilitate the tallying of tabulated statistics with a view to the approaching census. His method consists essentially in first recording the data relating to each person by punching holes in the sheets or strips of electrically non-conducting material (paper) and then counting or tallying these data, either separately or in combination, by means of mechanical counters, operated by electro-magnets, the circuits through which are controlled by the perforated cards or strips.

AMONG THE HORSES.

The Entire Produce of the Erdenheim Stud to Be Sold.

Promising Youngsters Under the Hammer to Close the Kittson Estate.

Long Odds That Maud S's Famous Record Will Stand This Season.

Ed Bither Will Personally Train the Case String—Hoof Points.

The sale of the entire produce of the noted Erdenheim stud for 1888, the property of the estate of the late Commodore Kittson, will be held at the American Horse Exchange, Fiftieth street and Broadway, New York, by Col. S. D. Bruce, next Monday, May 13. The yearlings composing the Erdenheim catalogue are the last of the breeding of the Erdenheim stud, and are sold by order of the St. Paul Trust company, to close up the estate. They are, taking them as a whole, a very promising and even lot. They are by the speedy son of imported Eclipse and imported Maud, by Stockwell, Alarm, sire of Himyar, Gabriel, Startle, Pardee, Panique, Soubrette, Breeze, Flight, Aura, etc., two colts and five fillies; a brother to Tocsin, dam Auricula, by Waverly; a colt out of Busy Bee, by War Dance. The fillies are out of Bedotte, by Bonnie Scotland, Dahabia, by Kingfisher, Iuka, by Reform, Sister of Mercy, the dam of Pardee, Iuka, Heck, etc., and Temptation, Rivet's dam, by Great Tom; by Dalnacardoch, winner of the St. James' Palace stakes at Ascot, Gratwicke stakes at Goodwood and Great Yorkshire handicap at Doncaster, son of Rataplan, own brother to Stockwell and Mayonnaise, by Teddington, sire of Carnegie, Drumstick, etc., thre are two colts and there fillies. A colt, dam Elastic, and of Albia, Bouncer, Elizabeth, etc., by Kentucky, and brother to Arab, out of Retribution, by Reform; the fillies are out of Equity, dam of Chief Justice, by Enquirer; Fairwater, dam of Gracie, by Ill Used and Preciosa, dam of Preciana, Stalwart, etc., by Leamington. Reform, sire of Rataplan, Ittilala, Raveller, Kermesse, Florence, etc., one of the best bred sons and best race horses of the popular imported Leamington, has two colts and one filly in the lot; a colt, brother to Hayward, out of Australind, dam of Circassian, Austriana, etc., by imported Australian; a colt out of Zicka, sister to Zoo Zoo, and dam of Leather Stocking, Pagan, etc., by Australian; a filly out of the superior race mare Albia, by Alarm. By imported Woodlands, winner of the Findon stakes at Goodwood and Corporation stakes at Brighton, sone of Nutbourne, by the Nabob, and Whiteface, by Turnus, sire of Woodson, Brynwood, Merci, Theora, and the great colt Cracksman, there are four colts and six fillies. A bay colt, dam Megara, the dam of the great filly Spinaway, La Bella N., Fenelon, etc., by imported Eclipse, one brother to Suitor, out of Lady's Maid, by Leamington, one out of the fine race mare Ranee, by Reform, and own out of Tuscaloosa, by Leamington or Reform. The fillies are out of the best and most noted producing and best race mares of the country; one out of the great race mare Glidelia, by Glengarry; one out of the famous Maggie B B, dam of Iroquois, Harold, etc., by imported Australian; one out of the noted Waltz, dam of Glidelia, Raquet, Kermesse, etc., by Lexington; one out of the superior race mare, Blue Lodge, dam of Aura, by Fellowcraft; one out of Artifice, dam of Ruse, Headlad, etc., by imported Glenelg; one out of Baby, dam of Ballyhoe, by imported Strachino, and one by Reform or Woodlands, out of Vanita (Clara Morris), by Alarm. There are by the speedy, good son of Alarm and Sister of Mercy, Pardee, one colt and four fillies; a colt out of Lady Salyers dam of St. Paul and May Queen, by imported Leamington; fillies out of imported Essayez II., dam of Issaquena, Ittilala, etc., by Cremorne, imported Victoria, dam of Regulus, by King Victor; imported Algebra, dam of Donald A and Woodson, by Diophantus, and one out of Misty Morn, dam of Stanly, by Ulverston, son of Lexington. The mares were bred to and these yearlings are by the stallions whose blood and general conformation had nicked best with the families of the matrons, and there is no reason to doubt but there are some grand race horses in the lot, as they are not excelled in high fashionable breeding and racing lines, or by any ever bred in the world. This stock will be sold without reservation or by bid, no guarantee of soundness, but full guarantee of title and pedigree as stated in the catalogue.

