

ment. Vanilla, Skirmisher, Lord Roslyn, Mar-emma, Belligerent, Firefly, Tire, and Manawanui all ran disappointingly. Gold Spur was bred in the Oamaru district, and is a brown gelding by Rubezahl—Rose Spur; he is four years old, and was bought by his present owner (Mr J. Loughlan) for £14. Barshot, who finished second, pulled up very sore.

Jewel, who is a remarkably fine mare, carried 9st to victory in the Epsom Welter, defeating Black and Red, Arquebus, and five others.

Mr Ormond's colt, Daunt, had very little difficulty in winning the Rossley Plate. Bracelet, who was a hot favourite, whipped round when the tapes went up and took no part in the race.

Vandyke annexed the Sockburn Handicap in the style from Salvo Shot, but the latter would probably have won had he not lost a length or so at the top turn. Vandyke won the same race last year.

The Gimcrack Race furnished a good set-to between Molly Darling, Alcestis, and Stockfish, who finished in the order named. The winner was bought in at 30 guineas.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH.

The weather was fine though cold for to-day's racing. The Peerswick Hurdle Race, the first event on the programme, brought out a field of five. Clarence, the outsider of the party, had more pace than the others in the last 100 yards, and won by a length and a quarter from Highlander, who was half a length in front of Ilex. Tally-Ho was fourth, and Social Pest last.

Six fillies faced the starter in the Autumn Nursery. After a pretty race Gold Leaf beat Bracelet by half-a-length for first honours. Miniature being three lengths away third, Beauty Sleep was fourth, and Bloomer last.

Manawanui created a surprise by winning the Yaldhurst Welter Handicap. The race produced the best finish of the meeting, Manawanui just beating Telemeter by a head for first place. St. Elmo was third four lengths behind Telemeter, Plotter fourth, Lord Zealand fifth, Salvo Shot sixth. The dividend, £20 9s 6d, was the largest at the meeting.

Waiuku 8.12, Lord Roslyn 8.1, Leda 7.9, Chaos 7.7, Belligerent 7.0, Firefly 7.0, Tire 6.12, were starters in the Great Autumn Handicap. The first-named, who had been well backed by his connections for the double, was the public fancy. Belligerent made most of the running, Tire, Lord Roslyn, and Chaos following. The field was close together entering the straight, but Waiuku soon had his opponents in difficulties, and taking the lead just below the distance went on and won by a length and a half from Leda, who came fast in the last 100 yards. Tire was a neck behind Leda, then followed Belligerent, Firefly, Chaos, Lord Roslyn, in the order named. The half-mile was done in 57sec., the 6 furlongs 1min. 24sec., and the mile and a-half in 2min. 40 1-5sec.

The Fifth Challenge Stakes was robbed of a good deal of interest owing to Seashell being left at the post and Mannlicher dislodging his rider as the barrier was raised. Neither took any part in the race, and Gold Medalist did not start. Multiform won very easily by a length from Daunt, Gold Leaf being third and Argon last.

Gold Spur showed what a fine horse he is by carrying 9.5 to victory in the Templeton Handicap, cutting out the six furlongs in 1min 16 1-5sec. Molly Darling (6.13) was second and Belle Clair (8.4) third. Gold Spur, who won hard held by a length and a half, was giving weight to such smart sprinters as Vanilla (8.6), Jewel (8.8), and Marino (8.5).

Weary won the Addington Plate by half a length from Alcestis, but no bid was offered for the daughter of St. George. Barmby, whose best days as a racehorse are evidently over, was third. He was entered at £100. The son of Vanguard, who, at his best, was one of the fastest sprinters in New Zealand, should make a good stud horse. Mauser, Vogengang, and Bold were among the starters.

The Final Handicap saw Barshot, who was made favourite, at his best, beating Boreas (second), Skirmisher (third), Black and Red, Leda, Marlin, and Belligerent. Barshot won very easily by a length.

Mr J. E. Henry (handicapper), was not able to be present at the meeting owing to sickness in his family at Wellington.

Inter-Provincial.

HAWKES BAY.

The flood—Death of Leonora and several other brood mares—Cyclists in difficulties.

NAPIER, April 20.

Owing to the flood which we had on Friday last Fred Collins, C. Siddells, and Tom Sweeney, with their respective teams had to quit Greenmeadows and take refuge in Napier. Robinson Crusoe, who forms one of Collins' team, is located at Palmer's stables, while the other members of the string, Morag, Drury Lane, a five-year-old daughter of Patriarch and Claudina, and a two-year-old filly by Rewata out of the Anteros mare Maratama, are up at their owner's, Mr George Richardson, place on the hospital hill. Moonraker, Maid Marion, and Billy are at Rymer's stables. Although the Park Racing Club's course and fixtures are situated in close proximity to where the principal part of the deluge took place, they have come out of the ordeal all right, as will be seen when I state that of 150 sheep that were grazing on their property, not a single one has been lost. With the exception of a small deposit of silt at the back of the course, and a slight list to seaward of the galvanised fence that encloses the grand stand and lawn enclosure, matters are as they were previous to the flood.

