

and ample justice was done to the good things provided. A few minutes later it was a case of "speed the parting guest," and after thanking our host for a very pleasant morning, we were soon bowling along in the dogcart bound for the Papatoetoe station. On the way to Auckland, after some discussion, it was carried unanimously that the Cambria Park yearlings are a wonderfully fine, even lot, who, on appearances, should do even better than any which have previously been turned out from that well-known stud farm.

NOTES.

Nobel has been scratched for the Railway Handicap.

Armler will come on to Auckland after competing at the Feilding meeting.

Grenadier returned from his unsuccessful Southern tour on Saturday by the Karawa.

The Canterbury Cup winner Signor was on Saturday scratched for all his engagements at the A.R.C. meeting.

The Feilding Jockey Club's meeting will take place next Monday and Tuesday.

The Hawke's Bay Club has refused to endorse the disqualification of the Auckland rider B. Deeley by the Poverty Bay Club. This result did not come as a surprise as it was freely stated by those who saw the particular race, that the disqualification was not deserved.

After competing at the Feilding meeting Sir George Clifford's trio, Flitaway, Husbandman and Broadsword will journey north to Ellerslie.

It is rumoured that Signor may be taken over to Melbourne to try his luck in the Australian Cup.

The pony Glenora is evidently very well just now as she has been winning a few races of late. On Saturday, at Alexandra Park, the daughter of Soult added the Epsom Handicap to her list of wins.

Mahinga (Soult—Spitfire) made no race of it in the Flying Stakes at Alexandra Park on Saturday. She met four opponents and fairly romped home four lengths ahead of Elenore.

Mr J. M. Johnston, secretary of the Manawatu Racing Club, courteously sends me the book programme for the season. The summer meeting commences on the 23rd prox. and entries are due next Wednesday.

The New Zealand brood mare, Stepfeldt, by Nordenfeldt—Steppe, has produced five colts in five years, viz., Elevation, Gravitation, Provocation, Tribulation, and her foal at foot.

Up to October 31 the leading winning stallions in Australia this season were Grafton £3762, Positano £6427, Malster £5027, Orzil £3393, and Metal £3336. Since then the totals of Grafton, Positano, and Orzil have been considerably augmented as a result of the successes of their progeny at Flemington.

In the list of horses still remaining in the Great Northern Derby are:—Master Soult, St. Aidan, Husbandman, Chanteuse Nobel, Diabolo, Armler, Sunglow, Aborigine, and Santa Rosa.

Captain J. Polson, a well-known New Zealander, won the Transvaal Handicap on October 10th with Happy End, an English bred colt.

According to the "Weekly Press" Master Soult and Artillerie were the best three-year-olds of their respective sexes competing at the New Zealand Cup meeting.

A filly by Cyllene, from Sceptre, won the Cheveley Park Stakes, of 880 sovs at Newmarket recently. Cyllene, it will be remembered, cost his owner, Mr Bass £30,000 and the same owner paid £20,000 for Sceptre. Out here a horse cannot start without it has a name and it is a pity the Home owners are not subjected to the same excellent rule.

Rattler has foaled a full sister to the high-priced Nautiform at the Shipley Stud.

It is a somewhat uncommon experience for C. Jenkins to go through a meeting without a win, but that was his fate at the C.J.C. fixture.

Nautiform's next appearance in public will be in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, in which he may once more meet Broadsword and Elvian.

The largest collection of motor cars yet seen grouped together in Australia was that witnessed at the Flemington racecourse on the occasion of the recent Melbourne Cup, when 168 cars were counted in the members' motor reserve.

The "Special Commissioner" of the "Sportsman" says that Mr Buchanan's reserve on Nautiform was at first 1000gs, but this was unexpectedly reduced to 500gs. The writer quoted adds that on the day prior to the sale, in reply to an inquiry from Australia, he cabled that 100gs was the lowest price that would be accepted, and when the reduction was decided upon it was too late to make it known to the would-be buyer. Furthermore, he states that a wire from France, authorising him to go to considerably more than the 500gs for which the chestnut was sold to Mr Portman reached him too late. Thus the Yaldhurst horse was unlucky to the last.

A French breeder, M. Caillant, has been unfortunate in the death of his stallion, Perth, from inflammation of the kidneys. Perth was bred in 1896, and was by War Dance out of Primrose Dame, by Marcaldine—Lady Rosebery. He won one good race as a two-year-old, and next season (1899) carried off the French Derby and Grand Prix de Paris, but as a four-year-old broke down in the race for the Ascot Gold Cup, won by the Australian-bred Merman. Perth was considered such a certainty for that race that long odds were laid on him. He had, however, won £31,200 in stakes by that time. At the stud he has been a great success during the last two or three seasons, this year alone North East, Sange Pourpree, and others of his get having won £40,000 in stakes; and M. Caillant only refused an offer of £20,000 for him from the Hungarian Agricultural Department.

