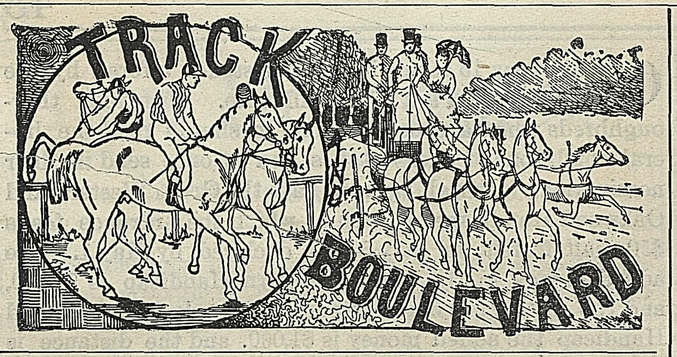

THE Chicago horse market shows quite an improvement for good stock.

THE Emperor of Germany has ordered all racing stopped on Sunday at Berlin.

WINNIPEG (Manitoba) horsemen have arranged for a big trotting meeting on the ice.

W. O. SCULLY sold to Dr. F. E. Corrigan the filly Cora Belle, by Sensation, dam Heather.

JOCKEY BERGEN has signed to ride for Captain S. S. Brown, of Pittsburg, during the year 1889.

THE handsome trotting mare Jose S., 2:22½, by Landmark 3505, has been sold for $3,000 to go to Germany.

E. L. PELSUE, of East Wallingford, N. H., has just purchased the stallion Flying Banner of Joel Todd. The price paid was $325.

JOHN MCFARLAND, of North Boothbay, Me., has a gelding, a grandson of old General Knox, for which he claims the name of Dan Knox.

ANDY MCCARTHY won the first race run in the United States in 1889, having the mount on Clatter in the first race at Clifton on New Year's Day.

MILTON YOUNG expresses the opinion that Blessing will be superior to Laura Stone as a three-year-old, as her development has been more marked.

JOCKEY PENNY rode four out of the six winners at Guttenburg, N. J., last Saturday in the slippery mud. Two horses fell during the afternoon.

BARNEY STANFORD, the well-known trainer and driver, formerly of Detroit, has gone to Syracuse, N. Y., where he takes charge of the Crouse stable.

A MAN who persistently backed the favorite in England last year would have come to grief. During the year 823 out of 1,417 favorites were beaten.

J. M. THORNTON, Eminence, Ky., has lost from colic the bay gelding Red Cloud, foaled 1882, by imp. Thunderstorm, dam Mattie Pendleton, by Hazard.

COOK & WEIR, Muscatine, Iowa, have purchased from F. Van Camp a standard bay stallion by Dauntless, dam by Tramp; second dam by a son of Green's Bashaw.

R. B. LITTLE, St. Louis, Mo., has purchased through C. Doyle, of Carrollton, Ill., for $300, the fine gray saddle-stallion Prince Denmark, by Grant's Denmark.

JAMES MURPHY, the trainer, has purchased of J. D. Wilson, of Lexington, Ky., the well-known four-year-old colt Prince Fortunatus, by Fonso, dam Little Madam, for $4,500.

FRANK FOX, Danville, Ky., has sold to John Reamer, Philadelphia, Pa., the four-year-old bay gelding Falcon, by Messenger Chief, dam by Ben Hill (son of Dorsey's Pilot), by Old Pilot.

THERE is a racehorse in New Zealand which is a son of the well-known English sire Musket that rejoices in the trite name of Son of a Gun. He ran second for the New Zealand Cup.

LONGFELLOW'S service fee this year will be $500 and no return. He heads the winning sires for 1888, it being the first year he has earned this distinction. He is now twenty-two years old.

OSSORY and Galore will be shipped to New York from England on January 20. Galore has been nominated to the Suburban and the Sheepshead Bay Handicap, at the Coney Island meeting.

HUNTRESS, the three-mile trotting queen in 7:21, will be bred to Axtell, 2:23, this season. The wonderful staying qualities of Huntress and the extreme speed of Axtell should produce a great colt.

