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Turf Gossip.

TURF FIXTURES.

Feb. 19 and 20—Egmont R.C. Summer Feb 20 and 21—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual February 22, 26, March 1—Otahuhu T.C. Feb. 22—Waikū J.C. Annual J.C. Autumn Feb. 25, 28, and March 1—Dunedin J.C. Autumn

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Waikū."—Yes. Military started in the Auckland Cup of 1902. Books. Waikū.—On the first day two dividends were paid on the outside machines only when the fields exceeded six.

TURF NOTES.

Kalmate is now located in Victoria. Donerale, by St. Leger—Balista, broke his leg recently. Aurous is first favourite for the Newmarket Handicap.

the Taranaki J.C. Summer Meeting, will probably be favourite for the Egmont Sires' Produce Stakes, to be run for next week.

Koss Heaton has decided to throw in his lot as a trainer, and his had Golden Rose placed in his hands by Mr J. Lynch. Koss has boxes at R. Hall's Green Lane stables.

A. Gray, a steeplechase rider, was rejected by the select committee of the Ninth Contingent because it was considered by those officials that he did not show proficiency!

It is reported that the Wellington Racing Club may license bookmakers to do business at future meetings, and it is suggested that a prominent Southern racing club will do the same.

Reflex, who won the Telegraph Stakes at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, is by the Lochiel sire Reflector, who was returned the winner of the Great Northern Foal Stakes in 182.

The Taranaki Jockey Club appear to have come out well over their Summer Meeting financially—£11,137 was put through the totalisators, as against £10,254 last year.

D. Morrighan, who went Home with Snabrose, came out in charge of the Messrs Nathan's new purchase, San Francis, and Hon. J. D. Gorman's Harkhead, and should arrive in Auckland on Sunday.

The Auckland pony Little Bess has won another race. This was at Kensington Park, New South Wales, last Wednesday week, when she came fast and got up in time to win by a head the Fourteen-one Handicap.

A. Sutherland and J. Gallagher are the only two jockeys who have ridden the same horse in the Taranaki Cup in successive years. W. Kraft, "the old identity," was twice successful in the race, and also the late G. Williams.

The death is announced of Mr W. Eiland, who was many years ago an official in the Australian Jockey Club's office under Mr S. C. Burt, when that gentleman was secretary. Many New Zealanders will remember Mr Eiland.

The local stock inspectors had a busy day on Tuesday at the Remuera yards, overhauling horses brought there for sale for remount purposes. A fair proportion of the horses proved suitable.

Mr A. Davis, manager of the Sylvia Park Stud, leaves Wellington on Thursday, bringing back with him the newly-imported San Francisco, whose safe arrival was announced on Tuesday.

At Newmarket, Athlestone, by the defunct Navigator from Athole, foaled in 1902, and got by Blair Athol from the Macaroni mare Florence Macarthy, ran well and is described as a useful sort.

Acting under instructions from Mr Dan Eild, the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency will sell without reserve on Friday, February 21st, the racehorses Jewellery, Scotby, Sensation and Miss Duvel, the last named in foal to Cyran.

Ames, the American jockey, who passed through Auckland a short time since, is to ride Carinthia in the Newmarket Handicap. It is thought that such a quick beginner and free mover will be suited to his style of riding, and that Carinthia may be very hard to beat.

Mr H. C. White, of New South Wales, at present in England, has purchased the English horse Gambol, by Galopin from Happy Hampton, for the Havelock Stud. The same gentleman has also secured two blood colt foals, which will accompany Gambol to Australia. Mr Tristram, purchased for Mr Reynolds, of Totara, will be shipped by the same boat.

L. H. Hewitt has ridden three successive winners of the Canterbury Jockey Club's Midsummer Handicap, in Ben Farcy, Skoboff, and Dundas. From a time point Ben Farley holds the record, viz., 2m 36 2-5 secs, or a fifth of a second faster than Dundas recorded. L. Hewitt is the only horseman who has ridden the winners in three successive years.

A two-year-old by Beauchamp from Melinda, imported, and now in Mr Leonard Marshall's stud at One-tree Hill, died on the 5th inst. of lockjaw at Randwick. She was operated upon for navel trouble, and was doing well, but being a highly-strung, nervous filly, she tried to jump out of the yard in which she was being treated, and thus re-opened the wound, bringing on lockjaw.

