



By WHALEBONE.

PICTURES.

July 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Winter. July 13, 19, 22—Wellington R.C. Winter.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"WAGGER" (Otago).—It is not known definitely how Dan Kelly met his end, but he is supposed to have been shot at the famous fight at Glenrowan. His brother Ned was hanged.

"WAGGER" (Victoria Street).—The Benn is twelve years old.

Master Thorpy was schooled again at Ellerslie on Wednesday, his display being much better than previously.

The Auckland horseman, A. Judan, was riding at the Napier Park meeting, but failed to meet with any success.

All going well in the meantime. It is stated that E. Pope will leave for Wellington with Miss Explosion on the 10th inst.

J. Williamson left for Gisborne on Saturday with Okahau, First Barrel and Scotch, all of which are engaged at the Gisborne meeting.

H. Gray is now one ahead of A. Whitaker in the contest for the Jockey championship. The flush promises to be a very exciting one.

The gelding Dombles has been purchased and the mare Lyonia leased by a patron at W. Sharpe's stable, and they are now under that trainer.

Mr John Rowe has been appointed to represent the Auckland Trotting Club at the N.Z. Trotting Conference to be held in Wellington this month.

The much-bounced Cullinan still continues a failure. It would be interesting to know the amount the son of Royal Fusilier has cost punters during the past season.

When he returns from Gisborne with Miss Ada, W. Sharpe will leave for Wellington with Don Quix and Keaulani, both of which are engaged at the southern fixture.

F. Ross has decided not to make the trip to Gisborne, the form shown by his horses Dumbton and Mooshen in their work of late not being sufficiently encouraging to take them away from home.

The showing of Te Aral at the recent Napier Park Meeting shows that the son of Monaco is fast retaining the form which earned him the title of the champion steeplechaser of the Dominion.

The Birkenhead gelding Wirral is stated to be likely to turn out useful over big country. He is reported to have given a fine display of jumping in the event he won at the Napier Park Meeting.

During the week F. Steuding had Mr. Bennett's two colts on the tanks at Ellerslie. The youngsters are fast getting into shape, and promise to develop into the specimens of the thoroughbred.

A meeting of the N.Z. Sporting League is called for in Wellington this month about the time the N.Z. Racing Conference meets. Present indications point to a large number of Aucklanders being present.

F. Tonge paid a visit to the Waikato during the week and bought back a rising three-year-old colt by Stephen from a rising and a rising four-year-old pony by Blunlight from a South mare. The pair are now being handled.

W. Sharpe left for Gisborne on Saturday with Miss Ada, which claims engagements at the Gisborne meeting next week. It was intended to take Krouth to Gisborne also, but eventually it was decided not to ship the son of Stepmat.

The weights for the C.I.C. Grand National events are due on the 7th inst. After his experience last year, when some trouble was experienced through entrance winding at Gisborne, Mr. Henry will probably not issue the adjustments before time.

The contractor for the formation of the Auckland Trotting Club's track is making good progress with the work, and it should be ready well within the contract time. When completed, the track will be one of the fastest, if not the fastest, in the colony.

The Gold Reef gelding Eborado was very lame after competing in the Napier Park

steeplechase, and was with difficulty got back to his stable. It transpired afterwards that his fetlock was put out, and it is said to be doubtful if he will ever race again.

The old cross-country horse Irish is to be pensioned off for life, and J. Williamson has made arrangements for him to be turned out at Mr George Currie's station, Wangamui. It is pleasing to see owners adopting this course with their faithful old servants.

After his return from Gisborne J. Williamson will take in hand a couple of sons of Salvadano, one from Blensh and the other from a Son-Westler mare. The pair have been turned out for some three years, and promise to give some fun when they are handled.

Mr Thos. Bowling, owner of Antarctic, is at present away at a seaside resort on a health-seeking mission. Antarctic is getting through steady work at Ellerslie, but a lot will probably depend upon his owner being able to accompany him whether he will be taken South or not.