THE first yearling sale held by Major B. G. Thomas, Dixiana Stud, Lexington, Ky., was in 1884, since which time ninety-five colts and fillies have been sold for $70,675, a grand average of $743 31.

THE Southern California Racing Club, of Los Angeles, claims April 8 to 13 inclusive as dates for their spring running and trotting meeting. Quite a number of stables are already on the grounds.

DR. JAMES MATHEWS, New Paris, Ind., claims the name Inward for the bay colt by Onward, dam Maud Wilkes, by George Wilkes, which he recently purchased from Colonel R. P. Pepper, Frankfort, Ky.

W. C. DALY has purchased from G. S. Kinney, Clifton, N. J., the five-year-old brown gelding Brynwood, by imp. Woodlands, out of Syria, by imp. Leamington, for $1,275, and sold him again to C. Post.

JAMES CRAY, of Millersburg, Ky., while trying to drive his trotting mare Selim into the stable, struck her on the head with a cane, which threw her into lockjaw and caused her death. She was valued at $1,000.

A MATCH has been arranged at Prescott, Ont., between D. Higgins' bay mare Pan Handle and E. Rooney's Mountain Boy, to trot mile heats for $200 a side. The race will take place at Brockville on January 14.

THE Arab horsemen connected with a circus have gone home to their native desert. They followed the show as far as Marshall, Texas, and there they saw an American ride on a broncho. The season closed next day.

GEORGE A. FULLER, late trainer for J. V. Stryker, at Springfield, Ill., has been engaged to handle the young trotters at the Allen Stock Farm, Pittsfield, Mass. He is the son of the well-known trainer at Forest City Farm.

AGAIN this next season the Jewett Farm, Buffalo, N. Y., will issue only a stallion catalogue. Not having stock for sale they will wait another year before publishing one containing the names of all the horses on the farm.

BEACONSFIELD will make a short season in the stud in the early spring before going upon the turf. It is the opinion of Clifton Bell, his owner, that Beaconsfield will be a better horse this year than he has ever been before.

JOHN HENRY, New York City, lost shortly after his arrival in New York the bay colt Binscarth, foaled 1887, by Billet, out of Lucille Western, by Lexington. He was purchased at the Melbourne sale, December 11, for $1,050.

G. BULLEN, of Chicago, has sold to E. A. Collins, of Milan, Tenn., for $600, the yearling bay filly Glen Mary, by Belmont, dam Lucy Graham, by Swigert; second dam Minnie, by McGregor's Warrior; third dam s. t. b. thoroughbred.

R. W. NAPIER, Hamilton, Mo., has sold to West & Siebert, of Bushnell, Ill., the eleven-year-old brown stallion Caldwell Chief 7401, by Mambrino Patchen 58, dam Nora, by Norman 25; second dam Briggie Lee, by Hurst's Mambrino.

E. A. COLLINS, of Milan, Tenn., has purchased from Bowerman Bros., of Lexington, Ky., for $1,200, the black filly Katie M., foaled 1888, by Wilton, 2:19¼, dam by Ashland Chief, a son of Black Cloud, 2:17¼; second dam by Black Prince.

M. F. BURKE, Chicago's popular hotel man and roadite, is spending the winter at Nice, in the extreme south of France, and is consequently not annoyed because Chicago has not been favored with any sleighing this season up to date.

THOMAS KELLY, of Shelby, Mich., has purchased from A. B. Donelson, Pontiac, Mich., the chestnut stallion Goldwin 8979, foaled 1886, by Agile 2251, dam Belle Gray, by Goldenbow 2436; second dam Mattie Lewis, by John C. Lewis.

THE Western Bookmakers' Association has decided not to disband, as has been previously announced, but will continue the organization and do business as a body on such tracks as will allow it, and work as individuals on other courses.

FALLIS, bay stallion, foaled 1878, by Electioneer, dam Felicia, by Messenger Duroc, recently purchased by A. J. Alexander from Senator Leland Stanford, Palo Alto Farm, California, has arrived in Kentucky and been installed at Woodburn.

