

Personal Mention of Prominent People at Dr. Seward Webb's Horse Sale.

Willie K. Vanderbilt was a distinct feature of the sale held yesterday when the major part of Dr. W. Seward Webb's hackney stud was sold.

But Willie K., even if he is an owner of thoroughbred stock and controller of the Coney Island Jockey Club and the National Horse Association, does not look a horse man.

An innovation among innovations was the presence of General W. H. Jackson, the astute Tennessee breeder of thoroughbreds, to whom Richard Croker paid a quarter of a million dollars for a half share of the stock on his farm.

The General, by the way, will sail for Europe in the latter part of June. He expects to have a pleasant time looking over the palatial breeding establishments of the old country.

Delancy Kane was another that helped to tread the centre of the Horse Exchange ring into a quaking morass. Colonel Kane is not as young as he was, which goes without the saying, but, which does not go without the saying, he looks it.

George Gould took a shy at the hackney business, though an abortive one, through his agent, one J. J.

Dwyer, an individual with a wonderful box coat of many and complex pockets, and a rich brogue, who used to be with a hunt club in the neighborhood of Providence, R. I.

Rumor had it before the sale began that Louis Wormser was a sure purchaser of Matchless. "Oh, yes, these may be English commissions in the market, and Sir Walter Gilbey may want the horse to replace his dead sire, Danegelt, but I tell you Wormser means to have him, and there he is over there with his man, Jack Donnelly."

Ex-Secretary of the Navy W. C. Whitney and his wife were among the distinguished visitors, but neither they nor the stellar individuals already mentioned constituted the sole representatives of rank and fashion.

It is a great thing to have an institution presided over by such lights as Willie W., who on retrospection it is a comfort to find was mentioned first of all. Really, you know, if one had been asked to wade in the mire and clay by a lot of English money makers, don't you know, one could scarcely have thought of such a thing, you see.

If yesterday is to count as a sample, the Horse Exchange, risen like a Phoenix from its ashes, is going to be a tremendous money maker. Well, well, the money will go into the right pockets, you know, and may be Dr. Rainsford or some other of those windy divines will be able to rail at the hospitality the place will show in the future—when the floor has dried up.

MATCHLESS STAYS IN HIS COUNTRY.

But English Hackney Breeders Put in a Strong Bid for Him.

HIS PRICE WAS \$12,000.

Duke of Marlborough's Representative Was the Last Contender.

DR. WEBB'S STOCK SELLS WELL.

American Horse Exchange Reopens Under Favorable Auspices Despite a Lack of Roof and Very Bad Footing for Onlookers.

Matchless of Londeboro, the most successful hackney stallion ever yet seen in this country, yesterday changed hands for the second time since he landed here.

When Dr. W. Seward Webb, who sold nearly one hundred hackneys and coaching bred horses from his Shalburne Farm stud yesterday, bought Matchless from Mr. Henry Fairfax, Mr. Burdett-Coutts, the English breeder of hackneys, offered him \$25,000 for the horse and would have given more, but at that Mr. Burdett-Coutts was not represented yesterday.

Dr. Ryder, a veterinary surgeon, who on behalf of the Duke of Marlborough, bid on behalf of the Duke of Marlborough, was a very prominent success, and would have given \$25,000 for the horse, but the well-known exhibitor, represented another English bidder, said to have been Sir Walter Gilbey, who paid \$12,000 for the horse, but the English bid was through thirty or more offers of \$12,000, the buyer being Mr. Walter L. Clark, of Staten Island, who was the last unsuccessful bidder at \$11,000.

The sale marked the formal reopening of the American Horse Exchange. Owing to the failure of the contractor to finish the glazing of the roof, the floor was a regular quagmire, which state of affairs was only partially rectified by a copious layer of sawdust and straw on the top of that.

All the good stock fetched better values than have been seen at any auction sale of hackneys previously held in this country. The buyers included General W. H. Jackson, the Duke of Marlborough, Richard Croker in the famous thoroughbred nursery, the Belle Meade stud, near Nashville, Tenn. The General bought quite freely, some at least, of his purchases being intended for his daughter to drive.

