

Nominations for the Feilding meeting close with Mr. Goodbehere next Monday.

Handicaps for the opening day of the Ohinemuri meeting are due to appear next Tuesday. The entries are first-class.

The fine bay mare La Rosier, who has been missed from the trotting tracks lately, is undergoing a six months' spell.

The Gold Reef gelding Kuhu was made a warm favourite for the Stewards' Handicap at the Taranaki meeting, and the good thing duly came off.

The annual general meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club will take place on March 8.

Scotty went South on Sunday, his mission being the Taranaki meeting. He failed to get a place in the Cup.

Strathavon, the hero of many a good race, is now following the humble berth of buggy horse.

Glenullin, who yesterday won the Taranaki Cup, is a four-year-old brown son of Lochiel and Consistence. He had not many supporters in Auckland, the local punters sticking to Scotty.

Fretwork, the five-year-old Workman gelding, continues to pay his way. He won the Hack Hurdles at Taranaki yesterday and returned a nice dividend.

The veteran Haydn is jumping the big fences in good style at Ellerslie. The old fellow is hardly a back number yet.

Noctulform is entered for the City and Suburban Handicap, the Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap, and for the Ascot Gold Cup.

I had a look at the Rotorua course a few days ago, and must admit to being disappointed with it. No doubt the club is a bit weak financially, but nothing appears to have been done since last year, and the place seemed very neglected, while the grass badly wanted cutting.

£50 in prizes makes the largest prize list offered in Australia for photographic competition. Such is the amount to be presented by "The Weekly Press" as prizes in its photographic competition, which is open to amateur and professional photographers. Full details of the competition are given in our popular contemporary, "The Weekly Press."

The success of Mr. A. A. Apear's horses in India so far this season has been something remarkable. Fitz-Grafton having won him two good races, Ballark three, and Dea, Airloch, Martinique, Mallard, and Seclusion one each, the last-named accounting for the Indian Grand National Steeplechase. It is improbable that Mr. Apear will make any Australian purchases of account this year, as most of the horses named above should be good for at least another season's racing, and he will have an addition to his team in the English three-year-old Auber, who showed really good form in the Old Country last year.

Ellis comes into prominence by his success in the St. George's Stakes (writes "Umpire" in the "Referee"), not only in the fact that he beat a good field, but he won in most decisive style at weight-for-age over nine furlongs, a distance sufficient to be a fair test of his current abilities. In the Melbourne Cup Ellis ran well whilst he lasted, and is evidently developing considerable improvement. He is one of the New Zealand-bred colts bought in the colony by Mr. J. Wren, but he is now the property of F. Musgrave, who trains him at Caulfield. Ellis is a son of Hotchkiss from Edith Cureton, by Castor from Frailty, by Goldsbrough, and was bred by the Wellington Park Stud Company. Seeing that he beat May King, who put up such a good performance in winning the Perth Cup, and won easily by four lengths, after having the race in hand over the last half-mile, whilst behind him were Antonious, Booran Dividend, Iolaire, Pompous, Putty, Proceedor, and Stimoda, and allowing that these horses are not screwed up yet, there seems no reason to discount the performance of Ellis, and he is an Australian Cup candidate well entitled to be seriously counted, seeing that his weight is only 7st 3lb, and he was getting no allowance from the standard scale.

Stepdancer has now won the Dunedin Cup two years in succession.

The Thames meeting takes place on March 23, and Mr. Potts will take entries for it up to Friday next.

N.Z. Tattersall's Club is to be discontinued, the crusade against the bookmakers making this step necessary. It has been in existence nearly twenty-seven years.

The Waihi Jockey Club's meeting on March 9 promises to be a big success. Capital nominations have been received for it.

The Harmonist horse Corrobooree easily won the Tenth Caulfield Futurity Stakes on Saturday. The favourite, Newbury, was unplaced, while Collarit could get no nearer than third.

Fearing a breakdown, Solution has been scratched for all autumn engagements, and the daughter of Soult will be treated to a spell. She was asked too much in the spring.

The most successful cross-country horseman in England last year was F. Mason, who won 58 of the 254 races in which he had a mount. G. Goswell came second with 51 wins out of 100 attempts—a remarkably good average—whilst I. Anthony was third with 44 victories out of 154 mounts.

