



TURF FIXTURES.

June 8, 9, and 11—Auckland R.C. Great Northern Steeplechase Meeting
June 22 and 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 28 and 29—Napier Park R.C. Winter

TURF NOTES.

F. Steening has Chuzago in work at Ellerslie once more.
Kama is slightly ailing—this time in one of his forelegs.
Jewellery, though recovering, is not expected to race again.
The Brigadier—Barnard colt, owned by Mr T. Arncliffe, is being broken.

F. Steening has taken Mechanic up again. The son of Hitchcote has had a long spell.
Mr Hugo Friedlander will be a visitor to the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting.
Mr H. Allan, of Christchurch, is on a visit to Auckland, and will stop over the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.
On Friday next nominations will be taken for the Auckland Trotting Club's June Meeting.
Little Marine changed hands after the Spring Steeplechase, Mr Croasbie being the purchaser.
Huitan arrived from New Plymouth on Friday, after a rough trip, and is putting up at J. Rae's, Greenhaue.

Haydn and Princess of Thule are probably the worst horses the pencilers have to carry forward in their doubles.
It was a bit of hard luck for Tupara to injure his stifle on the eve of the A.R.C. Great Northern Meeting.
Kauaka and Hyni were schooled over some of the Ellerslie fences on Saturday, and their display was satisfactory.
We read of big profits being made at race meetings in Australia where clubs do not have the totalisator.

McGregor has had a lot of bad luck, and it was pleasing to see him get home on Cavalry on Friday.
Mr O'Connor received a bonus from the Geraldine racing Club for services rendered at the spring meeting of that club.
Gipsy Grand does not claim many winners, but Mariposa, one of that sire's gets, scored last week at Dunedin.
The American turf rulers are trying to make all jumping races steeplechases, and abolish hurdle racing entirely.

Regulation came as a strong tip from Otaki on Saturday, and had a good following for the race she won there.
George Absolum is steadily on the improve, and it is hoped that he will be able to get about soon.
The Geraldine Racing Club have fixed September 29th and 30th, subject to confirmation by the Racing Conference for their Spring Meeting.
On the opening day of the Takapuna meeting, St. Rowan, Hippawa, and Crespin, winners of the jumping races, each carried 10.0 in their engagements.
Full Cry's full brother, Hakira, who did some time ago in luck events, has joined D. Moraghan's string at Ellerslie.

Hippawa and Princess of Thule, two of the starters in the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, are half-brother and sister.
It is understood that a Southern horse, owner priced Waitiki during the week, and that 2000 guineas was asked for him. No business resulted.
Waitiki will not be nominated for the New Zealand Cup. He has been nominated for the Melbourne Cup, and may be sent over for that event.
Mr W. Lyons, who last year won Sydney Tattersall's Million Tournament, is in the handicap for this year's event, as usual giving away long starts.

Chola, winner of the Maiden Plate at Otaki, is a daughter of St. Cyr and Gondola, by Nelson from Florence. She was well supported away from the course.
The scratching of Killarney for the Great Northern Hurdle Race came as a surprise to a good many, but his owner would not risk starting him in the heavy going.
Mr Erett must have felt mighty pleased with the little he got for both the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Cornwall Handicap, and particularly with the result of the last mentioned event, which ended in a dead heat between Durasio and Newnow.

The Gosmer is getting on at the hurdle racing business.

Sixty-three horses started at the opening day of the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.
Victor Colon was riding at the Dunedin Jockey Club's Winter Meeting last week.
Mr W. Davis, owner of Kohnnd, arrived in Auckland on Friday last to see the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.
Mr T. Scott, who brought Plain Hill to Auckland two seasons back, is here with Huitan.
Le Beau keeps up his reputation for running seconds. Two seconds in one day at Otaki went down against his name.
Aka Aka, Newtown, and Lady Hene, three winners on Friday, were trained by C. West.

Newtown, who dead-heated with Durasio, is an own brother to that good former Lettie.
It is said that Merlon's foal by Multi-form was stolen on the morning it was dropped. This is an item of news that so far as I know has not appeared in print.
Sceptre was evidently beaten by a useful one in Zinfandel in the Corporation Cup at Epsom on Thursday last, as Hook Sand was third.
Had Waimoe started better in races at Wanganui, he might have won there. The Hukawau Cup, at Otaki, saw the son of Somnus in better luck.

