"MAMBRINO" ON TENNESSEE'S PROSPECTS.

JANESVILLE, Nov. 26.—Tennessee is enjoying a season of remarkable prosperity. Her vast mineral resources, that have so long been a hidden or undeveloped treasure, are being grandly developed, and upon a most gigantic scale. Local and foreign capitalists are reaping handsome and almost fabulous increase of values upon their investments in the coal and iron lands of Southern Tennessee. Within this mineral belt, towns, even cities, spring into existence Aladdin-like. To-day, a town site surveyed; to-morrow, corner lots booming. In the near future we find towns and most prosperous cities, all branches of manufacturing being represented.

The future of this remarkable section of Southern Middle Tennessee and Northern Alabama can readily be anticipated, as the history of other successful mining sections is sure to repeat itself, as the iron ore and cooking coal, a sure basis of solid wea[illegible]s here in abundance. The cities of Birmingham, Sheffield a[illegible] South Pittsburgh will soon assume the features and approximate proportions of the great manufacturing cities from whic[illegible] they derive their names. Much of this prosperity is due to the w[illegible] increasing system of railroads throughout the South, part[illegible] in this section, as all new enterprises seem to make this [illegible]ective point. The tide seems at the flood, and now is t[illegible] the speculative mind to "catch on" and roll on to fortu[illegible]

But the boom that is to [illegible] the general prosperity of Tennessee that interests the readers o[illegible]PIRIT is the one recently developed in breeding the highest typ[illegible] the light-harness or road and turf horse in middle Tennessee.

A very strong and enthusiastic syndicate has lately been organized for the above purpose, composed of Van Leer Kirkman, May Overton, John Thompson, and Hugh L. Craighead, all young gentlemen of large wealth, and each the owner of a handsomely-improved farm adjacent to Nashville, and lying contiguous to each other, embracing in all several thousand acres of land unexcelled in America for stock-raising purposes. These lands, on several farms, they propose to stock with the very highest type of trotting-bred animals that a wise and judicious investment of money will buy. Breeding is no new venture to these parties. They have been for some time engaged in breeding well, but they now propose to fill a vacancy that still remains on top.

Surely, they bent their bow for big game in securing their premier sire Wedgewood, and not too much did they give when they paid for him $25,000. Sired by the horse that sired Nutwood, and his dam the dam of Woodford Mambrino, one of the grandest, boldest and gamest horses the writer ever saw finish a hard race. Wedgewood posesses all the grand qualities of his half brother, not as resolute in action but quite as enduring in a hard prolonged race, as his many long races of broken heats attest, a majority of his races in 1880 being races of six heats. He obtained his record of 2:19 in one of them. His season of 1880 was a brilliant one, not losing a race throughout the circuit, but we remember, regretfully, that it took a Splan and two good helpers to beat Kentucky Wilkes at Buffalo, where he trotted and Johnny Grier also drove at that time the best race of his life, stubbornly contesting every heat in the race while Wedgewood would lay up alternate heats. We believe Kentucky Wilkes could have beaten him single-handed that day. The trotting lines in Wedgeword are short on the dam's side, the running blood of Woodford close up, but we have never heard any one speak of the "running foolishness" of Wedgewood, neither can it be said that it has interfered with his transmitting speed at the trotting gait, for, if as reported, five out of ten of his first get have beaten 2:30, he must rank among the most potent and successful speed-transmitting sires we have.

