

Gaulus, the winner of the last Melbourne Cup, is said to be in a queer way, and is not likely to race again.

Merloolas is in work again and striding along freely at Rosehill.

To-morrow (Friday) the handicaps for the New Zealand Cup are due.

Acceptances for the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club's meeting should be notified to the secretary to-morrow, Friday.

Old Ballyhooley's glory appears to have departed. He was submitted to public auction on Friday and disposed of for 14 guineas.

Donald McKinnon is now receiving his lessons at the hands of J. Fountain. The Caulfield trainer is pleased with his charge, and is hopeful for the future.

The New Zealand climate appears to agree with Peerage, Malatus, and Heritaa. Dan O'Brien's trio are looking very well just now, and are coming on nicely.

Quiliri has been stopped in his work. After a gallop the other morning he showed signs of breaking down, so his trainer decided to give him a rest.

Wanganui horses had a goodly share of the "spoils to the victors" at the Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting. Dante took the biggest plum by winning the Hurdles. The gelding showed very good and improved form, and "dusted" the opposition effectually.

Doondiah, who is a fancied candidate for Victorian Grand National Steeplechase honors, won the Bolindorpe Steeplechase at Moonee Valley on the 18th. At the same meeting—Oakland Hunt Club—Sunlight also won a jumping race.

Warbreccan, the two-year-old colt by Pilgrim's Progress out of Ringarooma, is dead. During the present year he started six times, but never gained winning honors. Warbreccan was entered for the Melbourne Cup.

Rhino's victory in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase was a bit of a surprise, even to some of his intimate connections. He had not shown anything like the form of twelve months back till this race, and that his win was not altogether expected is proved by the dividend paid by the machine. He was in stronger favor for the Hurdle Race on the first day of the meeting and made most of the running.

Floater, who shares with "our own" Levanter the honor of being top weight in the Victorian Grand National Steeplechase, carried 12st 6lb to victory easily in a steeplechase last Saturday. He is said to have jumped beautifully, and will probably have something to do with the finish for the Grand National.

Bobadil's name was not long in the list of the handicapped for the Melbourne Cup. Very soon after the weights appeared Mr W. R. Wilson put the pen through Bobadil's name, leaving it to be supposed that the 8st 6lb allotted to Bill of Portland's son was considered to heavy an impost. But Aurum carried the same weight into third place in last year's Cup, and we have had it dinned into our ears that Bobadil was even better than Aurum. Perhaps the stable has something better than Bobadil.

The death is reported of the grey gelding Muscovite, who ran third to Emmalea in the V.R.C. Grand National of 1895, and was subsequently sent to India. In the latter country he won a race or two, but on each occasion that a good stake appeared at his mercy he cut up badly, and in the Indian Grand National of 1896 shirked the last hurdle when he appeared to have the race won. Referring to this, a writer on the Indian PLANTERS' GAZETTE says he does not know whether to condole with, or congratulate the owners of the grey on his demise.

Buyers of yearlings in England would seem to have a much better chance of securing Two Thousand Guineas winners than Derby winners. Of the fifteen Guineas winners during the years 1884-98, six were bought as yearlings at public auction—Scotfree for 250gs, Paradox for 700gs, Enterprize for 2000gs, Enthusiast for 2000gs, Kirkconnel for 520gs, and Disraeli for 1000gs. During the same period only two Derby winners were purchased under similar conditions—Merry Hampton for 3100gs, and Sainfoin for 550gs.

The soul of the Rev. G. Frost, who presides over the Wesleyan Church at Coromandel, has been frozen at the prospect of a permit being granted to the Coromandel Racing Club. This pure divine probably does not recognise the fact that horse racing is an established sport of the British nation, and that speculation in connection with it is inevitable, and that if it is not done through the machine it is done through the medium of the bookmaker. Our religious friend probably prefers the bazaar as a medium of speculation in preference to either the bookmaker or the machine. It is ever so much better for the man of God. If perchance any fraud is perpetrated by the good young woman in using her blandishments to entice some meek member of the flock to enter for her little game, it is perpetrated for a holy cause—principally for the payment of the stipend to our Chadbands.

