

52 4-5s, and Aqua Fortis beat Knocklayd over the same distance in 54 2-5s. Sand: There was little to choose between Wai-puna and Rauparaha over a round which took 2.3 2-5. Dunborve was going better than Carl Rosa over the same distance in 1.59 4-5, and Luro's alone took 1.59 4-5. Neokkie ran the last five of six furlongs in 1.4 4-5, and Fleetfoot beat Guidwife over the same distance in 1.3 1-5. Sweet Alice was given steady exercise. Advocate and Inglis, both ridden out, took 1.6. Pamperia got over a circuit in 2.7, and Haldane, who appeared very tired, ran five furlongs in 1.6. Ironmould covered half a mile in 57s., while Kola Nip took 40 1-5s to run a furlong less. There was nothing to choose between Waimangu, Santa Rosa and Pylalis over five furlongs in 1.6 2-5, a distance Cyrona took 1.10 2-5 to cover. General Soult and Mynota covered half a mile in 51s. Hopscotch and General Soult taking 51 4-5s. Bonny Glen covered a circuit in 1.56 and Artillerie five furlongs in 1.4. Tan: Umdala and Rotoiti sprinted three furlongs in 44 3-5, and Delegate and Veronica a furlong further in 51 1-5. Octoroon ran the last five of six furlongs in 1.11. Master Delaval, Mahuta and First Gun ran a round in 1.52, finishing in the order written. Uhlander, who got a break at the start, beat Lucrece over five furlongs in 1.7. Bobrikoff was going better than Chanteuse over the latter distance in 1.6 4-5, Dawn, Diamond Star and St. Aidan, who were companions, taking 1.9. Pohutu beat Port Light by about a dozen lengths over a circuit in 1.52 4-5, and Sir Tristram finished in front of Zimmerman in 1.54. Sonoma covered five furlongs in 1.9, and Discover four furlongs in 53 3-5s. Imprimus and Alma-thea were together over five furlongs in 1.11 2-5, while Philosopher covered a round in 2.1. Loch Erne, Nephrite and Scotty finished in that order over half-a-mile in 51 3-5s., and Quadroon, alone, ran five furlongs in 1.11.

SATURDAY

Ligh rain fell at Ellerslie on Saturday morning, but the course proper being thrown open some excellent work was registered. All the work was registered on the course proper outside the trestles. Paritutu was the first out, the son of Castor getting over a circuit in 2.7 2-5, and Dunborve with Umdala for a companion over the last five furlongs, ran a mile and a-half in 2.55. Sweet Alice ran a mile in 1.55 3-5, Lord Seaton beating Waipuna and Rauparaha over the same distance in 1.51 7-5. Fleetfoot and Guidwife finished together at the end of six furlongs in 1.20 3-5, and Carl Rosa easily beat Pohutu over a mile and a-quarter in 2.18, the little fellow finishing up well. Down-fall moved well over a mile in 1.47. He had Clochette as a companion over the last six furlongs. Bonny Glen covered a mile and a-half in 1.6 3-5, Aborigine and Separator taking 1.8 2-5, and finishing together. Neokkie ran six furlongs in 1.21 4-5, Lady Frances taking 1.22 2-5; Inniskillen and Ranana covered seven furlongs in 1.37 3-5, and Bobrikoff beat Veronica and Haldane over five furlongs in 1.6 2-5. Jolly Tar finished in front of Lady Dot at the end of six furlongs in 1.23 4-5, and Master Delaval beat Mahhutu and Zimmerman over a mile and a-quarter, the last round taking 2.3 3-5. Port Light got to the end of six furlongs in 1.23 2-5, Carmania and Okaihu covering the same distance in 1.23. Muskerry easily defeated King Billy over five furlongs in 1.5 4-5—a good go. Red Rain and Clanchattan were together over a mile in 1.50 3-5, and Waihoihoi sprinted five furlongs in 1.8 2-5. Le Beau was too good for Escamillo and Claremont over seven furlongs in 1.35, and Chanteuse defeated Projectile over four furlongs in 52s. Advocate and Inglis finished together over six furlongs in 1.23 2-5, and Apa (looking well) covered a couple of circuits on the sand. Dawn, St. Aidan and Diamond Star ran six furlongs in 1.21 2-5, finishing in the order written, and Miss Winnie alone ran the same distance in 1.19 2-5, the fastest six furlongs of the season. English and Armagh took 1.24 over the same distance. Uhlander, assisted at intervals by Lucrece and Octoroon ran a mile and a-half in 2.50. Star Rose taking 3.2 ridden out. It took Master Soult and Osgaby 1.10 to run five furlongs, and Finery 1.6 2-5. Sir Tristram had all the best of First Gun over seven furlongs, which occupied 1.35 2-5, and Roselawn covered two furlongs less in 1.8 3-5. Armet was given easy exercise. Sonoma sprinted half a mile in 53 4-5, and General Soult five furlongs in 1.7 3-5, Tunewha taking 1.8 1-5. Manapouri and Almathea finished abreast at the end of six furlongs in 1.24 1-5, and Mynota ran a furlong less in 1.7 2-5, moving well. Waimangu, Santa Rosa and Pylalis ran the same distance in similar time, finishing in the