Wedgewood is a most important acquisition to Tennessee. It is worth thousands in giving prominence and attracting to the breeding interests of that grand grazing State. The dissemination of his blood will prove of incalculable value to all breeders in the State, and we look for him to immediately book a full season. This same company were bidders on Nutwood up to $21,000. Did they drop the crown to secure the sovereign? They also were liberal buyers of broodmares, at the Glenview sale, securing, for $2,100, Artifice, by Nutwood, dam by Hambletonian, out of Dolly Mills, and her sister, for $1,300. For Bonnie Wood, full brother to Nutbreaker, they paid $4,200. Bonnie is a handsome and more highly-finished horse than his brother, and he gives promise of great speed. They secured Elvira, the blind queen, four-year-old record 2:18½, for $3,050, a good price for a blind animal, but the blood, record, and speed lines warranted the price. For Hermione, by Cuyler, and Margot, by Nutwood, out of Hermione, they paid $2,500. Totsey, $1,375, a producer of speed, and grandly bred, by Mambrino Transport, dam by Hambletonian, 10, and the dam of Day Dream, 2:21¾, four years old. Whisper, by Pancoast, out of Silence, by Alexander's Abdallah, and her dam, Woodbine, dam of Wedgewood and Woodford Mambrino, is royally bred and purchased cheap at $1,575. Zelda we greatly fancied as a broodmare, her breeding also royal, by Dictator, out of an Almont, cheap at $1,675. At Mr. Kirkman's we saw a seal-brown two-year-old, by Electioneer, dam by Messenger Duroc, etc., a large, growthy fellow that will develop into a grand stallion. He is much larger than the average of the Electioneers that we have seen. Regarding the Electioneers we must say we have changed our views materially. Last season we might have been classed among the "doubting Thomases," but, after witnessing the races of Manzanita, Palo Alto, Chimes, etc., the past season, we must acknowledge our error, and accord to Electioneer a very high position as a sire of stamina, as well as the highest order of speed.

McCurdy's Hambletonian, full brother to Bicara, dam of Pancoast; by Harold, out of Belle, by Mambrino Chief, and the dam of Belmont, sire of Nutwood and Wedgewood, a grandly bred horse as will be seen, with a record of 2:26½, has m[illegible]de several seasons at the Overton farm, near Nashville, where May Overton has mated him with well-bred daughters of Geo. Wilkes. Enfield, Blackwood Jr., Almont, etc., the fillies in addition to the Glenview purchases will be crossed upon Wedgewood. Mating Wedgewood with the McCurdys will reunite very strong lines of kindred blood, and so far as securing extreme speed there should be a grand success.

The new Stock Company was by no means the only prominent buyer at Glenview, from Nashville. Conspicuous among the buyers were Mr. Godfrey M. Fogg, a pr[illegible]minent and wealthy attorney of Nashville; A. H. Robinson, an e[illegible]prising capitalist and lover of good horses; E. H. Douglas, Bruce [illegible]uglas and J. W. Wrenn invested liberally, securing a grandly bred lot of animals, comparing as[illegible] vidual specimens favorably with their lor[illegible]ly lineage.

A breeder that early secured blood-lines that sh[illegible] very fashionable, and should have made a success[illegible] John Harding, son of General Harding, a name n[illegible] the race-horse on both continents. [illegible] others to build upon successfully. [illegible] and Mambrino mares he should hav[illegible] the leading breeders in Tenn[illegible] better ad[illegible]ages—a ma[illegible] thoroughly [illegible]ed min[illegible] Harding as[illegible]spicuous an[illegible] is among the breeders of th[illegible]

In town we had the pl[illegible] the famous Spring [illegible] quite enthusiast[illegible]s. He assured us [illegible]ls confident that in another year he will show our Northern friends a pacer. Of Tennessee Wilkes he is also confident he will place him "in the list" in 1887. It looks as though all the sons and daughters of George Wilkes would soon be added to his roll of honor. When there is no further material to draw from we shall expect to hear the advocates of some rival blood exclaim: "What's the matter with George Wilkes, he don't seem to be adding many to his list?" We regretted very much our departure from Tennessee was hastened, as we had promised ourselves the pleasure of a visit to Mr. Brown's extensive farm.

Our old friend, R. M. Anderson, has leased a farm near the city, where, in addition to breeding a few colts, he will engage in the dairy business. A familiar face on the farm was that of Argyle, the grey pacer. "Bob" and the pacer are a familiar pair through the circuit. Both, however, were such bad actors that when Argyle started in a race the speculators were satisfied to let them alone. Somehow when Argyle was ready to pace in 2:14 "Bob" was "all off," and when "Bob" was ready for 2:14 Argyle wasn't quite "at himself." When they start again no doubt there will be more harmony, as "Bob" says they fully understand the signals now. Yet he is willing to sell Argyle, and teach his buyer all he knows about manipulating the lines over a 2:12 pacer, as he wishes to increase his cows and the flow of milk. Cows are a sure money play. There is a splendid spring of pure water on "Bob's" farm.

