

A good race took place in the Flying Handicap between Alesis and Chivalry. The former led for half the distance, when Chivalry ran up to him, but weight told its tale in the last few strides, and Alexis won by a bare length. Zetland was third. Good Sight won the Hack Handicap from Balsam and five others, while Hilarity accounted for the Welter, Cannie Chiel being second and Larresse third.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, May 9.

Eclair, who was knocked out about this time last season, is showing good work in his efforts over the steeple-chasing obstacles on the Hastings tracks. On looks and performances he should be a hard proposition to settle in approaching chasing events.

T. Quinlivan, jun., shipped Melodeon to Lyttelton on Monday by the Tarawera. Mr. Nettleford negotiated for the purchase of Medallion's son.

George Collelo has increased his string by the addition of Anadeja and The Squatter.

A committee meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held in the Tavistock Hotel, Waipukurau, on Monday evening. The balance-sheet of the Easter meeting showed a profit of £575, was passed, and accounts in connection with the meeting were passed for payment. The secretary's honorarium was increased to £52 a year. A sub-committee was appointed and authorised to spend £300 on ploughing, levelling and fencing both sides of the course.

A committee meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. John McVay in the chair. The following dates were decided on for next season:—Spring meeting, October 10 and 11; autumn meeting, March 13 and 14, 1907; winter meeting, June 26 and 27, 1907. The tender of the "Daily Telegraph" was accepted for printing the totalisator tickets.

South Star is hitting out well in his exertions over the country jumps that his mentor (A. White) has erected on the Waipawa R.C. training track.

Brenda and The Duchess are being treated to a rest.

After competing at the Hawke's Bay J.C. meeting this week, Polyanthus will leave the custody of H. Moore. Her new owners (the Messrs. Douglas) have made other arrangements for the education of Violet's daughter.

W. Stowe, trainer of Oryx, Operetta, Rajah, Eone, Te Hauke, and Comedian, who has been having a rather rough time of it lately through the ravages of an internal complaint, is now nearly all serene once more.

T. Quinlivan, jun., has leased Feude-Joie from Mr. J. Cotter. The stranger is a half-sister of Torpedo to Jolly Friar.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, May 9.

The weather is broken and threatening for the Tahuna Park meeting, and the track is likely to be heavy, so that Myostis' attempt to lower Fritz's track record of 2min 17 2-5sec may not prove successful.

For the first day of the Ashburton meeting Assegal receives a penalty of 5lb in the Longbeach Welter, and a 10lb penalty in the Fairfield Welter. Hilarity gains a 10lb penalty in both her races, and Alexis one of 10lb in the Grove Farm Handicap, whilst Makarog takes up a 10lb penalty in the Ashburton Handicap.

Owners are reminded that nominations for the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter meeting must be declared on the 18th inst.

Machine Gun, the flying son of Hotchkiss and Rubina, has deserted the post for the paddock, and a prince of sprinters will carry silk no more. With such splendid conformation and racing credentials to recommend him, he should make a good sire, but one cannot help regretting that there is a stain on his genealogical tree which debars him from being classed as one of the Vere de Vere's eligible for admission to the English Stud Book.

The two yearlings purchased on behalf of Mr. L. C. Hazlett at the Randwick bloodstock sales landed here on Saturday after a safe journey.

The well-known reinsman and trainer R. McMillan, passed through by this week's boat to Melbourne, and is taking over Mauritius, Miss Aera, Lapei and Carliola. The two latter are believed to be in foal, and in that event will be thrown out of work. McMillan intends returning to this colony in a few weeks.

Mr. W. Crossan, a well-known member of the sporting world, has become mine host of the Waterloo Ho-

tel at Caversham. Mr. Crossan has raced horses all over New Zealand, and also in Australia. It was under his colours that the famous mare Wanderoo registered a mark of 8min for three miles, and was the first horse in the colony to do so. This happened in March, 1901, at the D.J.C. anniversary meeting. Wanderoo established her record comfortably, and paid dividends of £35 and £50 14s. Many other well-known performers carried Mr. Crossan's colours, among them Beaconsfield, Lugnaquilla, Ranger, Informer, Susan and George M. Patchem, whilst the best known of his gallopers were St. Denes, Zither, Romanoff, Proposal, and others.

Assegal, one of the winners at Christchurch on Saturday, is out of Corselet, a close relation of Machine Gun.