Matchless of Londeboro, ch. s., 1884, by Danegelt, out of Lady Lyle, bred by Lord Louisa, Walter L. Clark, Glen Dover Stock Farm, Dongan Hill, N. Y., \$12,000. Lady Alice, ch. m., 1886, by Timber, bred away, out of Bessie, by Skene Merryman, H. E. Horse, Stantard, Quebec, 425. Gay Lady, ch. m., 1887, by Danegelt, out of Lucy, by Bay President, H. E. 825. Lady Fing, ch. m., 1889, by Danegelt, out of Spring, by Sir John E. D. Jordan, Boston, Mass., 1,000.

WELCOMES FOR INDEPENDENTS. Lady Welcomes and Lady Bushwicks Vanquished in the Bowling Tourney.

The fourth series in the Women's Bowling League tournament was played yesterday afternoon on Carruther's Elephant, alleys, Brooklyn. Interest in the affair continues, and the usual large crowd—women predominating, of course—were there "rooting" from the start to the finish for their favorites, and applauding all good plays generously and impartially.

WELCOMES FOR INDEPENDENTS. Scores: Bushwick—Mrs. Dowling, 17; Mrs. Spri, 112; Mrs. Schlegel, 116; Mrs. Wick, 85; Mrs. Ransamp, 132. Total, 522. Independent—Mrs. Sharpe, 128; Mrs. Dieder, 106; Mrs. Kramer, 93; Mrs. Nammer, 129; Mrs. Vandrum, 110. Total, 557.

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COLLEGE BOYS VICTORS.

Brown University Polo Team Defeats the Montclair A. C. at the Ice Palace Rink.

One of the best played games of polo on ice seen in this vicinity during the present winter was that which took place at the Ice Palace Rink last night between the teams of Brown University and the Montclair Athletic Club.

Brown made the only goal scored in the first half after eight minutes of play. Purser, single handed, nursing the ball through the enemy's territory and shooting it into the cage unassisted.

Montclair's goal was made three minutes later by M. Hornsack, after a try and pass by Koehler. The line-up was as follows:

"OUTLAWS" FULL OF JOY. Maryland Supreme Court Adjourns Without Handing Down a Decision in the Race Track Case.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Raising their hopes on the old maxim that "No news is good news," the patrons of the outlaw circuit are jubilant to-night. The cause of their joy is an adjournment of the Supreme Court at Annapolis without handing down a decision in the case pending against the Keystone Racing Association.

Of course, there is a chance that a decision has been rendered, but no official notification of any kind has been received. If notification came before the case was reached on the calendar the tracks will have full privileges until the court reconvenes in May, and many interpret the delay as a good omen that no interference will come until the next session of the Legislature, which will be in 1898.

The day's racing was of a mediocre order, the track, which resembled a quagmire, proving a serious damper to the merit of the sport. The backers of form were all astray in their calculations. His Grace, the only favorite to win, and even his victory was far from the easy thing his admirers had believed it would be.

Old Britannie was made a hot favorite in his race, for as his backers put it, "and was always his strong suit." But he had no chance to show if this old trait held good, for he ruptured a blood vessel early in the struggle and was, of course, pulled up.

The best horse in the race was Jergent, but his hand was in a way that made his winning an impossibility. At the post he displayed a willingness to take the worst of it that caused his backers to give chase each other for the possession of a rosette pinned on the shoulder, were the two novel features on the equine programme given last night by the Riding and Driving Club of Brooklyn, at its clubhouse near Prospect Park.

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GREAT SPORT ON HORSEBACK.

Tug of War, Jeu de Barre and a Music Ride at the Brooklyn Club.

MANY MEMBERS PRESENT.

Candee, Woodward and Potter Chase Each Other for the Possession of the Rosette.

THE TUG A LAUGHABLE AFFAIR.

Three Riders Forced Off Their Horses During the Struggle, and Finally the Friday Night Class Was Victorious.

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KNEEB'S CASE UP AGAIN.

Unfavorable Testimony in the Ringing Episode Introduced in the Court at Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The hearing of the appeal of Robert T. Kneeb, the American horseman, against the judgment of the court condemning him to nine months' imprisonment for entering the trotting mare Bethel across the German courses under the name of "Nellie Kneeb," which began here yesterday, is expected to last five days.

