

Seahorse and Labourer were recatched for the New Zealand Cup at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Now that Seahorse and Labourer are out of the New Zealand Cup it looks as if the three favourites, Record Reign, Malatus, and Sant Ilario, would come to a still shorter price. The strength of the field is now a subject of much conjecture, and I have already heard of speculation on the actual number of starters.

In Paris, more than in any other city, perhaps, it is proved that the utility and pecuniary worth of a horse do not cease with its life. There are places appointed for the receipt of the carcasses. After the horses are deposited, the hair of the mane and tail is cut off, this weighs about a quarter of a pound, the skin is then taken away, and is disposed of to tanners and used for various purposes, the shoes are sold as old iron, the feet are cut off, dried and beaten, in order to make the hoofs come away, or are left to putrefy till they separate of themselves, when they are sold to turners, combmakers, manufacturers of ammonia and Prussian blue.

In the controversy over the scratching of "Old Clo" Mr H. C. White had not the whole of the press writers against him. "Ranger," of the Sporting and Dramatic News, was always on his side, and in taking leave of the case he wrote:—"It will be noticed that there were several disappointing incidents in connection with the race for the Liverpool Cup, and the victory of Skopos has been described as 'unpopular.' Mr H. C. White, the owner of that horse, scratched Old Clo, as is well-known, after she had become a favourite, so that certain speculators, who had backed her in the hope of making a profit for themselves, were furious when Mr White interfered with their game and won with his other candidate.

Auckland, September 26, 1900. TO ALF. KIDD, Esq.—Sir,—We, the undersigned citizens of Auckland, regret your decision given last week that you would not allow yourself to be nominated for the office of Mayor, and in view of Mr Upton retiring, beg that you will reconsider your determination, and request you to allow us to nominate you for that position.

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Of the seventeen foals at Wellington Park, ten are colts and seven are fillies.

The Hon Hugh Mosman's three-year-olds Hengist and Formula, leave for Napier tomorrow (Friday).

Major George's brood mare The Maid, by King of the Ring—Maid of All Work, has foaled a filly to Nelson. The Maid is one of the mares on Cyrenian's list.

Mr Dan McLeod's brood mare Parera, by Cuirassier from Albatros, on Tuesday morning foaled twin colts to Cyrenian. The mare had a very severe time, and both foals were born dead.

Bobadil will probably have a few mares this season, but Mr C. F. Macdonald has arranged to lease him for racing purposes from Mr F. S. Grimwade, and the little brown will be put into work again at St. Albans after the V.R.C. Spring meeting.

The death is reported from Ravensworth, near Singleton of the thoroughbred horse Stockwell, by Henschman, from Lady Lilliard, who was a good performer, winning among other races the Epsom Handicap of 1888.

At the setting over the Spring meeting of the Australian Jockey Club on Monday it was announced on behalf of Mr W. R. Hall, the owner of Reviver, who won the Metropolitan Stakes, that he would give £1,000 to the funds of the Children's Hospital. The announcement was received with ringing cheers.

Mr Robert Cleveland reports the following business during the week on the New Zealand Cup:—500 to 5, Voley; 400 to 12, Beddington; 100 to 5, Nobility; 200 to 16, Military. Caulfield and Melbourne Cups: 500 to 1, Geo. Frederick and War God; 500 to 1, Horace and Hautboy; 500 to 1, Unnedah and War God; 500 to 1 1/2, Sagacity and Seahorse; 500 to 1 1/2, Cornquist and Seahorse; 500 to 2 1/2, Cornquist and Severity.

The Auckland Trotting Club has appointed Mr F. W. Edwards to be handicapper and starter to the Club. The Club could hardly have made a better selection, for Mr Edwards is one of the most popular all-round sportsmen in the colony. He has acted as starter before, and certainly carried out the duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. As regards the handicapping, Mr Edwards is such a qualified racing man that he should have very little difficulty in framing equitable adjustments. He certainly has the confidence of owners, trainers, and riders, and he assuredly possesses the esteem of the public. Therefore the Auckland Trotting Club is to be congratulated upon the appointment.

Mainly through the instrumentality of that good horse, Paul Pry, Lochiel heads the list of winning sires at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, with five races to his credit, four gained by the son of Busybody, and one by Lord Clieveden. The only other sires to gain two representatives were Hotchkiss through Lancaster, and Korowat and Metal through Myosotis and Centurion with a race each. Hautboy, however, placed two races to the credit of Haut Brion, and Ranfurly, a similar number to the credit of Eridapord. The progeny of the following sires won one race each:—Pilgrim's Progress, Clan Stuart, Trident, Bill of Portland, Far Niente, Pacific, Nordenfeldt, Lennox, Bengal, Carbine and The Swell.