The Auckland bred mare Athol Bross is a long time losing her maiden status. She has run into a place frequently in hack company down Wellington way.
Some of the winners at the Otaki meeting, the Auckland and visiting pencilers considerably more than they got out of the losers that were backed with them.
It is authoritatively stated that there is as much betting on the big English races in South Africa as upon their own home events.

The stewards of the English Jockey Club have withdrawn the sentences of disqualification passed upon Lester Reiff and F. Hickaby.
Is it not extraordinary, that most of the various pamphlets and lectures upon racing and gambling are by those who know the least about it?—"The People."
Mr J. King, the popular caterer for Auckland racing clubs, has been asked to accept the duties for two Southern clubs of prominence in the racing world.

Klatere, Aka Aka, and Marine, winners of three of the four jumping events at Ellerslie on Friday, were hunted, and properly qualified for hunters' races last season.
Cavalry's win at the first time of asking over hurdles must have been pleasing to Irvine, his trainer, who has stuck to the son of Light Artillery with a lot of bad luck.
An English sporting writer says: "The present-day craze for instantaneous photography in scenes upon racecourses, etc., makes it very awkward for some people at times."
J. E. Watts, the English jockey, is reported to be running to "right quick," and will not for long do much under Sed. His luck came at the right time to make him always a much-employed jockey.

C. Weal, trainer of Aka Aka, has a good wager with Crespin for the Great Northern Steeplechase, having coupled the pair in a double at 1000 to 3 some time back.
West Australian racing clubs have the totalisator, but they are registering book-makers, through the Western Districts Racing Association, which was formed for the purpose of control in such matters.
While some of the handicaps on the first day of the Otaki meeting were easily picked, the winners were well concealed by Mr Pollock in others, and the fields generally were very good there.

"The worst weather experienced for race time during the first week in June," said an old resident at Green Lane with a good memory, in summing up on Monday.
A visitor who was present at the second day's racing at Wanganui, says he can only remember one heavier and more continuous downpour on a race day, and that was on Glenloch's Melbourne Cup day.
The Recluse gelding Reclamer is being trained by Milton at Normansby, who has several other horses in his stable. Reclamer appears to have got Reclamer very well.
Several Auckland pencilers are now round on their double books, and can take no harm if they get struck. It will be the first time for some years if the double-enters escape.

The Dunedin Jockey Club has taken a fresh lease of life. The meeting last week was an improvement upon the corresponding one of 1903.

Slow Tom ran a fair race to the Great Northern Hurdle Race for one that had been idle a week. He jumped well, but was lagging in towards the rails, and did not like the right-handed course.

It is surely not seriously intended by the Taranaki Jockey Club to recommence the cutting off of the telegraph office from their course. This would be an act of retrogression indeed.

Mr James Impy's band rendered a good selection of music at Ellerslie on Friday, but even the most inspiring strains would not keep the people in good heart on such a day.

Lady Hene, who won the Ladies' Bracelet on Friday at Ellerslie, and Albuera, who ran in the Maiden Welter and Cornwall Handicaps, were the only horses that started twice during the day.

On Wednesday the Cyrenian filly Ellen, from Parrera, by Catastrer, Albatross, won a race near Melbourne. This is one of the lot Mr H. Friedlander's agent sold to Mr Lettie some few months ago.

The practice of playing what is known as "Chinaman" is rarely heard nowadays, but it would have resulted in a profit of £14 16s had anyone put £1 on each of the starters in each of the races at Ellerslie on Friday last.

A Home paper asks how it is that although jockeys are not allowed to bet, one hears on a racecourse, both before and after a race—how much certain horsemen have or have had on?

Thirteen is generally referred to as an unlucky number. There were 13 starters in the Great Northern Hurdle Handicap. Roadshoot's number was 13, and he was the only one of the starters to fall.

It is back to old times, says an English writer, to see events titled a Hunter's Maiden Steeplechase or Open Farmers' Steeplechase, for nowadays such a thing as a "racing hunter" is almost unknown.

Frank Lind has had more than his share of bad luck lately. Comfort's fall in the Maiden Steeplechase was the third in succession that this game horseman had met with, but Slow Tom broke the spell for him.

Aka Aka, winner of the Great Northern Hurdle Race, was named after a swamp at Waituku. Most people call the son of Regal Aka Aka, by mistake. It was betting that a horse brought up in a swamp should win on such a wet day as Friday.

