

the Heathcote Cup also knocked backers off her in the Midsummer-Handicap, and my impression is that she was backed by few people not in the know in regard to her merits.

Missile has proved a very cheap purchase for Butler, as has also done Crown Jewel, and did luck in racing only rest in judgment Butler would long ago have been a rich man, what cattle he has had of late years, and what kind of luck he has had with them.

I know of a good few dark trotters about Canterbury now that will win sooner or later. When in conversation with a very shrewd racing man to-day he remarked, "you can do nothing but hold them back if you want to win anything with them;" and there is no doubt that a great majority of trotting owners run their trotters for profit only.

It appears to me that the Plumpton Park trotting and racing track will eventually prove one of the best minor courses in the district. It is very well laid out, and the going will commonly be first class.



The Victorian legislators have shelved their totalisator bill for the present.

An old and well-known breeder of horses (Mr. John Pendergast) died recently in Victoria. One by one the old landmarks are disappearing.

We notice that the Auckland Cup winner Pinfire is nominated for the President's Handicap at the Gisborne Racing Club's meeting, which is held on the 19th and 20th January.

Collelo, who rode Tirailleur in the New Zealand and Canterbury Cups, has left the employ of Mr. Paul, of Wanganui, with whom he has been connected for several years.

It is probably a good job those accidents happened in the Steeplechase last Saturday, or otherwise, a meeting of the stewards might have been deemed necessary, to save their "good name and reputation," about which some parties are very particular.

We notice that the locally-owned Satyr, won the A.J.C Hurdle Race at Randwick, on Saturday last. Miss Letty, a two-year old, by St. Leger—Necklace, ran second to Moonray in the December Stakes at the same meeting.

If we may judge by the results of the sales of racehorses recently in Melbourne, that class of animal is falling considerably in value. At a sale of some very well bred ones, the other day, the highest price realised was 90 guineas. The next highest price was £45.

The disappointing Archie, who was such a red-hot favourite for the V.R.C. Derby some years back, has sired a good colt named Realm, who won the Queensland Cup in good style on roth December last.

We hear that the rails at the top of the hill in the Auckland steeple course had been sawn nearly through shortly before the start for the Maiden Steeple, but Rae, discovering the trick, informed Ruddy, who soon put matters right.

The Licensing Committee of the district in which the Cromwell racecourse is situated have decided to charge a fee of £35, instead of £1 10s., for a temporary license to sell on the course, so long as the Cromwell Jockey Club persists in adding the extra 1 1/2 per cent. tax to the usual totalisator charge of 10 per cent.

The V.R.C. balance-sheet shows a profit for the season of £3,843 6s. 4d. Compared with an ordinary club, this shows leviathan business. They began the season with an overdraft of about £2,900, but finished up as above, with something to the good.

A pretty little surprise came off at the Thames Races on Boxing Day. It appeared at one time as if one of the races would result in a walk over, but a supposed outsider was prevailed upon to start to enable the "dead bird" to draw the full stake.

TURF RECORD.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING. FIRST DAY.—SATURDAY, DEC 26, 1891.

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'TRIAL STAKES OF 80 SOVS.' and 'GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES OF 800 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'THE AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap) of 600 sovs.' and 'HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 100 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'RAILWAY HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS.' and 'NURSERY HANDICAP OF 80 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'MIDSUMMER HANDICAP OF 30 SOVS.' and 'THAMES GOLDFIELDS HANDICAP OF 65 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'SELLING RACE OF 40 SOVS.' and 'THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 80 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'FREE HANDICAP OF 20 SOVS.' and '205 Won by half a length.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes '206 Won by half a length.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'MAIDEN STEEPLCHASE OF 100 SOVS.' and 'CHRISTMAS HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.—First day, December 26.' and 'MAIDEN HANDICAP OF 25 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES OF 35 SOVS.' and 'THAMES HANDICAP OF 45 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'LOCAL HANDICAP OF 25 SOVS.' and 'FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 50 SOVS.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'STEWARDS' HANDICAP OF 25 SOVS.' and '183 Won easily by four lengths.'

Table with columns for race name, horse number, name, jockey, and result. Includes 'THAMES HANDICAP HURDLES OF 60 SOVS.' and '184 Won by a length.'

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