

Club's handicapper. The latter's friends seem unanimously of the opinion that the publication of the resolution arrived at by the stewards (who heard Mr. Watts' complaint and Mr. Henrys' reply) would have been ample. As it is, a whole bundle of dirty linen is now being washed at street corners by anonymous writers, much to the regret of the majority of folks interested in racing. Probably no public handicapper assumes that his judgment is infallible. Should any weight adjuster take up that position and endeavour to support it by arguments, he will never be out of hot water. The handicapper who protests that he never errs will soon find himself confronted with a number of men probably as able to frame handicaps as he himself is. Most folks will realise that it is much easier to pull a handicap to pieces than it is to build one up. The old adage might be worth while remembering, "Least said, soonest mended." Stipendiary officials need only be honest and strictly conscientious and they will retain the goodwill of all classes of racing men. Quite perfect they never will be.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Wellington Racing Club a matter of some interest to bookmakers was discussed, with the result that the stewards of the club will not permit licensed bookmakers to exhibit boards setting forth their prices. It appears that a certain class of fielders have been commanding an amount of patronage which their financial standing did not warrant by displaying their odds in large figures, and when settling comes the boards have proved a delusion and a snare, and backers have been victimised. In future the odds will have to be announced orally.

The question of stipendiary stewards was also before the committee, a letter having been received from the secretary of the Wanganui Jockey Club, suggesting a conference to discuss the advisability of appointing stipendiary stewards to control future race meetings. After considerable consideration the question was postponed until the next meeting of the committee.

It is understood that during the meeting at Trentham a strict watch

will be kept on riders who systematically irritate their mounts, and pretend they cannot be kept quiet at the starting barrier, with the object of disorganising the field, so that they can get a flying start. A couple of stewards will attend at the starting-post, and those offending will be given short shrift.

TURF RESULTS.

WAIKATO TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING.

The Waikato Trotting Club held their meeting on Saturday. The following were the results:—

MAIDEN TROT.—Wild Nell, 7s., 1; Frost, 5s., 2; Verbeen, 2s., 3. Also started: Mayton, Bella Vator, Goosey. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m. 58 3-5s.

SUMMER TROT.—Moureen, 27s., 1; Autocrat, 6s., 2; Plaintiff, 18s., 3. These were the only starters. The winner led all the way.

WAIKATO TROT, two miles.—Kohine, 10s., 1; Albert Edward, 26s., 2; Le Rosier, scratch, 3. Also started: Young Salisbury. Won easily. Time, 5m. 10 2-5s.

HAMILTON TROT.—Wild Nell, 34s., 1; Mark Scott, 34s., 2; Woodbury, scratch, 3. Also started: Castaway, Plaintiff. Won by four lengths. Time, 4m. 14 1-5s.

CLAUDELANDS TROT.—V.S., 2s., 1; Barmagule, 1s., 2; Papanui, 6s., 3. Also started: Young Salisbury. Won by a length. Time, 2m. 31s.

PUBLICANS' PURSE.—Wild Nell, 26s., 1; Albert Edward, 23s., 2; Minnie B, 31s., 3. Won easily. Time, 4m. 9 1-5s.

FAREWELL TROT.—Le Rosier, 2s., 1; Kohine, 6s., 2; Robex, 7s., 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 3m. 44s.

TRIAL TROT.—Vulturene, scratch, 1; Lavanna, scratch, 2; Belle Victor, scratch, 3. These were the only starters. Won easily.

OTAMATEA RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The Otamatea Racing Club's annual meeting took place on Saturday in showery weather. The attendance was fair and the sport good. Thirteen bookmakers were in attendance, and they appeared to be doing good business. Mr. Stewart acted as starter. The results were:—

MAIDEN PLATE.—Luros 1, Carana 2, Moaki 3.

KAIPARA HANDICAP.—Highland Fling 1, Wairu 2, Lochlea 3.

OTAMATEA CUP.—Wellcast 1, Jolly Tar 2. Also started: Sweet Alice, Gipsy Queen, Mechanic. A splendid race; won by half a head.

RADIUS HANDICAP.—Irene 1, Alanah 2, Little Mystery 3. Also started: Carana, Belinda, National League.

MAORI RACE.—Darkey 1, Candle 2, Puhipuhi 3.

MATAKOHE WELTER.—Lochlea 1, Highland Fling 2, Midcyr 3. Also started: Gipsy Queen, Lochard. Won by half a length.

FLYING STAKES.—Sweet Alice 1, Jolly Tar 2. Also started: Whakatu-poto, Luros, Manoeuvre, Mechanic Well-cast. Won by a length.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

HANDICAPS.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Reservoir 11.7, Luscombe 10.12, Te Arai 9.11, Te Kaimai 9.10, The Stripper 9.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Auldearn 9.2, Stylish 8.10, Wharekura 8.9, Tarina 8.6, Gold Treasure 7.10, Pluck 7.9, Rock Ferry 7.9, Pearl Reef 7.2, Ora Pinent 6.12, Cork 6.11, Linkless 6.11, Ardfer 6.9, Carron 6.9.

