

Turf Gossip.

By WHALEBONE.

FIXTURES.

Nov. 20 and 21—Marlborough R.C. Spring.
Nov. 20 and 21—South Canterbury J.C. Spring.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 2—Felding J.C. Spring.
Dec. 11 and 12—Rangitikei R.C. Summer.
Dec. 25 and 30 and Jan. 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer.

Mr. J. Muir's mare Waitara has foaled a filly to Bunyan.

The Salvean gelding Sols, which has been on the easy list for a month or so, is back again at Ellerslie doing stow work.

The Auckland-bred horse Shida put up a rather good fight in the Melbourne Cup, but found the distance a trifle too far.

Dead-heat in two of the principal handicaps so far decided at Riccarton constitutes a record for a metropolitan meeting.

The one-time brilliant mare Gold Lace is to be sent to the Awot Stud farm on a visit to Henry.

The well-known trotting mare Rosie Wilkes, by Osterley—Red Ross, has foaled a fine filly foal to Rothschild, and is to visit Stratton Abbey this season.

The victory of Bleriot in the Northern Guineas gave J. Buchanan his second winning title in that event, his previous win being on Beddington, as far back as 1907.

The thoroughbred colt Our King showed a great dash of pace in the Great Northern Guineas, but failed to see it out, and his manager suggests that his best efforts will be over courses under a mile.

The amount invested on the N.Z. Cup totalled the large sum of £10,578, which confirms a record, the previous best being £7,477, which was invested on the Auckland Cup of 1911.

The three-year-old Prince Soult has been showing signs of pigishness in his work on the tracks at Ellerslie of late, and if present indications are carried out he will be added to the list after the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

The Moniform gelding Apollon broke down while running prominently in the Stairs Handicap at Ellerslie on Wednesday, and the chances are that it will be some time before he sports silk again.

A glance through the nominations for the Filling meeting, which takes place at the end of the month, shows that a large number of enthusiasts are engaged, and it is evidently the intention of owners to give their horses a run while on the way North for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

The Great Northern Steeplechase winner Hautere made a big bid for victory in the changinga Steeplechase on Wednesday, but the weight and heavy going told on him in the last couple of furlongs, and though he headed Haugitane and led into the straight, the latter came again and beat him in the run home.

According to a Southern writer, Midnight Sun's victory in the New Zealand Cup came as a big surprise to Mr. E. J. Ware, who did not think him sufficiently forward for so long a distance. Midnight Sun is stated to have done nothing but skimming exercises until his return to New Zealand from Sydney.

The committee appointed by the New Zealand Racing Club to go into the question of the staidary stewards, have already met on several occasions to consider the applications, which are stated to be very large. It is common talk in the South that a well-known Hawke's Bay racing man is sure to get one of the positions.

When Whetnagall's name appeared amongst the nominations for the Hunt Club Steeplechase, it was pointed out in these columns that owing to his win at Dannevirke he was not eligible for the race. His owner, however, accepted for him, and he was brought to Auckland, but evidently it was thought for so long a distance. Midnight Sun is stated to have done nothing but skimming exercises until his return to New Zealand from Sydney.

When the writer was in Wellington last week Mr. Nidd informed him that it was his intention to send a mare to Auckland to contest the A.R.C. Peronome Stakes. Evidently something occurred to make him change his mind and send the daughter of Achilles to Riccarton, with happy result, for the filly succeeded in fanning the rich Christchurch stake for her lucky owner.

The Auckland-bred filly The Hagae, by Stepanik Peace, is putting up a grand record for consistency this season, and out of five starts has only once been out of a place. In the Avondale Stakes she ran second to Merry Roe, at Wellington she was unplaced in the Wellesley Stakes, and at Riccarton ran third in the Welcome Stakes, second in the Pioneer Stakes, and second in the Pioneer Handicap.

Mr. S. Bradley's horse First Walrick, which has not earned a winning track since he won the President's Handicap at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting of 1910, nearly succeeded at Ellerslie on Wednesday

breaking the list of defeats registered against him since then. He was second in the Shorts Handicap to Tact, which beat him by three parts of a length.

Although the A.R.C. Spring Meeting was only concluded last week, the first week in connection with the A.R.C. Summer Meeting will be struck on Friday, November 22, when Mr. Morse will declare his weights for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap. As there is no racing of importance in the meantime, however, Mr. Morse may see fit to make his adjustments public before the due date.

