

good race. There are seven other defections, but a field of sixteen remains in, and the ultimate winner is hard to locate. The result may be

BONNE ESPERANCE	...	1
ROSEBLOT	...	2
BLACKWING	...	3
RAILWAY HANDICAP three-quarters of a mile.		
	st lb	st lb
The Shannon	8 11 Ngaparua	7 10
Glenogle	8 6 West Guard	7 7
Sedgebrook	8 0 Sentry	7 0
Sundial	7 13 Osborne	7 0

The last event on the card is the Railway Handicap, in which The Shannon heads the list with 8st 11lb, but she appears to have gone off lately and may not strip fit. If Glenogle is started he should show a bold front, although a runner in the Challenge Stakes an hour previously. There is nothing shining out prominently among the rest, but it's time Sentry scored for his owner. I go for

GLENOGLE	...	1
SENTRY	...	2
SEDEBROOK	...	3

NEW ZEALAND ST. LEGER STAKES, one mile and three-quarters.

Cannie Chiel Somerled Beddington

The New Zealand St Leger is to be determined on the second day and ought to go to BEDDINGTON.

Inter-Provincial.

WELLINGTON.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

ADVANCE'S RUNNING-RANGITIKEI HUNT CLUB-APPOINTMENT OF MARTON J.C. TRUSTEES-HORSEY PARS-HEWITT'S DISQUALIFICATION-WELLINGTON R.C.'S NEW OFFICES.

WELLINGTON, April 20.

The Wairarapa Racing Club came off £200 to the good over its late meeting, despite the unsatisfactory weather that prevailed on the second day.

I learn that Advance's price for the All-aged Stakes at Randwick was 7 to 4 against, but there was a little going at 2 to 1 prior to those odds being offered. One Sydney writer says that the lessees of the horse were very unwise in scratching him for the Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup when they did, as he would have taken no end of beating. Be this as it may, Laurel's son proved unequal to downing La Carabine and San Fran in the A.J.C. Plate on the fourth day of the meeting. According to one observant writer who was at the gathering, Advance's understandings show signs of wear, and he doesn't think he will be kept on the turf long. Perhaps not, but the horse's owners aren't the sort of people to knock him about, and the black isn't likely to be raced off his legs. A winter spell and a good spring preparation may precede another visitation to Flemington at Cup time in November.

Charley Jenkins didn't carry a whip when he won the Autumn Stakes, of a mile and a-half, on the opening day at Randwick, and it will probably be found on arrival of the next mail that he didn't use one in Advance's other two races either. It has been said across the water that Laurel's son turns out, and won't answer when thrashed, but one writer, in alluding to the matter, doesn't put Advance down as a cur on that account. He says that the horse seems to be flogged when he has done all he can and can do no more. Well, there is a great deal of sound reasoning in that assertion, and I am inclined to coincide with it. Advance certainly never shirked the whip before he went to Australia, but there were few occasions when it was necessary to apply it for that matter, but if he races better without sight of it so much the better. Many a valuable race has been lost through a sparing use of brains and indiscriminate use of the flail.

Trainer Scobie, by the way, was one of the first to congratulate the Porirua trainer on his initial win. "I'm sorry La Carabine got beaten," he said, "but I'm glad that you've had a win with Advance." The stakes won during the Melbourne and Sydney campaign by Prosser's charge will amount to £1460.

Mr J. G. Wilson presided at the annual meeting of the Rangitikei Hunt Club, when the report of last year's operations was presented and pronounced favourable. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr J. G. Wilson; vice-presidents, Messrs R. A. Worth and W. H. Hammond, deputy masters; Messrs J. Hammond, T. McKenzie, and L. M. Taverner; committee, Dr Skerman, Messrs W. A. Keiler, R. E. Beckett, R. Aldworth, J. Green, K. Dalrymple, F. Gibbons, E. J. Wilde, P. Wotton, L. R. Houghton, F. Watson, and E. G. Alpin; secretary, G. F. Bishop. Mr Bishop was voted a donation of £5 5s for past services. Five new members were elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the farmers of the district for the use of their paddocks during the hunting season. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs J. G. Wilson, D. G. Rutherford, J. Hammond, H. Gaisford, and A. H. Bill, was appointed to arrange for the annual ball and Point to Point Steeplechase. It was decided to give another dinner this year to the farmers. The trophies for the Point to Point gathering will be given by the Club this time, but members are to be asked to subscribe towards a race for farmers' horses that haven't raced for three years in other than Point to Point events. The sum of £10 10s was subscribed in the room for this object. The members' open events will be confined to hacks and hunters only. Vanquish, Sundial, Employer, and Forward Guard, came to the Hutt after the Feilding Meeting.]

