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California Racing Men Pick Winners for Big Stake Events-New Country Club Formed in Portland.

THREE BIG STAKES LEFT FOR RACERS

California's Next Important Event Is the Derby on February 27.

GARDNER'S CHANCES

shifty Colt Is Picked as the Winner by Barney Schreiber-Coffroth's Prizefight Trust Now Has Smooth Sailing.

By Fred J. Hewitt SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. &-(Special Corgreatest racing season San Francishave ever seen, three very important takes will be run. They are the last of series of great events that has attracted attention from all over the country. Allowing that the Burns Handicap is the

lowing that the Burns Handicap is the most prominent stake event run in California, the Derby is only second in importance. It will be run on Pebruary 22. The announcement of the stake brought out this year 114 nominations, and in all probability this will assure a field of at least a floren shifty 2-year-olds. Then follows the Waterhouse cup at two miles and a quarter on March 2; the Thornton stakes at four miles, on March 17.

The California Derby was established in 1897, and it has been run every year since, with the exception of 1890, when it was declared off. It was of the greatest value in 1891, when the famous jockey. Tod Shoan, piloted Joe Frey to victory. In this event the kood Brutal ran second, with Canmore third. The time of this eyent, 2,97%, was the fastest the feature was ever run in. The winners of the was ever run in. The winners of the Derby since the date of inauguration are as follows: Scarborough, Traverser, Cor-sint, Joe Prey, Sombrero, Claude Bom-bardier and Dr. Leggo.

Dr. Gardner Looms Up.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that "medicine man"-Dr. Gardner-this event this year. Dr. Gardner has demonstrated that he is the shiftiest kind of colt. Barney Schreiber thinks he will win sure. The son of Bannockburn will have to put it over Tenordale, the winner of The Oaks. This is about the only one that has shown class anywhere approaching that pos-sessed by Dr. Gardner. The field will be made up, more than likely, from the following horses: Rey del Mundo. Sir Wilfred. Queen Rec. Tenordale, Retro-paw, Ebel Thatcher, Confederate. Pal. Nagazam. Governor Davis, Dr. Gardner, Nealon, Frank Flittner, F. W. Barr, Peta-luma. Equorum Rex. Father Catchem. Hammeraway, Sir Edward, Loyal Front and I'm Joe.

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Last year the famous Waterhouse cup was won handly by Frank Skinner's Horaitus, with Jockey Birkenruth in the saddle, and the value of the race was 2500 to the winner. This year there are 31 nominations, more than a score better than last year. This should make the slue this year considerably more than Jack O'Brien. He was apparently full of fight and eager to climb through the ropes horses is entered. The best of these are lady Goodrich, Rey del Mundo, A. Musco-day, Celeres. Gloomy Gus and Ross-bourne Horatius is entered again in the name of Ed Ramsey, and may repeat, but to do so he has got to beat such aged horses as Theodore L., Haviland, H. Caul Cap., Soutrire. Deutschland. San Nicolas, Veterano, Greece V. Caul Cap. Soufrire. Deutschland. San Nicolas, Veterano, Gregor K., Proper, Divana, Lubin and Grafter. It is sure to a great race, however, and it is hardly likely that the respective owners of Proper, Lubin and San Nicholas will send charges over such a distance of

