

authorities, by the law of the land. It has often struck me as remarkable that the police do not seem disposed to step in and take a hand in such cases. Is it not a criminal offence for a rider to deliberately and wilfully bring about an accident that might fetch in its train loss of human life and limb? Is disqualification for life sufficient punishment to meet such an offence? No, it is not by far. Make them answer before a judge and jury, and if found guilty mete out the treatment that their cowardly (for cowards they are) conduct richly deserves. Policemen who are told off to attend race meetings should keep an eye to this sort of thing, for their duty in this respect is as clear as day. The stewards also should do their part of the business fearlessly. It is for them to be always ready to receive complaints having reference to this matter and give them a thorough investigation." The suggestion is a good one, and racing clubs on this side of the water might do worse than give it serious consideration.

OWING to the interruption which has taken place in the coastal telegraphic service through the recent storm, our usual weekly inter-provincial budgets have not come to hand.

Coming Events.

[BY BORDERER.]

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

THE postponed meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club comes off at Potter's Paddock on Saturday next, and if the fine weather which has marked the last few days continues, the Club should have no reason for repenting their postponement. Good acceptances have been received, and although there is opposition at the North Shore and Helensville I don't think the attendance at the paddock will suffer in consequence of the latter meetings. The business of the day will be commenced at 1.30 p.m., when the Maiden Pony Race of 20 sovs, five furlongs, will be contested. A nicely handicapped field of nine will compete, and a good finish should result between Maxim, Circus Girl, Queen Quail and Siesta. The top weight, Maxim ran a good race when Kaipara beat him in the Maiden Pony Race at the Otahuhu meeting and on Saturday next he should go very near a win. Siesta is a smart pony, and should be close up, and so should Queen Quail. Whatever beats Maxim will be No. 1. The Harness Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 2½ miles, will be the second item on the card, and Albert Victor, 5sec, should be the hardest nut to crack, and after him I like Ruby and Clyde. The principal flat race will be the March Handicap of 40 sovs, six furlongs, for which ten ponies have accepted. Vampire has 6lb more than the 10 stone with which he cantered home in the 5 furlong race last Saturday week, and it is generally believed the extra poundage will not stop him in a six furlong race. The Dove may trouble him, and danger will lie in the direction of Gillie. There are nine acceptors for the Stewards' Handicap Trot of 2 miles, and the pair on the 20sec mark, Schoolgirl and Rosebud, should be well in. Otakeho, 35sec, is a likely one, and so is Black Oats, 31sec. The latter has a big chance. Fifteen names appear in the Novel Trot of a mile, and Spreydon Lad or Hurricane should win. Maud S. is worth an investment. The attraction of the meeting will be the Steeplechase of 2½ miles, for which eight 14.2 chasers have accepted. Pica, 12.4, will take a terrible amount of beating, and Butterfly at 11.0 has a big chance of scoring. So has Effie, 9.5, whom I would as soon support as anything. Little Raven and Little Jane are a clever pair, and with the others named should furnish a capital race. I fancy Pica, Butterfly and Effie for places. In the Class Trot of a mile and a half, Yum Yum is on scratch, and concedes handicaps up to 32sec. She should win if Clyde or Mount do not stop her. The acceptance list for the meeting will be found in another column.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

THE nominations received by the Wellington Racing Club for their combined Autumn and Steeplechase Meeting, to be held on May 2nd and 3rd, are very satisfactory and promise well for the success of the gathering. For the principal flat event, the Thompson Handicap of

225sovs, one mile, forty-eight entries have been received, and the Northern, Southern and coastal owners are all well represented. In this race Auckland is represented by Lebel, St. Clements, Lottie and Eve, and amongst the racers from the South are Rebellion, Au Revoir, Reflector, Saracen and Aldershot. There are many strong milers entered, and in the event of a good handicap being made a fine race should result. The leading attraction in the jumping events will be the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap of 225sovs, three miles, and for this race twenty-four names have been handed in, only one of which, Omata, hails from Auckland. The fine field of forty appears in connection with the Autumn Handicap of 115sovs, one mile and three furlongs, and as in the case of the Thompson Handicap the list includes the names of all the prominent owners of both islands. The Railway Handicap, of 60sovs, three-quarters of a mile, has 28 entries; the First Hurdle Handicap of 100sovs, two miles, has 25; the second Hurdle Handicap of 80sovs, one mile and three-quarters, has 21; the Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 50sovs, two and a half miles, has 13; the Stewards' Handicap of 70sovs, seven furlongs, has 33; the Trial Steeplechase Handicap of 70sovs, two miles, has 17, and the Electric Handicap of 60sovs, five furlongs, has 34. The weights for the first day's events and the Trial and Wellington Steeplechases will be declared on the 17th inst., and acceptances are due on the 25th inst.

HELENSVILLE RACING CLUB.

