

did not care about jumping him. His half-brother (by Crackshot) is rapidly getting into shape, and if appearances go for anything he should more than pay his way. He has been endowed with the name of D'Nil. Of course, it will take some time yet to get him properly right, but that he has pace and can jump he has already amply demonstrated. The other morning he skipped over four furlongs with Kuroki in 51sec. from a flying start.

It is said that the Roseal party intended to pay up for the son of Handsome ack in the Cup, in which the West Coast horse was thought to have a good chance, but through an error they paid up for the wrong event.

The local "bookies" had a bad time over the Woodville Meeting, and on the second day most of them were struck pretty hard. It is simply marvellous how some people are so lucky on the second days of the various meetings.

Next Saturday, March 3rd, nominations close for the Warrengate Jockey Club's annual hack meeting. This gathering takes place on March 22nd, and should prove most successful and enjoyable. From all accounts there will be first-class nominations for the several events, and given a fine day a large number of Wanganui people will assemble on the country club's course, on which the tote bells will not ring, but the voice of the "bookie" will reign supreme.

The Jackson Stakes, to be run on Friday, looks like providing a better field than has yet contested this event, which has already been won twice in succession by Achilles, who should again score.

Letherin, who arrived here on Saturday, appears to be in excellent condition, and should win a race at the meeting.

The fall Cassiopea sustained at Hawera has had the effect of making the mare more careful in her jumping, and the way she has cleared the obstacles on the track the last few days has surprised many. She was struck out the first day's big hurdles here, as the distance was too far, but her connections are hopeful that she will give a good account of herself on Friday. She is a greatly-improved mare, and Johnny Belcher has got her in the pink of condition at present.

Tautoru gave promise of turning out fairly good some time ago, but the son of Lethe—Rautahi does not seem to be making any improvement; as a matter of fact, Mr. W. Tuck's horse is going backwards. The general opinion is that he is a good 'un, but is getting too much fast work.

A meeting of the recently-formed Horse-owners' Association is to be held on Thursday evening at the Rutland Hotel. Most of the owners in this district have expressed their sympathy with the objects of the Association, and a large muster is expected at the meeting. There is no doubt that there is plenty of room for reform in the conduct of racing, and if the chief of the proposals which are to be discussed are eventually adopted it cannot help tending towards a better state of things than is at present existing.

Federation made his first appearance in open company at Woodville, where he

started twice, obtaining a first and second, and paying fair prices in each event. The grey son of Sedgebrook is one of the quickest horses to begin at present running, and once he gets his head in front he takes a lot of catching, especially over five or six furlongs. He will be hard to beat in the Farewell Handicap, six furlongs, at the Wanganui Meeting.

Paritutu is galloping in great form at present, and badly beat Savoury and Delaware in a go over a mile this morning. The Castor gelding was in front all the way, and ran right away from the other two, finishing some six lengths ahead. His time for the mile was 1.43 4-5, Delaware just beating Savoury in the last bit. Both of these horses are likely to show better form on Cup Day, however. If it is true, as reported, though, that Multifid beat Paritutu in a gallop at New Plymouth the other day, then Mr. Dan O'Brien's candidate must very nearly win here, as Paritutu appears to be going as well or better than any of the other Cup horses who have yet put in an appearance, unless it be Ghoorka, who was probably never better than at the present time.

Joss Prosser's team of nine, including Achilles, Ghoorka, Ailsa, Devonia, Gold Crown, Kurawaka, Marguerite, Boris and Exmoor, arrived on Saturday evening. The whole of the horses bear the appearance of having done careful preparations. Achilles slipped over six furlongs by himself this morning quite comfortably in 1.17. The Jackson Stakes certainly looks to be a good thing for the chestnut, who will be very dangerous in the Flying, if started. With Ghoorka in such excellent nick as he is just now the Porirua stable might easily land the double, Cup and Flying. Devonia is one that should also pick up a race at the meeting.

I hear that W. Young's disqualification has been removed, and that capable young rider will have the mount on old Nonette in the Cup. What beats him will win, I think.

WELLINGTON.