man, won in 7:181. The public in this section of the country appreciates this long race, and so it was that record crowds have been in attendance every year on the day the race was won to applicable the received was seen to applicable the received was seen to year on the day the race was won to appliand the "stayers." The winners to date have been Gliead, Star Ruhy, Schiller, Judge Denny, The Bachelor, Forte, Locochee, Siddens, El Rio Shannon, Veterano and Grafter. This year there are 4 nominations. This should assure a good-sized field. Two previous winners of the Thornton stakes are found in the nominations, and they are Grafter and Veterano. Whether they will go this year or not is another question. Charlie McCafferty has his great Derby winner, Dr. Leggo, nominated. Billy Elifott has Lubin slated to go, These are about the classiest nominations. Barney Schreiber will put his faith in Deutschland, and Ed Sheridan in the big event. Sam Williams the Thornton stakes are found in the nominations, and they are Grafter and Veterano. Whether they will go this year or not is another question. Charlie McCafferty has his great Derby winner, Dr. Leggo, nominated. Billy Elifott has Lubin slated to go, These are about the classiest nominations. Barney Schreiber will put his faith in Deutschland, and Ed Sheridan in the big event. Sam Williams Sheridan in the big event. Sam Williams is almost certain to send Reservation to the post. Jimmy Tomkinson is giving Theodore L. a special "prep" for this final stake and thinks he can win. The balance of the field will come from the mal stake, and thinks he can win. The balance of the field will come from the following: Bill Curtis, Watercure, Sunny Shore, Orchan, Horatius, Bombardier W. B. Gates, Governor Davis and Hi Caul Cap. Emeryville is faster this year than ever. Coast records have been broken, and so it is that horsemen expect the world four-mile record to be lowered considerably in this year's running of the erably in this year's running of the

Jockey Radtke Leaves.

The forsaking of this part of the country by Jack Keane and his stable was doubly regrettable, because Jockey Radike had to leave with his employer. As a general thing the riders in these parts this year were of the mediocre class. Radike outshops they Radike had to leave with his employer. As a general thing the riders in these paris this year were of the mediocre class. Radike outshome them all. He had, or course, the benefits of good management and the man who made his engagements would not let him ride any horse that did not have a reasonable chance of winning. Under these conditions he easily led the list of winning jockeys, in fact, at the time of his leaving here, he had ridden very nearly twice as many winners as the next boy on the winning list. Radike, however, talled off during the latter portion of his season here. Like many young boys, he was overworked. The grain of sallopling a bunch of horses in the morning and then riding anywhere from four to six races a day, is a strain that will tell on any kid. At the outset of the Winter meeting, Radike rode with all that brilliancy of proficient horsemanship that characterized the work of Tod Sloan. When Radike talled off he put up some dismal exhibitions. Everybody realized that he needed a rest, but all were loth to lose his services. Radike, the most brilliant rider that California has seen this year, has gone away, but he declares that he will be back here again next Winter.

Since the formation of the prize-fight trust, everything has not gope well with

HARES TAKING THE PENCES IN HUNT CLUB PAPER CHASE



the combination. Jimmy Coffroth, the head and brains of the organization, has not got the inner workings of the concern running smoothly. He declares, however, that before many days are over, everything will be screen. His master move of course, was the securing from the Board of Supervisors the permits for 12 months in succession. Under the law here only one professional fight can be held each month. There always has been a world of politics in the allotment of these permits, and under the old adminisa world of politics in the allotment of these permits, and under the old administration. Coffroth was only able to secure one battle last year. His cormidable enemy, Morris Levy, got almost all the plums last year. But now Morris is a good dog. He is dancing attendace on the prince of prize-fight promoters, and for so doing Coffroth permits his Hayes Valley Club to pull off three of the 12 fights that are to be fought in San Francisco this year. The other ends of the

Joe Gans by putting forth that time honored argument of a "colored line. Then Biddy Hanlon camped on his trai for days and days. The pride of Califor nia did not seem to be overly anxious for nia did not seem to be overly anxious for the 'cute one's game. The efforts of Hanlon and his manager to corner the man who fell to Battling Nelson and secure a fight served for one good purposa. It made Britt declare himself. Jimmy will not fight for at least six weeks, for so says his brother and manager, Willis. Nelson declares that he will give Britt another battle, providing James Biward and Jimmy Coffroth tote square with him and divide the moving-nicture profits of Forty-Four Out for Thornton Stakes.

