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Nelson at the Charter Oaks Park, Hartford Connecticut, August 28, 1889

PINE GROVE STOCK FARM HALLOWELL, MAINE



STALLIONS FOR SERVICE

—AT—
PINE GROVE STOCK FARM,
HALLOWELL, MAINE.

DICTATOR CHIEF 7606.

Record 2.21 $\frac{1}{4}$. Sire Dictator 113.

BROWN ROLFE 19,446.

Sire Young Rolfe, record 2.21 $\frac{1}{4}$. Sire of Nelson 2.09.

CURRIER.

Sire Nelson 4209. Record 2.09. Dam Lady West by Col. West.

COMMODORE NELSON.

Sire Nelson 2.09. Dam Zilda by Dictator Chief.

WILKES JR.

By Wilkes 8571. Sire Alycane 732, Dam Sunbeam by Nelson 2.09.

These Stallions are all good size, color and style. Come and see them or write for Catalogue.

SERVICE FEE FROM \$15.00 TO \$35.00.

Brood Mares and Geldings, also Colts from the Different Horses, constantly on Hand and for Sale.

CURRIER & NELSON, - - - Proprietors.



The home and the barns of Pine Grove Stock Farm were taken in 1901. Currier and Nelson operated the farm from 1893 to 1897. Currier sold the farm and other land to William Vaughan. The property now called Elm Hill Dairy Farm is still owned by a descendant of William Vaughan.. The barns burned in the 1940s. The ad was cropped from an issue of Turf, Farm, and Home.



**PINE GROVE STOCK FARM
CURRIER & NELSON
1895 TAX EVALUATION
HALLOWELL, MAINE**



1895	Wood in Wood Shed 30 cords	150
	500 cords Wood	1500
Carrier Augustus A. Heis	5 ⁴⁰⁰ Horses 1 ²⁵ Cow 1 ⁵ Stable	430
Carrier & Nelson	Pine Grove Farm Buildings Land South of Same "Swanton" Land of Ben. Jenny Land of Geo. W. Perkins	
	16 Acres Land of Richard Dunn 10,600 10,600	
	5 ²⁵⁰ 1 ⁶⁷⁵ yoke bolts 9 ¹²⁰⁰ 2 year 12 ⁶⁰⁰ 3 year 4 ⁶⁰⁰ 4 year	2725
	5 ⁵⁰⁰ Brood Horses 6 ⁴⁵⁰ Work Horses 2 ¹⁰⁰⁰ Stallions	1950
	1 ²⁵ Cow 6 ⁶⁰⁰ Hogs 7 ²³⁰ Sheep	315
	10 ³⁰⁰ Carts & Carriages	400
Curtain Michael Heis of	Lot & House Academy St. 1000	
Cass Era Heis of	Lot & House Academy St. 1000	

Image of Hallowell Tax Evaluation courtesy of Sumner Webber, Historian, City of Hallowell, Maine

Death of C. H. Nelson

WATERVILLE, Me., March 30.—Word was received here of the death of Charles Horace Nelson, formerly a well-known horseman, at the Soldiers' Home at Togus. Mr. Nelson was 72 years old. He was the owner of the champion trotting stallion Nelson 2:09.



C. H. NELSON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1915

who formerly held the world's record for stallions on both mile and half-mile track. "Hod" Nelson, as he was called, was born in China, Me., and always dealt in horses, buying from 10 to 100 a year and shipping them to Boston, disposing of them to the late Wesley P. Balch. In one of these cargoes he had quite a good mare, which, upon arriving in Boston, seemed out of sorts, and Balch refused to buy her. He wrote Nelson that he would send him a yearling colt, sired by Tom Rolfe, with a record of 2:33½, in exchange for the mare, and take his chance as to her dying. This colt was none other than the famous Young Rolfe 2:21¼, the sire of Nelson. Young Rolfe was offered several times for small sums. Shortly after having swapped for the colt, "Hod's" wife's father died, and his estate, sold at auction in Vassalboro, included a number of fairly good horses, valued from \$75 to \$175 each, which "Hod" bought at a low figure. Among this lot was Gretchen, the dam of Nelson, sired by Gideon, he by Hambletonian 10. After making this purchase Gretchen was offered for sale to Roswell Morse, of Vassalboro, for \$250, but Morse would give only \$200, and the sale fell through. "Hod" considered her a fairly good brood mare, and so he bred her to Young Rolfe, and she produced Nelson.

