

people were looking forward to the Wellington Stakes to decide the question whether Formby or Danube was the crack two-year-old of the season.

Trentham, who won a double at the Gore Racing Club meeting, is an aged son of Chief Commander and Clara.

When being taken to the Gore R.C. meeting to fulfil her engagements there, Stratagem got injured in a horse box, and came in for rather serious damage.

A bluster to the recent meeting of the Vincent Jockey Club makes some drastic comments on the conduct of that fixture. He says the racing track is badly in need of improvement, more especially the last furlong or two.

WELLINGTON SUMMER MEETING.

TRENTHAM, this day. The Wellington Summer meeting opened in fine weather to-day. The attendance is large.

Trentham, after Handicap of 100sovs, one mile.—Taura 1, Hilarian 2, Separator 3. Won by a length. All ran. Time, 1:44 1/5.

Anniversary Welter Handicap of 200sovs, 1 mile.—Effort, 9.6, 1; Wilmers, 8.12, 2; Swinling Bolt, 8.12, 3. Won by two lengths. Scratched: Chauvelin. Time 1:42 4/5.

Electric Handicap of 200sovs, 5 furlongs.—Bonages, 7.2, 1; Nannal, 6.7, 2; Sea Queen, 7.2, 3. Scratched: Gipsy Belle and Warlock. Won by two lengths. Time, 1:12 4/5.

Nursery Handicap of 200sovs, four furlongs.—Lady Reina, 7.5, 1; Formless, 7.5, 2; Souite, 6.10, 3. Won by a length. Time, 58.

WELLINGTON CUP of 1000sovs, One mile and a-half.—Crucella, 7.12, 1; Ghalola, 8.12, 2; Hulshimman, 8.6, 3. Won by a neck. Time, 2:34 1/5.

Scratched: Sir Antrim and Equitas. Time, 2:34 1/5.

Trial Plate, of 200sovs, seven furlongs.—Parula 1, Genios 2, Ambata 3. Won by a length. Scratched: Pukewai, Pannus, Guainforte, Mutilo, St. Felix, Louis, Royal Marine, Emblem, Magoeto, and Excalibur. Time, 1:27 3/5.

Ruapahu Handicap, of 120sovs, six furlongs.—Te Rori, 7.11, 1; Pannus, 7.9, 2; Kina, 7.9, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1:15 2/5.

Telegraph Handicap.—Equitas, 7.13, 1; Arulet, 8.3, 2; Tamut, 7.9, 3. All ran. Won by two lengths. Time, 1:14 1/5.

The totaliser amounted to £19,307, as against £23,465 last year.

FOXTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FOXTON, this day. It is beautifully fine weather for the first day's racing. The attendance is large.

Hack Hurdles of 80sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Windage, 9.13, 1; Silken Rein, 10.13, 2; Golden Glow, 11.3, 3. All started. Won easily by a length. Time, 2:57.

Electric Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs.—Dervish, 8.3, 1; Repeat, 7.12, 2; Fond Memory, 7.13, 3. Scratched: Lady Doria. Won by a length. Time, 1:18.

Foxton Cup of 200sovs, one and a-quarter mile.—Adela, 6.7, 1; Parable, 6.2, 2; Milan, 7.13. Scratched: Tentane. Won by six lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 2:59 3/5.

Trial Hack Handicap.—Moree 1, Bay Paul 2, Captain 3. Scratched: Hackrook and Walhapa. Won easily by a length. Time, 1:19.

A wabou Hack Welter Handicap of 80 sovs, one mile.—Attention, 8.5, 1; Happy New Year, 8.5, 2; Silva, 8.9, 3. Scratched: Leolander, Walhapa. Won by a length. Time, 1:46.

Flying Handicap, of 150 sovs, six furlongs.—Hermus, 7.7, 1; Muddic, 7.9, 2; Thelia, 8.3, 3. All started. Won easily. Time, 1:13 4/5.

TAKAPUNA ACCEPTANCES.

The following acceptances have been received for the opening day's racing of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, which takes place on Saturday next:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Ngapuka, Waupohe, Yraiam, Lochbuhle, Te Aroha, Casemandel, Tanekeha, Rimoko, Arlofo, Asoe, Apoom Lass, Elegance.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 1000sovs, five furlongs and a half. Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Miss Winnie, Devoport, Hohouatahi, Sir Artegal, Tarina, Turbid, Admiral Sout, Elegance.

Maiden Plate, one mile.—Prince Leo 9.7, Fraulein 8.4, Pukewai 7.12, Waiohahi 7.8, Jill 7.7, Waipa 7.4, Castle Blancy 7.3, Spectre 7.0, Fusa 6.13, Prophet 6.13.

Orewa Hardie Race, one mile and three-quarters.—Hauhieta 10.9, Leo 10.4, Hau-tapu 10.3, Tui Cakobau 10.2, Sabre 9.8, King 9.1, Hoanga 8.0, First Barrel 8.0, Pleiades 8.0.

Pony Handicap, five furlongs and a half.—Mistine 8.12, Cyrona 8.5, Miss Stella 8.2, Eruigence 7.6, Nora Sout 7.4, Malka 7.4, Peggy Pryde 6.7.

Ferry Handicap, five furlongs and a half.—Madam Sout 9.0, Castle Blancy 8.9, Rob the Ranter 8.6, Flying Sout 8.8, Captain Sout 8.6, Mascadne 8.5, Steplink 8.5, Mary Ann 8.4, Boss 8.4, Lady Betty 8.4, Haki 8.4, Amoteke 8.4, Parawai 8.4, Arletos 8.4, Pouti 8.4, Toa Tere 8.4, Puirawaatu 8.4, Matarere 8.4.