SUMMER HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Lochbuhie 9.0, Iranui 8.6, Hinetitama 8.3, Celtic 8.1, Uenuku 7.13, Wharekura 7.12, Dardanus 7.12, First Gun 7.6, Spate 7.5, Ballyheigh 7.4, Paisano 6.9.

FIRST COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Stylish 9.0, Spate 8.7, Te Rahui 8.5, Gladsmuir 8.2, Paisano 7.9, Eiya 7.4, Linkless 7.2, Naydine 7.0, Lloyd 6.13, Banker 6.13, Carron 6.12, Ortolan 6.12, Kaitakarua 6.9, Awanui 6.7, Inez 6.7.

PARK STAKES HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Celtic 9.0, Stylish 8.10, Spate 8.4, Maiora 8.2, Gladsmuir 7.11, Gold Treasure 7.10, The Cockatoo 7.9, Pearl Reef 7.5, Millennial 7.5, Mistletoe 6.12, Mungo Motio 6.12.

NGARUAWAHIA RACING CLUB.

WAINGARO HANDICAP, one mile.—Sweet Alice 9.0, Aristocrat 8.7, Rotoiti 8.5, Anna Lombard 7.13, Leonette 7.10, Te Taniwha 7.8, Fraulein 7.0, Romantic 7.0, Rosetta 7.0, Darkness 7.0.

MAIDEN HACK, five furlongs.—Field Marshal 9.0, Freehold 8.12, Aldershot 8.10, Atawhai 8.10, Ruakahia 8.9, Tamahere 8.9, Penfold 8.9, Miss Grizzle 8.7,

Calm 8.7, Alburnia 8.7, Chimes 8.7, Dora 8.6, Red Macgregor 8.6, Romantic 8.6, Koroheke 8.6, Leonite 8.6, Newnham 8.5, Lady Godfrey 8.0.

PUBLICANS' PURSE, six furlongs.—Waihou 9.0, Keepstep 8.10, Frontino 7.12, Miss Grizzle 7.0, Golden Gem 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Sweet Alice 9.3, Waikato 8.10, Lira 8.5, Lady French 8.3, Waihou 8.2, Liberty 8.2, Keepstep 7.12, Positive 7.9, Frontino 7.8, Rosewood 7.5, Leo 7.4, Hokimai 7.3, Fraulein 7.0, Miss Grizzle 7.0, Miss Stella 7.0, Weka 7.0.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Liberty 9.8, Leo 9.0, Hokimai 8.12, Field Marshal 8.7, Weka 8.6, Atawhai 8.6, Miss Stella 8.5, Calm 8.4, Rosetta 8.4, Penfold 8.4, Miss Grizzle 8.2, Chimes 8.2, Alburnia 8.2, Dora 8.0, Leonite 8.0, Red Macgregor 8.0, Romantic 8.0, Koroheke 8.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Rotoiti 11.0, Anna Lombard 10.12, Searchlight 10.4, King 10.4, Bartone 10.2, Mawhiti 9.10, Darkness 9.9, Hero 9.5, Freehold 9.5, Aldershot 9.5, Golden Gem 9.0.

NGARUAWAHIA CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Sweet Alice 9.0, Aristocrat 8.8, Anna Lombard 7.12, Henry Havelock 7.9, Leonette 7.9, Te Taniwha 7.8, Lira 7.6, Fraulein 7.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

PAHIATUA RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

HURDLE RACE.—Narcotic, Whata-kura, Don Carlos, Maidi, Coy, Lerida, Anemone, Dreamy Daniel, Reumac, Snow Star (late Joe Ward), Trustee.

RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Lethaan, Simplex, Aboriginal, Lady Menschikoff, Mussell, Toa Tuhi, Chicane, Cute, Lochie-la, Thera.

FLYING HACK HANDICAP.—Lochle-la, Miss Vera, Vi, Merry Christmas, Bonny Doon, Sir Possible, No Trumps, Awha, Quandary, Merry Messenger, Royal Maid.

WELTER HACK HANDICAP.—Cockatoo, Buoyant, Windage, Anemone, Routine, Maidi, Diplomatic, Maharatanga, Midian.

PAHIATUA CUP.—Moloch, Merrie Rose, Sir Antrim, Loiret, Mataari, Roosvelt, Nova, Kilmarnock, Waioriki, Tangeroa.

TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP.—Cute, Langshan, Serenade, Vi, Hermia, Lucretius, Awha, Sweet Lethe, Genuine, Debonnaire, Notorious, Purakau, Summit, Oblivion, Te Tanui, Tauhara, Sweet Shot, Bravery.

KONINI WELTER.—Wailthe, Cyrene, Aboriginal, Mataari, Chicane, Rosegrove, Eri King, Skye, Mallet, Ranghaeta, Gaelic, Highden.

ENTRIES.

TRIAL HACK PLATE.—Merry Messenger, Remission, Goodwin Park, Icel, Retinue, Leahora, Teuteutu, Colossus, Potera, Clunora.

MAIDEN SCURRY.—Humpty-Dumpty, Waipunui, Vercola, Remission, Bravery, Happy New Year, Sweet Shot, Potera, Clemora, Tauhara.



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