SPRING SAP AND HOPES.

Dollars to Doughnuts That the Record of Maud S Will Not Be Beaten This Season.

In the spring, when sap runs freely, we hear a great deal about horses that are going to beat the record. We believe in progress, and hope some day to see a mile trotted in faster time than 2:08¾, but we do not throw judgment to the winds. There are just nine horses in the whole history of the turf which have acquired records of better than 2:14, the mark of Goldsmith Maid, and one of these, Maxey Cobb, is dead. St. Julien and Rarus have passed into the yellow leaf, and nothing more can be expected of them. Phallas is in the stud, and will never be started again, his muscle having gone abroad, and Jay-Eye-See and Harry Wilkes are weak in their legs, and will live in history on what they have accomplished rather than upon expectations. The only two rivals of the Queen fit for duty are Belle Hamlin and Guy. The great little gelding has trotted the fastest mile, 2:12, but the handsome mare has gone the fastest half, 1:02½. We look for both of these trotters to beat their record this year, but it is a dollar to a doughnut, our usual winning bet, that neither will smash time three seconds in a lump. When we approach the extreme flight, progress is measured by fractions instead of full seconds. Maud S. did not jump down to 2:08¾. She kept on trying, and slowly advanced in steps of one-quarter of a second to her present proud position. The lungs, cords, and muscles were laboriously gotten into position to sustain a higher flight of speed. It is persistent trying which shows how a previous weakness may be overcome and how it is possible to eclipse by a shade a former best effort. The first thing for Belle Hamlin and Guy to do is to wipe out the 2:11¼ of St. Julien. After that let them struggle for a while with the 2:10 of Jay-Eye-See, and then they will find it amusing to toy with each quarter of a second which separates them from the 2:08¾ of Maud S. What other record breakers are in sight? We answer that we know of none that will do the trick this year. Rosalind Wilkes, Patron and Stamboul will shine among the great lights of the turf, but it is idle to talk about either wearing the crown until the 2:12 of Guy has been equaled. Sunol has a two-year-old record of 2:18, and Susie S a four-year-old record of 2:18, but the gap between that figure and 2:10 is of fearful width. There should be a great future before Sunol, but to keep her sound her powers will have to ripen gradually. Spring is a hopeful season. The new dandelion lifts its yellow head above the fresh grass, the birds mate and rebuild their nests, and the sap causes the trees to burst into bowers of green. We do not blame the breeder and owner for indulging in bright dreams when nature is rising into the warmth and fullness of life, but an ocean of spring talk will not change the established order of things. And yet, although the lead of Maud S is absolute, we confess to a desire to see the great mare make an attempt before the close of summer to beat her own record.—Turf, Field and Farm.

ON THE TRACK.

The Flyers at the Minnehaha Driving Park.

Lovers of good horseflesh can see sights that are good for sore eyes any day in the week at the grounds of the Minnehaha Driving Park association. Over 100 horses, some of them very fast ones, are in the stables there already, and more arriving every day. There are a great many animals there that have done a mile in 2:30, and better, and a few that have marks of less than 2:20. Among the latter are McKusick's four-year-old mare, Mittie Lil, 2:18, and Louis S, 2:16¼; both horses are in Hinckley's stable.

Many of the horses now quartered at the track are green colts, but some of them are doing excellent work now, and several have done trial heats in good time. From 7 to 10 any morning the trainers are busy working the flyers on quarter and half-mile heats, and not a few of them give promise of fast trotting. The track is in constant use, and is in fine condition, being now considered by horsemen one of the best trotting tracks in the country. The half-mile track inside the circle is somewhat softer than the other, and in fine condition for running horses, of which, however, there are very few now at the park.