The Dunedin Jockey Club put £22,921 through the totalisator at the recent summer meeting as against £21,181 last year. The figures are slowly creeping up, and the Southern club should soon be in a position to launch out a bit in the matter of stakes.

A lady, Mrs. C. A. C. Kershaw, is responsible for a novelty in nomenclature. At Lingfield (England), a few weeks ago she ran a horse rejoicing in the name of Undecided Isaac in the Winter Hurdle Race, and he proved the aptness of his name by hesitating at the stand hurdles, becoming undecided whether to go or not, and then stopping at the next flight. The same lady also possesses a mare called Undecided Dolly.

A totalisator clerk was caught napping at the recent big meeting at Hobart. After the running of the Final Handicap at Elwick a backer hurriedly presented 13 tickets at the totalisator pay-window, stating they were on the winner, Cambridge, who paid a dividend of £3 15s. No sooner had the supposed backer of the winner left the pay-window than the paying-out official found that the 13 tickets were on the second horse, who only returned a dividend of 8s. The matter was promptly placed in the hands of the police, but very little hope is entertained of finding either the man or the money.

In England a subscription has been raised for the prominent cross-country jockey, A. Birch, who was so badly injured by a fall some time back that he will never be able to ride again. Up to January 6, the amount of £1024 had been collected. It was Birch who rode Moifaa when that horse won the Liverpool Grand National of 1904 for Mr. Spencer Gollan.

Such a demand is there in England for St. Simon sires that Desmond's list for the season is full at a fee of £145. Other sires that stand at a fee of £98 are Bill of Portland, Bachelor's Button, Robert le Diable, and John o' Gaunt, the latter's services for 1907 and 1908 having already been booked. Parthian is standing at Newmarket for 18 guineas a mare, and The Victory is advertised to receive mares in Kildare at £9.

The Auckland bred Ellis (Hotchkiss-Edith Cureton) won the St. George's Stakes at the V.A.T.C. Autumn Meeting at Caulfield on the 16th inst. He started at the nice price of 7 to 1 against and won by four lengths from a high-class field. Another Auckland in Putty ran last. Ellis may have to be reckoned with in the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup, in which he has 7.12 and 7.3 respectively.

There is a strong probability that, on the grounds of economy, there will be a considerable reduction in the value of the mammoth prizes in England. It is estimated that during the current season there will be a loss of £2021 on the Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket, £2634 on the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park, and £1155 on the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket.

D. Moraghan will take Master Delaval South to-day, his mission being the Wanganui Cup.

A number of ponies were shipped to Australia on Monday by the Wimmera, having been purchased by Mr. Allardice, of Melbourne. The list included Mataura, Inatore, Orella, and Waipiipi.

The London Press Association learns that Mons. Gaston Dreyfus, the celebrated French bloodstock breeder, in consequence of the lack of Herod blood in England, has decided to send his well-known horse Arizona to stand at one of the leading south country studs. Arizona, who will be well remembered by those who saw him win the Alexandra Plate at Ascot three years ago, was also a great winner in France, capturing over 200,000 francs in stakes. He represents the Flying Dutchman line of Herod, being a son of Omnium II., one of the most famous of that horse's descendants.

At a committee meeting of the Waihi Jockey Club on Monday, the chairman (Mr. Brown), on behalf of the club, presented Mr. Rabbidge, the retiring chairman, with a spirit case, at the same time referring to the club's regret at losing Mr. Rabbidge's services, and wishing him success and prosperity in the future. After Mr. Rabbidge's health had been drunk, he replied, thanking the club, and expressing regret at parting with many friends whom he had made in Waihi.

The New Zealand mare Lady Avon, who was such a success in India a year ago, is not as good now as then. At Calcutta on the 12th of last month she was sent out at 2 to 1 on in a field of twelve for the New Plate, five furlongs, in which she had 8st 9lb. She did not even get a place.

If the London "Sporting Times" is correct, another blow is to be dealt at turf speculation in England. It states that this year a new measure will be introduced under the name of the Gambling Advertisements Bill, 1907, with the sub-title, "An Act for the suppression of gambling advertisements in newspapers and circulars, and the public incitements to betting and gambling." It is aimed at persons who advertise any betting business, or agency, or any tipster's business, or any lottery, or any "stock-broking" business not under Stock Exchange rules, and it will prohibit any newspaper proprietor, editor, or publisher from publishing any such advertisement or any list of betting odds.

