

that Elk will win, and that Matariki and Awarua will be in the places. A good trio for the Trial Steeplechase can be found in Kaimanawa, Rambler, and Lonely, and the latter may win, although Rambler will be a warm one to beat. There are thirteen acceptors for the Winter Oats Handicap of 100sovs, one mile and a half, and amongst them is the mare Sunbeam, who of course will not be a starter, as she has been accepted for at Takapuna. Dreamland, 8.11, heads the list, and I regard this candidate as a very likely winner. Trouble will lie in the direction of Pinrose and Cordelia, but those three should well cover the winner. Of the hacks engaged in the Hack Flat I confess I know little, and will rely upon my Wanganui correspondent's tip, which is in favour of Strayshot. He thinks Starlight and Swift will be in the places.

ANTICIPATIONS.

TAKAPUNA WINTER MEETING.

[BY BORDERER.]

Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs, one mile.—St. Patrick 1, Dorothy 2, Swiftsure 3.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Killaloe 1, Fishmonger 2, Skittles 3.

First Pony Handicap of 35 sovs, six furlongs and a half.—Little Tom 1, Car-buncle 2, Kathleen 3.

Britannia Handicap of 60 sovs, nine and three-quarter furlongs.—Sunbeam 1, First Nelson 2, St. Kilda 3.

First Handicap Steeplechase of 65 sovs, three and a half miles.—Belle 1, Fish-monger 2, Parnell 3.

Royal Handicap of 40 sovs, five and a half furlongs.—Brown Mantle 1, Tingara 2, Ivy 3.

WANGANUI STEEPLCHASE MEETING.

[BY OUR WANGANUI CORRESPONDENT.]

Handicap Steeplechase of 225 sovs, about three miles.—Whalebone 1, Kaimanawa 2, Nanakia 3.

Trial Steeplechase of 80 sovs, about two miles.—Rambler 1, Lonely 2, Nanakia 3.

Winter Oats Handicap of 100 sovs, one and a half miles.—Monte Carlo or Priores 1, Dreamland 2, Cordelia 3.

Flying Stakes of 50 sovs, six furlongs.—Priores 1, Kai Iwi Lady 2, King John 3.

Hunters' Steeplechase of 50 sovs, about two miles.—Elk 1, Matariki 2, Awarua 3.

Hack Flat of 40 sovs, one mile and a distance.—Strayshot 1, Starlight 2, Swift 3.

[BY OUR WELLINGTON CORRESPONDENT.]

Flying.—Priores 1, Cyrus 2, Goodwood 3.

Trial Steeplechase.—Kaimanawa 1, Rambler 2, Lonely 3.

Winter Oats.—Dreamland 1, Cordelia 2, Pinrose 3.

Wanganui Steeplechase.—Whalebone 1, Kaimanawa 2, Bootles 3.

[BY BORDERER.]

Flying.—Priores 1, King John 2, Cyrus 3.

Trial Steeplechase.—Lonely 1, Kaimanawa 2, Rambler 3.

Winter Oats.—Dreamland 1, Cordelia 2, Pinrose 3.

Wanganui Steeplechase.—Whalebone 1, Kaimanawa 2, Gondolier 3.

TOWN AND SUBURBAN RACING CLUB.

[BY OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

Maiden.—Marsden 1, Curio 2, Iliad 3.

Hurdles.—Waterlily 1, Nightshade 2, Merman 3.

Birthday Handicap.—Magazine 1, Rayfeldt 2, Midas 3.

Taradale Handicap.—Ua 1, Scot Free 2, Musketeer 3.

Meane Handicap.—Actress 1, Magazine 2, Silvermine 3.

Welter.—T. Rose 1, Bangalore 2, Lobelia 3.

Flying.—Zanella 1, Aphony 2, Dingo 3.

[BY OUR WELLINGTON CORRESPONDENT.]

Birthday Handicap.—Midas 1, T. Rose 2, Magazine 3.

Hurdles.—Alecto 1, Pamoana 2, Waterlily 3.

Taradale Handicap.—Ua 1, Zanella 2, Krina 3.

NORMANBY TROTting CLUB'S MEETING.