In 1895 the Thornton stakes were established and every year this, the longest race run in the country, has created a world of interest all over America. Its high-water value mark—12440—was reached on three different years. The fastest time for the four miles was recorded in 1899, when The Bachelor, ridden by John Bullman, won in 7:18%. The public in this section of the country appreciates this long race, and so it was that record from the four miles was reached in the four miles was recorded in 1899, when The Bachelor, ridden by John Bullman, won in 7:18%. The public in this section of the country appreciates this long race, and so it was that record from the four manager, in the day the race was won to appland the "stayers." The winners of bribery at the recent session of the Leg-

sleep worrying over the fact that the Tuxedo Club le in existence and might grab the star attractions. They are con-fident they can get the best in the world

AUTO RACES IN CUBA TODAY Road in Fine Condition for Swiftest to Compete.

HAVANA, Feb. 10.-The road over which the 200-mile automobile race will be run omorrow is in splendid condition. The starters will be: Lancia, driving E. F. Conneil's 110-horsepower mathine: Cederino, in Gustav Bock's 100-horsepower: De Mogoet, in Luis Marx's 80-horsepower, and Bernin, in W. Gould Brokaw's 50-horse-

power. All the cars are propelled by gaso-line power. The distance of the race will be 2074 miles in four laps.

There also will be a race for the three lighter local machines at half the distance of the big race, and following the latter on the last two laps. The prize for the miles race, \$15,000, has been posted by the owners of the three machines that are to compete.

Jack Blackburn Says He Is Lightweight Champion.

READY FOR ALL COMERS

Claim Is Based on Past Perform ances and Fact That Joe Gans Cannot Fight at Light-

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 16.-(Spe. cial .- Jack Blackburn claims the lightweight championship of America. He declares himself ready to defend the title of lightweight champion of America against

lightweight class and Blackburn bases his right to the title upon his past performances, and the now indisputable fact that Gans cannot again fight at the light-weight limit.

Gans was forced to meet Mike (Twin Sullivan in the welterweight class. Black-burn was the first and the only man that burn was the first and the only man that Gans ever refused to fight at 132 pounds. Blackburn has repeatedly challenged Gans to fight at the lightweight limit, but the former lightweight champion absolutely refuses to box Blackburn at weight. He has boxed the Philadelphian twice at

In the opinion of many experts, Jack Blackburn is one of the most remarkable puglists now living. He has all the fighters, black and white, in both the light and welterweight classes at his mercy. He has been forced to fight middleweights and heavyweights, because none of the lighter men could be induced to take him on, and has bested well-known boxers in both classes. This is a record held by no other fighter living, and no other man in the history of boxing has a record in any way to compare with it.

Blackburn bested Gans in a six-round bout in Philadelphia, and the punching that the Baltimore man received in the stomach on that occasion made him ill for several days. Latter on he met Gans in a 15-round bout at the latter's own club in Baltimore, and was there robbed of the



Lightweight Title.

him, and no other welterweight has ever dared to face him in the ring.

Blackburn in order to keep himself going has taken on a number of middle-weights, and has beaten every one of them, many in short order. He knocked out Dick Fitzpatrick, of Chicago, a middle-weight who no one thought could be conquered in less than 18 rounds. He knocked out Cy Fiyan, of Buffalo, another very tough middle-weight, in 11 rounds. He knocked out Jack Williams, of Philadelpia, considered to be the vary best middle-weight in Pennsylvania, barring Jack O'Brien.

Knocked Out Sailor Burke.

Sailor Burke, of New York, one of the best middle-weights among the rising generation of fighters, was was knocked out by Blackburn in one round, and only last week Blackburn went to New York and there knocked out Pat O'Rourke, a man weighing 216 pounds, to whom Peter Maher nearly fell a victim the week before.

he would not box any man who weighed over 128 pounds, although he himself has to train hard to make himself has to train hard to make 133. When Aurelia Herrera was in Philadelphia recently Blackburn offered to knock him out in six rounds or forfeit his share of the money. He also proposed to take on any of the following boxers at the same terms: Jimmy Britt, Willie Fitzgerald. Adam Ryan, Unk Russell, Willie Lewis, Harry Lewis or Young Corbett, but all of ry Lewis or Young Corbett, but all of them side-stepped his deft.

