



TURF NOTES.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.M. Auckland.—Isomya was ridden by T. Cannon.

Mark Ryan is in great form this season. Incheape won a small double at Te Aroha for H. Frank on Monday.

Nonette's success on Monday was the most popular one of the day.

Out of 45 Derby events run in Canterbury, fillies have won ten times.

Some of the wins that were recorded at Ellerslie came in the nick of time.

The steeplechase fences at Caulfield have been raised to four feet.

The date of the dispersal of the Sylvia Park Stud has been fixed for December 31st.

The West Australian Turf Club made a profit of £1000 on its spring meeting.

Most fillies at Ellerslie would welcome the heavy rain experienced since Monday at Lyttelton.

The chief race at the Te Aroha meeting fell to Sugarcoat, a son of Freedom and an Ingomar mare.

Scotts Grey is the only grey colt that has won the Canterbury Derby since it was founded in 1860.

The biggest dividend paid by any of L. H. Hewitt's mounts at Riccarton was £1 15s.

Sylvia Park bred stock won £1683 at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting out of £2970 given in stakes.

It is reported that Sir Rupert Clarke has sold Free States, and the horse is to be sent to the stud.

Glasgow burst a blood vessel while running in the Pukekohe Handicap on Wednesday at Ellerslie.

Nominations for the Thames Meeting held on Boxing Day and the day following are due on Friday.

"The Australasian" says that Wakeful goes to the stud next season, and her first mate will be Grafion.

S. Lindsay goes South to the Waitara and Feilding meetings next week. His aim is nearly all right again.

Abundance was backed for the Melbourne Cup on the morning of the race for £2000, and started at 4 to one, first favourite.

General Symons and Minnetra were probably the smallest and lightest horses that took part in the New Zealand Cup.

The top price at the recent yearling sales at Doncaster, England, was 1150gs for a colt by Melton from Stumpon.

Lord Cardigan's win in the Melbourne Cup has put Postano at the head of the list of winning Australian sires.

R. Dorratt, L. H. Hewitt, and G. Price were three leading horsemen who did not have a mount in the New Zealand Cup.

On arrival in India the English-bred racehorse Friar Tuck was insured by the International Horse Agency for £2500.

A profit of about £1000 was made over the V.A.C. Spring Meeting. This is some £200 more than last year, but the stakes were £200 less.

Alba Rose, who was sold at the break-up of Mrs. Leach's stable, is a short time back, was a half-mile hand futter at the Waverley-Waitakona meeting.

Several performers that were supposed to be waiting on Saturday at Ellerslie, failed to materialise on Monday, when they were expected to do so.

The course at Alexandra Park will not be greatly improved for trotting on Saturday by the rain we have had, unless the weather clears up quickly.

It was reported that an offer of 1000gs was refused for the three-year-old colt Rosal on the morning preceding the district of the New Zealand Cup.

Mr. G. Adams ("Tattersall") has donated £100 to the Tasmanian Racing Club (11-bar) as a prize for a race at the Summer Meeting.

Fighting Mac, by Gogo from Florie, has been purchased for West Australia. Fighting Mac is a full brother to Calcedonia, now racing in South Africa.

The three placed two-year-olds in the Nursery Handicap on Wednesday, in Glenfield, Kilmarnock, and Promotive, were bred at Cambria Park.

Eighteen colts and 14 fillies have won the Marlborough Plate to date, and once the race was resulted in a dead heat between a colt (Welcome Jock) and a filly (Laylala).

The jockeys riding in the Jackson Stakes at Waverley on Monday got into hot water with the starter, who fined the winning rider £5 and the other riders £2 each.

Rosal, the C.J.C. Derby winner, is without a number, and Canteen, the New Zealand Cup winner, is also a numberless horse, but both belong to excellent colonial families.

The blood of Musket is to be found in the pedigree of each of the placed horses in the New Zealand Cup. In most long race the fighting blood of old Musket is present.

The Waverley-Waitakona Cup was won by Maureen, by St. Conan-Jolie, a grey mare half-sister to Queen's Guard, who has been racing without success for some considerable time.

Whenever Nonette and Rosella met in handicap races previously there was never such a difference as 25lbs between the pair, as was the case in the Ascot Handicap at Ellerslie on Wednesday.

Swinley Willie, the well known South Australian Jockey, who rode Avalon in the Caulfield Cup, was killed at Port Adelaide when riding The Bird in the Welter Handicap.

W. Lane and O. Madden are running a great race for first place among the English jockeys this year. When the last mail left, Lane had ridden 115 winners and Madden 114.

Very few grey horses have run for the New Zealand Cup, but Scotts Grey, in 1880, Trinitite's year, got second, and he, like Canteen, was bred by Mr. T. Merrin at Wellington Park.

News has been received that Cauldon has returned to the Randwick training tracks, so that his racing career would not appear to be over yet, despite his troublesome leg.

Redeemer, the ex-Australian hurdler, has proved himself a champion in South Africa, and was at last advised to weight at over 13.0. It is intended to send him to England.