(BY OUR TARANAKI CORRESPONDENT.)

Pony Trot: The Cob or Sailor II. Winter Handicap Trot (harness): Forester 1, Deceiver 2, Tinker 3. Normanby Trot (saddle): Otakeho 1, Peter 2, Carbine 3. Birthday Trot (harness): Tinker 1, Forester 2, Deceiver 3.

Turf Topics.

BY REVIEWER.

The steeplechaser Sir Garnet is in the market. The Taranaki Jockey Club have received 26 nominations for the Second Hack Derby of 1895.

The dividend on Buckler at the Egmont Meeting was £14 13s, not £14 18s as previously stated.

"Verax," of the Sydney Referee, does not give any of George Wright's quartette a chance in the Sydney races.

Of the horses which George Wright has taken over to the Australian side I shall not at all be surprised to see Acone figure prominently.

Since the result of the La Fleche meeting competition, what sort of a price would a foal by Carnage out of La Fleche fetch?

The Press says that St. Clement's has been sold to a Victorian. Wrong, St. Leger's son, will not be sold.

"Rata" in the Witness writes that he does not believe Liberator will be sent to Auckland to compete in the Grand National Hurdle Race.

Although the reserve placed on the Takapuna gages was not reached, I understand they have since been sold privately. The price paid, I believe, was £115.

Acceptances for the Hunter's Steeplechase and the Hack Flat in connection with the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting will be found in another column.

The death of the Duckenfield Park studmaster, Mr John Eales, does not mean that the stud will be dispersed. All his sons take an interest in horses, so in all probability it will be carried on.

The two yearlings bought by Mr Mossman here have been named as follows:—Hotchkiss—Tasmania colt Blitzen and Nelson—Tres Deuce filly Quatozze.

The Beaumont (Otago) Jockey Club has so much money owing it for nominations that the Committee have to decide upon posting those who don't pay before May 15th as defaulters.

In summing up the horses that have chances in the Sydney Royal Stakes, "Verax," of the Referee, says the best lot are Loyalty, Autonomy, Donizetti, Moorefield, Milkmaid, and Collarette. To take three he fancies Collarette, Loyalty, and Moorefield.

Brown Bess worthily represented the St. Leger blood at Moorefield Park (Sydney) races on the 5th inst. by easily winning the Moorefield Handicap of 100sovs, one mile and a quarter. She took 2min 11sec to do the distance in.

An Australian racing man at Home has been going near winning a couple of important races this spring. He ran second in the Lincoln Handicap to Baron Rothschild's Le Nicham with Juvenal, and third in the Royal Park Stakes with his filly Saintly to Choice.

It's a coincidence that as happened in connection with the last Melbourne Cup, the name of the winner of the Egmont Steeplechase was not published in the Auckland papers. Neither Union Jack's nor Broken Hill's names were published.

Several members of the Canterbury Jockey Club are said to be in favour of the club working their totalisator instead of giving the work to contractors. Quite right. If this step be carried out the C.J.C. will take the lead in a reform which should be undertaken by every club.

The letter which "Spectator" wrote concerning the Takapuna course in last week's REVIEW has drawn a point blank letter from Mr Wynyard, the secretary of the T.J.C., who apparently makes short work of "Spectator's" allegation. Mr Wynyard's letter appears in another column, and may be commended to "Spectator's" attention.

Mr T. Morrin's imported stallion Castor's pedigree (writes Truth) shows the names of no less than 12 English Derby winners, 6 St. Leger, 4 Oaks, and 4 2000gns winners. Out of 26 starts Castor scored 17 wins, 4 seconds, 3 thirds, and only twice unplaced. He won £4216 in stakes. Mr Morrin's choice seems to have been a judicious one, and Castor's yearlings are said to be a fine lot.