THE Chicago Central Park Driving Association has elected the following officers to serve for the current year: President, J. T. Rawleigh; Secretary, W. H. Kane; Directors, J. M. Leet, J. T. Rawleigh, John Coughlin, W. H. Kane and John Brennock.

WILLIAM H. SNELL, of Deering, Me., has decided not to trot Jack Spratt, 2:23, next season, the alleged reason being that his drivers have not driven Jack as fast as he can go. He is now the fastest horse in Maine, Glenarm being the fastest stallion.

THE three-year-old bay gelding Bledsoe, by Planeroid, out of Ida Lewis, has been purchased from Charley Littlefield, at Monmouth Park, by a gentleman in Toronto, Ont. It is said Bledsoe is intended for the Woodstock Plate and Breeders' Stake.

MAJOR B. G. THOMAS has named his chestnut yearling filly by Himyar, out of Queechy, Lady Win, in honor of a popular society lady of Lexington, Ky. This filly is considered by her owner one of the finest yearlings ever raised on the famous Dixiana farm.

THE Executive Committee of the Latonia Jockey Club has reinstated Jack Chinn to the full privileges of the course. It will be remembered that Chinn was ruled off for seriously stabbing J. M. Dowling, of Chicago, at the fall meeting of the Latonia club.

S. W. BRIGGS, Maryville, Mo., has sold to Otis Bowers, Dubuque, Iowa, the chestnut colt Bobby Beach, foaled 1888, by Faustus, dam Bonnie Bruce, by Scottish Eclipse, and the chestnut filly Bessie Briggs, foaled 1887, by Faustus, dam Bonnie Lee, by Scottish Eclipse.

GEORGE VAN GORDEN, superintendent of Senator Hearst's ranch at San Simeon, Cal., says that he is busily engaged in forming a stable of colts to be sent East this year. Among the lot will be the wind-splitting Almont and a couple of Australian youngsters recently purchased.

A CITIZEN of New Ulm, Minn., owns a horse which he considers an unerring weather prophet. He can always tell when a storm is coming by watching the animal's eyes, which change from a very light color to a dark blue twenty-four hours before a change in the weather. Next.

THE Lewiston (Me.) Journal gives the following bit of seasonable advice: The farmer should see to it that no ice spots are in the inclosure when his colts play their gambols, for a slip on the ice may cause a sprain or injury to the patella which will be a life-long damage to the horse.

A. J. ALEXANDER, Woodburn Farm, Spring Station, Ky., has sold to J. I. Case, Racine, Wis., the bay mare Waterlily, foaled 1875, by Hero of Thorndale, dam Siren, by Edwin Forrest, her dam Waterwitch (dam of Viking, 2:19¼; Mambrino Gift, 2:20; Scotland, 2:22½; Wavelet, 2:24½, and Waterloo, 2:28½).

L. C. HURD, of Jackson, Mich., has matched his two-year-old stallion Record against C. E. Bennett's two-year-old filly Harriet, mile heats, three in five, over the Jackson track, September 5 next, play or pay, for $1,000. John W. Boardman is stakeholder, and Albert Stiles and John O. Gunnison are judges.

THE stakes for foals of 1887 just closed by the Kentucky Trotting-Horse Breeders' Association, Lexington, Ky., have filled far in excess of the most sanguine expectations of the officers. The three stakes will aggregate more than four hundred nominations, which come from all sections of the country.

J. E. SEAGRAM, of Waterloo, Ont., reports his horses all doing well, though one of his English fillies met with an accident recently while out at exercise. The youngster slipped and fell, injuring her stifle. Mr. Seagram will have several candidates for the Queen's Plate, Woodstock Plate and Breeders' Stake.

THE two-year-old stallion Fitz, recently purchased by Beauchamp & Jarvis, of Concordia, Kan., was sired by Cortland Wilkes 4715 (not by Lincoln, as has been erroneously reported in several papers), dam Wingate, by Blackwood 74; second dam s. t. b. by Edwin Forrest 49. The above breeding is copied from the stud-book.

