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**TURF FIXTURES.**

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.**  
 Query, Auckland.—Sir Tatten Stiles was sold for £200, then reckoned a big price. In the year 1847.

**TURF NOTES.**

Roseplet is to be turned out for a good spell.  
 M. Ryan left for Gisborne and Wellington meetings on Saturday.  
 W. Higgins, the well known cross-country horseman, has the refreshment bar at the Masterton railway station.  
 Waikuku, who has been located in a Hawke's Bay district, is said to be leaving promising stock.  
 Major Pitt and Mr G. W. S. Patterson are the Auckland delegates to the next Racing Conference.  
 The Cyrenian—Moonga colt recently injured himself, and in consequence may have to be in retirement for some months.  
 Gordon Rouge, winner of the Avondale Stakes, after a long enforced rest, is again doing steady work at Ellerslie.  
 At the Hawke's Bay and Napier Park meetings, Lloyd's new patent starting machine was given trials, and was found to act well.  
 Topino, the hardier, is doing duty at Hastings as a harness horse, and Saracene, the half brother to Euroclydon, is also being used for the same purpose there.  
 The Avondale Jockey Club have cause to be satisfied with the number of candidates left in their classic races, Avondale Stakes and Avondale Guineas.  
 Mr Donald Fraser intends using Advance for sire purposes this season, and expects to have the horse back from Poirima to his Rangitikei home at any early date.  
 Kaledrop, by Stonyhurst—Black Cloud, is one of the best light harness mares on the Coast. She is owned by a well-known livery stable proprietor at Stratford.  
 Kuloua, a Grand National Hurdle winner, is saving looking in robust health, running in a paddock on the road between Hastings and Napier Park last week.  
 Double backers are already in the field supporting Awahuri for the Grand National Steeplechase and Batterie for the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Races.  
 Not-west goes to Wellington. It will be the first trip the old son of Son-west has been taken from Auckland for a long time. St. Olga is also likely to go South.  
 Phil, the Glago-owned and Wanganui-bred chaser, has gone to Wellington from Napier for the meeting there, and ought to be in a bit better form next time he starts.  
 As soon as Mr Hatton saw the weights for the second day of the Napier Park meeting, he scratched Metcree, who was awarded £211, and is respectively for his engagements; big weights for a little horse.  
 Haydn will be a competitor at the Wellington Hawke's Bay winter meeting, and will journey on to Canterbury for the N.Z. Grand National meeting there after, all going well.  
 Twenty-six horses started at a recent meeting of the V.A.T.C. at Caulfield in a hurdle race. A broken neck and a damaged shoulder were the accidents recorded to two runners.  
 The Manawatu Racing Club intend to hold their summer meeting on their new course if possible. They are erecting it by day labour, and are getting the work done with all speed.  
 The Gisborne meeting is likely to suffer from a lack of horses, as several that are at Napier will not be taken there, and the entry list is not a large one. Hyland and Kinaka are already there from Auckland.  
 The Pakuranga Hunt Club sports and race are to be held on September 6th, and the Hunt to Point Steeplechase on September 12th, and all horses intending to take part must be duly qualified.  
 Re Jockey Carlisle's three successes at A.H.C. Birthday race, his rise to prominence has been very rapid, and he is still only a youngster. Apart from his skill, Carlisle is as cool as a cucumber in the most exciting finishes, which is a rare thing with one of his years. Carlisle was a good rider in his day.—"Bulletin."

The wealth of Edmund Blane, whose horses ran first, second, and third for the Grand Prix de Paris, is derived from the Monte Carlo casino, according to the sporting editor of "The Bulletin."  
 From the "Bulletin"—A Free Country.—New Chum: "Aw, can you tell me, sergeant, where I can buy my horse?" Sergeant O'Brien: "Where's your eye yet? Put his head in the head I'll take no notice at all, at all."

Elbowick, who claims an engagement in the Hack and Hunter's Miscellaneous at Wellington, is a son of Mindspere, after the stamp of Rufus, and owned by General Robinson. He was bred in the Waikato.  
 Penrose, who was a promising gelding, but owing to an accident never showed his true worth, is pensioned off at Te Mahanga, Hawke's Bay, where he has half a dozen foals for mate.  
 An impression prevails in Hawke's Bay, and it is not doubtful in the least, that there is much racing going on in that part of the colony for the people to support properly. Hawke's Bay is not singular in this respect.

Latest quotations on the New Zealand Cup in Auckland are 8 to 1 Waikuku, 12 to 1 Lady Lilian and Strappell, 14 to 1 Orbuli, 20 to 1 Achilles, Halfpenny, Lantry, Pacific, Garter, Western, 25 to 1 Sea Lion, Great Coat, Gallop, 34 to 1 Mars, and from 50 to 60 to 1 others.

Douglas, winner of the Wanganui Cup, Hawke's Bay Cup, and other good races, met with injuries about two months ago on one of Mr G. P. Donnelly's runs, and had to be destroyed. Douglas was a good racehorse, who on a good day could have made a good start, but he got few if any chances since being retired to the stud. He was got by Crawford's Lory from imported Good Fruit.

While competing last November in a two-mile harness race at the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's grounds the pacer Almont, who has just lowered PHOENIX's holding record in Australia, won the first mile of two lengths as fast as the performance he registered near Melbourne. His ability has long been known, but he has always been a slow beginner off the mark, and the American style of flying starts suits him.

An inconsequential-looking grad, possessing as much brilliancy as an antiquated steam train, galloped home a winner in Melbourne recently, for the first time in three years, and gave his owner such a shock that he fainted says an Australian exchange. It transpired afterwards that the owners of the other entries all quietly looked him and waited to see if he really could win when he had nothing to beat.