At Anderson's we saw a very fine Nutwood filly, dam by Lightning, out of a Clark Chief mare, the property of our old friend, Harry Huntington, the leading clothier in the city. We know of a mare about Harry's age (?) that started as bachelor, breeding in the same way; result, a lovely wife and over fifty head—no! not children, but horses. So, Harry, you can see that a grand future awaits you.

Among the local horsemen none have a greater fondness for or a higher appreciation of a grandly-bred and fast road horse than Hon. John Kirkman, president of the largest banking institution in Tennessee. Mr. Kirkman was among the first to encourage the breeding of the light harness horse in Tennessee, being the principal mover in a company formed before the war for the purpose of bringing from the North several trotting-bred stallions. Several good horses were secured, and satisfactory results were developing when the war interfered with further progress. The horses found service in the two armies, and breeding results were lost to Tennessee.

T. D. Craighead has several well-bred mares and road horses, as we can attest, as one was placed at our disposal during our visit.

Sam Block has reëngaged in the livery business on a grand scale, and is happy.

The Hamner brothers, the veteran horsemen and liverymen, continue in business at the old stand. "Cap." is growing a little older, but has not lost any of his astuteness in a square horse deal.

To Godfrey M. Fogg the road-riders and breeders adjacent to Nashville owe a debt of gratitude. Almost alone, and single-handed, he grasped the difficult problem of constructing a mile track in the pleasant suburb of the city, the location being the old State Fair Grounds. It seemed almost inevitable that a good mile track could be secured here, but thanks to the engineering skill of Mr. Pitman, and the purse and enterprise of Mr. Fogg and one or two friends, the track is now an established fact; all the heavy grading done, and the blasting of solid rock on the homestretch nearly completed. By the time of the spring races and the blue birds return the grand stand, now nearly completed, will be finished, also a handsome club members' house. The grounds, when complete, will be picturesque and attractive. Lakes and winding drives within the mile enclosure, for pleasure driving, will be an attractive feature.

The approach to the winding drives will be through a viaduct beneath the track, where a heavy fill was made. This is quite an important provision, as parties can enter within the track, witness the races, and retire at any time without interfering with the racing. The grounds are really within the city limits, and approached by both steam and street cars. The track will be used for both running and trotting, and it will be safe, and, we predict, fast.

Adjacent to the grounds Mr. Fogg has control of quite a tract of grazing land, which he will stock with a number of gilt-edged broodmares, already possessed by him, the get of Nutwood, General Benton, Electioneer, Enfield, Bostick's Almont, Dictator, etc.

A drive of fourteen miles behind a three-year-old Electioneer filly impressed me most favorably with the roading qualities of the Electioneers, their smooth, trappy, easy way of going, as desirable in a roadster as a turf horse.

Mr. Fulton, manager of the Maxwell House, has arranged with Mr. Allaire to make a season with Skeptic, his grandly-bred son of Woodford Mambrino, in Illinois. A sire by Woodford Mambrino, dam Grace, by Pilot Jr., is a grand acquisition to any breeding section. Mr. Fulton breeds about one hundred mares for mules and about twenty well-bred trotting mares. To mate with them he has a grandly-bred son of Solicitor. Several hours were pleasantly and instructively spent at Belle Meade, of which I will speak in my next.

Yours, MAMBRINO.

PERSONAL.—Celeste, piano-pounder,
Was torturing the keys,
When in a stranger walked and said,
"Excuse me, if you please;
But I, alas! am homesick,
And when I heard the din
Of crashing hammers, blow on blow,
I thought I'd venture in.
I pray you keep on pounding,
Go it and never fail,
It makes me think of the factory
Of the Putnam Hot Forged Nail."