His performance in the Metropolitan Handicap at Riccarton on Monday, when he dead-heat with Goldfinger, shows that Bobrick is not nearly the spent light numbers of people imagined. Mr. Henry dropped the son of Phalaris to 9.1, but evidently the race he had in the Champagne Plate and Stewards' Handicap worked wonders with the one-time champion, and his running in the Metropolitan Handicap stands out as something of a marvel, for the Napier crack cannot be anything like so forward as his trainer could wish.

Those who saw Jet d'Esprit race at Avondale would have hardly recognised in Tipopal the same filly when she stripped for the Welcome Stakes at Ellerslie on Wednesday. The daughter of Stepanik is only a pony in stature, but is very compact and has the galloping gift developed to a very marked extent. At the distance Tipopal looked to have very little chance of catching Merry Roe and Lady Alida, but when asked for a final effort showed a lot of gameness, and fairly wore her opponents down at the business end.

The performance so far this season of Bleriot stands the daughter of Soult as probably the best filly seen out in Auckland since Miss Delaval. In all her races Bleriot appears to have settled the opposition, and she is doing so well, and she stands up to her work should be a good stake winner, for besides being endowed with a great dash of pace, seems to stay on well. Unfortunately for Mr. Hall, Bleriot is not engaged by the Great Northern Derby, her only two Auckland classical engagements being the Great Northern Oaks and the Royal Stakes.

According to a Southern writer, the new number board to be erected at Havers will be the best thing of the kind in the Dominion, for not only will it display the numbers of the starters and the names of their riders, but it will also plainly show the result of the day for each of the starting post. This innovation will be heartily appreciated by racegoers, and the Equestrian Club is to be congratulated upon being the first racing institution in New Zealand to adequately provide its patrons with this most valuable feature of which is fast becoming more generally recognised.

A.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

The Auckland Racing Club opened its Spring Meeting at Ellerslie on Wednesday afternoon under most unfavourable weather conditions.

Mr R. R. Lusk was in his usual position in the judge's box, Mr J. K. Douglas struck the times, and Mr C. O'Connor officiated at the barrier, his work on the whole being up to his best standard. The management was in every way satisfactory.

With the elements tempting one to remain under cover, it would have occasioned little surprise had speculation fallen below last year, but the reverse was the case. The totalisator staff handled the sum of £18,744.90, as against £15,329.10 for the corresponding day last year, an increase of £3,415.

The racing was interesting.

Results:

- MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 125sovs. 4½ miles and a half.
 - C. Dawson's ch m Sphinx, aged, by Blue-jacket Houli, 9.6 (McFlynn)..... 1
 - J. B. Dunn's gr g Captain Paul, aged, 9.4 (O'Brien)..... 2
 - J. Muller's b g Surplus, 5yrs, 9.5 (Roach)..... 3
- Also ran: Rawinda 9.6, Ambergris 9.5, Fusa 9.0, Stroller 9.0, Blue Mount 9.0, Tiki 9.0, Lowgray 9.0, Hyperion 9.0, Arava 9.0, Nodius 9.0.
- Getting over the last fence safely, Sphinx was pulling up by three lengths from Captain Paul, which fought out a grand finish with Surplus, and beat him half a length for second honours. Stroller was fourth and then came Tiki, Hyperion, and Lowgray, Ambergris falling at the last fence. Time, 2:57. Sphinx was favourite.

GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS, of 750sovs. One mile.

- F. Hall's b f Bleriot, 3yrs, by Soult— 1
 - Ed. S. Bradley's ch m Prince 2
 - H. de Lator's ch m Monorall, 3yrs, 8.0 (O'Brien)..... 3
- Also ran: General Drouot 7.0, Our King 7.0, when fairly in a line for the post. Bleriot ran up to Our King, which compounded without a struggle, while Prince Soult got through next the Soult, and Monorall challenged in the centre

of the course. At the half mile, Bleriot was in front, and easily holding the opposition by two lengths from Prince Soult, which lasted long enough to beat the fast-finisher Monorall by half-a-length for second honours. Our King was close up, three-quarters of a length from Prince Soult, and Lady Elvira last. Time, 1:44 2/5. Bleriot was favourite.

