

Benson Races Provide Some Genuine Thrills for Horse Fans

FAST TIME MARKS BENSON MEETING

Governor V., Omaha Horse, Wins Hotly Contested Trotting Event; Colts and Runners Provide Thrills.

TODAY'S RACING PROGRAM.
2:11 Trotting class.
2:14 Pacing class.
2:27 Trotting class.
Three-fourths of a mile running.
By RUSSELL PHELPS.

Hotly contested tilts between some of the fastest harness horses in the middle west, excellent time made by the winners for this early in the season, an enthusiastic crowd of horse lovers and society folks and a goodly dash of patriotism all round were a few of the features marking the opening of the racing season at the Omaha Driving club's plant at Benson yesterday afternoon.

The initial program on the three days' card of harness and running races went off with the snappy way which has characterized all meetings of the driving club.

It was the opening of a patriotic race meeting, for the entire proceeds, after actual expenses are paid, will be donated to the Red Cross. Twenty-five society girls, wearing Red Cross costumes, sold tickets at the gates and acted as usheresses. A hand played patriotic airs between heats.

Society in Boxes.
Well known figures in Omaha's social, business and public life occupied boxes and gave the finishing touch to the metropolitan atmosphere of the Gate city's 1914 turf premier.

An Omaha-owned horse, Governor V., the property of Otis M. Smith, superintendent of speed and one of the directors of the driving club, won first money in the classic race of the day—the 2:20 trot.

Mr. Smith's fancy gelding stepped out a well-earned victory in the first heat in 2:19 1/2, beating out Virginia Watts in a lively brush near the wire. In the second heat, George S., who finished in sixth place in the previous twice-around battle, outstepped the Omaha horse, Brady, a 2:10 1/2 trotter, wrestling third place from Virginia Watts, who got second in the opening heat.

Pace Four Heats.
Brady came back in the third heat and upset the dope, winning by a narrow margin over Governor V., and making the best time of the race, 2:15 1/2. George S. squeezed out a third in a tilt with Virginia Watts and the rest of the field, with the exception of Arapahoe, who was distanced.

The judges called out the three heat winners and Virginia Watts for a final and deciding go, the Omaha animal, skillfully handled by Joe Hildreth, winning and bringing the crowd to its feet. Governor V. performance showed the mettle of a horse already started on a successful season over mid-west tracks.

Peggie C. easily the class out of a field of eight starters in the 2:17 pace and doped as the prime favorite, won handily in straight heats, circling the twice-around oval both times in 2:13 1/4.

Bonnie Belle and Billy Murry furnished some good racing in the last heat for second place, but the Colorado mare proved to be a little the better and got under the wire ahead of the Nebraska colt both times.

Colts Show Class.
Many horse fans opined that the colt race did much to add the excitement of the program. Four clever 3-year-olds scored for the starter.

A Colorado E. colt, E. Colorado, heralded as the cream of the field, got away with the big end of the purse in straight heats, but not without a struggle. It Thomas' tidy gelding driven by the old veteran himself, forced the western stepper to equal the state record for 3-year-olds to win.

One Graves, sitting in the sulky for the millionaire owner of the colt, met a Tartar in Al Thomas, and got his speed merchant under the wire first both times simply because he had the best horse. The first heat, clocked at 2:18 1/2, equaled the state record for the class, held by Daisy Todd, was a genuine horse race all the way.

Exciting Running Race.
Three colored jockeys and a 16-year-old white boy, all of them riding well put up rangy looking runners, provided an abundance of laughs at the barrier and an equal amount of thrills at the finish in the half-mile dash.

After several fizzes the starter finally got the runners away, Blue, Connors up, the favorite, leaping to the front. The veteran jockey of the crowd was Jimmy Reese, a dark-hued gent, who was as good as any rider in the country ten years ago. His mount, Barney McCoy, however, did not have anything on a traveler carrying young Criswell, a white boy, who soon put the favorite in the rear by doing a good job of jockeying on Planetary.

Planetary and the McCoy horse came down the stretch neck-and-neck, Criswell crowded to the rail by the old-timer and consequently given the race by the judges. The time, 49 1/2, was fast over a half mile track.

Track Is Fast.
Slightly cloudy weather greeted the opening day's program. The track was well conditioned and has lots of step.

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Still Time to Plant That Back Lot Vegetable Garden
It isn't too late to plant your garden yet, a bulletin from the government's Department of Agriculture says. Vegetables will grow to maturity if planted immediately, the department declares. The following are vegetables which will grow successfully even though started at this late date:

