

was some very poor horsemanship displayed in one race; and strange to tell that shortly after the horses returned to the paddock the band commenced a melody in which "The Holy City" was the initial item, and "Do Not Forget Me" was trumped into the atmosphere at the finish.

Step-dancer appeared to be acting fairly well for about nine furlongs in the Midsummer, but she failed to come on when asked for a final effort. The racing she had at the meeting should, however, keep her up a bit, and it will not be surprising to find her doing better work at Wingatui.

The riders of Buccleuch and Golden Cairn in the Craven Plate made a suicidal hurry to get over the journey, and both horses stopped badly at the finish. The more haste the less speed at the finish.

Elevation was badly left at the start of the Middle Park Plate, or otherwise would at least have been a good second to Glenculloch. It is, however, doubtful if he could have beaten Sir George Clifford's colt, even if the pair had hopped away on level terms.

Cross Battery was travelling slowly in the early part of the St. Alban's Handicap, and entered the straight so wide that one would imagine that her rider had lost the helm. The rider, however, steered himself on to the carpet, and was strongly advised that he will have to give a more pleasing display of navigation in the future.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, Feb. 13.

The near approach of the Egmont Meeting, and also the Wanganui J.C. Cup gathering has led to some fairly interesting work being done on the local tracks, although there are not a great number of horses in work on the club's course. A very different state of things exist here now as compared with a few years ago, when there were several trainers here who each had big strings (and good ones, too) under their charge. Nowadays at ordinary times the tracks are almost deserted. Of course it must be remembered in this connection that at Fordell (only a few miles from town) Fred Tilley has a very big string which work on his own track, and recently Mr. G. F. Moore has had a track laid down on his own property at Layforth for his horses. If all these horses worked on the club's track the latter would be very busy.

The Warrengeat Jockey Club, whose annual hack meeting takes place on March 21, have erected a new grandstand, and have the course in good order. The club numbers amongst its members some of the best sports Wanganui now possesses, and they are determined to make the

club a success, and their efforts are not likely to be in vain.

General Peel having developed a leg, he has been turned out for a spell. It is hoped that he will be able to race again during the winter, when a good hurdler such as he is should pick up a race or two.

The other morning Waione did a very good gallop on the local track. In company with Fishermaid and the Musketry mare trained by Harry Alexander the son of Waiuku was given a spin over five furlongs. Waione was very slow to begin, being some four or five lengths behind when he got fairly going. Mr. Bennett's colt then put in a fine run, and overhauling the others was eased up before reaching the post, where he was well in front. It was a very satisfactory performance, and Mr. Bennett ought to see his colours in the van before long.

The Karioi Jockey Club's annual hack meeting attracted a few Wanganui racing men. The races were decided on Wednesday last in the presence of a goodly number of spectators. Bookies were there in plenty, some £47 10/ being netted in fees. A surplus of something like £100 is anticipated over the meeting. Proceedings opened with the Handicap Hurdles, for which only two started. Hokio was made a 2 to 1 on favourite, and had no difficulty in landing the stake from Firelight. The Ladies' Bracelet was contested by a field of nine, of whom Malosi was backed down to 6 to 4 on, and won by six lengths from Makino. The Cup was the "good thing," the betting indicated for Mahoe, who had no difficulty in beating Snip and Ruaputere, his only opponents. Malosi got home in the Manton Stakes easily, the betting being 3 to 1 on the winner. Firelight annexed the Maiden Hurdles from Reunion. The latter started at even money, whilst 6 to 4 was laid on Firelight. The Kaimanawa Handicap fell to Makino, who was at evens. Nine others ran. The Flying saw Mahoe installed favourite at 2 to 1 on, Snip being at 2 to 1 against. The former had no trouble in winning.

The mare Linseed, owned by Mr. Sam Woodill, has a very promising appearance at present, and the daughter of Linstock may be amongst the stake-winners shortly.

The same owner's two-year-old Phaeton has grown a lot lately, and the Wangaehu sportsman wisely intends to give the big son of Phaeton a spell until he is a three-year-old. If looks go for anything this youngster should make a name for himself.

Mr. George Morse has to declare the weights for the Wanganui Cup and Flying on or before the 16th inst., and needless to say his adjustments will be awaited with great interest. Mr. Morse has given so much proof of his skill as a handicapper that he may be confidently anticipated to give little room for complaint.

Fontenoy, who is engaged in the Cup, and for which event he has already been supported for a small amount, is doing good work on Mr. Moore's private track. If Harry Jackson succeeds in getting the handsome son of Haut Brion to the post in tip-top form the colt should be hard to beat in whatever event he is started in. Helen Portland is also progressing favourably, and the same remarks apply to Sweet Simon, Signor, and Armistice.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, Feb. 13.

The victory of "Dad" Peters' useful bit of horseflesh Aeolus at Riccarton, was well received here. Peters is credited with sending his horses to the post with winning orders each time they are saddled up, and when he scores the public are generally with him. Aeolus is nicely bred, his dam Santa Katarina and sire Euroclydon being full of the best strains of racing blood.