Southern hurdle races are poor. All the more reason for giving big prize money, to attract horses from the North. This appears to be the policy of the Canterbury Jockey Club, who conduct their racing on broad lines.

Straybird is troubled with skin-soreness. What a pity that anything should be wrong with the old bird just when the time has rolled round for his annual trip South! Without Straybird some of the jumping meetings will seem dull.

The writer witnessed Fortune, the great granddam of Aka Aka, win her maiden race—the Wanganui Produce Stakes—in 1872. This was through a telescope at a long distance from the course, and she made an exhibition of her field.

The "Australian" says: Hitherto book-makers' strikes have been failures. There have always been two or three of the fraternity unable to resist the opportunity of taking advantage of the absence of the majority.

Taranaki, Puffing Billy and The Abbot were sent for a school over the Ellerslie country on Saturday. The two first named went round all right, but The Abbot got hung up on the first of the double, and a fall had to be removed to extricate him.

In proportion to the number of his starts during the past season or two, in important races, "Cavalry" has done better, and more often probably than any other horse racing. The son of Clairnauld has done a lot of travelling. When beaten, he is set-

dom beaten badly, and he has frequently won in hallow fashion, as he did at Dunedin on Saturday.

At the Wanganui meeting, Powell, who had a fall in one of the jumping events, had a narrow escape through another horse jumping so close as to cut away some skin from his ear. As Doctor Tripp put it, "He was saved by the skin of his ear."

The Hawke's Bay sportsman, Mr E. J. Watt, before ever Rosewood had run over hurdles, predicted that he would win a Grand National Hurdle Race. He has not done so yet, but I should not put even a Grand National Steeplechase past one of his bets.

The Scottish Grand National was "won a short head." Talk about beating his master! Tom Loader, on Mr Hastings's own hauled-back horse, whipped the amateur on his stable companion (the favourite) a head. They both fell Wroughton "Wrata us!"—"The People!"

A home paper is responsible for the statement that Annum II, is the most successful sire of the present day, having successful representatives in England, Germany, France, America, and after some Africa, and New Zealand. There is some mistake here.

The Imported standard-bred American trotting stallion Sacramento, who had a good record in New Zealand, was offered for sale by Messrs Campbell and Sons at Kaitiaki, Melbourne, and after some spirited competition, was knocked down to Mr J. C. Ware, of Buaugor, for 250 guineas.

If a brief period of suspension suffices for a jockey convicted of pulling a horse, how long should a jockey, proved to be desperately keen on winning, answers are not to be sent to Ted Sloan, says the propounder of the question, is a Home paper.

A public trial was given in connection with the Bayview Handicap at Williams-town, in Victoria, recently, of one of Higgin's starters, the Greyhound, which was sold with some success in the country. The action of the machine is outward, and Mr Godfrey Watson effected an excellent start with it.

Waitere, who beat Le Beau, Starling, and others in the Otaki Handicap, and won also on the second day, is owned by Mr W. Hissell, therefore full brother to Broukiet, The Brook, The Shannon, and other good performers. He is a good shaped one, and is evidently coming into form.

Fancy Dr. Bill being awarded top weight in the Orakei Hurdle Race, in which all horses were considered, Dr. Bill has represented very nearly the worst hurdle form in the Wellington Produce, and it was a compliment to place him above even a moderate lot.

Calle Iris is by Strawn from Opaque—not Opaki, as reported recently. Opaque, it may be mentioned, is owned by Mr W. G. Samuelli, secretary to the Gisborne Racing Club, who has some more of that mare's progeny. Opaque was got by the occasional dividend payer, Kalo, from the Auckland mare May Moon.

The continual dropping of water will wear a hole in the hardest stone, but continual appeal against the softened and damnable hearts of Victorian and N.S.W. legislators, sufficiently to get the totalisator legalised in those States. The totalisator question has been under consideration a long time over there, but still the automaton system of betting does not appeal to a majority of the powers that be.

After all, the French bred celt Government did not even get a place in the Derby, for which he had for some time past disposed Mr L. de Rothschild's St. Amant from the position of favourite. St. Amant won handsomely, we are told, and not only must the Frenchmen have suffered much disappointment, but the defeat of St. Amant's colt must have cost them, and backers generally, who placed him where he was, at the head of the betting, a lot of money. St. Amant has re-established his right to be classed the best colt from the ranks of performers at two years old. This victory will be particularly pleasing to those who have struck by San Francisco, full brother to St. Fruaghin, sire of St. Amant.

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