

Ebullition, the winner of the Newmarket Handicap, is a three-year-old son of Simmer and Carabelle, who was purchased as a yearling for 300 guineas.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the Hierarchy appeal case, which will be heard at Wanganui tomorrow. The judges are Messrs. R. S. Abraham, E. Goodbehere, and R. H. Nolan. Messrs. Angus Gordon and Hartland will represent the A.R.C.

The owner of Uhlander, who is on a visit to Auckland, intends mating the dam of Uhlander with Wairiki.

After the Tradesmen's Plate was run at South Auckland Mrs. E. A. Gall sold Lord Seaton (the winner of the South Auckland Cup) to the trainer of the son of Seaton Delaval, W. Gall, for 100 guineas.

The crack sprinter Pink'un is to be given a chance to distinguish himself in Australia.

Isolt is to tackle Achilles in the Jackson Stakes at Wanganui. I doubt the ability of Mr. Stead's mare to lower the champion's colours.

Glenullin, judged on his Taranaki form, looks to have a rare chance in the Stewards' Handicap at Wanganui.

The Ohinemuri J.C.'s meeting will eventuate on March 16 and 18. The handicaps for the opening day appear in another column.

Geordie, who with 8st 12lb in the saddle was not in the first four in the South Auckland Cup, has been given 9st in the Ohinemuri Cup.

The Auckland-bred chaser Up-to-Date, who now runs in the colours of Mr. W. Anderson, has earned another winning bracket. In the March Steeplechase at Flemington on Tuesday the son of St. Hippo led all the way and won by five lengths.

So heavy was the rain at Flemington on Monday night that the V.R.C. stewards were on Tuesday compelled to adopt the unusual course of running the sprint races on the tan, while portions of the course proper had to be roped off.

Realm, who won the Australian Cup on Tuesday, has also earned distinction over country. He is a six-year-old son of Majestic and Lynette, and is a great stayer. It took Mr. McLeod's gelding all his time to beat the Grafton three-year-old Booran, who was only beaten by a short neck, while the fast-finishing Mira was only half a length further away.

The South Auckland R.C. Committee have carried a resolution that next season the annual fixture will extend over two days.

It was expected locally that the Auckland-bred Ellis would make a good showing in the Australian Cup, but he failed signally, being the last but one of the fifteen runners to finish.

The Waihi Jockey Club's meeting takes place on Saturday next, and as many good horses are engaged some fine racing should be seen. The Waimarie will take passengers as far as Paeroa, leaving Quay-street, at 5.30 p.m., while it is, of course, possible to go all the way by train. A fair number of Auckland sports intend assisting at the gathering.

Acceptances for all events to be run on the first day of the Ohinemuri meeting must be made to Mr. H. Poland by nine o'clock to-morrow (Friday) evening.

Mr. B. T. Bennett, the owner of Halberdier and other horses, has left Wanganui for Patea, where he has taken over the Albion Hotel. He is a very straight-going sportsman, and in addition to the turf takes a keen interest in other pastimes, such as rowing, swimming, athletics, football, etc. Mine host of the Albion is certain to become a popular personage in Patea.

The privileges in connection with the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's Meeting, to be held on March 16 and 18, were sold by auction on Tuesday, the prices obtained being as follows:—Gates, A. Montgomery, 187 11/6; grandstand and saddling paddock, E. Bain, £125 13/; publican's booth, A. Montgomery, £162; grandstand refreshment booth, A. Montgomery, £15; cards, W. D. Nicholas, £60 2/6; stabling, paddock, E. Edwards, £1; outside refreshment booth, A. Montgomery, £8.

The Insomnia gelding has gone into J. Pennell's stable, having changed hands recently.

The Napier Park R.C. autumn meeting will be commenced next Wednesday.

The South Auckland Racing Club put £3465 10s through the totalisator on Saturday, an advance on the previous figures.

The victory of Uhlander in the Tradesmen's Plate at Claudelands was somewhat unexpected, Millie being backed down to a very short price. The mare had a very good run, but at the business end the son of Uhlan beat her home.

What a very uncertain bit of horseflesh is Sweet Alice. In the Claudelands Handicap the Soult filly took it into her head to gallop, the result being that nothing else had a chance.

The Steeplechase at the South Auckland meeting was something in the nature of a "cake walk" for Pierre, Mr. Twohill's gelding coming in alone, Bendigo, the only other to finish, being three hundred yards behind.

Having proved barren to Trazequies, Roquebrune, the dam of Rock Sand, is to be mated with Ajax this season. She belongs to M. Brugman, the Belgian studmaster, who paid 4500 guineas for her in December, 1905.

At the Merriang stud there is (a writer states) an extraordinary looking animal in Buffalo Loo, who is by Carlyon out of La Cheville, a half-sister to Aura. She has a hump in the middle of her back, and no saddle could possibly sit on it. Mr. Mates says she was a great galloper in the paddock, but sooner than risk an accident with her he put her to the stud.

