

Ladies in Delicate Health



Or THOSE WHO sometimes REQUIRE A STIMULANT should take, in the moderate doses prescribed,

Wolfe's Schnapps

An ideal spirit for women. It will be found a potent and pleasant remedy for the various ailments peculiar to the sex.

ASK FOR

Wolfe's

The only REAL SCHNAPPS.

BUY ORIGINAL BOTTLES.

Backers were undecided in selecting a likely winner in the Pony Handicap of five furlongs. Dandy (10.4), Rosie O'Shea (9.3), Taranto (8.0), and Mercia (9.13) were all well backed. Taranto got away smartly, and won by four lengths from Dandy, Rosie O'Shea being six lengths further away. Dividend, £2 15s.

The Tinwald Handicap of 55 sovs, one mile, saw Skirmisher (9.2), Huku (8.13), Ben Farley (8.9), and Suzannah (7.5) face the starter. Huku and Ben Farley carried most money. Suzannah was in front for three-parts of the distance, when she gave way to Ben Farley, who won all out by a length, Huku being four lengths behind Suzannah. Skirmisher ran badly, and could never get near the leaders. Dividend, £2 18s.

Maximus was again in winning form, and annexed the Disposal Stakes from Perkinette and Miss Ann. The winner paid £1 3s, and was bought in at £12 10s.

Hawthorn (8.12) was installed a red-hot favorite for the Allerton Handicap, six furlongs. Five started. Magg, a black mare by Apremont—Maggi, jumped away in front at the start, and, leading throughout, won by three lengths from Phryne (9.0), Lucy Glitters (6.11) being third. Dividend, £7 17s.

The Hurray-Scurry, four furlongs, brought to light a rather nice looking mare named Lady Medallist, by Medallion—Lottery. She started favorite, and beat Scottish Minstrel by a length for first place. The time, 49 1-5sec, shows that Lady Medallist is fairly fast.

The Orphan (8.12) easily accounted for the Lghmor Handicap, beating Coruea (8.8) and Valentine (7 10). Dividend, £2 10s.

The Cheviot Cup, the principal race at the Cheviot Racing Club's Meeting on New Year's Day, was won by Wimbledon, an aged gelding by St. Clair—Lady Florence. The winner carried 9.7, and beat Camel (11.9) and Bisley (11.13). Time, 2min 52 1-5sec.

Bisley, by Chainshot—Miss Lucy, has evidently not finished his racing career. He started in two races at the Cheviot meeting, and won one, the Brookdale Stakes. Bisley won some races in Dunedin and on the West Coast in 1897-98. He was then owned by V. Harris.

Races were held at Waiau on January 1, and resulted:—Maiden Stakes: W. O. Rutherford's Philosopher, 1; Greensward, 2. Waiau Cup: Black Squall, 1; Crescent, 2. Flying Stakes: Black Squall, 1; Philosopher, 2.

The Cheviot Racing Club held its annual races on New Year's Day. The fine weather attracted a large attendance, among those present being several visitors from Christchurch. The following are the results:—Handicap Hurdles, one mile and a half: Wahoo, 12.3, 1; Kilgarlic, 11.0, 2; Tribune, 11.9, 3. Time, 3min 11sec. Cheviot Cup of 20gs, one mile and a half: Wimbledon, 9.7, 1; Camel, 11.9, 2; Bisley, 11.13, 3. Mea Culpa also started. Won by a length. Time, 2min 52 3-4sec. McKenzie Stakes, one mile: Camel, 11.6, 1; Wimbledon, 10.0, 2; Jib, 11.1, 3. Time, 1min 50 3-4sec. Brookdale stakes, four furlongs: Bisley 1, Exposition 2, Saxon 3; time, 55sec. Consolation Handicap, six furlongs: Kilgarlic, 8.3, 1; Jib, 9.10, 2. The Maiden Plate was won by The Pest, by Social Pest.

The Richlake mare Golden Lake, in H Thomson's stable has again gone amiss. This mare showed promise of making a speedy performer, but so far her displays have been very disappointing to her owner.

Dan O'Brien is keeping Malatua hard at work, the Malua horse now presents a handsome appearance and cannot fail to catch the eye.

Peerage has been eased in his work and will not race until later in the year. Gold lately purchased by O'Brien, will be given a chance to recoup her new owner for his outlay.

