

Sporting Topics.

Is Bend Or Uncle to Carbine?

"Delaware," of Sydney Truth, revives the story about Bend Or being out of Clemence, the grand dam of Carbine, and quotes the old groom's story. We trust that it has more truth in it than the story by "the stud groom," that Carbine was a son of Cap-a-pie.

The V.R.C. Derby Candidates.

The Derby (writes "Terlinga" in the Australasian) promises to be an interesting race this year, and if I am not mistaken the season is going to be a good one for three-year-olds. I was not at Mentone, but those who were speak very highly of Man of Honour, a very fine colt by Trenton from Maid of Honour.

A Visit to St. Albans Stud.

Wallace has thickened out and improved in a marvellous manner since last he raced (says "Terlinga" in the Australasian). Last season he was somewhat mean, but he has filled up into quite a fine horse, and when next he strips the public will notice a great change in their favourite.

Etta Weenie, and a brother to Auraria, so St. Albans should be strong in two-year-olds when the autumn comes round. One of the nicest foals I saw was a colt by Robinson Crusoe from Happy Land, belonging to Mr W. E. Slade, who won Happy Land and her colt in the St. Albans lottery.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant's (of Dunedin and Christchurch) National double list:—

Table with columns for horse names and betting odds. Includes horses like Liberator, Kulinne, D. McKinnon, Mutiny, Kapua, Tiritea, St. Kilda, The Plug, Westmere, Kauri Gum, Balquitha, R'ngip'nehu, Dummy, Fraternalite, Ilex, Zanzibar, Narrate, Nat, Lobo, Mainstay, Regret, Tippler, and Docility.

N.B.—The above Table shows the price of the double to £500 in the square opposite both horses names. Example: 500 to 5 Kulinne and Mutiny, 5 being the number opposite the names of these two horses.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

- 500 to 5 Cœur de Lion 400 to 6 Day Star
400 to 10 Crim. Streak 200 to 6 Irish Twist
300 to 18 Searchlight 200 to 4 Lord Zetland
200 to 10 Anita 100 to 2 The Possible
200 to 10 Bellicent

MELBOURNE AND N.Z. CUP DOUBLE.

- 1000 to 7 Reka and Lady Zetland
1000 to 6 Toreador and Dauntless
500 to 4 Reka and Fabulist
500 to 4 Reka and Euroclydon
500 to 3 Reka and Man-o'-War
500 to 3 Toreador and Fabulist
500 to 2 Aquarius and Quiltiri
500 to 1 Loyalty and Bessie McCarthy
250 to 1 Reka and Lord Zetland
250 to 1 Marusa and Fabulist

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCCHASE AND HURDLES.

- 500 to 20 Donald McKinnon and Donald McKinnon
500 to 10 Hopeful and St. Kilda
500 to 10 Donald McKinnon and St. Kilda
500 to 8 Barnardo and Solitaire
500 to 7 Bombardier and Nat
500 to 5 Donald McKinnon and Fraternalite
500 to 5 Mutiny and Fraternalite
300 to 3 Hopeful and R'ngip'nehu
250 to 3 Bootles and The Plug
200 to 4 Mutiny and Donald McKinnon
200 to 4 Donald McKinnon and Kapua

Messrs McLeod and Cieland report business rather slack on events to come, punters having had more than they could do to spot the winners at the Wellington meeting. However, the following doubles have been supported since the acceptances for the:

C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES AND HURDLES.

- 100 to 5 Donald McKinnon and Donald McKinnon
100 to 3 Donald McKinnon and St. Kilda
100 to 3 Donald McKinnon and Dummy
100 to 4 Liberator and Liberator
100 to 3 Liberator and St. Kilda
100 to 3 Liberator and Docility
100 to 3 Liberator and Zanzibar
100 to 3 Barnardo and St. Kilda
100 to 3 Barnardo and Docility
100 to 2 Barnardo and Zanzibar
100 to 1 Barnardo and Mainstay
100 to 2 Mutiny and St. Kilda
And a few others at 100 to 1.

The following are the principal doubles booked for

CAULFIELD AND MELBOURNE CUPS.

- 1000 to 2 Marusa and Wallace
1000 to 2 Marusa and Marusa
500 to 1 Marusa and Hopscotch

- 500 to 1 Marusa and Miraculum
500 to 1 Marusa and Coil
1000 to 1 Trentham and Newhaven
1000 to 1 Trentham and Wallace
1000 to 2 Trentham and Toreador
1000 to 1 Vanitas and Trentham
1000 to 1 Vanitas and Newhaven
1000 to 1 Vanitas and Ronda
1000 to 1 Vanitas and Delaware
1000 to 1 Vanitas and Nada
500 to 1 Vanitas and Toreador
1000 to 1 Vanitas and Hopscotch
500 to 1 Vanitas and O'Trigger
1000 to 1 Foxtail and Wallace
1000 to 1 Foxtail and Nada
500 to 2 Reka and Reka
1000 to 1 The Parisienne and Trentham
500 to 1 Trentside and Trentham
1000 to 1 Tire and The Merry Boy
1000 to 1 Duhallow and Ayrshire

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

Prices unaltered since last week. Business quiet.

Mr A. Moss reports the following business over his "Innovation" double.

MELBOURNE & NEW ZEALAND CUPS.

