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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

January 4, Wed; 5, Thurs—Kumara R.C. Annual
 January 12, Thurs; 13, Fri—Lake County J.C. Annual
 January 13, Fri; 14, Sat—Whangarei J.C. Annual
 January 18, Wed—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 January 18, Wed; 19, Thurs—Taspeka County J.C. Annual
 January 21, Sat; 23, Mon—Wellington R.C. Summer
 January 21, Sat; 23, Mon—Foxton R.C. Annual
 January 26, Thurs; 27, Fri—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 January 28, Sat; 30, Mon—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 February 4, Sat—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 February 8, Wed; 9, Thurs—Egmont R.C. Summer
 February 16, Wed; 18, Thurs—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 February 16, Wed; 17, Friday—Bay of Plenty R.C. Annual
 February 22, Wed; 24, Fri—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 February 25, Thurs; 25, Sat—Canterbury J.C. Summer
 March 8, Wed; 9, Thurs—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 April 3, Easter Monday; 4, Tues; 8, Sat—Auckland R.C. Autumn

NOMINATIONS

January 5—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 January 6—A.R.C. Great Northern Derby, Foal Stakes, and Royal Stakes
 January 6—Takapuna J.C. Summer, general entries
 January 7—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 January 9—Egmont R.C. Summer
 January 12—Bay of Plenty Annual
 January 20—Wanganui Cup, Wanganui Stakes, and Flying Handicap
 February 3—Auckland R.C. Easter, Autumn, and Hurdle Handicaps
 February 6—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 24—Auckland R.C. Autumn

HANDICAPS.

January 5—Takapuna Cup and Steeplechase
 January 7—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 January 9—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 January 13—Takapuna J.C. Autumn
 January 21—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 January 23—Egmont R.C. Summer
 January 25—Bay of Plenty Annual
 February 21—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 20—Auckland R.C. Easter and Autumn Handicaps
 March 27—Auckland R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

January 9—Whangarei J.C. Annual
 January 14—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 January 14—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 January 20—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 January 28—Takapuna Cup
 January 30—Egmont R.C. Summer
 February 4—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 February 8—Bay of Plenty Annual
 February 28—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 29—Auckland R.C. Autumn

SECOND PAYMENT.

February 3—Auckland R.C. Champagne Stakes, 1899

FINAL PAYMENTS.

February 14—Taranaki Cup
 March 4—Wanganui Cup
 March 8—Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

REVIEW

AND

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1899.

AUCKLAND "EN FETE."

THE Holiday Racing Carnival is at last over, and people are beginning to settle down to everyday life again, picking up the thread just where they dropped it

before Christmas. Seldom, if ever, has Auckland experienced such a gala time during the Christmas season as for the last two weeks. We have had the Exhibition, races of every kind and description, opera, bicycle contests, sports, a week of regatta; in fact the holidays have been so crowded with amusements of every kind that the question has been, not how to fill in your time, but how to dispose of the comparatively limited leisure at your command to the best possible advantage, and, to crown all, the weather has been exceptionally fine throughout. There has been a great deal of talk lately of hard times in Auckland, but no suggestion of monetary depression would have been conveyed to the casual visitor to this city during the past two weeks, for everyone seemed intent upon amusing him or herself, and the different entertainments were all generously patronised. The four days racing at Ellerslie brought together vast crowds of well-dressed ladies and gentlemen, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and to judge from their happy countenances either our Auckland folk have a marvellous command of feature or else the majority hadn't a care in the world. The lawn presented a pretty kaleidoscopic picture of vivid colouring, the bright costumes of the ladies harmonising with the more sober tints of the male attire. Betting was freely indulged in by both sexes, and during the four days £57,237 passed through the totalisator. Last year, for the three days racing, £42,300 was the sum the machine handled. At Potter's Paddock the trots and pony races were also very freely patronised, and during the meeting there £9685 was handled. At the Exhibition there has been no falling off in the attendance, as not only the country visitors but the city people have gone there time after time, and seem always to find something new and interesting. The Maori encampment has proved a picturesque attraction, and the ferry boats dotting the harbour by day and night have invariably been packed with pleasure seekers, while the theatres have been crowded with persistent regularity. Surely these be indications of prosperity strong enough to convince the most confirmed pessimist, and we make bold to prophecy a most encouraging outlook for the year upon which we have just entered. The holiday fete is over, but we have enjoyed it in a thoroughly healthy manner, and can return recuperated to our work, and with a host of pleasant memories to dwell upon. We wish our readers "A happy and prosperous New Year," and we have no reason to doubt the fulfilment of our wish.

