

There was some mangling of pedigrees by the man with the hammer when the Te Mahanga yearlings were being described in the sale ring. D. O'Meara's face was a study when the information was being given, and the bidding seemed to hang on his hands as if it weighed a ton.

The Squatter and Wonderbohm will shortly be given a respite from labours.

I do not fancy the weight allotted to Pretty Maid in the Century Hurdles will prove alluring enough for the mare to take the argument on.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, May 13.

The conclusion of the Hawke's Bay and Marlborough meetings may be taken as an indication that racing men are on the eve of the winter gatherings. Already the weights for the Wanganui and A.R.C. Steeplechase meetings have been declared, and many trainers are busy giving their charges schooling practice over fences and hurdles in view of forthcoming engagements.

A glance at the names of the animals engaged at Wanganui and Auckland discloses the fact that but few additions have been made to the ranks of the jumping brigade during the season. Kaitere, Sol, and Nadador, who head the handicaps, are names quite familiar to both handicappers and racegoers who are interested in steeplechasing. The hurdles handicaps begin with Paritutu, Shrapnel and Cuiragno, another trio that have for several seasons been constantly before those sports who try their hand at picking double-event wagers.

If steeplechase recruits are few, it can at least be said that amongst the veterans which come up smiling year after year there are included many sterling performers, and should their trainers get them to the post dressed in their best, good cross-country exhibitions should be witnessed.

The hurdle events have also drawn many horses out of their summer retirement. The name of Cavallero brings back memories of some four seasons ago. If the Great Northern winner of 1900 gets back to within three stone of his best form he should give his admirers a run for their money.

According to the opinion of Randwick trainers who have seen Elevation, the colt will never race again. J. Farmer, who was entrusted with the care of Elevation during his visit to Randwick, returned last week, having left the colt in charge of a vet. It is a matter for regret that Mr. Bidwill's fine colt is thus early in his career knocked completely out. A lightly-built horse, Elevation should have raced through several seasons.

The Seaton Delaval colt King Post, who ran second for the Hawkes Bay Stakes, has recently been responsible for some very erratic exhibitions. During a meeting at Nelson he ran three lengths behind that ordinary performer First Mate in a hack race, the seven furlongs occupying 1min 33sec. A fortnight later at Feilding King Post was only beaten half a length by Probability in a seven-furlong go which was cut out in 1min 30 2-5sec. The colt's performance at Hawke's Bay was in marked contrast to that displayed at Nelson only a month ago.

Brobrickoff's victory in the Hawke's Bay Stakes is reminiscent of the brilliant effort he made on the same course last spring, when he finished third to Gold Crest and Elevation in the Hawke's Bay Guineas. Brobrickoff was on that occasion standing behind his field when the barrier flew up and lost quite half a dozen lengths. Notwithstanding his disadvantage he put in a phenomenal run and caught all but the leaders ere the distance post was reached. Many good judges of racing expressed the opinion that had Mr. Lowry's colt got away on even terms, he would have seri-

ously troubled the leading pair ere they reached the judge's box.

Several Wairarapa and Wellington-trained horses were successful at the Marlborough autumn meeting. Aboriginal seems to have struck his best form, and his owner has been recouped for his losses since Aboriginal's Winter Cup victory. Snip, Nauamai, Wharekura and Yosami won for Wellington owners, whilst Gaelic secured a stake for the Wairarapa brigade. Inclement weather rather interfered with the success of the gathering, which is rapidly becoming a favourite resort for local sports.

When the Miramar Pony Racing Club was instituted, letters appeared in local prints predicting that Miramar would become a resort for lads and youths who would be drawn there and obtain their first insight into wagering. The prediction seems to have been fulfilled, as a couple of bookmakers were each fined £5 last week for betting with boys, the lads in question being under 15 years of age. It transpired during the hearing of the case that a large percentage of the Miramar racegoers have not reached an age which renders it lawful for them to indulge in wagering.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, May 13.

I understand that Mr. W. Homes, the well-known Bull's owner, intends selling the whole of his horses shortly, and will go out of the game as an owner. A couple of clubs have approached him with a view to getting him to do the starting for them, and it is probable that he will accept their offers. With the 30 years' experience Mr. Homes has had as a jockey, trainer and owner, there is little doubt he is thoroughly competent to act as a starter, at which game he ought to prove a great success. I believe he is willing to deposit £50 with any club that appoints him, and if his work at the barrier does not give satisfaction he will forfeit same.

There is no disguising the fact that the starting at some of the meetings on this coast of late has been, to put it mildly, very unsatisfactory, and it is time the clubs interested took action in the matter. That there are men on this coast capable of doing as good work at the barrier as is done anywhere else admits of no doubt. If the clubs combined and agreed to give a decent salary to one man to do the several meetings, there would be some inducement for really good men to apply, and the result would be beneficial not only to the clubs, but to owners and others interested in good and clean sport. If something is not done to improve matters shortly in the direction indicated other owners will sicken of racing, as it is very disheartening to see so many races absolutely spoilt owing to a horse being "fired out of the barrier."