GEORGE STARR, with Budd Doble's string of fast ones, has them located in fine quarters at the Los Angeles (Cal.) track. His running horse Father John had an ill turn on the trip from Chicago, which necessitated a rest of a few days at Albuquerque, N. M., but the balance of the horses stood the journey in excellent shape.

GEORGE CREIGHTON, of Omaha, Neb., has sold to Bowerman Bros., of Lexington, Ky., for $4,000, the seven-year-old black stallion Dark Night 2858, three-year-old record 2:38¼, by Alcyone, dam Noonday, by St. Elmo; second dam Midnight (dam of Noontide and Jay-Eye-See), by Pilot, Jr. 12; third dam Twilight, by Lexington.

T. B. HINCHMAN, lessee of the Bay District track, San Francisco, Cal., says that he will not permit any more book-betting on the grounds, as he has evidence showing that the bookmakers obtained control of horses and dictated how they should be run. Only auction and mutual pools will be allowed at the track in the future.

WE congratulate the people of San Jose upon the conclusion of its race association to run its own race-track. What San Francisco needs is a turf association that will rise above the demands of the pool-sellers, bookmakers and owners and hold races in which the comforts of the public will be the first consideration.—[California Spirit of the Times.

JOHN MCCONNELL, better known as "Buster," who last year handled with such marked success Count Valensin's Sidney colts, has left Pleasanton, Cal., and Lee Shaner and John Green have taken his place. McConnell leaves Valensin's employment well recommended, for the Count says that Buster is the best man with colts that he has ever seen.

JAMES B. CLAY, proprietor of the Iroquois Stud, will hold his first annual yearling sale in Lexington, Ky., next spring. Heretofore he has sold his youngsters in the various combination collections. Mr. Clay is a grandson of the great commoner, and some of the stock now on his place traces to thoroughbreds which were once the property of Kentucky's great statesman.

A. W. RICHMOND, the celebrated stallion by Blackbird, is dead. He died on the ranch of John Hill, at Ventura, Cal. A.W. Richmond was bred by Joseph Cairn Simpson, and was the sire of such celebrated performers as Arrow, with a record of 2:13¼; Romero, 2:19¾, and Elwood, 2:23½, and also sired the dams of Anteeo, 2:16½, and Antevolo, 2:19½. The stallion died of old age.

AT Agricultural Park, Los Angeles, Cal., on January 2, a thirty-mile race took place between a colored Jockey named Pepper and a Mexican Jockey named Garcia, each jock using six horses. It was won by Pepper, who covered the thirty miles in one hour, five minutes and twenty-nine and one-half seconds, thus lowering the record for that distance one minute and half a second.

R. G. FELL, Ogden, Utah, has a valuable sire in his eight-year-old black stallion Elector 5978, by Electioneer, dam Juniatta, by Fred Low; second dam Maid of Clay, by Henry Clay 8. With six weeks' handling for speed he trotted to a record of 2:31½, and is said to have trotted a mile in 2:27 to a false start. He has six two-year-old colts, all of which are typical Electioneers in general conformation.

J. I. CASE, Racine, Wis., has sold to A. J. Feek, of Syracuse, N. Y., for $6,000, the eight-year-old chestnut stallion James G. 4137, record 2:20, 15½ hands high, by Royal Chief 4136, dam Sunbeam, by Alhambra; second dam Starlight, by American Star 14, sire of the dams of forty-two 2:30 trotters. Mr. Feek purchased the horse for parties residing at Frankfort, Germany, and he will be shipped to that country.

KING WILKES 1867, bay stallion, foaled 1876, by George Wilkes, dam Missie, by Brignoli, has been purchased from the estate of the late R. B. Conkling by A. J. Alexander's Woodburn Farm, Spring Station, Ky., for $15,000 cash for the horse and his use in 1888, and he will hereafter occupy an honorable position among the royally-bred sires at the great Woodburn. King Wilkes is the sire of Oliver K., 2:16¼.

