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NOTES.

(By "The Judge.")

The recent meeting at Pahiataua resulted in a profit of £311.

The Hierarchy appeal case will be heard by the Racing Conference at Wanganui on March 8.

The big events to be run at the A.R.C. meeting have filled splendidly, there being an advance in four events on last year's figures.

Achilles has been scratched for the Wanganui Cup, a step which was generally expected when it was seen that he had been allotted 10st 7lb. by Mr. Morse.

Signalman continues to misbehave himself at the post. In the Dunedin Cup he once again played up, and was as usual, left behind when the barrier rose. Some of the many backers he has let down so often will wish him no more harm than a friendly bullet.

Master Delaval is to be given a run in the Wanganui Cup. He is very well just now, and will have to be reckoned with in the Southern race.

Acceptances for the Wanganui Cup and first day's events of the autumn meeting are due to-morrow at nine p.m.

The ex-Auckland Up-to-Date has been nominated for the big jumping event to be run at Onkaparinga on Easter Monday.

Among the Southern entries for the A.R.C. Easter Handicap are Pink'un, Marguerite, Aeolus, Cross Battery, Ballarat, Zimmerman, Sir Tristram, Intelligence, King Billy, and others of less note. The local brigade will have to be on its best behaviour to prevent the rich stake going South.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's recent meeting was the most successful in the annals of the club. The sum of £8761 10s went through the totalisator, which is very nearly double last year's figures.

First payment for the Maiden Stakes and All-aged Stakes, which will be run under the auspices of the North New Zealand Coursing Club in April, close with the secretary, Mr. C. R. Tapper, on Monday next at nine p.m. at the Pitt-street Baths.

The Auckland Cup winner Putty ran last in the St. George's Stakes at Caulfield. On that form his Australian Cup prospects are far from rosy.

How long will it be before Australasia sends its list of new 2min 10sec trotters to be included in the list published by the trotting authorities in the United States? asks a writer in the Sydney "Mail." Time was in America when nearly all the fast ones came from two States, Kentucky and California, but now the fast ones are spread all over the United States. We have blood in Australia equal to anything in America, and as the best of our horses do not leave for other shores, as is the case with gallopers, and given the opportunities for developing speed, the time should not be far distant when Australia produces a two-minute harness horse. Certain it is the product of the imported article, be it the animal or vegetable, thrives apace in our salubrious climate. The pioneers who settled on the Hawkesbury produced a race of giants. The racehorses imported here thrived apace until the best of them, Sir Modred, Trenton, Carbine, and others left our shores, and now again the imported horses sire most of our winners. The fox, the rabbit, the sparrow, the starling, the briar-bush, and prickly pear run such riot in growth that it costs thousands per annum in a hopeless attempt to eradicate. The trotter in Australia now has the blood and the power to go, but we do not appear to have the appliances or the skill to develop extreme speed. Take the careers of two horses alone, Sal Tasker and Lord Elmo. As two-year-olds they raced first and second in the same race, the former in 2min 20sec, the latter in 2min 24sec. And what have these two promising youngsters done since? Sal Tasker has won one race in comparatively slow time, and, it is stated, is now in the shafts of her owner's buggy. Surely there was the material in that mare for a 2min 10sec pacer?

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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.—1907.

- March 2.—South Auckland R.C.
- March 5.—Akaroa County R.C.
- March 6 and 7.—Dannevirke J.C.
- March 8 and 9.—Wanganui J.C.
- March 9.—Waihi J.C.
- March 13 and 14.—Napier Park R.C.
- March 15 and 16.—Tologa Bay J.C.
- March 16 and 18.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 18.—Opunake R.C.
- March 18 and 19.—Greymouth J.C.
- March 18 and 19.—Horowhenua Hack R.C.
- March 20 and 21.—Southland R.C.
- March 20.—Waipawa County R.C.
- March 21.—Waimate R.C.
- March 21 and 22.—Masterton R.C.
- March 21 and 24.—Thames J.C.
- March 22 and 23.—Westport J.C.
- March 23.—Thames J.C.
- March 30 and April 1.—Wairarapa R.C.
- April 1.—Patea Racing Club.
- April 1.—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 1 and 2.—Feilding Jockey Club
- April 1, 2 and 6.—Auckland R.C.
- April 20, 24.—Avondale J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

- March 4.—Feilding Jockey Club
- March 8.—Thames J.C.
- March 11.—Patea R.C.
- March 11.—Waipukurau J.C.
- March 15.—Auckland R.C.
- March 29.—Avondale J.C. (special events)
- April 5.—Avondale J.C.

HANDICAPS.

- March 5.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 11.—A.R.C. (special events)
- March 16.—Feilding J.C.
- March 18.—Thames J.C.
- March 18.—Patea R.C.
- March 19.—Auckland R.C.
- March 21.—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 1.—Avondale J.C. (special events)
- April 8.—Avondale J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

- March 1.—Wanganui J.C.
- March 8.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 19.—Thames J.C.
- March 15.—A.R.C. (special events)
- March 20.—Feilding J.C.
- March 22.—Auckland R.C.
- March 25.—Patea R.C.
- March 25.—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 12.—Avondale J.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Acceptances for the Easter Handicap Brighton Hurdles and Autumn Steeplechase are due on March 15, on which date general entries for the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting are also due.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the annual meeting of the Patea Racing Club (other than local events) close with Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, on Monday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for the Avondale, Autumn, Steeplechase, and Railway Handicaps, to be run at the autumn meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club, close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, on Friday, March 29, at 9 p.m.

General entries for the Avondale J.C. Autumn Meeting close on Friday, April 5.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the autumn meeting of the Thames Jockey Club close with Mr. W. H. Potts, the secretary, on Friday, March 8, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for the Easter meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club close on Monday, March 4th, at 8.30 p.m., with the secretary, Mr. E. Goodbehere.

Nominations for all events to be run at the annual meeting of the Waipukurau J.C. close with Mr. W. G. Nightingale, the secretary, Box 9, P.O., Waipukurau, at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

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