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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

Dec. 9, Thurs.—Ashburton R.C. Summer Dec. 9, Thurs.; 10, Fri.—Masterton R.C. Summer Dec. 27, Mon.; 28, Tues.—Westport J.C. Summer Dec. 27, Mon.; 28, Tues.—Reefton J.C. Midsummer Dec. 27, Mon.; 28, Tues.—Lower Valley J.C. Annual Dec. 27, Mon.; 28, Tues.—Taranaki J.C. Summer Dec. 27, Mon.; 28, Tues.—Manawatu R.C. Summer Dec. 27, Mon.; Jan. 1, Sat.; 3, Mon.—Auckland R.C. Summer Dec. 27, Mon.—Tauranga Hack First Annual Dec. 29, Wed.—Ashurst-Pohangina Hack Dec. 31, Fri.; Jan. 1, Sat.—Greytown J.C. Midsummer Jan. 1, Sat.; 3, Mon.—Tinwald R.C. Annual Jan. 1, Sat.; 3, Mon.—Rangitikei R.C. Summer Jan. 1, Sat.; 3, Mon.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer Jan. 1, Sat.—Maketu Hack Club Annual Meeting Jan. 4, Tues.; 5, Wed.—Westland R.C. Midsummer Jan. 12, Tues.—Pahiatua R.C. Annual Jan. 13, Thurs.; 14, Fri.—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual Jan. 20, Thurs.; 21, Fri.—Gisborne R.C. Summer Feb. 9, Wed.; 10, Thurs.—Egmont R.C. Summer

NOMINATIONS.

Dec. 4—Ashurst-Pohangina Hack R.C. Dec. 4—Manawatu R.C. Summer Dec. 4—Ashburton R.C. Summer Dec. 4—Tauranga Hack First Annual Dec. 9—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer Dec. 10—Auckland R.C. Summer Dec. 10—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual Dec. 14—Maketu Hack Club Annual Meeting Dec. 15—Gisborne R.C. Summer Dec. 18—Greytown J.C. Midsummer Dec. 18—Reefton J.C. Midsummer Dec. 18—Wairarapa Hack Guineas, 1899 Jan. 7—A.R.C. Great Northern Derby, Foal and Royal Stakes Jan. 7, 10—Egmont R.C. Summer Jan. 8—Taranaki J.C. Autumn Jan. 11—Wanganui J.C. Jubilee Jan. 14—Canterbury J.C. Summer Jan. 31—Wanganui J.C. Jubilee Feb. 3—Hawke's Bay Cup and Railway Stakes Feb. 4—Canterbury Jockey Club's Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps Feb. 4—Canterbury Jockey Club's Eighth Challenge Stakes (1900) Feb. 5—D.J.C. Fourth Eclipse Stakes, 1900 (foals 1897) Feb. 5—Taranaki J.C. Autumn Feb. 8—Canterbury J.C. Summer Mar. 3—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn Mar. 25—Canterbury J.C. Autumn April 4—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase April 6—Canterbury J.C. Autumn April 26—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase May 12—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

Dec. 4—Taranaki J.C. Hack Dec. 7—Greytown J.C. Midsummer Dec. 8—Reefton J.C. Midsummer Dec. 13—Manawatu R.C. Summer Dec. 14—Auckland R.C. Summer Dec. 14—Ashurst-Pohangina Hack R.C. Dec. 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer Dec. 28—Auckland Racing Club Summer Dec. 29—Greytown J.C. Midsummer Jan. 1—Auckland Racing Club Summer Jan. 1—Westland R.C. Midsummer Jan. 4—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual Jan. 16—Gisborne R.C. Summer Jan. 22—Taranaki J.C. Autumn Jan. 24—Egmont R.C. Summer Jan. 28—Canterbury J.C. Summer Feb. 7—Taranaki J.C. Autumn Feb. 9—Egmont R.C. Summer Feb. 15—Wanganui J.C. Jubilee Feb. 17—Hawke's Bay Cup and Railway Stakes Mar. 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn April 1—Canterbury J.C. Autumn April 22—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase May 10—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase June 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 18—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

Dec. 3—Auckland Cup and Steeplechase Dec. 4—Masterton R.C. Summer Dec. 4—Ashburton R.C. Summer Dec. 13—Westport J.C. Summer Dec. 15—Taranaki J.C. Hack Dec. 15—Auckland R.C. Summer Dec. 17—Reefton J.C. Midsummer Dec. 18—Greytown J.C. Midsummer Dec. 21—Ashurst-Pohangina Hack R.C. Dec. 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer Dec. 27—Manawatu R.C. Summer Dec. 31—Taranaki Hack Derby Dec. 31—Westland R.C. Midsummer Jan. 3—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual Jan. 7—Gisborne R.C. Summer Jan. 17—Egmont R.C. Summer Feb. 5—Taranaki J.C. Autumn Feb. 11—Canterbury J.C. Summer Feb. 12—Taranaki J.C. Autumn Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Jubilee Mar. 3—Hawke's Bay Cup and Railway Stakes Mar. 14—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn March 25—Canterbury J.C. Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps April 6—Canterbury J.C. Autumn April 26—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase May 17—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase June 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 20—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

FORFEITS.

