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WITH THE TROTTERS

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The announcement, just made, that the famous trotting stallion Lu Princeton (2:01) has been permanently retired from the turf means that the Grand Circuit has lost one of the most notable race horses that has ever graced it. Lu has had a wonderful career. He has been a star for seasons and has seldom failed to do something sensational when called upon. He was the champion trotter of the season of 1919 by a wide margin, as he trotted to a record of 2:01 in October at Lexington, while no other horse put in a mile during the campaign faster than 2:03 1/4.

It will always be a memorable thing in both racing and breeding history that in the latter part of 1912 Walnut Hall Farm, Donerail, Ky., sent to an auction sale held in New York City, three yearling colts that ranked respectively first, third and fourth among the fastest that the Standard breed has produced up to the present day. They were respectively, Lee Axworthy (1:58 1/4), Lu Princeton (2:01) and St. Frisco (2:01 1/4), the first-named being by Guy Axworthy (2:08 1/4) and the latter pair by San Francisco (2:04 1/4). None of the three commanded a high price, the most paid for any of them being \$525. Lu Princeton brought only \$420 and found a home in New Jersey.

He began his turf career very modestly when a four-year-old, starting a few times on the half-mile tracks and taking a record of 2:15 1/4. He only won one of his races, but in them he showed flights of speed so unusual that he began to be talked about among the eastern horsemen as a young trotter of great promise. This came to the notice of Barton Pardee, of Atlantic City, who has long been a prominent patron of the Grand Circuit and one of the principal owners for whom Walter Cox has raced horses. Pardee sent Cox to look the colt over and he advised his purchase and soon after the son of San Francisco passed into the Cox stable, where he was destined to remain until he left it a few weeks ago to retire forever from the track.

Cox found Lu Princeton a subject that taxed all his skill as a trainer. The horse had dazzling speed, unlimited gameness and equal staying capacity, but his behavior was anything but letter-perfect. In fact, it was not long after he began racing on the Grand Circuit that he became known among the regulars as "Lu the leaper"—this because of his penchant, when in trial in a tight place, for making wild breaks



and jumping high in the air when he did so. Cox was patient with him, however, and while he did not win a single race all that season, his deportment constantly improved and he was placed in some very fast heats and races. It was then freely predicted that with another season he would be a real star and this proved the case.

BAL MASQUE AT THE CAROLINA ST. VALENTINE'S EVE

The annual St. Valentine's masquerade was held in the ball room of the Carolina Hotel last Saturday night, and it was, as usual, a huge success. The costumes were of all manners and descriptions, of all ages and climes; there were elaborate Orientals, sunburnt Mexicans and Ethiopians, an occasional seductive Hawaiian, proud princes and potentates, humble artisans of all trades, and a whole throng of ballet dancers, gypsies, clowns, cowboys, vampires, Indians, pierrots and columbines, and others belonging to no known category or species yet seen of man.

The whole motley crew was led through the mazes of a grand march by Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McCurdy, of Ottawa, Canada. In awarding prizes to those whose disguise was most complete or entertaining, there was a radical and wise departure from precedent. Instead of placing on the shoulders of a few individuals the fearful responsibility of awarding the prizes, a general

balloting was held and the franchise awarded to all present. The sacred ballot boxes were entrusted to Mrs. H. W. Priest and Mrs. Kimball, and the votes were counted by men who ought to be authorities on the voting business, namely: Ex-Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, Mr. F. B. McCurdy, member of the Canadian Parliament, Mr. F. A. Siebert of New York and Mr. H. Fayen of Montclair, N. J.

The prize for the most attractive couple, donated by Mrs. J. E. Barber, was won by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ashforth, a pair of dazzling Orientals. The prize for the best woman's costume, donated by Mrs. F. A. Siebert, went to Mrs. McCurdy, as Topsy. Mrs. F. T. Metcalf Keating donated the prize for the most unique costume, and this was awarded to Mrs. H. B. Emery, completely disguised as a Chinaman. Mr. J. R. Bowker was none other than the Mikado of Japan, a success vocally as well as sartorially, and he was awarded the prize for the best man's costume, donated by Mrs. McCurdy. The lucky number contest was won by a couple from Southern Pines.

Annie Oakley and Mrs. Keating made a strong bid for the best couple. They were correctly costumed as wild Indians. The two young McCurdy boys received many votes, likewise. They made the sweetest little girls you ever saw.

Have you tried your hand at the Monday Morning Bridge Parties at The Carolina?

DOINGS IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

Activity in real estate in Pinehurst continues unabated and there have been a very gratifying number of sales this season.

Mr. Newcomb says that heretofore most of the sales have been consummated after the first of March, but this year homeseekers have apparently concluded that it is folly to run the risk of seeing somebody else step in and acquire the property they have been considering, so the wise ones have lost no time in closing. The ones who have waited for bargains in the past have watched one after another of the desirable properties picked up from under their very noses.

Since last fall more than \$165,000 worth of real estate in the village has changed hands. Included in the list are eleven houses and three vacant lots.

Some of these transactions have been noted before in these columns, but several have not, and a resume is interesting. Below is a list of the houses with the names of their former owners and the persons to whom they have been sold:

James Barber, "Cedarhurst," to W. H. Childs. Pinehurst Realty Co., "Currituck," to Harold E. Porter. Pinehurst Realty Co., "Little Brick House," to Leo F. Wanner. Mrs. Robt. Hunter, "Dormie," to Mrs. Francis Keating. Estate of Mrs. Z. R. Bliss, "Cherokee," to Mrs. J. G. Splane. Geo. H. Stutzell, "Ivy," to O. H. Stutts. S. J. Stutts, "Sycamore," to Mrs. Florence Butterworth. C. B. Hudson, "Dogwood," to S. A. Hennessee. Dickinson Bishop, "Manteo," to J. V. Hall. Estate of Guy A. Poore, "Pine Crest Lodge," to Mrs. E. C. Bliss. Leonard Tufts, "Waldheim," to Bank of Pinehurst. The vacant lots are No. 238 which were sold by the Pinehurst Realty Co. to Mr. J. D. Hathaway, of Montreal, Canada, No. 2019 sold by Mrs. F. A. Georger, formerly Miss Mary Healy, to Richard S. Tufts and C. P. Mason, and lot No. 2121-2, purchased from the Pinehurst Realty Co. by A. S. Newcomb and O. H. Stutts. Plans are being perfected for houses on all three of these lots, and work will be commenced just as soon as contracts can be let.

Substantial progress is being made in the residence being built by Mr. Bradford Lewis, from plans drawn by Mr. Chas. Barton Keen, of Philadelphia. The construction work is in the hands of E. F. Caldwell, who is figuring on several other jobs. Messrs. Packard & Sally are also making estimates for prospective builders, and altogether the outlook is promising for a very active and interesting summer.

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