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TURF FIXTURES.

June 24 and 25—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 26 and July 1—Napier Park R.C.
 Winter Meeting
 July 16 and 18—Wellington R.C. Winter
 Meeting
 August 11, 13 and 15—N.Z. Grand
 National
 November 7—C.J.C. Metropolitan (New
 Zealand Cup)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"E.R." Auckland.—Yes. Voltigeur II. was entered on a boat from Ellerslie after breaking down in a race at head-quarters.
 "Wager." Auckland.—F. Archer died 8th November, 1890. He was assessed at £30,000 year, and died worth £26,000. During his career from 1872 to 1896 he won 2749 races.

TURF NOTES.

Dolores has joined Kos Heaton's team.
 Dunsbar and Peet Hoon have gone into C. Piper's stable at Riccarton.
 The trotting pony Polly II. was shipped to Sydney a few weeks back.
 Mr H. H. Hays leaves on a visit to Sydney, Melbourne, and West Australia next week.
 Occidental was taken to Sydney by a recent boat, and his owner, W. Forbes, accompanied him.
 Fit and well Evening Wonder would run a good race in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race with 10.9 on his back.
 Strathaven is being given a spell at his old quarters at Otautu, though he will rejoin Rae's team at Green lane after a time.
 Fresham received 11.7 in the York Hurdle Race, run on June 8th, at the V.R.C. Birthday Meeting. Colonel Sulinski was awarded 13st.

Thimbleok, half brother to Sealhorse, has a number of yearlings representing him in the Box of entries for coming events in Australia.
 The Nurses' Printer and Medical Alliance were the names of two events at the Farnes (New South Wales) Hospital races won by one horse.

Kanaka, Straybird, Marine, Hylas, and The Pullack are Auckland horses that have been loaned to the Gisborne Racing Club's day meeting.

Hunting has been going on this week in the Lakeohu district, where the Lakeohu Hounds are annually taken. A good time was experienced.

News comes from Sydney that Guardsman II, who was recently sent over from Auckland, froze down while doing the first sound gallop there. A bit of bad luck for the purchaser, this.

Wahiki is being exercised in the vicinity of Oteahanga, and is in excellent condition and health at the present time. There are backers for the colt for the N.Z. Cup at hundreds to six.

It is considered that six months will elapse before Cannongate is fit to resume work again, from which it is evidently intended that he is to be given a good chance of making a complete recovery.

Mark Thompson, who was recently disqualified by the A.J.C. stewards, has given notice of his intention to appeal against the two years' disqualification imposed on him on the 30th ultimo at Handwick.

The tracks are heavy at both quarters just now, but still a few horses are being worked there for coming events in which they are already engaged, and others in which they are likely to be placed later on.

Really some one should see to it that horses should not be allowed to compete in similar hours at Ellerslie, as was the case at the last meeting held there. Three in one race is coming it strong.

Golden Hope is in great heart just now, and is very smart at exercise. I don't know that Mr Lynch seriously contemplates running the daughter of St. Leger in the New Zealand Cup, but she is wintering well.

Referring to the victory in the Princess May Handicap, of Australia, by Gossoon—Tribute, who was for a time favourite for the last Doncaster Handicap, a writer mentions that the six furlongs was covered in 1.14. The Gossoons have earned a name for unreliability, though they are exceptionally brilliant.

Mr Dan O'Brien has nominated his bay yearling colt, by Grafton from Grafton, for the V.R.C. Derby of 1904, and St. Leger of 1905, and for the same events the Hotchkiss' yearling colt, by Frank Macmanus's stable, has been also engaged.

Mr H. Hays gave a birthday social, dinner and dance on Thursday night in the Federal Hall, at which 110 relatives and friends were present. A number of Mr Hays's sporting friends intend giving him a letter.

Mr E. A. Brodrib, who made a lot of money out of mining in Victoria, and lost most of it racing there, died in London recently. He was 40 years of age, the highest priced gelding known at that time, and must have lost a small fortune over that purchase alone.

While Mr Byron Moore, the well known secretary of the Victoria Racing Club, was proceeding in a cab near to the racecourse, on June 25th, the driver of the vehicle fell off the seat, and was picked up dead. According to a Sydney exchange, he had suffered from heart disease.

Mr John Marshall always treats his trainers and jockeys well. When they win they invariably get the best part of the stakes. Higgins, who rode Cannongate, was, I venture to say, the best paid horseman to be figured at the North New Zealand Grand National meeting.

The work of the new hand-leaper, Mr Maudsley, for the Victoria Racing Club, is said to have been put to the test and stood up well. His partners complained of the treatment of their horses, and one of them, Mr W. A. Filgate, published some strongly worded comments on his work before the meeting.

Minor, one of the English-bred colts imported to New South Wales by Mr H. C. White, was running on well at the end of the A.J.C. Nursery Handicap at the recent meeting, but his stable companion, Green Mountain, shipped badly in the same event. Both were giving away several months in age to the Australian runners.

On May 23, 1863, or just a hundred years ago, it is recorded that a three miles foot-race took place on Snubury Common between a horse and a man, belonging to local gentlemen. The horse performed the journey in 3m, and the man came home close behind him; both animals were celebrated trotters at that time.

The Wellington Racing Club have increased the value of the four classic races, the Wellesley Stakes and Wellington Stakes, which are run for in the spring of 1905, and the North Island Challenge Stakes and New Zealand St. Leger Stakes in the autumn, 1904, each event being worth 400 sovs. The date of closing is June 30th.

