



TURF FIXTURES.

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November 8, 10 and 12—Auckland R.C.
November 8, 10, 12, and 15—C.J.C. Metropolitan
November 10—Waverley, Waitotara R.C.
November 10—Waipara R.C. Spring
November 10 and 11—Tararua—Carterton R.C.
November 23—Waltara R.C. Hack
December 1 and 2—Fielding J.C. Spring
December 25, 30, and January 1, and 7—Auckland R.C.
December 10—Otahuhu Trotting Club.
December 13—Otahuhu Trotting Club.

TURF NOTES.

It is reported that Goldspur has been turned out for a spell.

By winning the Hotham Handicap, Sojourner's Melbourne Cup penalty was 5lb.

Additions to the Cambria Park stud are a colt from Pit-a-pat, by Eton, and a filly from Lady Agnes, by Cyrenian.

Entries for the Wellington Spring Meeting show a considerable increase over last year.

Mr T. W. Wilford, well-known in the world of sports, is expected to take a trip to England shortly.

Mr Hartgill will act as judge at the Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting for the first time.

Reclamer is troubled with a bad knee, and was very lame before each of his Masterton engagements.

Mr T. Morrin is one of the judges for the Palmerston North Show, which is expected to be a big affair.

Ambrosia, who broke down while running at Masterton, would have made a fine hurdle horse had he kept sound.

Mr Stead, who was suffering from rheumatism, is much improved since his return to Christchurch from Rotorua.

The Takapuna Jockey Club has received a very satisfactory entry for its Spring Meeting.

Sir Joseph Ward was a conspicuous figure on the Riccarton racecourse on New Zealand Cup Day.

The only horses to incur penalties for the New Zealand Cup were Haiberdier and Welbeck, who finished first and second.

Mr Jno. Duncan, president of the Wellington Racing Club, is expected back from a trip to the Old Country at an early date.

The Recluse pony Solitary passed the 143 standard on Thursday. Mr O'Connor was in attendance measuring the little ones.

An English paper says: "Our classic races ought to be doubled in value, so as to stand absolutely as the highest-moulted events of the year."

Mr R. Patterson, the well-known bookmaker-owner, is represented in every race at the Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting.

Gold Web and Gordon Rouge are on the walking list; the former pulled up dotty the other morning, and the latter was cast in his box.

Hipstone, by St. Hippo, is whispered about as a probable winner of one of the Hunt Club events to be decided at the A.R.C. meeting.

Pampero's defection from the New Zealand Cup was due to that colt having split one of his hoofs. Bad luck for the Hon. G. McLean this!

Mr E. D. O'Rourke will act, in conjunction with Mr Gaisford, of Hawke's Bay, in the judging of light horses at the Wanganui Show.

It is certain that more money was laid against Siege Gun for this year's New Zealand Cup than against any Cup candidate since the race was named.

The owners of Pallas and Good Spec overlooked the date of closing of nominations for the Wellington meeting, otherwise they would have nominated there.

Mr J. Russell's mare Kissaline, who some time since unfortunately lost her first foal, has again been mated with Seaton Delave.

Woodbine and Miss Victor were the first and second prize takers in the trotting horse classes at the Walkato show. Both are performers.

Menschikoff has received a fair amount of public support this season, and has been mated also with a number of the Wellington Park mares.

Sir Geo. Clifford has a full-sister to his Welcome Stakes' winner. To-morrow, but lost a fine colt foal by Clansdale from the same mare.

Pansy, daughter of King Quail and that prolific mare Kinzie, dam of Record Reign, has foaled a filly to Cyrenian. Pansy is owned by Mr Raines, of Parnell.

Mr R. E. McRae, who leaves for South Africa, at the end of this month, sold during the week an unbroken five-year-old gelding by Recluse to a Palmerston North owner.

Friends of Mr W. F. Cowlishaw will regret to learn that this well-known patron of sport is not improved in health since his return from the Hot Lakes District to Canterbury.

The Seaton Delaval-Radiant colt, De la Rey, purchased by Mr Stead at Wellington Park would have been a starter in the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes had he not gone wrong.

Red Gauntlet's defeat in the C.J.C. Stewards' Stakes was as great a disappointment in his connection as the victory of Vladimir, who is trained in the same stable.

Several of the falls on the opening day of the C.J.C. Spring Meeting occurred within a chain or two of the same part of the course. Singular, but unaccountable to the management and those concerned.

Since the nominations were made for the Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting Mr G. G. Stead's two-year-old filly, Armigera, by Hotchkiss-Armills, has gone wrong, and will consequently not be a competitor.