The Auckland mare Fuss had had luck at the recent Napier Park Meeting, running second in the two events she contested. Fuss was sent out favourite on both occasions, and is stated to have met with a lot of interference on the first day, but was easily beaten on the second day.

If Wauchope is taken to Wellington, he will have a big following in the Stewards' Handicap, in which he is nicely treated with 10.8. Mr. King was in town yesterday, and informed me that all going well in the meantime Wauchope would be taken South to fulfill his engagements.

Had Mr Pollock, the Wellington Club handicapper, witnessed the running at the A.R.C. Winter Meeting, he would probably have deemed it advisable to put more than 9.11 on John, while Whakawera might have also been asked to carry a few pounds more.

A meeting of the Auckland Racing Committee was held on Thursday, when the protest lodged by the owner of Ary against Pielades was considered. After some discussion it was decided to consider the matter at the ordinary meeting next month, and to ask the interested parties to be present.

If Mr Pollock's adjustment for the Wellington Handicap is any guide, Max or Paul must have improved out of all knowledge since leaving Auckland. The son of St. Paul is weighted at 10.11, the only other horses above him in the handicap being the cracks, Paisano, Continence, and Wimmera.

The difference in handicappers. When Epsom Lass and Fuss were last handicapped in Auckland the former was asked by Mr Morse to carry 10.1 and the latter by Mr Pollock to carry 10.2. Since then Fuss has run a couple of seconds in moderate company, and Mr Pollock in handicapping the pair asks Fuss to carry 10.1 and drops Epsom Lass to 9.0, the minimum.

The Auckland-owned horse Honza made some amends for his previous failures by accounting for the Park Steeplechase on the second day of the Napier Park meeting. On the opening day the son of Regal was only beaten a head, but on the concluding day he made no race of it, winning anyhow. Honza was a warm favourite in both his races, being an odds-on chance on the first day.

In Auckland Projeffite was looked upon as a good thing for the Stewards' Stakes on the opening day of the Napier Park meeting, and some disappointment was felt when it was found that he had finished out of a place. According to a Southern report, there was lots of straggling in the event, Gray, on Projeffite, being forced on the rail, and having his best cut through, while Oliver, on Arion, had his trousers torn. Some comment was occasioned through the stewards taking no action in the matter.

If North East can jump, and it has to be presumed he can, Mr. Pollock has given him a great chance in the Wellington Winter Handicap. Good performers on the flat are exceptionally well treated in hurdle races by handicappers nowadays.

A great number of estimates as to the amount of money won by the late King Edward have been published from time to time, but none have been correct. However, in a book recently published about the sporting side of the life of the great pacemaker, the following figures are given as accurate:—Won in stakes, £146,334 10s; fees earned by handicappers, £268,195 5s; sales

of horses, £73,911; total, £488,749 15s. The late King began racing in 1890, and died early in 1910.

A meeting was held last Friday at Tattersall's Club, when it was decided to form the Auckland Gun Club. Mr. W. H. Hazard was in the chair. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. H. H. Huxy; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. B. Frost, W. Buckland, and A. Secomb; committee, Messrs. W. H. Hazard, J. Mahu, J. O'Dowd, M. Wilson, B. Potter, L. Wilson, and C. Coleman; secretary, Mr. W. Curtis; treasurer, Mr. J. Williamson; auditor, Mr. J. McTearh. The meetings will be held at Ellerslie. It was decided to affiliate with the New Zealand Gun Association and about under their rules.

