

Turf Gossip.

By WHALEBONE.

TURF FIXTURES.

DATES OF COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND.

June 21—Hawke's Bay Steeplechase
July 17—Wellington Hurdle Race
July 20—Wellington Steeplechase

TURF NOTES.

Weights for the New Zealand Cup are due on July 1st.

Mr W. Lyons has placed Kaimate in W. Gall's hands.

The Duke of Cornwall looks quiet at home on horseback.

The Needle and Valedictory did some light schooling tasks together this morning.

No business has yet been recorded locally on the New Zealand Cup, and there are no quotations.

Mr. H. Franks has sold his Mousquetaire—Miss Dargon filly to a local sport.

The actual weight carried to victory by Cavaliero in the Remuera Hurdle Race on Saturday week was 14.0.

Nominations are due on Friday for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting.

Royal Conqueror, who finished fifth in the North N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race, will if persevered with make a useful hurdle horse.

When horse's names are left out of the race cards they sometimes win. Lady Zulu's name was omitted from the race she won last week.

It is probable that W. Clarke will go to Christchurch for the New Zealand Grand National meeting, and not to New South Wales, as was anticipated.

P. Johnstone wishes to contradict the report which has been circulated that it was Dartmoor who interfered with Cavaliero. He alleges that the boot was on the other leg.

The resident correspondent of this journal reports that it is rumoured at the Thames that the owners of Sudden, who won the Tally-ho Steeplechase, threw in for a good sum by backing that gelding.

Highlander was bleeding at the nose after galloping on Thursday morning. Quite a number of horses have done the same thing within the past ten days while working or racing at Ellerslie.

At the Durham Yards on Monday the following horses were sold by auction by Messrs. Alfred Buckland and Co.:—Tiki, 27 guineas, to Mr H. Gladding. Matamataharakiki, 30 guineas, Mr H. Teffer; Regulus, 38 guineas, Mr J. McGuiness.

Seahorse was to have resumed work this week after his spell, but on returning from the farrier's shop the other day his feet were troubling him, and his shoes had to be removed and poultices applied.

A Shearby finding that he would probably have to remain in New Flymouth several days, to-day shipped his horses Stepinia, Jeruma, and Fashion by the s.s. Mararoa, going south by the East Coast.

Nation is a good all-round horse. On the Friday preceding the A.R.C.'s Grand National meeting he was driven to town by J. Rae, his owner, in a dog-cart. On the Monday he won the Selling Steeplechase.

Mr Mitchell, of Manana, was disappointed in not having a ride on Swimmer in the hunters' races at the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting, but that gelding's owner considered it useless to start the son of Captain Webb. Mr. Mitchell luckily got a mount, winning on Miss Drury.

The carriage of the late Mr W. H. Wilson, of St. Alban's, Victoria, is the one being used by the Duke and Duchess of York. It was hired by the Government from Mr. Jefferson of Wanganui, who purchased it a short time ago.

On Saturday, while galloping on the tan at Ellerslie, Fiki fell with J. Gallagher, who was picked up a little dazed. The cause of Fiki falling Gallagher could not account for, but the gelding was bleeding at the nose when caught, and evidently burst a blood vessel and choked.

The owner of Moifaa and some of the stable connections of Coeur de Lion are credited with having won large sums over the Double, Great Northern Steeplechase and Grand National Hurdle Handicap, but the reports are exaggerated. Mr Ellingham had his horse coupled in doubles with Cavaliero and with Coeur de Lion, but would have profited to a much greater extent had Moifaa won the double, for which I am in a position to know he had the son of Natar backed.

I understand that Mr W. Lyons contemplates taking Kaimate to Sydney after the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting. It was with that object the son of Australian was purchased on Friday, but he would not have brought the price he did had he not been engaged at the A.R.C. Grand National Meeting on Wednesday.