When a year old Nelson was one of the most awkward yearlings that ever drew breath, and his owner would have sold him for \$200, but there was no one who wished to relieve him of the animal.

Nelson enlisted before he was 20. He was at one time commander of U. S. Heath Post, G. A. R., of Waterville. Nelson was expelled from the National Trotting Association following the famous Nelson-Alcryn \$10,000 stallion race trotted at Beacon Park, Boston, on Sept. 23, 1894, being found guilty of having had his horse pulled, the verdict ostensibly being rendered on his own confession. The case created nation-wide discussion and created much feeling, the general body of horsemen being divided into two factions, respectively pro and anti-Nelson. Eventually the verdict was rescinded and the Maine man reinstated. For a number of years past he had been in failing health and his death was not a surprise.

TURF, FARM AND HOME.

BRIGHTEST AND BEST!

The Fourth Annual Exhibition of the

CENTRAL MAINE FAIR ASSOCIATION

Will Be Held At

CENTRAL MAINE PARK

The Second Week of September. Observe the days

Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1907

Preparations already made clearly show that the Exhibition this year will far eclipse anything ever before attempted in the line of fairs in Maine. Send for a Premium List to the Secretary. Watch these columns for detailed accounts of attractions, now being arranged.

The public will recall how steadily the Central Maine Fair has grown since its first inception, and what has been done can be safely taken as a guarantee of what will be accomplished in the future. No such preparation for an Agricultural Fair in New England has ever been made as is now being mapped out by a competent corps of workers.

WATCH AND SEE IT GROW!

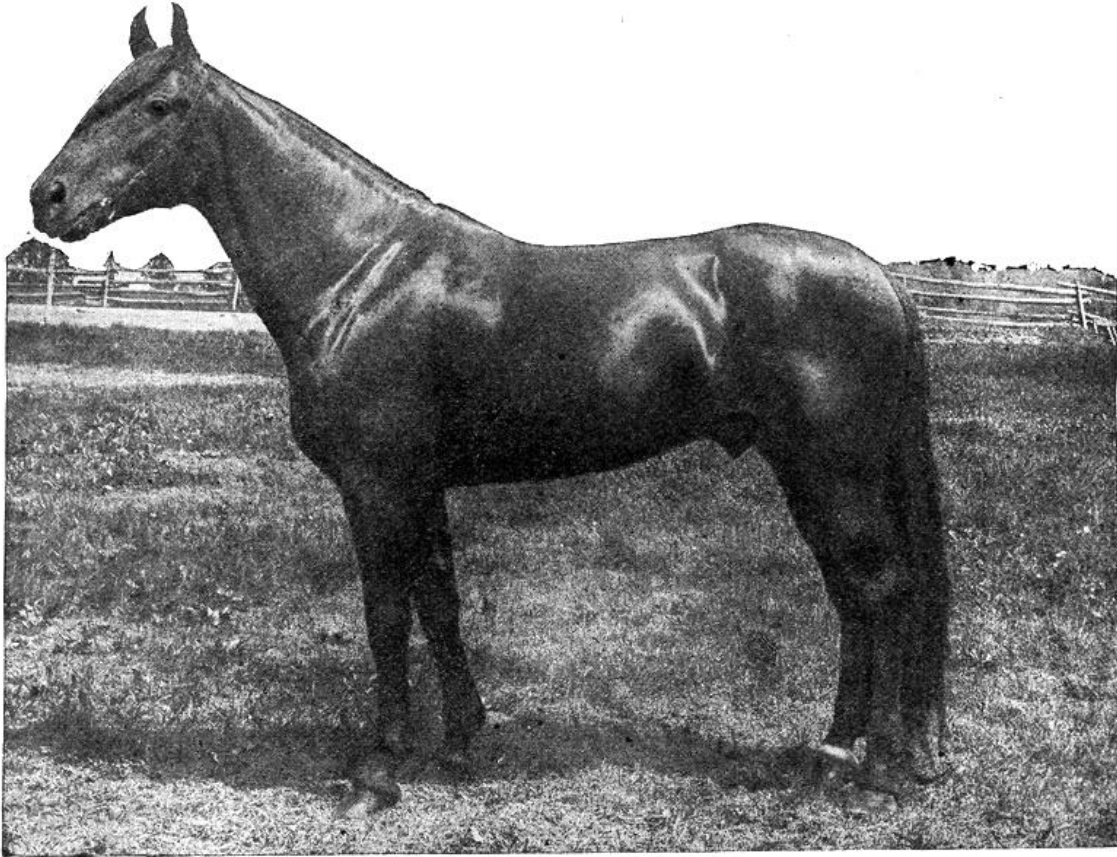
For full particulars as to each and every department of this Modern and Model Exhibition address the officers.