THE annual meeting of the Helensville Racing Club will be held at Te Makiri racecourse on Saturday next, and no doubt a fair number of Aucklanders will avail themselves of the special train, which the railway authorities have decided to run and attend the meeting. The acceptances are fairly satisfactory, and given merciful consideration by the clerk of the weather there should be some interesting racing. The day's sport will open with the Maiden Plate Handicap of 10 sovs, one mile, for which eight horses have accepted. Maid of Erin heads the weights with 9.0, and should be able to dispose of her field, although there may be concealed virtue amongst the lower weighted ones of which I am ignorant, for the majority of the runners are unknown to me. The light weight rejoices in the poetic name of His Gills, which should effectually squelch his chance. There are only four runners in the Handicap Hurdles of 20 sovs., one mile and three-quarters, viz., Tattler 10.10, Skittles 9.10, Romeo 9.8 and Rosedale 9.0, and if the top weight cannot beat his three opponents he ought to. Skittles is a mare I'm rather fond of and will give her second best chance. The Pony Handicap of 15 sovs, six furlongs, has attracted ten 14.2 performers, and with Storyteller receiving 6lbs from the top weight Cupid, I shall expect her to beat Mr Greenwood's mare and win the race. Fauntleroy, 7.12, is a dark 'un that may crop up. Red Rose at 8.10 is the only other one I fancy. Storyteller, Cupid and Fauntleroy may be the order of the finish. Seven have accepted for the Helensville Handicap of 20 sovs, one mile, and I like Edna, Tattler and Romeo. Those engaged in the Settlers' Race are unknown to me, and in the Maiden Hurdles of 10 sovs, one mile and a half, Skittles should score a win if started. For the Flying Stakes of 15 sovs, six furlongs, I like Romeo, Maid of Erin and Storyteller. The first race will be started at 12.30.

Waipa Racing Club's Races.

(BY WIRE—FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

April 4th.
THE Waipa Racing Club held a very successful meeting on the Te Awamutu racecourse to-day. The various events resulted as follows:—
Handicap Hurdle Race of 30sovs, 2 miles—Nero.
Maiden Plate Handicap of 15sovs, 1½ miles.—Rebel.
Te Awamutu Cup Handicap of 45sovs, 1½ miles.—Folly.
Kihikihi Plate of 20sovs, 1¼ mile.—Folly.
Pony Race Handicap of 40sovs, 1 mile.—Red Rose.
Flying Stakes of 20sovs, 6 furlongs.—Folly.

The privileges in connection with the Avondale Jockey Club's forthcoming autumn meeting will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Digby Tonks & Co., to-morrow, (Friday) at noon.

ANTICIPATIONS.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

[BY BORDERER.]

March Handicap, six furlongs.—Vampire 1, The Dove 2, Gillie 3.
Maiden Pony, five furlongs.—Maxim 1, Siesta 2, Queen Quail 3.
Steeplechase, two and a half miles.—Pica 1, Butterfly 2, Effie 3.
Stewards' Trot, two miles.—Otakeho or Rosebud 1, Schoolgirl 2, Black Oats 3.
Class Trot, one mile and a half.—Yum Yum or Charlie 1, Clyde 2, Mount 3.
Novel Trot, one mile.—Hurricane 1, Spreydon Lad 2, Maud S. 3.
Harness Trot, two miles and a quarter.—Albert Victor 1, Ruby 2, Clyde 3.

FOXTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

(FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.)

Flying Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs, 6 furlongs.—Rollcall 1, Kalmea 2, Voltaire 3.
Autumn Handicap of 100 sovs, one mile and a half.—Eothen 1, Bonovoree 2, Kimua 3.
Hurdles of 40 sovs, one mile and a half.—Entry 1, Lonely 2, Spreydon 3.
Electric Handicap of 30 sovs, five furlongs.—Rollcall 1, Voltaire 2, Sydney 3.
Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, one mile and a distance.—Tenby 1, Tramore 2, Karamea 3.
Stewards' Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs, one mile and a quarter.—Swift 1, Buckler 2, Pihanga 3.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

NEW PLYMOUTH, April 3rd.
THE Nile case has at last been settled. It will be remembered that Nile won the Consolation Handicap at the recent Oeo races, but a protest was entered by the owner of the second horse on the ground that Eva, the rider of the winner, was a disqualified jockey, having been suspended by the Metropolitan Club—the Taranaki Jockey Club. The case was referred to the Metropolitan Club, who decided in favour of Nile on the grounds (1) that Eva's disqualification had never been officially gazetted; and (2) that Mr Corrigan, the owner of Nile, was ignorant that Eva was disqualified when he put him up to ride. The lucky investors on Nile will therefore receive £31 10s for each pound invested in the totalisator.
The Stratford Racing Club endeavoured to get up another fixture this year, but owing to the increased prize money provided for in the Rules of Racing being beyond their means they were compelled to abandon the project.

The residents of Eltham are endeavouring to start a racing club. A meeting in that flourishing district would be a certain success.

The Taranaki Club committee the other night refused to lift the disqualification off Hymen, who was run at an unregistered meeting at Tarata, on the ground that the committee had not sufficient information placed before them.