The death from enteric, at Capetown, of Leo, Mathews, the well-known New Zealand horseman, who went to South Africa with the Rough Riders, will be read with regret, for he was a great favourite and had a large circle of friends in Wellington and along the West Coast of the North Island. A good many of Mathews' successes were gained on horses trained by W. Davies at the Hut.

Monday was settling day over the North New Zealand National Meeting. None of the book-makers in Auckland have done any good over the meeting. On the contrary, it is estimated that it will take between £2500 and £3000 to pay their losses over the big double and straight out. Most of the double money was won in small sums; that is to say, it does not go into a few hands.

It was owing to the prominent position occupied by Sundial in the First Welter Handicap at the end of six furlongs, after losing some lengths at the start, that made a number of persons who watched him closely, have a little on the second day, when he paid the big dividend of £54 6s. His owner had £23 on Sundial in his first engagement, supported him to a considerable extent in doubles with Moifaa, Steeplechase and Hurdles, and had £7 on him in the race he won.

On Wednesday morning an accident happened to St. Peter. While working on the tan track at Ellerslie one of his hind legs slipped, and his rider fancied that it was due to that cause that one of the veins just below the side of his hind leg was bleeding, but the probability is that as St. Peter cast a shoe, the toe-clip, nail, or some sharp projecting part thereof broke the skin and caused the trouble. It took some time to stop the bleeding, which was from what is known as the internal saphena vein.

The victory of the Wellington Park bred Seringapatam, late Screwgun, by Hotchkiss from Rose of Wellington, in the Durham Plate, a weight-for-age race, with penalties and allowances, run over a mile course, at Hurst Park, in England, on the 4th of May, comes as an interesting item of news to sportsmen in New Zealand, and more particularly in Auckland, where Seringapatam was bred by Mr Morris,

will the news be welcome. This is the first victory of the son of Hotchkiss since he was sold to Sir E. Vincent by Mr Stead, who raced him with success in New Zealand before disposing of him.

This morning at Ellerslie the number of horses that worked before breakfast was fewer than usual. Cannongate, Ballistria, Beddington, St. Ursula and St. Peter were some of those that strode along strongly during the morning. Honesty, Gipsy Queen and King Edward, Lady Avon, Highlander and Merry Kate, Daytree and Mars, Plain Bill and The Needle, Tuirne and Verdi, Dartmoor, Paul Seaton, Aurega, Rolf, Swiftfoot, Sudden, Tim, Royal Conqueror, Dingo and Tarragon were some of those that did sound work. Crusoe was another of the morning workers, but his task was a steady one.

A well-known Hawke's Bay trainer will be one of the most disappointed men in the country just now. Some time before the decision of the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting he wired to an Auckland boniface enquiring the price of the double Moifaa and Coeur de Lion. A reply was sent. Then came a wire asking the price Moifaa and The Needle. A reply was sent to this message also. Soon after came another wire, "Is The Needle for sale; book double." The double Moifaa and The Needle was then booked. Whether the trainer received the reply quoting the price of the second double he asked about is not known, but it is surmised he may not have done so. At any rate the double Moifaa and The Needle was the one booked. On Friday, imagining that he was richer by several hundreds, the trainer telegraphed to his representative to pay the amount won to his (the trainer's) account at the Bank of Australasia. Readers can imagine his disappointment.

There was some doubt when the cable was received from England last month stating that Mr L. D. Nathan had purchased the St. Simon racehorse Fitzsimon whether that was correct or not. It now transpires that it was the four-year-old Fitzsimmons, by St. Simon—Merrie Lassie, by Rotherhill, that Mr L. D. Nathan purchased, and that gentleman, writing to his brother (Mr N. A. Nathan), says: "He is a big fine brown horse with good speed, and comes of a running family, as his dam has never thrown a loser." Merrie Lassie, it may be here mentioned, is the dam of Foxo, Grig, Jest and other performers. Fitzsimmons will probably be on his way to New Zealand by now. It is intended to use him for stud purposes at Sylvia Park. He was in training when purchased by Mr Nathan. The arrival of the son of St. Simon will be looked forward to with interest.

