

## MY WHALEBONE.

## TURF NOTES.

The Marton Jockey Club is increasing its stakes from £950 to £1150 for its meetings next season.

There is a probability of the Soult gelding Tamahupo being taken across to Sydney at an early date.

John O'Connel has ridden two Great Northern Hurdle Race winners in succession. No other jockey has yet performed this feat.

During the first fortulght of the present season in England, D. Maher wou 13 of the 36 races in which he rode.

The New Zealanders Pink-'un, Idealist, and Swimmer were unsuccessful competitors at the Epsom (Vic.) meeting on May 23rd.

Although nothing definits has yet been decided, the Thannes trainer J. Twobill is contemplating a trip to Australia with Pierre and Soultline.

In steering Loch Fyne to victory in the Great Northern Steeplechase on Wednesday, A. Julian registered his first winning ride in that event.

The final scene in connection with the local raunig season was enacted last Saturday afternoon, when the A.R.C. Winter Meeting was concluded.

The New Zealand-bred pony Runtamata, which was sent to Sydney some months ago, won the Plying Handicap at the Kensington meeting on May 20th.

They are very strict in England over the training grounds, and recently J. Linton, her training grounds, and recently J. Linton, her ported to the stewards of the Jockey Club for exercising horses on closed ground, was fined 500vs.

The King's disappointing colt Nulli Secundus has been sent to the stud. The failure as a raceborse of such a well-bred animal — he is by St. Simon — Nonsuch— is one of the most remarkable incidents in turf history.

Word from the South states that the party who races under the name of Mr. Highden, wil, on his return from Eugland, establish one of the largest racing stables in New Zealand at Awapuni.

Thus "Sentinel": There was one case of very naipable palling on the first day of the N.O.I.C. meeting. Perhaps the borse was Stipping about in the loose going, and probably the lockey was only steadying his mount — for the next day.

The ex-New Zealand Jockey L. H. Hewitt rode two winners in succession in England recently, being on the back of Pal-o'-Mine In the Holiday Plate, and Byeway in the Coventry Plate. Both horses started at good prices.

After his efforts on the two opening days of the A.R.C. Winter Meeting, Cuiragno was decidedly graggy on his pins, and the Culrassier geiding is to be treated to a lengthy spell.

The Great Northern Hurdle Race winner Waipu la to be taken across to Sydney, and there is every probability of his being and be was shipped in charge of J. Cameron, by the Mokols on Monday.

The Finland gelding Bobrikoff, which accounted for the Cornwall Handleap on the opening day of the A.R.C. Winter Meeting was not started again at the gathering. Bobrikoff is engaged in the New Zeeland Cup, and will not be seen out tilt the spring rolls around.

The ruling Turf body in Germany, the Indon Club, recently published a notice in its workly "Calendar" prohibiting owners and trainers from giving houses a gallop a public, and declaring that horses and the public and declaring that horses of the cased until they were absolutely besten.

The Jockey Club of the United States have decided that in Junee minors shall not be admitted to American race tracks unless accompanied by their parents. There to the mean companied by their parents, There is not be a supported by their parents of the mean rectaction, since proof of age will be necessary.

The American-bred colt Norman III. is all favourite for the English Derby, White English Derby, White English Derby, the second of the second for the second for the second for the English colt, Ferrier, is still in the questions, though at a much longer price then earlier in the season.

An application by W. Builock, the well-known trish jockey, was made to the stewards of the Irish Turf Clin freently in respect of riding fees due to him by Mr. Croker for last season, and in the result Mr. Croker was requested to pay Bullock the amount claimed, less £150, the retaining fee received by the jockey.

A Continental writer says that the Australian jockey, F. Bullock, will not have much liberty in Germany, as recently the special trains brought up from Graditz to Hoppegarten forty borses destined to curry the colours of Imperial Germany; and Baron Oppenheim and Mr. Hanlel have a second-call on Bullock's services.

When Mr. J. B. Haggiu's stables at his Elmendorf Stud, near Lexington, Kentucky, were burned in few weeks ago, 31 thoroughbred inares, 11 with foals at their sides, were destroyed. The value of the stables was £2000, and the provender £1000. It is reckoned that the value of the bloodstock destroyed was at least £25,000.

The Leolantis gelding Cachuca was shipped to Sydney on Monday last by the Victoria, in charge of G. Phillips, who is to ride him in his engagements. Cachuca is to go into F. McGrath's stable, to be prepared for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, and all gring well in the meantime, will be a certain starter in that event.

A Sydney paper says: One of the most disappointing animals that Mr John Mayo has had in his possession was the handsome New Zentaud-bred filly, Maori Girt, by Stepniak from Leidy's Maid. Sile won a race for him hast August, and since then has been a failure. Last week Maorf Girt passed into the possession of Mr T. Judd, in exchange for £75.

There is an impression abroad that the late Mr G. G. Stead was autogonistic to the appointment of stipendiary stewards, says a Dunedin serble. Only last week the writer learnt that although Mr Stead looked upon them in an unfavourable light at one time, he was latterly in favour of their appointment.

