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HAWKES BAY.

A victory for Slumber—Retirement of Zanella—Nightingale—The victory of Dummy—The Danevirke Club—Palaver lame—Mr Rathbone's youngsters—The Napier Park Club.

NAPIER, August 11.

Slumber won the principal event at the Woodland Hunt Club Sports, held at Danevirke on Wednesday. This was the one mile and a quarter handicap, in which Somnus' daughter carried 13.7, beating four others.

Zanella has bid adieu to the racing path, and will be put to the breeding part of the industry this season.

Nightingale, the half-sister to Golden Plover by Somnus, is now a stable companion of Coolgardie at Mr Weston's stable at the Spit.

Mr Richardson's brood mares who formed Robinson Crusoe's harem last season will be put to Martini-Enfield this season.

Dummy was well supported here for his win in the National Steeplechase to-day, and though Hussar was a great fancy for the Maiden Hurdles, there were several followers of Hope's stable who profited by Penrose's success in that race.

The Danevirke Jockey Club has had a very successful year, the balance-sheet showing at their meeting held on Tuesday night last a surplus of about £40. Mr G. Hunter, M.H.R., was re-elected patron, and Messrs H. Gaisford, C. Baddeley, and F. S. Cowper re-elected vice-presidents. The following officers were also re-elected:—Judge, Mr T. H. G. Lloyd; clerk of the scales, Mr Hartgill; clerk of the course, Mr R. Rooke; starter, Mr H. Piper; handicapper, Henry; totalisator clerk, Mr Wylie; stewards, Messrs Allardice, Blakiston, Dickey, Godfrey, Halligan, M. Henderson, McPhee, Neagle, Crowley, McDermott, Parker, Hoerangi-wae-Kouai, Karaitiana, Manaha Peewai, and Hore Pine. The treasurer (Mr Baddeley), secretary (Mr W. G. Hunter), and the auditor (Mr Newenham) were also re-elected to their old positions. The committee was recommended at the annual meeting to print balance-sheets seven clear days before the date of the annual meeting, while the drawing up of rules, fixing of salaries, and the arrangement of the date of the next race meeting were also left in the committee's hands. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

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Mr Rathbone's Palaver, the three-year-old full sister to Zanella and Blarney, has gone lame. The same sport is having three of his youngsters handled. They are the colts by Dreadnought, St. Andrew, and Seaton Delaval from East Chance, Flatter, and Taihoa respectively.

The Napier Park Racing Club held its annual meeting last Friday. Present: Messrs J. C. McVay (in the chair), E. W. Knowles, P. Dinwiddie, F. Moeller, E. G. Smith, J. Vigor Brown, J. H. Swan, R. Sweetapple, S. E. Cooper, C. Palmer, W. Heslop, J. Bickwell, S. Charlefon, A. Eccles, and W. Kinross White. A credit balance of £105 7s 11d was shown on the year's operations. The chairman said that full information as to the club's operations was contained in the report and balance sheet. Outside of that he had nothing to add, as everything relating to the year's racing was as well-known to the members as to him. The Park Meetings were very popular and well supported, and the racing was always of a high character. He very much regretted that it had devolved on him as vice-president to take the chair in the absence of the president, Mr J. Close, who was still unable to get about through indisposition. The amount to the club's credit was not a very large one, but it seemed to him that they were to be congratulated on having a credit balance. The stakes had been kept up, although the times were not so good as a few years ago, in the hope of pulling through, and they had so far been successful. Last year there had been a credit balance, while this year there was a better one, and they hoped that it would be still larger in the future. The

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committee met subsequently and the programme for the spring meeting was considered and adopted, the events being the same as last year, and no reduction being made in any of the stakes. A sub-committee was appointed to deal with the matter of proposed alterations to the buildings on the course. Some routine business was transacted and the committee adjourned till next Friday, when the autumn and winter programme will be considered.

Despite the fact that the metropolitan Club of this district, the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, have pared their prize list down somewhat, the Parkites have decided not to follow the lead, and their action in the matter is to be highly commended. Their opening fixture has as much money allotted for stakes as that of the previous year's gathering, which shows that they are doing their level best to tender for the wants of owners and maintain their status as liberal providers of stakes. It is to be hoped that they will meet with the proper appreciation.

WELLINGTON.

Cody struck the double—Speculation on the C.J.C. events—Rhino's run—The Grand National winner—The Egmont fixtures—Departure of Hickey—The Rangitikei fixtures—Betting stewards—The Otaki Club—The Waitara Jockey Club—Kanaka's dividend—Old Liberator—Swordfish's win—A betting case—Arrival of horses—Penrose's win—The Danevirke Club—The sale of Toriki and Opae—Claymore's victory.

WELLINGTON, August 15.

Mr Joe Cody, the well-known host of the Criterion Hotel, Wanganui, backed the winning National double, Dummy and Social Pest, with a Wellington firm of metallicians, Patterson Bros., for £200. Local betting on the Grand National Meeting was very brisk on the first day, the books having the best of it, for, strange to say, the public went right off Dummy for the Steeplechase, the favorite picks being Rhino and Morag. Social Pest was a very strong tip for the Hurdles, whilst one layer got a bad deal over the Beaufort Steeplechase, he having laid 25 to 30 chances against Claymore, mostly in big slices from the West Coast.