Canterbury owners must have had a regular field day at Reefton on Boxing Day. Hermosa, Bi-metallist, Strathnairn, Bold, Rochester, and Cameo each accounted for a race, in fact every race on the programme, except the Hurdles, was won by a Canterbury owned animal.

M. Hobbs' cast off Bizarre won a double at the Alexandria races, and returned the amount her new owner paid for her at the first time of asking.

Amuri races are set down for March 17, 1900. The two brood mares Goldleaf and Catherine Wheel, owned by the squire of Stonyhurst, have returned from their visit to Bill of Portland. It is hoped that the union will result in Sir George getting something above the ordinary.

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTERBURY.

COUNTRY MEETINGS—GENERAL GOSSIP—THE WEST COAST MEETINGS.

CHRISTCHURCH, January 6.

The Ashburton Racing Club brought its Summer Meeting to a close on January 2. The weather continued fine, and the attendance was again large. The sum of £1208 was put through the totalisator, making a total of £2276 for the meeting. This was £720 less than the amount handled a year ago.

A start was made with the Lauriston Trot, one mile and a half. For this eighteen horses saddled-up. Edward R. (24sec), by Electioneer, soon took the lead and was never pressed, winning by six lengths from Struan (20sec). Dividend, £15 15s. The owner of the winner was not allowed to receive the stake until he had satisfied the stewards that his horse was run to win on the first day. It seems to be the rule at almost every meeting where trots are included on the programme to enter a protest against the winner of any event. Some trotting owners cannot take a defeat without entering a protest.

Half-a-dozen went out for the Coldstream Welter of seven furlongs. Belligerent (9.13), who has been under a cloud for some time, was voted the best of the lot, but he could never catch Relic (9.1). This gelding, who is by the defunct Perkin Warbeck II.—Spider, kept in front all the way, and beat Belligerent by a length, Scottish Minstrel (8.7) running third. Dividend, £3 9s. Subrosa (10.5), Vulcan (9.10), and Actor (8.4) were the unplaced three.

Nominations for the Midsummer Handicap close on Friday. The handicaps are due on January 26.

A private telegram received from Sir G. Oliford states that he has bought the yearling filly by Sault—Lady Emmeline for 50gs, and intends shipping her to Christchurch.

Screw Gun, Sant Ilario, and some of the youngsters purchased in Auckland by Mr G. G. Stead, are due to arrive to-morrow. There is no doubt that the Squire of Yaldhurst got the best offered at the sale, and he deserves to be successful with them when they are fit to carry their owners' colors.

Racing matters are very quiet at Riccarton just now, and there is practically nothing doing.

Those Canterbury owners who took horses over to the West Coast meetings have had a really good innings.

At the Reefton meeting Hermosa did M. Hobbs a good turn by winning three races, and at Grey-mouth the daughter of St. Leger annexed two stakes, while at Westland she was successful in one event. Her owner has been warmly congratulated on his success, for Hermosa has been very expensive to Hobbs since he bought her, and it was quite time she won a few races.

Dundas only won one big event on the Coast, but he ran well in most of his races when carrying big weights.

Rochester and Strathnairn were the most successful of Victor Harris' team. Rochester won three races and Strathnairn four.

Haria created a surprise by winning the Grey-mouth Cup. He was allowed to start almost

friendless, and paid a dividend of £14 6s in a four-hour race. I am told that he showed some of his old form at the Greymouth meeting, and that his present owner expects a good race out of him before the season closes.

The Piscatorious horse Swordfish showed capital form in all his races on the Coast, and carried off some of the principal stakes. This horse has done well since he left the North Island a couple of years ago.

Seabrooke, who was not galloping well prior to leaving Riccarton for the Coast, raced well and won three or four races, but the opposition was not strong.

Bold, Shekel, Cameo, Bi-metallist, Aprimate, and Medallius were each successful in winning races.

Among the jockeys who went over I notice that R. Wilson, W. Brown, T. O'Brien, Donovan, and Noble scored.

TARANAKI.

GENERAL NEWS—THE WELLINGTON CUP.

NEW PLYMOUTH, January 4.

Stratford nominations appear in this issue. First acceptances for the Taranaki Guineas of 1900 are published in another column. Seventeen have been paid up for.