WELCOME STAKES of 500sovs. Five furlongs.

- R. Hanmon's b f Sunny, 3yrs, by Stepanik— 1
 - Mignou, 8.0 (Bradley)..... 2
 - F. Hall's br f Merry Roe, 2yrs, 8.0 (O'Brien)..... 3
 - H. de Lator's b f Lady Alida, 2yrs, 8.0 (Compost)..... 4
- At the distance Merry Roe and Lady Alida were locked together, and were disputing every inch of the ground, but leaving the rails, Brady shot through, through on the inside, and the Walkato filly, finishing with great dash, got the verdict by a length and a half from Merry Roe, which beat Lady Alida by a head for second honours. Marconi was fourth and then came Red Kaba, Rosa, and Soultok, with Tiki Tapu last. Time, 1:4. Merry Roe was favourite.

ONEHUNA STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 275sovs. Distance, about three miles.

- G. Wheeler's ch g Raugitane, aged, by Rangitikei The Nile, 9.12 (Foster) 1
 - J. Williamson's ch g Hautere, 6yrs, 12.2 (McFlynn)..... 2
 - Orton Bradley's b g Kelp, aged, 11.1 (W. Parker)..... 3
- Also started: Rona 9.0, Redoubt 9.12, Bonnie Jean 9.8, Dhubca 9.8, Sky High 9.7, Romp 9.7.

At the last fence Hautere and Raugitane jumped it together, but on the right home Raugitane won by a winner by four lengths. Kelp was two lengths away, third, and then came the Club, Sky High, Hamakua, and Romp, while Bonnie Jean, Dhubca, and Redoubt, the straight and Dhubca pulled up. Time, 6:36. Hautere was favourite.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 275sovs. Five furlongs.

- F. W. Arnold's ch f Tact, 3yrs, by Dhilligoo, 7.10, 7.13 (O. Brown)..... 1
 - S. Bradley's b f First Walrick, 3yrs, 7.10 (A. McMillan)..... 2
 - F. J. McManion's br g Apollon, 5yrs, 8.0 (M. Ryan)..... 3
- Also started: Our Queen, 9.0 (Dwyer); Turbine, 8.13 (Buchanan); Lucille, 7.10 (W. Parker); Miss Livonia, 10.0 (Compost); Seeger, 7.9 (Hoghill); Dido, 7.8 (H. Noddy); Mahinga, 7.7 (H. E. Brown); Solitude, 7.0 (H. Oliver); Overtime, 7.5 (Fletcher); Haku, 7.1 (Stoekley); Worcester, 7.4 (McFlynn).

At the distance Our Queen, Apollon, First Walrick, and Tact were almost in line, and a desperate finish resulted. Tact, which ran about somewhat in the concluding stages, winning by three lengths a head from First Walrick, which was a neck in front of Apollon, with Our Queen a similar distance away, fourth, followed by Mahinga, Lucille, Overtime, Dido, and Solitude, with Turbine last. Time, 1:3 2/5. Apollon was favourite.

CITY HANDICAP of 650sovs. One mile and a quarter.

- Mrs. E. A. Lindsay's br h Royal Soul, aged, by Soult—Bavaria, 7.11 (R. E. Ware)..... 1
 - A. Jackson's b k Comorand, aged, by Meuschliok—Golden Rose, 7.12 (O. Noddy)..... 2
 - F. W. Arnold's b m Antoinette, 5yrs, by Southcross, 7.10 (O. Brown)..... 3
- Also started: Waimanga, 8.8 (Seeger); Gray, 8.6 (A. McMillan); Kakaia, 8.1 (M. Ryan); Goldsize, 7.12 (J. Buchanan); La Rona, 7.12 (W. Percival); Julie Pile, 7.10 (O. Compost); Mani Kina, 7.4 (W. McKay); Semper Parvum, 7.3 (Fletcher); Flying Sault, 7.0 (Stoekley).

At the distance Antoinette made her effort, but could not make the slightest impression on Royal Soul, which won easily by three lengths a head from Comorand in the last furlong, and Comorand coming with a great run, just caught her on the post, and got second honours by a head. Semmlina was fourth, and then came Mani Kina, La Rona, and Julie Pile, Goldsize, Flying Sault, Waimanga, and Kakaia last. Time, 2:13 2/5. Waimanga was favourite.