An Australian buyer has been after Vladimir for use as a stallion, but it is not likely that a deal will take place, as his owner hopes to get a race or two more out of the son of Stepniak.

Excellent nominations have been received for the North Otago Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, and indicate that the club will experience the best meeting that has ever been held at the white city.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, May 9.

The financial result of the W.R.C. first autumn meeting, held on their new course at Trentham, is highly satisfactory, the receipts from all sources showing considerable increase. Those of the Wellington public whose occupations permitted them assisting at the recent meeting speak in nothing but terms of praise of the general arrangements. Should the club at any time arrange to hold a day's racing on a public holiday, or even on the weekly Wednesday half-holiday, they will be greeted with an attendance that will surprise those only accustomed to seeing racegoers who are drawn entirely from the ranks of folks whose time is at their own disposal. Obviously tradesmen and their assistants are unable to patronise the club's fixtures when race days fall on other than holidays. The W.R.C. is exceedingly unfortunate inasmuch as public holidays have for years been claimed by racing clubs, many of whom are much less important than the local racing institution. Last season the W.R.C. claimed Labour Day, but the Racing Conference, however, declined to take that date from the Otaki Maori R.C. The matter may come up again next conference, and as a solution of the difficulty it has been suggested that the Otaki Club be allowed to race on the King's Birthday, November 9. This seems a logical way, giving the Wellington Club Labour Day, as there are no race meetings held on King's Birthday within 100 miles of Otaki in the south, whilst Waverley is the nearest on the north line.

Owing to the absence of Sir Geo. Clifford's team and representatives from the Porirua stable, the bulk of the events at the Hawke's Bay R.C. Autumn Meeting will be almost entirely confined to Hawke's Bay-owned racers. Solution, Flamen and Apalogue, owned outside of Hawke's Bay, have continued their engagements. The former should run well, but the bulk of the added money may be retained in the Napier province.

Owners on the look-out for their winter's oats might do worse than peruse the Otaki Maori R.C. programme. The Cup, the principal open handicap on the first day, is worth 260sovs, whilst the six-furlong flutter has 125sovs added money. The Hui'a Handicap of one mile on the second day is worth 170sovs, and the Railway, three-quarters of a mile, is for 110sovs. There are 10 hack events, the added money to which averages 85sovs per race. Nominations, which in each case is 1sov, are due on the 18th inst.

The executive of the Wellington Racing Club intend to at once set about erecting their steeplechase fences at Trentham, in readiness for their July winter meeting. Provision was made when the race tracks were laid out and formed for a capital steeplechase course inside the ordinary racing track. Upon this ground artificial fences and obstacles will be erected, and when finished an ideal cross-country course should be evolved. From the nature of the soil the "take offs" should be good, and with ample space there should be no difficulty in providing a clear run to each jump.

The Porirua pair, Exmoor and Waitarere, will be raced over obstacles this winter. Gold Crown and Mauri would also make excellent hurdlers, but their owners may restrict them to

flat events for another season. Defoe, Moccasin, Hydrant, Lissa, Black Squall, Wind, and Kohinui will represent Hutt trainers, and as Wairarapa is fairly prolific in jumpers, there should be no dearth of candidates for winter lepping events.

When the contestants for the New Zealand St. Leger returned to the Trentham weighing enclosure in company there was some applause. A section of the press apparently assumed that the demonstration was a tribute to Sir Geo. Clifford for his sportsmanlike action in starting his horses in classic events, for which he must have known they had not the slightest prospect of winning. From enquiries made to some of the sports who were amongst the applauders, I learn that their cheers were intended for the winning horse and rider. Possibly amongst the crowd there were partisans of both sportsmen, but it is obvious most folks would be found applauding a winning horse rather than a loser; both owners are good sportsmen, and if each of their riders were cheered it was only their due.

The relentless way in which the W.R.C. is dealing with illegal bettors, both in the press and by private detectives, on their racecourse is apparently being seriously taken to heart by some whose betting transactions are entirely confined to S.P. betting. Threats have been made to the effect that horses controlled by such owners will not in future be included in the nominations for the W.R.C. events, some professional owners having emphatically stated that horses owned by them will never again set foot on the local racecourse. The local racing authorities seem unconcerned, and truly if racing at their future meetings is as free from even a suspicion of corruptness as their autumn fixture, the loss of such owners' patronage may prove a blessing in disguise. The time may yet come when clubs will refuse nominations from owners who are known to continually infringe the rules of racing in connection with illegal betting.