In commenting on Wild West's win at Ellerslie, a Sydney exchange says:—There was a deal of fussing before a postive favourite could be found for the Rosehill Queen Mary Stakes. For a time Gigan dra held the fort, with the New Zealand horse Wild West and Mundeio hard upon him. Present at this time was hovering at a long price, with Precious and Master Maid in the same vicinity. At the death, however, things changed completely, as Precious became a solid favorite, Wild West, Precious, Mundeio, and Master Maid going back to fairly long prices. After the speedy Precious had forced the pace to the home turn Wild West joined him, and the pair resulted in touch to the distance, where the New Zealander came on, followed by Gigan dra, and after a desperate finish Wild West won by a head. Mundeio ran a good horse, but was disappointed in not getting through at the distance, otherwise he might have troubled

the leaders. Wild West was ridden by the New Zealand jockey B. Dorey. He is only a small one, but has the reputation of being a good one. A rumour went the rounds to the effect that he was let in a long way too light, but the race proved that such was not the case, as he only won by the narrowest margin.

The following nominations were lodged at Christchurch for the Rosehill Gutes (8.30 p.m.), 1912:—Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Sturt's b c Bon Rev, by Boniform—Clans; b c Bon Rev, by Boniform—Dremer; b c Bon Rev, by Boniform—Curew Bell; b c Ch'n Ch'n, by Boniform—Drought; and b c by Achilles—Blue Water; Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b c Canute, by Churlmagne II.—Lady Helen; b c Tevoldale, by Achilles—Strathguy; b f Lady Georgia, by Oblitudo—Kitiona.

The "Otago Daily Times," in referring to the Racing Commissioners' report, says:—"We should have thought that even if the Takapuna Jockey Club, which serves the population that is also catered for by the A.R.C., were not abolished, the number of days' racing allotted to it might at least have been reduced to a smaller figure than that fixed by the Commission." To this a Wellington writer replies:—"The writer of that paragraph should compare the total number of returns at the last meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club and the Dunedin Jockey Club (a fair indication as to the interest and attendance) and then ponder the fact that the Takapuna Jockey Club's dates were reduced from seven to four, while the D.J.C.'s dates were left intact. It is the latter fact which constitutes the great blot on the much-discussed report."

# Rheumatic Torture.

The important point in the case of Rheumatism described below is that the sufferer was cured. The Rheumatism was cleared right out of this woman's system, and it didn't return the next time the weather was cold and damp. That is what will interest other people who have Rheumatism, to cure. Mrs. E. J. Smythe, who lives at the corner of Argyle and Frederick Streets, Singleton, N.S.W., was tortured night and day

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"I felt a numbness in my finger joints and occasional twinges in the shoulders and elbows. I could not kneel without pain, and in church I would have to lift myself up slowly. I would be a couple of months or so like this, and then I would get a spell perhaps, but I never got wholly free. I would feel as if my very bones were burning hot and such dreadful pains would dart through the parts. I was afraid to put my hands in cold water. Some nights I would be so restless for hours, I would not know which way to lie. I would have to walk very slowly. I found the winter months very trying. At times I could hardly hold a needle in my fingers they would be so stiff; but I still kept about, though everything was a trial to do. As to indigestion I got so bad with it, I would feel as if I simply could not eat, the food fairly choked me, lying on my chest for hours; it would not go up or down, and the ache between my shoulder blades was dreadful. I was very sallow and thin and had no brightness or energy. I dare not touch anything rich such as pastry. My head would ache splintingly for hours so that I could hardly hold it up. My heart would palpitate furiously and a hot fluid would rush up my throat every now and then. I felt so wretched it was no exaggeration to say I would have been glad to die. Every day was full of racking pain, my finger joints became twisted, and both my complaints seemed to settle more firmly as time went on. I could not find anything to do me good although I tried everything I heard, till at last I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I owe my health to them. Before I had started the second box I felt ever so much better. I kept on steadily taking three pills every day. Slowly the Rheumatism passed out of my system, the joints gradually became supple again, and the pain less and less. I found my food beginning to digest and to nourish me so that I lost my sallow look, and put on flesh. The pain in my chest and the tightness wore off, and by the time the fifth box was empty I was able to leave off the remedy. I can eat anything I like now and get about quite freely. I feel altogether a different being."

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