Sporting Topics.

Mr Justice Denniston was present on the last two days of the Summer Meeting of the A.R.C.

Nantes, the smart little filly by Stepniak out of Huguenot, was bred by Mr J. F. Reid, at Elderslie. Mr G. G. Stead gave 35gs for the filly as a yearling.

Mr J. B. Harcourt, the well-known Wellington auctioneer, and steward of the Wellington Racing Club, was a visitor to Auckland for the Summer meeting.

Ryan, who had the mount on Waiorongomai in the Glasgow Handicap, run on the third day of the last meeting, got kicked on the inside of the leg by Roxana when at the post. Surely the Mangere filly need not have shown such umbrage at Ryan severing his connection with the stable!

We have to thank Mr A. L. Doogan, secretary of the Greymouth Jockey Club, for his courtesy in forwarding a very neatly got up complimentary ticket for the Mid-summer Meeting.

The Trade had a good innings at Ellerslie. Friend Budge, with his Derby win and sundry seconds, and S. Tooman, with his dual win with Little Wonder bringing up the amount netted to a respectable figure.

Uhlen's time in the A.R.C. Handicap, 2min 37sec for the mile and a half, is the best accomplished in the history of the race. British Lion, carrying 7.8, won the race in 2min 38sec in 1889, while St. Paul, in 1898, ran the distance in the same time when carrying the burden of 9.10.

Young Russell punished Uhlan very severely in the A.R.C. Handicap. For three-quarters of a mile the Cuirassier horse was under the whip, and the more he got the better he went. Of the two the rider was more played out than the horse at the finish.

St. Clements achieved a very easy victory in the Newmarket Handicap, and as this was not at all in accordance with previous form J. Gall will appear before the stewards of the A.R.C. to-day to explain the difference in form displayed by St. Paul's elder brother. The enquiry into the running of St. Clements did not interfere with the payment of the big dividend; his backers promptly got the £27.

It was bad luck for Dummy's party that the chestnut fell at the hurdle at the back of the course. Dummy would most likely have won had he stood up. Fortunately the tumble did not cause injury to either rider or horse. Percy Johnson was quickly on his feet, while Dummy, after rolling over, got up and cantered after the vanishing Maggie and Nor'-West.

Roxana and Cuirassette are a couple of fillies sadly in need of education. So long as they are not trained to the starting machine and are liable to play pranks at the post, so long are they dangerous to other horses engaged. If these uncertain tempered animals cannot be broken they ought not to be allowed to start at all.

It was very plucky of Mr G. S. Budge to send Bluejacket out to try conclusions with Multiform, and though the youngster could not extend the crack, Derrett had to remind Multiform that there was something in front that required catching. For a lazy horse a prick with the spur is necessary now and again. Multiform bore evidence that Derrett had applied the reminder.

Old Maggie got over the Summer Steeplechase course, three miles and a half, in 8min 23sec. The Betrayer gelding's time has only once been beaten in all the years it has been on the programme. Last year Mozel, with 9.8 on his back, put up the record, when he covered the distance in 8min 19sec.

The jockeys who had winning mounts at the Summer Meeting are as follows:—T. Taylor, three wins; Mark Ryan, three wins; Derrett, Holmes, Jellings, Pope, Buchanan, and Hall, two wins each; while the following had one winning ride each: Raynor, Barlow, Percy Johnson, Satman, Deely, Howard, Billy White, W. Gall, J. Gall, Gallagher, Russell, W. Stewart, J. Chaffe, jun., and G. Comer.

An American critic, says:—"Strength will be found of more service to a jockey in a race than his knowledge of race riding. No jockey can ride a good race if he has had to reduce his weight below ordinary conditions, for he has rebelled against Nature. Some people have an idea that there is little labor for a jockey while riding a race. This is erroneous, for exhaustion is so pronounced in some jockeys after a hard race that they have scarcely strength enough to pull up their mount. This is noticeable in races where gentlemen riders perform."

