

The Southern jumper Pilot is under orders for Sydney, where he will tackle the cross-country contingent.

The bay gelding by Eton—Rapid has been named Fleetnote, and the gelding by Eton—Kotera, Eton Boy.

The bay colt by Seaton Delaval—Lady Hester has been named Royal Scotland.

The Wanganui J.C. spring meeting will take place on September 24 and 26.

The A.J.C. Derby of 2000sovs will be run for on October 3.

Mr. W. Delander is the new owner of the ex-Auckland pony Kilderkin (Cyrenian—Kinnorey). The brown gelding realised 47 guineas.

Mr. W. E. White, who recently purchased Golden Slipper for a record price, has sent her to be trained by J. C. Finn.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has scratched all his horses for the A.J.C. Derby, and in doing so expressed regret that he had nothing quite good enough to compete.

Nautiform (Multiform—Rattler), who was sold at Yaldhurst for 2050gs., has been scratched for the A.J.C. Breeders' Plate and Gimcrack Stakes.

Webb has made his final deposit of £100 in connection with the sculling race with Arnst for the world's championship and a stake of £1000.

Sir George Clifford's mare Strategem (Nelson—Dudu) is much fancied for the New Zealand Cup. Our Otago correspondent, in his weekly budget, enumerates her best performances.

Most of the horses purchased by buyers from this State at the Yaldhurst sale arrived from New Zealand yesterday by the Moeraki. (says the Sydney "Referee"). They included Multiform, Otterden, Sans Peur, Royal Plumes, Isolt, Golden Slipper, Saucer (bought for Mr. T. Longworth), and Fantan, the latter's owner being Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, of Lyndhurst, North Queensland. Prior to leaving New Zealand Mr. Chisholm sold the brood mare Barley Bree at a considerable advance on what he gave for her, and purchased the four-year-old mare Nancy Stair (Soul—Chiara) and the aged mare Pretty Maid (The Officer—Norsemaid).

The smartest two-year-old seen out in the Old Country this season is Bayardo, a bay colt by Bay Ronald from Galicia, by Galonin from Isoletta, by Ironomy from Muncaster. At Sandown Park in July he won the National Breeders' Produce Stakes, of £4357 from thirteen other runners, second place being filled by an unplaced chestnut colt by Gallinnie from Excellenza, while Vivid, a sister to Leobla and half-sister to the Victorian-owned horse Bright Steel, was third. Though he has only won two races Bayardo has put £6174 10s to his owner's credit.

The cable advised us of Noctiform winning a race in July at Leicester, but the victory was of little account, as he only beat two others, from one of whom he was in receipt of 9lb.

With Golden Slipper (4500gs.) and Orca (2050gs.) among the runners, the gold for the A.J.C. Derby will, as a whole, be about the most expensive that has ever contested that race.

The State of New York has never received a severer blow than that sustained by the passing of the Anti-Racing Bill, in the opinion of Judge E. P. Coyne, of New York, who is now in London. "As counsel for the Jockey Club I suppose my views on the subject will be considered as prejudiced," he said to a "Herald" correspondent at the Savoy Hotel, "but as a private lawyer I think the Bill is unconstitutional, and that therefore in the end it will be found impossible to enforce its provisions. The love of gambling is a hereditary weakness in most men, and especially Americans, and the law making betting a misdemeanour punishable by a fine and imprisonment is a curtailment of the liberties of citizens and therefore, unconstitutional. The Bill was even passed in an unconstitutional way, for to gain his ends Governor Hughes repeatedly called extra legislative sessions. The majority of Senators even did not vote as they wished. The Bill will kill racing, discourage horse-breeding, hurt agriculture, and throw thousands of men out of employment. In the end, I am sure, the courts will decide that the Bill is a violation of the constitution."

The Australian buckjumper is a product of hereditary rebellion and inferior methods of horse-breaking. There are horses bred of buck-jumping stock which can never be trusted, although their latent powers of getting rid of their riders may never be fully exploited. There are other horses of shifty manners and vile tempers which may do everything in their power to make things unpleasant for those who have to deal with them, and yet they may never be able to "buck." Bucking is a fine art, a talent which in a few notable cases approaches genius; but owing to better methods of handling and breaking horses in the bush, the buckjumper is gradually becoming extinct, and possibly, in three years such a thing will be unheard of as a bucking horse.—Will H. Ogilvie, in the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News."

According to the "Referee" the racehorse Earlston (Love Wisely—Monday), who was purchased in England on behalf of Messrs W. and F. A. Moore, reached Sydney on Friday in charge of J. Pinfield (who brought out Rambling Jack and Rouvray). Earlston, who is to be raced here before being retired to the stud, was landed in splendid trim, and his owners are highly pleased with their purchase.

