

THE COMING SPRING AND FALL RACES.

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If the weather ever becomes of a character that will permit the various owners of horses and the many trainers making a business of preparing horses for trials of speed, to get their favorites in condition for the runs, there is every prospect of this being one of the most if not the most attractive season of racing that this country has ever witnessed. This is true, not only of the country at large but especially true of the immediate vicinity. Salem and Portland will commence the season with new tracks, new buildings and new programs. If the public fail to patronize the energetic and enterprising men who put a tax on their time as well as their pocket books by giving these race meetings, then it is certain that the people of the section have little appreciation for that most noble and enjoyable of all kinds of recreation. By dissecting the program of the spring meeting given on the grounds of the state fair association by the Oregon breeders and speed association, it will be seen that opportunities are given for all kinds and description of horses. On the first day July 4th there are 3 harness events and two for the runners. A 2:45 class which will admit the many good green horses that never yet have faced a starter together with those that never have obtained a record better than 2:45. This will bring together quite a field of starters that will excite considerable local interest as there are quite a number of green horses here that are quite promising. After this event comes the mile dash for two-year old trotters. The heat race for pacers that never have beaten 2:25. Both of these events will attract considerable attention as the race for two year olds will bring together several local colts as well as the great yearlings of last year. The pacing event will also be interesting as it is more than likely that Rosemont together with others will make their first bow to the public as side wheelers. On the second day there are four events, two for the runners and two for the harness horse. A 2:35 class and a two mile dash for horses not having a record better than 2:24. This last race will be quite novel for it has been a long time since long distance races have been seen, it will test the staying qualities of many a tried old campaigner. The third day's program is also an interesting one containing four events two for each kind of horse, but the program of the last day caps the climax, for on that day the gentlemen who have rosters that have distinguished themselves on the roads of Marion, Polk and Linn counties will essay to gain honor for themselves on the race track. The great free for all will also be one of the last day's events, and this will bring together all the great horses in this section, as well as many from California, both trotters and pacers, and exceptionally low time is expected.

The last race on the program is the ten mile race for the lady riders. This is a race that as many horses can be used as the contestant sees fit, it only being necessary that all changes to be made on the track in full view of all present. This will be a very interesting race on account of its novelty, as well as because some of the local equestriennes will contest for the purse. Any person or persons who have had anything to do with race meetings, either in getting them up or in managing them after fully arranged, will appreciate the trouble and expense that the few men will be obliged to go to before the last day of the races, and if the public refuses to give their aid in the shape of liberal patronage, then indeed can it be truly said of Salem and vicinity, that it is thoroughly and hopelessly covered with the moss of indifference and meanness. There is no greater pleasure to be derived anywhere that for so little expense as that obtained in an afternoon's outing at the race track. With the new departure in arranging the program, the patrons will get more for their money than ever before, for on each afternoon there will be four events, and during some it will require five to finish the program; and these events will not be long drawn out and uninteresting races, but instead they will be short, sharp and decisive, for in accordance with the new rules adopted by the Father association, the distance has been shortened, making it almost absolutely necessary that each heat be in itself a race, preventing any one practicing the pernicious habit of laying up heats.

There are already a great number of horses at the fair grounds being prepared for the races, and as soon as the weather permits, and the track is in shape, there will be a number of others already located in Salem who will move to the track, and it is safe to say that by May 1st, (always putting in the proviso weather permitting), there will be located on the fair grounds at least 100 horses, being prepared for their experience on the race track. I would like here to make a practical example of why the race meetings given here both in the spring and fall should receive the hearty and liberal support of all in