Joe Grim Put to Sleep

Blackburn is the only man who ever nocked out Joe Grim, "the man with the iron jaw." He met Grim in the Broadway Athletic Club, Philadelphia. and beat Grim till his face lost human resemblance. In the fifth round Blackburn knocked him down. The Italiau hampion was down 30 seconds, but the eferce, who knew that the time for the

referee, who knew that the time for the ending of the round was very near, delayed the count till ahe bell rang. This official afterwards admitted the wrong done Hackburn.

Blackburn is only 22 years old. He was born in Versailles, by, but spent most of his life in and about Indianapolis. Ind., where his family lives. He has made his home in Philadelphia during the past three years.

Blackburn is very tall for his weight, measuring 5 feet 11 inches. He is built on the lines of Bob Fitzsimmons, having very broad shoulders and a great reach. His strength is extraordinary, considering his weight, and he can hit a blow as hard as any heavy-weight in the ring. He is exheavy-weight in the ring. He is ex-tremely clever in boxing skill, and in

RIDE IN THE SUNSHINE

THIRTY MEMBERS OF HUNT CLUB JOIN IN PAPER CHASE,

W. M. Davis and J. C. Muche, the Hares, Choose Splendid Course-Race for Kerr Cup Feb. 22.

Nearly 30 members of the Portland Hunt Club enjoyed the bright sunshine and a closed paper chase yesterday afternoon. It was a sort of preparatory event for the second running for the Kerr cup, which takes place on Washington's birthday, February 22. start was made at the old golf links, by Messrs. W. F. Davis and J. C. Muche and they were happy in their se-lection of a spiendid course. The en-tire ride was through open country with the jumps nicely placed and good footing for the chasers.

Those who rode through were:
Mesdames P. H. Blyth. F. Buffum, F. O. Downing, C. H. Leadbetter, Misses D. B. Howard and A. H. Shogren; Messars J. B. Alexander, E. T. Chase, W. W. Cotton, Emmet Drake, V. C.

W. W. Cotton, Emmet Drake, V. C. Howard, John Latta, C. H. Leadbetter, T. S. McRath, S. C. Spencer, A. H. Tanner, Frank Wilson, W. J. Chapman, J. N. Coghlan, F. O. Downing, H. H. Herdman, R. H. Jenkins, E. M. Lazarus, F. W. Leadbetter, James Nicol, T. T. Strain, W. S. Walter. Hackburn was awarded a victory of a graw by the referee.

Blackburn has beaten such good welter-weights as Jimmy Gardner and Mike (Twin) Sullivan the man whom Gans recently defeated. He frightened Buddy will be on Washington's birthday, February and Honey Mellody out of meeting ruary 22.

J. C. MUEHE

Elk Rock Summer Club Secures Members.

CANVASS IS PROGRESSING

Its Purpose Is to Establish Home and Grounds on an Island at a Convenient Spot in the Willamette River.

The site chosen for the club is an ideal spot for the enjoyment of a few leisure hours each day during the Summer and Fall months, for it is situated on an island at a convenient spot in the Williamette, which is known as Elk Rock, from which the club derives its name. The organization will be perfected as soon as the required 40, names have been secured, which will be very soon, judging from the manbe very roon, judging from the man-ner in which signers are lining up. A well-known local business man has agreed to furnish the capital acccrasary for the erection of the build-ings and laying out of tennis courts and other adjuncts to the proposed The club expects to be in full op- junior class.

eration by the first of June, when all the furnishings and paraphernalia will

List of Signatures.