above order. Stylish and Kirsty sprinted three furlongs in 38s., and Rarata and Rimlock half a mile in 53s. Lochbuie was going better than Discoverer over five furlongs in 1.7 4-5, and Duart ran the last four of five furlongs in 54s. Cachuca and Lady Hune covered a round in 2.8, and Philosopher and Cyrona finished together over five furlongs in 1.9. Scotty had the best of Loch Erne over five furlongs on the sand in 1.5, Turbine and Cresson going a furlong less in 53 3-5s., Lucio occupying 55 4-5s. Boniform was restricted to steady exercise. Cinque, Lady Clements and Sol were given a turn over the schooling hurdles, all jumping well.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

Cup Day on Thursday.

The Auckland Trotting Club's meeting commences on Friday.

Twenty-three applications have been lodged by bookmakers to bet at the A.R.C. meeting.

A special meeting of the Racing Conference takes place at Wellington on January 23. Business: The Gaming and Lotteries Act.

Elevation has again proved his title to be considered a champion. Left four lengths at the post in the Palmerston North Stakes, he got up in time to win by half a length.

Only four bookmakers took out licenses to bet on the opening day of the Manawatu meeting. The conditions were considered too harsh.

Eleven remain in the Auckland Trotting Cup, and a great race should result. Lady Love is on the back mark.

Mr. Stead's pair, Boniform and Armet, arrived from the South on Friday in charge of R. J. Mason.

The summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club takes place on Friday Monday and Saturday, 27th and 30th December, and 4th January.

Nominations for the Takapuna J.C. summer meeting close on Friday, January 3.

Handicaps for the first day of the Whangarei meeting are due on Thursday, January 2.

Nominations for the first annual meeting of the Waikato Trotting Club close with Mr. F. H. Tuck, the secretary, next Saturday.

Immediately after the sale of the Cambria Park yearlings on January 3 the champion stallion Seaton Delaval, as well as Foremost, Brown Rose and Seatonia, will be offered by auction.

The English winning stallion list when the last mail left showed Gallenule at the head with 27 wins for £22,833; while St. Frusquin was following with 38½ wins for £22,570; then succeeded Desmond, £18,715; Amphion, £17,475; Orme, £17,277; Martagon, £14,574; Diamond Jubilee, £13,445; Persimmon, £11,699; Cyliene, £10,539; Isinglass, £10,123; Matchmaker, £9,782; Marco, £9,558; Wolf's Crag, £8,765; Eager, £8,443; Pioneer, £8,264; Florizel II., £7,424; and Love Wisely, £7,076.

