



(BY WHALEBONE.)

RACING FIXTURES.

Aug. 12—First Meeting, Ellerslie.
 August 11, 13, and 15—Canterbury J.C.
 Grand National Meeting.
 September 9 and 10—Horowhenua Hack
 R.C. Annual.
 September 16 and 17—Haukikiel R.C.
 Spring.

TURF NOTES.

Aboriginal is booked for the Riccarton meeting next month.

Mr C. Thede, owner of Lora Wyns, was present at Wellington to see his horse competing.

The Birkenhead colt Hous changed hands in Invercargill last week for a little more than £50.

Mr E. J. Watt has had several inquiries regarding the price of Merrivue. So far, however, no business has eventuated.

An Australian writer refers to the Stepak—Ingenue mare, Marguerite, as the New Zealand pony.

Signorina (dam of Signorinetta) has this season been mated with Missitbrush, and is considered safe in foal.

A substantial offer was recently made for the Merrivue—Daxle gelding California, but no deal resulted.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond is reported to have sold Rock Ferry to a patron of P. J. McLaughlin's stable at Napier.

There is a probability of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter Meeting of 1908 extending over three days.

The ex-Auckland pony Mutineer (Dr. Quest) was sent over to Sydney last week, to compete in pony races on the other side.

Fabric, who won a Sydney Tattersall's Cup, recently ran unplaced in the Bides Handicap at Lingfield (Eng.) in a field of eight.

The New Zealand-bred pony Rnatamata, by Mahaki—Amoureux, won the Fourteen-three Handicap at Kensington, Sydney, last month.

Mr J. Wren has applied to the Victorian Chief Secretary for permission to hold a race meeting on one of his courses while the American fleet is in Melbourne.

It is reported that Mr John Wren contemplates taking a part in Tasmanian race affairs. He may purchase or lease the track at Bardon Park (Hobart).

The gelding Cyrenus, formerly trained at Kolumaras by H. Howe, is now in work at Ellerslie, under the charge of C. Walker.

Motoa, who has been allotted 10.5 in the Winter Cup, is almost certain to be sent south to fulfil his engagement, says a Wellington paper.

Irydat is making encouraging progress in jumping (says a Hawera exchange), negotiating the schooling hurdles in a workmanlike style.

R. Hatch, who has been riding with much success since Christmas, has been retained to ride "Mr Higghden's" horses during the coming season.

The gelding Shrapnel was brought back from Wellington at the end of last week, after his unsuccessful efforts at the W.R.C. winter meeting.

A Christchurch scribe, after discussing the merits of all the three-year-olds sent out in New Zealand this season, gives the palm to Elevation.

The New Zealand pony Mighty Atom was made favourite for the Height Class Handicap, at Wairoa, Melbourne, recently, but was beaten by a short head.

The disqualification of the New Zealand Jockey, J. Stewart, in connection with the running of Irydat at Flemington, has been removed by the V.B.C. committee.

According to the Sydney "Referee," Mr Spencer Gillan's unnamed colt, by Collar—Freda, which is at present racing in England, will shortly come to New Zealand to do stud duty.

When Mr W. Clarke's Victrix, a daughter of the Melbourne Cup winner The Victory, won the Redfern Two-year-old Plate, of £500, at Kempton Park (Eng.), last month, she was ridden by F. Wootton.

After being out of the saddle for some months, B. Deeley, the well-known horseman, has been granted a temporary license by the Committee of the Auckland Racing Club.

The acceptances received on Friday for the various events at the Fleet meeting are of a highly satisfactory character, and, given fine weather, a record gathering should result.

The Flemington jumping brigade is reported by recent returned visitors therefrom to be exceptionally formidable, and nothing but one of the record Reiga type would hold his own with them.

One of the dead-beaters in the last French Derby was Seascik II, a son of the Upaw horse Elf. It is a coincidence that Upaw, the sire of Elf, ran a dead-heat in a previous contest for the same event.

The Seaton Delaval mare To Aroha, which has been enjoying a spell of about a couple of months at her owner's place, is back again at Ellerslie. She is still under F. Macmanamula's charge.

The owner of that good mare Regulation informed a southern writer that she is likely to present him with her first foal during the approaching season. She was mated with Field Battery.

The Freedom mare Dolores was brought from Papakura on Wednesday by H. French, and gave a turn over the big country at Ellerslie, going over the hill in company with Pipi and another. Dolores shaped really well.

Chevalier Glinstrell had intended to leave for Italy after the Epsom Derby meeting, but he was so pleased with the reception given him when Signorinetta won The Oaks that he has decided to remain in England for some time yet.