The list of those signing the petition up to yeaterday follows:

E. D. Jorgensen, William J. Petrsin. George Cadwell, A. Wickham, W. J. Clemmens, W. J. Lyons, Oscar Kerrigan, Will A. Knight, Oscar M. Raumgart, Henry Kulzenga, E. M. Kulzenga, C. H. Williams, H. E. Thomas, H. W. Metzger, Jack Douglas, J. B. O'Shea, Jr., J. E. Wiley, Henry Jennings, Jr., J. D. Robinson, F. A. Smith, H. E. Clemens, Alex Oliver, A. MacCorquedale, J. W. Chapman, W. J. Leonard, J. H. Mulchay, W. A. Robel, L. E. Wood, E. B. Alger, H. S. McCraken, W. E. Gray, Will Pennington, Walter Gaduby, H. R. Chatterton, George J. Kelley, Marr Hisaillon, George W. Quammle, Dave Jordan, W. A. King, M. C. Frohman, H. A. Hagedorn, E. Hagedorn, H. A. Krimbelni, Leon Hughes, Will Straham, C. A. Warren, A. R. Stringer, Jr., Sin A. Bennett, H. W. Kerrigan, Fred P. Morey, Lloyd R. Smith, W. F. Mocton, A. B. Lamberson, R. A. Lamberson, A. W. Morris, Irving Stearns, James A. Ellers, C. I. Sersanous, J. H. MacKengie, George Ainsiey, S. C. Mosore, B. C. Eastham, T. G. Poston, W. H. Chapin, Fred S. Grant, T. N. Stoppenbach, J. M. Ambrose, S. J. Harder, H. E. Reed, R. C. Hart, Edw. J. Failling, W. B. Honeyman, A. M. Haradon, R. W. Wilhur, J. W. Ansiey, E. J. Jeffrey, Jr., J. G. Sterling, Will F. Albee, G. R. Knight, A. L. Spencer, mer Club project are meeting with considerable encouragement in the canvass for members desiring to affiliate with the organization. The committee appointed to call on representative young men of the city and solicit their names as being anxious to join such . cinb have secured the signatures of over 160 persons who are willing to assist the promotion of the new enterprise.

The site chosen Ideal.

The site chosen for the club is an ideal spot for the enjoyment of a few leisure hours each day during the Summer and Fall months, for it is situated. The promoters of the Elk Rock Sum- Will F. Alber, G. R. Knight, A. L. Spencer.

Whitman Baseball Manager.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Joseph Allen was today elected by the students' execu-tive committee baseball manager for the season. He is a member of the

YOUNG KITCHELL, PROMISING PRIZEFIGHTER, AND HIS MANAGER,

Canoes Distract Men From Work of Training.

CLUBS ARE TOO FAR APART

Northwestern Oarsmen Loaf and Are Taking to Easier Sports, Because They Lack the Stimulus of Competition.

(By H. W. Kerrigan.) As we look forward to the coming season on the water, many attractions can son on the water, many attractions can be found by the young man who is in love with aquatic sports. There are swimming, canoeing, salling, crew row-ing, launching and pleasure-boat rowing. The two which are most beneficial as an aid in developing one for endurance, strength and form are rowing and swim-ming-especially crew rowing, as that ex-ercises muscles more than does the care-less stroke of the pleasure-boat. In the ercises muscles more than does the care-less stroke of the pleasure-boat. In the crew he must systematize his work, which naturally brings about a better result in his development. Swimming is more of a uniform developer, perhaps developing the whole body more than rowing, giving a man the endurance and confidence to over-come the element, but is not as effective to the strength and wind of an athlete as rowing. But crew rowing is the most rowing. But crew rowing is the most popular sport, and will continue to be, as it is more representative of the club fol-lowing than is the single shell race. The enthusiasts of rowing like it because it is the prettiest and most fascinating of all the water races. With the exception, per-haps, of the eight-oared race. In the Northwest, in fact on the whole