At the time the sporting men were going to Sydney for the Spring Meeting of the A.J.C., special rates were made for Catholics attending the Conference, says "Woomera." Some of the sports, not too pronounced in visage, managed to squeeze in as belonging to the faithful. But when it came to a double-eventer, whose face is as well-known in Melbourne as the Town Hall clock, the line was drawn. "Well, I do call that mean; you let all the other fielders in at half price and sthup me!" "Yes, but you see, we don't know them; they may be going to the Conference; we know you are not, Mr Ishmael." "Vot, me not going to a conference? Ain't I, though; I'm going to a four-days' conference at Randwick to help improve the breed o' osses, now then." But his cup of bitterness was even then not full, for he had the misfortune to lay a minor cleric 20 to 1 Ampier in the train.

The annual sale of the Elderslie Stud yearlings will take place during the New Zealand Cup week next November. Then Mr J. F. Reid will sell through Messrs Pyne and Co., the well-known Christchurch auctioneers, twenty-one yearlings sired by Stepniak and Gipsy Grand. Amongst the youngsters to be sold are a full-brother to Toletso and Romanoff—both winners of the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes—a full-brother to Nantes a half-sister, by Stepniak, to Goldspur, a half-brother, by Gipsy Grand, to Spider, a colt by Stepniak out of Britomarte, the full-sister to Kuroclydon, and a colt by Stepniak from Fire cross, by Patrol out of Crossfire, a sister to the Melbourne Cup winner, Arsenal. Year by year Mr Reid's yearlings command higher prices, and there is no doubt that the Oamaru-bred youngsters are strong and hearty, as well as being especially well bred. This season we shall see the first of the Gipsy Grand youngsters on the race-course. From what I remember of the juveniles I saw when I visited Eldersdale nearly two years ago they ought to bear out the high opinion found about their sire.

The latest foalings at Wellington Park up to yesterday—Wednesday—were: Hazel, by Nordenfeldt—Ouida, a colt to Cyrenian; Lady Harriet, by Hotchkiss—Pungawerewere, a colt to St Leger; and Dunoon, by Bundoora—Roseneath, a filly to Hotchkiss.

Information has reached Melbourne from India to the effect that Merloolas in August won the Colombo Cup, one mile, beating other Australian-bred horses in Redavni and Gnullo. In the Turf Club Plate, run at the same meeting, Merloolas was beaten by Gnullo, with Redavni third, but Merloolas next day proved his adaptability as a racehorse by winning the six furlong race.

Yesterday (Wednesday), after Mr Upton had stated that the fact that he was a director of the Gas Company was an insuperable difficulty in the way of his becoming a candidate for the position of Mayor, Mr Alfred Kidd received a requisition asking him to reconsider his decision not to stand. Mr Kidd will give his answer to-day (Thursday) and there can be little doubt that it will contain the welcome intelligence that he will allow himself to be nominated for the position.

Major Pond held out a golden bait to Mr Winston Churchill to secure him for a lecturing tour in the United States in the forthcoming autumn. He offered him (writes Mr Lucy in the Sydney Morning Herald) a lump sum of £15,000 paying all his travelling expenses while on tour. As Ian Maclaren, Anthony Hope, and other popular Scotch and English novelists can testify, Major Pond is an exacting taskmaster. Once delivered into his hands, with the contract duly signed and sealed, the lecturer had to work like a galley slave. But his captivity is gilded by all the comforts and luxuries of train and hotel life the resources of civilisation have developed in the United States. Even with occasional delivery of two lectures a day, with a railway run between the two halls, £15,000 is pretty good pay for a winter season. Mr Churchill has, however, suddenly become accustomed to high rates of remuneration. Since his escape from captivity with the Boers his remuneration as special correspondent of the Morning Post was fixed at £1000 a month, which beats the record. Many years ago General Augustus Sala, travelling for the Daily Telegraph, mentioned that he had the treatment of a prince and the wages of an ambassador. Neither he, W. Howard Russell, nor Archibald Forbes in the heyday of their force and fame came anywhere near young Churchill's mark in the matter of wages.

£100 SKILL COMPETITION.

T.J.—Three coupons received. W.M.—Coupon received.

Anticipations.

[BY PETRONEL.]

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The first meeting of the season of one of the most popular racing clubs in the colony will take place on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. The gatherings at Wanganui are always very popular both with racing folk and the general public. For the Meeting next week Mr Evert's handicaps have attracted very good acceptances, and the fields for the various races promise to be large.

