

TURF TOPICS.

All Red has now won two races since his sale was declared off, and his owner must be well satisfied that he did not part with the son of Stepniak. The Wanganui Stakes and the A.R.C. Autumn Handicap are the two races annexed by him.

Tanehaka has been shipped to Auckland, with a view to taking part at the Avondale Meeting.

Lord Elmo, who recently tried to establish trotting records in Auckland won the International Handicap at Christchurch, trotting the mile and a quarter in 2min. 50 4-5sec.

There was a lot of money in Auckland on Saturday for Princess Ena in the High-Class Trot, decided at Christchurch, but the Prince Imperial mare failed to gain a situation.

In the Ladies' Bracelet at the N.Z. Metropolitan Trotting Meeting, the large field of 38 went to the post.

The imported horse King Berry was injured so badly while taking part in the Sydney Cup that his destruction was found necessary. King Berry hobbled in a long way behind the remainder of the field, the result of being galloped on in the early stages of the race. Both tendons were badly cut, and any attempt to save him was deemed inadvisable. King Berry, who was from King Crow from Mint Berry, was, together with his dam, imported by Mr. J. Brown.

The New Zealand bred Pilot, knocked down to J. Scobie at Messrs. Yuille and Co.'s sale, was, it appears, purchased on account of Mr. R. G. Casey, chairman of the V.R.C.

Golden Slipper may return her purchase money when she goes to the stud. At present she does not look like doing so on the Turf.

A couple of nasty accidents occurred on the opening day of the Australian Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting. The first was in the Hurdle Race, when the New Zealand bred Wharekura cut his shoulder so badly that it is doubtful if he will not yet have to be destroyed. At latest advices, Wharekura is now an inmate of Messrs. J. Stewart and Son's veterinary hospital at Randwick. In the High-Weight Handicap the brown gelding Sir Blaize, by St. Blaize from Cronella, fell and broke one of his shoulders, a happening which necessitated his subsequent destruction. Sir Blaize won the Sires' Produce Stakes at the Richmond River T.C. Meeting in August last.

Prior to going to the post for the Sydney Cup, it was noted that Seddon was slightly lame behind, a condition that became more exaggerated after the race. Though he made a run up to the leaders at the turn, the Sout horse failed to sustain the effort, and eventually finished about sixth.

At the yearling sales in Sydney the Maltster—Mangosteen filly brought 735 guineas and the Maltster—Fusile filly 500 guineas.

A San Francisco—Vigil colt realised 1000 guineas at the Sydney yearling sales.

Dunolly, who ran Soutline to a head in the Newmarket Handicap, was last to finish in the Doncaster.

A five shilling totalisator was used at the Tasmanian Racing Club's Meeting on Saturday for the first time on the Elwick course.

A rather extraordinary departure was made with the Feilding Cup and Easter Handicap winner, Waipaku. She was railed back to Foxton on Monday night, turned out for some time in a small paddock, and then brought back to Feilding the next morning—a distance of 72 miles by rail, there and back. The reason assigned is that the Conqueror mare is very fretful when away from home.

Since the totalisator was first used in France, something over twenty years ago, charitable institutions have benefited to the extent of £3,000,000 from that source.

Danny Maher, the celebrated American jockey, who has ridden with phenomenal success in England since 1900, is twenty-seven years old.

The stallion St. Simmer broke his back and was destroyed.

The ale of Hyman for 2000 gns. has fallen through.

The four-year-old mare Neith was privately sold for India at 2000 gns.

While in Auckland, the Hastings trainer, J. Cameron, purchased the steeplechaser Kiatere for £350.

Though the steeplechaser Waitare is in work at Porirua, he will not be seen out at the Wanganui or Auckland Winter Meetings.

While some physic was being administered to Lupulite about a fortnight before Easter time the chestnut gelding closed his mouth on the bottle, and as a result his mouth and tongue were badly cut. But for the timely arrival of a veterinary surgeon, Lupulite was in danger of bleeding to death, but he made a good recovery, and was able to race at the Riverton Meeting on Easter Monday.

The favourite selection for the double at Avondale is Waimangu and Devonport.

Thirty-six trotting-bred coach horses were lately shipped to England, and are the first consignment of the 100 ordered by Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt to be used the coming spring for the two coaches which he will run between Brighton and London.

Tanehaka, who scored in the Mangione Stakes at Feilding, figures amongst the acceptances at Avondale.

Of the fourteen sires represented on the winning list at the recent Easter Meeting, Sout was first, his descendants capturing seven races. Those to score were Maheno, Kakama, Tamainupo, Tetrizzinni, Elysian, Santa Rosa, and Sedition. Other sires to claim winners were Merriwee—Chanteuse, Wimmera, Aborigine; Mentschikoff—Turbine, Doggerbank; Ben Godfrey—Ben Jonson (twice); Leolantis—Tattoo; Stepniak—All Red; Hotchkiss—Inglis, All's Well; Torpedo—Creusot; Gold Reef—Gold Lace; Advance—Miss Advance; Uhlan—Het Volt; Castor—Wellcast; Monarco—Spate; Eton—Rarata.