Crescut, by Torpedo, from Egyptia, is said to be seventeen hands one inch in height. This is evidently a record height for a three year old thoroughbred. The Loch Eria, winner of the Hack Race at

biggest that I can remember was Jumbo, a son of Gladiator, bred by Mr H. Nixon, of Wanganui. Jumbo was full brother to Batanella, who ran there about twenty years ago. He stood just eighteen hands but was not a clean bred one.

The Taranaki Jockey Club it appears could only exclude the bookmakers from a portion of the new money, for that they could not keep them of another portion, and they were obliged to submit with good grace to the leather lunged fraternity, who, at their last meeting, had made the discovery that they were safe in insisting themselves on a part of the grounds. The club did "increased business notwithstanding the presence of the bookmakers.

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The London "Sportsman" of December 30 says: "D. Maher, the American jockey, who was second last year in the list of winning jockeys in England, and who is now under engagement to the King, is at his home in Hartford, Conn., but is continuing to back and study the commencement of the flat racing season. He is not enjoying very robust health, and it is probable that next year will be his last in the saddle." What a pity Maher wasted so hard.

The Grove Stud Farm, near Ashburton, has produced seven horses that have accounted for the success of the Otago Handicap. Dundas, the latest winner, and before him those good horses Sultan, Prime Warden, Lady Zealand (twice), Reynard and Marquis of Zealand were beat there. Lady Zealand is the only dual winner of the Otago Handicap, and Hobbs has been more frequently associated with victorious horses in it than any other owner. Mr M. Hobbs, who owns Dundas, has not been having a great deal of luck of late.

In deciding on increasing the added money to be run for at Randwick next year by the Australian Jockey Club, according to the "Otago News," have raised the amount of the stake contributed by it for the Metropolitan from 1500sovs to 2000sovs, the Derby from 500sovs to 1000sovs, the St. Leger from 300sovs to 500sovs, and the Champagne Stakes from 500sovs to 1500sovs. The Sydney Cup, which was last year 2000sovs irrespective of sweepstakes, was not altered.

An accident which might have resulted much more seriously occurred at the New Zealand Jockey Club's meeting recently, four of the best horses of the Otago Handicap, the barrier rose Miall took the lead, and kept to the front till reaching the back of the course, where he fell, owing to the slippery state of the course through rain. Fearful, St. Leonards, and B.K. also came down in a heap, and the jockeys being mixed up together. Two brothers, Callinan, were taken to the hospital, and the other two were badly shaken.

Psyche, dam of Antigone and Greek Maid, has proved a most useful stud-matron to Mr T. Sheehan. I have no record of her first foal, Lucifer, having won a race, but between 1886 and 1888 she had eleven others, all of which have been returned winners. Voregang, amongst other events, won the Middle Park Plate, C.C. Champagne Stakes, and the Wellington Cup, and Ben Farley the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap. Psyche has been the most successful daughter of Anteros at the stud, and descends from the same sire as Pungawere, indeed is half sister to that sire, who has done so much for the Wellington Park stud. Daughters of Psyche and Pungawere should prove good matrons.

It must be allowed that Mr D. O'Brien has stuck gamely to the pastime he loves so well. At one time that owner could not do wrong; all the luck seemed to come his way, but "the good old colours that never were struck" to quote Lindsay Gordon, "the rose and black stripes" have not been seen to the fore often in late years, and indeed for a long period no owner in the colonies could have found the faster so Dundas, the interregnum between winning, which extended to about three years, Mr O'Brien told me it had cost him over £7000. Even at this time that owner has been fortunate enough to win a lot of money at the racing game. It takes a bit of pluck to keep at it when the fates go on proving unkind year after year. Military's success the other day at Taranaki was well received, though that gelding was not fancied to any extent by the public.

An Australian exchange says that Mr W. N. Willis is getting together a splendid lot of horses to the order of someone in South Africa. No doubt, people over there can see that the war is pretty sure to terminate shortly. When it comes to an end, there will be a glut of horses of people from all parts, and as the past shows racing is the popular sport there, good horses will not only have a chance of winning good prize money, but they will sell well. The best of the purchases is Newry, by Abercorn from Killmorley, imported, and now in Mr Leonard Marshall's stud. Newry has amply demonstrated that he can gallop, but the racehorses are not the only ones that he got by Abercorn. He is not always in the humour. About the best performance that stands to Newry's name is the winning of the Members' Handicap at Rand-