Charlie Miles has a string of purse winners in his stable, and will send six or seven out of the twenty-two under his care campaigning this season. The five-year-old mare Lilian, with a four-year-old record of 2:17½, is his special pride. She is owned by William Blowers, of Waterloo, Io., and is already doing some very pretty work, although she hasn't been put to any fast business as yet this season. She goes East in August.

Arcadian, the big black stallion, six years old, is getting in excellent trim for hard fast work, and will be taken to Chicago soon. His record is 2:33½. Birdie L, a greenpacing mare, is also under Mr. Miles' training, and is considered a very promising animal.

J. C. Oswald's Nellie S and Molly C are at Nelson's stable, and are getting in excellent shape for the opening of the season. Nellie's mark is 2:22½. Mr. Nelson thinks Dixey V, now in his stable, will surprise everybody this year. Dixey's record is 2:27¼. Harry Balch's Alceola, 2:28¼, Sunos & Motley's Cricket, 2:24½, and Blockade, a promising two-year-old belonging to the De Graff estate, are also in this stable.

Johnnie Woods, 2:21½, is at the Gannon stable with Lucy K, Kellar V, Tood L, Zaywood and the little pacer, Billy Blue Bell.

George Spears has charge of the big club stable and has a string of twelve trotters. Star, seven years old, with a record of 2:29, is one of the best in the stable, and R. F. Jones' Big Ike is shown to all visitors.

One of the best in H. W. Browne's stable is St. Leger. The other stables are those of Kelly, Matthews, Sargent, Laird and Clark, and contain for the most part horses that trot in 2:40 to 2:30, and green trotters that will be put in shape to make records this summer.

A meeting of the stockholders of the association will be held on Tuesday evening to elect officers and arrange a programme for the regular weekly matinees that will commence soon, and be held all through the season.

CASE'S FAST STRING.

Ed Bither Will Attend to Their Training in Person.

J. I. Case, of the Hickory Grove stock farm, Racine, Wis., writes: Brown's book has been full for nearly two months, and I have been obliged to turn away quite a number of good mares. The fact that all of his foals, (four in number foaled in 1888), show such promise of a high rate of speed at an early date, are such good lookers and so pure-gaited, together with the fact that all who know him well believe that he will materially lower his record the coming season, filled his book almost as soon as opened, and I have been compelled to turn away many good mares. Under the circumstances I am forced to raise his fee to $200 for 1890, and it may be possible when the season arrives that we may raise it even higher. But parties looking to him before the 1890 announcement will be allowed to breed at the price advertised. His book is now open for 1890 at $200. I look for Brown to prove the coming season that he is the equal of any five-year-old stallion ever before the public in contested races, and I would not be surprised to see him (barring accidents) beat the record of 2:13¾ at that age. I state with confidence, and make all due allowance for early spring enthusiasm, that two of his four-yearlings will surely enter the 2:30 list as three-year-olds, and I expect one to get in that list next season as a two-year-old. The stock at Hickory Grove have all wintered nicely, and we are getting them in shape to commence spring operations. We have just finished as good a mile track as can be found anywhere, and Bither will remain at home and attend to all the training in person the greater part of the season. The string will consist of Jay-Eye-See, 2:10; Brown, 2:18¾; Victoria Wilkes, four years old, record at two years, 2:41¾; two very promising two-year-olds by Phallas Chief; a very promising three-year-old by Tyrant; Harold Wilkes, who is expected to beat 2:30 the coming season; three two-year-old fillies by Phallas, 2:13¾; one by Robert McGregor, 2:17½, and five two-year-old Phallas stallion colts. He will also handle, to some extent, a few yearlings. Good results are expected this season at Hickory Grove.

There is some talk of forming a trotting association here and joining the Northwestern circuit, holding the meetings on the new mile track after the Janesville and Freeport meetings.

The Northern Pacific Circuit.

Those who have been buying horses to take to Montana and the Northwest will find employment for them this summer. At Helena there will be a four days' meeting, commencing July 3, and records made at it will not constitute a bar at the August meeting. The regular circuit is Deer Lodge, Aug. 7, four days; Anaconda, Aug. 12, six days; Butte City, Aug. 19, six days, and Helena, Aug. 26, six days. After these come the Oregon State fair, Salem, Sept. 16, six days; the fair at The Dalles, Sept. 24, six days, and the fair at Walla Walla, W. T., Sept. 30, six days. The race-givers in the Northwest, it will be observed, have arranged to keep things moving from Monday morning until Saturday night. They do not favor any half week business. The horses which go through the circuit will get plenty of experience, and it is to be hoped that their drivers and owners will gather enough money to keep the wheels well greased.

