

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

Since my last letter the weather has been raw and boisterous. Rain fell heavily on Thursday night, and on a awakening yesterday morning we discovered that the Port Hills were covered with snow, and a few flakes were actually falling in Christchurch. The lid of the cup bears no harm to the training tracks at Riccarton; indeed, it has assured good galloping ground throughout the spring; but it has, however, restricted training operations, and nothing worth recording has been done since Tuesday.

Aura, the dam of Aurum, has delighted Mr Stead by producing a filly to Mulliform, and the imported mare Otterden, by Sheen—Spring, has given birth to a colt by the same sire. Aura is to revisit Mulliform, but her companion is to go to Royal Artillery, from which I assume that the son of the Wellington has had farrow to the turf. Hermosa, by St Leger—Lady Evelyn, is also booked to Royal Artillery. Battie Crie, by Stonebury—Alsace, has been sent to Ashburton on a visit to Finland, and Thwain Beauty, by Flying Kitty—Beauty Sleep, and Flying Kitty, by Phaeton—Miss Kate, are under orders for Oamaru, to be mated with Obligardo.

The Ashburton County Racing Club have included a couple of races for two-year-olds in their programme for their spring meeting, to be held next month.

Mr C. O'Connor has been appointed starter for the North Otago Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.

I am glad to be able to tell you that E. Cutts is making rapid progress after his operation. He is now well enough to attend to business.

Hypnotist is once again among the active division at Riccarton. Deerstalker is doing useful work, and hopes are entertained that he will stand preparation. I trust so, because the full-brother to Cannie Chiel is a really fine colt.

Good reports come to hand from the country concerning St. Michael. When the son of St. Leger changed hands it was assumed that the result of standing him sold if he were capable of standing another preparation. That this was an error is now pretty evident. If St. Michael reaches the post fit and well he ought to take no end of beating in the New Zealand Cup.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club has adopted a programme for the November meeting showing a prize list of £2000. It was decided to allot a prize of 75sovs for a free for all race, in harness, over a mile, with a flying start, to be run on the last day. Frits not to be heard. About three or four nominations will be received. The committee has considered a number of suggestions submitted by owners and trainers, but whilst partially agreeing to their proposals, decided that it would be more desirable to more harness events and to extend the distances in several cases to two miles in order to encourage the stamina of our trotting horses. Only one pony race is included in the programme.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

Racing circles here are still inclined to be dull. We are ten days off the next race meeting in Canterbury (the Geraldine Racing Club's spring meeting), and for the present, therefore, sporting folk devote their attention to the most profitable of the good things in store for them in the future.

Altogether there is nothing in the daily routine at Riccarton to interest the outsider. The regular attendants find plenty to amuse them in the betting on the few New Zealand cup candidates trained there, and the two year olds. Of the Cup horses Cannie Chiel bruised one of his heels a few days ago, and was idle for a couple of mornings. The injury is not serious, however, and the son of Clanranald will probably be in strong work again before the close of the present week. His stable companion Glenaladde, is in fine trim, and gets through his daily tasks in most satisfactory manner. Imperator is still an absentee, but Dundas is in regular exercise, and appears to be thriving on the light preparation he is receiving, although he does not move quite so readily. The improvement which Calibre started to make a few weeks ago is being fully maintained. The son of Light Artillery now moves as if he had completely thrown off the sore which has troubled him throughout nearly the whole of last season. If he continues on the right road he is sure to win races this season. He is, I am satisfied, a very useful horse. None of the other Cup candidates are likely to start.

Of the number of the local division which are not engaged in the Cup, Cora Lion is doing particularly well, but I am sorry to say that her stable companion, Bill Perky, is lame, and it is unlikely that he will start in any preparation. Pallas is coming on nicely, but Grand Chain is none too sound. Two of Cutts' two-year-olds, Frederick and Quarryman, are suffering from shin soreness, and are on the way to temporary lameness. A more serious matter is that E. Cutts' navicular disease is likely to take longer than the doctors anticipated. The veteran trainer is making steady improvement, but some weeks must elapse before he is well enough to attend to work.

The trophy presented for the Canter-

bury Jockey Club's Jubilee Cup race by Mr Stead has arrived from England. It is a silver cup, standing about two feet high, flanked by green work elbows. On each side of the bowl is a winged figure, standing on a base of flowers. On one side of the outer rim are embossed figures of horses finishing a race, and on the reverse the words "won by," with space for the insertion of the name of the winner. The lid of the cup bears the following inscription: "Jubilee Cup, 1902. Presented to the Canterbury Jockey Club by George G. Stead."

At Tattersall's on Saturday Single Event, the half brother to Double Event and Count of Koirnar, changed hands at £24.

The only local horses entered for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's King Edward Handicap are Windwhistle and Golden Vein. The latter will also take part in the Hawke's Bay Guineas. I have not heard what Mr Stead's representative in the Guineas will be, but I conclude that it will be Orloff.