As the result of a decision arrived at by the committee of the C.J.C., instructions were issued to Mr. Piper, the club's starter, that no time was to be cut to waste through starts being delayed by the vagaries of fractious horses. The result was that at the start of the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap Signalman was allowed short shrift. The starter made a couple of appeals to Signalman's rider, V. Cotton, to join the other horses at the tapes. Cotton, however, was quite unable to get his mount to move in the desired direction, and Piper, acting up to his instructions, despatched the field, regardless of the fact that Sir George Clifford's horse was standing some distance down the

course with his wrong end to the barrier.

A question that arises is, should the backers of Signalman lose the money they invested upon him on the totalisator. Quite a number of racegoers express the opinion that when any horse is left at the post backers should receive a return of their investment, less the usual 10 per cent. On the other hand, it is contended that the public invest their money on such unruly horses as Signalman with their eyes open and are entitled to no consideration at the hands of racing authorities.

It would seem that if the nomination of unruly horses are to be received by racing clubs, no device for insuring their backers a run for their money should be neglected, and a contrivance recently devised for controlling refractory horses might well be given a trial. This contrivance was exhibited during the recent Trentham race meeting, and was approved of by many racing men, including the chairman of the Racing Conference, and Mr. Piper, the well-known starter. Undoubtedly a horse confined in the so-called breeching cannot in any way interfere with or annoy the balance of the competitors the delinquent must also remain there until the tapes fly up, when, unless the horse is of an unusually stubborn nature it must join the starters and take part in the race.

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Feb. 13.

A fair number of horses are in work at New Plymouth at the present time, and the local course presents an animated appearance in the morning.

E. Russell's horses are looking in great nick, although Cyrene's legs still cause the trainer a certain amount of anxiety. Waikato should win a race before long.

Southern Cross and Pangaroo (who is now trained by Edgar Russell) are to be put to the jumping game shortly, both having shown an aptitude for the business.

Albert Rhodes, who has severed his connection with R. Barlow, is now training Golden Eagle, who is looking exceedingly well.

The bookmakers who were recently fined in the local Magistrate's Court on charges of betting at the Christmas Meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, have decided to test the validity of the by-laws under which the informations were laid. The hearing of the appeal is set down for March 18th.

A considerable number of foreign horses have arrived at Hawera to fulfil engagements at the forthcoming meeting, for which good acceptances have been received. The following should run well in their different engagements:—Flying: Ballarat and St. Claimer. Whereroa Hurdles: Rockby and Handsome Rose. Ohawe Hurdles: Madie. Meremere Hack: St. Maria and Pearlie. Cup: Grenade and Truce. Hawera Welter: The Lark and Waikato. Waipapa Hack: White Lie and Highden. Produce Stakes: Flemsnap and Paul.

TURF RESULTS.

CANTERBURY J.C. SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was dull and cold for the first day of the Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting. Under the circumstances the attendance was not up to expectations, while the fields were small, and consequently speculation was not brisk, the totalisator investments reaching £5403. Results:—

TRIAL STAKES. One mile. Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's ch f Ilarita, 3yrs, by Sant Ilaria—Miss Niente, 7.11 (J. Pine) 1 Mr. F. Nelligan's ch g Harvest, 4yrs, 8.2 (Cotton) 2 Mr. J. Westerman's b g Mango, 5yrs, 8.2 (R. King) 3 Also started: Don Orsino 7.11, Patuna 8.2, Monkey Puzzle 7.1. Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 43 1-5sec. Dividend, £3 19s.

HORNBY WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Sir George Clifford's b c De Witte, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Illusion, 9.5 (Jones) 1 Mr. C. Machell's ch m Blythemaïd, 5yrs, 9.12 (McCluskey) 2 Mr. T. Sheehan's ch m Farley Grove, 4yrs, 8.0 (Derrett) 3 Also started: Count Gorton 8.8, Ordnanee 8.0. Won easily by four lengths. Time, 1min 30 1/2sec. Dividend, £2 19s.

FILLY STAKES. Six furlongs. Mr. T. Sheehan's b f Athena, 3yrs, by Ben Trovato—Greek Maid, 6.10 (Chapman) 1 Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f Amboise, 2yrs, 7.2 (G. A. Pine) 2 Mr. M. Hobbs' br f Aimee Soult, 3yrs (J. Pine) 3

Also started: Tremulous 7.2. Won by a length. Time, 1min 17 3-5 sec. Dividend, £12 2s 6d.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr. G. Palmer's ch m Chryseis, 5yrs., by Clanranald—Golden Crest, 7.7 (S. Reid) 1 Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Lapland, 3yrs, 7.7 (Yarr) 2 Mr. E. Griffin's b g Thunderer, 6yrs, 7.7 (McCluskey) 3 Also started: Signalman 9.0, Step-dancer 7.12, Idasa 7.2.

Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 2min 39 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 10s.

