

Turf Gossip.

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RACING FIXTURES.

July 4 and 5—Gisborne H.C. Steeplechase. July 17 and 20—Wellington R.C. Winter. August 13, 15, and 17 C.J.C. Grand National Meeting.

A recent addition to F. G. Malcolm's team is Almer, by Roper, which is now a regular attendant on the Ellerslie tracks.

It is stated that Mangana is to receive a special preparation for the New Zealand Cup.

Dr. Bennett has leased the Auckland-bred filly Bury Oge, by South-Bury Ro., to a Victorian owner, and it is understood the filly will shortly make her appearance on Mr John Wren's course.

All going well in the meantime, and provided the weights are suitable, the Monaco gelding Jovoy will be a competitor in the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase.

The gelding Papatoto, by Salvdan-Clud was sold by auction to Messrs A. Buckland and Sons' yards, being knocked down at 10 guineas.

Frank Ross intends taking Bonnie Jean South to fulfil her engagements at the Gisborne Meeting, and will leave with the daughter of Leolands on Saturday.

An Australian buyer was after Tanwel during the week, but the owner's idea of her value and the buyer's did not coincide, and no deal resulted.

With the exception of the horses engaged at the Gisborne Meeting, which are being kept going in view of that gathering, there is little or no work being registered at Ellerslie, and most headquarters are more than ordinarily dull for the time of the year.

In the South, the double-Continuance and Dilbauo for the two C.J.C. Grand Nationals is still in demand. The combination promises to be as heavily supported as was the Inydu Battlense combination ten years ago.

The Auckland-bred horse Saddon, full-brother to Waisiti, which was raced in Australia for some time, and was subsequently sent to Singapore, broke down just before the last big meeting.

In riding Thrave to victory at Haeffels B. Dealey got one more step forward to his coveted goal, and now only wants three to tie with the record number of winning riders, which is at present held by G. Jenkins.

The Auckland horses Hunter, Okthau, Tai Cakoha, Antarectic, Black Northern, Master Theory, and Uranium appear amongst the favorites for the principal events at the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

At the conclusion of the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase an inquiry was held into the falling of Appia. It was alleged that T. Thompson (on Glenmore) had been responsible for it, and he was severely admonished.

The Auckland horseman B. Dealey will not remain in New Zealand for the Wellington meeting, but will leave for Sydney on July 8, after fulfilling riding engagements at the Hawke's Bay, Napier Park, and Gisborne Meetings.

R. McMike has disposed of Blue Mount, and it is understood the son of Blackcat is to be shipped to the other side. The name of the gelding's new owner, or the price paid for his possession, has not transpired.

After a good spell, which seems to have benefited him considerably, Duma has made his reappearance on the tracks at Ellerslie, and is still under the charge of C. Coleman. This son of Stenpak has improved out of all knowledge since he was operated on, and appears to have lost the starchy action which was one of his characteristics before his retirement.

The three placed horses in the Central Queensland Spring, Sunko, Not Ed, and Owen Roe, were all killed by the ex-New Zealander Nonette. Sunko was sent out favourite, and, after running in the rear for the greater part of the journey, put in a great run, and just got up in time to win by a head.

The bookmakers in the North are already out with offers in connection with the N.Z. Cup, and although there can yet be no market to guide prices, the following horses are quoted at the shortest odds:—Straw, Bardera, Bon Hope, Counterfeit, Danico, Lady Luz, Masterpiece, Meroon, Mangana, Prince Scott, and Vice Admiral.

The Australian studmaster, Mr William Brown, who owned Sunko, has retained what is described as a very big prize by the Hotehikas horse from Sans Pour. The breeding of this young thoroughbred is interesting, inasmuch that Sunko's sire is by a stallion named Hotehika, a three-part stake Mr. Dan of Portman and Crucifixion.

Ronald Cameron, the ex-New Zealander, who rode The Paragon to victory in the Melbourne Cup, has been engaged to ride the Bobadil gelding in the big two-mile race next November. Cameron will also ride Rathina (the colt bred by Mr. T. H. Lowry) (Royal Padlock) based on the J.C. and V.R.C. Derbies. Rathina is now owned by Mr. Chaffey, from whom Cameron holds a retainer.

