

The Curlew horse Pistol was offered at auction in England last month, but did not reach the reserve placed on him. The highest bid was 250 guineas, and that was made on behalf of a New Zealand breeder.

Niddist, who was about the first of Stepannik's gets to bring that sire into New Zealand, was a good horse, and might have proved a success at the stud in Australia, where he was being shipped recently, when he succumbed to injuries met with in transit.

Why should not Newtown make a good horse over hurdles. Royal Comqueror, his three-quarter brother, was not nearly so good a natural jumper, but was a Cup winner. Laidie, his full sister, was a Cup winner. Takaka, his full brother, I think, got hurt, or might have turned out well as a fenceur.

The stewards of the Johannesburg Pony and Caddoway Club have decided that if any undue method is used to prevent any rider or rider's horse from competing in the 2000 yard or 2000 yard race, the offender will be very severely dealt with under Rule 146 of the Rules of Racing of the Jockey Club of South Africa.

A rider, who has had an eventful history since he started racing a few years since, is regarded as a champion of champions down Commanche way, or was the champion of the world, and the long rest he had received had apparently done him good.

A correspondent of a Southern paper said that hope was in poor condition when he arrived in Wellington. Nothing could have been further from the truth, as a matter of fact, was in excellent condition, and the long rest he had received had apparently done him good.

While working on the track at Ellerslie last Thursday morning, Dayin lost one of his hind shoes, breaking it with such force that it struck him on the back of the head. As Dayin was going at a good three-quarter pace, the pace the shoe travelled can be imagined.

The tracks at Ellerslie are in a very bad state at present, owing to the continuous rain we have had of late, and some of the trainers are working their charges in the paddocks around the Three Hill. A few days dry weather, and the tracks will be as good as ever.

Mr P. M. Mack left on Sunday to attend the monthly meeting of the N.Z. Trotting Association. Mr Mack is determined to withdraw the charges made by him in his circular letter to the various clubs, and it will be interesting to have the Association's reply to the same.

Mr Fred Pratt arrived at Capetown from New Zealand a few days ago on the S.A. Haring (Calcutta) with a string of winners and good horses in tow, and he has brought over his own jockey, who has done big things in that country. The jockey referred to is N. Nohle.

The "Sporting Judge," in referring to the statement of a veteran racing man in Sydney, who claimed that he had never run his horses otherwise than on the square, and had never been compelled, remarked that a specimen of luck is a good thing in racing, but some people have reservoirs of it.

The stewards of the Auckland Trotting Club met on Friday afternoon to consider the complaint filed by the owner of Sally Hunter against the club for alleged interference in the Motor Handicap on the concluding day of their winter meeting. After hearing a lot of evidence the stewards dismissed the complaint.

Amorelo, who has been racing on the Taranaki coast, is a half-brother to Ekaterini Passeropolis—a name Captain Russell, who all others are justified upon one of his horses, a name which holds the record to date for its length in the N.Z. Stud Book.

It is said that Cyrus has not got over the habit he had of refusing to start on the track, until he takes it into his head to do so. In his horse he is a trouble. Many really good horses have been bred. He that, Phil, the champion trotter of the colonies, for he is still champion trotter, was one who occasionally had to be allowed a little time to think before he undertook any contract, however light.

Ruhm, the four year old gelding by Quill-Maudie, entered in the New Zealand Cup, has had his name changed to Mahatonga. Ruhm is the name of a horse by Somers from Waimarama, foaled in 1894 already in the Stud Book, hence the change.

The Napier Park Steeplechase was fatal to the hopes of all but two of the runners, for Papatu and Burkman were the only pair to keep on their legs. The country is not a difficult one either, and horses that fell incurred several excellent fences.

The going at Napier Park must have been in excellent condition. Papatu's time for the Napier Park Steeplechase was only a little slower than the two best previous records. Last year Jack-o'-Lantern won in 6.40 2/5, and the going was first-class.

Joe Chamberlain, who is entered for the New Zealand Cup, ran badly at the Waikanae meeting, but is held the right way, and has since been showing something like the form that was expected of him a month ago. His win at Hawke's Bay and Napier Park show him to be a fair colt.

A party of visitors had been shown over the Currie lines (says a South African paper), and before going ashore one lady inquired of the guide where are the stables? "I don't know what you mean, madam," came the answer. "Well, captain, you certainly told us that your ship is 30000 horse-power, and I should like to see where you keep them."