Safe on Brazillian Soil.

The two American-bred trotters, Spofford and Gov. Hill, were safely landed in Buenos Ayres after a voyage of forty-seven days. The severest shaking up occured off Newport News. The gale was strong and the sea ran high. The horses were protected by padded stalls. In pleasant weather they were walked on deck. They also had a large open box, with plenty of straw to prevent slipping, into which they were turned, one at a time, when the ocean was calm. The shoes were badly worn on the voyage. The friction was as great as if the trotters had been on land. The two horses walked ashore in their new and far-distant home as frisky and nimble as colts. We hope that both will continue to distinguish themselves. They will be driven on the road and compete in races. Three days before Spofford and Governor Hill were landed the bay mare Skylight Pilot, who had preceded them to Buenos Ayres, died. She was by Strathmore, had a record of 2:19, and her loss was keenly regretted.

HOOF PRINTS.

What Horses and Their Owners, Breeders and Handlers Are Doing.

A Masterson (New Zealand) paper states that one of the cleverest and most sensational equestrian performances on record was accomplished by Harry Vennell, at the Kumurau races. He was riding a horse in the hack race, when the animal bolted towards the hills and leaped into a ravine, falling perpendicularly a height of twenty feet. The horse dropped on his back, breaking it, and dying quickly, and had Vennell kept his seat he would assuredly have been killed. Perceiving his danger as the animal made his fatal plunge, he caught hold of an overhanging branch and swung himself out of the saddle. A minute or so later the branch gave way, and Vennell fell on the body of the horse, but his fall was broken, and he escaped with some slight injuries.

The latest odds offered against American Derby candidates is 10 to 1 The Czar, 12 to 1 Proctor Knott, 15 to 1 Galen, 15 to 1 Sorrento, 15 to 1 Salvator, 15 to 1 Flood Tide, 20 to 1 French Park, 20 to 1 Fresno, 25 to 1 Spokane, Kasson, Sam Wood, Heron and Don Jose; 30 to 1 Ganymede, Blue Rock and The Lioness, and from 35 to 1 to 150 to 1 the others. Some of the latest transactions by bookmakers are: For the Brooklyn handicap, $1,500 to $20 The Don, $600 to $50 and $300 to $25 The Bard, $750 to $50 Terra Cotta, $1,500 to $25 Niagara, $400 to $20 Gorgo. For the Suburban handicap, $1,250 to $50 Prince Royal, $1,000 to $20 Torchlight, $800 to $20 Taragon, $400 to $20 Hanover, $1,125 to Niagara, $750 to $50 Terra Cotta, and $300 to $100 Terra Cotta to run one, two or three.

Among the prominent racing trainers and owners are the following who were formerly conspicuous in trotting circles: Sam Bryant, Ed Corrigan, William McGuigan, Father Bill Daly, John S. Campbell, Cliff Porter, Jim Caldwell, Frank Van Ness, John Croker, W. P. Maxwell, John Madden, Jack Chinn, Don Mozier, William R Letcher, Dan Macauley and John McMahon.

Jimmy McLaughlin, the Chicago stable's great jockey, has reduced his weight to 117 pounds already, which is ten pounds less than he was at the same time last year, and lower than he has been at this season in a number of years. He is in excellent health, and does not experience any of the dizziness or fainting spells that he did last year.

Nat Bruen and W. C. Brown, of Burlington, Io., have sold to G. D. Bennett & Co., of Tecumseh, Neb., for $2,000, the four-year-old bay stallion Appanoose 6182, by Egbert 1136, dam Hope, by Magic 1451; second dam Lady Thorne Jr. (dam of Santa Claus, 2:17½), by Williams' Mambrino, son of Ericsson 130. He is a grand individual, and exhibits great bursts of speed.

C. A. Radcliffe feels very much pleased over the performance of his Wilkes stallion, not yet three years old, he trotted an easy quarter of a mile in forty-five seconds, a three-minute gait. It was the third time he was ever hitched to a sulky, and was driven by A. J. Woodmansee, in whose hands he is for the season. He is a natural-born trotter.