That consistent pony, Lady Onslow, is turned out on account of injuries sustained through being cut in a barb wire fence. The mare has almost recovered from the cuts, but the enforced spell will debar her from taking part in the approaching Egmont Winter Meeting.

Waiuku is in work again, and will probably take part in the hack events at the Egmont Winter Meeting.

The pony Mother Shipton, by Australian, has so far been a disappointment to Mr J. J. Russell.

There were only five tickets invested on Mufin's chance in the Alton Handicap at Patea, and only one was held by the parties connected with the Foulshot mare. The stable put all their pounds on her chance in the Flying and not being satisfied with her running in that they practically let her go out unbacked in the other event. One sport, who hails from Opunake, had a full ticket and raked in £54 3s. A case of pure luck.

Racing people along the coast are wondering how the Auckland public let Little Tom pay such a big dividend on the outside machine at the recent meeting, more especially in face of the fact that Little Tom ran a good second to Kathleen in the pony race the first day. A reason is advanced that the stable had all their money on in the inside machine, hence the small dividend, in comparison, paid out there. But where were the British public in respect to the outside

machine? [That's just what the British public are kicking themselves over.—Ed. S.R.]

My selections for the Foxton Meeting, which takes place on April 18th, (picking from the full list) are:—Flying—Roll Call, Kalmea, Voltaire. Autumn Handicap—Eothen, Bonovoree, Kimua. Hurdles—Entry, Lonely, Spreydon Lad. Electric—Roll Call, Voltaire, Sydney. Welter—Tenby, Tramore, Karamea. Stewards—Swift, Buckler, Pihanga.

Capital acceptances and general entries have been received by Mr A. A. Ambridge for the Bell Block Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 12th, and given a fine day the meeting should prove a success. Seven are left in the Hurdles. I fancy Kiara, Cingalee, and Dick in order, and if anything should disturb this pick it will be Australasia, whose turn of pace will make him dangerous if he will jump, but I understand he is far from being a proficient fencer. Eleven have been left in the Cup, one and a quarter miles, and for places I like the chances of Kimua, Docility and Itch. Ten remain in the Flying Handicap. Sydney, Mafia and Goldenlock are likely ones to fill the places. There are fifteen in the Welter, but as most of those engaged have previous engagements it would be premature now to state what the probable placed horses would be, as several are sure not to face the starter. Previous running of those who face the starter should guide public in their fancies. There are thirteen in the Maiden. With a start Kimua should fill first place, with Dick next, and Primrose third. Nine have been entered for the Farmers' Plate, but as the majority of those entered are unknown to me I prefer to leave the race alone. A Catchweight race, post entry, makes up the programme.

Since writing the paragraph about a proposed racing club at Eltham I learn that at a meeting of sports it was decided to form a club, and a committee was appointed to arrange about a course.

J. McCracken has severed his connection with Mr Russell's stable at New Plymouth, and is now in charge of Mr A. Standish's colt Donovan and the mares Shiela and Maratan.

It is reported that Barcelona is the name of a gelding who is alleged to have been recently "rung in" on the West Coast.

Mr Will Jury advertises that he has opened new and commodious livery and bait stables in Queen-street, New Plymouth. He solicits patronage.

Mr Jas. West has removed to new and enlarged premises in Egmont-street, New Plymouth. Every convenience has been arranged, including a speciality in the form of a ladies' waiting room.

A prominent member of the Wanganui Jockey Club has gone to Sydney. The Dandy enquiry has been adjourned.

WELLINGTON JOTTINGS.

[BY PROTEUS.]

March 27.
THE Wellington Cycling and Harriers Clubs held sports last Saturday on the Basin Reserve. The attendance of the public must have numbered 4000, and considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, which were of a pleasing nature. Strict punctuality was observed and rigorously enforced in the matter of starting the events. Morpeth, the champion mile and three mile runner, had hard luck in not getting a place in the Mile Flat, but even experienced runners now and again misjudge their powers, which I think must have been the case with Morpeth, as he did not seem to pass his men well. In fact his wild steering resulted in his being spiked. He, however, won the Two Mile Flat. Hempton again established his superiority over 220 Yards, winning comfortably. The Five Mile Provincial Bicycle Championship was carried off by Muir, who rode prettily and well, beating the field in brilliant style. The times for the various events were not phenomenal, but must be considered fair in the face of the strong wind that was blowing. Appended are the results of the events:—

One Mile Bicycle Open Handicap.—L. A. Herbert, 20yds, 1; W. Chegwidden, scratch, 2; W. D. Avery, 70yds, 3. Also competed, A. H. Hunt, scr; E. F. McGuire, 70yds. Won by about four feet. Avery fell in the first lap, but remounted and managed to secure third place. Time, 3min 15 3-5th sec.
800yds Flat Handicap.—C. W. Palmer, 15yds, 1; F. C. Angel, scratch, 2; F. McKinlay, 25yds, 3. Also ran, E. M. G. Dodwell, 15yds, H. Lawlor, 30yds, G. B. Nicholls 40yds. Nicholls led for half the