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CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas week always sees Auckland at its very best for the attractions are very numerous. First and foremost there is the great Cup meeting of the Auckland Racing Club on the 26th, 29th inst., 1st and 2nd prox. Then there is the big summer gathering of the Auckland Trotting Club, which takes place on December 27 and 31, and January 5. Both these are the most important meetings of their kind in the North Island, and are sure to attract very large attendances. The water excursions are a special feature of the holidays in Auckland, and truly the would-be excursionist has the choice of innumerable places to go to. The Northern, Coastal, and Ferry companies will carry thousands of passengers to Waiwera, Mahurangi, Kawau, Home Bay, Cowes, Rangitoto, St. Heliers, Takapuna, and other of the favourite resorts. Heavy train loads of town folk have been leaving during the last few days for Rotorua, Te Aroha, Hamilton, and Cambridge, but their places have been filled by country people who have come into town for the races, and the streets seem unusually full. The theatres will all be doing big business. The Brough-Flemming Company will open at His Majesty's on Boxing night, Fuller's Entertainers will have a particularly strong bill at the Opera House, Marie Narelle will be singing the songs of Ireland at the Choral Hall, and altogether there will be no lack of amusement provided. To one and all of our readers we wish a Merry Christmas and the best of good times in the coming year.

NOTES.

(By "THE JUDGE.")

Mr. Norris courteously forwards a copy of the official list of horses registered with the N.Z. Trotting Association from August 1, 1905, to July 31, 1906. All clubs and owners should be in possession of the list, which is published at two shillings, and may be obtained from the Association's office, Christchurch.

Mr. T. W. Ponsonby, secretary of the Greymouth J.C., kindly sends tickets for the summer meeting, which takes place on December 31 and January 1.

Cambrian should win the Derby from Zimmerman, who may give the son of Cyrenian a good go for it. Volume and Uenuku are the only other acceptors.

The Royal Stakes looks quite at the mercy of Sir George Clifford's smart two-year-old, Glenculloch.

There are twenty nominations for the Takapuna Cup, all being local horses with the exception of that constant visitor Paritutu.

That consistent mare Delania has gone lame. Bad luck, this, on the eve of a big meeting.

Uenuku is galloping very well at Ellerslie, and may pick up a race at the A.R.C. meeting.

The Thames J.C. Summer Meeting takes place on Wednesday and Thursday. It promises to be a very successful gathering.

Nominations for the summer meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club close with Mr. Wynyard on January 4.

Zimmerman and Sir Tristram arrived from the South on Friday.

Cambrian was scratched for the Auckland Cup on Saturday.

Apologue has not been pleasing in his work of late, and has been supplanted in favouritism for the Cup by Paritutu.

Fashionable is looking very well just now. He has an outside chance in the Auckland Cup.

It was in 1748 that the Legislature of New Jersey enacted a law to restrain the abuse of horse racing in that colony. In this law all horse racing, pacing, or trotting, of horses, for "lucre or gain," were to be prosecuted as nuisances. The pacing horse was therefore known at that period.

We can learn from the Japanese a thing or two about stabling horses. In Japan horses are backed into their stalls, then a door is closed at the head, which has a grain and hay rack conveniently constructed, to which the nag is secured. When needed the door is swung back, and the horse led forth. No one gets kicked, and it seems to be a sensible way to construct a place for any horse.

New Zealand is being legislated to ruination even at a quicker pace than the Lovely Harbour State itself is going (says the well-known Sydney writer "Boondi.") The latest senseless move there is a Gambling Suppression Bill, as they call it, but which really is a Tote Protecting Act. Honest bookmakers of undoubted integrity will not be allowed to bet; the public is to be forced to do business with the machine, which can be worked to suit anyone who runs it. And a respectable, honest horse-owner, if he be a bookmaker, will not be allowed on a course to see his own horse run! That wades in far deeper than ever our good men would waddle, but a reaction must soon occur, for decent men who are persecuted in this silly fashion will either leave the parson-ridden country, or organise a political resolution similar to our own.

There is some prospect of the formation of a new coursing club in Auckland next season. The meetings at Otahuhu last season were very successful, and as interest in the sport is booming, the new venture may do well, as there will be a lot of dogs out.

Only six horses have been nominated for the Rangitoto Steeplechase. Events of this description in midsummer are a mistake.

The trotters Silver Girl and Straight Mat came up from the South on Sunday to play their parts at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting.

Commonwealth and Present arrived at Ellerslie from New Plymouth on Saturday.