The Gisborne Racing Club have received notice from the Jockey Club of their intention to be run for on Thursday next, and a like number for the Hurdle Race, the closeness of the Wellington meeting having robbed the club of a few runners. The Flying and Winter Oats Handicap have met with a good response from owners.

Prior to his recent win of the Keen-to-Park Jubilee Handicap, Sydney was reported to have been sold to go to India, but his sale fell through, presumably owing to a lony enlargement in front of his fore joint. On the form he has shown in England this year, Sydney would have been a trouble some opponent for Great Scot and Co. to dispose of.

J. H. Williamson has handled three of his yearlings, and they are regular attendants at Ellerslie. The lot was—Colt by Czarstsew-Lady Eunuchie, half brother to Gordon Rougey; filly by Czarstsew-Silk, full sister to Cyrus; and a filly by Czarstsew-Czarstsew. The latter is a nice, shapely filly, and should come to hand early.

A London correspondent says: "I am told that Bull of Northford, Caribbe, Mackintosh, and Love Wisely have each and all got some wonderfully good foals this season, and it is the opinion of the country club in Caribbe's case, that the superiority of his foals is due to want of pampering caused by the first crop of his foals containing so many small ones. This frightened breeders in his second season here."

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Taranaki Jockey Club the chairman (Mr. Kinnear) stated that he had received a message from one of the persons recently disqualified asking for a personal interview with him, with a view to supplying further evidence in defence, and that he proposed paying that as the inquiry was now closed the persons disqualified must rely upon their remedy of appeal to the conference. This was approved by the committee.

A Calcutta paper says that at the Bangalore meeting ten bookmakers refused to pay the increased license fee of £30 a day. The stewards declined to make any reduction, so the "bookies" got over the difficulty by arranging among themselves that three of their number should take out licenses, and the other seven should have an interest. The loss to the club at the old rates was £124 a day.

The Lincolnshire "Post" bears an excellent authority, that a general order has been issued from headquarters preventing any of the S.A.C. officials from racing horses at any turf club or sporting club meetings in South Africa. This is a great pity, says the South African Racing Calendar, as one of our bravest and best sportsmen come from their ranks. What is the reason we have no knowledge of, but it seems a great pity that they are not under the ban. It almost reminds one of martial law time.

The victory of Ostak in the Black Hurdle Race at the Napier Park meeting on the second day goes to show that good flat horses only want a little experience to become useful in the hurdle game, and you cannot find better than those that have shown the possession of plenty of pace. Ostak was well schooled at Fordell. The price he paid was a splendid one, and he evidently was not a great deal fancied.

The generic character, says Count Tschudorf in his "Horse Breeding Recollections," especially must be unmistakably expressed in either sex. Unlike males resembling in shape and manner stallions, as much as I dislike entire horses of which minute inspection is necessary to convince one that these are not mares or geldings. The more quiet the male possessors, the more marked must be the expression of her sex. The charm of femininity, if I may say so, ought to pervade her whole appearance.

After giving the "walk-up" start a fair trial, the "standing start" has been reverted to at the New York tracks. The "walk-up" system worked all right at the commencement of the season, but, as was only to be expected, the boys could not refrain from making a dash for a fly-bug, and towards the end they appear to have got completely out of control. When started they frequently came on the scene with his new method, the New York owners were loud in his praise, but now they have come to the conclusion that their laudation was somewhat premature.

The most valuable stake offered by the Moscow racing authorities, and in fact the richest in the country, is the "All-Russian" Derby, which will be decided this year on July 30. The £70000 added money, with the entries and forfeits, bring the amount credited to the owner of the winner something over £4000. The Derby is a mile and a-half, and colts carry 100 lbs, filling 110 lbs, and fillies 100 lbs. One hundred and sixty-five engagements have been made of horses belonging to 47 private owners, and including the ten nominated by the Government racing establishments.

When Evening commenced her jumping career last winter at Hawke's Bay, many were predicting great things of the little filly, who, at the time, was the most pleasing style for a beginner and showed some pace. Later on it was stated that she would be taken to Oukaranga for the big meeting this year. At the time and frequently afterwards I mentioned that she was being greatly over-rated. I fancy, however, that she has been unlucky in her steeplechase efforts this season, as she is a fine jumper and one that would have been the last to be cantered down, she did in the first of her cross-country efforts at the Hawke's Bay meetings.

The stewards of the English Jockey Club have notified that when the present lease of Alexandra Park expires in 1907 that course will not be further licensed, because it does not come up to present requirements. The Alexandra Park, which is very popular with London racegoers, cannot be enlarged owing to being built around on all sides. The people who will suffer most are the trustees, for they will lose a rent of £2500 if the ground is eventually withdrawn, as by Act of Parliament Alexandra Park has been declared an open space, and, therefore, will have to be thrown open to the public.