The amount to be charged the pencillers for placing their calling at the forthcoming Fleet Meeting, is, to say the least of it, excessive, and it is hardly likely that a large number will be found paying £20 10/ to bet on half a dozen races.

From "The Town and Country":—Maranui, in Wills' stable, is a bookmaker's favorite for the Metropolitan, but if the intentions of Maranui's patrons could be ascertained, things would, no doubt, change with the twinkling of an eye.

An English writer says that Messrs Robinson and Clark, two Australian sportsmen racing in England, have been ill-rewarded for the large amount of capital invested in last year's yearlings, for none has developed into a good horse.

Of the thirteen runners for the Oaks at Epsom (Eng.) last month the rider of only one wore spurs. By some followers of racing we know of, that would have been regarded as incontrovertible evidence of the "deadness" of the other twelve.

The Grafton mare Trece made her reappearance in the Parliamentary Handicap at the recent Wellington meeting, after a lengthy retirement. She was the unlikeliest outsider of the 14 runners, and she fully justified being thus passed over.

Writing of California, a writer in the "Weekly Press" says: "He is a grand goer, and it would not surprise me in the least if he should turn out to be as good as he looks—and this, mark you, is saying a good deal, for he has every appearance of being a racehorse."

R. Hatch, who was still 8 wins behind the Auckland homebred B. Deeley, did not reduce in the Parliamentary Handicap at the recent Wellington meeting. That Deeley will top the list for the season despite his being sent out for a part of it is now practically assured.

Maniapoto, during his retirement reached such a condition, which it is said will take some time to reduce to racing form. Inquiries for his purchase have been made, but nothing has emanated so far. His batch of foals are reported to be very good looking.

At the Racing Conference, a letter from the Foxton Racing Club, asking for a ruling as to whether a caretaker was an official of a club, was dealt with, the president ruling that he was, and was therefore not justified in racing horses at the club's meeting.

Writing of Dr. Blincoe, the winner of the Karori Hack race at the recent Wellington meeting, a Southern writer says:—"The colt was much admired in the saddle before the race, but he looked out for himself on the big side." He was the second of Advance's progeny to win at the meeting.

Camphre (Carbine—Revelry) ran unplaced in the Trial Plate at the Wellington meeting. This is his first race since the Napier Park Winter Meeting of last year. He served a season at the stud in Taranaki.

Although it was announced that Sol was to be given a toughly spell, the little son of Soult is evidently to be seen out at the forthcoming fleet meeting as he was brought from the Walkato on Wednesday last by G. Morris, who is now superintending his preparation. Sol looks in great heart.

In connection with the disqualification of the horse Mill Cry at the recent races, the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club met to continue the inquiry. After a lengthy sitting, it was decided to disqualify Mill Cry, C. Chesterman, the owner; and T. O'Brien, the licensed jockey, during the pleasure of the club.

A football match between trainers and jockeys of the North Island, and trainers and jockeys of the South Island, was played at Trentham last week. The game was a very even contest, played in a friendly spirit throughout, and ended in favour of the North Island, by 15 points to their opponents' 12 points.

Even the strongest opponents of the book-makers, will, I think, frankly admit that the 14 men who parted with £20 10/ a-piece, did not get a fair deal. The jockeying machine in every race at Trentham on the first day of the recent meeting, had considerably the worst of the deal, says a Wellington paper.

The Thames-owned gelding Pierre was sore after his fall at the Wellington Steeplechase, and was unable to be started on the concluding day of the Wellington R.C. winter meeting. Pierre is to be taken on to Christchurch to fulfil engagements at the C.C. National Meeting, after which he will be taken across to Sydney.

Duart (says the Wellington "Post") burst a small blood-vessel in the head whilst running in the Stewards' Handicap at the recent Wellington meeting. B. Lead, who was riding Duart, had to pull him up at once, but the little Soult gelding had too much pace on, and covered about a furlong at top after his mishap.

Mr F. P. Bigwood, who, with the New Zealand pony Belgioise was successful in annexing "Wren's Thousand" at Melbourne recently, was among the spectators at the Trentham races. Belgioise is at present on offer to an Australian buyer, and there is every probability of the well-bred filly being sold at a handsome figure.

The V.R.C. Derby winner F.J.A. (who now races as Scarpia) was well backed for a race at Kempton Park (Eng.) last month, but, though ridden by F. Wootton, finished last. As Scarpia is rising eight, and a son of him, it is safe to say the best has been seen of him.

At Ascot (Eng.) last month the eight-year-old Trenton stallion Torpoint won the Alexandra Plate, 2 miles, 8 furlongs, 85 yards, for the second year in succession. Earlier in the week he was beaten by The White Knight in the Ascot Gold Cup. Torpoint is undoubtedly one of the best stayers in England.