In the opinion of several good judges who were visitors from the North Island to the National Meeting, had Jimmy Redmond not been still suffering from the effects of his fall from Blackberry at Napier Park Rhino would have beaten Dummy in the Steeplechase, but the Mute gelding may have had a lot up his sleeve. Percy Johnson has just reason to be proud of his performances over country this season. To win the Wanganui and Auckland Steeplechases on Muscatel and the Christchurch National on Dummy is certainly a record hard to beat. There is no getting away from the fact that the formidable Taranaki stable owes much of its great success to the generalship of the horseman under notice. The fact that Dummy was sent to Christchurch a month before the National Meeting in sole charge of Percy Johnson speaks volumes for the confidence reposed in him by the stable connections.

Strong opinions have been expressed re statements made in the Press about Plain Bill being a certain starter for the National double. The horse has been suspected of unsoundness for some time past, rendering the fulfilment of his engagements quite out of the question.

The local horseman, Adam McMorran, returned from the South on Sunday, but goes back again shortly.

Mr J. O. Evelt is relinquishing handicapping the hack events for the Wanganui Jockey Club. Mr John Coyle, the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Ohingaiti, is spoken of as a likely successor to Mr Evelt in handicapping the hack class.

It will be remembered that when the Egmont Racing Club substituted a hack meeting for the annual steeplechase fixture usually held in June, it was intimated that the cross-country fixture would be held in the spring. September 28 and 29 has been fixed as the date for the spring, steeplechase, and the hack and hunters' meeting.

Jimmy Hickey leaves Wellington next week on his return to Mr S. H. Gollan's quarters at Lewes, Sussex, England, going via Sydney, and thence by the Orient line.

Mr R. E. Beckett, secretary of the Rangitikei Racing Club, has fixed the 28th of September for disposal of the extra permit allotted. This date clashes with the date fixed for the opening of the Egmont Steeplechase and Hack Meeting. Doubtless some alteration will be made.

The Otaki Racing Club has adopted Mr John Cotter's proposal to the Manawatu Racing Club re the prohibiting of stewards betting at meetings with some exceptions regarding the owners of horses.

The Otaki Club gives £540 in stakes at its usual two days' spring fixture in November.

The Waitara Jockey Club intend holding a spring meeting on November 3. The Waitara Club, which does not appear in the Conference's lists of permits, have had one issued to them.

A new development of the anti-gambling crusade took place to-night in Wellington, when a meeting was held of those interested to see what can be done to stay the gambling exile, and for the purpose of impressing upon the Government the necessity of passing anti-gambling legislation. Amongst the speakers were Sir Robert Stout, Messrs J. Duthie, J. Hutchison, and J. Joyce, M's H.R.

The price (£7 15s) paid by Kanaka in the Final Hurdles at Riccarton was a surprise to many here, as it was a pretty open secret that this event was what Kanaka was sent South for.

Returned visitors to the National Meeting say they never saw such enthusiasm as the crowd made over old Liberator's display in the Final Hurdles.

The Taranaki Carterton Racing Club has successfully deputed the Colonial Secretary for a totalisator permit for their annual fixture on November 9. The Hon. J. Carroll, however, gave the deputation to distinctly understand that so long as the law remained as at present no club in New Zealand could rely upon renewals of permits.

The well-known Hutt stable presided over by W. Davies threw in for a good win over Swordfish's victory at the National Meeting. The stable was equally confident about Ruby Twist in the Islington Handicap, but doubtless heavy going considerably militated against the big fellow's chance.

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Still another betting case was heard at the Wellington Police-court on Monday, John Ryan being charged with laying totalisator odds against St. Hiko with one William Lake, who it was alleged had informed the police that he had received £2 7s 6d for 10s invested on St. Hiko, who paid £4 15s. Mr T. M. Wilford conducted the case for the defendant. After several witnesses had been examined, Mr Wilford submitted that there was no case to answer, as it had not been proved that the totalisator dividend had been £4 15s, or even that a wager had been made at all. His Worship thought there was a case to answer. This was a criminal case, and must be dealt with as such, and as many offences were proved only by strong circumstantial evidence why should not this one be similarly treated? To enable the defence to be entered into, the case was adjourned till August 22. Inspector Pender intimated that he would at once lay an information against William Lake, charging him with having made a bet with John Ryan upon a horse race, the amount to be dependent upon the working of the totalisator. The police have a written statement made by Lake, which, it was said in Court, admitted the offence.

By the Penguin from Lyttelton this morning the following North Island competitors at the National Meeting returned:—Whario, Claymore, Moonraker, Sing-Song, and Coastguard; also the local trotting pony, Plunger.

I am reliably informed that George Hope's stable profited little or nothing by Penrose's win in the Maiden Hurdles, as they considered they had no chance of lowering Hussar's colors.