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Summary of Tuesday's Races

Pacing, 2:17 class, purse \$400:	
Peggie C., b. m., by Outstare (Sebastian); W. A. Smith, San Bernardino, Cal.	1 1
Bonnie Belle, by Due Hal (Brown); I. N. Brown, Fort Lupton, Colo.	2 2
Billy Murry, b. g., by Sorrento (Jenkins); F. S. Jenkins, Blair, Neb.	3 3
Archie (Hildreth), Hildreth stables, Omaha	4 4
Stelina Belle, b. m., by Sherman Belle (Rhodes); Midway Stock Farm, Kearney	5 5
Bernice MacKenzie, by Bernice Wilkes (Argo); Murdock MacKenzie, Trinidad, Colo.	6 6
Hernest, b. g., by Geo. W. McKinney (Hansen); Schmitz Bros., West Point, Neb.	7 7
Patelle, b. g. (Hart); Jack Kirkpatrick, Omaha	8 8
Time: 2:13 1/2, 2:15 1/2.	
Trotting, 2:20 class, purse \$400:	
Governor V., b. g., by Governor Francis (Hildreth); Otis M. Smith, Omaha	1 1
George S., b. g., by Gomon (Houlihan); G. W. Schlessner, Davenport, Neb.	2 2
Brady, b. g., by Metell (Wilson); E. Berksmith, Adams, Ill.	3 3
Virginia Watts, b. m., by General Watts (McCoy); Dr. E. C. Wolf, Avon, Ia.	4 4
Arapahoe, blk. g., by Sherman Bell (Wetz); J. W. Weir, Longmont, Colo.	5 5
The Orphan, b. g., by Sorrento Todd (Jenkins); F. S. Jenkins, Blair, Neb.	6 6
Idle Wilde, b. g., by Gregory the Great (Rhodes); C. A. Pratt, Kearney, Neb.	7 7
Time: 2:17 1/2, 2:18 1/2, 2:19 1/2.	
Trotting, 3-year-old class, purse \$200:	
E. Colorado, b. c., by Colorado K. (Graves); George H. Estabrook, Denver	1 1
Noble Aubrey, ch. g., by Captain Aubrey (Thomas); A. L. Thomas & Co., Benson	2 2
Mariondale, blk. g., by Archdale (Hansen); J. C. Hansen, West Point, Neb.	3 3
Dusty Girl, ch. m., by The Tramp (Rhodes); Midway Stock Farm, Kearney	4 4
Time: 2:18 1/2, 2:21 1/2.	
Running, one-half mile dash, purse \$100: Planetary (Christwell), won; Barney McCoy (Reese), second; Blue (Connors), third; Bob F. (Wilson), fourth. Time: 49 1/2.	

Ex-Officio "Nag Observer" Relates How "Hoss" Races Impressed Him

By Fred S. Hunter.
Don't let 'em tell you the hosses races at Benson were a huge success. We had a bet down on Bernice MacKenzie in the 2:17 pace. She has such a nice name, something like a chorus girl. At the hour of submerging to press Bernice's owner was trying to make a deal with the pilot of a milk wagon.
There is a law against gambling in Nebraska. If you bet like we did you are not gambling.
The races were supposed to start at 2:30. The right time to get there is about 4:30. It takes that long to get the first race away or a proper start. Russ Phelps, who is supposed to be enough of an expert to tell the difference between a trot and a pace, tried to keep count of the number of times Starter Van Pelt called the drivers back in the first race, but quit a nervous wreck at the halfway mark.
When we went on to the races we were warned not to call the horses "nags" or "skates," because it makes the horsemen very irate. Far be it

MIRTH AND FUN AT AK-SAR-BEN SHOW

Chief Dunn Sings "Clancy"; Queen of Hair Island Makes Hit; New South Side Members.

The wheels at Ak-Sar-Ben den are getting better and better oiled. The initiation and show went off better last night than it did the first night of the season a week ago, and better than on the special night, last Wednesday, when the undertakers and the dentists were entertained and rolled.

It was stock yards and packing house night and the boys from the city of beef and pork came up in squads to be roasted in the initiation fire. They came out pure gold and full-fledged Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

"The Queen of Hair Island" entertained them. That is the show built around the queen as the heroine entertained the boys, and Chief of Police Dunn, the night watchman of the island, sang the famous "Clancy" song for the special benefit of the men from the South Side.

"Doc" Frye Neatly Toasted.
Between stanzas he interpolated with some smart sayings, in which he properly classified Everett Buckingham of the stock yards and held "Doc" Frye up to ridicule. Jack Walters, he insisted, had suffered the most outrageous nightmare that might come to a stock yards mortal, in that he dreamed he had enlisted in the army only to find that Jerry Howard was captain of the company. He also came through with a take-off on Doc Fave which caused such a

Name Officers to Train Negroes at Des Moines

Chicago, Ill., June 12.—Captain Edgar Z. Steever, United States army, who gained prominence as the originator of the "Wyoming plan" of military training in public schools, and Lieutenant James L. Frink, United States army, today were ordered to Des Moines, where they will be instructors in the reserve officers' training camp for negroes. They have been drilling the high school cadets of Chicago for several months.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY

Nebraska Editorial Association to Have Day of Entertainment at the Stock Yards.