Dec. 3—A.R.C. Royal, Derby, Foal, and Champagne Stakes

FIRST FORFEITS.

Feb. 4—Canterbury Jockey Club's Champagne Stakes.

FINAL FORFEITS.

Feb. 4—Canterbury J.C. Sixth Challenge Stakes 1898 Mar. 23—Canterbury J.C. Champagne Stakes

SWEEPSTAKES.

Mar. 3—Hawke's Bay Stakes

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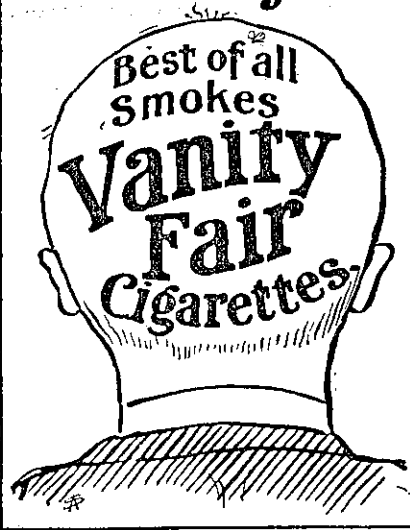
Mar. 25—Canterbury J.C. Sixth Challenge Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Dec. 3—Taranaki Hack Derby Jan. 14—Canterbury J.C. Middlepark Plate and Champion Plate, 1898 Feb. 15—Taranaki Cup Feb. 25—Wanganui Jubilee Cup April 5—Canterbury Jockey Club's Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps

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Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

THE CUP AND STEEPLECHASE WEIGHTS.

[BY ATLAS.]

Mr Joseph Evett issued his handicaps for the Auckland Cup and Steeplechase on Saturday last from Wellington, where he had been watching the form of horses at the local meeting, and perhaps it was as well that the genial handicapper was at a safe distance from some of the dissatisfied Auckland owners when they first gazed upon the adjustments. After all, perhaps it is not half a bad sign to hear owners anathematising after the declaration of a handicap, because if everyone growls then it is excellent evidence that nothing has been thrown in. It is impossible to satisfy some owners, especially those who have industriously endeavored to demonstrate to the handicapper and everyone else for months that their horse is not so good as he is painted, or that his teeth had been giving him trouble, or that when he won on the last occasion it was because everything else in the race was stiff. It is sad that a handicapper cannot satisfy all these people, and when we can find one who does then we may confidently expect a racing millennium. Although perhaps there was more growling than usual on Saturday when the handicaps were posted, I think that although there are inconsistencies Mr Evett's Cup work is fairly good. To bring the various classes which constitute the Cup field together is almost an impossibility, and there are not many who will argue that Mr Evett was wrong in starting with Euroclydon at 9st 8lb, and if that horse undertakes the journey to Ellerslie he will receive substantial support, notwithstanding that he is supposed to have a leg. However, the going is getting very hard at Ellerslie, and it may be that the owner of Gorton's valuable son will not care to take any risks. Everyone expected that Waiuku would be second on the list, and although he is asked to undertake the carriage of 9st 7lbs he is entitled to it. Certainly he has jumped up 15lbs over the weight he won the New Zealand Cup with, but Mr Henry in that event made a sad mistake in letting him in with 8st 6lb, and the only reason for his leniency probably was that he was a non-tayer; but he proved in the Cup that he could stay, and, moreover, it is pretty well known that bad weather had interfered with his preparation, and that consequently he was not so well as he might have been on Cup day. Still he was well enough to win handsomely, and he would have no reason to complain with his Auckland weight if St. Paul had been put 2lbs closer to him. However, St. Paul is a little horse and Waiuku's conformation causes him to look to be a better master of 9st 7lbs than St. Paul is of 9st. Waiuku may be capable of a little improvement, but Jack Chaffe has got St. Paul as fit as hands can make him. There is a decided advantage in that at this season of the year when the ground becomes so hard, as moderate work will keep St. Paul in form, and therefore there is less danger of breaking him down than if he had to be bowled along as will need to be the case with Nestor, Sabretache, and Armilla. If as fit as he was last year, then Nestor will be dangerous with 9st, but he will have to do some hard galloping, with its consequent risks, to get rid of the

