

ORANGE COUNTY TROTTERS.

A BRISK DEMAND FOR YOUNGSTERS— WHAT TRAINERS ARE DOING.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 11.—The demand for Orange County-bred horses of the finer strains is active this season at a distinct advance over last year's prices. The buyers are mostly from the West and South, in search of promising youngsters of the famous Hambletonian, Olay, and American Star strains for breeding purposes. The call for fine young carriage and road horses for New-York and vicinity is far in excess of the supply.

The most noteworthy recent sale from Mr. Charles Backman's Stony Ford Stock Farm is of a fine pair of geldings to Mr. Philip Phoenix of New-York. They are both by Leland, out of own sisters, by Messenger Duroc, are five years old this month, and are perfectly matched. Another important recent sale is that made by Trainer James McKee of Goshen, who has parted with his trotting stallion Young Sweepstakes, by Sweepstakes, he by Ryadyk's Hambletonian, to Dr. Wilbur of Springfield, Mass., for \$2,900.

Preston Brothers of Greenpoint, L. I., have a large and valuable lot of breeders and trotters at their Goshen stables in charge of Thomas Bradley. Among the recent additions is the stallion Hemlock, sired by Belmont, dam by Mambrino Chief, and bred by A. J. Alexander of Woodburn Farm, Kentucky.

Coates Brothers of New-York, owners of the Goshen Driving Park and stables, have a fine lot in training for the approaching campaign. Among them are two famous pacers—Joe L., 2:13, and Virginus, 2:18, and a number of promising young trotters, including Daisy C., 2:34; Harry Wood, 2:38; Nominee, 2:35, and others.

William H. Sargent, the trainer who brought out St. Julien, St. Remo, Philosee, and other fast trotters, has left his old training quarters at Goshen and taken charge of A. V. Sargent's Somerset Stock Farm at Raritan, N. J. Watson Sargent has taken the Goshen stables, and is training the trotting stallion H. W. Beecher, 2:28½, by Phil Sheridan.

One of the more promising young trotters of the county is the br. g. Longford owned by Hanford Brothers of this city. Last season Longford made 2:21 in the third heat on the Poughkeepsie track. He will go into training with J. H. Goldsmith's string on the Fashion Stud Farm, near Trenton, and great things are expected of him before the trotting season closes. Longford is by Chosroes, he by Ryadyk's Hambletonian, dam Long Mary, by Derby's Bashaw. It is confidently predicted that he and a number of other Orange County youngsters will make records in the 2:30 list this season.

The annual Orange County Fair will be held at Goshen during the second week of September. At a recent meeting of the Directors of the society W. Egbert Arnout of New-Hampton was chosen Superintendent of the horse department, with Lewis W. Hawkins of Goshen, Ira S. Gardener of Middletown, and Edward V. Hill of Stony Ford as assistants.