At the annual meeting of the South Canterbury Jockey Club, held on Monday night, the secretary had a satisfactory state of affairs to bring before the meeting. The club has a credit balance of £490, and the committee contemplated an alteration in the shape of the running track, which it was intended should be fenced all the way round. Mr J. S. Rutherford was elected president, Mr E. R. Guinness chairman of committee, and Mr G. Dowse handicapper. During the evening reference was made to the utterances of a Minister of the Crown, and the imputation that the club was run for financial benefit was resented.

Mr Watts's Rioter (by Foul Play—Daisy) met with an accident while schooling over the hurdles at Hastings on Tuesday morning. He fell at one of the jumps and got badly staked in the shoulder in consequence. It is feared that the injury will necessitate his destruction.

From Javelin's yarn box:—Baron Rothschild has given the Grand Prix de Paris stake, amounting to about £6800, to the poor of Paris, and some of the newspapers have lauded the baron's "munificence." In Swanston-street last week I was with a man who, out of 3s. and 6d., which was all he had in his pocket, gave 1s. to a broken-down racecourse tout to enable him to get a feed. Perhaps you will say that it would be unjust to institute a comparison between the two transactions. I quite agree with you; so it would be to the proprietor of the 3s. and 6d.

Still one more:—"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," especially if the said breast should lie beneath the dilapidated waistcoat of a fatuous punter. A remarkable illustration of it came under my notice on the day preceding the Williamstown races. A Melbourne racing man, generally and rightly esteemed "a good sort," was interviewed in his city office by one who told a sad tale of domestic privation and hopeless penury. The result was a donation of 5s.—"Just to get in something for the youngsters to eat." The visitor—who some years ago used to think nothing of putting "a pony" on a suburban handicap—thanked his benefactor in broken tones, and, as he was taking his departure, said, "I suppose you don't know anything good for Williamstown to-morrow?"

The weights for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups were published in New Zealand on Tuesday last, and no one was surprised to find that, after his brilliant three-year-old form, Carbine's son, Amberite, was put in the pride of place in each handicap, and taking the handicaps as a whole, the two weight adjusters appear to be of very much the same mind in their estimate of the ability of many of the leading horses being very much alike. Mr Dakin starts the Melbourne Cup with Amberite at 9st 11lb, and good horse though he may be, he will have to do more than any four-year-old has yet done in the Melbourne Cup to win. More than that weight has only been twice carried to victory in the Melbourne Cup, namely, by Carbine (10st 5lb) in 1890, but he was a five-year-old then, and Archer (10st 2lb) in 1862, as a six-year-old. Patron's 9st 3lb, in 1894, was the biggest weight under which a four-year-old has won the big handicap. Amberite will, therefore, have to be pretty nearly as good as his sire to win this cup. The Queenslander, Battalion, and the New South Wales horse, Merloolas, have been estimated at a pound worse than Amberite, and they have quite earned their weight. The next pair, Resolute and Gaulus, need not be reckoned with, as the first-named has left for England, while last year's Cup winner has broken down. The Grafton, although he ran second last year, has every pound he is entitled to in being allotted 9st 2lb. Auraria is a Cup winner, and as it is reported that she has got back to form again, she should be particularly dangerous with 9st up. On the same mark are Le Var and Paul Pry, who have been doing great things in West Australia, and The Chief's Sydney form this season entitles him to the same weight. The whole work appears to have been carefully done, but in giving Bobadil 8st 6lb, the same weight as carried by Aurum last year, Mr Dakin has not met with the approval of Mr Wilson, who, probably thinking that it will be safe to entrust the fortunes of St. Albans to Majestic, ran the pen through the name of the brilliant son of Bill of Portland. There are those who are too impatient to await the declaration of the weights, and as many of them have selected Bobadil in their double picks they now know what it is to be left lamenting.