Master Sout is the only Auckland horse figuring amongst the nominations for the Hawke's Bay Cup.

Te Arai, who ran a real good race to Ben Jonson in the Brighton Hurdles, has been let off with 10.2 in the Hurdle Race to be decided at Avondale on Saturday. Te Arai will not have to meet Ben Jonson.

Ben Battle, whom rumour credits with being fairly fast, has 6.10 to carry in the Chevalier Handicap at Avondale, Biddy Curran having to carry top-weight, 8.3.

In the Oakley Handicap at Avondale, Mighty Atom has been asked to concede 3lb. to Mahinga over five furlongs. It will be interesting to note how the two ponies finish.

Indian Chief beat Hyperion and Excalibur in a gallop over five furlongs on Tuesday morning.

Tarina put up a fast gallop on Tuesday morning, the mare covering four furlongs on the grass in 49s. She ran wide, thereby covering more ground than is generally the case.

The Auckland Racing Club have received notification from C. Nicholson that he will not proceed with the appeal against the life disqualification imposed upon him and the horse Lucio by the Avondale Jockey Club.

Nominations for events to be run at the Takapuna Jockey Club's winter meeting close to-morrow (Friday) night at nine o'clock, with the secretary (Mr. R. Wynyard), High-street.

Grenade broke a fetlock while doing a gallop at Awapuni on Saturday morning, and had to be destroyed. The son of Grafton—Grafin was an exceptionally well-bred horse, and had put up some excellent performances on the flat, the best being a first in the St. Andrew's Handicap, Feilding, and second in the Auckland Cup. His dam was also the dam of Maranui, Mr. D. O'Brien having bred both. Grenade's form recently had been very disappointing. His last public appearance was in the hurdle events at the recent Feilding meeting.

Owners are reminded that nominations for the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting close to-morrow night at nine o'clock with the secretary, Mr. Wm. Hall, P.O. Box 15, Wanganui.

Handicaps for the Hawke's Bay meeting are due to appear to-morrow.

Nominations for the Wellington Pony meeting close to-morrow with Mr. J. M. Cumming, Box 654, Wellington.

The "Ascot Thousand" race meeting is advertised to take place under the auspices of the Ascot (Vic.) R.C. some time in September next. The principal event, of 1000sovs, is open to 14.1 and 14.2 ponies. Balgonie, last year's winner of the race, recently changed hands at a high figure in India.

Provocation, who annexed the Challenge Stakes at Wellington yesterday, would probably be piloted by the Auckland horseman, B. Deeley.

Aborigine, the hero of the A.R.C. Easter Handicap, also placed the Thompson Handicap to the credit of his owner, Mr. E. J. Watt yesterday. Aborigine was in front throughout, and won by a length and a-half in 1.43.

Exmoor, who won the Great Northern Hurdles three years ago next June, was successful at Wellington yesterday. Evidently the son of Grafton still retains his pace.

Master Sout, who was sent South to contest the Thompson Handicap, finished fourth.

By winning at Wellington, Provocation has proved beyond all doubt that he is the fastest two-year-old racing in New Zealand.

Just prior to the Wellington Meeting, Bobrikoff put up a record gallop for the track at Trentham, running seven furlongs in a tick over 1.27.

The pony Rex, who raced without success in Auckland, has been shipped to Sydney.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed amongst local bookmakers at the action of the Avondale Jockey Club in increasing the license fee of the bookmakers to £15 per day or £25 for the two days.

The Victorian trainer J. Lynch must hold the record for bad luck. Recently Verence finished second to Monody in the Moonee Valley Handicap, this being the fifty-seventh occasion on which one of Lynch's horses has occupied this position during the past twelve months.

R. Cameron, who went to Australia to ride Mr. G. F. Moore's horses, has received a handsome offer of a retainer from a Victorian owner, and has decided to take up his residence in Melbourne. He will probably pay a short visit to New Zealand after the Easter Meetings, and then return to Australia for good.

The stallion Cuneiform, by Multiform—Bluefire, is among the horses advertised to be sold in Sydney next month.

News was received last week to the effect that the horse Hyman, who scored such a meritorious win in the Doncaster Handicap at the Australian Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, had been sold to an Indian buyer for 2000 guineas, and was to be shipped to Calcutta. Later information shows that the sale fell through.

A protest lodged against Santa Rosa on the grounds of interference in the Buckland Handicap was dismissed by the stewards after consideration.

The Wanganui Trotting Club should be highly satisfied with the acceptances received for the inaugural meeting. The acceptances for the seven events total 100, or an average of 14 horses in each race.