Radium, the recent Doncaster Cup winner, was beaten in the Prix du Conseil Municipal at Auteuil recently by Binion, a French four-year-old, who was conceding him no less than 20lb. The English horse, however, was delayed many hours in his box on the railway journey to Folkestone, and probably gave nothing like his true running.

L. H. Hewitt, who has not had the best of luck in England, has been engaged to ride as first jockey next season for Prince Hohenlohe-Oehringen in Germany and Austria-Hungary. Carslake is to ride next year for the newly-formed stable of Count Paul Esterhazy.

Betting frauds upon bookmakers by means of the telephone have been particularly numerous of late in England and on the Continent, and when the latest papers to hand left London the English Post-office officials were prosecuting in no fewer than five cases of alleged conspiracy and forgery arising out of these matters, and the facts in connection with several others under investigation by the department. In one instance a startling sequel is expected.

The pony Warnote, by Soult, who won a race at the Wellington pony and galloway meeting, was killed at Masterton last week. Warnote was being exercised by his owner, H. Abbott, when one of the stirrup-leathers broke, and Abbott was thrown heavily, and rendered insensible. The pony ten bolted into Masterton, and in galloping down the street, skidded on the roadway, falling with terrific force against a cart, and receiving such injuries that he died in a short period.

The Feilding Stakes will be decided next Monday. The acceptances include Gold Crest, Bobrikoff, ruclina, Provocation, Expansion, Flitaway, Armler, Broadsword, Ambrosian, Guiding Step and Lady Mentschkoff, so that it will be readily seen there is splendid material for a fine race.

S. Lindsay is at the Rawlingstone private hospital, and his many friends will be pleased to hear his broken leg is mending splendidly.

A jockey named F. Begley rode the whole five winners at the recent Cairns-Mulgrave (Q.) meeting, winning three races on Silverpaint and the other two on Langley.

The hollow-backed Ranna is in work again at Ellerslie after a long spell. T. Williams has the gelding in hand.

Jimmy Beckett, the one-time well-known Auckland penciller, is back again from Australia.

Dr. Bennett, the new owner of Wai-puna, intends to try the gelding over hurdles.

The American-bred colt, Norman III., who won the Two Thousand Guineas, was successful in the Newmarket St. Leger Stakes last month. He beat St. Wolf and three others in 3min 15 secs for the mile and three-quarters.

Apologue has gone wrong in India, and, touching on this, the "Asian" says: "The breakdown of Apologue was more or less anticipated, as the horse was lame after he ran in his last engagement in Australia, and India is most emphatically not the place to which to bring the infirm, as witness Boabdil last year and many others before him.

The first race at Takapuna on Saturday commences at 12.45 p.m.

Entries for the Avondale Stakes (1909), and Avondale Guineas (1910) close to-morrow.

Nominations for the Wanganui meeting are due on the 16th prox.

Master Delaval, Master Soult, and Elysian are back again at Ellerslie looking none the worse for their southern campaign.

Considering that the English Jockey Club Stakes has been won by such celebrities as nislagmb mb mb mm celebrities as Isinglass, Persimmon, Cyllene, Flying Fox, Sceptre, and Rock Sand (says the London "Sportsman"), the runners in the last Stakes hardly came up to the class seen out in some former years, and it is to be feared that on Signorinetta's last three outings she must be regarded as having been very lucky indeed at Epsom. Primer, mostly fancied of the ten who went to the post this year, had never won a race, though his fifth in the "Leger," and the fact that he was meeting Santo Stratto upon so much better terms over a similar distance, was considered sufficient. The Duke of Portland's colt finished second, but nothing had any chance against Siberia, another St. Simon youngster, carrying the colours of Mr L. Neumann, who had four clear lengths' advantage at the end of the journey over the favourite. Siberie has done quite well as a 3-year-old, as since running fifth in the Oaks, second in the Coronation Stakes at Ascot, and third in the Eclipse Stakes, she appropriated nice stakes at Goodwood, York, and Doncaster. It may be remembered that her owner was credited with the Eclipse Stakes of 10,000 sovs two years ago by the aid of Llangibby.

Touching on the working of the anti-betting law in New York, a writer in that city states that during the closing days of the Gravesend meeting, the police authorities became active again, and a number of leading bookmakers were arrested. There were, however, none of the scenes which characterized the Sheep-head Bay gathering—the arrests were made quietly, the prisoners promptly gave bail, and resumed business, making oral wagers on the credit system. Some of the ablest lawyers in Brooklyn have been engaged for the defence, and they have had no hesitation in publicly denouncing the police officials and claiming that convictions will be absolutely impossible.