Mr. J. Belcher, the inventor of the patent hurdle, is endeavouring to get it adopted in Australia. The patent is a spring top that is attached to a hurdle. It gives way when struck, and flies back to position. It is claimed that this spring top is a great preventive of accidents.

Watchful, for the second year in succession, has won the Launceston Cup, thus equalling Swiveller's performances in 1879 and 1880. Watchful is a fine-looking mare by Chesterman from Bo-Peep, by The Assyrian from Blink Bonny.

General entries for the A.J.C. autumn meeting close on March 11, and quite a number of New Zealanders will be nominated. The weight-for-age races at Randwick are always a speciality. To the Autumn Stakes the club gives £750, to the All-aged Stakes £1000, the Cumberland Stakes £750, and the A.J.C. Plate £1000. If Poseidon keeps well his owner should have a good time this autumn. To no race at this meeting is less than £300 given, and the total added money for four days is £13,450.

According to late English exchanges, the stewards at Manchester on January 17 had to decide a somewhat difficult case. It appears that after Mr. Delamere had won the Cheshire Handicap Hurdle Race at Manchester, George Williamson, his jockey, on returning to scale, failed to draw the proper weight. As usual in such circumstances the bride was sent for. Still the beam did not move. News of what had occurred spread rapidly. People came crowding to the weighing-room to ascertain the solution of the difficulty that had thus unexpectedly cropped up. Meanwhile the novel expedient of removing the bandages which had swathed Mr. Delamere's forelegs during the race was resorted to, in the hope that, when added to the other impediments resting in Williamson's lap, they would produce the desired result. But before the bandages had been unwrapped somebody found a loin-cloth lying on the ground. Williamson proved to be minus the one he had weighed out with; he had obviously dropped it after removing the saddle. When this cloth had been placed in the scale down came the beam, and Williamson was duly "passed." This, however, was not the end of the business by any means. Coulthwaite, the trainer of Herbert Vincent, who finished second, entered a formal objection. He contended that the method of procedure had been irregular. The stewards—Major Gordon, Sir Peter Walker, and the Earl of Sefton—met to discuss the point, and they overruled the protest. Coulthwaite thereupon asked leave to appeal, which was refused.

The wealthy American Mr. Keene has presented the New York Natural History Museum with the remains of Sysonby, the famous racehorse. The skeleton will be mounted in such a manner as to represent a racing thoroughbred going at full speed.

The clever and popular cross-country jockey, C. O'Neill, whose leg did not set properly after it was broken by a fall at the V.R.C. Grand National Meeting last year, has returned to this colony. Unfortunately, as the result of the operations which O'Neill has undergone, one leg is now three inches shorter than the other.

The Tasman gelding Tui had a very soft thing on in the Hurdle Race at Hamilton, winning very easy from Stepney.

In America this season Rock Sand's stud fee is £312 10/, and even at that high figure he is limited to five public mares. Rock Sand is owned by Mr. August Belmont, who evidently does not intend the English horse's progeny to become common in the States.

An Anti-Betting Bill has been introduced into California, but unlike the absurd measure just passed in Australia, it apparently allows betting on anything but horse-racing, which in the Commonwealth is the one thing exempt. Here is the text of Senator Eshelmann's measure:—"Every person who, within the State of California, for himself or as an agent for, or employee of any person or persons, firm, company or corporation, sells or offers for sale, buys or offers to buy, issues or offers to issue, or in any manner, whether by agent or otherwise, disposes of, purchases or acquires any interest in any pool or any pool-ticket, certificate, writing or other evidence of payment, acceptance or deposit of money, or other thing or things of value staked upon the result of any running, pacing or trotting race or contest between horses, mares or geldings, or makes or offers to make any bet or wager laid on the result of such race or contest, or receives or pays over any money, or article of value, the ownership or right to possession of which has been, is, or is to be determined by any such race or contest, or rents or leases any building or premises whatever or permits the same to be used or occupied for any of the above purposes, is guilty of a misdemeanour, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county gaol not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each and every offence."

A New York paper states that on the Western Turf of America nearly all the prominent owners either make books openly or else are interested in books.

There are very few people who have any idea of the power that the English Jockey Club is in the world of sport (points out "Martindale"). A few years ago a disqualification by them only caused the offender to remain away from Newmarket Heath; but all that is changed now. By a mutual agreement with the leading race clubs all over the world, a disqualification made now is a serious matter, as it means that the person under the ban is shut out of every leading race track, no matter whether it be in India, Australia, America, or on the Continent of Europe. Now, it would appear that even this wide circle is being extended, according to a paragraph which appears in a recent issue of the London "Field." In this it is stated that an agreement was presented at a meeting of the National Coursing Club and the English Jockey Club, signed respectively by the Earl of Sefton and Mr. E. W. D. Baird, for the mutual enforcement of penalties on offenders. This I take it means that offenders on the turf will be debarred from National Coursing Rules, and vice versa, taking part in coursing under the National Coursing rules, and vice versa. Thus, the powers of the Jockey Club are extending.