Entries closed on Monday night for the Wellington Racing Club's Welleley Stakes and the Wellington Stakes, to be run in the year 1900. For the first named event 68 nominations were received, and for the second 90. We hope to have the list of nomination ready for next issue.

The adjuster of weights for the Caulfield Cup has adopted almost the same lines in the allotment of his weights as Mr Dakin in the Melbourne Cup, and, if the two gentlemen have not had their heads together, the similarity in the two handicaps is something wonderful—the only difference being that the Caulfield Cup is on a slightly higher scale, as the mile and a half should be. There is absolutely no difference of importance in the two handicaps, the chief one perhaps being that Syerla is 4lbs better off in the Melbourne Cup than in the Caulfield Cup.

The Forbury Racecourse, which is about to be abandoned by the Dunedin Jockey Club, was first used for a race meeting on March 23 and 24, 1871. In those good old days Mr C. I. Moore was starter; Mr J. Stephenson, judge; Mr Joe Mills, clerk of the course; and Messrs Taggart, G. Dowse, and Arthur Smith, handicappers.

The Hack and Pony Club will hold a meeting on the Otahuhu Racecourse, on Saturday, July 9th, and Saturday, July 23rd. One the first day there will be five events, namely, Hack Handicap Hurdles of £7 10s, one mile and a half; Diminutive Handicap of £5, five furlongs, for ponies 14.2 and under; Mile Hack Handicap, £10; Flying Hack Handicap of £5, five furlongs, and a Pony Handicap of £5, five furlongs. Entries for the first day's racing close with the Secretary, Mr H. Massey, at the Metropolitan Hotel, to-morrow (Friday), July 1st. The entrance fees are five per cent on the stake money, and there are no acceptance fees. The Secretary notifies by advertisement the full details of the programme for the two days' sport, also informing owners that nominations must be accompanied by entry fees, and that the stakes will be paid over to winning owners at the Criterion Hotel, Otahuhu, at eight o'clock on the evening of each race day.

Local speculation on the New Zealand Cup has been much of a dead letter during the week, punters preferring to await the declaration of the weights to-morrow before speculating further.

The questions of enlarging the saddling paddock and providing further loose box accommodation at the New Plymouth racecourse has been considered by the executive of the Club, and has now been referred to the Course Committee, who will take whatever steps that may be deemed necessary towards the improvements desired.

After The Sinner's victory at Ellerslie, and his third in the Great Northern Steeplechase, it was generally thought that Mr Skipwith's bad luck had deserted him, and that in buying The Sinner he had made a good bargain. However, the performances of the horse at Hawke's Bay have been as bad as his name, but it is said there is something wrong with him.

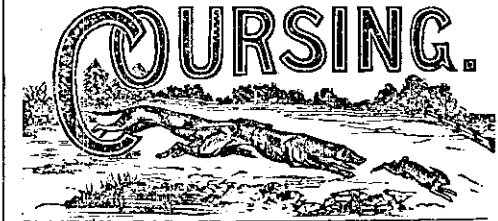
Our Napier correspondent informs us that last week Morganser slipped her foal to Apremont. Mr Rathbone is to be consoled with on his ill-luck, for he was looking forward to something rather choice as the result of the union.

There is no doubt that Auckland contributes materially to the meetings held at Gisborne, and the club and its secretary deserve that patronage, inasmuch as in the matter of advertising in this district they are more liberal than the kindred clubs further along the Eastern Coast. The Elingamite, which left on Tuesday, received a considerable addition to her passenger list, and also took away with her Knight of Athol, Mar-kinch, South Pacific, and Atlantic. Knight of Athol has been performing successfully at unregistered meetings. His disqualification has only just been removed, and this will be the first fair opportunity he has received of measuring strides in good company. Both Atlantic and South Pacific should give a good account of themselves at the meeting.