W. Young was in great form at Feilding, and rode six winners, and T. Carroll came next with three winners.

Princess Ena's trip to Christchurch was not attended with success. Notwithstanding that she had 12sec. in the two miles, she failed to gain a place.

All's Well showed plenty of pace in his races at Ellerslie, but is a very slow beginner. However, he appears to be one of the few hacks that will pay his way.

LATE RACING.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

ABORIGINE WINS THE THOMPSON HANDICAP.

The above club opened their autumn meeting at Trentham yesterday in threatening weather. The following were the results of the racing:—

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. Monk's br g Exmoor, 11.2 1
Whatakura, 9.11 2
Also started: Aorangi 11.13, Kairoma 10.1, Eurus 9.13, Paparaehi 9.11, Narcotic 9.3.

SILVERSTREAM HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b f Miss Mischief, 9.3 1
Also started: Waiwaware 7.13, Vinco 6.10, Togo 6.7, Back Pearl 6.7.

WAIWETU HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Mr. O. Edwards' ch g Toa Tuhi, 6.12 1
Martyrium, 8.3 2
Also started: Probability 8.0, Mairoa 8.0, San Fernando 7.11, First Mate 7.8, Whistlecraft 7.0, Moscow 6.12.

THOMPSON HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. E. J. Watt's blk g Aborigine, 8.5 1
Mr. W. E. Bidwill's b m Consolation, 6.11 2
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Sir Tristram, 7.8 3

Also started: All Red 9.10, Master Sout 9.5, Flitaway 8.3, Los Angeles 8.1, Czar Kolohol 7.13, Waipaku 7.13, Sunbonnet 7.11, Ballarat 7.8, Sandstream 7.6, Merrie Rose 6.13, Effort 6.13, Roosevelt 6.13, Aboriginal 6.11, Perolina 6.9, Aberbrothock 6.9, Euclid 6.7.

Led all the way and won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m. 43s.

CHALLENGE STAKES. Seven furlongs.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill's br c Provocation, 8.1 1
Mr. T. H. Lowry's blk g Bobrikoff 2
Also started: Diabolo 8.3, Maori King 7.11, Elysian 7.6, Taskmaster 7.1, Thistle-down 6.13.

PLUNKET NURSERY. Five furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Zylophone, 8.5 1
Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's br c Nautiform, 9.3 2
Also started: Perie d'Or 8.7, Kiwinning 8.6, Boanerges 8.6, Glissade 8.2, Aema 7.4, Ingoda 7.2, Ambols 7.0, Masterful 6.7, Royalty 6.7, Undecided 6.7, Chauvelin 6.7, Lace Collar 6.7.

RAILWAY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Mr. R. W. Paterson's blk m Mon Ami, 7.13 1
Mr. Melrose's blk m Advantage, 7.0 2
Also started: Gipsy Belle 7.13, Diamond Star 7.10, Coulier 7.4, Wimmera 7.2, Sir Antrim 6.11, Rock Ferry 6.7.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

Little work was indulged in on Saturday morning, but on Tuesday a lot of sprinting was done. All the work was got through on the grass track, with the exception of First Gun, who rattled off a mile on the sand, the last seven furlongs in 1.32 2-5. Impulsive, Coromandel, and Jena brushed over four furlongs in the above order in 51 1-5sec.; the two-year-old led throughout. Epsom Lass, assisted by Tamainupo spurted half a mile, the last three furlongs in 38 4-5sec. Dunborve alone did a circle, coming home at top from the half-mile post. Indian Chief, Hyperion, and Excalibur spurted five furlongs in 1.5, finishing in the above order. Apollinaris, with a mate, left half a mile behind in 51 1-5sec. Aimwell easily settled Silent from the three-quarter mile post in 1.18 2-5. Waimangu and Santa Rosa put up a very pretty fast seven furlongs, easing up the last furlong, in 1.32 3-5. The former swerved about at the finish. Dardanus improved this gallop by 1 2-5sec, beating a mate easily. Necktie did the last four of five furlongs in 50 3-5 sec. Explosive and Escamillo were together at the end of a six furlong gallop, in the moderate time of 1.21, under pressure. Dainty, from a standing start, reeled off four furlongs in 51 2-5sec., while it took Maika 53 3-5 sec. to do the same journey. Tarina did the most brilliant half-mile spin of the morning in 49sec., running wide. Lochbuie alone was at top over a short journey. Te Arai was easily beaten by a mate at the finish of nine furlongs, which took 1.55 1-5. Mania, with a companion, jumped the schooling hurdles in 1.51. Bully and a mate shaped nicely over the same distance. The Heather and an unnamed one also had a round of the schooling jumps, the former showing great jumping ability.

Macmanemin's and other stables were restricted to easy pace work.

Mr. T. H. Lowry's horses, Merriwa, Downfall, Chanteuse, and Cantata were shipped home last week, together with Sir Prize (late Kilmarnock).