E. P. MAYO, President. GEO. R. FULLER, Secretary. MARTIN BLAISDELL, Treasurer.



**Gravel Gertie in the Winner's Circle
Dam of Gravel Crusher
Now owned by Helen and Gordon Empey
Bowden, Alberta, Canada**

NELSON 4209 IN 1888
ENGRAVING FROM PHOTOGRAPH
WALLACE'S MONTHLY

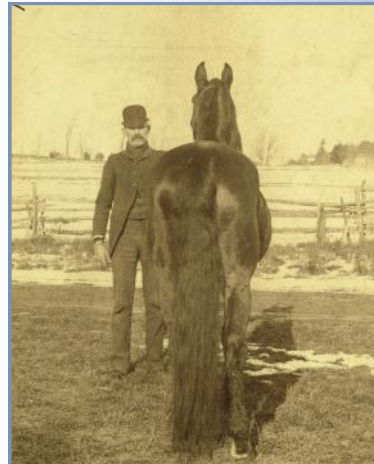


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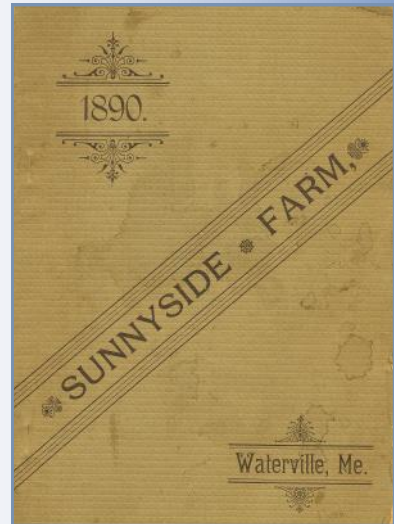
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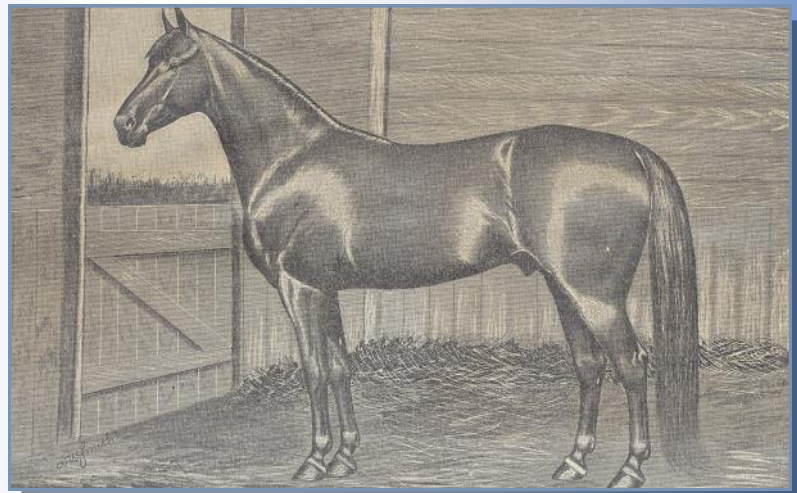