Pacific Coast, there has never been an eight-oared crew brought together. There is the single shell, the double and the four-oared, but no eight-oared boat. cannot be that there is no course for the event. It must be that it is either too expensive to put out such a boat, or that it is impossible to bring out the crew, Except in the universities, there is no doubt but the lack of material is the cause of the eight-oared event bein out. Truth to tell, it seems to be difficult as each year passes to get good men for the crews at all. The older mem-bers of the different organizations are rapidly dropping out, as has been the case in the other fields of sport, with only the young fellows to take their places. And as these young men are unable to make the senior crews in first or second years, it is the bu up of a new generation of material to take the places of the old ones that we must wait for to win champiouship races. Another cause for the lack of material for the heavy work of the crews is the number of canoes that are form-ing more luxurious habits for the men than does the more strenuous work of the racing barge or practice boat. As a fascinating and exhibitanting exercise nothing takes the place of a light canoc, skimming along with less effort than any other water craft requires, naturally turning the more arduous work of the crews into a pleasant pastime. This tendency of the cange craze will eventually prove a detriment to the more vigorous exercise same standard as they have been in the tuting a croquet game for a lawn tennis ter how beneficial canoeing is, it cannot be substituted for the training and practice that a man needs for crew work in a racing shell or four-oared boat. This failing off of material for crews

will give places to the heavy-weights in football who are now turning their attention to other pastimes. The rowing clubs need such men, who are capable of stand-ing the enduring strain of crew work, with their heavier physiques. For the Rugby game, if they change American intercollegiate football does not need the weight in the forwards that is required in the line of the intercollegiate game, and smaller men will take the places.

Another thing that is proving antagonistic to the quality of men for the crews is the confining of the men who are trying for crews to office work and store Not that they haven't always been, most-by, the men participating in the rowing races, but because in the developing of orews in the universities on the Coast it is bringing out more men who are out-door workers rather than those confined to the deak or bench. The men of the university have more-time to spend out of doors, whereas the men who have heretofore taken up the sweep oar are working all day. Still, with more careful training of the men who work indoors, they will still be able to compete with the college man, who, as a rule, is worked to death in his training and has less re-

serve force or vitality to work on.

There are enough rowing clubs throughout the Northwest and on the Coast to build up the rowing game to a higher standard than it is at present, but they are too far away from each other. Like all other athletic sports, it takes more local competition to build up the charac-ter of racing, for without this competition, if it is even helped out by crews of the same organization, there is a ten-dency to loaf on the part of the members of the crews and the coaches themselves The Portland Rowing Club has all the conveniences and the best coaches, but lacks local competition. With the fine water course and the easy access to the river, more crews should be in evidence. With the ald of the rowing club the Multnomah Club should be able to develor enough good material for an excellent crew. It would give the football players something to do during the Spring months. Likewise, the Y. M. C. A., which has many sturdy followers, would willingly take up the sport, eventually developing a higher standard of racing and more of it. The same rule applies to the Seattle Athletic Club, which could compete with the crews of the University of Washington. Even the British Columbia crews are losing interest on account of the lack of competition, having only one good crew in each town, as the Vancouver crew, the James Bay crew, of Vic-toria, B. C., and the Nelson crew, of Nelson, B. C. Yet these crews, though at a great distance from each other, have more interest in the sport than the other towns of the Pacific Northwest. But still their interest is not like that shown in

the old days.

If anything, the sport is getting better down in California. Both the University of California and Stanford University as developing more men than ever before for the crews, and this year the interest in the sport is intense. Many of the foot-ball players are trying for a seat in the boats. Berkeley has the advantage of Stanford, so far, being several seasons in advance of the Cardinal crew in experi-ence on the water, this being practically Stanford's first year. Another inconvenience to the Stanford crews is the distance to go for practice while Berkeley is right near the water. Outside of the varsity crews there are, perhaps, ten rowing alone. Still, with the rough water to contend with, they are handleapped If they had the smooth water courses of the cities in the Northwest, they would