The Rangitikei Racing Club hope to have their new course and appointments in readiness for their next meeting. Tenders for the grandstand and the work of the grounds were to have closed last week.

Auratus has been turned out, but Romany King, Gleam and Astraea are

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training on all right at Waverley in view of the forthcoming Wanganui meeting.

General Kuroki is looking particularly well just now, and the Fiske gelding ought to pick up a race during the jumping season.

Maharanui, the big son of Sylvia Park, is said to have benefited wonderfully by the long spell he has had, and it is expected that if he does not win at Hawera this week he will probably pick up a race at the forthcoming Wanganui meeting. He has undergone a severe preparation at Hawera, and so far has acquitted himself in a most satisfactory manner, galloping in fine style.

Waiari, a bay two-year-old son of St. Paul and Thirlmere, trained at Hawera, gives promise of developing into a good 'un. He has grown a lot recently, and now stands 15.2, and is powerfully built. His work on the track suggests that he will both both sprint and stay well.

Lingerer is jumping well over the schooling hurdles. It will be interesting to see how the Apremont gelding shapes at Hawera.

Campfire, the English-bred son of Carbine, is said to have thrown off the soreness which recently troubled him.

It is stated that Peter Keith, who contemplated starting a training establishment in Wanganui, will most likely settle in Hawera instead.

Mr. J. Belcher intends taking Research to Hawera, where the son of Renown is engaged in the Tawhiti Scurry on the first day and the Manala Handicap on the second day.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

A.R.C. GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.—Waiheka, Te Kainui, Arahura, Tanglefoot, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Cinque, Bullworth, Revolver, Lady Hune, Matakokiri, Romany King.

JERVOIS HANDICAP.—Possum, Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Wauchope, Lord Crispin, Rosavere, Nicotine, Lady Betty, Alfalfa, Vasa, Sir Rupert, Inaha, Ney, Fremantle, Glenora, Azoff, Waihoihoi, Escamillo, Lady Frances, Cymri, Waiotahi, gelding by Hamoa—Tefford mare, Kapuarangi, Frontino, Epsom Lass, Aletta, Trep'hine, Fideles, Engraver, Tauriki, Dainty, Imprimus, Explosive, Octoroon, Elenore, Lucio, Royal Soult, Fraulein.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.—Haeremai, Pukenui, Weldon, Tui, Miss Crispin, Tui Cakobau, Hikuai, Moscow, Franklin, Pierre, Cinque, Pearl Necklet, Lady Regal, Flint Island, Hotchkiss—Miss Ariel mare, Matakokiri, Carlyle, English, Noteorini, Bagatelle, The Stake, Rototti.

CORNWALL HANDICAP.—Celtic, Scotty, Belario, Uranium, Bobrikoff, Tartan, Moscow, White Lie, Rauparaha, Lord Seaton, Leonator, Recreation, Ikon, Maharanui.

LADIES' BRACELET (First Day).—Mark Time, Tui, Mahoe, Balario, Alfalfa, Viking, Powhiri, Kotiti, First Gun, Luros, Ahel, Pamperia.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP.—Maheno, Loongana, Certainty, Wauchope, Mighty Atom, Miss Winnie, Devonport, Inaha, Foremost, Soultline, Frederick, Guidwife, Lochbuhie, Marangal, Soultmaid, Tainainupo, Waihou, Haldane, Imprimus, Duart, Tauriki.

ORAKEI HURDLE RACE.—Waiheka, Pukenui, Weldon, Tui, Miss Crispin, Tui Cakobau, Hikuai, Franklin, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Pearl Necklet, Montigo, Lady Regal, Flint Island, Matakokiri, Carlyle, Noteorini, Bagatelle, The Stake, Rototti, San Paulo.

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP.—Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Haeremai, Lord Crispin, Rosavere, Nicotine, Maharanui, Tartan, White Lie, Sir Rupert, Inaha, Fremantle, Kotiti, Azoff, St. Cyren, Escamillo, Cymri, Waiotahi, Epsom Lass, Luros, Catastrophe, Trep'hine, Ahel, Royal Soult, Explosive, Dainty, Pamperia, Tauriki.

REMUERA HURDLE RACE.—Dolores, Hautapu, Aorangi, Paritutu, Creusot, Landlock, Sol, Cuiragno, Shrapnel, Cavallero, Lady Hune, Swagsman, Omati, Showman, Waipu, Defeat, Le Beau, Capulet.