Some horses have a very ugly and annoying habit of gnawing their feed boxes, mangers, and in fact every piece of wood in reach of them when tied in the stable, to a rack, fence or gate. A very simple and effectual preventive is coal oil. Apply it with a brush or rag, so as to saturate the wood and they will not touch it as long as the smell or taste of the oil remains. Coal oil is quite offensive to all kinds of animals. When oiling harness add a little kerosene to the harness oil and it will prevent rats and mice or anything else from gnawing and chewing the leather.

Mr. J. S. Freeman, secretary of the Dannevirke Jockey Club, courteously forwarded tickets for the meeting which I regret being unable to use.

Lord Seaton ran one of his best races in the South Auckland Cup, in which he was well handled by Mark Ryan. When in the galloping humour Mrs. Gall's gelding takes some beating.

The opening meeting of the North N.Z. Coursing Club will take place at the Otahuhu enclosure next month, the events to be decided being a Maiden Stake and an All-age Stake. The nominations received for the Maiden are:—J. Smith (2), J. Wallace, Te Aroha (1), Chas. Gribb (1), A. Julian (1), A. J. Searle, Hamilton (1), Tapper Bros. (1), C. George (1), A. Gordon (1), H. Brierly (1), Burgess (1), G. Mills (1), T. H. Shove (1), J. Parkes (2), J. Gillespie (1), M. Taylor (2), S. Kitchen, Onehunga (1), J. Hamer (1), J. Elliott (1), C. Paddy (1), J. Porter (2), F. Baker (1), J. Wetheridge (1), J. Wetheridge jun. (1), and G. Stevens (1). All-aged Stakes: Charles Gribb, Te Aroha (1), S. Barnes, Waihi (1), C. F. Pratt (1), J. Gillespie (1), J. Coulson (1), F. A. Fenton (1), J. Edgar (2).

General entries for the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting close to-morrow week, the 15th inst. The events are as follows:—Tradesmen's Handicap, 1sov; Eden Handicap, 1sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1sov; Nelson Handicap, 1sov; Tramway Handicap, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1sov; Huia Handicap, 1sov; Mangere Handicap, 1sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Criterion Handicap, 1sov; St. Helier's Hurdles, 1sov; Auckland Welter Handicap, 1sov; Tourist Handicap, 1sov; Buckland Handicap, 1sov; Victoria Handicap, 1sov.

The annual race meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club will take place on Easter Monday. Entries close with Mr. Nightingale next Monday.

Monday, March 11, is the closing time for receiving entries for the annual hack meeting of the Patea Racing Club. The meeting takes place on Easter Monday, and is well endowed, so that Mr. R. W. Hamerton should have a good list to deal with.

The programme of the Auckland Rowing Association's regatta, to be held at Takapuna on Saturday, March 30, is of a varied and interesting character. Given fine weather, there should be some excellent racing. The events approved are as follows:—Novice fours (under 21 years), one mile; maiden double sculls (10st and under), one mile; maiden fours (10st and under), one mile; maiden double sculls (open weights), one mile; maiden fours (open weights), one mile; maiden pairs (10st and under), one mile; Auckland provincial championship fours (best-and-best boats), two miles; maiden pairs (open weights), one mile; junior fours, clinkers (10st and under), one mile and a-half; maiden single sculls, one mile; junior fours (open weights), one mile and a-half; single sculls handicap (Marshall Cup race), best-and-best, one mile. Entries close with the secretary at noon on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Substantial prize money has been allotted for each event, and record entries are anticipated.

From a very reliable source I learn that it is nearly certain the double machine will be in use at the next meeting at Ellerslie. To give the public what they want is a good way to achieve success. If the machine is installed it is to be hoped that more windows will be provided than was the case at Takapuna, where it meant a sort of football scrum trying to get on, so popular was the double tote.

It is not often that we hear in Australia of an attempt being made to "square" a handicapper (says the Sydney "Mail") but such a case was investigated by the Moonee Valley stewards, the other day, on the complaint of Mr. S. Griffiths, who handicaps for the club. Mr. Griffiths was telegraphed to a few days ago, and asked to meet a certain person (a visitor) at a city hotel, and on his arrival there he was offered £100 if he would consent to let a horse in below her proper weight for the meeting held recently. Mr. Griffiths indignantly declined the offer, and reported the matter to the stewards. The person who made the offer was brought before the stewards, and, after he was given an opportunity of being heard, was "warned off" the course, and was subsequently escorted out of the enclosure. The matter will come before the V.R.C. committee on the report from the stewards who took part in the investigation.