The Nebraska Editorial Association will assemble in Omaha for the annual convention Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Wednesday is editors' day at the stock yards and the day is being looked forward to with great anticipation by members of the exchange who will entertain the publicity men at a luncheon. No regular program has been arranged, as it is to be an informal affair. Charles K. Bassett, however, who edits a ranch and newspaper at Hiram, will be asked to tell the bunch how it was possible for an editor to become a ranch owner. Frank Lantz of Hildreth will explain how a republican newspaper man can hold a postoffice under a democratic administration. The editorial minstrel company directed by Edgar Howard and Doc Tanner will close the festivities with a few selection of a musical nature.

George Scarr Dies.
George F. Scarr, 63 years, of Council Bluffs, Ia., died at St. Joseph's hospital Saturday. He is a brother of C. E. Scarr, 3716 South Twenty-sixth street. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scarr attended the funeral services at Council Bluffs Monday.

Mrs. Elsinu Marinussen, a former resident of the South Side, died at her home in Keystone, Neb. The body arrived in Omaha Monday. Funeral services will be held from the English Lutheran church, Twenty-fifth and K streets, conducted by Rev. S. H. Verian, and interment will be in Graceland Park cemetery.

Helen Peters, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peters, 2602 South Thirtieth street, died at the Lord Lister hospital Monday. Funeral services will be held at the C. H. Brewer chapel this afternoon and the body will be sent to Morehead, Ia., for burial.

Thomas A. McGee, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McGee, died at his home in Ralston Saturday. The funeral was held from the C. H. Brewer chapel Sunday afternoon and interment in Graceland Park cemetery.

Cattle Record Broken.
H. Holsten of Dodge, Neb., broke the record on the cattle market at the South Side stock yards yesterday when he received \$1340 for two cars, consisting of fifty head of grade Hereford cattle. This is 5 cents higher than anything ever sold for on this market before. The bunch were good heavies, averaging 1480 pounds.

Lectured for Beating Wife.
John Vintonick, 5427 South Twenty-first street, was arrested Sunday night for beating his wife, Mrs. Benda, a neighbor woman, telephoned the police station that some one was being killed and Sergeant Carey and Officers Jackman and Danbaum were sent out and found Vintonick abusing his wife. Neighbors said he held her by the hair while he beat her in the face. When reproached by Captain Vanous, the man said, "Well she is my wife 'aint she." In-police court

Monday morning the wife said she didn't want her spouse sent to jail. After a lecture Judge Fitzgerald discharged the man admonishing him that he would get ten days in jail should he ever pull the same stunt again.

Busy Commencement Week.
This is high school commencement week and it is to be a full one for the seniors. Today will be spent in work on the class play, "The Thread of Destiny," which is to be given at the South Side high auditorium Wednesday evening. The leading parts are to be taken by Hope Hibbard, Elmer Tisell, Berta Hoden, Carrie Hutchison, James Bradford and Milton Christensen.

Thursday morning the class is looking forward to a breakfast to be given in the woods. Thursday evening they will participate in a lawn party at the home of Sadie Rotholz. Friday the class will have luncheon together and have a matinee party at the Strand. The commencement exercises will be held Friday evening at the city auditorium. The last time the class will be together will be at the farewell party at the home of Hope Hibbard, Saturday evening.

Woman Drives Garbage Wagon.
The scarcity of men is becoming more apparent every day and women are fast filling up the gaps made vacant in labor circles by the enlistment of men in the service of the country. The newest field of labor invaded by the women is the city garbage department. One of the city garbage wagons was in charge of a woman driver yesterday morning.

Thomas to Wyoming.
F. W. Thomas, cashier of the Live Stock National bank, has gone to Buffalo, Wyo., where he is on the program of the Wyoming State Bankers' association convention, Ten

Omaha bankers will attend the Wyoming convention.

Magic City Gossp.
The Liberty club will give a dancing party at the Seymour Lake pavilion tonight. For Rent—7-room house, modern; good location; close in. Apply 2320 M street.

Patrolman E. S. Goricki was operated on for appendicitis at St. Catherine's hospital Monday.

W. D. Hansen, aged 73, died at his home, 1529 N. West, this morning. No funeral arrangements have been made.

The Ladies Aid society of the St. Luke's Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. E. Ebsen at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Mrs. F. G. Wallweber, 4608 South Thirtieth street, will entertain the Ladies Auxiliary of the Episcopal church Thursday evening.

The home of Perry Wheeler, clerk of police court, is quarantined for scarlet fever. His children are ill with the disease.

The South Omaha Boosters' Improvement club will hold a meeting at Fenton's hall, Thirty-six and Q streets, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Floyd R. Davis, aged 52, 4821 Twenty-fourth street, died at Lister hospital this morning. He is survived by his mother and a sister.

On account of the play given by the South Side High school the meeting of the auxiliary of the A. H. O. will be postponed until Thursday evening.

The women of St. Agnes church will give a card party Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at McCran's hall. Eight prizes will be given and everybody is invited.

The South Side branch library will observe earlier closing hours during the summer. From June 11 to September 4 the library will close at 4 o'clock and will be closed on Sunday during July and August. Books will be loaned to vacation readers after June 15 to be returned until September 4.

Harries Puts Up Cash to Buy War Bonds for Twins
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