On the second day of the Taranaki Summer Meeting, B. Russell was brought before the stewards, on the complaint of Mr A. W. Budge, starter, for crossing the field while riding Proxym in the Auction Stakes. The evidence went to show that the cross, which occurred just after the start, was unintentional, and the rider was cautioned to be more careful in future.

The annual Hack Meeting of the Opunake Racing Club was held at Pihama on New Year's Day. The weather was fine, the attendance good, and speculation brisk. The meeting is always well patronised by the settlers within a wide radius, and plenty of money is always available for speculation, no matter how small the fields or how certain the result is for one horse.

The secretarial duties at the Opunake Meeting were carried out in a thoroughly efficient manner by Mr Geo. W. Rogers, who deserves commendation for his promptitude and urbanity.

The penalties at Opunake were very heavy. Winners of any handicap after declaration of weights had to carry 10lb penalty; of two such races, 17lb penalty. Mamaku had the honor (?) of putting up 17lb in the New Year Handicap.

Mr Edwin George is the present owner of Fuchsia (late Waimea), having bought the mare for £15 after the Taranaki Meeting.

In the New Year Handicap at Opunake, Wavellet ran into a post and dislodged her rider (S. Cooper), who was badly shaken, but not hurt.

Nominations for the Taranaki Autumn Meeting appear in this issue. For nine events the total number is 95, as against 138 last year—a falling off of 43. Some ascribe the falling off to the fact of exchanging dates with the Egmont Club, as the present dates are too soon after the Takapuna Meeting; and others again think the shrinkage is due to the fact that the nominations fell due in the holiday season. I may point out that the Manawatu Cup of 400 sovs only attracted seven starters, so that the cause of the shrinkage is perhaps due to the fact that very few fit horses are now in training. A good deal now depends on Mr Evett, the handicapper, who will have to attract good fields, and, consequently, keen speculation.

The Taranaki Club made a handsome profit over their recent Summer Meeting.

January 6.

Mr A. G. Bishop has leased Black Rose (Australian—Waitara mare) to a Wanganui trainer. The sister of Kanaka was taken to her new quarters after the Taranaki Summer Meeting. Mr Bishop has had very bad luck with the mare.

The Crown (Hotchkiss—Mollens) has won his full compliment of hack money, and will henceforth figure in "open" company. The Crown is a fine big horse, and more should be heard of him in the future.

Cairo's is not amongst the nominations for the Taranaki Autumn Meeting. Perhaps the hard going at Auckland found out the weak spots in Cairo's pins.

The next meeting in this district will be Stratford on January 25. Taranaki and Egmont's big meeting follow in order.

Mr J. George's Lasting (Sylvia Park—Dunes) is nominated for the open events at the Taranaki Meeting. Lasting started on a couple of occasions in hack company, but did not catch the judge's eye first.

Wilson (Dauphin—Bombshell), who has almost won his full amount of hack money, also figures in the open events at the Taranaki Meeting.

Word has reached me that the aged gelding Guardfish (Vanguard—Fish Lass) died at Waitara one day this week from an attack of pleurisy. The black gelding demonstrated that he had pace a few seasons ago, but during the past two seasons he seemed to have lost all his brilliancy.

I hear that Mr W. Elliot has returned Tuora to his owner, Mr Fleming, of Cape Egmont.

The acceptances for the Wellington Cup cannot be called fair, seeing that five of those left in are in two stables. The race at present looks open, but in naming Djin-Djin I don't think I will be far wrong.

January 12.

The question has arisen in this district as to whether second moneys count in calculating the £150 that a horse has to win before he is debarred from competing in hack company. The Stratford horse, The Crown, has won—counting second moneys—£150, but, I understand, the connections contend that only first moneys count, and, therefore, the horse is eligible to start at the Stratford Hack Meeting.

I hear that £250 has been offered for The Crown, but his owners want £300 for this son of Hotchkiss.

The Egmont Club has postponed the date for receiving nominations till January 22 and the date of handicaps till February 8, the day after the initial day of the Taranaki meeting.

Messrs G. W. Rogers and J. Lambie, stewards of the Opunake Club, collected some £12 for the jockey, Fahey, who was injured while riding Vanguish in the Hurdle Race at the club's last meeting. Fahey, I hear, is now out of danger.

At the Manawatu races £15 was collected for the jockey, Wall, who was injured while riding Watershot in the Hurdle Race.