The Avondale Jockey Club is still worrying through certain happenings at the spring meeting. The result will be awaited with interest.

The ex-Auckland sprinter Soultline, for whom Mr S. R. Mackay gave 1000 guineas, has been placed in R. Bradford's charge, and after a few weeks' spell he will be put into work at Flemington.

In Germany it is proposed that racing societies should allow gentlemen riders a certain sum of money equivalent to a second-class return journey from their place of residence to the meeting where they purpose riding, with a further allowance of 30s a day for the payment of hotel expenses.

Roselike, by Multiform—Soult Girl, is now an inmate of D. Morraghan's stable.

Everybody wondered at the poor showing of Alawa in the Melbourne Cup. Here is the explanation: Like nearly all the descendants of Goldsbrough, the colt has brittle feet, and always races in plates. In the Derby race, one of his plates shifted, and tore away a small piece of the hoof, and for the Melbourne Cup race his trainer sent him out in a lighter set of plates. These evidently affected the Derby winner, as Lewis stated after the race that he seemed to be unable to act on the hard going. When he won the C. B. Fisher Plate, on the fourth day of the meeting, he was shod as he was in the Derby. Still it has yet to be proved that he can run a solid two miles.

After The Dane had won the Second Hurdles at the Marlborough meeting, his owner (Mr. Malley) was called before the stewards to explain his action in interfering with some of the obstacles. It appears that Mr Malley loosened the hurdles and canted them to a much greater angle than that to which they were originally set. The only explanation tendered was that the jumps were too straight. After hearing evidence, the stewards decided to disqualify Mr Malley and The Dane for six months.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

Being a fine morning a lot of useful work was got through by the T.J.C. candidates. Lord Seaton swung round the sand in 2m. 10s. Pohutu did a like task in 2m. 2 3-5s. Landlock, over the same track, gave Kotiti a six lengths' beating in 2m. 1s. Gold Crown shaped nicely for five furlongs in 1m. 6 3-5s. Coromandel slipped over half a mile on the tan in 55s. Kapuranga, all out, left five furlongs behind in 1m. 6 4-5s. Silent, in company with a pony, ran half a mile in 53s. First Gun was in front of Epsom Lass over nine furlongs in 2m. 4 4-5s. on the sand. Manapouri and Dainty galloped a strong six furlongs. Leonator did a round at three-quarter-pace on the tan. Dunborve and Star Rose had Advocate beaten off at the end of a mile on the grass in 1m. 55 2-5s. Carmania galloped six furlongs, Carlyle assisting the last five furlongs, in 1m. 17 4-5s. on the sand. Mentira did a similar gallop on the grass in 1m. 22 3-5s. Hyperian and another had a three-furlong burst in 38s. Master Delaval and Master Soult, looking a bit light after their Southern tour, did gentle work on the tan. Hard Rock, Bully, and others worked.

After breakfast Escamillo and Explosive had a tussle from the five-furlong mark, finishing together in 1m. 6 3-5s. on the sand. Miss Advance sprinted half a mile on the grass in 51s. San Paulo galloped a circle on the tan in 2m. 2s. Tarina and Waihuku left Lord Crispin behind in a fast-run four furlongs on the grass in 50 2-5s. Luscombe outpaced and outstayed two others twice round the tan. Etna scampered over three furlongs on the grass in 37 3-5s. Sea Elf knocked 3-5s. off this. Lady Frances, looking well, did half-pace work on the tan. Effulgence spurted four furlongs in 51 3-5s. on the grass. Lochbuie, looking well, did three-quarter-pace work on the tan. Cyrano had Rimlock settled in a circle on the grass in 1m. 56 4-5s. Snowfoot was in front of Talepitcher at the end of a three-furlong flutter in 39s. on the tan. Lucio, alone, sprinted three furlongs on the tan. A number of others did useful work. Frevata (by Freedom) has gone into P. Conway's stable. The gelding has won races round the Waikato.

SATURDAY.

Saturday being fine, a lot of useful work was got through (the reverse way) on the grass track at Ellerslie. Lord Seaton, with weight in the saddle, finished up seven furlongs in 1m. 36 2-5s. Guidwife, making a big noise, sprinted two furlongs twice. The big chestnut does not improve much. Macmanemin's numerous string mostly spurted in couples, but Etna, alone, fluttered three furlongs in 38s. Rarata also put in a pleasing performance in a five-furlong flutter in 1m. 5 3-5s. Absolum's team was content with pacing and cantering. Coromandel left three-quarters of a mile behind in 1m. 21 3-5s. Pohutu bolted away from the ancient Land-