The Auckland bred pony Balgonie, who won the Richmond Thousand at Ascot (Vic.) on the 6th of last month, is reported to have been purchased for exportation to the East by Mr. G. Powell, but may not leave Australia for some little time. It is more than probable that she will be again raced in Australia. An offer of £600 was refused for Balgonie after her victory in Melbourne, so her sale price must have been a fairly stiff one.

The estate of G. Cooper, a well-known English bookmaker, has been proved at nearly £500,000.

It is rumoured that the Auckland Racing Club have made a very substantial increase in the amount of stake money to be distributed this season.

The South Auckland Racing Club's balance sheet for last season shows the receipts to be £1163 15s 9d, which included a balance brought forward, £236 16s 4d; donations, Publicans' Purse, £30; totalisator, £220 3s 6d; bookmakers' licenses, £190; members' fees, £57; privileges, £297; and jockey's fees, £164 10s. The expenditure totalled £165 6s 5d, leaving a balance of £1 9s 4d. The expenditure included: Stakes, £600; printing and advertising, £57 15s 9d; handicapper, £16; starter, £14; rent, £50 3s 10d; band, £14; totalisator tax, £41 13s 4d; refund jockeys' fees, £100 10s; loan refund, £75; and sundries, £51 13s 9d.

In advertising Aurum for the coming season it is announced that the owner undertakes to keep and care for mares free of charge for 12 months, but will charge 50gs for the foal. No foal, no charge for services or keep.

It has been decided to instal at Flemington, posts bearing the names of each bookmaker fielding during the day. The idea has been in use at Kensington Park for some time, and is much appreciated, particularly on a busy day. It wouldn't be a bad idea to copy this at Ellerslie.

A good cause is often damaged by excess of fervour, and there was just a trace of this in some of the speeches delivered at the Pan-Anglican Conference discussion on gambling and speculation. There was a good deal of truth in the observations made by Mr. Killik, of the London Stock Exchange, who pointed out that the element of speculation entered almost inevitably into every business transaction. When the manufacturer buys a large or small quantity of raw material he generally does so in the expectation that there may be a rise or a fall in price. He speculates or gambles on his knowledge. It is much the same in dealing with securities, and though it is easy to define certain transactions as a gamble, it is not equally easy to draw a line between fair business and pure speculation. Neither is it very easy to distinguish sharply between the harmless custom of giving a stimulus to one's pastimes by a paltry monetary stake and the act of gambling—using that word in a strict sense. But we know (says an English paper) that the man who whets his appetite with a glass of wine or beer is not a drunkard, though it would be as reasonable to apply that description to him as to call the player for nominal stakes at bridge a gambler.

That one-time smart filly Glenowlet (Clanranald—Madowla) has thrown a colt to Treadmill.

Gosling, of Wellington, defeated Ireland, of Sydney, in four rounds in a boxing match at Wellington on Tuesday.

Kotiti showed the way to Marangal and Reservoir in a round of the hurdles at Ellerslie on Tuesday.

L. H. Hewitt won the Stand Handicap at the Ayr meeting on Pleman, the favourite.

San Paulo and Regent were schooled over the big jumps at Ellerslie on Tuesday, the latter showing to most advantage.

The autocratically-bred Lady Lucy (Seaton Delaval—Hilda) won the Malden Plate at Marton yesterday.

The Horowhenua meeting takes place next Wednesday and Thursday.

The black horse Ghoorka (Lochiel—Fiancee) is to go to the stud.

Lothair, an aged bay gelding by The Officer from Tiratu, won the Shorts Handicap at the Marton meeting yesterday.

It appears to be generally understood that the English jockey, Mornington Cannon, who suffers from rheumatism, has finally retired from the saddle.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will take place this afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Durham-street office. The business is to receive the report and balance-sheet, and to elect stewards and committee in place of those retiring. Subsequently an extraordinary meeting of members will be held to consider the question of increasing the subscription.

STUD NEWS.

At Cambria Park Miss Annie (dam of Lady Annie, Annette, Cambrian, Hierarch, etc.) has foaled a colt to Soul. At the same stud Gwendlad (Brigadier—Gwendoline) has a colt to Hierarch.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The following weights have been declared by Mr R. Wynyard for the leading events to be run on the opening day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, which opens on September 19:—

AVONDALE CUP of 300sovs, one mile and a quarter—Uranium 9.6, Wailthe 8.13, Uhlander 8.13, Leonator 8.9, Celtic 8.2, Delegate 8.1, Douche 8.0, Lochbuhie 8.0, Carl Rosa 7.12, Tui Cakobau 7.11, Comedian 7.9, King Post 7.9, Lord Seaton 7.3, Dardanus 6.12, Aristocrat 6.10, First Gun 6.8, Epsom Lass 6.7.

FLYING HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs—Grenadier 9.10, Miss Winnie 8.13, Uhlander 8.9, Sir Artagal 8.6, Lochbuhie 8.4, Foremost 8.1, Haldane 7.13, Master Soul 7.13, King Post 7.12, Devonport 7.12, Lucio 7.11, Dogger Bank 7.9, Duart 7.9, Waihuka 7.4, Imprimus 7.3, Talepitcher 6.10.