Wainroe, by Sonnius—Watercolour, has been raced at quite a number of North Island meetings. He has proved a good runner right at his best at Napier. He is to be given a rest. His half-brother, Te Hapuku, by Donoghmore, was a fast and useful horse, and made a fine start at a half a length at Wellington in a mile and a quarter race, run in 2.9. Wainroe's Napier Park win cost a few bookmakers a considerable sum.

One of the best looking of the coming two-year-olds I saw at Hastings during my stay here was Electric Gully/Hofekibis. Electric, one of the cheap lines of the Wellington Park Sale, is owned by Mr E. J. Watt, of Longlands, and cost 90 guineas. Nobility's half brother, by the same sire, called Lark Hole, is running into a big colt, and may become heavy topped.

Several southern breeders informed me recently that they do not intend entering largely in future for classic races, while one, who has a large number of yearlings, which he has raised for sale, will not enter them, believing that they will bring a better all round price, and are not so likely to be taken early, and thereby have a chance of their usefulness being impaired.

Belmont M., the winner of the mile handicap trot at the last meeting at Richmond, was (says an exchange) lately imported from New Zealand. He is a brother to Athlete, Bolt Belmont M. and Almont, his brothers in blood to Fritz, Belmont M. is only a two-year-old, and his win in 2.47.35 from 35 yards behind scratch constitutes a Victorian record. Emulator held the Victorian mile record of 2.59 for colts of that age previously.

En Garde, a three-year-old colt by Et. Simon from Martial Henry's full sister, En Garment, was a race recently in England. Mr P. Campbell, who sent that rare horse, tried for two years to get her on Simon's list, but was obliged to use another sire, and St. Seif was tried and then Benigo, but the results were disappointing. To Mr. George Engagement left a useful horse called Magazine, but he broke down early and never showed at his best form in public.

Euroclydon, who won the New Zealand Cup, Canterbury Cup and Derby, and proved himself one of the best racehorses the colony has seen, has two half-brothers that are used for harness purposes. Sirocco, by St. Clair, was driven to the Napier Park races by T. Connop, his owner, while Mr H. Jamin for years used Kelaua as a one-carriage horse in Canterbury. You cannot eat the thoroughbred for utility. Torpina, who was also a useful horse of the flat and over hurdles, has for some time past been doing service as a harness colt at Hastings. Mr Mackersay having presented the son of Torpina to his trainer-riding, Woolley.

The English Jockey Club is about to make stringent rules dealing with suspicious and undesirable characters on racecourses. It is proposed to give the stewards "power to regulate, control, and take care of all owners, mounters, trainers, jockeys, grooms, persons attendant on horses, and of all persons frequenting the stands or other places used for the purposes of the meeting. Also, to empower the stewards to exclude from all official contests of their control all such persons or descriptions of persons as they may from time to time be required to exclude by the stewards of the Jockey Club."

The weights for the Melbourne Cup, Caulfield Cup, and Sydney Metropolitan Handicaps were due on July 1st, but were not called to New Zealand on due date, as has been the custom ever since the commencement of the colony, and in each this colony and the island continent. Wakeful heads of the list with 19.0, a substantial impost even for a proved champion. Abundance has top weight of the three-year-olds, his impost being 11.0. In the New Zealand Cup, No Liberty was taken with Strep Gun, in awarding the son of Hotchkiss and Frailty 8.6, who would have to show much improvement upon anything he did in this colony to have any chance, for he is not a brilliant horse.

Straybird is used to travelling, and Napier Park and Gisborne are favourite hunting grounds. The old son of Wandereer and Flying feather has been in each of his engagements until the last pinch came, and then failed to battle home with the more favourably treated or better conditioned ones. The bird, as he is called, is a great favourite with Hawke's Bay men, who only arrived by steamer from Auckland on Saturday, and raced on Tuesday and Wednesday, and he leaves Napier for Gisborne tomorrow to run on Thursday and Friday. It is Mr. Righan's intention to take Straybird to Wellington should he have any luck at Gisborne.

The Napier Park meeting, which got on very well without publicans' boots, though "a drop of the rain" was all that came from scores of thoughtful people who came well provided, was referred to as the temperance meeting, owing to the licensing committee having decided not to grant permits to sell liquor. A friend of sport gave it as his opinion to Mr McVie's correspondent, who was one whose hospitality I shared, that the totalisator receipts were larger than they would have been had there been the usual sale of stimulants, which is a conclusion quite possible, if one that many may not agree with. The Napier Park Club is a very popular one, and the beautiful weather experienced there contributed largely to success all round.

The big dividends on the wet Birthday Cup day in Adelaide were responsible for some cautious financing. Two bookers arranged with a bookmaker that they should be considered to have a pound on every starter all through the afternoon, at "lute odds." They divided £24 profit between them. A lady, who tried the same thing, on a smaller scale, neglected to arrange for the removal of the usual 15 to 1 limit that the local Man with the Bag imposes; consequently, with 17 starters in the Cup, she lost on the race, although the dividend was £200/1/1. I understand, however, it was the Philistine who tried. Late in the afternoon, when big dividends were the usual thing, a sporting lawyer sold for £27 10/-, a ticket on an outsider that had just won. The purchaser was a bookmaker, and 10 minutes later the dividend was declared as £14 18/- (£40 had been confidently expected, but a small run on the number just before the start brought the odds down). It was also stated that a certain public manager spent £17 in "backing the lot" in the Cup, and on sorting out his tickets afterwards to collect the £59, found that he had inadvertently backed one horse twice, and missed one—the winner.—"Bulletin."

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