- 300 to 1 Toreador and Fabulist
300 to 1 Dreamland and Defiance
300 to 1 Wallace and Searchlight
300 to 1 True Blue and Euroclydon
300 to 1 Music and Lorelei
300 to 1 Delaware and Anita
300 to 1 Resolute and Saracen
300 to 1 Elswick and Lady Zetland
300 to 1 Miraculum and Penrose

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

- 200 to 7 Anita 100 to 2 Irish Twist
300 to 12 Saracen 200 to 10 Lady Zetland
300 to 5 Defiance 300 to 3 Bon. Scotland
300 to 9 Voltigeur 250 to 5 Marino
100 to 6 Bellicent 100 to 1 F. Impression
200 to 10 Culverin

THE C.J.C. GRAND NATIONALS.

- 250 to 5 Bootles and Ilex
100 to 2 Timothy and Donald McKinnon
200 to 4 Levanter and Dummy
100 to 2 Barnardo and Chris
100 to 4 Donald McKinnon and Donald McKinnon

HUNTING.

CALENDAR.

- PAKURANGA HUNT.
Saturday, August 1—Mount Albert
Saturday, August 8—Penrose
Saturday, August 15—Humatata
Saturday, August 22—Sylvia Park
Saturday, August 29—St. John's College
WAIKATO HUNT.
Saturday, August 1—Fencourt Railway Station
Wednesday, August 5—Hautapu Railway Station
RANGITIKI HUNT.
Saturday, August 1—Overton Gate
PAKURANGA HOUNDS.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., the destination of the hounds was changed from Mangere to the estate of Mr W. McLaughlin, Papatoitai. This change was made on account of the very wet weather which had preceded the meet. The club, fully appreciating the kindness of the farmers in placing their country at its disposal, avoids hunting over country which might be injured by a meet after a heavy rain.

witnessed, but there was only one kill. The fences were very stiff, and required jumping. The veteran Huntsman, Mr Selby, distinguished himself by jumping Albion over a stockyard fence, some 5ft 6in high. Pressure on our space this week precludes the insertion of a more extended report of the day's enjoyable sport. FULL CRY.

WAIKATO HOUNDS.

On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., these hounds met at Pickering's corner, a good field turning out and a fine hunting day. Puss was soon found at home in Pickering's paddock, and ran down to the gully through Brookland's, and, after a good run, was killed. Another hare was soon afoot, which ran through Douglas' to Norris's, and, whilst the pack were in full cry, a fresh hare jumped up and was chopped before she could get away.

On Friday, 24th inst., the meet was at Pukekina, the field not being large, but we had one of the best day's sport of the season. A hare was soon found, near the township, and ran through Reynolds' and back to the township, through several small paddocks, down the road to the Waikato bridge, then doubled to the old flax-mill, and, after a good run, was killed. After a short spell, another hare was found, which ran through Reynolds' and Allen's, and in a circle over the same country again; a really good run, when she was run down. Then a try was made at the Corner, and puss being at home soon set the pace, which was warm, with good jumping, ran to Hicks' and back to Allen's, and, tiring the field, was killed, making the third kill for the day. It was a long hard day, as it was getting dark when the last kill took place. The order was home, everyone being pleased with the day's sport. WAIKATO.

HAWKES BAY HOUNDS.

Last Wednesday a large crowd assembled at Petane to witness and partake in the run of the Hawke's Bay hounds, one of the most enjoyable runs ever participated in. I am sorry to say that Mrs Rhodes, who was riding that generally safe conveyance, Briar, had a hasty fall, and so had Miss Groome, who was mounted on Moe (a half-brother to Gasparini), but happily neither ladies were seriously injured. At the conclusion of the sport, all were hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Kinross White, at their country cottage. Amongst those who took a prominent part in the meet were Mrs J. B. Rhodes on Briar, Mrs Sutherland on Harkaway, Miss M. Rhodes on Forangi, Miss Groome on Moe, Miss Watt on Tommy Dodd, Miss Nelson on Sunbeam, Miss Williams on Topthorne, Messrs G. T. Sutherland (Master) on Totouru, H. Jackson (huntsman) on Repo and Revenge, E. Amundson (whip) on Barbarossa, E. Johnston on Nimrod, G. Groome on Barlow, Canning on Day Star, P. J. Neagle on Black Bess, M. Neagle on a chestnut, T. Groome on Light-house, — Leitch on Grandwing, and E. Groome on a good-looking and clever job.

THE ROYAL COMIC OPERA CO.

Auckland theatre-goers will welcome the arrival here of the above famous Company, so well and favorably known throughout the Australasian Colonies, as one of the best companies that Messrs Williamson and Musgrove have started en tour. We have had so few good companies in Auckland during the last four months that we are not surprised to learn that the booking for seats has already beaten the record, and anyone wanting to see one of the latest of English theatrical novelties will have to be mighty quick in booking a seat. The first of the musical comedies that "The Firm" will introduce to our notice will be "A Gaiety Girl," which has drawn immense audiences throughout New Zealand. The comedy is intensely funny and interspersed with sprightly music and catchy songs. We can only refer our readers to the large number of high-class artists taking part, to convince them that the production will be on a scale worthy of the reputation of the great firm. "A Gaiety Girl" will be produced, commencing on Monday night next at the Opera House.

Saturday next, August 1st, is the equine birthday.

An inquest was held on Monday at the Hospital concerning the death of F. Say, jockey, who met with an accident in December last, at Ellerslie racecourse, while schooling the pony Sepoy over hurdles. The evidence of Messrs Donald Taylor, Harry Howe, and Dr. Baldwin was taken. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died from the effects of paralysis, caused by fracture of the spine.

English sporting writers have been keeping an eye on the Duke of Westminster's colt, Regret (Sheen—Farewell) for some time, expecting him to do something good, but they now know his full strength, as Regret ran second to St. Frusquin in the Eclipse Stakes of 10,000 sovs, on Friday last. A picture of the winner, St. Frusquin, appears in this issue.