THE FRAZIER CART.—Colonel A. Loudon Snowden, who drives as good a pair as there are in Philadelphia, writes Mr. Frazier: "My cart is the most delightful vehicle I ever rode in. It runs smoothly, has no 'cart motion,' and is very comfortable on the road or track. I drove my mare Nora Temple hitched to it a mile on Belmont track in 2:29, and repeated in 2:28½. I would not be without a Frazier cart." Mr. Frazier makes twelve styles of road carts, speeding, breaking, business, physicians, ladies, and pole carts. His is the original road cart, and the best in the world. Send to W. S. Frazier & Co., Aurora, Ill., for their illustrated catalogue, and carefully examine their numerous styles.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The third annual session, 1886-1887, veterinary department of this well-known college is now open. The course of veterinary instruction at this institution is the most complete in America. Everything connected with the horse and his troubles is freely descanted upon, the lecturers being chosen from the highest in the profession. For catalogue, etc., address Rush Shippen Huidekoper, Dean Veterinary Faculty, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

TRAIN YOUR DOG PROPERLY.—The Associated Fanciers, 237 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., publish a pamphlet, "Dog Buyers' Guide," which contains 100 colored plates of different breeds of dogs, prices, and where to buy them, besides giving precise directions for training dogs and breeding ferrets. This little book costs but 15 cents, and every person who owns a dog should have one. It will be mailed on receipt of price.

OWOSSO (MICH.) TROTTERS.

Owosso, Nov. 27.—As I have not seen anything in your columns from this place for a long time, I write you a few notes which may be of interest to some of your many readers. In the first place, let me inform you that we have adopted the motto of Petroleum V. Nasby: "Whoso bloweth not his own horn, the same shall not be blown, but whoso bloweth his own horn the same shall be blown with a muchness." To begin, the little city of Owosso and its vicinity has bred two faster stallions (by the record) than any city in the United States, Jerome Turner, 2:15½, by Byerly Abdallah, and Jerome Eddy, 2:16½, by Louis Napoleon, and we have colts and fillies by the same sires up to three years old that are just as promising as they were at the age.

My neighbor, Wm. Sawer, has two stallions, by Napoleon, three-years old last spring, that are good ones. The one out of old Tiny Wilson, pacer, record 2:31¼, by Legal Tender, that is as pretty as a picture, has never been handled for speed, but has it in abundance, the other out of a mare, whose sire was a son of Napoleon, is a slashing big fellow with the stride of Gloster, but hardly able to carry it yet, but will with age.

Mr. L. Gould's Ben Hur, out of Kate B., two-years old, is the speediest colt ever handled here at the age. P. M. Rowell has a three-year-old colt, by Byerly Abdallah, dam by Louis Napoleon, that is well worth going a thousand miles to see. He is above 16 hands, and will weigh about twelve hundred lbs., a great toppy fellow. Parley thinks his colt first, the other colts nowhere, and that is all there is about it with him.

George Milo (full brother to Jerome Eddy) trotted in two races late in the fall and obtained a record of 2:34¼, which is no measure of his speed, and I predict next season will show him a great horse. Your subscriber had the misfortune to lose the fine young stallion, 3 years old, by Louis Napoleon, dam by Byerly Abdallah, from inflammation of the bowels. He was, without exception, the best colt of his age this place has ever produced. I have two three-year-old colts, one by Napoleon and one by Byerly Abdallah, that will favorably compare with any of like age.

I have also a filly that is a wonder for size when her breeding is taken into consideration, she being by Joe Ellis (son of Joe Gavin), dam of Joe Ellis, by Owosso Prince; 2d dam a thoroughbred mare; the filly's dam, Fanny, by Owosso Prince; 2d dam by Gen. Thomas. She is a brown, with black points, fine, clean legs, but powerful in bone and muscle; is full 16 hands in front and 1½ inches taller behind. Was a year old May 8 last.

Now, for fear you will think of me as I often do of public speakers, that when started I am afraid to stop, I will close, but may commence again soon. Yours, MOSS BACK.