Fatigue, by St. George—Tired, has foaled a colt to Lakeshell, and visits Nelson; Melurus, by Tassan—Nauticus, a filly to Finland; Wheeler, by Stuyhurst—Flatterer, a filly to Finland.

The following business has been done locally during the week:—New Zealand Cup: 1500 to 38 against Lavalette; 1000 to 30 Grey Seaton; 400 to 6 Clanburn; 400 to 10 Spark Opera; 300 to 9 Halberder; 300 to 15 Heddington; 300 to 12 Bowman; 300 to 12 Ostiak; 250 to 5 Dundas. New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap: 1000 to 10 against Welbeck and Pallas; 1000 to 2 Kelly and Red Gauntlet; 1000 to 16 Siege and Ostiak; 500 to 9 Nonette and Cruciform; 500 to 4 Nonette and Purious; 500 to 5 Nonette and Pallas; 400 to 4 Tortula and Blazer; 400 to 11 Nonette and Scotty; 400 to 4 Heddington and Red Gauntlet; 400 to 2 Siege Gun and Scotty; 400 to 4 Portua and Cruciform; 300 to 7 3/4 Siege Gun and Cruciform; 300 to 3 Siege Gun and Ghoorka; 300 to 3 Siege Gun and Blazer; 300 to 4 Nonette and Ostiak; 300 to 3 Pampiro and Achilles; 300 to 3 Pampiro and Blazer; 300 to 3 Ideal and Red Gauntlet; 300 to 4 1/2 Melwood and Red Gauntlet.

Good reports come to hand concerning Pampero. The son of St. Clair is said to be pleasing the critics at Wingatui in particularly genuine fashion. His stable companion, Vladimir, is also doing well, but Navarre, the three-year-old son of Gipsy Grand and Huguonot, who has proved a failure, has been thrown out of work.



AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THIRD DAY'S RACING.

THE SECOND HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 25sovs added. About three miles.

Mr R. Wootton's ch g Marathon, aged, by Corinth—Mantilla, 8.0. 1
Mr J. Graham's blk g Marton, aged, 12.9. 2
Mr H. B. McLachlan's br g Malong, aged, 9.0. 3
Six horses started.
Betting: 2 to 1 Kingpin, 20 to 1 Marathon.
Marathon won by a length and a half. Time, 6.12.

THE CRAVEN PLATE, a sweepstakes of 10sovs each, with 50sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and a quarter.

Mr C. L. Macdonald's b m Wakeful, 6yrs, by Trenton—Insomnia, 1. 1
Mr A. Lawrence's b h Sir Leonard, 4yrs 2
Mr J. T. Mayo's b h Sequence, 6yrs. 3
Also started: Brakpan.
Betting: 4 to 1 on Wakeful.

At five furlongs the order was: Sir Leonard, Wakeful, Brakpan. Sequence. Then Brakpan retired and the other landed in the straight abreast. Wakeful drew away in the run home and won as she liked by two lengths. Time, 2.8.

THE SUBURBAN HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 25sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile.

Mr W. H. Mate's ch h Ibez, 4yrs, by Gossoon—Angora, 10.2. 1
Mr J. Woodbury's b h Travasala, aged, 8.11. 2
Mr J. B. Inch's b g Milos, 10.8. 3
Seventeen horses started.
Betting: 6 to 4 against Milos, 4 to 1 Ibez.
Ibez won by two lengths. Time, 1.41.

THE DUFF MEMORIAL STAKES, a sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 80sovs added. For three-year-olds. Special weights, with penalties and allowances. One mile.

Hon. A. Wynne's ch g Great Scot, by Lochiel—Scotch Mary, 9.1 (including 5s penalty), 1. 1
Mr R. Phillips' ch c Abundance, 8.10 (including 14lb penalty), 2. 2
Sir Rupert Clarke's b c Free States, 8.10. 3
Nine horses started.
Betting: 10 to 9 Abundance, 4 to 1 Great Scot.
Great Scot won by six lengths. Time, 1.40.

Wycombs Stakes: Persian, 1; Footbore, 2; Caretaker, 3. Other starter: Glenora. Betting: 6 to 4 Glenora, 3 to 1 Persian. Won by half a length. Time, 1.22.

Sydney Handicap, 1 1/2 mile: Cyanide, 9.0; 1; Regalia II., 7.0; 2; Maine, 6.10; 3. Fourteen starters. Won by two lengths. Time, 1.54.

CONCLUDING DAY'S RACING.

The principal handicap of the programme was won by the Auckland-bred horse Regalia II., who proved himself to be a very much better horse than he was given credit for.

The scratching pen was very busy in connection with the Randwick Plate, which dwindled down to a trio of contestants, and with only Blue Metal and Homeward Bound to dispose of Wakeful went out a 10 to 1 on favourite. The daughter of Trenton won her race in easy style.