Mr. A. Selby, the well-known clerk of the course to the Auckland Racing Club, who met with a masty accident ahout six weeks ago, was able to be present at Ellerslle on the opening day of the A.R.C. Winter Meetling, but had not sufficiently recovered to be able to take up his duties, which at the Autumn Meeting were performed by his sou.

After running second on at least five or six occasions, the Freedom colt Wanchope managed to get his name on the winning list, accounting for the Jervois Handicap. Mr. Ring was successful in the same race last year with Mighty Atom, when, strange to say, Dogger Bank, which finished second on Saturday, filled the same position to Mighty Atom.

In commenting on the first appearance in the saddle of Pike, the Australian rider, an exchange says:—A certain anomat of interest centred in the first appearance at Gosforth of the Australian light-weight jockey, J. E. Pike, who had been preceded by a tall reputation. He is an extremely small hoy, and his first mount, Satamet, in the Beutinck Stakes, hardly gave him a chance of showing his capabilities. Salamet lugan slowly, and only rau into third place on sufference.

The death is announced from the Thames of the old gelding Ystienfeldt, by Nordenfeldt — Yallacy, which was fosled as far back as 2839. Yattenfeldt was only a fair performer during his career on the turf, and at the time of his death was performing the humble duty of a cub horse, and wille acting in this capacity, fell down in the street and was dispatched by a frieudly bullet.

At a recent meeting of the Te Aroha Jockey ('the the secretary aubmitted a balance-sheet which showed the club to be in a slightly better position than heretofore. Considerable discussion caused on the question of dates for next season's gathering, and it was eveniually decided that future race meetings of the Club be held on Minera' Union Day and the day following.

The New York Jockey Club have adopted the following resolutions:—That all jockeys holding licences from The Jockey Club are notified that their conduct and habits when absent from the recessures are under strict scrutiny, and they are warned that keeping bad company will be promptly and severely punished by the atowards. It is further resolved that a copy of this reaction he sent to each jockey and to each trainer holding a hierarchy with a explanatory understood the failer, saying that his conjunction to the sent the following the above resolution is expected by the stewards of the Jockey Club.

The French Government stations, many of whom see winners of the Derby and other important races, serve thoroughlived mares for a fee of 124, and serve halfored mares for a fee of 127, but only more whose owners are domiciled in France are accepted. The breeders rely on the forcement to a certain extent for the sale of their stock, which has a quarastice of quality, for they have supplied the station, and their inspectors have approved the marcs.

Cyllene, who was recently sold in England for exportation to Argentins, leaves among his progeny one that will begin her racing career possessed of a unique record. This is the new two-year-old daughter of Sceptre. Mr. W. Bass gave £25,000 for Sceptre, and £30,000 for Cyllene, so that if money sione could ensure merit the youngster in question would be an absolute wonder. Yet she may turn out worthless—such is the lottery of breeding.

The Soult gelding Sol is to be given a spell after his exertions at the A.R.C. Wheter Meeting, and will probably not cace until the next jumping senson. Sol's efforts in the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Steeplechase were decidedly meritorious, and the game manner in which the little fellow battled out both events, stumps him as heing as honest a jumper as bas ever competed at Ellerstle. A win for Mr Morgan's little champion in either event would have been decidedly pleasing to chronicle.

He would have been a proud sire if he could have read the sporting Press, and one hopes for his sake that the equine intelligence is comprehensive enough to make interesting communication on the occasions when nose rubbings are being exchanged in token of old friendship. If racing needed a justification it might be found without difficulty in the improvement that St. Shuon has made as a size in the quality of thoroughbreds all over the world.—Pali Mail Gracette.

The running of the Great Northern Steeplechase saw the passing away of a declaracy useful horse, in the Braternite gelding Insistilien, which raced in the colours of the gentleman who races under the name of Mr M. Manton. Inniskilen was a decident useful performer, both over the big fences and burdles, numbering amongst his successes a N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase (which event he won in 1993), and a loss to his owner is a serious one.

The victory of Cymri in the Ranfurly Handicap, in the colours of Mr Donald Mr-Klunon, was well received, although the Cytenhan gelding was, with one exception, the biggest outsier in field of out-tended to the colour co

Considerable argument has arisen as to which was the first horse to fall in the first bornet to fall in the first bornet further the From the first bornet for first. In conversation with the fiders of Omatl and Aorangi after the race, I gathered that Aorangi was about a neek in front of Omatl and Aorangi after the race, I gathered that Aorangi was about a neek in front of Omatl when they came to the burdle, and was first to rise. Omatl, however, blundered right into the fence, and in falling, struck Aorangi, fetching him down, while Puritute, which was close behind, toppled over them.

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Mr. James Twobill writes me to say that owing to the treatment meted out to his horse Soultine by Mr. Morse he has withdrawn him from all engageneits at the A.R.C. Winter Meeting. Mr. Twobill certainly seems to lave good grounds for his action, as Soultine in being assessed as he has been is made out to be a mach better horse than his public performances suggest. So far the Soult gedding has only won two hack races, and although he showed undoubted brillinery it has to be remembered that a horse competing with others a bit below him and beating them easily is sometimes becomed as a champion without cause.