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP.—Celtic, Maheno, Scotty, Te Aroha, Certainty, Uranium, Miss Winnie, Nicotine, Belario, Maharanui, Tui Cakobau, Devonport, Fashionable, Bobrikoff, Tartan, Alfalfa, Vasa, White Lie, Foremost, Ney, Soultline, Frederick, Lochupo, Waihou, Haldane, Leonator, Manapouri, Ikon, Recreation, Delegate, Veronica.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE.—Loch Fyne, Waiheka, Te Kainui, Arahura, Tanglefoot, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Cinque, Bullworth, Landlock, Kapakapa, Matakokiri.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE.—Dolores, Pukenui, Tui, Uranium, Mahoe, Tui Cakobau, Viking, Moscow, Franklin, Paritutu, Pearl Necklet, Sol, Montigo, Shrapnel, Lady Hune, Omati, Lady Regal, English Showman, The Stake, Capulet, Repulse.

LADIES' BRACELET (Th'rd Day).—Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Haeremai, Tui, Mahoe, Belario, Alfalfa, Viking, Powhiri, Kotiti, St. Cyren, First Gun, Frontino, Luros, Aletta, Flint Island, mare by Hotchkiss—Miss Ariel, Ahel, Pamperia.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE.—Waiheka, Te Kainui, Arahura, Hautapu, Tanglefoot, Aorangi, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Cinque, Revolver, Lady Hune, Matakokiri.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP.—Celtic, Scotty, Maheno, Te Aroha, Certainty, Rosavere, Nicotine, Uranium, Belario, Maharanui, Tui Cakobau, Devonport, Fashionable, Bobrikoff, Tartan, Moscow, Rauparaha, Sir Rupert, Foremost, Franklin, Marangal, Soultmaid, Cymri, Tainainupo, Haldane, Leonator, Veronica, Delegate, Recreation, Ikon.

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE.—Dolores, Pukenui, Hautapu, Tui, Aorangi, Pawa, Paritutu, Landlock, Sol, Cuiragno, Montigo, Shrapnel, Ranana, Cavallero, Lady Hune, Swagsman, Omati, Lady Regal, English, Showman, Noteorini, The Stake, Waipu, Prospector, Le Beau, Capulet, Repulse.

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP.—Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Wauchope, Lord Crispin, Weldon, Nicotine, Puhipuhi, Alfalfa, Hikuai, Vasa, Sir Rupert, Inaha, Ney, Fremantle, Miss Pauline, Azoff, Waihoihoi, Escamillo, Pearl Necklet, Waiotahi, Cymri, Frontino, Epsom Lass, Trep'hine, Fideles, Ahel, Royal Soult, Octoroon, Explosive, Tauriki, Pamperia, Dainty, Imprimus.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Ben Blair, Loongana, Wauchope, Mighty Atom, Miss Winnie, Devonport, Black and Gold, Vasa, Inaha, Foremost, Soultline, Frederick, Guidwife, Lochbuhie, Lady Frances, Tainainupo, Waihou, Haldane, Engraver, Fideles, Bagatelle, Lucio, Imprimus, San Paulo, Duart.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half and 100yds.—Paritutu 12.5, Montigo 10.5, Tui Cakobau 10.0, Noteorini 9.13, Te Rahui 9.12, Pierre 9.10, Pukenui 9.9, Pearl Necklet 9.8, Matakokiri 9.8, Hikuai 9.7, Freemount 9.6, Franklin 9.6, Miss Crispin 9.5, Anna Lombard 9.5, Vizier 9.4, Tanglefoot 9.4, St. Cyren 9.3, Waiheka 9.3, Lady Regal 9.3, Gipsy Queen 9.2, San Paulo 9.2, English 9.2, Good Faith 9.2, Crispess 9.0, Pukekohe 9.0, Carlyle 9.0, Carmelick 9.0, Ottoman 9.0, Lord Crispin 9.0.

MAIDEN PLATE, seven furlongs.—Tauriki 9.0, Dardanus 8.11, Rosavere 8.6, St. Cyren 8.3, Pukenui 8.3, Lira 8.0, Frontino 7.10, Pamperia 7.7, Lord Crispin 7.7, Escamillo 7.6, Waihoihoi 7.6, Fremantle 7.4, Firelock 7.4, Lady Betty 7.4, Cyrennack 7.2, Dainty 7.2, Kotiti 7.0, Biddy Curran 7.0, Possum 7.0, Armagh 7.0, Fideles 7.0.

EMPIRE HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Uranium 9.5, Leonator 8.7, Te Aroha 7.10, Lochbuhie 7.10, Maheno 7.7, Advocate 7.6, Tui Cakobau 7.5, Lord Seaton 7.2, Syren 8.10, Dardanus 6.7.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.—Swagsman 11.5, Lady Hune 10.13, Le Beau 10.5, Cachuca 10.4, Mawhiti 10.0, Tui 9.13, Te Rahui 9.12, Tanglefoot 9.8, Vizier 9.8, Good Faith 9.7, Bullworth 9.7, Carlyle 9.7.