The Wanganui Guineas should furnish a good race. Representatives from Auckland, Christchurch, and Hawke's Bay will strive for supremacy, and therefore, the race will undoubtedly be full of interest. On his Avondale form Beddington would not appear to have much chance; but good judges are of the opinion that if the race is run at a smart pace all through, the Seaton Delaval gelding will require a great amount of beating. Robin Adair ran second to Mellwood at Rangitikei, but was a bit short of work then. He showed some pace and plenty of pluck, and may be expected to run well if sent across to Wanganui. Renown has been little spoken about of late. As a two-year-old he promised to make a good three-year-old. Nobility has been doing very well in his work lately, and if he is as good as he is said to be then he will show up well next Tuesday. Formosan, I think, has the best credentials for public favour. Nothing has gone wrong with him during the winter, though it has been rumoured that he makes a noise. Probably that affection will not trouble him over a mile, for one wants something better than mere rumour before discarding such a promising colt. Cannie Chiel was a good-looking customer as a two-year-old, and if he has fulfilled his promise he must be a very fine colt. Heiress, though a handsome filly, may not be quite class enough for some of the colts. I shall anticipate the placings thus:—

- FORMOSAN ... .. 1
CANNIE CHIEL ... .. 2
NOBILITY ... .. 3

The Spring Handicap has sixteen acceptors. Boreas with 10st 7lb is at the top of the list. The Sou'-wester gelding has shown himself such a smasher, even under heavy weights, that if he be fit and well he must have a chance. Blue-jacket has left for the scene of action. The race is not run over his best distance, but still, since the Avondale Meeting, he has put in some good work, and he may be expected to run fairly well. Bush Rose and Crusoe are weighted up to form. I like Rosella with 8st 6lb very well, and if The Hempie has developed into a better mare as she was last season she should run well with 7st 11lb. Laetitia, Scottish Minstrel, and Lady Lorne hardly compare well with some of those above them. Tirade with 7st 5lb is fairly well treated. I think the placed horses will be

- ROSELLA ... .. 1
BLUEJACKET ... .. 2
THE HEMPIE ... .. 3

For the other races I fancy the following:—

- Handicap Hurdles.
LIGHT ... .. 1
CAIRO ... .. 2
TUI ... .. 3

- Flying Handicap.
LASTING ... .. 1
COBA LINN ... .. 2
HASTINGS ... .. 3

- Hack Hurdles.
KAIWHAKAROA ... .. 1
FROST ... .. 2
KILKENNY ... .. 3

- Trial Hack Handicap.
TUKAPA ... .. 1
BONUS ... .. 2
LIABLE ... .. 3

- Handicap Hack Race.
REDOUBT ... .. 1
LUBBA ... .. 2
TAPLOW ... .. 3

Inter-Provincial.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

TARANAKI.

THE WANGANUI MEETING — ANTICIPATIONS—THE MINERVA II CASE.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Sept. 24

G. Wright arrived here to-day with Rosella, Laetitia, Hastings and Beddington, and went on by the evening train to Wanganui.

Great interest is being taken in the Wanganui Spring Meeting, and there is every prospect of a successful re-union. Without the acceptances being in, my fancies are: Spring Handicap, Scottish Minstrel or Bush Rose; Hurdles, Hauriri or Light; Flying Handicap, Tommy Atkins or Sentry; Trial Hack, Tukapa or Mamaku; Second Hack Flat, Lubra or Gipsy Queen; Hack Hurdles, Wharangi or Blueberry. There is a prospect of a good race for the Guineas. Formosan, Cannie Chiel and Beddington are looked upon as sure starters. I think the winner should come from the trio, and the race may result in the above order.

The Taranaki Metropolitan Club have appealed against the decision in the matter of Minerva II. The stallion parade held here last Saturday was a poor affair. There does not seem to be much interest taken in horse breeding in North Taranaki.

CANTERBURY.

FORMOSAN — NIHILIST AND ST DENIS — CHRISTCHURCH HORSES FOR WANGANUI — MALATUA AND MILITARY—DJIN DJIN—DUNDAS—STRAITHNAIRN.

CHRISTCHURCH, September 25.

Formosan has been bracketed with almost every horse in the double, New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap.

Nihilist and St Denis are two capital weight carriers. They performed well at Ashburton, as a glance at their running will show.

Pæston, the only Trenton sire in the colony, has so far not got any brilliant performers, but some of his stock, Bonaparte, Flame, and one or two others shaped well at Ashburton last week, and should do better in future engagements.

Lady Zetland and Reverie, Mr R. Gates' two brood mares, have been visited by the English-bred obligato, who is now owned by Mr Gates.

Double Event, who broke down just before the last New Zealand Cup, is doing stud duty in the Ashburton district. He was on view at the Ashburton horse parade on Saturday.

E. Derrett, L. H. Hewitt, and W. Brown were the most successful jockeys at the Ashburton Meeting, each scoring three wins.

Ted Cutts left for Wanganui on Saturday, taking with him Cannie Chiel and Scottish Minstrel.