this vicinity by assisting the few who have taken the work upon themselves of organizing the Association both by giving your financial aid as well as the aid your presence will give by being there at each and every day of the races. It is safe to estimate that during the past six months, 50 horses have been kept here, simply for racing purposes and each horse so cared for means the consumption of at least \$10 per month for each horse of what this section derives an income in producing and selling. The success of the association giving the spring meeting and the fall meeting given under the auspices of the State Fair Ass'n means the increase of the number of horses constantly kept here to 3 or 4 times the number now making Salem their headquarters and during the fall week to at least 200 horses, and anyone can easily figure the great benefit this will be to Salem proper, for not only have the horses to be fed and housed but the large numbers of attendants in the shape of grooms, trainers and owners, together with the large number of people who make a business of following the races have to be fed. It makes business for the feed dealer and directly benefits the farmer for it makes a home market and place of consumption for hay, oats, and shorts produced in this and neighboring counties. It benefits the hotels, restaurants and boarding houses, for places must be found for this floating population and again are the farmers and vegetable gardens benefited by the additional demand made upon them. These and all meetings make business for the blacksmith, wagon maker and wheelwright, the harness maker and the general merchant, in fact every kind of business is in one way or the other benefited by these successful race meetings, and how any enterprising citizen can refuse to patronize them is more than I can understand, in fact the citizen of either city or country who fails to patronize has no enterprise and is selfish to himself, as well as to the community at large. They make business by exchange of what is produced here for cash and not the exchange of a bushel of potatoes for its equivalent in flour, etc., as is so generally the custom, the gold coin is left, which all will admit is a good thing to have with us and that which is taken away or consumed can easily be replaced. I therefore urge the necessity upon all of giving their aid and patronage to these associations, for by so doing you benefit yourselves individually as well as the community.

NOTES OF THE SEASON.

Hambletonian 10, earned for his owner in fees during his lifetime \$305,000. There is a horse twenty hands high, at Independence Oregon, that will be on exhibition at the worlds fair. J. J. Harkins' bay mare 4 years by Dawn F, dam by Inauguration, gave birth to a colt on the 12th instant. She will be bred to Holmdel. Jay C. Smith's sorrel mare, Kitty Norman, by Challenger, dam Floto by Mamb Champion, 2d Tom Crowder, by Pilot Jr. gave birth to colt this week; its sire being Rosemont 5256. This mare is one of the best bred mares in this state. Minnie K, 2:18 and Oliver Goldsmith both pacers of some notoriety receive some of their exercise as a team, and a fine team they make, it would take more speed than is bottled up in the average horse to catch this pair. The Kentucky Stock Farm says that Beautiful Bells, the mother of trotters, who gave the world Sunol, 2:08, and Emma Robson the great brood mare (dam by Rowena 2:17 two years) will always be found together, and a little apart from the rest of the band of matrons who are all running in the same field at Palo Alto.

The Witch Hazel stallion produce stake closed April 1st with 31 nominations showing that 31 stallions are standing for service throughout this section. This stake will excite considerable interest with the colts for the starter, for in addition to the various friends the stallions have, the mothers will come in for a large share of hurrah for there will be many celebrated mare, bred this season.

Excitement at Albany.

ALBANY, April 14.—The monthly Maseot shoot occurred yesterday. Several medal holders were absent, even Smith was not on hand. The score was: George Froman, 21; Chas. Wallace, 18; Horace Froman, 14; L. C. Brown, 14; Grant Froman, 13; John Warner, 13; Mike Froman, 8; Wm. Morris, 8; Wm. Jones, 8; Jos. Klein, 8, the first two getting the gold and silver medals. An exciting special shoot between Jos. Klein and Jack Hammel resulted in a victory for the former, who broke 5 blue rocks out of ten; while the latter secured 1.

During the heavy snow in the southern portion of the state, hundreds of deer and a good many elk were driven from the mountains to the foothills, where they were shot down for their hides by skin hunters. Game Warden McGuire will be pleased to learn of all such violations of the law.

THE STATE TOURNAMENT

Of the Oregon Sportsmen's Association to be Held at Salem.

The third annual shooting tournament will be held at Salem June 27th, 28th, and 29th, this year under the auspices of the Salem Rod and Gun club. It is the first annual tournament of the Oregon State Sportsmen's association and as such is looked forward to by the sportsmen of the entire state. Last year there were extensive contributions of prizes from manufacturers, business men and friends of sport here and elsewhere. Some of the best shots won so many prizes that they could not get home with them from the grounds. This year the donations of sporting goods and cash are still larger and ready shots who come to the Salem tournament may well believe that they will not only make all expenses, but lots of pocket money, and have to hire a hack to carry off their merchandise. Albany and Portland have contributed over a thousand dollars (\$1175) to the state shooting match.

THE SALEM LIST.