In the House of Commons recently Mr George Montague asked the Postmaster-General whether his attention had been called to the fact that recently a Marsden instrument had been set up on Newmarket Heath for the purpose of distribution of news; and, if so, what steps he proposed to take to put a stop to similar action in the future. Lord Stanley, in reply, said that his attention had been called to the fact that endeavours have been made to distribute racing results by means of wireless telegraphy, and he was in communication with persons concerned.

People are not now so ready to back their favorites for race a long way off as they were at one time used to do in England, and according to a correspondent of the "Hacing Calendar" in South Africa those of the sporting public who at one time did not hesitate to back the moment the weights appeared no longer hurry to do so. They notice that experts, whose lives have been spent in the study of horse-racing, are unwilling at the outset to offer

an opinion as to the probable result of the races still distant; so, little by little, the old, blind, foolish plan of backing horses merely because the speculator "francs" them has to a great extent died out.

The American "Racing Calendar" contains a list of anti-trust agents, who being necessary law under the J.C. rules. Even a trainer must be an authorized agent to make an entry or to bid up a horse on behalf of his principal. The amount of fine in case connected with racing is quite appalling, says a New York correspondent, and yet it seems as if racing went along very smoothly in the old days without it, and it detracts much from the sporting life. Racing nowadays, would seem to have become purely a matter of business, rather than pleasure, which is hardly a step in the right direction.

In schooling work at Ellerslie before the great Northern Steeplechase Meeting, nothing made more slowly showings than Crusoe, who knocked the hurdles down like a mallet. He ran fairly well, however, in each of his essays in public, and has since been in the hands of the New York correspondent, who has been in the hands of the fastest horses in training. He is by Terpedo from Nordenfeldt a half-sister, Aegyptin, which was most unacceptably good. Crusoe's brother, who finished third last in the Alberti Hurdles, may also have improved, but I should think it more than likely that we did not see the best of either Mida or Hippopotamus in that race, which was not a fast one, judged from the times of some of the other events.

At Morris Park race track, on May 7, the race-horses composing the stable of the late Wm. C. White were sold by auction, the sale being attended by all the leading trainers and owners. The bright particular star of the sale was the Hamburg colt Leontides, which was bought by the late Mr. J. M. White for his son's future, and which is regarded as one of the princes of the three-year-old division. The bidding for Leontides was warm, and in the end, run by the gentleman who owns the great McCleshey. In all twenty-three head of horses were sold, the total amount realised being £15,000.

The Special Commissioner of the Sportsman was not far out when he wrote prior to the decision of the Derby as follows: "If I had been in the position of a man to run for him at Epsom, then I think the Blue Riband of the Turf is in danger, but Government will not, unless I am mistaken, prove an adequate substitute for the French Derby will need to be in winning this year that Ajax may have to be kept for it, and that, at the time of writing, is the plan of campaign, but, of course, later developments may permit an alteration of this nature. It is not so, and Ajax goes to the post at Epsom, the second Gladiateur may have been discovered." A meeting between Ajax and St. Anand would be full of interest.

Thus the South African Racing Calendar—Mr J. H. B. van Iddekkow has purchased the black mare M.S. from Mr D. A. Mackay for stud purposes, and the white pinto has not been purchased. M.S. is a New Zealand bred mare, 7 years old, 14.2, by Vanguard, Little France, and is to be mated with Springpaton, late Screw Gun, by Dorkhiss, Rose of Wellington. This horse, like M.S., has come from the land of the Moor, where he was a top notcher, and was sent to England, where he won some good races. In that country he was purchased by the O.R.C. Government as a stud horse in their laudable endeavours to improve the horse breeding industry of this colony.

According to the London "Sportsman" a further bit of bad luck for the present owner of Sceptr, Mr W. Bass, is that the "warning off" of Mr H. Steiner would appear to disqualify the mare for the Princess of Wales Stakes, of Hudders, at the Newmarket First July Meeting. According to Rule 67 (a) of the Rules of Racing, "A horse is disqualified by this disqualification of his present owner, or that of his owner at the time of entry or subscription, or that of any person who has any interest in such horse's claims." Sceptr was nominated for the Princess of Wales Stakes by her former owner, and he has an interest in her winnings in the race at the extent of £5000, that being the amount which, according to the conditions,

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