According to the London "Sportsman," Rock Sand, who won the Derby at Epsom, does not yet appear to be compelled to. In the Two Thousand Guineas he had at one part of the race to be driven, but when he got going he simply played with the field, winning very easily by a length and a half from Plosum, with Rabulus two lengths away. This victory, which was his seventh out of eight starts, brought Rock Sand's winnings in stakes up to 12,274sovs.

Lord Carbine stopped dead on 20th April, while exercising at Lambourn. The colt was a four-year-old by Carbine out of Leap Frog. He was only out once as a two-year-old, then running unplaced to Farnham. Last year the colt was four out of ten races, including the Leveson Handicap at the August meeting, while he also captured the valuable Grand Prix d'Osborne in July, beating nine opponents hand-some.

The Peel Handicap, at Newmarket, on April 30, was run twice. There were 12 starters for the official race, Henzo winning by a head, with Set Fair second. An objection having been made that the race was run the wrong distance, the stewards of the Jockey Club ordered the race to be run again after the last year. The stewards fined the judge £20 for going to the wrong winning post. On the second occasion there were only five starters, and Set Fair beat Henzo by a head.

The entries for the Caulfield Cup number 163, and for the Melbourne Cup 163, therefore are 27,347 different combinations, such of which may be the winning double. The principle of handicapping is to equalise

the chances of all horses engaged in a race. If all possessed equal chances to the two cups, the legitimate odds against picking the double would be 27,346 to 1. With this view of the argument, it is clear that the writer "Jocelyn's" punters ought to sail in contentedly!

One of the late Mr A. Buckland's horses, Snake, was a famous horse on the racecourse, and frequently betted off the course, yet on one occasion after he had changed hands he was yoked up by mistake and driven home from a race meeting in a dog cart, containing a number of convalescent soldiers, who thought they were driving their own horse, and though he had never been in harness in his life, did not cause any damage; in fact, the occupants were all taken home safely, but when an hour or two later they became aware of the fact that they had been sitting behind the Boiler Snake, whose first flue it was in harness, they shook hands with themselves over what they took to be a providential escape.

Though the Hawke's Bay acceptance, so far as the chief races, are not so satisfactory as could have been desired, owing to various causes, a number of horses having gone wrong, still there is much left for interesting contests. If the runners experience ordinary luck, Meteor's weight in the hurdle race, as previously stated in these columns, is 9.0, and 0.0, as was at first supposed, would be a great asset should be an interesting one. If Kabouter, Meteor, and Merryjoy are seen at their best, The Big Steeplechase looks open. I have a fancy that The Gryphon will give a good account of itself, but Jack's Lantern, on his best form, would take a lot of beating. He, however, hurt himself at Wanganui, and may not be seen dressed at his best.

Mr E. Knight, better known to sportsmen as "Teddy" Knight, passed through Auckland yesterday on his way to San Francisco, where he purposes remaining a week or two, going through America and on to Monte Video, before returning to England, before returning to Sydney. Mr Knight, in addition to having been a prominent owner of racehorses in New South Wales for many years, always took a great interest in shooting, and though not a success at the traps, could get points to many of the cracks in the open field. Mr Knight tried hard to persuade Mr Gorruck, the New South Wales plover shot, to accompany him to America, but the notice was too short to be of any use. Auckland sporting friends were present to wish Mr Knight bon voyage on the departure of the Soronia.

The following from the "Sydney Mail" is not without interest to New Zealanders:—Some time back Mr H. C. White sent a Harlan-bred filly named Brown Pearl to England to be mated with St. Simon, but falling to be subscribed to the champion sire he sent her to Griffiths, and by last mail he learned that the mare had foaled a fine bay colt. Brown Pearl is by imported Yrley (11)—son of Sterling (12)—from the Oaks winner Pearlshell—a sister to Industry, the dam of Galus and The Grafton. She is by a great brood mare, and is a very good performer of note, but at the stud he bred winners, among them Flambard, the winner of the Duchess of York Stakes.

Rocksand, the winner of the two great classic events, The Two Thousand Guineas and Derby, and who bids fair to be the wearer of the Triple Crown, has proved a most consistent colt, for at present out of seven starts he only suffered defeat once, when he ran third to Plosum and Mead in the Middle Park Plate. A young stallion bred in England, and very closely related to Rocksand, is the Cambria Park Stud Company's Greenlan, who possesses very similar strains of blood, as he is by St. Simon from Daisy Chain, by Springfield, from Roquebaine, daughter of St. Simon. Another son of Greenlan's grandam, Chateleine, is by a son of Newminster, in Cambuscan, and Rocksand's grandam. St. Marguerite, is by a son of Newminster, in Hermit, and the pedigrees of both are well balanced in Stockwell, Touchstone, and Irish Birdcatcher strains.

The King is expected to nominate some of his horses for the World's Fair Handicap, and an American writer says that His Majesty, after instructing Marsh, his trainer, to report on the material in hand, learned that there were already in sight enough good horses to make a doubtless strong a certainty. Next to the son of Persimmon, the first horse that ever carried King Edward's colours to victory in a Derby, he thought he could guarantee to win the World's Fair Handicap. The information was highly gratifying to the Royal sportsman. According to Marsh, he expressed the deepest satisfaction, and announced his willingness to spend any amount of money so that on his first appearance in America as a candidate for turf honours he should make a worthy showing. Marsh was ordered to gradually get things in shape for the pro-

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