The Torpedo gelding Thrave was well supported by his partisans in a number of engagements at Ellerslie, but finished out of a place. Thrave, however, made ample amends for his failures when called on to ride at Haeffels, winning the Horetanunga Handicap and the Final Handicap on the recent Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting.

The Auckland-owned gelding Blue Mountain does not appear to be warmly treated in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, in which event he has been placed 10th, and, if in the same condition as when he ran second in the Great Northern Steeplechase and won the Winter Steeplechase, will be hard to beat.

The Auckland horseman A. Suttar added three more to his list of winning rides at the Hawke's Bay meeting, steering Biavest, The Chief, and Idealism to victory. This gives the Auckland crack a good lead in the list of winning cross-country horsemen.

The latest sensation in English racing circles has again to do with the successful duping of well known horses. It is freely stated that the prominent owners of the animals in question have been proved innocent of what was going on, and were shocked when the true state of the case was revealed. The sequel is still being discussed with relish wherever racing men meet.

Avondale Stakes.—Br c by Mount—Lady Musket, br c by South—Hoteherina, br c by South—Hesper, br c by Monoforo—Miss Jack, ch c by Salvdan—Epiloge, br c by Joe Chamberlain—Althol Bruce, br c by South—Galler Ou, br c by Lupia—St. Crispina mare, br c by Stepiak—Mignon, br c by Gluden—Did, ch c by Obligado—Sweet Alice, ch c by Obligado—Cadenet, br c by Gluden—Gwenall, br c by Gluden—Lady Alicia, ch c by Gluden—Lady Ida, br c by Pulaki—Dix, ch c by Gluden—Lady Rose, ch f by Gluden—Queen Mab mare, br c by South—Bery Roe, br c by South—St. Edith, br c by Field Battery—Killarney, br c by St. Amyer—Love, br c by South—Winsome, ch f by Hymorin—Lady Lochiel, br c by South—Cazrems, ch c by Stepiak—Milly, br c by Stepiak—Matanataharkkiekie, br c by Stepiak—Pence, ch f by Obligado—Lady Alys, br f by South—Lady Clare, br f by South—Minola Bianca.

Avondale Guineas.—Prince King, His Eminence—Prince South, Salvdano, Monoforo, Jayerna, Monoral, Lady Gludstone, Dido, Semolina, Tact, Merit, Pukerangi, ch f by Obligado—Cyrenaica, ch c by Obligado—Cyrena, br c by Obligado—Gyrene, ch f by Obligado—Gyrene, br c by Hiorachi—Crey, br c by Gluden—Princess Alice, br c by South—Lady Anwa, br c by South—Merry Nil, br f by South—Worosa, br c by South—Miss Mering, br c by Monoforo—Leona, br f by South—Curaette, br f by Salvdan—Minola Bianca, br f by Walrick Miss Curassier, ch c by Wairiki—New News, br c by Wairiki—Elect, br f by Field Battery—Veratich—Elect, br f by Field Battery—Moira—Chree, br f by Monoforo—Carlona, br f by Monoforo—Brown Rose, ch f by Monoforo—Amorelle, ch c by Gluden—Miss Wingo, br f by Monoforo—Miss Simon, br c by Starline—Lady Flora, br f by South—Gladys Rose, br f by Gluden—Lady Clare, br c by South—Casterline.

It will be interesting to see what action the committee of the C.J.C. will take in response to the deputation from horse owners, in respect to the holding back of the C.J.C. National weights till after the Wellington Meeting. For some time past there has been a feeling that it would be a gracious act on the part of the Christchurch authorities if they considered the Wellington Club a little, for both the Wellington and the New Zealand Cup were affected considerably by the corresponding meetings of the C.J.C. A lot of adverse comment was occasioned when the conditions of the New Zealand Cup were altered to include any event instead of handicap events as formerly, for this appeared to aim directly at the Champion Plate run at the Wellington Spring Meeting. With the exception of the New Zealand Cup, the winners, the New Zealand Cup is the only event in Australasia which penalises a weight for age winner, and it is hard to understand why the clause was inserted.