When a horse is brought in from grass it is a great mistake to treat him forthwith as though he had been in his stable and at work all the time his holiday had lasted. A dose or two of cooling medicine should be given to him, he should not be put to hard work at once, and his return to the conventional diet of grain, hay and chop should be effected gradually. The equine nature resents all violent and sudden changes of diet, and therefore no greater mistake can be made than to take a horse up from grass one day and put him on dry food the next one. Either Epsom salts or aloes are useful medicines at such a time; the former, being the pleasanter to use, as four ounces for a full-grown horse once a day in his food is easy to give, while aloes have to be administered as a medicine in doses of about six drachms, more or less, according to the size and strength of the animal.

It does not often fall to the lot of a brood mare to throw five winners of the same race, but this is the case with Lassuk, whose produce have carried off the Russian Derby on five occasions. Two of them, Galtee Boy and Galtee, are sons of Galtee More, who is by a long way the most successful sire in Russia. Lassuk, it goes almost without the saying, comes of English stock, her sire, Vederemo, being a son of Buccancer, while her dam, Rape of the Lock, was begotten by Victorious. Lassuk is in foal by Flying Fox, and her next alliance will be with Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's horse, St. Frusquin, who, good enough to have won five Derby's out of six, had the misfortune to be foaled in the same year as Persimmon.

THE SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The flags will be flying at Claudelands on Saturday next, when the South Auckland Racing Club will bring off the annual race meeting. This is invariably a popular fixture, not only with Waikato people, but also with town sportsmen, who enjoy a day up at Hamilton, where they can

always be certain of being well looked after, besides witnessing some good sport. The acceptances for Saturday are very satisfactory, and there seems a prospect of good fields in all events. A special train at excursion fares will leave Auckland early in the morning and return after the last race, and patrons may be assured that Mr. Gwynne, the secretary, and his assistants will have everything arranged for their comfort. The following may run well in their respective engagements:—Trial Handicap: Brooklyn, Azoff. Hurdle Race: Geologist, S.A. Cup: Bonomiana, Uhlander. Claudelands Handicap: Kola Nip, Freemount. Steeplechase: Kanaka, Perre. Tradesmen's Plate: Millie, Lord Seaton. Flying Handicap: Duart, Sweet Alice.

THE WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB.

Few clubs, especially those holding one-day annual meetings, have made such wonderful progress as the Waipukurau Jockey Club, whose record is one of which the secretary and committee may well feel proud. The next re-union will take place on Easter Monday, April 1. The programme, particulars of which may be gleaned from our advertising columns, runs out to eight well-endowed events. These are listed as follows:—The Maiden Plate of 50sovs, seven furlongs; the Easter Handicap of 65sovs, once round; the Hack Handicap of 60sovs, one mile and a-quarter; the Waipukurau Handicap of 150sovs, one mile and a-quarter; Two-year-old Handicap of 100sovs, four furlongs; the Ladies' Bracelet of 50sovs, one mile and a-half; Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, six furlongs; and the Final Hack Handicap of 60sovs, five furlongs. If for nothing else but that the club has raised the stakes and improved the course after every meeting, it deserves well of owners, who will doubtless nominate liberally. Mr. W. G. Nightingale, the secretary, will take entries up to eight p.m. on Monday, March 11.

WAIUKU MEETING.

The Waiuku Jockey Club hold their annual meeting to-day (Thursday), and as the acceptances are good, a fair meeting may be expected. Visitors can either avail themselves of the ten a.m. express to Pukekohe, or the s.s. Weka, which lands passengers on the town wharf. Mr. Chadwick apparently has not been so careful as usual in compiling the weights. For instance Geordie and Kola Nip met the other week at Papakura, when the former carried 9st 2lb and the latter 7st 7lb. They are now handicapped at 9st 2lb and 8st 6lb. Although Geordie ran third at Papakura and Kola Nip was unplaced, Mr. Chadwick did not see the performance, as he was away attending the Gisborne and Poverty Bay meetings.

The following should run forward:—Hurdles: Bowman, Murawai. Cup: Geordie, Kola Nip. Maiden: Manapouri, Lady Winnie. Two-year-old Handicap: Frontino. Langthoy Handicap: Kola Nip, Lady Winnie. Otawa Handicap: Manapouri. Welter: Kaitangata, Bowman. Waipiipi Handicap: Kola Nip or Kaitangata.



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