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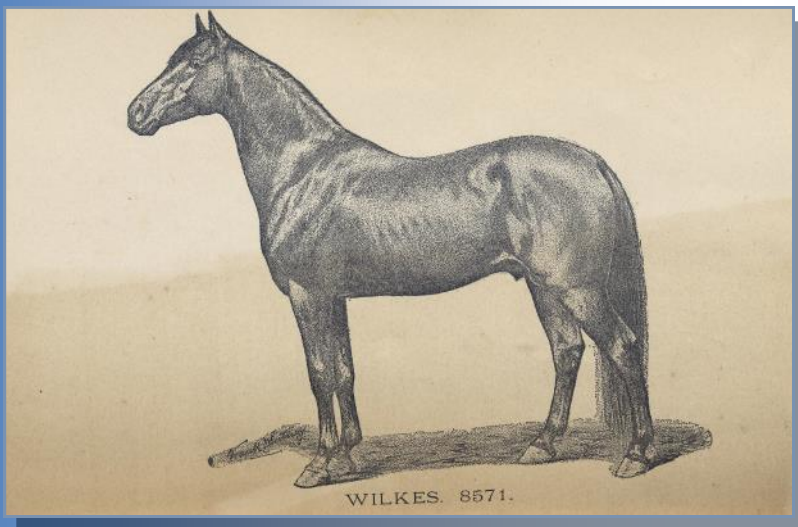
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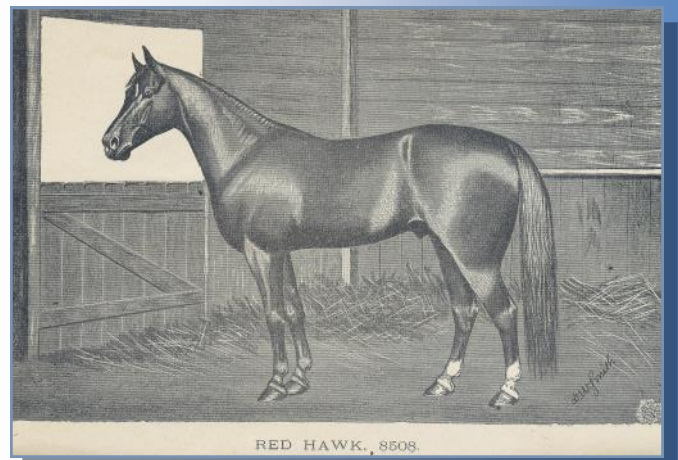
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THE NORTHERN STALLION
1882 - 1907



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Nelson's 1890 catalog was his first catalog with engravings.

COUNTY FAIRS.

Trotting at the North Kennebec Fair.

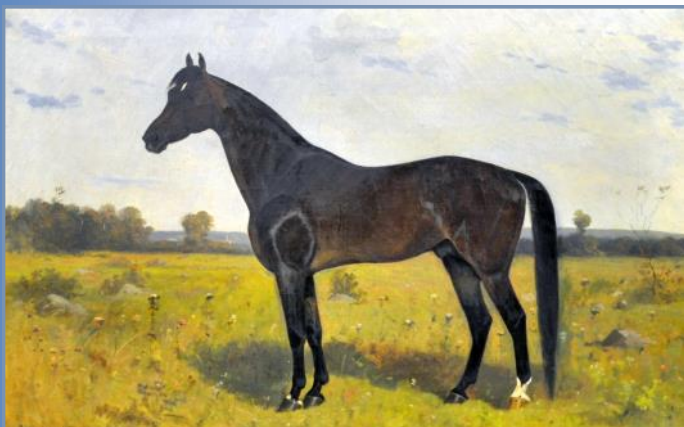
WATERVILLE, Oct. 9.