News from Hastings, and it has been a bit patchy for the last few days, tells of the death by

drowning of Captain Russell's brood mare Leonora, and a couple of stud matrons belonging to the owner of Flaxmere. Mr W. Douglas, of Temahanga, has also lost three of his brood mares, the names of which I have not been able to ascertain.

As showing the effect the storm has had upon the postal department, no SPORTING REVIEWS of last week are yet to hand.

The Waipukerau races, which were to have taken place on Easter Monday, have been postponed indefinitely, interruption in the railway traffic being the cause of the postponement.

Mr A. McCartney, who is one of the missing boat's crew, is the well known licensee of the Albion Hotel in this town. He officiated for some time back as judge at the Town and Suburban meetings, and a few years ago had Piscatorius at the service of breeders in this district.

A team of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club, consisting of Messrs. A. C. Norris, W. B. Jourdain, Caughley, Pocock, T. Oliver, and T. Taylor, accompanied by Messrs. Bowman, Lindsay, and Strickland, of the Amateur Athletic Club, left Napier on Good Friday by the express train, en route for the Wanganui meeting, which was timed for Easter Monday. The train got along all right until Pakipaki was reached, about seventeen miles from Napier, when a halt took place, as it was found upon reaching that place that nothing but water loomed in sight, and it was not considered advisable to proceed further until advice had been obtained from the authorities. A message was sent at once to Hastings, from whence two men were despatched to Napier on a trolley, asking for instructions. Hour after hour passed and no news came, while the water deepened in front, and the situation became more serious. There was very little food on the train, and the passengers had to do without lunch. At last, at half-past five, it was decided to return to Hastings, and the train slowly proceeded back, many stops having to be made on account of the critical condition of the rails. Hastings was at last reached, and a rush made for the hotels, all of which were quickly crowded by the unusual number of strangers, who started to relieve their now ravenous hunger. After putting in Saturday and Sunday at Hastings, the party returned to Napier at mid-day on Monday. To say that they enjoyed the trip would be a stretch of the imagination, but, as several of the team remarked to me, it might have been worse, and I think they were lucky to get home with their lives.

Our Illustrations

THIS week, as one of our leading illustrations, we present Mr Wm. Percival, the popular secretary of the Auckland Racing Club. Mr Percival is not approachable concerning his own history, and therefore we are dependent upon others to supply us with information. We find that the jovial executive officer of the Auckland club was born in Wanstead, England, and early in his career he displayed a taste for horses, and was adjudged a splendid cross-country lad when only in his teens. He arrived in Auckland in 1868, and a few years afterwards became a leading follower of the hounds, and for ten years no more fearless rider could be found across country. On one occasion the subject of our illustration met with an accident while riding Coronation in a steeplechase at Canterbury (N.Z.). Since that time he has devoted attention to the interests of the Auckland Racing Club, and is now decidedly popular. It has been said that Mr Percival is too closely identified with certain horses. We, however, give the guarantee that the horses with which Mr Percival's name has been connected have been fairly and honourably leased. No doubt Mr Percival takes a strong interest in the progeny of his stable, but that interest is more for the benefit of the turf than for himself.

To interest our cycling contributors we give a picture of our English friends, Messrs. Green and Edwards, who have recently been competing in Melbourne; also a group of competitors and trainers at the Wanganui and West Coast Cycling Club's Meeting, held at Wanganui on March 18.

We also present Israelite, the winner of the Maiden Pony Race at Potter's Paddock last Saturday. This little fellow is only thirteen hands two inches and a half high, but he is the picture of a racehorse in miniature.

Another picture is that of the cross-country pony, Fauntleroy. He is a splendid performer, and certainly deserves better success than has attended his efforts at Potter's Paddock.

Kapai's picture is also given. He was the winner of the Electric Trot and the Stewards' Trot at the late meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club. He is a fine, handsome horse, and has few superiors when racing under saddle.

We give a portrait of Butler, alias Harwood. The appearance of this savage in our columns needs a word of excuse, because, as a rule, we only cater to the sporting world. However, at the present time he is an object of public interest. Soon after the publication of our paper to-day he will probably arrive in Auckland. Although many wish to see the murderer, it is certain that the detectives who have him in charge will prevent the curiosity of the public being gratified, and for that reason we present his portrait.

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Anticipations.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

THE weights were issued at a late hour last night, and from the necessarily hurried glance I make the following selections:—

Maiden Hurdle Handicap.—TIM 1, THE INDIAN 2, MOZEL 3.

Handicap Hurdle Race.—GIPSY PRINCE 1, AUGHADOWEY 2, LEVANTER 3.

St. George's Handicap.—DORIS 1, LADY ANNA 2, FLYING FISH 3.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race.—LIBELLER OF POROURA.

Criterion Handicap.—REGEL 1, THE DRONE 2, JANET 3.

Handicap Steeplechase.—ST. SIMON 1, KINGSWOOD 2, LEVANTER 3.

Grandstand Handicap.—DONOVAN 1, PORANGI POTAE 2, REX 3.

Victoria Handicap.—CANOPUS 1, ST. CRISPIN 2, CORONET 3.

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21 picked winning treble—Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap, and Steeplechase.