Zealandia Handicap, five furlongs and a half.—Miss Wangle 9.0, Malora 8.10, Devonport 8.10, Tairua 8.0, Waiari 7.9, Almond 7.7, Hyperion 7.4, Admiral Sout 7.4, Lady Dot 7.3, Zinnia 7.3, All's Well 6.13, Spectre 6.13, Excalibur 6.13.

Calliope Handicap, five furlongs and a half.—Merrige 8.9, Solus 7.13, Doughty 7.7, Princess, Sout 7.8, Columbia 7.1, Lucille 7.1, Veirala 7.0, Wenonah 7.0, Hamudryd 7.0, Master Theory 7.0, Mistrud 7.0.

Dash Hack Handicap, four furlongs.—Gairoun, 8.19, 1; Conquering, 8.2, 2; Gladys, 8.11, 3. Also started: Gemine, Strathmore, Lady Doris, Blend, Celebrity, Anaru, Bravery, Ascalon, Katipo, Converter, Marlonis, Marathon, and high horses. Time, 51.

Herrington Welter Handicap, seven furlongs.—Goodwin Park, 8.9, 1; Repeat, 8.0, 2; Pascalls, 8.0, 3. Also started: Te Olene, Marathon, Waicoua. Won by a length. Time, 1:29.

Betting Prohibition in the States

CURIOUS METHODS TO EVADE IT.

Betting on horse races has been prohibited by laws of the State Legislatures of New York and California. But the devotees of the sport have found a way to evade the enactments by a unique system known as "memory betting."

The memory system of betting is something quite new, but as people get accustomed to the way it is worked they find it is still possible to have a little wager on the races, notwithstanding the laws.

The innovation is based on a decision of the Court of Appeals of New York State that betting is a crime only when accompanied by a record, registry, or the use of some part of the paraphernalia of professional gamblers.

"Legislation should be practical," said Chief Judge Cullen in his opinion, "and it is at least doubtful whether a statute making every offer or acceptance of a bet

or wager a crime could, in the present state of morals and habits of the community, be enforced."

In order to keep within the law, the bookmakers do not call themselves bookmakers now. They are "layers." Those who bet against them are "players." No designated place for the layers to stand is provided. They carry no paraphernalia of any kind, but mingle with the crowd, and go where they please. A programme, containing scratchings, names of jockeys, and other advance information, is supplied by the jockey club to the layers at a stipulated price. Upon this programme the layers mark the prices, which may be seen by the public. The bets, though, have to be memorised. There can be no recording of wagers. In order that a person may speculate he must establish his credit with one of the layers. In other words, the night before the races, or a week before if preferable, he must deposit with some mutually satisfactory stakeholder a sum of money, and this gives him credit with the layer. A regular clearing house has been established in San Francisco, where bettors may establish their credit. Only those known to the layers are able to wager. It will thus be seen that the new system provides facilities only for regular and systematic bettors.

The impossibility of memorising all bets is the great obstacle in the way of free betting. The law against recording bets is only ostensibly obeyed. Whenever a bet is made, the layer calls out in a loud voice the name of the bettor, the horse, and the amount wagered. A runner stationed on the outskirts of the crowd scurries away to a far part of the betting ring and states the particulars to a man with a book, in which the bet is registered. Another layer carries a book of cigarette papers in the palm of his hand, and with the stub of a pencil records his wagers therein while pretending to roll a cigarette. Still others endeavour to write the wagers on a blotter in a capacious overcoat pocket. It would need the memory of a Macaulay or the system of a Loicotte to get along without some such aid.

Notwithstanding the installation of the memory system, in California the anti-bookmaking law has proved a sore blow to horse racing. The regular winter season has just opened at Oakland, a suburb of San Francisco. The quality of the horses running is far below that of former years, and the size of the crowds is about one-third what other years have shown. The principal reason the Legislature had for prohibiting race track gambling was that San Francisco became studded with "pool rooms" where thousands of young men and boys, and even girls, were in the habit of gambling every race day.

VERY AWKWARD.

A Boston girl the other day said to a Southern friend who was visiting her, as two men rose in a car to give them seats: "Oh, I wish they would not do it." "Why

not? I think it is very nice of them," said her friend, settling herself comfortably. "Yes, but one can't thank them, you know, and it is so awkward." "Can't thank them! Why not?" "Why, you would not speak to a strange man, would you?" said the Boston maiden, to the astonishment of her Southern friend.

TWO MEN RID OF CRUEL ECZEMA

Nephew Doctored for Fifteen Years but Got No Benefit—Finally Tried Cuticura Remedies and was Permanently Cured—Uncle Similarly Cured Five Years Ago.

ONE CURE BY CUTICURA LEADS TO ANOTHER

"About five years ago I was burned in an explosion of natural gas. My head and face, also my hands and arms, were burned. About three weeks after, eczema set in over the parts of my body which were burned and my physician undertook to cure it by administering a solution of arsenic, increasing the doses, but without any perceptible benefit. I was gradually losing strength from the suffering and I was in a very serious condition.

"About that time my nephew told me about his experience with the Cuticura Remedies. He had eczema so severely that the blood ran down into his shoes. He suffered with the eczema for many years and had tried everything the physicians could prescribe. After doctored for fifteen years, in which time he found no relief, he was finally induced to try the Cuticura Remedies, and they cured him permanently in four months.

"You can easily believe that I made haste to try them on his recommendation. I commenced using the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I was cured in less than two months so perfectly that I have not even had a symptom of the disease since, although it is over five years since the trouble began. I give this testimonial voluntarily, without solicitation or hope of reward, except that some one seeing it may be relieved from suffering as I was. G. T. Hamilton, Indiana, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., Dec. 15 and 24, 1908."

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Outlook (to belated jockey): "You'll find 'em round the first turning on the left, gallop!"