Sportsmen who may be thinking of picking up a yearling at the coming stud sales should take a run out to Cambria Park, Papatoetoe. The yearlings there will certainly repay inspection, for they are a grand-looking lot. We publish a further batch of portraits of yearlings in this issue.

The fee proposed by the Racing Conference to be charged bookmakers is £5 per day in the case of clubs where the stakes range from £500 to £900 per day, £10 where the stakes exceed £1000, but are less than £1900, and £20 per day where the prize money is £2000 and over. Commenting on this the "Town and Country Journal" says that even these amounts are extravagant enough to make the mouths of race promoters in this State water very liberally.

One of the best-known performers on the Australian turf, Avalon, died recently from an attack of inflammation of the bowels. Avalon, who was by Stretchmore from Chintz was foaled in 1895, and during his career on the turf started in no less than 183

aces, winning 23, acting as runner-up on 19 occasions, and filling third position 23 times.

I have to acknowledge Christmas Greetings from the proprietors and staff of the Hawkes Bay "Herald," which are reciprocated.

Unless Star Rose is a rogue, one is left wondering how he came to win the N.Z. Cup. On his track form he could not gain a situation in the most moderate of company.

Uhlander gets through his tasks at Ellerslie satisfactorily, but at the conclusion of each gallop walks away a bit "groggy."

Mr. Stead's filly Armet has a nice action when galloping, and she looks a picture.

Te Aroha is hitting out in great style and is as well as ever she was. Plenty of shrewd judges give the daughter of Seaton Delaval a good winning chance in the second leg of the double.

The Summer Meeting of the Thames Jockey Club promises to prove a complete success. The entries are good and some fine racing should be seen. The fixture takes place on Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27. The s.s. Ngatiawa leaves Auckland for the Thames on Wednesday at 4 p.m., and on Friday the p.s. Wakatere will run an excursion, leaving at 7.30 a.m., and returning at 10.45 p.m.

An excellent English judge says that, with the exception of Ormonde, Radium is the best horse ever sired by Bend Or, and that Gold Blach, who has done well this season, is the same sire's best filly.

English racing statistics when the mail left showed that Mr. W. Hall Walker was at the head of the winning list of owners in England with a total of £17,700 10s; Lord Derby came next with £12,969; followed by Mr. J. B. Joel, £11,966; Mr. W. B. Purefoy, £11,822; Mr. W. Bass, £11,122; and Colonel E. W. Baird, £10,556. The ex-Australians on the list above £3000 are Sir Daniel Cooper, £8065; Mr. William Clark, £5303; and Mr. Lionel Robinson, £4124. So far the only horses that have won over £10,000 are Lally (by Amphion), £11,555; and Woolwinder (by Martagon), £10,417. Following the leading pair are:—Sancy £9204; Lesbia (two year old filly), £8066; Slieve Gallion, £7705; White Eagle (two year old colt), £7571; Orby (Derby), £6717; The White Knight, £6495; Beppo, £5008; Glass Doll, £4950; Polymelus, £4840; Witch Elm, £4350; Bridge of Canny, £4244; and Vamose (two year old colt), £4084.

Some big prices have been obtained for horses of the Doncaster line. He himself began the series by making 14,500 guineas, and from him the Duke of Westminster bred Bend Or, a Derby winner, whom, it is said, money could not buy. From Bend Or the Duke bred Ormonde, with whom he won all the great races, and after that horse had lost his health he was sold to a South African Croesus for £12,000. The latter, discovering he had made a bad bargain looked around for somebody to pass Ormonde on to, and found an over-wealthy Yankee, to whom he sold the horse for £31,250. Ormonde's son, Orme, won £30,000 in stakes, and was valued by an expert for stud purposes at £40,000. Orme's son, Flying Fox, won all the great English races, and was sold to the French for £39,375. Two sons of Flying Fox, Jarby and Val d'Or, were sold respectively for £30,000 and £28,000. Kendal, an almost brother to Ormonde, was sold twice for about £20,000, and Sceptre, whose dam is a sister to Ormonde, realised £20,000, which was the amount received for Galtee More, a son of Kendal. The two best three-year-olds of the present English season are Orby and Woolwinder. The former is by Orme, and the latter by Martagon—a son of Bend Or and Tiger Lily—by Marconi from Polly Agnes. Orby won the Derby, and Woolwinder the St. Leger.