Europe contains some very liberal sportsmen, and one of these is Prince Ladislaus Lubomirski, whose colt Intzygant won the Austrian Derby of £4000 at Vienna on the 7th of last month. The Prince was so highly pleased at the result that he divided the amount mentioned between his trainer, Reeves, and the jockey, G. Stern. Rather a good day's pay for both.

Mr Vanderbilt is a lucky man (says the "Sporting Times"), as the fall of his hind legs seems to be the strongest part of it. The crack of the stable having fallen, Sea Sick II, came to the rescue and ran a dead-heat for the French Derby. Sea Sick II, thro went amiss, and North-east came to the fore and won the Grand Prix of Paris, which is the richest stake ever run for in Europe.

A statement is going the rounds (says a Wellington paper) to the effect that the hawke's Bay Whakaia occupied the usual position of top-hauler on the Runnallunga Flats previous to his racing career. This is not correct. As a two-year-old the Letho gelding was taken in hand, broken in, and put into work during the winter. He was started in the Waitraps Guineas as a three-year-old.

The Prosser stable has (says the "N.Z. Times") frequently in the past held a strong winning hand at Trentham. On the first day of the recent meeting it was represented in five events, by Karawana, Ghoorka, Beaming Bell, Esmore, Conculio, but none of the quietest was a

place-getter. Seldom has Prosser such a weak jumping team for the winter as this year.

Referring to the Winter Hurdle Race, run on the first day of the recent Wellington meeting, a writer in the "Dominion" says:—"When the straight was reached, Compuca came right away and won with ridiculous ease, while Scotty was a long way ahead of the third horse, Enip. Compuca was so far in front of Scotty that he must have distanced several of the candidates."

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On Tuesday morning, at Ellerslie, a fair bit of schooling work was indulged in. Regent (Colony) was sent a round of the big fences, going over the hill. Comus and The Abbot jumped the big fences in the centre of the course, both jumping well. Carlyle, English, Ooteroon, Mark Time, Dogger Bank, and Angus (owner of Regent) were all schooled over the hurdles. With the next approach of the Fleet Meeting, matters at Ellerslie are beginning to get a bit livelier.

Mr L. Anderson, of Pahiatua, has purchased the stallion Daxtar from Mr R. J. Mathews, of Waitara. The price paid is said to have been 300 guineas, and the horse will be placed on stud duty at Pahiatua. Daxtar (sire of Cissy) was a good performer on the racing track, and with limited opportunities at the stud, he has bred a number of good winners, including Star Race (New Zealand Cup), Compass (Wintery), Gleam, etc.

At the recent Racing Conference, the Hon. J. D. Ormond spoke in favour of a mile and a quarter race on each day a programme of every club. He thought such an innovation was not unreasonable; that it was a step in the direction of improving the character of the thoroughbred; that it would meet with public favour; and that, as less depended on the start, it was a fair test; but the proposed alteration did not meet with the support of the majority.

On Friday morning, at Ellerslie, Putaruru, Bobstay and Laddie were schooled over the big fences in the centre of the course. The two latter proved in good style, but Putaruru came down at the double bar, and Deery, having his foot badly bruised, Putaruru was afterwards renounced by A. Gray, and taken over the fences, but gave a magnificent display, running off at the sod.

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America is the land of big things, but a £10,000 race for trotters is something out of the way even for that country. It is to take place on the Reedyville track, near Boston, and the entries total 127. It was anticipated there would be a much larger amount, and that the success of the race is attributed to the conditions being unusual, the race being a handicap on the lines obtaining at European tracks. No less than 28 horses engaged have records of better than 2:10.

Mr J. McDonald's two successful brood mares, Lady Moatyn and Bonnie Rosette, both of whom are in foal to San Francisco, are to be mated with Wallace during the coming season, and previous visits by the mares named to Mr Smith's stallion have resulted in Derby winners in Lady Wallace and Mountain King for Mr McDonald. As Bonnie Rosette is rising 22 her term of stud usefulness is nearly over, but Lady Moatyn is only 13 next month, so there is still plenty of time for her to give the Turf another Lady Wallace.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, at the Racing Conference, sought to have the disqualification for taking part in unregistered meetings fixed at not less than two years. Mr G. Hunter said it was apparent that persons who took part in these meetings relied on the good nature of clubs to remove their disqualification after a brief period. His club had made a rule of not removing these disqualifications under two years to the conference, however, voted against his motion.

Several applications were received at the Trotting Conference for totalisator permits. The president said the difficulty was that there were not enough permits available to be granted to all clubs, and it was

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