ROHSON, HANDICAP of 125sovs. Six furlongs.

- Walter Ross' br m Parawai, 6yrs, by Rimelith, Seamount, 7.7 (Fletcher)..... 1
 - A. Bach's b f Lady Gladstone, 5yrs, 7.4 (W. Percival)..... 2
 - J. Williamson's bk g Royal Irish, 4yrs, 8.3 (O. Compost)..... 3
- Also started: Cloudy Dawn, 8.9 (D. P. Moran); Sadie, 8.4 (O. Brown); Carl Davon, 8.2 (Dwyer); Tragedy King, 8.2 (O. Brown); Vestal, 8.0 (H. Conway); Master Tupahi, 8.1 (McMillan); Lady Dorothea, 7.12 (Seeger); Dama, 7.0 (H. Oliver); Dorothea, 7.0 (O. Compost); Light Blue, 7.13 (O'Brien); Clara, 7.0 (Martini); Antiphona, 7.0 (J. Buchanan); Hemisphere, 6.11 (McFlynn); Kahalo, 7.5 (W. McKay); Light Blue, 7.8 (Hoghill); Pea Rille, 7.5 (O'Brien); Alida, 7.0 (H. Noddy); Mignou, 8.0 (M. Ryan).

Parawai came with a late run from a long way back, and catching the leaders twenty yards from the goal and by a length, he won from Lady Gladstone, which was a head in front of Royal Irish, with Tragedy King another head away third. Lady Betty was next, followed by Goodwin Sands and Cloudy Dawn, the last to finish being Pea Rille. Time, 1:19 3/5. Royal Irish was favourite.

FLYING HANDICAP of 275sovs. Seven furlongs.

- F. W. Arnold's ch f Tact, 3yrs, by Dhilligoo, 7.11, 7.13, 7.13 (O. Brown)..... 1
- D. Hughes' br g Ngatiramu, 5yrs, 7.9 (H. Noddy)..... 2
- M. Langton's b g Jack Delaval, 5yrs, 8.8 (O. Compost)..... 3
- Also started: Elektraok, 8.11 (O. A.)

Master Watrli, 8.2 (P. Brady); Woe Olga, 7.12 (J. Buchanan); Admiral Soult, 8.0 (W. Percival); Watchman, 7.4 (Stoekley). At the distance Tact and Ngatiramu challenged, and the former, drawing away, won by a length and three-quarters of a length from Tact, which was a neck in front of Jack Delaval—half a length for second honours. Master Watrli was fourth, and then came Watchman, Woe Olga, and Elektraok, with Admiral Soult last. Time, 1:31 2/5. Jack Delaval was favourite.

SECOND DAY.

The concluding day's racing took place at Ellerslie on Saturday afternoon. Speculation was brisk, and during the afternoon a sum of £25,829 was passed through the machines, which, added to the amount of the opening day, makes a total of £44,528.10, as against £37,484.10 last year, an increase of 7,000. Details are: HENTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 125sovs. 4 miles.

- Jan Blair's br g Sky High, aged, by Excelsior, Soult, 9.12 (Foster)..... 1
- C. Shaw's br g Eglington, aged, 10.8 (Roach)..... 2
- W. S. Dalton's b g Captain Jack, aged, 10.3 (Foster)..... 3

Also started: Tiki Tapu, 12.8 (Bradley); Morn 11.8, Mahonga 11.2, Teal 10.9, Atawahi 9.8, Master Phacton 10.8, Tangitau 10.7. Sky High had command as they came down the hill, but the course again, and from that on the issue was never in doubt. Sky High winning, pulling up, by five lengths from Eglington, which was a length and a half in front of Captain Jack. Mahonga was fourth. Time, 6:35. Master Phacton was favourite.

GORDON HANDICAP of 125sovs. seven 20sovs. 13rd 18sovs. Five furlongs.