The case took a turn unfavorable to Kneeb this afternoon when Professor Eggleston, the veterinary expert, who recently returned from America, where he examined the mare Bethel, which Kneeb claims is not identical with the mare Nellie. Kneeb testified that the horse he examined in America was not more than eight years old and did not possess the peculiar other distinguishing marks which the real Bethel bears.

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THOUGHT FITZ WAS AFRAID.

He Tore Up a Useless Copy of the Articles Last Night, and That Started Gossip. An incident occurred at the Barthold Hotel last night which set rumors afloat that Fitzsimmons was trying to crawl out of his match with Corbett. The sports up and down Broadway quickly got hold of the incident, and the news that Lanky Bob had torn up the articles of agreement was quickly passed from mouth to mouth.

There were two sets of articles drawn up, as told in the Journal. The first related to a match to be fought before March 1, and the second were the articles agreed upon in Jersey City, when Dan Sullivan came on to clinch the match. In the last set the date for the fight is definitely stated to be March 7.

The second article, of course, made the first document null and void. But after it had been signed, it was found that no provision had been made for a side stake. The first set of articles had provided for this matter, and in order to have things straight, Billy Brady, representing Corbett, had written in red ink on the first set of articles the changes which would make them agree with the second. He handed them to A. Smith, who is the stakeholder, and the latter sent them at 11 o'clock last night to the Barthold Hotel in order that Fitz might sign it.

Lanky Bob was not in at the time, but Jollan, his manager, said everything would be all right. Fitz arrived shortly after and when he saw the articles he tore them up. This simple act gave rise to the rumors which were bothering the sporting men last night. As a matter of fact, the match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons is almost a sure thing and the Fitzsimmons people have an understanding with the stakeholder whereby all the deposits will be put in his hands in a very few days. Fitz has no desire to avoid a fight with Corbett.

Camp Not to Visit Cambridge.

New Haven, Feb. 3.—Captain Bailey, of the Yale crew, said to-day that there was nothing decided relative to the proposed trip of Walter Camp, Yale's athletic adviser, to Cambridge to try to conclude athletic negotiations. Mr. Camp corroborated the statement of Captain Bailey. He said he was willing to do anything to aid reconciliation, but that nothing is decided.

Against Sunday Ball in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 3.—The House of Representatives, by a vote of 77 to 42, has passed a bill prohibiting the playing of baseball on Sunday in this State. A motion to reconsider was made, but before action was reached the House adjourned. The bill is expected to be made to defeat the bill if it reaches the Senate.



Brooklynites in a Tug-of-War on Horseback.

CARSON IS NOT WORRIED.

Scheme for Killing Off the Fight by Limiting the Price of Admission Causes No Alarm.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 3.—Excitement in connection with the bill introduced in the Senate yesterday limiting the admission fee that could be charged to see a glove contest to \$1, has died down and, as no word has been received from Dan Stuart that he cares about it, the public is not worried.

It is now generally admitted that the fight will certainly take place in Carson, Illinois and other accommodations have already been engaged and are continually being wired for.

The pavilion, it is said, will not be permanently erected at once, owing to the fact that this time of the year on the Pacific coast is very poor for building as lumber is not seasoned. So the building used for Corbett and Fitzsimmons will not be the pretensions affair that will follow later in the year. However, it will be comfortable and for all practical purposes as good as any.

California Trucks Make a Deal.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The California Jockey Club and the Pacific Coast Jockey Club yesterday signed an agreement for the next two years of racing. The Pacific Coast Jockey Club will come racing on May 1, and the California on May 15. The Pacific Coast will resume racing on November 1, for two weeks, after which the California Jockey Club will run for two weeks, and then the two clubs alternate two weeks for six months.

Additional Entries for Saratoga.

The stakes of the Saratoga Racing Association have received a number of additional entries from California and Montana, which brings the total up to 1,169, with the total number of nominators 173. In the two-year-old events the entries number 266; three-year-old, 192; all ages, 157; three-year-olds and upward, 107, and steeplechases, 128.



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