It is reported that many coastal owners and trainers missed their nominations for the Taranaki meeting through being away from home during the holiday week. No doubt the club made a mistake in closing their nominations in a holiday week.

Sylvia Park seems to be developing staying qualities with age. He got over the Rangitikei Cup distance (one mile and a half) on New Year's Day, and many who saw the race reckoned the big chestnut won the event. The son of St Leger won a sprint race on the second day of the meeting. I notice that his owner has accepted for the horse in the Wellington Cup. Sylvia's training has been mostly confined to sea beach work.

Mr F. Stohr's gelding, I liable, went lame the other day, but, at time of writing, was again in slow work.

There is every promise of a good race for the Egmont Sires' Hack Produce Stakes next month.

HAWKES BAY.

CLUB MEETINGS—TURF TALK

NAPIER, January 9.

A committee meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club was held this afternoon. Present: Messrs John McVay (in the chair), J. Bennett, W. Sweetapple, J. Bicknell, and F. G. Smith. The plan of a caretaker's cottage to be erected on the course was submitted and approved, and several improvements to the buildings were authorised. The secretary was instructed to write to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club and the Agricultural and Pastoral Society re dates of Spring Meeting and show.

A meeting of the committee of the Waipawa Racing Club was held on Saturday night. Present: Messrs W. White (chairman), Harker, J. Pettit, W. H. Rathbone, M. C. Symons, W. Nicholson, C. H. Arrow, T. Butler, J. H. Jones, and C. M. Whittington. Leave of absence was given to Mr H. H. Bridge. The levy made by the Napier Park Club for the expenses of delegates to the Conference was ordered to be paid. The resignation of Mr W. Baker as caretaker was accepted. The committee regretted that it had no power to order the proprietor of totalisator to pay on mutilated tickets.

At a special general meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, to be held next Friday, the Hon. J. D. Ormond will move that the following words be added to Rule 11 of the Rules of Constitution (except that under Rule of Racing 165A): "The quorum shall consist of five, including the country clubs delegates."

At the Magistrate's Court this morning, Wm. Hoskings Marriatt was committed for trial for attempting to defraud Messrs Stock and Cohen, totalisator proprietors, at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Meeting by means of forged tickets.

Donovan has changed hands. Mr E. J. Watt having purchased The Dauphin's handsome son, and he competed in that owner's interests at the Rangitikei Meeting.

Bush Ross has recovered from the malady that knocked him out just prior to the New Zealand Cup Meeting, and he made a start on the training track at Napier Park last week. He looks none the worse for his enforced idleness, and his legs have lost that ugly appearance that was so visible when he returned from the South.

Mr W. Rathbone had the misfortune last week to lose the filly foal by Apremont from Merganser. The youngster was found in the paddock with its leg broken, and was consequently destroyed.

The following appellations have been bestowed by Dr Nairn upon his St Andrew geldings:—Black Watch, Scotch Mist, and Queen's Signal. Eland, Plover, and Waimarama are the respective dams of the trio.

Lady Lorne, Te Hapuku, and Will-o'-the-Wisp have vacated the training track at Kaikora, and are now inmates of Vincent's stables at Green Meadows. The owner's (Mr Robinson) reason for removing his string from the country was because he wanted to avail himself of the good opportunities that the Napier Park track possesses for the preparation of horses. After the Wellington Meeting I understand the team will go into country quarters again. Dave Munn, who has been in charge for several months, has severed his connection with Mr Robinson, and that sport's son (who rode his father's horses in such a successful manner at Hastings) has the horses under his mentorship. Lady Lorne was to have gone to Woodville to-day to take a hand in the discussion of events there, but she unluckily got out of her box at Hastings and cut herself about, which necessitated her being slowed down a little. She is getting all right again, and, provided the weights are suitable, will be a contestant at the Wellington Meeting this month.

Notoriety has been thrown out of toil, and is being indulged in a term of relaxation at Te Aute.

H.M.S. Pinafore now tenants one of the boxes at Mr Richardson's private training stables at Green Meadows, that owner having bought Dreadnought's excitable daughter from W. Whitaker.

Mr L. de Pelichet was acting on behalf of Mr E. J. Watt when he secured the St Leger—Lady Cureton colt at the Wellington Park sale last week.

Tire (who seems to be getting over his trouble), Renown (who looks as if he had a cold), Ideal, Jabber, and Ruby arrived here from Auckland by the Te Anau yesterday.