At the annual meeting of the Danevirke Racing Club the balance-sheet submitted showed a profit of £40. Mr J. E. Henry and Mr Harry Piper were elected handicapper and starter respectively.

Taking a line through the easy manner the Sou'-Wester mare, Marina, defeated the National Hurdle winner, Social Pest, what sort of a good thing would the big Southern event have been

for Proctor's speedy little mare if she had missed the Wellington engagements and been sent South? She was not even nominated, Proctor informing me at the Hunt that he never expected such good deeds from Barbello's little daughter.

Castashore and Seabreeze will remain in the South for the meeting at Timaru on September 1.

Speaking of Marina reminds me that Harry Honor has a five-year-old full brother to the daughter of Sou'-Wester and Barbello in work at Marton, and he will probably be seen out at the meeting there next month. The little pony wonder, Alpine, in the same stable, has been enjoying a well-earned rest in the paddock since Napier Park, but he comes in again shortly.

So we have seen the last of Mr J. R. McDonald's two well-known jumpers, Opae and Toriki, who will accompany Hickey's other recent purchases to England. Some surprise will doubtless be expressed at Toriki being taken after his recent disappointing displays, but I understand it was a case of buying both horses or none.

Frank Reid, of Rubin and Taplow association, is to be congratulated upon his success at Riccarton with the old chaser Claymore, who he has only had in hand since Napier Park. The old Volunteer horse has been wonderfully consistent all the season, figuring prominently almost each time of starting. His new mentor was confident of getting a decent race out of him, and I understand he threw in for a real good win over the Beaufort Steeples.

OTAGO.

Bad weather and no work—An unpromising look-out—Red Lancer—Goldspur—The C.J.C. double—A new steward—The N.J.C. dates.

DUNEDIN, August 16.

No work is being done at Forbury, the weather still prohibiting.

There are no two-year-olds this season in any of our stables, which is a bad look-out.

Red Lancer has been taken up after a good spell. He is reported to be looking well.

Goldspur has wintered well, and the best hopes are entertained that he will race again to advantage.

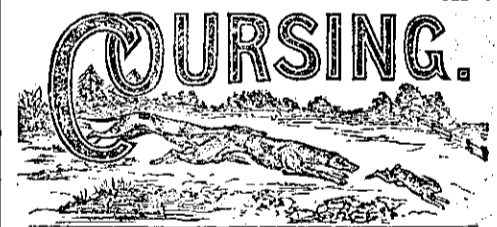
Backers had the best of the deal over the Grand National last week, the public supporters of the double, Dummy and Social Pest, being numerous. Small sums of £25 to £50 wins was the order, which in the aggregate told heavily on the metallicians. The same pair also received big support for their separate races.

The D.J.C. has awarded 10gs to the New Zealand Turf Register.

Mr J. Fleming has resigned his position as steward, Mr A. E. S. Carr being elected to the vacancy.

The following dates have been selected by the club for the season's racing:—Spring Meeting, October 14 and 15; Summer Meeting, December 26 and 27; Autumn Meeting, March 22, 23, and 25; Birthday Meeting, May 24 and 25. With the exception of the latter meeting, the dates have all been altered, which change was a necessity. There was a considerable diversity of opinion as to the dates, but the general idea appears to be that the club has done well in the selection. The officers elected are the same as last season.

There is no betting to report on the New Zealand Cup, matters being at a dead standstill.



[BY DICKEN.]

The last meeting of the season at Avondale will be held on next Wednesday and the following Saturday, and at present there is good evidence that the gathering will be a successful one. Owners should not forget that nominations for the Collar and Recovery Stakes close on Friday, August 19, at 9 p.m. The entry for the Collar Stakes will be better than was at first expected. Walter Glew is coming from Hawke's Bay with a couple.

W. W. Naughton, American correspondent for the Sydney Referee, and an old New Zealander, writes to his paper thus:—

Coursing has become a veritable craze in San Francisco. There are two finely-equipped parks here, and at each of them every Sunday from sixty to eighty dogs take after the elusive hare. They begin weeding out the stakes on Saturday, the first round being run down. On the following day the good dogs gets together, and betting is in full swing. The average Sunday attendance at each park is three thousand.

The pool system of betting is the most popular. It is simply a case of making a bet with a bystander, and getting the pool-seller to hold the stakes. He charges something like 4 per cent. for acting as financial go-between. Every course is wagered on, so that there is some jingling of silver throughout the afternoon. It is said that about 50,000dol changes hands every Saturday and Sunday at the two Parks.

The parks give good stakes—from 600dol to 80 dol a week at once. The entrance money, 2,500dol per dog, is split up among the hounds winning from one to six courses. The winner of a stake seldom gets less than 200dol, the runner-up 100, and so on down to the dog that wins but one course. His (or her) share is 5dol. Hounds have advanced in value until fancy prices are now asked for anything that looks as if it might be able to head off a rabbit. Two hundred dollars is a common figure for a dog of fair quality, and the real good ones cannot be looked at for less than 500dol, whilst 1000dol is sometimes paid over before a dog changes hands.