

Photo Finish Camera Added Feature Of Midland Empire Fair Race Meet

An old proverb is that "figures don't lie, but liars do figure, and a camera never lies." So, in case some nag sticks his nose across the finish line ahead of your favorite during the six-day running of the Midland Empire fair races starting Monday through Saturday, it will be useless to say the judges erred, for this year for the first time in racing history of the local fair a special photo-finish camera will be on hand to record those "neck-and-neck" affairs, according to Manager Harry L. Pitton.

"This is a special service for the benefit of those playing the pari-mutuels," Pitton said. "If there is any doubt at all attached to a race, the camera will be clicked on when the horses hit the stretch, and they will be recorded on the special film as they pass the finish line."

The pictures will be developed within a few minutes following the race, and will be displayed on a special bulletin board that all may see the race as it looks when the action is stopped by the split-second action of the lenses.

Incidentally the pari-mutuels will be under the supervision of Superintendent R. H. Hitchcock of Helena, assisted by Cashier Arnold Hammer of Billings.

All races will be run under regulations and rules laid down by the Prairie Thoroughbred Breeders and Racing association. Conditions will be made to suit the horses at the

track, and overnight entries are eligible.

Other officials of the racing meet include:

Rockwood Brown of Billings, commissioner in charge; Charles L. Trimble of Chicago, presiding steward; Harry A. Snyder of Billings, associate judge; Earl Harrill of Los Angeles, paddock judge, and C. H. McMillan of San Saba, Texas, starter.

Seven races will be run daily and the three highlight events will be the Governor's derby, Midland Empire fair "Victory" handicap, and the Stockman handicap, each a \$500 purse event. There will be no American Legion sweepstakes handicap this year.

First National Dog Show Held in New York in 1877

The first national dog show was arranged on May 8-10, 1877, in Gilmore Gardens, New York. There were 1,177 dogs entered, but the breeds were few compared with today.

The national shows of 1878 and 1879 were also conducted in Gilmore Gardens. In 1882 and 1890 they were in the Institute Fair building, New York, and were later moved to Madison Square Garden.

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