Star Shoot is the leading sire of two year old winners in the United States this season, no fewer than 13 of his juveniles having won races. Bred and owned by Major Eustace Loder, Star Shoot was got by Isinglass out of Astrology (dam of Telescope, etc.), and was himself a big two-year-old winner, his three successes at that age including the National Breeders' Produce Stakes at Sandown and the Hurst Park Foal Plate.

Cinque showed to more advantage than Lady Clements and Sol in a gallop over a circuit of the schooling hurdles on Saturday.

An old National winner in Cavallero has made his reappearance at the race track. He is now an inmate of T. Williams' stable.

The two-year-old Artillerie, judging from his work on the track, is a very slippery customer, and his owner should not regret making the trip to Auckland.

Cambrian, who pulled up lame a few mornings ago is now all right again, but has only been given trotting exercise.

Celtic has been having an easy time on the tracks.

A horse who shows a deal of improvement is First Gun in D. Morrighan's stable. The big son of Hotchkiss is engaged in two events on the first day.

Richard Waugh, a member of a famous straining family, has just retired from the position of trainer to the German Royal stud at Graditz, a post he has held for 25 years, and with a vast amount of success. Appropriately enough, the last winner he sent out was the property of the German Emperor, who, in recognition of his services to the State during a quarter of a century, has bestowed on him the Order of the Crown of Prussia. Waugh will now settle down at Hoppegarten as a public trainer.

At Monday's meeting of the Metropolitan Committee an application from the Rotorua Jockey Club for permission to race on February 22, 1908, was granted, subject to the date being approved by the Racing Conference. Authority was granted to the Houhora Racing Club to issue emergency riders' licenses for Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The following licenses to jockeys were granted:—F. Johnson, R. G. Fenton, and N. D. Godby. The programme of the Bay of Plenty Jockey Club for February 14, 1908, was approved.

Mr. Hird brought up Sister and San Toy on Sunday by the Manuka, to run at the A.T.C. meeting.

Mr. G. G. Stead has come up to see his horses run at the A.R.C. meeting, and to attend the yearling sales.

Star Rose has been scratched for the Auckland Cup.

A Julian is to have the mount on Master Delaval in the Auckland Cup.

Muskerry did a smart gallop with King Billy on Monday, running five furlongs in a tick over 65s.

Le Beau has been jumping the hurdles proficiently of late, and looks well.

A Oliver will ride Apa in the Cup. The Addington gelding is highly thought of in certain quarters.

Sir Tristram has been galloping in attractive fashion at Ellerslie, and should be heard of at the coming meeting.

Rumours from the North Shore state that matters are not quite as would be wished with both Akarana and Devonport. This is a pity, if correct.

The acceptances for the Manawatu Cup are Maniapoto 9.5, Grand Slam 8.2, The Lark 8.1, Truce 8.0, Bourrasque 7.10, Chatterer 7.8, Tangimoena 7.7, Merrie Rose 7.4 (including 10lb penalty), Roseal 7.2, Rifemaid 7.2, Kurawaka 7.2, The Rand 7.1 (including 3lb penalty), Polyanthus 6.13, Saga 6.9, Sancix 6.9.

THE REV.

DAN MACLEOD,

WILL BE GLAD TO SEE HIS OLD FRIENDS AND THE GENERAL

PUBLIC AT

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ON DECEMBER 26th AND 28th,

AND

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