G. Price, who went across to Sydney last month with Bonnerge and Blakney, returned last week. It is possible (says "Glenore") in the "Dominion" that Price may cross to Sydney again in some week time, and take several of "Mr. Highten's" horses to compete at Randwick in the Spring, but, as yet, nothing definite has been decided upon regarding this trip. According to the Awapuni Herald, the burning question in Australasia racing at the present time is whether the totalisator should be introduced. Each morning the Hawke's Bay track is the scene of a lively debate in regard to the proposed bookmaker's scheme, and the advocates of the totalisator. Visitors from New Zealand are quickly pressed into the argument, and asked for an opinion. Good handicap horses are scarce in Australia at the present time, so the conclusion at-

ried at by Price, and good steeplechairs are practically an unknown quantity in Sydney. Although on numerous previous occasions G. Price has made trips to Australia, but on the present occasion he took horses over to race. Both his charges, Bonnerge and Blakney, were noted bad horses at the barrier in New Zealand, and, as yet, in engagements in Sydney, both were as quiet as the post on starting-post. This is regarded by their trainer as a splendid testimony to the superiority of the Australian system of schooling horses to the present. While in New Zealand, the local conditions for every race are sent out on to the racing track something like twenty minutes before the starting time, in Australia they are sent straight to the post on starting the race and dispatched with scarcely a minute's delay. This does not prevent the public from getting their money on before each race, and it is naturally a much better system for highly-strung horses.

The new rules of racing adopted in Australia should tend to improve matters on the other side, and there will probably be a considerable improvement in the management of the smaller fixtures in future. Under the present Australian rules of racing, and no uncommon thing to see a disqualified horse sent back to the owner club's racing meeting, and disqualified people in the paddock. The new rules will alter all this, as that bearing on the matter is that a person disqualified by any club, other than the starting club, until such disqualification has been annulled or removed by the committee of the principal club, shall not be qualified to enter any show or any form in racing affairs. For some time past it has been a recognised fact that an alteration was necessary in respect to running of some events in divisions, when the acceptors were not to be held to the starting of so many horses made it dangerous. One of the new editions gives the committee power "to consent to wagers being run in heats, which may be given on such terms, as may be decided on for the prevention of accidents to limit the number of starters. The new rule states the minimum weight in all handicap flat races shall be 6 st. 7 lbs, and in all races that will be run after the new rule shall be 6 st. 7 lbs. They will have power to order any jockey engaged to ride any horse in a race to be sufficient, and to prohibit such horse from starting in such race unless their directions be observed. Rule 58 deals with the jockeys, and any one betting for or with any horse, and any one, disqualified, or warned off the course, shall be liable to a fine. For losing mount on the flat £2 where the prize to the winner exceeds £100, but where it exceeds £200 the fee is to be £3. So far as winter meeting jumping races are concerned, they are to be paid at the following rates:—£10; over £100 and less than £200, £10; over £200 not less than £200, £10; at the rate of 10 per cent. The new rule shall be deemed to be a starter in any race and under the starter's hands immediately upon the jockey or rider of such horse being ordered to line up at or behind the starting point. The word of the starter on a start is that may arise in reference to the start is to be final, except if the horses start on the wrong side of the post. With respect to non-acceptance of nominations at the meetings, the new rules give the committee power to postpone or cancel race meetings, but to return all entrance and acceptance moneys to their respective nominators, in full, and to return all moneys to the nominators of dead horses cannot agree as to which of them is to have a cup or other trophy when the stake is divided, the matter will be determined by lot by the stewards, who shall, in such cases, receive a certain sum of money to be paid by the owner who takes the trophy. Under the existing rules of racing, a horse disqualified for interference is placed out of the race, which means that it is usually considered as having interfered with perhaps one other animal, which gets the first prize. The new rules, however, give stewards power to place a horse, against whom a charge of interference is declared, immediately after any horse whose charge was in the opinion of the stewards interfered with.