WANGANUI.

Wanganui, May 9.

The weights for the Wanganui J.C. Winter Meeting are due on or about next Saturday, 12th inst. Needless to say, they are being awaited with considerable interest. The prospects are exceedingly bright for the club having a most successful meeting, and with fine weather some very high-class and exciting sport will be provided for those who attend.

Mr. Ryves Webb, the club's custodian, is hard at work getting the tracks into tip-top trim for the gathering. There was some talk a short time ago as to the club reverting to the old steeplechase course, which was an excellent one for the

purpose, the jumps and country making it an ideal one. The only disadvantage was that the horses went out of sight of the spectators for a considerable distance. Now they race round the course proper, and the jumps are not nearly so stiff; moreover, there is no water jump to negotiate, nor stone walls. These were the jumps which used to bring quite a number of the horses down, but those they have to clear now are not nearly so formidable, and any decent "lepper" ought to get round safely.

I mentioned last week that Hokio was doing good work on the local track, and his running at Hawera confirmed this, as the gelding ran second in the Hack Hurdles on the second day of the Egmont gathering. Only £5 were invested on him, and four of these belonged to the connections of the gelding, so that they had a good win, as Hokio paid £23 3s 6d for second place. Some maintain that he actually won the race, but that as he finished right under the judge's box, while Romany King was away on the other side, the latter caught the eye of the gentleman in the box first. Hokio put in a very fast sprint after getting over the last hurdle. He was splendidly ridden by R. McGregor, and took his fences in great style. He will be ridden by McGregor again at Wanganui, and as he is in winning form now, he should be hard to beat.

It is stated that after the Hawera meeting £50 was offered and declined for Hokio. It was the intending purchaser's intention to take the gelding down the West Coast of the other island, but he has gone up in value now, and will remain here for a while.

St. Maria, the winner of the Telegraph Hack Handicap at the Egmont gathering, is a three-year-old filly by St. Clements—Maria. She is owned by Mr. Hikaka (owner of St. Claifner and Reclaimer), and has been whispored about for a long time as an exceptionally fast filly. She beat a big field in the race under notice quite easily, and it is evident that she has a fine turn of speed.

Scenery was well backed locally for the Hawera Cup, but the mare could do no better than run third in that event, which fell to Claremont (a four-year-old St. Cyr gelding). They both carried 7.2 in this event, but in the Manaia Handicap next day Claremont was called upon to concede Scenery 17lb, with the result that the mare won after being left several lengths at the barrier. That the daughter of New Forest is possessed of a lot of pace she amply demonstrated, and she should be well worth watching in future. S. Reid handled the mare splendidly in the Manaia Handicap, and showed great judgment.

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Messrs. ROSS and BRADSHAW report the following quotations on the Wanganui Steeples and Century Hurdles:—

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| Wang. Steeple. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Defoe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slow Tom | 80 | | | | | | 100 | | | | 125 | | | 150 | | | | | 200 | | | | 250 | | 300 | | 400 |
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| Princess Thule | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eurus | 125 | | | | | | 150 | | | | 200 | | | 300 | | | | | 350 | | | | 450 | | 500 | | 600 |
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| Nadador | 150 | | | | | | 200 | | | | 250 | | | 400 | | | | | 500 | | | | 700 | | 800 | | 900 |
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| Medallius | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jack o' Lantern | 200 | | | | | | 250 | | | | 300 | | | 500 | | | | | 600 | | | | 800 | | 900 | | 1000 |
| South Star | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shylock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mawhiti | 250 | | | | | | 300 | | | | 500 | | | 700 | | | | | 800 | | | | 1000 | | 750 to 1 | | 800 to 1 |
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| Flanagan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baritone | 400 | | | | | | 500 | | | | 700 | | | 900 | | | | | 1000 | | | | 700 to 1 | | 800 to 1 | | 900 to 1 |
| North Star | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Patupaerehe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haereroa | 500 | | | | | | 600 | | | | 800 | | | 1000 | | | | | 600 to 1 | | | | 800 to 1 | | 900 to 1 | | 1000 to 1 |

Prices subject to market alterations.