When Mr James Beckett left the shores of New Zealand he was disappointed with the handicaps of Levanter in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase, and he emphatically expressed his intention of not paying up for him, but the voyage across the water has evidently caused the popular metalician to change his mind, as we find by the list of acceptors for both events that Levanter is still left in. Whernside's 14st load has frightened him out, and this leaves Floater, Levanter, and Hayseed at the top of the handicap with 12st 7lb each. Floater is evidently in good form just now, as he recently won a steeplechase in great style at Caulfield with 12 6 lb up. The beautifully-bred Hayseed won last year, so that it will be seen that our own Levanter is in wonderfully good company. The top-weight for the Hurdles, Battalion, has dropped out, and it may be that his owner is not at all displeased with his handicap for the Melbourne Cup.

St. Crispin has been taken out of work and sent to the Whaketahe district. There, however, he will not be allowed to be completely idle, because his services will be at the disposal of a limited number of mares. On both the dam and sire's side St. Crispin's breeding is wonderfully good, and owners of mares in the vicinity of Waketahe should not be slow in availing themselves of such a good horse as the conqueror of Gold Medallist in the Auckland Derby.

All his friends—and there are a lot of them in the Auckland province—will be glad to hear that Mr Dave Stewart, who was recently injured by a fall out of a cab at the Thames, is rapidly on the improve. Although in bad luck in one respect, the popular sport is in good luck in another. Last week's SPORTING REVIEW contained the information that he had purchased Hermosa for 190 guineas. During the week that has intervened he has accepted an offer of 350 guineas for the little mare, and the sterling daughter of St. Leger and Lady Evelyn goes into the hands of Mr R. Murray Hobbs, of Christchurch.



THE AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB'S JUNE MEETING.

The June Meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club was started yesterday on the Avondale Plumpton. The weather was all in favor of the sport, and there was a good attendance. The following are the results:—

NEW LYNN MAIDEN STAKES.

First Round.

- Firely beat Playboy
- Philson beat Hempton
- Miss Lynn beat Wild Night
- Cyclone beat Flash
- Sweet Pear beat Galtee More II.
- Caravan beat Hinemoa
- Soft Goods beat Carlton
- Master Sydenham beat Fly
- Bob Teague beat Waltzer
- Newton beat Boojum
- Newcastle beat Playgirl
- Kit beat Moss
- Galtee More a bye

Second Round.

- Firely beat Philson
- Cyclone beat Miss Lynn
- Sweet Pear beat Caravan
- Soft Goods beat Master Sydenham
- Bob Teague beat Newton
- Newcastle beat Galtee More
- Kit a bye

ATONDALE CUP.

First Round.

- Shooting Star beat Seal Packet
- Waterfall beat Lord Roseberry
- Lavender Water beat Clementine
- Blucher, a bye.

The meeting will be concluded on Saturday next, the first pair of dogs being in the slips at one o'clock.

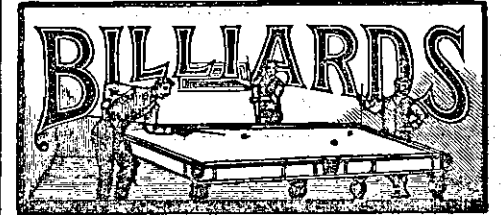
The New Lynn Maiden Stakes should result in the victory of either Soft Goods or Sweet Pear.

Blucher and Shooting Star should meet in the final of the Avondale Cup.

The first day of the meeting passed off without a hitch, and the concluding day's sport should be very interesting.

Last year Mr Sam Bladon won the N.S.W. Waterloo Cup with Bunny (full sister to Black Douglas) owing to the fact that the hare would not go through the escape when it reached it (states the Sydney Referee). Up to that point Kate Hardcastle had won without question. But a stout hare kept out in the enclosure, which enabled Bunny to wipe off the deficit and add sufficient points to win. More recently, when the hare reached the escape at Roly Hill, Black Douglas had just won, but the hare would not go through, coming right back again to the slipper instead, and on this occasion Mr Bladon lost. It would have been a great feather in the cap of the veteran to have won in two succeeding years with brother and sister, and out of the same litter—and he almost did the trick.