fat inside before he has a chance. Fabulist failed to stay out the mile and a half with Panopoly in the Prince of Wales Handicap, and if he had a couple of pounds less no one would have grumbled. Blarney we do not know much about just now, but Daystar, at 8st 10lbs, wears an attractive appearance. It should not be forgotten that he carried 9st in the N.Z. Cup, and finished just behind the placed horses, who he now meets on very much better terms, because while 4lbs have come off his back, 15lbs have gone on to Waiuku, 7lbs on to St. Paul, and 8lbs on to Epaulet. In giving the last-named 8st 5lbs I think Mr Evett gave him at least 3lbs too much, and I am not surprised to hear that he will have his Christmas dinner on the West Coast instead of at Auckland. Goldspur has 8st 2lb, and Mr Evett takes the same liberty with him as Mr Henry took with Waiuku. He practically dubs him a non-stayer and takes the risk, which is not inconsiderable with such a speedy customer as Goldspur, but I suppose we need not trouble ourselves about him, as he is not himself at all just now. I don't think that Daunt, Defiant, Antares, Daredevil, or St. Crispin have been too well treated. The last-named, I may point out, only just won the Guineas from Coronet, and for that beating he is asked to give the last-named colt 12lbs. Sabretache, who last year ran third in the A.J.C. Derby, and who was thought to have a big chance in the Melbourne Cup until influenza supervened, has been well treated with 7.9. If Sabretache is not a wreck this is a liberty, but I know he is very big, and it will take a couple of gallops a day to get the big gross fellow into form, and, as he brushes himself, there is a danger in that. In Tom Halstead (his owner) and Fred Stennings (his trainer) he has good mentors, and during the next few weeks will be made to stir his stumps or break down. If Swordfish turns out a stayer he should have a chance, as there is no doubt about him being able to gallop fast. Acene is a dead letter, and the same may be written of Haria and Tire. Of the 7.3 division I like Armilla best, but she will have to do hard work, and the doubt arises will she stand it. Panopoly, like St. Paul, is very well, but we have never seen him tried at the distance, although when he beat Fabulist he finished like a stayer; he now meets Fabulist on 8lbs worse terms over a longer journey. With perhaps the exception of Sir Launcelot (7st) the top-weights, I think, hold everything else lower down the list perfectly safe. I like best St. Paul, Daystar, Waiuku, Nestor, and Armilla, with Euroclydon if he comes up sound.

I do not care for the Steeplechase Handicap. Levanter is placed well at 12st 12lb (6lb more than he carried to victory in the Grand National at Canterbury), and it should be remembered that he likes the Ellerslie hills. St. Simon has 11st 10lb. Hitherto he has been a failure over the big fences, but he will improve. Kingswood, at the same weight, will have to improve on recent form, and Tally-ho has a little too much with 11st 6lb, just a stone more than she carried when Levanter beat her in the Great Northern Steeple. The others below are not a formidable cross-country lot, and I think that the best treated is Mozol, who with 9st 8lb up should have the heavy brigade staggering at the finish. The trio I like best at the present are Mozol, Levanter, and Tally-ho.

Sporting Topics.

Mr Barr Smith, nephew of the late Sir Thomas Elder, intends to keep on the Morphetville stud farm, but not on the same extensive scale as his uncle.

The police at Perth are prosecuting a number of bookmakers for betting on racecourses. A determined effort is to be made throughout West Australia to stop betting altogether.

Neither Essex or Symmetry, who distinguished themselves as two-year olds at the late Victorian Spring Carnival, have been entered for the next Derby.

In America it is not an unusual thing for the fiddlers to make a book with a prohibitive favorite "barred," or "out" in the betting. This they do themselves, in order that all speculation shall not be killed by the presence in a race of some horses who far outclasses the field.

Mr Tom Hayden, who for years acted as secretary to the Victorian Club, Melbourne, is now writing a book in London, the title of which will be "My Reminiscences of Twenty Years in the Colonies."

The sensational horse Parthenopæus, the innocent cause of all the recent trouble, is to leave Australia. Mr C. F. Glasscock, who purchased him, intends to ship him to the East shortly. Mr Glasscock took possession of the son of Splendor on November 19.

Although comparatively a young sportsman, Sir Rupert Clarke is so dissatisfied with the treatment of his horses by the handicapper, that he threatens to withdraw from the Victorian turf, and to send Ranfurly and Paul Fry to India.

The privilege of being allowed to conduct Tattersall's sweeps in Tasmania makes the tight little island a favored place. Not only is the revenue benefitted by the sweeps, but so also are the race clubs. The latest is that Mr George Adams has presented a valuable Cup, to be competed for at the Launceston races in February.

The splendid price of 1050gs has been paid for a Carbine foal bred in England. The dam of the colt is Santa Felice (dam of Jolly Boat), by St. Simon from Happy Hampton, by Hampton. He was offered on account of the Earl of Zetland, at the Newmarket blood stock sales last month, the purchaser being Mr Woolf Joel. The colt was a particularly well-grown one. His dam was sold at the same sale for 2500gs to M. Blanc, and Jolly Boat to Count Lehrdorff for 610gs.