It is now generally expected that the weather forecast for the week has been wintry. Although the rainfall has not been heavy, there has been just sufficient to render the training tracks at Ellerslie anything but steady paces, and, with ordinary conditions, the prevailing, the prospects for much beyond that speed being attempted with safety on the regular working tracks for some little time are not encouraging. It was hoped that the rain would be followed by beach sand which was placed upon the sand and tan tracks would relieve the position in wet weather, but it is now generally apparent that this is a forlorn hope, and that the racing authorities will have to demand that the trainers are sure to make for suitable going for fast work. It would be gratifying to the trainers to learn that the Canterbury grass was being laid making a new grass gallop, which has long been longed for. The schooling track has provided good going, and trainers of jumpers have not hesitated to take advantage of it to give their charges some good schooling. Master Paul and Silver Blaze have acquitted themselves well over the country, with White Cockade, Berlin, and Daylight Bill have won some very nice races, and the hurries, Daylight Bill, is a winner, and his efforts have been pleasing for a novice. E. H. Bell has also shaped well both over and under the flag, Royal sunny, and D. Morganthorn a few days ago from his unsuccessful trip to Wanganui and Auckland. He did not bring back either Lando or Outlander, as both horses were sold.

The good form shown by Winning Way has induced Sir George Clifford to secure a lease of his old favourite Annie Chiel, which will stand next season at Honyhurst. The horse's record will be fairly good, which has been Lady Wayward, To-morrow, and Discipline. P. V. Mason, with five members of Mr. G. V. Greenwood's team, arrived from Yathurst during the week, and has taken with him a number of his best horses. The presence of young Mason and his team at headquarters will lend additional interest to training operations and the sport generally, and their inclusion among the inmates of the paddock will greatly increase the strength of our forces. During the recent trip of the Warrimoo to Sydney, the brood mare Wet Day, with a colt foal at foot by Mastion, was shipped to Sydney for sale to Messrs. Chisholm and Co., of that city. Wet Day, who is a fine, purebred, purchased on behalf of a Brisbane sportsman for £700, and the well-bred daughter of Mackintosh and the Task, who is a fine bred, young matron, should not prove a dear purchase. D. Roberts has recommended the Glenapp filly Troon, which went and during the summer months. The horse's sire was by Berye, he Maxim-Galton, died recently at Honyhurst. Weatherere was the dam of several winners, of which Annie Chiel, Windwhistle, Napharabot, and Nigobian are the best known. The horse's dam, who is a fine, purebred, and a fine bred, had winning way, and Signalman Ceylon and Mt. Victoria as representatives this season. T. Cotton, Junr., for some years a trainer at Honyhurst, has been ordered to retire, and will take up his residence at the race-course, where stables have been erected. He took Napheze and Silkweb with him. Tikitere, in D. Roberts' stable, is at present

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

Sporting matters are very quiet here at present, and they are likely to remain in that condition for some weeks yet. There was in fact but very little of interest in the conclusion of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting, and until the horses begin to put in an appearance at Riccarton for the Grand National Meeting. In the meantime, the betting market is the big jumping double has little life about it, but Continuance and Dilbauo and Continuance and The Native have been backed for good sums during the last few days. A horse, while schooling the sliding Parallel over hurdles at Riccarton on Wednesday the local horseman W. Keller sustained a very bad fall, and at present he is in the Christchurch Hospital in a very serious condition. Keller had ridden a horse over the side of the obstacles in company with Kaffee and Daylight Hill, but on coming to the hurdle at the top of the straight Parallel blundered and came down, giving his pilot a terrible fall, which resulted in a fracture of the skull, and latest advice as to the effect that his condition is very critical. The unfortunate accident has been the subject of a good deal of comment among Riccarton trainers, and the owners of the horses engaged for dealing with injured horses has been called for a good deal of criticism. It is stated that from the time the accident happened until Keller was landed in hospital