Luciana, a four-year-old brown mare by Lochiel from Dunrose, won the Villiers Stakes, the principal event of the A.J.C. meeting at Randwick on Saturday.

Glenculloch is galloping very freely in his work, and looks to have a mortgage on the G.N. Foal Stakes.

Lady Annie is looking better than has been the case for some time past, and has many admirers in the Railway Handicap.

Scotty and Maser Delaval each did a sterling gallop on Saturday, the two Cup horses finishing together.

Paritutu did a fine gallop on Saturday morning with Volume, Apologue, Ellerton, and Rustique. They finished a mile and a half in that order, Paritutu being out in front all the way.

Volume is improving with each gallop, and with recent winning form as a commendation must have an outside chance in the Cup.

Ghoorka was given a 2-mile gallop on Saturday but no watch-breaking was attempted.

Certainty is one of the most improved horses at Ellerslie and looks like proving as good as his name in at least one race at the meeting.

Luresome is fancied in certain quarters for the Railway Handicap. The pony has nothing to complain of on the score of weight.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

This exceedingly popular meeting commences on Wednesday next (Boxing Day). The fixture has already been referred to at length in our last issue, so nothing remains to be said. With fine weather, which seems assured, it should be a great success. The following ought to run well in their respective engagements:—

Railway Handicap: Landlock, Lucrece, Nervine.

G.N. Foal Stakes: Glenculloch, Moriarty, Cadence.

Auckland Cup: Paritutu, Armistice, Master Delaval.

Grafton Hurdles: Hautapu, Commonwealth, Swagsman.

Railway Handicap: King Billy, Cambrian, Sir Tristram.

Nursery Handicap: Hierarch, Maheno, Quadroon.

Robinson Handicap: Ben Jonson, Dan Leno, Uhlander.

Christmas Handicap: Waipuna, Nervine, Lady Nannie.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

The big Summer Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will be commenced on Thursday, December 27, and continued on Monday, December 31, and Saturday, January 5. It is a fixture which is always greatly looked forward to by lovers of the trotting horse for being the premier affair of its kind in the North Island. All the best trotting horses are to be found competing at it. Really excellent acceptances have been received for the opening day, on which the sport promises to be of the most interesting description possible. A special service of extra trams will be run out to Alexandra Park, which will be found in fine order. Mr. C. F. Mark, the experienced secretary, may be depended upon to have everything in tip-top condition, and patrons can thus rely upon all the details being efficiently attended to. The acceptances will be found in another column.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

The programme for the autumn meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will be found in this issue. It takes place on March 8 and 9, a good list of events having been compiled for it. On the opening day there is the Stewards' Handicap of 150sovs, one mile; the Juvenile Handicap of 150sovs, six furlongs; the Westmere Hurdles of 175sovs, two miles; the Tayforth Hack Hurdles of 110sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Wanganui Cup of 600sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Petre Welter of 125sovs, one mile and a distance; Wiri-toa Hack Handicap of 120sovs, one mile; Flying Handicap of 250sovs, six furlongs.

On the second day the items are the Autumn Handicap of 150sovs, one mile; the Fordell Hurdle Race of 150sovs, one mile and three-quarters; the Jackson Stakes of 500sovs, six furlongs; the Okoia Hack Hurdles of 110sovs, one mile, five furlongs; the Harrison Welter of 125sovs, one mile; Wanganui Stakes of 300sovs, one mile and a-half; Matarawa Hack Race of 110sovs, six furlongs; Farewell Handicap of 120sovs, six furlongs. This makes an interesting list of well-endowed races. Owners should make a note of the fact that the date for closing nominations is Friday, January 25, at nine p.m.

Another record has been broken in America. This time it is the seven furlongs time that has been lowered to 1min 22sec. The performance was done at New York by a horse named Rosben, by Ben Strome—Roseleaf. Roseleaf had but one opponent, a two-year-old, Beauclere, who carried 6st 2lb to the other's 9st, and the former was so much fancied that 80 to 1 was laid on by some of his admirers. From the start Beauclere never had a chance, and Rosben, who, as one writer puts it, "flew like molasses in winter time," ran the seven furlongs, around a turn, in 1min 22 sec, being four-fifths of a second faster than the previous best, which belonged to two English horses, Child's Guide and Bonanza. The colonial records for seven furlongs are 1min 26 3-5sec, by Savoury (N.Z.); 1min 26 3-4sec, by Ihex, and Step Out, in Australia. Rosben ran the first furlong in 12sec, two in 23 4-5sec, three in 35 1-5sec, four in 46 4-5sec, six furlongs in 1min 10 2-5sec, and the full distance in 1min 22sec.