The North Kennebec Agricultural Fair and Show, delayed by the weather, was resumed today with trotting at the park. The wagon race was won by Ed. Getchell's Black Dan: best time 2 50. C. H. Nelson's bay gelding C. H., second. The running race was won by A. H. Rice's black mare Day Dream; time 2.26. In the 2 37 class C. H. Nelson's Jersey Lily won in 2.37, 2.38, 2.40. E. Perkins' Nellie R., second. The fair at the hall continued through the week, and is the most successful ever held here. Ladies' race, stallion and sweepstakes tomorrow. C. H. Nelson's wonderful three year old stallion was exhibited on the track and showed a 2.25 gait.



Aubine and Lady Wellington
driven by C.H. Nelson

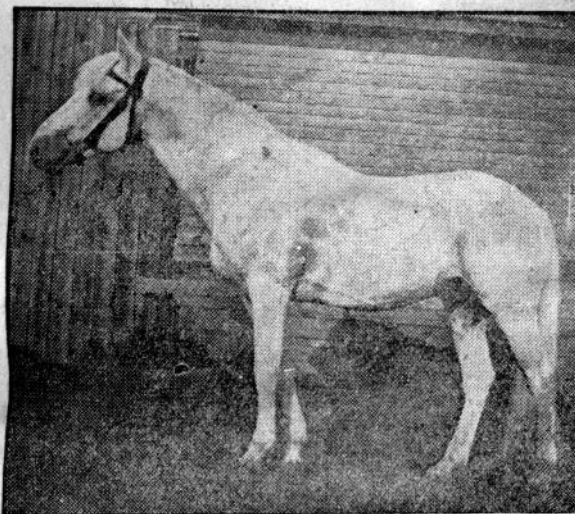
1885 -- Nelson at
the North Kennebec Fair
Two years later Nelson
purchased the Fairgrounds



Young Rolfe by Scott Leighton
on display at the Redington Museum
Waterville, Maine

ALCRYON NOW IN MAINE.

Famous Trotter That Defeated Nelson in 1889
Is at Sanford in Good Trim at Age of 28.



ALCRYON

Famous Trotting Stallion, Now 28 Years Old.

SANFORD, Me, Jan 1—Alcryon, the famous trotting stallion, who, in 1889, won the \$10,000 stakes on Charter Oak track, Connecticut, defeating the great Nelson, who had at that time a record of 2:09½, was brought to Sanford from the west recently by his owner, George G. Robens. Mr Robens is the guest of his father-in-law, Charles K. Mason of Oak st.

Alcryon is 28 years old and is in excellent condition. He has been in Texas

for four years. He stands 15½ hands high and weighs 950 pounds. Frank Noble of Grand Rapids, Mich, once refused an offer of \$47,500 for Alcryon. Mr Robens, who drove for Noble, afterward purchased the stallion for \$10,000.

Alcryon is the sire of many fast performers, including Amos R, 2:09¼; Nell Gwynne, 2:10¼; L C R, 2:15¼; Tom Leary, 2:17½; Al Carroll, 2:18½; Alcrane, 2:14¼, and the grandsire of many others.

1910 -- Alcryon brought to Maine
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Kicker, Albion; third, divided be-
tween Henry D. Moor, Waterville and
J. Corey Richardson '19, East Vassal-
boro.

In announcing the winners, Presi-
dent Roberts said that the judging
was very close and but few points
separated some of the men, and frac-
tions were counted in other cases.
The first prize is \$50; second, \$25,
and the third and fourth aggregating
\$25 were divided between Mr. Moor
and Mr. Richardson.

SEVEN ARE CONFIRMED.

**Bishop Codman Makes Visitation to
St. Mark's Church in This City.**

Right Rev. Robert Codman, D. D.,
Bishop of Maine, was present at the
services at St. Mark's church Sunday
morning and administered confirma-
tion to a class of seven persons and
preached a sermon. The congrega-
tion was very large and the additional
space made by the new parish rooms
was used for the first time in con-
nection with a service.

Bishop Codman preached a master-
ly sermon, full of interest. His gen-
eral subject was "Sacrifice," and he
described the worship of the Jews
of olden times very clearly and com-
pared the religion of the present day
church with it. He said that there
was a mistaken idea in these days
that God did not require sacrifice
other than a troubled spirit and a
broken and contrite heart.