H. Bartlett, of the firm of Burt, Coe & Co., Ottumwa, Io., has sold to a Russian syndicate at a very long price the four-year-old colt Jupiter, by Seely's Rattler, dam Lady Whitman; second dam by Hambletonian. He is represented as a colt of rare promise, having shown trials better than 2:20.

Donovan is still favorite for the English derby, although he was defeated by Enthusiast for the 2,000 guineas. Within a space of thirteen months Donovan won over £27,000, nearly equaling the winnings of the mighty Ormonde during his whole racing career. The owner of Donovan won the Derby last year with Ayrshire.

The Czar's recent grand performances at San Francisco show that the curb with which he was troubled has been effectually cured. But good as he has proved himself, there are many Californians who believe that Don Jose, his stable companion, can beat him when called upon.

Dr. C. I. Shoop, of Racine, Wis., has sold to William F. Redmond, of New York city, the five-year-old bay mare Kittie Hayes, by Judge Hayes 4426, dam Laura Swigert, by Swigert 650, etc. She is very promising, and can show close to a 2:30 gait without training.

At Washington park, Chicago, last year, 102 races were won by 84 different horses, while at Monmouth park 107 races were won by 79 different horses. This showing at our great Western track is encouraging to owners.

J. H. & A. H. Morris' mare Jennie B, by Longfellow, out of Brocade, which was shipped to England last year, has been bred to Galopin, winner of the Derby in 1875, and sire of St. Simon, Donovan and other good ones.

Jockey Sible, who rode *Sorrento into the place in the Pacific Derby, is the oldest knight of the pigskin now in harness. He was a trainer of horses more than thirty years ago.

A. T. Turney, Red Oak, Io., has purchased from G. D. Wilson, Council Bluffs, the colored mare Eugenia, dam of Little Sioux, 2:22½. She will be bred to Guelph, 2:30.

Tempest, 2:19, the young California-bred mare, will be shipped to Buenos Ayres, South America, this week. The price paid for her was in the neighborhood of $8,000.

Judge Babcock, of Minneapolis, Minn., has purchased from Ed Geers, of Tennessee, the bay pacing gelding Joe Braden, 2:15¼, and will use him as a road horse.

Dr. R. E. Giffen, Lincoln, Neb., has purchased from Kansas parties, for $1,000, the promising three-year-old colt Jessie, by Challes, dam by Post's Hambletonian.

B. J. Treacy, of Lexington, Ky., is reported to have refused an offer of $20,000 for Bermuda, 2:20, by Banker, dam Pattie Patchin, by Mambrino Patchen.

Frank Van Ness has commenced jogging the Sire Bros.' horses at Morristown, N. J. He thinks Harry Wilkes will this season show his best form.

Prince Roral is a strong Long Island favorite for the Suburban, and his stable companion, George Oyster, is being liberally backed for the Volunteer.

Sam Caton, the well-known trainer, has engaged with Mr. Simpson, of New York, for a year, and will work his horses at Adrian, Mich.

Fullerton, the famous six-year-old English racehorse, by Touchet, out of Caroline, has been sold for 5,000 guineas, to go to Buenos Ayres.

Cruiser, by Wanderer, owned by Lamasney Bros., has been "fired," and will not be started before next fall.

Lady Winifred, a well-known English performer over hurdles, has been sold to go to spain.

*Willis A. Gorman, governor.

†Jo Rolette, member of council from Pembina, who had stolen the capital removal bill, was chairman of the committee on enrollment.

‡The state capitol.

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THROUGH TO HELENA.

A Spring Jaunt Westward Through the Territories.

FUTURE "PYRAMID PARK."

The St. Paul Colony in Helena—Early Adventures of Peter and Paul.