A few prizes would be accepted for one of the horses that was made favourite for one of the events at Ellerslie during the week. The owner does not think so much of him as the public.

Australian papers are giving publicity to the absurd rumour that was circulated some time ago in New Zealand, that Advance would be a mare, not a gelding. Advance, racing days, it is hoped, are over.

The Brigadier filly Gwendolyn is the first of Gwendolyn's progeny, and that young mare is the first daughter of Soult to go to the stud. She has therefore made a good start. Gwendolyn was bred by Mr. A. E. Price.

When the barrier was released in the Ascot Handicap on Wednesday, Southsiff whipped round and started off in the opposite direction. He probably felt he had had enough, and thus shirked another expected hard race.

The starting machine at Flomington is too slow in fixing up and recently acted as a rival to the local dentists. Keopon a starter in one of the races, was caught in the barrier and had one of his teeth pulled out at the late meeting.

Pony races evidently find favour with the V.L.C. racing party in Sydney, as His Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Lady Rawson, and Miss Rawson have arranged to be present at the Kensington Pony meeting to be held on December 23rd.

The English Jockey Club are trying to discourage owners from running good two year olds early in the season. They propose to make £200 the maximum stake for two year olds until the beginning of June.

The following were the successful jockeys at the A.R.C. spring meeting at Ellerslie—Cress (4), Ryan (3), Burns (2), Mr. A. C. Kelly (2), Wilson, Bird, Ferguson, Gallagher, Gray, Noble, Julian, Speakman, Deely, one each; and Taylor (5).

The Western annual meeting takes place on Thursday next. There are very fair fields, and several Auckland bred horses are set down to compete. Mark Ryan has engagements at the meeting, and will ride Alba Rose in the Lepperton Stakes.

Mr. Fred Duval, the well known theatrical agent, is reported to have won £190 over Canteen in the N.Z. Cup and doubles with Machine Gun in the Stewards' Handicap. He is very popular, and his friends will be pleased at his good fortune.

The victory of Rosal in the Canterbury Derby made the 45th anniversary of the race, which was established in 1860, when Mr. W. Harris won with the St. Albans mare Ada, the shortest named one that ever won. Only on two occasions has the C.J.C. Derby been run faster than Rosal ran the distance.

J. Stewart, with whom Gatelock fell on Monday, had to get some stitches put in his eye, as he was struck by a wheel, and went through every hurdle on the opening day, cutting one down completely to the bottom hatter.

Stieplak was nine years old when the first winner of the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes by him claimed attention. Multiform is the same age, and has made a similar start in that race with Gold Lily, who claims Corolla, dam of Gold Medallist, as his first representative.

In a chat with Mr. McDonald, Wakeful's owner, on the morning of the Melbourne Cup, he informed "Martindale" of the "Sydney News," that the champion mare's joint was big, but the fire appeared to be going out of it, and he hoped to be able to start her in the race.

St. Yreula died at Takapona last week. The game sifter St. Yre was on a visit to Canteen. Her loss is a severe one to her owner and breeder, Mr. W. Percival. She was a good performer, and would likely have been a good brood mare.

The dust on the Riccarton road on New Zealand Cup day was simply dreadful, according to a returned victor. All the same, the race with Gold Lily, who claims Corolla, on that road, or on any other in New Zealand, since that means of locomotion was introduced into this colony.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses did not race well on the hard going at Riccarton. The running of Menura in the C.J.C. Meeting at Handara was a success. The third, was the best exhibition of form of any of the bearers of the cerise jacket during the first and second days.

Joe Gallagher has worked some improvement in Ouewa, the big bay son of Canteen and Jadestone, but that colt will want lots more time, and it may pay to give it two or three more months. He is not like this colt for jumping honours, since he is not destined to earn class honours.

Mr. D. Hyland's circus horses did not show winning form at Ellerslie on His Majesty's Birthday. The grey, Hostage, is said to be from a half sister to Loue Hand, and is a very nice type of his race. Polly, who ran in the steeplechase, fared in the most perfect manner, but lacked speed.

It is reported that after St. Dennis's at Wairiki at Oamaru, Gainsford, the rider of Mr. Beadley's colt, said to McCumb, "Thanks, you have won me the New Zealand Cup." Some people are now found declaring that in his next ride against Wairiki, McCumb caused that horse to lose the Cup event.

General Symons, by winning the Canterbury Jockey Club's Metropolitan Handicap, in 234, lowered the colonial record, held by Advance, when that colt won the Wellington Cup, by one fifth of a second. He carries 7.7, whereas Advance carried 10.4. For a little horse, the General did well, however.

The Phebus Apollo filly Muthema was not seen at her best in the Welcome Stakes at Ellerslie on Saturday. The filly was sore, but she ran very gamely all the same, and made her effort in the home stretch when called upon. Many thought she had failed to get into a place, but that position was gained by a narrow margin.

The ralling off of part of the grandstand for members, their wives and friends, may be all right from a club point of view, but a good deal of inconvenience was experienced by the visitors to the members' luncheon and tea rooms, owing to the way in which the partitioning was done, and there was a good deal of complaining.