AN ANTI-BETTING ABSURDITY.

Touching on the effect the anti-betting law has had in New York, an American writer says:—"Here is a sample of officialism. On Friday, at the Brighton Beach, as the horses in one race were parading past the grand stand a gentleman—one of a party of four from a Long Island town—remarked: 'I'll bet Cairngorm beats anything you name for the dinners this evening.' Immediately a policeman arrested him and conveyed him to court, where the magistrate dismissed the case at once and gave a very decided opinion as to the action of the authorities at the race track. If in a sense it was not serious and inconvenient the situation at the track would be amusing. We have Pinkerton detectives employed by the Jockey Club to carry out the club's instructions that the law must not be broken; the Pinkertons are closely watched by the Sheriff's officers, the District Attorney's detectives keep their eyes on the Sheriff's men, the regular policemen shadow the District Attorney's men, and Governor Hughes, afraid that reform is not getting a fair deal, has a force of State private detectives to watch the regulars. Yet you can read in the afternoon papers full details of the opening and closing prices, and, in fact, the typical yellow sheets vie with each other in giving details of the betting for their clientele, the pool rooms, and betting dives in the city."

ENGLISH HORSEMANSHIP.

A London paper says: The horsemanship of the English Life Guards, so long pointed out as a model for some of the armies of the world, seems in danger of proving the same sort of myth as the real bath tub, which, as every American tourist who has discovered England knows, had no existence so far as the traveller was concerned, until a French hotel manager here, yielding to the threats of an American, decided to install a few in his hosiery. In other words, it has been discovered that the English cavalry officers cannot manage their horses with a skill that compares with that of officers of foreign armies. This has been demonstrated at the international Horse Show, where officers of the French, Italian, Belgian and Austrian armies have given exhibitions of equestrian skill that simply have dazzled beholders. When his Majesty saw what an exhibition his officers made he was shocked, and it is said on good authority that he sent for Mr Winans and suggested to the latter that he let the British officers ride some of Mr Winans' best horses in the contests, and Mr Winans' mounts have been popular with these officers ever since. Comments have been freely heard as to the inferiority of native horsemanship as compared with the foreign. "Good Heavens! Look at them!" one disgusted Britisher was heard to exclaim. "They cannot fight and they can't even ride." In justice to the English officers it should be said that fancy riding and jumping are not regarded in England as essential requirements of military horsemanship.

Elevation's half-brother Gravitation is being spelled owing to an injury to his knee.

ENGLISH FORM.

Three-year-old form has been difficult to follow in England this season, and seemingly every "classic" is likely to be won by a different horse. Norman III. won the Two Thousand, and ran nowhere in the Derby, which, as well as the Oaks, was won by Signorinetta, who was subsequently beaten by White Eagle, one of the unplaced division in the Derby. Then, just as everybody was singing the latter's praises as "the best of the year, he missed a place with 9.2 in the Sandown Park Eclipse Stakes, won by Mr. J. B. Joel's Persimmon colt Your Majesty, 8.13, with Santo Strato, 8.13, in second place. For this race Lesbia was favorite, with White Eagle next in demand while Your Majesty's price was much larger. The going was so heavy that the mile and a quarter took 2min. 15 3-5sec. to cover, but that there was no semblance of a fluke in Your Majesty's success was evidenced when, at Liverpool less than a week later, he carried 9.12 to White Eagle, 9.8 in the St. George Stakes, 1 mile 3 furlongs, and outstayed the latter in the good time of 2min. 18 4-5 sec. Rhodora, 9.7, was one of the unplaced lot, and, it may be added, Your Majesty was favorite.

NOT WANTED.

Mr. Jas. R. Keene's experiment of sending nineteen yearlings from America to England for sale was not a marked success. The critics pronounced the youngsters "a poor lot," and though one filly realised 750gs., the next highest figure was 410gs, and a couple changed hands at 80gs and 50 gs respectively. Naturally English breeders do not take kindly to American competition, and subsequent to the Keene sale the "Special Commissioner" expressed satisfaction at the fact of Messrs. Tattersall having exercised their right of censorship, and discouraged Mr. Haggin's idea of sending between 100 and 200 yearlings to the old country for sale. Fifty was Messrs. Tattersall's estimate of the highest number that might find buyers in October.

SOME FACTS ABOUT HORSES.

Prof. Marshall, a great American authority, has compiled some good points about horses. He says different kinds of work require different kinds of horses. A horse is of no particular value except for what he can do. To fulfil his mission he must travel. If he can draw a buggy containing one or two persons at the rate of ten miles an hour he is valuable as a roadster. Another horse that can draw his share of a load weighing upward of a ton, even though he moves slowly, performs an equal amount of actual work, and is just as useful to his owner as is the roadster.