Messrs Yates and Brown had a good win over Hazel Girl, although they laid off a bit on the last day owing to the state of the bitch's leg. Mr Martin Power, a miner at Lithgow, who drew Hazel Girl in the sweep, laid Mr Yates a third to nothing that the daughter of Trafalgar and Hoop-la could not win. Thus, what with long odds, sweep money, and betting over the individual courses, the Turana kennel scored heavily.



TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

The third round of the Billiard Tournament in connection with Tattersall's Club was commenced on Wednesday evening in last week when J. Davidson, receives 100, met C. McKinney, receives 125. Davidson was a very firm favourite, and 2 to 1 was laid on his ability to win, but the popular little Secretary playing his free open game, and fluking—well, just a little—floored the odds and won a very even game by 5 in 1hr and 4min. Davidson played much below his usual form, and perhaps there may have been something in the remark that a spectator made that he had laid a little too much "Dante," whereas McKinney was heard to recite to himself as he was walking round "How We Beat the Favourite." The next to play were F. Macbattie, owes 155, and F. McManemin, owes 30. McManemin being slightly the better favourite. During the first 100 McManemin was more than holding his own, but then the back mark man got to work and with some very pretty breaks got within striking distance, and at the call of time the score stood McManemin 188, Macbattie 148. The play was continued on Thursday, when McManemin won a very interesting game by 33 points in 1hr 40min. The winner played his usual good sound game and made breaks of 20, 22, 14, 16, 15 and others. Macbattie played really well, and made breaks of 32, 15, 24, 22, 16, 18, but he had all the bad luck and that is a lot in a game of billiards. Then the Tournament was reduced to three. McKinney and McManemin's names were drawn to see who was to play Duder, who had the bye in the previous round, and McManemin was the name drawn, therefore they immediately started. There was little or no betting, but McManemin was slightly the better favourite, and he won by 16 points in 1hr 24min. He did not play in his usual sound style, he seemed to tire a lot towards the finish. He made breaks of 21, 14, 16, 21, 15. Duder although beaten was not disgraced, for the balls broke badly for him, and he was playing against luck right through the game. A very large number braved the elements on Friday evening to witness the final heat of the Tournament, when F. McManemin, owes 30, played C. McKinney, receives 125. The betting at the start was 6 to 4 and take choice, but very little wagering was done, though shortly after the start the odds extended to 2 to 1 on McKinney, who won handsomely by the large number of 102 points in 51min, thereby establishing two records, the first being the amount of the beating, the second being the time which was very fast. He played a fine open manly game all through, and well deserved his win, which was very popular. The loser had bad luck in the balls breaking safely for him, but had no chance at the handicap.

The Tournament has been a great success, in fact it is already mooted among the members to get another one up, to take place in the middle of August, and we think that the idea is a good one, it helps to pass away many a quiet winter's evening in these very well appointed rooms. The players deserve every credit for the good tempered way in which they contended their various heats, and if any appeal was made (and that was very seldom) they accepted the decision of the referee at once without any demur, and each player took his beating in good part. After the play was finished the popular Secretary issued a general invitation to members of Tatts. to adjourn to the Occidental, where the health of the winner and success to Tattersall's was drunk.

The following are the winners of the Tournament since its inauguration:—

Year	First	Second	Third
1892	R. Blakie	C. Phillipot	"Budge"
1893	J. E. Cooke	F. Whiting	J. W. Russell
1894	J. E. Cooke	T. Tobias	G. Brimblecombe
1895	F. McManemin	J. E. Cooke	F. Macbattie
1896	H. Hayr	F. Macbattie	M. Moore
1898	C. McKinney	F. McManemin	R. Duder

Mr Charles E. Brown's tailoring establishment is situated in Welleley Street West, just opposite the United Service Hotel, and the man who wants a stylish suit of clothes at a moderate figure cannot do better than pay him a visit.