The following are the details of the racing:—

The High-weight Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 25sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.—Mr K. A. Miller's Lord Monmouth, aged, 9.5, 1; M. W. H. Mate's ch h Ibez, 4yrs, 12.8, 2; Mr S. Fleider's b g Invasion, 4yrs, 8. Seventeen horses started. Betting: 7 to 4 against Eslington, 12 to 1 Lord Monmouth. Lord Monmouth won by a head, Invasion half a length behind, third, Time, 1m 10s.

The Members' Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 6sovs each, with 80sovs added. For three-year-olds. One mile and a furlong.—Mr J. Horthwick's b c Postillion, 3yrs, by Postano—Chronelle, 1; Mr T. Brown's ch f Rose Metal, 2; Mr J. Mayo's br c Blue Spec, 3. Seventeen horses started. Postillion was favourite at 4 to 1 against. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 55s.

The Second Steeplechase, a handicap sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 40sovs added. About 3 miles.—Mr H. Gray's br g Railway, by Salomara, 5.12, 1; Mr S. M. Wilson's b g Bay Eagle, aged, 12.12, 2; Mr Cashell's br g Sportsman, aged, 9.6, 3. Six horses started. Betting: 5 to 2 against Rising Fund, 7 to 2 Railway. Won by 10 lengths. Time, 7m 18s.

The Waverley Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 8sovs each, with 40sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and three-quarters.—Mr P. Nolan's b g Regalia II., aged, by Reception—May, 1; Mr J. Jardcastle's b m Cyanide, aged, 2; Fairy Prince, 3. Ten horses started. Betting: 6 to 4 Cyanide, 8 to 1 Regalia II. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m 4s.

The Final Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 25sovs added. One mile and a quarter.—Mr L. R. Beach's br g Bull, 5yrs, by Invader—Splendor, 7.7, 1; Mr S. Fleider's b g Abington, 4yrs, 7.11, 2; Mr W. Kelso's b g Lucknow, aged, 9.5, 3. Eleven horses started. Bull won by a head. Time, 2m 7s.

The Randwick Plate, a handicap sweepstakes of 10sovs each, with 50sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles and a quarter.—Mr C. L. Macdonald's b m Wakeful, 6yrs, by Trenton—Insomnia, 1; Mr W. T. Nowell's br g Blue Metal, aged, 8; Mr J. Wilson's, jun. blk c Homeward Bound, 3yrs, 3. These were the only starters. Betting: 10 to 1 on Wakeful. Won easily by a length. Time, 4m 4s.

RANGITIKEI MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received for this meeting, which takes place on the 17th and 18th.

Flying: Halberder 5.5, Melwood 8.7, Bowman 8.0, Chasseur 8.6, Toa 7.9, Ringlet 7.9, Sensation 7.3, Beau Ideal 6.15, Zealous 6.13, Gold Purse 6.12, Dodona 6.12, Mongonui 6.7, Milla 6.7.

Hack Hurdle: Tukurangi 10.10, Merry-boy 10.9, Inchcape 10.5, Levant 10.0, Altua 10.0, Old Gun 9.13, Clovis 9.9, Red Shank 8.2, Benedictine 8.2, Scabbard 9.7. Hack Flying: Laureate 9.5, Dodona 8.5, Lissa 8.3, Terror 8.0, Murajo 7.13, Liquify 7.15, In the Van 7.12, Dalky 7.5, Wairaka 7.5, Flanagan 7.0, Endeavour 6.10, Bounce 6.10.

Rangitikei Steeplechase: Shylock 10.15, The Swimmer 10.12, Phantom 10.11, Lochade 10.11, Opuku 10.4, Eucharis 9.12, Hutchin 9.11, Jack o' Lantern 9.10, Tul 9.9, Sir Athol 9.7, Inchcape 9.7, King Lear 9.7. Spring Handicap: Halberder 8.8, Bowman 8.3, Fakir 8.0, Toa 7.12, Convey 7.10, Tukapa 7.3, Rubin 7.2, Mierve 6.12, Beau Ideal 6.12, Fairy Dream 6.8.

Hack Hurdle: Macianthus 8.11, Niott 8.0, Riack Wing 8.0, Tyrone 8.0, Lifebit 8.0, Lissa 8.0, Aroha 7.7, In the Van 7.3, Muscall 7.3, Otalo 7.0, Kilarney 6.10.

ENGLISH RACING.

SCYPTRE WINS THE ST. LEGER.

LONDON, September 10. The following is the result of THE ST. LEGER STAKES of 25sovs each. For three-year-olds. Owner of the second 20sovs, and third 10sovs out of the stakes. About 1 mile 8 furlongs and 13 yards.

Mr R. S. Slevier's b f Sceptre, by Permsimon—Ornament, 1
Colonel H. McCallmont's b c Rising Glass, by Invader—Hantase, 2
Duke of Portland's br c Friar Truck, by Friar's Balsam, dam by Galopin, 3

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