So quietly has Mr Dewsburn gone about his business in making known the claims of Carwall's Horse Embrocation, that although the REVIEW is a sporting paper, I was unaware that Carwall's Reliable Embrocation was in the running till it burst upon me with such a list of first-class names as backers that I was fairly staggered. I had looked upon Elliman's as the A1 and only embrocation that the world would use, but on inquiry I find that the largest horseowners in Auckland are quite willing to admit that this local production is fully equal to anything imported; several indeed claiming that it is better than anything of the kind they have yet come across. The testimonials from the gentlemen whose names appear in the advt. on the front page of this issue, are evidently sincere. All speak in the highest terms of the Auckland manufactured article. We surely have now as good brains in the colony as in the Old Country, and I don't therefore see why an article of this description cannot be turned out here just as good as an imported thing. At the prices he advertises Mr Dewsburn deserves to be well patronised—apart from patronising a local industry. I wish him all success, and trust REVIEW readers will at least give Carwall's Embrocation a fair trial.

Percy Johnston will probably ride Union Jack in the Great Northern Steeplechase.

Report has it that Strephon will not carry silk again.

Southern papers throw doubts on Liberator journeying up here for the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.

The scratchings in connection with the A.R.C. Grand National meeting are as follows, and the times given are official, and may therefore be relied upon in betting cases:—Couranto, Mutiny and Kapua, 12.45 on the 14th; Pill 11 a.m. on the 11th.

"George Hope, who comes over here as jumping jockey to Mr W. Douglas' invading team, is one of the soundest cross-country horsemen in Maoriland (where they don't breed bad 'uns), and is, moreover, a most reputable man, in whom an owner can place implicit confidence. Sam Ferguson, the second coming jockey of the team, is a really smart light weight, who has had a lot of experience during a career of some ten years at the game."—Sydney Truth.

The Australian-bred filly Candid, sister to Candour, by Splendor—Canary, won a six-furlong race at San Francisco on March 29. There were 10 starters, and Candid was favourite at 5 to 4 on. She won easily by two lengths. On the following day she won a mile and a-quarter race. The time was fast in each event. On March 17 Stromboli won another race at San Francisco, but pulled up lame.

The V.R.C. committee (writes the Bulletin) is said to be considering the question of penalties to be carried by Derby and Leger winners in the Champion Stakes. Once more the Bulletin implores these magnates to remember that they ought to allow for the possibility of a filly winning the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derby. Under present conditions, victory in either event entails a fixed weight for Melbourne Cup, so that in the case of a colt and filly running a Derby dead-heat, and dividing the stakes, they would meet on equal terms in the Cup, instead of at a 5lb difference in the young lady's favour.

Writing of Stromboli after he carried 8.4 and won a mile and a half and a furlong handicap in 1min 48sec, an American writer thus speaks of him:—"Probably no other first-class horse has ever been subjected to such treatment as has the speedy son of Chester. There is as much difference between Stromboli of yesterday and Stromboli that was disgracefully beaten a week ago as between day and night. Yesterday he was a stake horse of high degree, fit to run for a man's life; a week ago he went to the post no better than a third-rate Selling Plater, and he has not improved one whit, so far as condition and speed are concerned, in the meanwhile. The sole cause of his defeat was too much work."

"Sydney Pony Association asks that the A.J.C. will co-operate in reducing the amount of local racing. But the horse is already stolen! It has long been patent to a blind man that even in prosperous times every racing day in the week is far more than the population can reasonably stand. Why more people don't get into gaol under the circus is simply marvellous. Now, if there were a genuine desire to check the evil, horse racing could well be cut down to one meeting per month. Vested interests would, of course, receive a severe shock, but it would only be hastening the collapse which is certain if the present system be continued. Unless some reform be soon agreed upon gee-gee racing will stink—it stinks now—as did sculling and foot-running and boxing matches, and thoroughbreds will find their way to the Zoo."—Bulletin.

The larrikin jockey appears to be becoming a confirmed nuisance in Sydney. On this subject Truth writes:—"On the trams these foul-mouthed, reeking, abusive, and aggressive larrikins, are becoming an unbearable nuisance, and at certain spots in Surrey Hills, Moore Park, and Randwick their gatherings are a disgrace and a menace. A disgrace to the authorities, who do not utterly and completely disperse them under the provisions of the Vagrant Act; and a menace to all respectable people, who are compelled by circumstances to pass their haunts. In certain portions of Surrey Hills no decent, self-respecting female dare be out after dark, for the brutish impudence of these excrecences on the fair face of nature adds to and emboldens their criminality." The journal quoted proceeds to advise the A.J.C. to consider the private as well as the public character of jockeys in issuing licenses.