A. G. GOODLETT, Clarksville, Tenn., has sold to Charles Royan, of Fairfield, Ky., the five-year-old bay stallion Ilderim 2736, by Referee 1463, dam Nettie Woods, by Enfield 128; second dam Nettie Richards, by Brown Dick. To John P. Higgins, Sweet Springs, Mo., the two-year-old stallion Mellenford 7451, by Enfield, 2:29, dam Melrose, by Administrator; second dam Mattie Price, by Woodford Mambrino.

P. P. JOHNSTON, of Lexington, Ky., has a very valuable brood mare in Ladylike. Out of six of her colts that have been trained four are winners, they being Carley B., Ebony, Broughton and Lady Msy, and they have won, combined, forty-three races and $36,417. Ladylike is a daughter of imp. Leamington and Lady Emmal, by Voucher, and is now seventeen years old. She cost her present owner only a trifling sum.

THERE is a horse in the town of Sprague, Conn., belonging to Allen Williams, that has to be put to bed to be shod. Mr. Williams has to carry a mattress and pillows to the shop where his horse is shod. The horse is thrown down and held on the mattress by straps across the body, and his owner insists on having the horse's head bolstersd up in a comfortable position with two pillows while the work is being done.

JERRY O'NEIL, of Boston, says that the famous old trotter Driver, 2:19½, winner of one hundred and sixty-seven heats in 2:30 or better, which has been in his charge about a year, is now as sound as a dollar, without a pimple or puff on him anywhere, and feels like a colt. Driver is by Volunteer, dam by Seely's American Star; second dam by Wildair, son of Hoagland's Gray Messenger, he by a son of Sherman Morgan.

SCANNELL & TALBOTT, of Cynthiana, Ky., have received from J. C. Jenkins & Son, Petersburg, Ky., the three-year-old chestnut colt Jenkins, to be handled and developed. He is by Simmons, 2:28 (sire of Bon Bon and Gossiper, 2:22½), dam Maggie S., by Crittenden 433; second dam Lady Gray, by Sir Harry Bacchus. Jenkins is a handsome young horse, and shows the Wilkes in him to perfection. He is sure to trot fast.

THE three-year-old filly Górgo, of Senator Hearst's string, is very much admired by visitors to the stables at Sheepshead. Gorgo is the only filly of her age that gave Yum Yum weight and a beating last season. The black filly is in superb condition, although rough as a St. Bernard dog, and she cavorts about the box as though its narrow limits were too confining. She has widened perceptibly, and will be a big mare next year.

AT the meeting of the Iowa Trotting-Horse Breeders' Association, held at Burlington on January 3, Nat Bruen and Henry Bennett, of Cedar Rapids, and W. Beckwith, of Mount Pleasant, were elected to fill the vacancies in the Executive Committee. Owing to the illness of President Beckwith Dr. J. H. Smith, of Cedar Rapids, presided. The details for State races will be perfected at a future meeting of the Executive Committee.

THE Ontario Jockey Club has announced the conditions of their stake events to be run at the spring meeting. In the Queen's Plate the club has added $50, to be divided equally between the second and third horses. The Woodstock Plate will be worth $100 more to the winner this year. For the Breeders' Stake of 1889 $300 is the added money, of which $75 goes to the second horse. Winners will have to carry five pounds extra.

J. H. NAY, who is wintering some forty head of horse stock at the Readville (Mass.) Park, reports his animals in tip-top condition. Among the lot are the trotting stallions Norman Abdallah and Glendon; also, the thoroughbred stallion Binnacle, which is strongly inbred to those plastic winning strains found in many of the best trotters upon the turf. Glendon is by Nutwood, 2:18¾, dam a full sister to Aldine, 2:19¼, by Almont.

"PITTSBURG PHIL" has come to be looked upon as one of the luckies young men in the country in consequence of the large amount he has won betting on the runners, and it seems that he has not yet exhausted the fountain of wealth. Last Saturday he received information that by the provisions of the will of his grandfather he is to receive $20,000 from the estate of the deceased old gentleman, and his brother William comes in for a like amount.