"We all have friends," said he,
"who may be divided into two classes,
those who think that we owe them
something and those who think they
owe us something. Some men have
the same idea of God, considering
that God owes something to them,
while others know that they owe
something to God." He considered
God as a Creator, Judge and Father.
In the first capacity man owed God
for his being, his friends, family and
all that he possessed. These things
do not belong to the man, but to God
who created him and gave him all.
For these man owes God himself and
all he has.

All men are sinners and owe God
reparation, the greater the sinner,
the greater the reparation. Thus to
God as a judge, reparation is owed.
As a father, man owes God glory and
honor.

The Jews of old in their ceremonial
worship expressed their religion and
what they owed to God. They had
their burnt offerings in which the
victim was intended to bear their
sins and when it was slain it signi-
fied that the Jew laid all his sins be-
fore God, typifying that as the sacri-
fice was slain, so he was fit only
to die for his misdeeds. Before the
Jew made this offering, however, he
made his sin offering, signifying how
great was the burden of his sins and
what reparation was due and last of
all he made the peace offering and
made communion with God as a
Father.

Today the Christian has the same
sort of sacrifice to make. In the
Holy Eucharist Christ has offered a
means of sacrifice and by it every
Christian may find relief from the
sins of the world and strength to
continue to fight the battle for right.
The death of Christ upon the cross
was the sacrifice slain and the sins
of the world which he assumed are
borne by Him and He pleads the
cause of His people as the Jew of old

**STALLION NELSON
FILLS A GRAVE**

**Was Put Out of Misery
by a Bullet.**

**His Owner Performed the Act
Friday Afternoon.**

**Death Was Reported but Facts Not
Known Until Saturday.**

The report on the streets Friday
evening, that the old horse Nelson,
had been killed by his owner, al-
though Mr. Nelson would not admit
it at the time, was confirmed Satur-
day by Mr. Nelson, who said that he
had killed the famous old animal that
afternoon and Saturday the body
was buried beneath a pine tree on
the Nelson farm on the Oakland road
where a grave had been prepared so
as to be ready to receive the remains.
It was a year ago last July that

that he did not risk the killing him-
self, but it was his hand that pulled
the trigger of a gun, which another
man held against the head of the
horse, and the world's most noted
trotting stallion passed away with-
out a shock and in his horse sense
did not realize that he had been hurt.

Saturday, the body was buried un-
der the pine tree on the farm and
sometime later Mr. Nelson will have
a big boulder rolled over the spot
and on it will be suitably inscribed
the record of the life of
the horse Nelson.

Beside the remains of the dead
stallion is room for another horse,
for Mr. Nelson does not expect that
the life of his other well known stall-
ion, Wilkes, to extend over many
years more and the two kings of the
track will lie side by side with their
graves properly marked. Wilkes, who
is commonly called Nelson's Wilkes,
is nearly 27 years of age and was
the stable mate of Nelson.

Nelson, considered the greatest
stallion of his time, registered No.
4209. He was sired by Young Rolfe,
2.21 1/2, he by Tom Rolfe, 2.23 1/2. The
dam of Nelson was Gretchen, by Gid-
con. He was bred by C. Horace Nel-
son, who has kept the old horse
through the 28 years of his life and
has trained and driven him in all his
races. He was a great colt and at-
tracted attention as a two year old
when he won a two year old stake
race for Maine colts at the state fair
in Lewiston. As a three year old he
won the state fair cup for the fastest
three year old, also the cup for the
fastest stallion of any age, taking a
record of 2.26 1/2, the fastest half mile
track record up to 1884 and for sev-