Salem always does her share and this year surpasses her past liberality as will be seen by the following not yet completed list: Thomas Howe, Oregon Training kennels, training one dog ten weeks, worth \$20; Brooks & Salisbury, Whitney safety hammerless gun, 12-gauge, \$65; Frank T. Hart, one pair fine trousers, \$15; W. W. Martin, one game carving set, \$7.50; also one set of shooting glasses, \$2.50; E. C. Cross, two hams, \$5; also one ham, \$2.50; S. W. Thompson & Co., shaving cup, \$12; A. S. Brafield company, Stetson hat, \$5; E. C. Small, one dozen socks, \$6; Patton Bros., Mable Todd gold penholder, \$5; J. Fishburn, lamp, \$3.50; G. W. Johnson & Son, half dozen white shirts, \$9; F. S. Dearborn, Webster's dictionary, \$6; J. Meyers, ladies' toilet set, \$6; M. Beamer, coach whip, \$2; A. B. Buren & Son, rocking chair, \$3; Keller & Sons, picture and frame; McCrow & Steussloff, two hams, \$5; Harritt & McIntyre lamp, \$5; T. Holverson, pair cuff buttons, \$3; Ed. J. Diven, half dozen best linen collars, \$2; The Palace Dry Goods and Shoe Co., parasol, \$5; Damon Bros. bedroom toilet set, \$4.25; Gray Bros., hunting knife, \$2; Smith & Steiner, box cigars, \$4.50; J. J. Dalrymple & Co., hat \$5; W. W. Johns, robe, \$3; Brooks & Legg, toilet case, \$5; Brown & Smith, pair club skates, \$7; Thomas Kay Woolen Mills, pair blankets, \$8; A. J. Bascy, box cigars, \$5; Gilbert Bros., cash, \$5; Osborn & Harritt, lamp, \$6.50; E. Willis, one pair lady's or gent's shoes, \$5; Aiken & Palmer, toilet set, \$5; J. H. Haas, pair gent's sleeve buttons, \$1.50; Dan. J. Fry, shaving mug and brush, \$1.50; John G. Wright, glass water-set, \$2.25; S. L. Jodes, box choice French candy, \$1.50; Cherrington Bros., large hunting picture, \$8; W. M. Sargeant, picture and frame, \$2; Baskett & Van Slype, odor can, \$6; E. S. Lamport, single harness, \$12; Clark & Eppley, box cigars, \$5; J. A. Van Eaton, two patent oil fillers, \$3; total \$311.

The Matlock Farm.

Pendleton East Oregonian: T. J. Matlock of Heppner, who arrived in the city with Cass Matlock Friday afternoon, talked with a reporter concerning affairs at the Matlock training farm. Thirteen colts, those of Repeta, Lady Duffy, Oregon Rose, Barb Wire and other mares, are being trained, and all are in good condition. They are two and three years old. Repeta's colt, Morrow, is a fine-looking animal, strong and healthy, and Mr. Matlock banks much on his future; \$7,000 could not buy the colt. In fact, Morrow's promising prospects are to some extent a recompense for the bad luck at the training farm during the winter. On December 20, two fine colts died, one foaled by Repeta and the other by Alta. Mr. Matlock had been offered \$4,000 for Repeta's colt and \$3,000 for Alta's, and declined both offers. The former died from congestion of the lungs and the latter's death was due to an injury. Two good brood mares were also lost. The Matlock farm is well equipped. Not long ago a \$1700 barn, fifty feet high and conveniently arranged, was completed.

Fish Destroyers.

A sawmill man at Oregon City was fined \$80 the other day for throwing sawdust in the river. This law should be enforced. Sportsmen are enjoined from taking fish a good portion of the year but a lax administration of the law allows sawmill men to dump sawdust in our rivers filling the channels and destroying great quantities of fish.

A SPEED ARTIST.

"Jack" Harkins as all the horsemen call him has decided to locate at Independence, having sold out his shop at Salem. Wherever he labors he will be found a friend of speed animals and an artist at treating horses feet. The most valuable animal is perfectly safe in Jack Harkins hands.

The Yamhill Reporter in writing up the horse show at McMinnville speaks well of Adirondack from Oregon City. This is the stallion which D. E. Shepard took to Yamhill county a few weeks since.—Eoterpris.

LIVE PIGEON SHOOTING.