Two of these, 188 and 366, were informal as they did not reach our office by the specified time.

The division will, therefore, rest with the 19 successful tipsters, each of whom will receive 10s. 6d. Had Miss Nelson won the prize would have fallen to four competitors, who relied upon the daughter of old Nelson to win the steeplechase. The amounts are payable at our office on application. The following are the winning numbers, with names and addresses, of the winners:—

- 25 L. L. Beeson, Church Street, Devonport
54 J. Russell, Vulcan Lane, Auckland
62 Miss E. Vallilley, Whata Whata
103 W. G. Irwin, Ellerslie
183 T. C. Barrett, Nelson Street [informal]
267 E. Scarborough, Remuera, Auckland
318 Mrs H. Mason, Coromandel Street, Newtown, Wellington
319 C. Edwards, Beresford Street
323 R. P. Kinloch, Three Kings, Onehunga
366 Mrs O'Connor, 65 Vincent Street [informal]
378 S. McEwin, City Buffet, Queen Street
383 J. Russell, Vulcan Lane, Auckland
445 E. Hewson, Vermont Street
453 E. Lundin, Wellesley Street, Auckland
470 Bert Stone, Eden Street, Mount Eden
513 E. N. Mabblerley, Graham Street, Auckland
537 Charles Lloyd, Waihi
550 W. M. Richards, next School, Lower Parnell, Auckland
597 W. S. Dickey, Upper Union Street
621 A. Tuohy, Lorne Street
629 Daniel Kelly, Richmond Road

We shall shortly announce several new coupons.

At the present time there are four remarkably fine yearlings at Ellerslie. The Cuirassier—Jadestone colt is in the hands of Mr George Wright, and is looking remarkably well. This is a lusty and powerful colt, and will be either a champion or nothing.

Mr J. C. Booth has a couple of very fine youngsters to handle, one being by St. Hippo out of Cantiniere, and the other by Cuirassier—Balista. Most people would prefer the last-named, but the Cantiniere colt is very likely to furnish into another St. Hippo; he is a powerful fellow, and in many respects resembles his sire. The fourth colt is located at Alex. Caulton's stable in Greenlane; he is by St. Leger—Antelope and stands on a beautiful set of legs; he has only been placed in Caulton's hands during the past week, but already he displays the sweetest of tempers; with his fine quarters and great shoulders this, the latest son of Antelope, should make a wonderful galloper.

The value of stallions of the highest class is going up fast in America, states an exchange. Only a few days ago \$0,000dols. was offered for Allerton (2min 9 1/2sec), 15,000dols. was bid for another prominent stock horse, and it is well-known that there are several 10,000dols. buyers looking for the best they can get.

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HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs. One mile and a half.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes St. George's Handicap of 120 sovs. One mile.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs. One mile and a half.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Criterion Handicap of 80 sovs. Four furlongs.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs. About three miles.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Grandstand Handicap of 80 sovs. Five furlongs.

Table with columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Weight (st lb), and Time. Includes Victoria Handicap of 80 sovs. Five furlongs.

AN EXCELLENT MARKSMAN.

"The most expensive shot I ever made was in the mountains in a Western state," remarked an amateur Nimrod, who has about a dozen guns and rifles and half a dozen dogs, not to speak of hunting suits innumerable and divers sporting paraphernalia, according to the Detroit Free Press. "I was after wild turkey in a gulch where it was said a gang of nine or ten had their rendezvous. I was prowling through a thicket when I heard 'em. There they were all together eating something. Whatever they were feeding on, it brought their necks all in a bunch, and my heart bounded with exultation. I took careful aim at those necks and let fly with both barrels from my shotgun. Well, sir, it knocked every one over, so closely had they been standing together. I confess it was like pot-hunting, and that I ought to have flushed 'em first. I went forward to get my game.

"Suddenly I heard a voice.
"'Hey you, thar!'"
"I looked up and there was one of the long, old-fashioned, muzzle-loading rifles pointed straight at me.
"'Did you kill them gobblers?'"
"'Yes, all at one shot too.'"
"'Well you fork out 2dol apiece. Them's my tame turkeys. My cabin's over thar. See it? Them birds were feeding out of a trough, eating corn I put thar for 'em. Do you pay or—'"
"'I pay.'"
"'And I did. It was a 10dol shot. The greasy, ragged hill-dweller and apology for a farmer chuckled when he took the money.
"'I s'pose ye don't want the birds?'"
"'Yes, I do,' I answered, testily.
"'Wal, the folks to hum can tell the difference 'tween tame and wild birds, I cal'late.'"
"'Oh, keep 'em,' I said, angrily.
"'So he took them to his cabin, and as I departed he yelled out.
"'Say, stranger, ther's some of my geese back thar ye might try yer hand at. That thar was a great shot of your'n. Five to onst! Ho! ho!"

RESULTS OF RACES—1s. 6d. EACH.

At the request of several of our subscribers, we have decided to undertake wiring the results of the various races in New Zealand. Telegrams will not be attended to. Remittances should be sent to the MANAGER RESULT DEPARTMENT, SPORTING REVIEW, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.