LYTTELTON PLATE. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Mr. G. M. Aynsley's ch c Bonny Glen, 8.0 (McCombe) 1 Mr. J. Brett's ch c Rose Noble, 8.2 (Derrett) 2 Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f Williaw, 7.0 (G. A. Pine) 3 Also started: Paragon 8.0, The Libyan 7.3, Mercy 7.0.

Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 17 2-5sec. Dividend, £7 6s.

CRAVEN PLATE of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. A. Peters' Eeolus, 5yrs, by Euroclydon—Santa Katarina, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) 1 Sir George Clifford's ch g Golden Cairn, 3yrs, 7.9 (F. Jones) 2 Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b h Buccleuch, 4yrs, 8.7 (G. A. Pine) 3 Also started: Stronghold 9.0, Balsam 7.8, Tessera 6.12. Won by a head. Time, 1min 29 4-5 sec. Dividend, £4 18s 6d.

HALSWELL WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. H. A. Knight's b f Watershoot, 3yrs, by Royal Artillery, 9.2 (Yarr) 1 Mr. T. Sheehan's ch m Farley Grove, 6yrs, 8.3 (Derrett) 2 Mr. F. H. Pyne's br c Tahu, 3yrs, 7.7 (McCluskey) 3 Also started: Gypsobel 9.5, Wild Cat 8.2, Ruapehu 8.0, Salaam 7.13. Won by a length. Time, 1min 44 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 17s and £1 12s 6d.

SECOND DAY.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting was concluded on Saturday. The attendance was small and the fields poor. The totalisator investments amounted to £7220. Results:—

RICHMOND PLATE. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f Amboise, by Stepniak—Huguenot, 7.7, (G. A. Pine) 1 Mr. W. O. Rutherford's blk f Tremulous, 6.7 (Hack) 2 Sir George Clifford's b f Cockleshell, 8.5 (F. Jones) 3 Also started: Rose Noble 8.5, Paragon 7.7, Jahangir 6.12. Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividend, £5 4s 6d.

LINWOOD WELTER HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. H. A. Knight's b f Watershoot, 3yrs, by Royal Artillery—Nenuphar, 9.2 (F. Yarr) 1 Mr. E. Griffin's b g Thunderer, 6yrs, 9.8 (G. J. Pine) 2 Mr. C. G. Dalgety's ch m Stepdancer, aged, 9.8 (McCombe) 3 Also started: Somaroff 8.9. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 2min 11 4-5sec. Dividend, £2 5s 6d.

MIDDLE PARK PLATE of 500sovs. For two and three-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Sir G. Clifford's br c Glenculloch, 2yrs, by Clanranald—Madowia, 8.3 (F. Jones) 1 Sir G. Clifford's ch g Golden Cairn, 3yrs, 9.2 (McCluskey) 2 Mr. J. R. MacDonald's ch c Gold Crest, 2yrs, 7.10 (Derrett) 3 Also started: William I. 8.6, Elevation 7.12, All Guns 7.2. Glenculloch and Golden Cairn were bracketed on the machine. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 15sec. Dividend, £1 14s 6d.

ST. ALBAN'S HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. G. Palmer's ch m Chryseis, 5yrs, by Clanranald—Golden Crest, 8.4 (S. Reid) 1 Mr. D. Rutherford's ch h Stronghold, 5yrs, 8.9 (F. D. Jones) 2 Mr. G. Payne's br h Submarine, 5yrs (McCombe) 3 Also started: Signalman 9.5, Cross Battery 8.10, Lapland 7.4, Harvest 6.7. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 42 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 14s 6d and £1 7s.

SELLING RACE. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. McCracken's br g Alexis, 4yrs, by Lord Roslyn—Plevna, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) 1 Messrs. White Brothers' b g The Seer, 5yrs, 8.11 (McCombe) 2 Mr. T. Sheehan's b f Athena, 3yrs, 7.11 (Derrett) 3 Also started: Fancywork 8.11, Good Sight 8.11, Monkey Puzzle 8.4, Salaam 8.4, Patuna 8.4, Orkan 8.4, White Shield 8.4, Lady Zoin 7.11, Athena 7.11. Won by over a length. Time, 1min 16 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 16s and £1 12s 6d.

FLYING HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b g Buccleuch, 4yrs, by Benzoan—Reverle, 9.0 (G. J. Pine) 1 Mr. J. Case's b g Sea King, 3yrs, 7.11 (R. King) 2 Mr. F. H. Pyne's br c Tahu, 3yrs, 6.7 (Hack) 3 Also started: De Witte 8.3, Aimee Soult 7.11, Tessera 7.7, Silk Web 7.7. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 2 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 15s 6d and 16s.

POST HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. A. Peters' b g Aeolus, 5yrs, by Euroclydon—Santa Katarina, 9.7 (F. D. Jones) 1 Mr. A. Dale's ch g Balsam, 4yrs, 8.4 (S. Reid) 2 Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's ch f Ilarita, 3yrs, 8.4 (J. Pine) 3 Also started: Blythemaïd 8.9, Idasa 8.4, Mango, 7.9, Vardo 7.8, Count Gorton 6.9, Patuna 6.7. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 42 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 3s and £1 4s.

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