PORTLAND, April 14. ED. JOURNAL.—Dear Sir: Some time ago your paper invited a friendly discussion on the merits and demerits of live bird shooting at the traps. Thinking this was to be carried on in a sportsman-like manner I opened the argument to get it started. Judge then of my surprise when I find that one of my best friends takes up the weapon of sarcasm, in the defence. I did not understand that the argument was to be made in order to produce a laugh at the expense of any one; but to show whether or not it is wrong to shoot live birds at the trap. I do not want it understood that I take offense at the article referred to for I do not, but I have no time to devote to a useless bandying of words, nor do I desire such notoriety.

W. A. STOREY.

Great Sailing Regatta

A big amateur athletic carnival is to take place at Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis, this summer, in connection with which it is proposed to hold a rowing regatta, for which particularly elaborate, costly prizes will be given. Something like \$100,000 has been subscribed for the various sports. Fred Plaisted has gone out to train the Lurline Boat Club crew. President W. E. Steele, of the Lurline, is to have charge of the regatta. Efforts will be made to induce college crews to row, and also the winners of the national regatta, which is to be held at Detroit in August. It is expected that the carnival will last about forty days, and those who compete will be guests of the city of Minneapolis. The affair is in charge of the Minneapolis Business Union.

Oregon City Enterprise: On Monday last the fishermen began their work again, the close season having expired. The water was too high for successful fishing though there seems to be a good many fish in the river. Humphrey Trembath made the best haul, securing 33 at one drift, none of which weighed less than 25 pounds.

TURF TOPICS.

The Austrian Jockey club decided to spend \$125,000 purchasing English thoroughbreds.

Every trainer should have an extra pair of shoes ready when his horses go into races, so that if one is thrown and lost it can be quickly replaced.

Lyman Quikley, well known to the turf as a bookmaker and promoter of sporting enterprises, has retired with a fortune to a farm on the eastern shore of Maryland.

Ha'penny, who was generally supposed to have been killed in the collision with Warpath and John Cavanagh at the Gravesend track last September, is alive and doing well.

The vast interest in trotters and pacers may be judged from the fact that over 1,200 tracks hold certificates of membership in the National and American Trotting associations.

The conditions governing the purses of the Pacific Coast Trotting Horse Breeders' association make it cost an owner more to declare a horse out than it does to start him.

In General Dumas' "Horses of the Sahara" he insists that the Arabs not merely prefer mares, but maintain that they are longer lived. "The horse is fit for work 25 years, the mare 25 to 30 years."

A Kentucky farmer claims to have made a valuable discovery in the treatment of brood mares in preventing the slipping of foals. Instead of the well tried preventive of hempseed he has substituted green coffee.

Infected Hotels.

A well known physician recently published an account of the experience of a patient at a so called health resort. Here is a part of the story:

"The patient in question was suffering only from overwork; his family history was clear, and there was no tuberculosis to be traced in his immediate kin or among his ancestors. He went to a health resort at a high altitude to recuperate. He boarded at a hotel in which numerous consumptives were coughing and expectorating; four months afterward he developed tuberculosis and now has a typical case of pulmonary phthisis. The unfortunate condition of these resorts is that there is, as a rule, no system of disinfection of the rooms, verandas, hallways, etc.

"The patients are allowed in most hotels to expectorate where they choose, without restriction. The result is that germs are scattered broadcast in the buildings and outside of the grounds. They become dry and are scattered in the air and inhaled by those exposed. Thus a health resort which in the beginning may have been very effective in combating consumption becomes after a time a veritable center of infection."

A book of a thousand pages could be written on "Wonders and Curiosities Respecting the Crab Family," and each chapter made apropos to the title too.

Nannus, a Roman senator, absolutely preferred exile to parting with a brilliant opal of the size of a fibert, which was earnestly coveted by Mark Antony.

When the young king of Spain has been a bad boy he is taken to church instead of being allowed to spend the Sunday in seeing a bull fight.

MORE THAN HE COULD STAND.

A Pathetic Scene at the Arrest of a Woman Who Was Caught Stealing.

"Come over here, Mac. We've got one at last. Got her right in the act, with a big bundle of silk under her cape." The burly policeman followed the excited clerk across the street. In front of the door of the big store was a curious, open eyed crowd which grew larger as every passerby tried to get a look at the cowering little woman in the center, held in the firm grasp of the special officer. "She's a stunner," said one of the onlookers. "Look how she's using der waterworks. Guess she ain't used to bein' pinched."

"An dat's de way dey all do. Cry like babies when dey gets nailed. I bet she's an old un."

