

**BIG RACE MEET HERE THIS FALL**

In spite of the disgruntled ones who did not get down on a winner among the fifty-six per cent of winning favorites that nosed in ahead at the Fair Grounds earlier in the summer, and the grafters, big and little, who for various reasons knocked the meet, the Utah Jockey Club has gone ahead, with half a dozen of the leading financiers of the city behind the project; and as a result, the old race track one mile this side of Buena Vista, in the city limits, on the Poplar Grove car line, has been leased from the Adams estate of Boston, and right this minute a large force of carpenters are busy constructing stands and three hundred stables, the contract for which was let to Robert Currie & Co., contractors, on Wednesday last.

John Condon is president of the company, J. W. Rice secretary, and W. W. Finn, who so ably managed the meeting at the fair grounds in the spring, is the manager.

The negotiations which have just been completed, have been carried on since the meeting terminated in June, and the fact that a mile track has been secured will draw the very best horses from all over the country to the fall meeting here, as men with the best thoroughbreds do not like to run them on half-mile tracks. The track across the river is a splendid, safe mile track, with wide turns and well put up in every particular, and though it has not been used for sixteen years, the grass and weeds have so preserved it that it is in excellent condition, and can be made ready for racing in two weeks' time.

The track is considered by expert horsemen and drivers to be the very best in the United States, and while the races held there years ago were in the main harness events, a fall and spring running meet every year will no doubt prove a great attraction to local sportsmen, besides drawing a large number from cities all over the United States.

The work of building the stands and stables will be pushed rapidly to completion, as the contract calls for everything to be finished by September 8th. It is the intention of the Jockey Club to build bleachers this summer, owing to the limited time to prepare for the meet; but before a spring meeting is arranged for a fine grandstand will be added.

The race meeting in Butte will close August 8th, after which a large number of horses now running in the Copper City will be taken to Anaconda and Helena for brief seasons in both places. However, a number of the best horses will immediately be shipped here, in anticipation of the fall meeting, and, besides, a number of owners of the best horses now racing at Vancouver and in the east have signified their intention of bringing their ponies here. There will also be a race meeting in Denver during two weeks of the fair to be held there, and the majority of these horses will also be shipped to Salt Lake.

During the week, officials of the Salt Lake Route have inspected the location, and will immediately begin the erection of platform and station in order to accommodate the crowd who will

daily go to the track. This, together with the street car line, will make an excellent service. Surveyors have been busy at the grounds for several days, and a large force of workmen will follow them, in order that the track may be in condition by the middle of August at the latest.

The fall meeting will be for a period of thirty days, and Manager Finn, who has become very popular with the local lovers of the sport, will conduct it on the same high class lines that met with the approval of all fair-minded people during the former meeting. The project should make Salt Lake the center of interest in racing circles in the west, and from the attitude of a large number of Salt Lakers who have already expressed themselves, there will be no lack of enthusiasm in making a big success of the affair.

Kenneth C. Kerr may well be proud of the way in which the thousands of visitors to Los Angeles the past month were handled out of Salt Lake. His new project to build a hotel at the terminus of Judge Young's road in Emigration canyon is quickly taking shape, and by another year, this city will have a unique resort up in the mountains easily accessible, and really something that has been needed for a long time.

**NATURE FAKERS' FANCIES.**

The cassowary is a bird  
That's hard to capture, very,  
Folks hunting for her plumes have made  
The cassowary wary.  
—Kansas City Times.

But once a cassowary strolled  
Too near an alligator,  
And with one wriggle, snap and gulp  
The alligator ate her.  
—Chicago Tribune.

The dromedary roamed about,  
Or toiled to fetch and carry;  
Until some Yankee fitted out  
A dromedary dairy.  
—Indianapolis News.

But dromedaries oft are shy,  
And th's one loathed a spider—  
She ran away when one came by  
Because the spider eyed her.  
—Cleveland Leader.

Behemoth and some dynamite  
Got in a serious fuss;  
The detonation left the hip.  
Popotamus a muss.  
—Mammoth (Ill.) Atlas.

An anaconda told a hen  
That of her he was fonder  
Than all things else, But she soon found  
The anaconda'd conned her.  
—Middletown (Conn.) News.

A crab that crossed the continent  
From Maine ptomaine got rab'd  
Because they cracked him on the skull  
It made the old crab crabbed.  
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