Mr David Scott, of Rangitikei, was one of the judges at the Waikato show, his decision being the thoroughbred and light horses. Mr Scott is a good horseman, and a well known breeder.

The class of horses entered for the two chief handicap races of the Wellington Racing Club's spring meeting is good. Canterbury and Otago supply a goodly number of entries for the meeting.

Apprentices' races cost owners a terrible lot (says an exchange), for, despite seeing time after time how utterly unreliable the form is, one is invariably compelled to "throw a little away," in case the horses crop up.

The light-weight jockey Joe Duff returned to Auckland from the South during the week, after an absence of nearly two years. He met with an accident while riding at Makaraka (Gisborne), and still carries his arm in a sling.

Huku, the Canterbury hurdle gelding, here looked much better than he is now, but he is not racing well, and like a good many more, has seen too much service, and, moreover, pulled up lame on Saturday.

Petitions are being signed in Christchurch by sportsmen for presentation to Parliament giving reasons why the totalisator should continue to be legislated as at present. It is understood that similar petitions are being signed in various parts of the colony.

Lieutenant Bill's form on the opening day of the V.R.C. Spring Meeting showed that there was no fluke about his Caulfield victory. Prior to the Caulfield Cup meeting some of the critics stated that he had not been doing any attractive work.

Wakelul was evidently in good form on the opening of the V.R.C. Spring Meeting, but no sane man would believe that the heat daughter of Treason would have triumphed under 10.5 in the Melbourne Cup this year with the result before them.

Mr H. Redwood, the father of the New Zealand turf, is a visitor to the New Zealand Cup meeting. The fine type of sportsman of the old school, says he has passed his eightieth birthday, and has never known an ache or pain. He looks well, remarkably so for a veteran.

Czarovitch, the runner-up to Duke of Grafton in the Marlborough Plate, a son of Little Bernie, is described as a nice colt—a little too set to be capable of great improvement. He won the Marlborough Trial Stakes on the 10th October, and his form is evidently of the consistent order.

The Canterbury Oaks will be run for on Wednesday. It is a very open race, and the selection of a probable winner at this stage is considered by those who know the candidates a matter of pure guesswork. If Punamu in the ladies race, I shall not venture a tip, however.

None of the Auckland horses succeeded in gaining place honours in the flat races at Riccarton on Thursday, but Bellman was third in the Hurdles, Scotty and Georgia both worked well enough, too, but found the company too good. Georgia ran a fair race in the Waiter, however.

The Auckland Racing Club have, with their usual liberality, issued 1000 tickets for distribution by Mr Beiby, the huntsman to the Pakuranga Hunt Club, to friends in the Auckland district for the third day of their Spring Meeting. This

is most considerate of the club, and will tend to popularise meetings at Ellerslie more and more with the farmers.

While none of the bookmakers escaped laying Haiberdier for the New Zealand Cup, few laid the winning double. A backer in Christchurch was lucky enough to pick The Victory and Haiberdier for the Melbourne and New Zealand Cups for a small amount.

Mr Stead's Oaks filly, Romany Queen, started second favourite in the Riccarton Welter in a field of sixteen, but was not in the first half that finished. This filly was backed in the Stewards' Stakes and also in the New Zealand Cup before she dropped out of both. She is evidently not so good as she looks.

The ownership of racehorses is all vexation. They usually get badly beaten when strongly fancied, and win occasionally when considered to have no chance. A horse, too, is frequently backed two or three times, entailing heavy loss, and then finally either breaks down or is claimed for someone else to win with.

Just before the start for the New Zealand Cup, the betting right in front of the totalisator by bookmakers plying their calling, was 5 to 2 Siege Gun, 5 to 1 Haiberdier, and Portua, 8 to 1 Welbeck, 10 to 1 Canteen, Nonette, Glenaladale and Tortulia, 20 to 1 Sirius, Fakir and Punamu.

On the evening before the Cup one punter who had a hundred about Nonette was trying and continued to try up to the last moment to get some one to accept seventy-five pounds to six. Twelve and a half to one about that colt, who, with the exception of Punamu, started the biggest outsider in the Cup race.

Recently, when Strata Florida beat Wakeful and Wakeful in turn beat Great Scot by only a head for second place in the October Stakes of the V.A.C. Club's meeting, it was said to have been a fluke. Great Scot appears to have been in great form in the R.C. Derby, and Strata Florida's running in that event looks like loss of form. Truly, the best of them run in and out. A meeting between this trio in the C. B. Fisher Plate on Saturday should be an interesting one if it comes to pass.