Sir Modred's daughter, Briar Sweet, is doing well in America. Up to October 11 she had started this season 15 times and won 13 races and was second twice. She won the Californian Stakes, one mile and a furlong, on a heavy track, in 1min 58sec; a handicap one mile in 1min 40sec; the Santiago Handicap, one mile and a furlong, in 1min 53sec; the Ocean Handicap, one mile, in 1min 40.4-5sec, and other good races.

Mr J. O. Evelt is the handicapper for the open events to be decided at the Autumn Meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, which takes place on February 15 and 16 next. The sum of £1300 will be provided in stake money for the two days. On the first day the Taranaki Cup, one mile and a half, will be worth 300 sovs, and on the second day the Autumn Handicap, a mile and a quarter, will be worth 200 sovs. Nominations for these and other events close on Saturday next, January 7th, with Mr Robert G. Bauchope, the secretary of the club.

Emma Bagwill, the woman jockey who is riding at San Francisco, bears the distinction of being one of a very few women who ride in regular races against jockeys of the opposite sex. She began riding at the age of 12 years, and to the Indians about Carson is still known by her maiden name of Emma Trapp. When she married about five years ago, and suspected that her husband, who had some running horses, was being defrauded by crooked jockeys, she determined to help him by doing the riding herself.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club is out with its programme for the Summer Meeting, which will be held at Potter's Paddock on February 18, 22, and 25. For the three days sport £790 will be provided in stakes. On the first Saturday the principal event will be the Otahuhu Trotting Cup Handicap, over a distance of two miles. The race will be worth 60 sovs to the winner. Throughout the programme the stakes for trotting and pony events have been well apportioned, and the club should reap the reward due to enterprise. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr W. L. Lockhart, on Friday, January 27, 1898.

Hotchkiss sired five winners of seven races at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting—Multiform, Screwgun, Waiorongomai, Battleaxe, and Merry Maid. Cuirassier got three winners of four races—Uhlen, Cuirassette, and Doctor. St. Leger sired three winners of three races—Bluejacket, St. Clements, and St. Peter Muskapeer, two winners of three races—Little Wonder and Bluecap. Castor sired Coronet and Dayntree, who each won a race; St. Clair got Red Lancer, who won a couple of races; Sou'-Wester begat Nor'-West, who accounted for two hurdle races; while Nelson sired Seahorse; The Workman, The Slave; Stepniak, Nantes; Seaton Delaval, Hastings; St. Hippo, St. Lawrence; Tasman, Mantle; The Mute, Dummy; Betrayer, Maggie; and Derringer sired Lena.

The most unpleasant feature connected with the Auckland Racing Club's meeting was the exasperating management of the train service between Ellerslie and Auckland. Complaints were heard on all sides, and in one case it took an hour and twenty minutes to come from the course to town. When the distance is taken into consideration, this is an unwarrantable delay, and justified the yarn that, as the train was drawing up at one of the platforms, the passengers descried a mournful looking female making as if to walk into town. The general impression was that she had "done in her little lot," and one generous traveller called, "Come on aboard, we'll pay your fare to town." But the party hailed had evidently been there before, for she instantly replied, "Thank you kindly, sir, but as I am in a hurry to get home I shall walk."

Crusoe broke a blood-vessel in the Grandstand Handicap on Tuesday. This accident accounts for the position the Taranaki horse occupied throughout the race.

Coronet came out of his shell with a vengeance when "Billy" White rode him in the Summer Cup. White's forcible suasion made the Castor—Necklace horse do his level best, and he finished with tremendous resolution. He did not repeat that performance in subsequent races.

Castashore has been adding lustre to Castor's reputation during the week. He won the two big races at Hawke's Bay with ridiculous ease. In the second race he carried 9.3 and won with a lot in hand.

After Screwgun had handsomely won the Royal Stakes a disappointed owner expressed the thought that if his colt had got well away he would have won. Mr G. G. Stead, with equally great faith in his youngster, promptly replied, "I will race you for a thousand."