The Waipukurau Jockey Club have reversed their decision (writes the N.Z. Mail) about the Maid of Lorne—Tontine protest which resulted at their last meeting. Maid of Lorne was protested against in the hurdles, on the ground that she was not eligible, but the stewards dismissed the protest and paid out on the mare. The matter was referred by the owner of Tontine to the Metropolitan Club officials, who referred the question back to the Waipukurau people. The latter have now gone back on what they did before, and are going to pay the stakes to the second horse. I know any amount of people who backed Tontine in the machine, believing that Maid of Lorne would not get the money if she won. They have consequently lost their money and won't feel very bright over it. To pay out on one horse and give the stakes to another is not quite the thing.

The Sydney representative of the Australasian writes as follows in his last letter:—"Since my last the starting-machine has not been making itself popular, especially with the riders. At Warwick Farm last Saturday a mishap occurred in starting the Warwick Farm Handicap, the barrier only going up a little way on one side. The majority of the horses started, and Zingara, who was ridden by Cis. Parker, went right through it. The band of webbing caught Parker across the face, bruising him a good deal. It was, however, speedily mended and a capital start effected. This, with the mistake made at Canterbury Park, which, by the way, is not yet settled, as Avemore's owner is taking the matter before the Australian Jockey Club committee, has given the opponents of the machine a lot to talk about. Many of the jockeys don't care for it, but others, and amongst them is E. Huxley, approve of it. Huxley says:—"He can't understand how the riders don't like it. With the machine there will be no more fines, and when they get accustomed to it they will find no trouble in getting away."

The jumper Belle arrived from New Plymouth yesterday, with a view of fulfilling her engagement at the Takapuna meeting.

The sale of privileges in connection with the Takapuna Jockey Club's Winter Meeting resulted as follows:—Publican's booth (inside), S. C. Caulton, £44; outside, P. F. Purcell, £54; refreshment stalls, £7, Mrs McIntosh; cards, Scott Printing Co., £44. The Club bought in the gates as the reserve of £125 was not reached.

There is promise of good fields at Takapuna judging by the acceptances for the first day's racing of the North Shore Club's Winter Meeting. Fourteen horses have accepted for the First Hurdle Race, twelve for the Pony Handicap, ten for the Steeplechase, seven for the Maiden Plate, eleven for the Royal Handicap, and five for the Britannia Handicap.

A Sydney paper states that Mr Dan O'Brien's handsome racing stable at Randwick, nearing completion, will be one of the finest structures of its kind in Sydney. The building is treated in the plain Queen Anne style in red double pressed bricks and freestone dressings, with external hollow walls and roof covered with French tiles. Internally the building is very lofty and well ventilated, and the boxes, harness, feed, boys' rooms and hay loft will be fitted up in elaborate style.

The death of the dual V.R.C. Champion winner, First King, is announced (writes the Post). He was brought over by Mr Robert Stevens from Australia nearly two years ago, and recently sold to a resident of Woodville, where he died on Tuesday. First King was by King of the Ring out of Mischief, and besides winning the V.R.C. Champion Race twice and a number of other important events, he sired several notable winners, namely, The Nun, Ringmaster, Silver King, etc.

Stromboli is making his name in the U.S.A. But his trainer appears to be in different odour. A Francisco writer thus speaks of him:—"There are some mighty poor trainers at the Bay district track, but if a prize were offered for one with the worst showing, the trophy would be easily carried off by the man who has Stromboli in charge. He is said to be an Australian ex-coachman, and if that be true he got away out of his class when he advanced above the rank of a groom."

Captain Machell will be able to come back like a lion refreshed and witness the Derby (says an English exchange). The gallant gentleman, whose name is a household word, has greatly benefited by his short sojourn in the Sunny South, and it is quite on the cards that he will return to England at the end of May in a complete state of convalescence. That this may be so is the heartfelt wish of every good sportsman in the land. There is no better judge of a racehorse in the world than Captain Machell.