The policeman and his escort had by this time arrived, and the crowd parted to let the officer through. The woman looked up as he laid his hand on her shoulder, with a gruff "Come along now."

"My God!" she cried and buried her face once more in her hands. The officer's hand dropped, and his face grew deadly pale. In a husky tone he said: "I'll go pull the box for the wagon. You keep her here, Bill."

As he started for the patrol box his walk was unsteady, and his hand shook as he sent in the call. When the wagon dashed up, he said with an effort: "There's a woman over there who's charged with shoplifting. Guess you'd better get her."

"Why didn't you bring her to the box and save us goin' up there?" grumbled the man on the patrol wagon as they drove off. "You act as if you were full."

As they hustled the weeping form up the steps of the big blue wagon the driver whispered with an oath: "No wonder Mac looked shaky. That's his wife, poor devil. She's been pretty gay lately, but it must be hard on a man to have to pinch his own wife."

The attraction was gone. The crowd passed away, a few hooting street arabs running after the wagon to see the end of their sport.—Chicago News.

Moral Suasion.

The neighbors of Mrs. Maria Smith agreed among themselves that she had very peculiar ideas about the training of children. She had gone to the normal school for one term before her marriage, and it was commonly supposed that some of her oddities were due to that cause.

"Well, now," said Reuben Day as he came home to dinner, "Maria Smith is a queer one and no mistake. She is bringing up that boy of hers on mighty original principles. Well, to do you suppose I heard her say to him this morning?"

"I'm sure I dunno," said Mrs. Day. "There's no guessing—she says so many queer things. What was it?" "Why, you know Joe Smith cut his forefinger half off yesterday with his new fangled hay cutter, and this morning as I was going by I heard Maria say:

"'Now, Joseph,'—she always calls the little scamp Joseph, though the old man has never been anything else but Joe—'now, Joseph,' says she, 'you must be a very good boy, for your father has hurt his hand, and if you are naughty he can't whip you.'—Youth's Companion.

Possessing a Feather Bed.

Feather beds have an inexplicable and undeserved popularity in the southern states. Even in summer the northern visitor meets the solicitous inquiry, "Will you have a feather bed?" and it is the ambition of every negro housewife to possess such a bed. An old colored woman, who came north leaving her husband behind her in Virginia, bemoaned the fact that she had not heard from home for many weeks, but astonished those who suggested that doubtless her husband was in good health by the announcement that she was not worrying about the old man, but lest he should have sold her feather bed. It would be easy enough to get a new husband, she affirmed, but it hardly fell to the lot of mortal colored woman to own two feather beds in the course of a lifetime.—New York Sun.

The Words of Children.

"Oh, Aunt Annie, I am to be cremated tomorrow," exclaimed a small boy joyously on his arrival home from school one afternoon. "Now, does the child mean cremated or promoted?" said the aunt to a visitor who was present. "It is what Alice in Wonderland would call a portmanteau word," said her companion, "but it is not so bad as something my little son said the other day. He announced to every one in the house that his baby sister was to be 'cruffed' the following Sunday. Of course he meant 'christened.'"—New York Tribune.

A Green Dinner.

A green dinner may be delicate and refreshing to behold, but green candle shades do not cast a becoming light, and I have endured the martyrdom of a dinner so very green that I left the table at the close of it feeling livid and bilious to a degree. The soup was green, the sauces were green, and Nebuchadnezzar might have nibbled through this feast without suspecting that he was bursting the bonds of his punishment.—Chautauqua.

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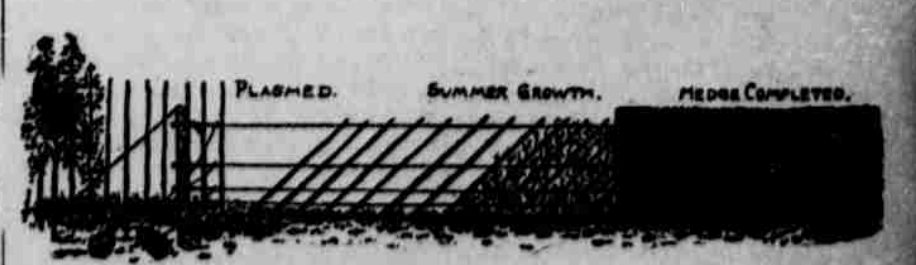
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