**A FEW MORE OF THOSE
GUN METAL WATCHES WITH
INITIAL FOB---**

**ANY BOY in Central or Eastern Maine
sending \$9.00 for three full-paid sub-
scriptions to the Sentinel, will receive a
Hamilton GUN METAL WATCH
WITH INITIAL FOB.**

the old horse was harnessed last,
and he was looking at that time, as
fit as a fiddle, "just as nice as he
looked at the fair the fall before,"
as his owner expressed it. As was
Mr. Nelson's custom, he drove the
horse to the city, and when on the
way home, the famous old racer stop-
ped and held up his off hind leg as
though the bone was broken. He
could hardly proceed, and was taken
home with difficulty. He had a hard
time through the following winter,
but when the warm weather came
the old fellow began to pick up and
when released into the yard, capered
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park, Mass., and shipped to Bangor,
in August, where he started to lower
the half mile track record, which he
did, trotting in 2.15 1/2. From Bangor
he started on a long journey to Fort
Wayne, Ind., and from there to Kan-
kakee, Ill., where he trotted a full mile
in 2.17, which at that time was the
world's stallion record. Two days
later he lowered the mark to 2.11 1/2
and two days after that at Rushville,
Ind., he circled the oval track at that
place in 2.11 1/2. One week later at
Terre Haute, Ind., he cut the record

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Card of Thanks.

The girls of Coburn wish to thank the L. H. Soper company, the Corner Store, Redington & Company, the Atherton Furniture company and the manager of the New England Telephone company for the articles which they loaned for use in the play in the Coburn gymnasium Saturday evening.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Items of Interest to Waterville's Advertisers and Buyers.

Loud's the place to buy shoes.

Lucy W. Townsend is selling dainty Christmas gifts for dainty people at 93 Main street.

Mr. Gilbert Bourgois, who has for seven years been in the employ of Arthur Daviau, has accepted a position as salesman with Lessard & Brunelle, who carry on a successful clothing and shoe business at 28-30 Main street. Mr. Bourgois will, as usual, be very glad to welcome his many friends.

Christmas Cards and Booklets at Berry's. The most select line ever shown. Make your selections at once while assortment is complete. Pictures and picture framing a specialty.

Apron cut ready to make at Mrs. Dunham's Remnant store, 83 Main St.

Mr. D. H. Davis has purchased the blacksmith business of the late E. E. Chamberlain at 239 Main street and is now ready to do business.

Baked beans, clam chowder, 25 and 50 cents per doz. cans while they last. W. A. Crosby, 162 Main St., Waterville, Me.

The Sentinel's \$3.00 offer is bringing them by the hundreds. Remember: \$3.00 pays for the Sentinel from now until Jan. 1, 1911.

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Much against his will, but thinking that the horse that had been almost like a human friend to him for over a quarter of a century would be out of his suffering, Mr. Nelson decided that it would be cruel to let the beast live any longer so he prepared to kill him.

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In 1891 he again went west and was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm wherever he appeared. The floral tributes bestowed upon him were most profuse and elegant. He commenced his tour which was nothing short of a triumphal procession at Saginaw, Mich., and continued at Detroit, Grand Rapids, Freeport, Elgin, Rockport, Independence, Iowa, and Richmond and Cambridge City, Ind. At Grand Rapids he lowered the world's stallion record to 2.10 and then returned to Maine for the winter.

In the following year, 1892, he was driven many exhibition miles on New England tracks and at Trenton, N. J., lowered the half mile track record to 2.11 1/2. In 1893 he made his final record of 2.09 at the old Rigby park, Portland and since that time has trotted countless exhibition miles before large concourses of people all over New England and at St. John, N. H., being a favorite wherever he has appeared.

Nelson was the sire of more colts than any stallion in Maine. Wherever horses are bred, there is known blood in the veins of horses all over the United States. Mr. Nelson could not tell how many colts had been sired by the old horse, but thought there were 67 or 68. Their records range anywhere from 2.30 to 2.10 and a grandson by Taronnet, owned in the west, has a record of 2.08. Nelson's colts are beautifully formed, with sticky bodies and hold outlines and can be told in an instant by one who knows the breed.

Those who know the owner of the horse, C. H. Nelson, can realize in a measure his feelings, now that the horse has been put out of the way. "I didn't sleep much last night," said he to the Sentinel Satur-

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