The in and out running of the English 3-year-olds is said to be so remarkable that no one can pretend to say with any confidence which of them is really next best to Cyllene. For my part (says Mr Allison) I shall always stand Derby form when there is any doubt, and I think we find Jeddah as a 4-year-old able to beat all his contemporaries except Cyllene. Wildflower has, of course, to be reckoned with, but Jeddah on the Leger day did not give his Derby running, that is certain.

It is understood that Sloan may sometimes, when the weight suits, wear the Royal colors next season, but as heretofore John Watts will be first jockey to His Royal Highness, for whom Mornington Cannon will also ride when his Kingsclere claim does not stop the way. Prince Soltykoff has for next season secured second claim on the services of C. Wood, who recently left Newmarket for his place near Eastbourne, where he will train for Lord Rosebery.

The great advantage of Australian blood stock over American from a breeding point of view is that the Australians are in almost all cases clean bred ones, according to the English Stud Book, while the Americans, as a rule, are not. "We get from Australia many valuable lines of blood which we have almost lost, and the stock reared in a different climate and under other conditions comes back to us refreshed and revived to improve the home bred ones, who in their turn effect great successes when they are transplanted to Australia or New Zealand."—So says Mr Allison.

The following is an indication of the vulgar extremes that opponents of betting, like prohibitionists, are apt to go to:—"At a recent meeting of the Sculcoates (Yorkshire) Board of Guardians, a resolution was adopted recommending the suppression of street betting. The chairman (Mr Galloway), who proposed it, said that a leading pawnbroker told him that 'women pawned their underlinen to put money on horses.'"

The Summer Meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club was held on Boxing Day and the Tuesday following at Te Hapara. On both days the attendance was very good and speculation brisk. Mr M. G. Nasmith, the popular and energetic secretary of the club, had all arrangements for the comfort of patrons very complete, and was warmly complimented upon the excellence of his management. The races throughout the meeting were got off well up to time, this commendable punctuality enabling visitors to get back to town by six o'clock. The sport was of a highly interesting nature on each day, the handicaps of Mr Danvers coming in for much approval. The Hurdle Races on both days went to Poppun, a gelding by Maxim out of Burlesque. Poppun jumped fairly well, and his speed on the flat enabled him to defeat Opu in the first race and En Avant in the second. Poppun is owned by Mr W. Currie. Mr J. A. Harding's grey mare Tauhei (by Castor out of Vivandiere) scored a treble at the meeting, winning her races with ease and carrying top weight in each event. Tauhei was made favorite in each race, and fully justified the confidence reposed in her. During the meeting the sum of £3631 passed through the machine, which was under the control of Messrs Barry and Hogan. The biggest dividend of the meeting was paid by Mostal, who won the Park Stakes Handicap and returned her supporters £10 5s for each investment.

During the four days racing of the A.R.C. at Ellerslie there were a number of people who were very fond of racing, and yet, either through business engagements or a lamentable lack of "oof," were unable to go to the course. Still, in many cases they had their little bit on, and besieged the telephone office with pathetic entreaties to be put in communication with Ellerslie. Of course this was in many cases impossible. The telephone girls at the central office, however, were pretty well posted, but it was against orders for them to give any private information. We can vouch for the following conversation, which was enjoyed by everyone but the enquirer:—"Hello! Central, is that you?" Sweet girl voice, "Yes." "Put me on to the racecourse, please." Interval of ten minutes or so, while enquirer stands first on one leg and then on the other, and swears softly to himself. Finally, sweet girl's voice, "Are you still there; I can't give you Ellerslie; they're engaged." Enquirer, hastily, "Hold on a minute, Miss; you must know the returns; will you tell me who won the Railway?" Sweet girl voice, "It's against the rules you know, but do you want to find out real bad?" Enquirer: "Rather; tell us, there's a dear girl." Confused sound of voices, and finally S.G.V.: "Are you there? Well, I think it was Botfly." Enquirer: "But, my dear girl, Botfly didn't run in the Railway." S.G.V.: "Oh, didn't he? Well, who do you want to win?" Enquirer: "Me? Oh, Red Lancer; did he get there?" More subdued conversation, and then, "Are you there? Well, now don't say I told you, but I fancy he was scratched." Enquirer: "Oh, — !! x x !! S.G.V.: "Ring off, you brute."