Swagman's running at the Otahuhu track meeting hardly prepared people for his win in the President's Handicap on Saturday at Ellerslie. The son of Ben Geoffrey ran race when in form. Geordie, who finished second, did not run with the same gut when it came to business, but had been responsible for most of the early work.

Nonette gave Canteen 19lbs and beat him over a mile and a half at Ashburton last spring shortly before the N.Z. Cup, but just 7lbs to give 34lbs to his three-year-old brother, the race being run in 2m 37 3/4s. Then the weights were 16lbs 7 and Nonette 9.13. Welbeck (7.4) finished in front of Canteen (7.9) in the New Zealand Cup afterwards. Nonette (8.9) was a starter, it was long and not at his best. Nonette's three-year-old performances stand out before those of Wairiki, taken altogether, and it was no doubt on account of his sterling performances under weight that he was assessed so high in the N.Z. Cup.

Australian Star, who is owned by Mr. Spencer Gillian, was announced in the September Handicap at Alexandra Park last month, in which, according to the London "Sportsman," he had "no earthly chance with the weight allotted to him, although he runs better at Alexandra Park than anywhere else."

The American Jockey, E. Amos, is back in India, says the Sydney "Referee," and at the Poona last month won the International Stakes on Yankee Boy. He is now connected with J. D. Scott's stable, having taken Manuhava's place, a change that caused a good deal of comment in Poona racing circles.

That good cross-country horse Brokerage, broke his neck while running in a paddock near his owner's residence, Randwick, and had to be destroyed. Brokerage, who was by The Broker from Hornblow, was owned by Mr. W. Aldritt, but well known to the public as an occupant of W. Gullima's stable.

The following foalings are reported from Glenora Park, Dunis, by Armourer from confidante, colt to Soult; Sante, by Bamaraua-Awatea, colt to Soult; Lady Emma, by Somnus; Fanny Fisher, filly to Soult. At Wellington Park: Lady Cretton, by Goldsborough from Muzgera, colt to Mentschikov.

Three new records were registered at Riccarton during the progress of the C.J.C. Spring Meeting. The first, over two miles, by Canteen, 2:27 1/4, in the N.Z. Cup, is a colonial one, and that of General Symons, in 2:34 for 1 1/2 mile in the Metropolitan Handicap; white Red Gannett's mile in 1:40 in the Jockey Club Handicap is a New Zealand one.

Cuts, Sir G. Clifford's trainer, does not appear to have had either Treadmill or Quarryman at their best at the C.J.C. Spring Meeting. Treadmill was probably better than when she raced a Wellington, but the three-year-olds were no better for their Northern trip, and are evidently a pair of difficult ones to train.

When the American colt Africander recently made his record of 2:38 for 1 1/2 mile he carried 8.1, and Heno (whom he beat by a head 3.0). The first six furlongs were run by Heno in 1:14 2/5, mile in 1:40 2/5, mile and a quarter in 2:5 2/5, and mile and a half in 2:31 4/5. Africander was two lengths behind at that stage, but got up in time to score by the narrow margin already mentioned.

Annoyed about some of the feelings of a large army of little punters who had hindered backing Mr. Bray's pony in the Welter Handicap on the last day of the Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting, when the little daughter to Hegel and Torment won so handsomely and paid the nice dividend of £24 8s, but did not carry any of their money. Her owner only had £2 on, and after her indifferent running in the Pony Race, in which she started badly the first day, it was a risk to go so much. Yet one investor had £4 on.

Scaton Delaval claimed no fewer than six winners during the three days of the A.R.C. spring meeting, in Beau Scaton, Delaval (twice), Idas, Nonette, Sonoma, and Kessell. Scaton had three in Avastara, Waipapa, and Australis; Hegel had two in Crespin and Annoyed; Gosson had Spalpeen, who won twice, to represent him; and Fehatou had Star, who also won twice. Hecht's claims Ouewa, Brigadier (twice), Simmer, Kilmarnock, St. Leon, Ropa, St. Hippo Miss Lottie, Hen Godfrey Swagsman, and Son-wester Dingo.

There is no gainsaying the fact that this has been a wonderful year for fast harness work in America. The most startling performance of all, perhaps, was that of Prince Alert, the Crown Prince gelding, who paced a mile in 1:57. This is a clean clip of two seconds from Dan Patch's mark of 1:59. Alert paced his phenomenal mile at the Empire City track at Yonkers, New York, on September 23. Weather and track were perfect, and, in common with all this season's record smashers, Alert travelled behind a thoroughly speedmaker harnessed to a sulky, equipped with a wind shield. The Prince paced the first quarter in 29s, and shot past the half in 58s. The crowd realised that it was witnessing the fastest mile ever travelled by a harness horse, and cheers and shouts of "Come on!" arose from the grandstand and along the lawn. Without a break or a tremor Prince Alert flashed by the three-quarter pole in 1:20s, and, maintaining a great rate of speed, went under the wire in 1:57 1/2. "Referee."

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