- C. Dawson's ch g Glad Tidings, 4yrs, 9.0 (O. Compost)—St. Mary, 7.5 (Thaplin)..... 1
 - A. E. Gardner's gr g Bluestone, 4yrs, Blue-light, 7.11 (O. Compost)..... 2
 - C. J. Parker's ch g Great Davon, 4yrs, Cleopatra—Lady Augusta, 8.0 (McGure)..... 3
- Also started: Cloudy Dawn 8.0, Royal Irish 8.1, Solitude 8.3, Spanish 7.6, General 7.10, Lady Antoinette 7.8, Cloudy Betty 7.7, Devastation 7.7, Worcester 7.8, Sir Rupert 7.5, Clara 7.5, Alworth 7.2, Pipit 7.2, Romani 7.2, Antiphona 7.2, Blue Rose 7.2, Pea Rille 7.2.

At the distance Glad Tidings and Bluestone finished past the judge's box locked together, the former getting the verdict by a neck. Great Davon was third, followed by Cloudy Betty, 3.5-3.88. Royal Irish was favourite.

MANUKA HURDLE HANDICAP RACE of 275sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- T. Barr's ch g Loyds, aged, by Monaco—Zena, 10.8 (Dwyer)..... 1
 - C. Dawson's ch m Sphinx, aged, 10.8 (McFlynn)..... 2
 - J. B. Dunn's gr g Captain Paul, aged, 9.5 (O'Brien)..... 3
- Also started: Black Northern, 12.4, Derby 7.10, Lady Antoinette 7.8, Cloudy Betty 7.7, Devastation 7.7, Worcester 7.8, Sir Rupert 7.5, Clara 7.5, Alworth 7.2, Pipit 7.2, Romani 7.2, Antiphona 7.2, Blue Rose 7.2, Pea Rille 7.2.

At the distance Zena and Bluestone finished past the judge's box locked together, the former getting the verdict by a neck. Great Davon was third, followed by Cloudy Betty, 3.5-3.88. Royal Irish was favourite.

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 650sovs. One mile and a half.

- F. Hall's b f Bleriot, 3yrs, by Soult— 1
 - Ed. S. Bradley's ch m Prince 2
 - F. W. Arnold's b m Antoinette, 5yrs, by Southcross, 7.10 (O. Brown)..... 3
- Also started: Waimanga 8.0, Gray 8.2, Comorand 8.2, Julie Pile 7.5, Semolina 7.1, Sea Pook 6.7.

At the distance Antoinette, well out from the field, headed a winning band, but Bleriot came with a great dash on the inside, and Royal Soul and Waimanga joined in, in the centre of the course. A desperate race followed in the concluding stages, the victory being from Antoinette, with Royal Soul a neck away, third, a similar distance in front of Waimanga. Time, 2:11 2/5. Bleriot was favourite.

EPSOM HANDICAP of 275sovs. Six furlongs.

- T. Hall's b m Waimanga, 4yrs, by Glen— 1
 - T. Parker's br h Royal Soul, 8.10 (O. Brown)..... 2
 - J. J. Parker's br h Our King, 8.0 (Dwyer) 3
 - E. Langton's b g Jack Delaval, 5yrs, 8.0 (Stenning)..... 4
- Also started: Pea Rille 8.0, Tiki Tapu, Kakaia 8.5, Prince Soult 8.1, Goldsize 8.0, Monorall 8.0, Dido 7.0, Lucille 6.12, Mahinga 6.10, Overtime 6.0, Lady Elvira 6.7.

Our King had his advantage as they turned for home, but once in the straight he was overtaken by Waimanga, catching him inside the distance gradually wore him down and won by three parts of a length, with Jack Delaval, which came with a well-earned run from a long way back, and was a neck in front of Tragedy King, which was a neck in front of Jack Delaval. Time, 1:17 2/5. Our King was favourite.

MUSKET STAKES HANDICAP of 275sovs. Four furlongs.

- F. Hall's br g Merry Roe, 2yrs, by Soult— 1
 - R. Hanmon's b g Cluop, 2yrs, 8.0 (Bradley)..... 2
 - H. de Lator's b g Lady Alida, 2yrs, 8.3 (Compost)..... 3
- Also started: Marconi 8.2, Rosa 7.12, and Tiki Tapu 7.8.

Cluop won easily by two lengths from Tipopal, which was a head in front of Lady Alida. Marconi was fourth. Time, 50 4/5. Merry Roe was favourite.

NORMANBY HANDICAP, of 125 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

D. P. Moran's br g Tragedy King, 4yrs, by Soult—Romola, 7.13 (O. Brown) 1