Business recently called me to Helena, Mont. At 4 o'clock p. m., April 25, I boarded the train on the Northern Pacific railroad; the conductor called out "All aboard," the engineer threw open the valve, and away the train moved over prairies, through hills and across streams at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. Early on the following day the train crossed the Missouri river, and then I was in a hitherto unknown country. No one can realize the beauties of the country through which this road passes unless he visits it in person. At this time the broad prairies are green, giving promise of a bountiful harvest to the husbandman, while the hills and valleys are well filled with horses, cattle and sheep, all fat and flourishing on the nutritious bunch grass so abundant throughout Dakota and Montana. The valley of the Yellowstone is a picture pleasing to the eye and pleasant to the memory. Suddenly the train dashes into the "Bad Lands." This body of land abounds in weird and magnificent scenery, full of interest to to any one capable of drawing pleasure from the beauties of nature. It is utterly unfitted for agriculture, and yet beautiful in its own deformity. If this body of land were near a large city it could be converted into a park, which with a little ornamentation could be made in attractiveness second to none on the face of the earth. One is at a loss to know why, and how, these lands were created. Imagine a dumping ground near some large city, and then magnify the dumps thousands of times and some idea can be formed of the "Bad Lands," which should, in all time to come, be known as Pyramid Park. Medora, on the Little Missouri, is the place where the Marquis de Mores constructed his immense slaughter-house from which point he hoped to supply the world with dressed beef. Thousands of dollars were expended, but for some cause he failed to carry out his grand scheme. At this time his machinery is at a standstill and his large and handsome improvements are unoccupied. Passing this interesting place, the train enters upon the soil of Montana. Away to the north and south the mountains are covered with snow throughout the entire year. Their cold, white peaks cause a chill to creep over me, and I draw my overcoat closer about me.

From these snow mountains, during the summer, more or less moisture descends to dampen the earth in the valleys, causing the grass to grow luxuriantly, and enabling the farmer to raise magnificent crops, independent of the fall of rain.

A population of 18,000 is claimed for Helena, and I think that the estimate is not too large. It is certainly a very thriving town, being in the center of an immense mining district. The wholesale and retail trade is very large, and the merchants and tradesmen seem to be doing well. John S. M. Neill, son of our Rev. Dr. Neill, kindly called with his carriage and took me out to see the smelting works. These cost in the neighborhood of $700,000 and furnish work for a large number of men in getting the precious metal from the ore. The citizens of Helena are kind and hospitable to those who go among them. All the world is there represented, and St. Paul has a fair proportion in that distant city. They seem delighted with the climate and the general outlook for business. Mr. Lambie, formerly in the drug business here, is there buying and selling real estate. Mr. Coffers, formerly in our postoffice, is there successfully conducting a trunk manufactory. Mr. McMurran, is connected with the Journal of that city. The newspapers seem to be enterprising and fully up to the requirements of a wide-awake contstituency. I met an old-time friend in the person of Col. W. F. Wheeler, who was private secretary of Gov. Medary and Gov. Sibley. He is now deputy United States marshal and secretary of the historical society. He is to Montana what J. Fletcher Williams is to Minnesota, and Montana can no more spare him than we can spare our Mr. Williams. While he was a resident of this city an attempt was made to remove the capital to St. Peter, and when the measure failed Wheeler got off the following lines, which were published in the Minnesotian of that time:

ST. PAUL AND ST. PETER.

Peter and Paul went a journeying together.
In rain and sunshine and all kinds of weather.
They finally rested by the great ruoning waters,
And dreamed of their wives, their sons and their daughters.
At a place not far from Mendota,
In the clime of fair Minnesota.
Paul was well pleased, and concluded to settle,
So lighted a fire and boiled his camp kettle;
But Peter continued up the dark Minnesota,
And made a camp by his brother Dakota.
Thus they squatted on Uncle Sam's soil,
And thus began their labor and toil.
The names of these places are familiar to all,
The one's St. Peter, the other St. Paul.
St. Paul quickly grew in size, wealth and power,
And overshadowed St. Peter like a reed by a tower.
St. Peter thought late and thought long,
Why it was that St. Paul was so great and so strong.
Why is it he gets all the business and people?
It's because of the Big House with the round steeple!
So, invoking the help of one humorous *W. A. G.,
He gambled—not at faro, or euchre or brag—
He put up his whole pile and proceeded to bet
At the nice little game known as †Rolette,
Not knowing the game, he thought he had won,
So he hoisted his flag and fired his gun.
Now I'll move the ‡Big House with the round steeple,
And draw to me great wealth and power and people:
I'll sell my town lots, what thousands they'll bring!
I'll handle the cash, and live like a king.
When the game was ended, he found he had lost,
The laugh was against him, and all at his cost.