THE BURDELL HARNESS.—Mr. William Burdell, Jr., Columbus, O., is now prepared to sell for $25 the best sulky harness in the United States for the money, mounted in Davis rubber or nickel. Mr. Burdell makes a specialty of track and road harness. His goods are carefully selected, his workmen thorough mechanics, while his prices are most reasonable. For $30 Mr. Burdell offers a fine full rubber-mounted track harness, with best truck tree, no safety strap required, made by hand, and of the best oak-tanned leather. For $35, a track harness which is unequalled at the price, and for $40 his No. 4 X track harness, with soft breeching and breast collar folds, elegant in design, never chafes, and invariably gives perfect satisfaction. Mr. Burdell's harness cannot be beaten for style, strength and durability, while his prices cannot be discounted. In addition to his specialties, Mr. Burdell has a full line of horse goods, all the best in the market. Everything for the carriage and stable will be found at his store.

AN IMPROVEMENT IN HORSE COLLARS.—The American Horse Collar Co., 33 Warren Street, New York City, invite the attention of horsemen to Hall's patent breast collar, for which is claimed a superiority over all others, for light, medium or heavy draft purposes, and a positive assurance that it never galls. Hall's collar has received the approval of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and has been warmly endorsed by the leading horse owners in the vicinity of New York. Owners and drivers of fast horses will do well to examine the advantages possessed by this collar over all now in use. One test will prove that Hall's collar is the only one which should be worn by their horses. It is manufactured in all styles and sizes to suit the taste of owners, call and examine it.

THE CYNTHIANA BOOTS.—Among the many specialties in that wonderful store of horse goods, superintended by C. M. Moseman & Bro., the justly celebrated Cynthiana horse boot is not overlooked. Fennell's boots are recognized as the best in America, and whether used on ankle, fetlock or shin, or in combination, have never failed to give entire satisfaction to drivers and trainers. Horsemen swear by the Cynthiana, and why should they not. It is unequalled, and is unquestionably the perfection of a horse boot. The Messrs. Moseman recognizing this fact, have secured the sole agency for the Cynthiana, and have always in stock all the different varieties. Call on them at 128 Chambers Street, New York City, and examine these horse boots.

BAKER'S COCOA.—This delicious breakfast beverage is nourishing strengthening, easily digested, and recommended by physicians as an excellent tonic for invalids. Baker's Cocoa is warranted absolutely pure, for the excess of oil is carefully removed during the process of manufacture, besides which it has three times the strength of other cocoas, for it is not mixed with starch, sugar or arrowroot. It costs but one cent a cup. It is put up in neat packages, and is readily made by the addition of boiling water and milk. It is for sale by grocers everywhere, and by the proprietors, W. Baker & Co., Dorchester, Mass.

AN ARTICLE THAT COMMENDS ITSELF.—The feed bag patented by Mr. Whittaker is sure to commend itself on examination, for it will save its price in three months by its great saving of grain. It is made with durable wood bottoms, and is so arranged that the horse can eat as well with it as in his stall. It costs but $1.25, and should be in every stable. P. Hayden, Newark, N. J., is sole agent for Whittaker's feed bag, though it may be obtained from all dealers in harness and saddlery goods. Obtain a sample and carefully examine it.

SPEED FOR SALE.—A brown gelding, by Iron Duke, dam by Seely's American Star, with a record of 2:23¼, in 1885, is offered for sale. He is 10 years old, stands 15½, and is all right. His record was made in his first season on the turf, and in his fifth race. He has been campaigned this season and has all his speed. Is a first-rate pole and sleigh horse, and goes without boots or weights. Address Disbrow Bros., 29 Fulton Market, this city.

SALE OF MONTANA MAID.—Mr. W. H. Wilson, Abdallah Park, Cynthiana, Ky., sold, Nov. 24, for Mr. Noah Armstrong, Salisbury, Mont., the bay mare Montana Maid, foaled 1881, by George Wilkes, dam Annie Ware, by Almont; 2d dam by Ericsson. She showed, at Abdallah Park, a trial in 2:33½, and is in foal to Sultan, 2:24. The purchaser, Mr. P. S. Talbert, of Inwood Stock Farm, Lexington, Ky., paid $2,000.

ELECTIONEER COLT FOR SALE.—A bay gelding, coming four years, by Electioneer, is offered for sale. He stands 16 hands, finely gaited, level headed, strictly sound and very promising. For want of use, the owner will sell at an easy price. Address "Scott," P. O. Box 938, New York City.