ROYAL HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Miss Winnie 9.4, Soultline 9.4, Celerity 8.9, Lochbuhie 8.4, Black and Gold 8.0, Tui Cakobau 7.12, Foremost 7.11, Mighty Atom 7.11, Wauchope 7.10, Haldane 7.10, Marangal 7.9, Loongana 7.9, Lucio 7.9, Dogger Bank 7.6, Duart 7.5, Cadence 7.4, Soultmaid 7.3, Waihuca 7.0, Lady Rohina 7.0, Frederick 7.0, Lady Francis 6.10, Engraver 6.7.

PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Imprimus 9.12, Octoroon 9.5, Hughie 9.0, Waihou 8.12, Necktie 8.3, Hopsotch 7.12, Glenora 7.10, Elenore 7.8, Nagakapa 7.5, Fraulein 7.4, Galvanic 6.12, Paul Beaver 6.10, Banshee 6.10.

HAURAKI HURDLE RACE, 2 miles.—Cuiragno 11.8, Shrapnel 11.8, Swagsman 10.13, Lady Hune 10.8, Hautapu 10.7, Creusot 10.7, Irish 10.6, Cavallero 10.6, Sol 10.6, Ranana 10.5, Landlock 10.0, Cachuca 9.13, Te Kainui 9.11, Omati 9.10, Silica 9.10, Montigo 9.7, Loch Fyne 9.5, Cinque 9.3, Kapakapa 9.2, Gipsy Queen 9.0, Lady Regal 9.0.

SECOND DAY.

TAKAPUNA STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a-half.—Sol 11.12, Irish 10.10, Silica 10.7, Inniskillen 10.7, Cavallero 10.6, Ranana 10.6, Loch Fyne 10.5, Swagsman 10.4, Lady Hune 10.4, Creusot 10.2, Cachuca 10.0, Pierre 9.12, Cinque 9.10, Matakokiri 9.7, Tanglefoot 9.7, Bullworth 9.7, Good Faith 9.7.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE.—Nadador 11.3, Eurus 10.13, Lady Hune 10.8, Rangitoto 10.6, Kaipetipeti 10.3, Pawa 10.3, Romany King 10.3, Lull 10.2, Faro 10.1, Fretwork 9.13, Playmate 9.9, Canton 9.8, Tilson 9.7, Arahura 9.7, Mudgee 9.7, Cloudy Morn 9.7.

CENTURY HURDLE RACE.—Paritutu 11.12, Gold Dust 11.8, Lady Hune 10.9, Capulet 10.7, Asteroid 10.6, Mahoe 10.6, Showman 10.1, Aeolus 9.12, Pawa 9.12, Pretty Maid 9.12, Waipu 9.9, Prospector 9.7, Playmate 9.6, The Stake 9.6, Defeat 9.2, Compass 9.1, Bagatelle 9.0, Mount Cook 9.0.

MAY HURDLE RACE.—Black Reynard 11.13, Gold Dust 11.11, Lady Hune 10.10, Capulet 10.9, Asteroid 10.8, Showman 10.4, Te Kainui 10.2, Immolation 10.2, Aeolus 10.0, Pawa 10.0, Repulse 9.11, Prospector 9.11, Playmate 9.8, Commander 9.4, Bagatelle 9.0.

BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Dusky Morn 9.6, Motoa 9.3, King Billy 8.8, Ballarat 8.6, Martello 8.4, Irish Rifle 8.1, Tuataki 8.0, Martyrium 7.12, Moriarty 7.11, Toa Tuhi 7.10, White Lie 7.8, Woodhey 7.7, Dear Dolly 7.5, Kurawaka 7.5, Erl King 7.4, Probability 7.3, Kareroa 7.0, Little May 6.12, Gleam 6.7, Miss Vera 6.7.

CONNOLLY HANDICAP.—Marguerite 9.0, Manlapoto 8.11, Bourrasque 8.9, Waitapu 8.9, Grand Slam 8.7, Dusky Morn 8.5, Unlaido 8.4, King Billy 8.1, Signor 7.12, Kairoma 7.10, White Lie 7.6, Lotret 7.5, Swimming Belt 7.5, Ballarat 7.5, Woodhey 7.3, Ikon 7.2, Dear Dolly 7.0, Kitchenmaid 7.0, Carissima 6.13, Daisy Paul 6.12, Rendock 6.12, Moriarty 6.12, Climax 6.11, Mararanui 6.11, Somali 6.11, Recreation 6.10, Silver Lead 6.8, Mahoe 6.8, Gleam 6.7.



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