Mr. McMaster, secretary pro. tem. of the proposed Horse-owners' Association, was in Wellington last week. He refers in hopeful terms to the formation of an association which he calculates will prove a boon to those owners whose horses perambulate the colony in search of stakes and dividends. That horse-owners and trainers have legitimate grievances no one will attempt to gainsay, and if only the right class of owners can be induced to take a hand in the formation of a horse-owners' association much can be done in the way of removing the abuses under which those associated with racehorses have for many years suffered. Many railway officials apparently look upon the man in charge of a team of racehorses as an unmitigated nuisance. Those having control of the traffic cannot see any difference between a horse truck freighted with such valuable horses as Mahutonga and Achilles and a truck freighted with store steers, the care taken being apparently measured by sum charged as freight. As a matter of fact, the owner of the store oxen may pay equal rates with the racehorse owner, but the latter, when produced on a race-course, draws together thousands of persons from all over the colony and the railway receipts are in consequence greatly increased. The Minister of Railways had this in mind when he consented to carry racehorses free on a return journey from a race meeting. It would not be too much of a concession were he to decree that those attendant upon racehorses should be carried free, both going to and returning from race meetings; only those who have raced horses in this colony know the cost of taking a team of racers to and from race meetings. The Government not only gain much revenue through the medium of the railways from numerous race-goers, but they draw some £20,000 per annum from the public through the totalisator. Under these circumstances they could well afford to carry both racehorses and their attendants over their lines entirely free of cost.

The Woodville Meeting, which was held last week, gave speculators an opportunity of indulging in their weekly gamble. The racing was not very high class, but that apparently does not prevent the public from attending in goodly numbers and speculating freely. Coming just prior to

the Wanganui fixture, it was not to be expected that prominent stables would be strongly represented, and as a matter of course the meeting was left to the second-class brigade, whose movements are not of much interest to sportsmen at a distance. The club's Executive, however, deserve a word of praise for the capital way their gathering is managed, and were it not dove-tailed in between the Egmont and Wanganui Meetings a considerable improvement would be noticeable in the class of horses represented at the meeting. On the opening day Roseal and Melodeon were in their bad humours, and gave a very poor exhibition of galloping. Cyrano, owned by Mr. Jervis George, easily managed to secure the principal event from Barca, who finished in front of Melodeon and Roseal. Federation, who was receiving 27lb. from St. Claimer, had no trouble in annexing the Telephone Handicap, which was the event next in importance to the Cup. The second day saw Melodeon in the mood for galloping, and with 4lb. more in the saddle he appropriated the Autumn Handicap. Mr. Watt must be pretty well tired of conveying the erratic son of Medallion round the country. Melodeon is such a good-looking horse that the public are invariably tempted to trust him with their investments, but after Egmont and the first day of the Woodville Meeting most of Melodeon's admirers had deserted, and he paid a capital dividend, considering the weakness of the opposition.

The Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting has been fixed for the 26th and 28th of April. The programme is much similar to the one placed before owners last season, the only change of note being the substitution of a two-year-old handicap for the Heretaunga Handicap. This will tend to encourage owners of two-year-olds to patronise the meeting. The Thompson Handicap, North Island Challenge Stakes and the St. Leger Stakes are the principal events of the meeting. The Autumn Handicap, run on the second day, is worth 300sovs., whilst the Railway and Suburban are each valued at 150sovs. Nominations are due on Monday, March 26th.

TURF RESULTS.

WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FEBRUARY 21.

The weather was perfect for the first day of the Woodville Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting to-day. There was a large attendance. The amount put through the totalisator was £6912, as against £6788 for the corresponding day of last year. The following were the results:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 50sovs. Seven furlongs.—Aeolus 1, Splendid Idea 2, Rino 3. Scratched: Vexation, Strathwai, Merrywing, and Chinchilla. Won by a good length. Rino three lengths away third. Time, 1min 33 2-5sec. Dividends, £4 19s and £1 14s.

HURDLES HANDICAP of 50sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Gargoyle 1, Levent 2, Dalky 3. Scratched: Apiti, Hipporangi, Waimoe, Durban, and Floris. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 3min 31 3-5sec. Dividends, £19 and £1 9s.

WHAKITI HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs. One mile.—Sherlock Holmes 1, Waitapu 2, Windy 3. Scratched: The Ruler. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 46 3-5sec. Dividends, £7 8s and £1 12s.

WOODVILLE CUP HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Cyrano 1, Barca 2, Melodeon 3. All started. Twenty yards from home Cyrano got in front, and won by a length from Barca, with Melodeon close up third. Time, 2min 10 4-5sec. Dividends, £3 15s and £1 13s.

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Six furlongs.—Honihumu 1, Alfrida 2, St. Ludlam 3. Scratched: Pantaloon and Kaurin. Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividends, £14 15s and £2 8s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 70sovs. Seven furlongs.—St. Albert 1, Whakawehi 2, Mussel 3. Scratched: General Average. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 32 3-5sec. Dividends, £3 18s and £3 6s.