The following table represents the totalisator odds in the machine about each of the competitors, computed on the first, and also in the first and second basis:—Siege Gun, £2 9/8 and £3 6/8; Tortulia and Portua, £5 7/8 and £3 19/8; Haiberdier, £8 15/8 and £5 3/8; Sirius, £9 1/4 and £7 5/8; Canteen, £11 15/8 and £8 16/8; Welbeck, £11 15/8 and £8 17/8; Glenaladale, £12 1/2 and £5 0/8; Fakir, £15 5/8 and £10; Punamu, £28 5/8 and £11 3/8. The straight out odds to even £1 would be the amount of the dividend payable on winners only less the £1 invested.

On the eve of the New Zealand Cup, 1902, comes word that the heroine of 1894 in Mr Gates' game and high class mare Lady Zetland died yesterday at her owner's (Mr Gates) estate, in giving birth to a foal to imported Benzoin. Lady Zetland was always a useful mare, but when in her ninth year she was a better mare than at any previous time in her career, and few mares we have had in New Zealand have surpassed the daughter of Perkin Warbeck II. and Forget-me-not in all-round excellence. Her first foal, Lady Lillian, is useful, and there are others to carry on the line, but much regret is felt for Mr Gates in losing his favourite, for which he once refused 1000 guineas.

"Advance," while on a visit recently to Marlborough, saw Rosalind, who is now in her third year, and has the following Stud Book record:—

- 1890—Ch c, White Rose, by Casvelaunna.
1891—B c, Black Rose, by Anteros.
1892—B c, Alpine Rose, by Hamarama.
1893—B f, Sweetie, by F. Hunter.
1894—Ch c, Redwood, by Nattator.
1895—B c, Christmas Rose, by St. Leger.
1896—Bik c, Dog Rose, by Nattator.
1897—Ch c, Queen Rose, by Hamarama.
1898—B f, Queen Rose, by King Cole.
1899—Ch c, Royal Rose, by King Cole.
1900—Ch f, Epilogue, by King Cole.
1901—Ch f, Civic Rose, by King Cole.
1902—Bik f, Spring Rose, by Medallion.
1903—B f, Prologue, by Cateby.
1895—B c, Roselupit, by Cateby.
1896—B f, White Heather, by Sou'-wester.
1897—B c, Rosemary, by Westmore.
1898—B c, Roseal, by Handsome Jack.
1902—B f, by Hillatone.

Missed in 1883, 1883, 1889, 1901.

Like all the classic races, the St. Leger is surrounded by a halo of romance, and many interesting stories are told in connection with it. Few who witnessed the sensational success of Lord Alington's exceedingly erratic mare, Thracite, 8 years ago, when she beat Lord Rosebery's Derby winner Lada, will forget the stupendous surprise the victory created. The only horse thought capable of turning the tables on Lada was Matchbox, who had run second in the Epsom event. Both Matchbox and Thracite were trained by the famous John Porter, the sage of Kingsclere, and while the former was quoted at a very short price in the betting, the ultimate winner, piloted by the indomitable Morny Cannon, was allowed to start at the outside odds of 30 to 1. In fact, many of those who threw away a sovereign or two on a long priced outsider, secured more than double these odds.—"The Tatler."

Brisbane can boast a rival to Barney Allen in the wholesale horse owning line. The number man works on original methods, and apparently makes them pay. He will buy anything from a yearling to an aged horse in training, and the recommendation, possibly, of some reputed judge. Then his purchases are leased to small owners or trainers, who have to pay all expenses and "net" a share of the prize money won. Result: If the nag wins races, the lessor pockets his share of the stakes, and can get a profit on his original outlay when he wants to sell; failures, very few, so far, are turned out or got rid of at any price. At one time this turf magnate owned nearly 1000 horses, a being trained in Brisbane, and it often happened that he owned all the starters in one event. This, of course, had to stop; and now the wholesale owner has a private trainer—a big stable, and a long list of wins.—"Bulletin."

A tote continues to flourish in Melbourne, under the nose of P.M.G. Drage, although that moral autocrat has put Tat a sweep beyond the pale of postal service. Since the so-called suppression of Tattersall, there has been a steady increase in the illicit business, and the police, no doubt, are getting bigger bribes than ever out of it. The owner, nowadays, "runs" one of the bookmakers on salary and commission. Last year he controlled the result of the Austral Wheel Race. The proprietor of this tote is a power in the sporting world, and from a man of mystery he has developed into a well known personage. One may see him at a Melbourne restaurant, perchance, talking business over a bot-

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