Sic transit gloria equi. Auckland racegoers will, I am sure, regret to read of the death of their old favourite the much-performed Knight of Athol, but it falls to my lot to pen the obituary of the grey son of Cuirassier and Maid of Athol. It will be remembered that Knight of Athol was sold soon after the autumn meeting of the Auckland Racing Club to Mr. Turner, of Levuka, to whom he was shipped soon afterwards. From a private letter I learn that the horse died four days after reaching his destination from inflammation, brought on through getting a chill soon after landing, when not over the effects of his trip, and it is surmised that this produced the fatal results. Mr. Turner has been most unfortunate with his purchases. Only last year he paid 100 guineas for a Sydney mare named Bubber, who died in the same way. St. Ona and the unnamed chestnut mare by Leolantia, sent over by Mr. Furniss, arrived all right, the first-named being a little bit out of sorts for a few days after reaching Fiji.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Mr Henrys has declared the following weights for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter Meeting:—

FIRST DAY.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLES. Two miles.	at 10	at 10
Coeur de Lion 12 7	Stall, Rome ... 10 2	
Social Post ... 12 6	Hulltrigger ... 10 6	
Moifaa ... 12 6	Stickle ... 10 6	
Cannongate ... 11 7	Sylvanus ... 9 0	
Plain Bill ... 11 6	Scallywag ... 9 0	
Walters ... 11 0	Hautonga ... 9 0	
Roller ... 10 13	Awahiri ... 9 0	
Ev'ng Wonder 10 3	Waterport ... 9 0	

Trial Steeplechase, 2 miles: Venture 10.12, Wailo 10.13, Tut 10.5, Awahiri 10.3, Mau de Vie 9.9, Te Rehuanga 9.7, Cronke 9.7, Stanley 9.7.
Water Handicap, one round: Jubber 11.9, Ruamahunga 11.5, Lamene 10.5, Tigress 10.2, Kahuwai 10.2, Lady's Lish 10.2, Jadoo 10.2, Bonnie of East 9.13, Derringtone 9.12, Daphne 9.12, Whitties 9.12, Bobbie Adams 9.11, India Shot 9.10, Armoureu 9.10, Kilmear 9.0, Goyt 9.0, Bags 9.2, Strocce 9.0, Etang 9.0.
Hunt Club Steeplechase, 2 1/2 miles: Angle 12.1, Lochade 12.8, Nectar 11.9, K Jan 11.8, Te Rehuanga 11.7, Stables 11.5, Mrs. Phantom 11.5, Cronke 11.4, Hokowhiti 11.0, Mungini 11.0, Temate 11.0, Mangatera 11.0, Tugela 11.0.
First Hurdles, 1 1/2 mile: Ngapohi 21.6, First Blood 16.12, The Hempte 16.12, Waterport 10.3, Lechda 9.12, Mau de Vie 9.3, Duffer 9.3, Wasciga 9.3, Casmack 9.0, Tuleka 9.0.
June Handicap, 1 mile: Ruamahunga 11.5, Jadoo 10.7, Ronnie d'Kan 10.4, Daphne 10.3, Waltora 10.3, Kilmear 10.0, Goyt 10.0, Farnon Fruit 9.11, Farnon 9.8, Amayer 9.5, Sir Redvers 9.0, Mongonai 9.5, Peardiver 9.0, Bubbles 9.0.

SECOND DAY. HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLCHASE. Three miles and a-half.

at 10	at 10
Moifaa ... 12 7	Waltio ... 9 13
Plain Bill ... 11 13	Venture ... 9 13
Cannongate ... 11 9	Hulltrigger ... 9 12
Social Post ... 11 9	Clymore ... 9 9
Hickberry ... 11 2	Sylvanus ... 9 7
Roller ... 11 2	Tarragon ... 9 7
Ithno ... 11 2	Scallywag ... 9 7
Kauri Gum ... 10 8	Awahiri ... 9 7
Ev'ng Wonder 10 8	Waterport ... 9 7
Walters ... 10 8	

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