After his display in the Maiden Hurdle Race on the opening day of the A.k.C. Winter Meeting, in which he fell when looking all over a winner, the Leohantis gelding Franklin was made a very warm favourite for the Orakel Hurdle Race on the second day, and fully justified the confidence placed in him, by winning casily. Franklin was nicely huddled by Coleman (a new their over fences), who must for given credit for riding an excellent race, and side for the splendid recovery he made when his mount hit the fence in the straignt wery hard, which hunder would have unsarted numbers of more experienced horse-time.

The small field that contested the Tally-ho Steephechase on the second day of the A.R.C. Winter Meeting should cause the authorities to consider whether it is not run on the wrong day of the gothering. At present, it comes at an interval of two races after the Great Northern Steephechase, and any horse that competes in the big event, and fluishes the course, is hardly

likely to be dragged out again that afternoon. Were the event to be out on too programme of the first day, and made in that the winner would not hear any penalty in the big event, it would be a sort of dress rehearsal, and would probably attract a good field.

Before the Takapuna Winter Meeting, Loch Fyne was popularly sorted out as inviting a great chance in the Great Northern Steepherhase, but after his display at the North Shore, he went out of Invoir. How coulds it is to condenu a horse on one performance was further exemplified on Wethesday, when the son of Leemess rolled home a winner by four lengths, accer having lorne the brunt of the battle for about half the Journey, Loch Fyne's victory was contributed to in no small measure by the artistic manner in which he was handled by the rither, A. Juffan, while his condition reduced the greatest credit on his trainer. W. Mobberley, who has not been a toe-favoured subject of the Goldess of Fortune of late.

The conditions of the Jumpers' Plat Race, an event on the Auckland Racing Chab's winter meeting, budy want revising if it is to be a success. At present the event is open to any hurdie or strepherbase rourse to the satisfaction of the stewards. This is every vague, and is hurdly calculated to attract a decent entry, and it would be far hetter if it was aftered to read, "have competed in at least three jumping counts during the season. In Saturday's race the presence of Uranium frightened out a number of competiture, and it in allow any hurse to compete, which has only completed a hurdle race ance, and that nearly three years ago, is to say the least "stretching it a bit too far." Probably Saturday's experience will cause an alternation.

The most fortunate English jockey of the moment (says "John Bull") is "Skeets" Marth, and his success is the more deserved and advantageous, seeing that it comes upon the eve of his return from the Austrian Turf. Both his Lincoln Handicap and Newbury Cup successes were eleverigated not event in one leastly, gained, and yet in each case the good fortune was that Longroft was in inefficient handling—or, rather, in the contrast of lightweight loys under whom it the morning of the race. Greening was the land of the contrast of lightweight loys under whom til the morning of the race, Greening was to have ridden Roseste Dawn, being "jocked of" in favour of Martin at the very fast moment.

Interesting statistics have been compiled regarding the career at the aim of the regarding the career at the aim of the recently-deceased St. Simon, whose states are the recently-deceased St. Simon, whose states are the property of 1998 agrees, as the property of 1998 agrees, as the property of 1998 agrees, as the property of 1998, when he was credited with 59,77ksovs, thanks principally to the british of winning stress, his most successful that profumences of St. Frusquin and Tersimmon. Amongst other valuable races, St. Frusquin and Diamond Jubilee was the property of the Property o

Persimmon and Pietermaritzburg.

Another Great Northern Steeplechase has to be added to the list of post events, and the race on Wednesday, atthough perhaps harders can Wednesday. Atthough perhaps harders can be a second of the contests harders are to the third. The list incident was the start to the finals. The list incident was the mishing to londskillen, which was racing as pilot until the top of the bit was received the second time, when Loch Fyor ran to the front, and when they went along he had a commanding lead, while Le Bean and Sol were seen to be the only ones that had any chance with the leader. Sol made a great effort over the list inlies be also a sold of the seed of the history of the hist mile, but the weight fold its tile, and although he looked like overhauling Loch Pyne when they turned for hours, he fadiel away again over the last furions, and had the acknowledge a four lengths defeat when the post was reached. Sol was undoubtedly a four lengths defeat when the post was reached. Sol was undoubtedly a facility of the second time grounds in the meroory of those who were privileged to wilness it. The great disappointment was Klatere, who was never daugerous at any stage, and dinished a long way back from the leaders. Le Bean ran a good horse, and looks like being useful over hig country, but Plarretired of the struggle early, as did Kapa Kapa. Nadador and Bullworth, while Mahoe was badly besten when he fell at the sol wall the second time round.

The death of the well-known English jockey, H. Custquee, has been nanounced. In many respects Harry Custance was one of the most remarkable horsemen that ever lived. Not only was he an accomplished jockey who wrote his name thrice on the Derby acrol of fame, but he was the one jockey who had the honour cleven years after he had accred with George Frederick in the Bing Riband on Epsom Downs of starting the field for the great classic won by Lord Hastings' Melton. He was not

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