Latest English files show that D. Maher won 102 races out of 351 he had ridden in since March 26 to November 9. W. Higgs rode in 634 events, being successful in 139. O. Madden won 98 out of 518 events, while E. Wheatley scored 89 wins in 480 rides.

A remarkable record is held by Rezka-kas, an o'd gelding by Stronzian, belonging to the Austrian owner, Herr Victor von Mautner, says the "Allgemeine Sport Zeitung," of Vienna. He has taken part in the Damen Pre's at Pardubitz for the last six years, and won it five times in succession, from 1901 to 1905. At the recent meeting, however, he met with one too good for him in Mystery, an unsexed son of Althorp, belonging to Lieuf. Bregant. Rezka-kas' record is, we should say, unique for a steeplechaser.

THE GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS.

There are some very nice yearlings at Glenora Park which are to come up for sale on January 3. Among the list are the following:—

A brown colt by Sout from Postmistress, by Postmaster—Novelette. Postmistress is the dam of that particularly smart performer Lucrece, who has placed quite a lot of races to her credit. The youngster should know how to gallop.

A bay colt by Eton from Lustrous, by Dreadnought, from Radiant. This is a well shaped colt and shows very considerable promise, being of good size and full of running blood.

A brown colt by Sout—Marjorie, by Penrose—Miss Sly. Marjorie has never raced, and she has thrown two good ones in Yvette and Pyladies. Her present yearling is a well developed colt who has shown plenty of pace in the paddock.

A brown colt by Sout—Did, by Casor—Deception. This is a very handsome colt indeed, who should be almost certain to gallop and jump.

A brown filly by Salvadan—Blairina, by Blairgowrie—Hipporina. Blairina could gallop herself, and the American bred stallion's stock is highly spoken of.

A brown filly by Explosion—Pansy, by King Quail—Winnie. Pansy, who was own sister to this good jumper Belmont and half-sister to St. Simon, and Record Reign, was herself a very sterling performer, winning at, hurdle, and steeplechase races. The filly should be a good one, and ought to jump like a deer.

A brown colt by Sout—Hotcherina, by Hotchkiss—Hipporina, and therefore full brother to Marshall Sout. He is a particularly fine colt, having size, substance, and quality, and shows already a very nimble pair of heels. He should fetch the top price at the sale.

A bay filly by Sout—St. Edith by St. Leger—Priscilla. A well grown filly which should sell well.

A brown colt by Sout—Lady Hester, by St. Leger—Musket Maid. This yearling is a big upstanding colt, who combines the St. Simon—Musket blood, and should make a racehorse.

A brown colt by Sout—Caller-on, by Swordfish II—Helen McGregor. A handsome yearling, well made and powerful, with plenty of quality. He should know how to gallop.

A bay colt by Sout from Fairy Tale, by Tasman—Sapphire. Fairy Tale is the dam of that smart little mare Storyteller, and this colt should also be a galloper.

A brown colt by Sout—Vieux Rose, by Hippocampus—Rosarina. Vieux Rose is the dam of Val Rosa, Bona Rosa, Alba Rose, and Carl Rosa. The yearling is a well grown colt and ought to be able to foot it with the best of them.

A brown filly by Sout—Inamorator, by Torpedo—Lady's Maid. A muscular and well grown filly who should race early.

A chestnut colt by Salvadan—Cuirassier, by Cuirassier—Do'osa. Salvadan is a son of the great American horse Salvatore, while Cuirassier won numerous races. The colt has good bone, substance, and size, and is just the sort to win races.

Brown colt by Sout—Princess Alice, by Brigadier—Queen Alice. Princess Alice was the dam of that particularly speedy filly Avalanche, the winner of many races. The yearling is a full brother, and has plenty of fine running blood in his veins.

A brown filly by Sout—Golden Mavis, by Impetus II—Golden Bells. This is a first foal, and if looks do not belie, he is a good one.

A colt by Menschikoff—Golden Rose, by St. Leger—Bangle. Golden Rose was a brilliant mare, and this is her first foal. She has size and plenty of quality, and should certainly make a name for herself.

A black filly by Sout—Chiria, by Cuirassier—Ouida and a brown filly by Cuirassier—Lady Agnes (by Nelson—Sister Agnes) completes the list of yearlings. A number of brood mares will also be sold. Portraits of some of the yearlings appeared in our last issue.