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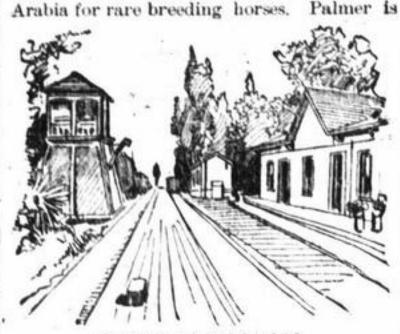
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also much interested in the magnificent Percheron draught horses of Normandy in France, and he has some splendid Percherons on his farm near Detroit.

But the most noted horse breeder of congress is Leland Stanford, the wealthy senator from California. He devoted a considerable portion of his vast fortune of \$75,000,000 to the establishment of his great stock ranch at Palo Alto, Cal., and his annual sale is one of the great events in the world of horses.

Stanford is a man of vast experience. Although it did not take him long to acquire his great forthne, the hardships he was obliged to undergo during the construction of the Pacific railroads were equal to those of a lifetime of the average man. From a briefless young lawyer to the possessor of one of the greatest fortunes in the world is a long ascent, but Stanford may be said to have achieved it at a bound. His career since the completion of the Central Pacific railroad, when he found himself a millionaire many times over, is well known. He has been saddened by the death, while traveling in Italy, of his only son, and it is to the memory of this youth that he has endowed the \$15,000,000 university now being erected in California.

Stanford lives magnificently in Washington during the winter. He has several splendid teams of carriage horses in his stables at the capital. He can handle the ribbons with great skill, and in his younger days was a fine horseback rider. But he has grown rather too heavy for this exercise now. He is a fine looking man, with a rosy face, brown hair and a gray beard. He talks slowly and deliberately, and is one of the most charitable of the millionaires.

"I became interested in thoroughbred horses," he once said, "through ill health. My doctor had ordered a vacation for me, and had told me that I must go away on a tour. I could not leave at the time, and he advised me to leave as soon as possible. I bought a little horse that turned out to be remarkably fast, and it was in the using of it that I became interested in the study of the herse and its actions. I began to buy fast horses and breed them. It was a very expensive amusement



SENATOR STANFORD RESIDENCE.

now than ever before, and I believe that by proper breeding we can double the working powers and the staying powers of our work horses, I do not think there are any fast trotters that have not a trace of thoroughbred blood, and I don't believe that any horse without such a trace has ever made a mile in three minutes."

The importance of Senator Stanford's Palo Alto ranch to the breeding interests of the United States cannot be estimated. There are ten thousand acres within its borders, but that is not wonderful, for any man of ample means can buy ten thousand acres. There are over a thousand horses in its stables and pastures, but that is of little significance, as any one with the means to pay for them can buy a thousand horses. It does not entirely consist in the number of fast records to its credit, but it is because there is being raised there a grand race of high bred, sound, handsome horses which trot fast because it is their nature to trot, and because they are bred so that the trotting instinct is their ruling passion.



The partial burning of the Palo Alto stables last spring was felt very much by Senator Stanford, not so much on account of the \$200,000 which he lost by the fire, but because many of his favorite horses perished in the flames-including California Belle, Rexford, Maiden, Normaine, and the colts Emma Robertson, Troubadour, Lowell and Howell.

Electioneer, the of the greatest sires in the world, is one of the many noted horses on the Palo Alto farm. Electioneer was foaled in 1868. He was sired by Hambletonian 10, dam the world famed Harry Clay brood mare Green Mountain Maid; second dam Shanghai Mary, a fast trotting mare of unknown blood. Incredible as it may seem to the theorists and adherents of pedigrees made up of eight or ten crosses of different blood, this is all there is of the blood lines of this famous sire-Hambletonian, Harry Clay and a mare of unknown blood, which has accomplished nothing of note except in this single connec-

Electioneer is the sire of forty-one 2:30 trotters, and forty-six daughters which have produced more than fifty 2:30 trotters, andis out of this great old mare. He is a combination of the founder of the greatest trotting family, and the foremost mare of a great brood mare family; a trotter himself, and all his sisters and cousins and aunts are trotters, and from the most prepotent families. His great success is not enigmatical or a marvel, but only the legitimate sequence of a grand speed inheritance and strong individuality.

Senator Stanford purchased Electioneer of

Charles Backman in 1878. At Stony Ford the horse had been given but little opportunity to demonstrate his quality as a sire. At that time large stallions were in favor, and the breeding of the dam of Electioneer was extremely unpopular, so much so, in fact, as to be held in contempt. It resulted that Electioneer was entirely neglected and had but few foals when he was removed to his California home. At the close of the year 1887 had about 320 foals; of these 33 were weanlings, 37 were yearlings and about 40 were brood mares without records. Of the whole number of his foals 231 were bays, 3 were roans, 3 were grays and the residue were either browns or blacks, so that more than 98 per cent, of his get are solid color.