The opening meet of the Waikato hounds augurs well for the success of the season. The hounds, although a little too soft, worked fairly well, and in a few weeks are bound to give fine fast sport. Amongst those present were Messrs H. Bullock Webster (the Master) on Blue Peter, A. R. Hine (whip) on Happy Jack, W. M. Douglas on Pawa, T. Weatherill on Fisherboy, W. Thornton on Fidget, E. Cussen on Opawa, A. Bach on Manxman, C. Shaw on Waverley, E. Souter on his Anteros mare, C. Kusabs on a bay, John McCaw on Robin, C. Lake on Dandy Dick, M. H. Pickering on a bay, Thos. Wise on Kingfish, R. Hannon on Duchess, N. I. Hunt on a Parthenopæus gelding, R. Dodd on an Ingomar, Willie Douglas on his pony, W. Windsor, A. J. Storey, R. Speake, B. Martyn, and a number of others.

Hamilton Pony and Trotting Club Handicaps.—Maiden Trot: Mickey Jarvis scr, Cyclone scr, Gylenia 10sec, Moses 10sec, Blaze 10sec, Yuba Bill 15sec, Darkie 25sec, Mystery 25sec, The Maid 30sec, Ruby 35sec, Grey Laddie 35sec; Hurdles: Black Jack 10.7, Liberal 10.7; Maori Boy 10.5, Grace Lynn 10.5, Kingston 10.0, Bob 9.7, Revenge 9.7, Come Away 9.7.—Hamilton Cup: Hurricane scr, Flirt 15sec, Shoe-clip 10sec, Yuba Bill 35sec, Fuschia 40sec, Jennie 45sec, Mystery 50sec, Ruby 60sec, The Maid 60sec. Pony Trot: Shoe-clip scr, Mickey Jarvis 10sec, Cyclone 10sec, Blaze 15sec, Gylenia 15sec, Moses 15sec, Fannie 15sec, Manuku 20sec, Mystery 25sec, Juno 30sec, The Maid 30sec, Grey Laddie 35sec, Ruby 35sec, Barcoo 40sec. Coates' Handicap: Shoeclip scr, Flirt 5sec, Mickey Jarvis 5sec, Yuba Bill 15sec, Fuschia 20sec, Darkie 30sec, The Maid 30sec. Pony Race: Rata 9.12, Grace Lynn 9.9, Bob 9.7, Manuka 9.5, Kingston 9.5, Fragility 8.10, Revenge 8.5, Countess 8.3, Shadow 8.0, Mercedes 7.12, Come Away 7.12. Electric Trot: Hurricane scr, Shoeclip 5sec, Flirt 8sec, Micky Jarvis 8sec, Yuba Bill 12sec, Moses 15sec, Fannie 15sec, Fuschia 15sec, Grey Laddie 20sec.

Respecting the choosing of Carnage as the best mate for La Fleche, Mr Herman Goos, of Hainburg, who is recognised as a great authority on the science of breeding, wrote as follows in forwarding his selection:—"My selection is Carnage, the Australian Derby winner in 1893, and I choose this horse not only because you have written in the Sportsman what a horse this (Carnage) or Carbine would be to cross with La Fleche, but also the mating of Carnage and La Fleche being quite corresponding to the method I constructed for myself to mate horses and mares. This method I have described in an article entitled 'The Breeding of Ladas,' in that number of the Sport Welt which I took the liberty to send you at the end of last year. The presumptive produce of Carnage and La Fleche would be bred on the model of Musket. Musket is by Toxophilite out of a granddaughter of Brown Bess, and the presumptive produce by a great grandson of Toxophilite out of a great grand daughter of Brown Bess. Moreover, this great grandson of Tox is through his two grandfathers, Musket and Knowsley, also great great grandson of Brown Bess, and we will have that famous mare three times through her three nameless daughters, by Orlando, West Australian and Y. Melbourne, and we shall have also your friend Tramp six times, and Tramp's dam three times in the pedigree. I enclose the pedigrees of Carnage and La Fleche, in which I have marked the most interesting points with colours, and also a table showing the Tramp family."