VICTORIA HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs. One mile and a distance.—Prospector 1, Pangaroo 2, Togos 3. Scratched: Windy, The Ruler and Aeolus. Time, 1min 58 2-5sec. Dividend, £2 7s.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 60sovs. Five furlongs.—Federation 1, Gawain 2, St. Claimer 3. Scratched: White Ribbon, Sardonyx, and Phemie. Won by a length. Time, 1min 3sec. Dividends, £3 2s and £1 14s.

SECOND DAY—FEBRUARY 22.

The second day's racing of the Woodville Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was very successful in every respect. Several good dividends were paid, and the sum of £6582 passed through the totalisator for the day, making £13,494 for the meeting, which is £137 more than for the corresponding meeting of last year. The results were as follows:—

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs, seven furlongs.—Red Cross 1, Honihumu 2, Moral 3. Scratched: Windy. Red Cross took charge immediately after the start and won easily by a length. Time, 1min 30 1-5sec. Dividends, £6 18s and £1 19s.

SECOND HACK HURDLE RACE of 50sovs, one mile and a-half.—Dalky 1, Apiti 2, Reah 3. Scratched: Hydrant. Won after a punishing finish by a head. Time, 2min 53 1-5sec. Dividends, £3 5s and £1 11s.

BALANCE HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 50sovs, one mile.—Sherlock Holmes 1, Prospector 2, Lebeccio 3. Other starter: Electric Gun. Won easily by four lengths. Time, 1min 46sec. Dividend, £2 19s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile and a distance.—Melodeon 1, White Ribbon 2, Barca 3. Scratched: St. Albert, Sylverie. Melodeon dashed up at the last few strides, and secured the verdict by a nose, Barca a half-length away. Time, 1min 57 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s and £2 19s.

KUMEROA HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs, six furlongs.—Elfrida 1, St. Ludlam 2, Gazeley 3. Scratched: Windy, Phemie. Won by three-parts of a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, £4 14s.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 60sovs, five furlongs.—Gawain 1, Federation 2, Sardonyx 3. Scratched: Sylverie. Won by a bare length. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividends, £3 4s and £2 1s.

HACK SCURRY HANDICAP of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Bell Napier 1, Kai Errin 2, Rosewood 3. Scratched: Aeolus, Honihumu, Chinchilla, Splendid Idea. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 4 3-5sec. Dividends, £18 18s and £1 13s.

MAHARAHARA HANDICAP of 60 sovs, one mile—Whakawehi 1, St. Albert 2, Tomairangi 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 46sec. Dividends, £4 1s and 15s. Scratched: Ngatarua, Capulet, Sylverie, Victoria Park.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting was opened at Wingatul in very fine weather, and there was a good attendance. The sum of £8857 was put through for the day, as compared with £8876 last year.

The following were the details of the racing:—

AUTUMN HURDLE HANDICAP of 70sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. Franks' b g Rongoa, aged, by Loch Ness—Magnesia, 9.4 (G. J. Pine) 1
Mr. D. Rutherford's b m Graduated Tax, 6yrs, 9.2, including 2lb over (J. O'Connell) 2
Mr. J. R. Man's b m Moetoropuku, aged, 9.9 (McGregor) 3
Other starters: Scottish Minstrel 10.2, The Romany 9.0.
Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 29 4-5sec. Dividend, £4 6s.

GLADSBROOK WELTER HANDICAP of 60sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. C. De S. Teschemaker's b c Hemlock, 3yrs, by Padlock—Kate Craig, 8.13 (L. H. Hewitt) 1
Mr. M. Friedlander's ch b Count Gorton, 5yrs, 9.5 (L. Hegarty) 2
Mr. J. Ellis' br c Moudjik, 3yrs, 8.13 (L. G. King) 3
Other starters: The Seer 9.5, Red and Black 8.10, St. Ormont 8.3, Red Morn 8.2, Design 8.0.
Won by a head. Time, 1min 19 4-5sec. Dividends, £1 14s and £1 2s.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 250sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. Buckley's br f Lady Landon, by Seaton Delaval—Robinilla (R. Derrett) 1
Sir George Clifford's ch f Gallantry, (V. Cotton) 2
Mr. M. Hobbs' br c Ivanoff (Hewitt) 3
Other starters: Lapland, The Rap-paree, Knastikoff, Sonia.



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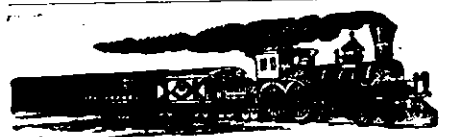
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Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued from Any Station to Pukekohe on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, available for return up to 10th March, 1906.

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Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued to Kirikiriroa from Auckland, Onehunga, Taumarunui and intermediate stations, and to Hamilton from Thames, Waihi, Cambridge, Rotorua and intermediate stations on Saturday, 3rd March, available for return up to 5th March, 1906.

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