At the close of 1887 there had been bred at Palo Alto 294 feals by Electioneer; of this number 38 now have records in 2:30 or better. Nine of them, as 2-year-olds, secured records better than 2:30. They are Wildflower, 2:21; Palo Alto, 2:2334; Bonita, 2:2416; Fred Crocker, 2:25: 2: Bell Boy, 2:26; Carrie C., 2:271; Sphinx, 2:2914; Palo Alto Belle, 2:2814, and the wonderful Sunol, 2:18. In addition to this Suisun trotted to a record of 2:3114 (trial 2:26); Ella secured a record of 2:3314, and Chimes, 2:334. Seven have received records in 2:30 or better as 3-year-olds. They are Hinda Rose, 2:194; Manzanita, 2:284; Rexford, 2:24; Maiden, 2:23; Grace Lee, 2:2014; Ella, 2:29, and Gertrude Russell, 2:23,



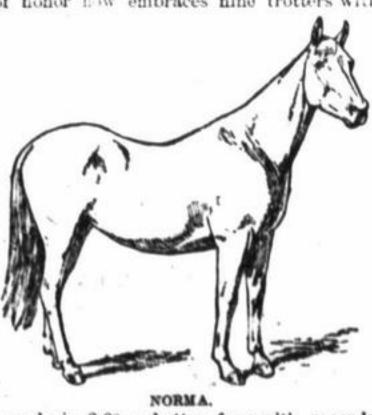
In the year 1887 eight of the get of Electioneer entered the magic circle. They were Ansel, 2:20; Maiden, 2:23; Bell Boy, 2:26; Whips, 2:273; Old Nick, 2:23; Stella, 2:23%; Clifton Bell, 2-24, and Eros, 2:281. In the year 1888 thirteen of the foals of Electioneer trotted to records in 2:30 or better. They were Elector; 2:2114; Juno, 2:23; Gertrude Russell, 2:23; Azmoor, 2:24%; Morea, 2:25; Arbutos, 2:274; Cubic, 2:284; Express, 2:294; Grace Lee, 2:294; Ella, 2:29; the great 2-year-old Sunol, 2:18; Palo Alto Belle, 2:2815, and Mortimer, 4-year-old, 2:27.

The power of Electioneer to sire fast trotters from all kinds of mares is especially noticeable, and his marvelous producing power is, apparent in the fact that from strictly thoroughbred mares he has sired fast trotters, nor does it seem that his ability in this direction is confined to one class of thoroughbrois, or to mares of any certain lines of blocal.

Of the thirteen trotters by Electioneer this year, three were out of scrictly thoroughbred dams. The list of his get from thoroughbred dams to date is Afisel, 2:20 (in a jog); Palo Alto, 4-year-old record 2:2012 (quarter in 23) seconds); Gertrude Russell, 3-year-old record 2:23; Azme-r, 2:24%; Whips, 2:27%; Cubic. 2:28%, and Express, 2:29%.

The development of extreme speed at an early age has been the aim at Palo Alto. The results are beyond the most sanguine hopes of the friends of Electioneer. Hinda Rose has a yearling record of 2:36%, which stood unchallenged for six years. Norlaine, a granddaughter of Electioneer, holds the world's yearling reford of 2:311. Hinda Rose in 1883 trotted to a 3-year-old record of 2:19%. which was undisturbed until 1887, when it was beaten by Sable Wilkes, 2:18. Manzanita holds the 4-year-old record of 2:16, and the nearest approach to it is Susie S.'s mile

Wildflower, in 1881, astonished the world by trotting a 2-year-old record of 2:21, which was never approached until in 1888, Axtell, by William L., trotted in 2:23, while a fort night only dapsed until the 2-year-old Electioneer fills Sanol trotted in 2:20 , and a fortnight later in 2:18. This gives to Palo Alto the fastest yearling, 2-year-old and 4-year-old trotting records. Electioneer's roll of honor now embraces nine trotters with



records in 2:20 or better, four with records better than 2:18, two with records better than 2:17, twelve with records better than 2:22, and twenty-three with records in 2:25 or better, while only two of his entire number in the charmed circle have records as slow as 2:30, and all of this has been accomplished in the short space of one decade.

It is necessary to write at this length in regard to Electioneer, as he is the central figure at Palo Alto.

There is also at Palo Alto the fastest son of the famous Almont, Piedmont, 2:17%. His feals, especially those from daughters of Electioneer, are without exception of good size, symmetrical conformation, high finish and excellent trotting action. There are a few two year olds, but the greater number of them are yearlings, and from this union there will undoubtedly come some first class trotters. The yearlings by Norval, Ansel, Clay and other sons of Electioneer are also remarkably fine. They all act like trotters, and are youngsters of substance and high finish, preserving in a great degree the Elec-

Nephew, 4-year-old record 2:36, is also in the Palo Alto stud. He is by Hambrino, 2:21%, dam Trotting Sister (dam of three horses which have sired 2:30 trotters), by

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