Mr R. Bright, of Greytown, lost a two-year-old filly by Trickster last week. She was fastened to a fence with a rope in which she got her feet tangled, and in plunging she tumbled over and broke her neck.

Mr Prosser leaves Sydney to-day (Saturday) with Advance and his recently acquired blood-stock, purchased for himself and clients who entrusted him with commissions.

Boreas arrived here from Auckland this week, looking as well as when he left here for Melbourne a while back.

Messrs S. Gibbons, R. E. Beckett, and D. G. Riddiford, of the Marton Jockey Club have been appointed trustees, and empowered to complete the purchase of the new course from Mr Crabb.

Brisa ran very badly at the Taieri, and didn't pay up for the Wellington Meeting.

W. Young, who scored on Reikura at Nelson, is a very small jock, and weighs 4st 2lb.

Queen's Guard wasn't accepted for at the Hutt. One of her legs filled after the Wairarapa Meeting.

Field Rose, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington, will not be seen out again until next spring.

Mr H. Knight's Phaeton filly Olytie didn't shape sufficiently well in her recent Southern engagements to warrant her being brought to Wellington.

Mr F. N. Jones controlled the totalisators (£1 and 10s) at Nelson, the machines being worked separately.

J. Cress's horses have won seven races and run two dead-heats for first place at the Blenheim, Wairarapa and Nelson Meetings, all got off recently.

The following amounts were paid over after the late Feilding Meeting:—Messrs J. George, £180; D. Gordon, £120; J. Goodwin, £85; E. Morse, £85; W. H. Phillips, £80; H. Quinn, £60; P. Coffey, £60; V. H. Collelo, £60; J. Macara, £40; R. T. Haiaaga, £30; J. Belcher, £30; D. G. Riddiford, £20; F. H. Lambert, £20; and others, bringing the total up to £1020.

Roney, by Piscatorius, has gone wrong. The trotter Bata, handicapped at Nelson, had his name changed to Rataplan at the instance of the chairman of the New Zealand Trotting Association, there being another of the name in the colony.

The Kumerua Racing Club holds its next meeting on June 3.

The jockey Hewitt was to have ridden at the Wellington Racing Club's Meeting, but his six months' disqualification by the South Canterbury stewards for interference in the race won by Benzoin (also passed out) has prevented his doing so. Benzoin rolled badly in the race in question, and Hewitt says that he didn't deliberately cross anything in the straight.

Weights for the Manawatu Racing Club's Meeting are due on Thursday.

The Hon. G. McLean purchased a colt by Projectile in Sydney, and the youngster arrived here the other day and was taken South.

The Wellington Racing Club has secured commodious offices in the Exchange Buildings, Lambton Quay, and Mr Clark, secretary, is now installed there. The location is No. 1, first floor.

Beddington, Rosella, and Nonette arrived from Auckland to-day. Cannie Chiel, Glenogle, Glensadale, Somerled, Mensechikoff, and Skobelev also came up from the South.

Loveshot, who hasn't sported silk for a long time, ran at Nelson, but toiled hopelessly in the rear in his races.

Languid, who is in the Maiden at the Hutt, is a two-year-old by Son-of-a-Gun—Tired. F. Higgott secured her when at Christchurch recently.

Ruamahunga, who dead-headed Volley in the Nelson Cup the other day, won the event in 1899.

April 24.

The stallion Mauser (by Maxim), secured by Mr Corlett for stud purposes, arrived at Carterton last week.

A goodly number of visitors have already put in an appearance in connection with this week's meeting.

The balance-sheet in connection with the late Wairarapa Club's gathering shows a surplus of £332. There is a debit at the bank, however, totalling £857.

The Wellington Club has secured a new set of saddle cloths; the numbers are in white on black ground, rendering them more conspicuous.

Shrapnel Shell, engaged in the Maiden at the Hutt, is by Son-of-a-Gun—Dudu, and consequently half-brother to Fashion.

The committee of the Wairarapa Racing Club has considered the question of holding a steeplechase meeting, and decided to remit the matter to the general meeting of members. They recommend that if a winter fixture of this character is decided upon, that the sum of £850 be voted for stakes.

The committee of the Wellington Racing Club met this afternoon, and formally passed a resolution barring all bookmakers, their clerks, or agents, from entering the course this week.

At the last race meeting of the Wairarapa Club, the judge, Mr J. S. Oundy, declared a dead-heat between Mr W. J. Nix's Forest Oak and Mr

J. Cress's Cavalier, in the High-Weight Handicap on the second day. Mr Nix was aggrieved at this, declaring that his horse had won, and that the judge was at fault. In consequence of his conduct Mr Cundy wrote to the stewards (of whom Mr Nix is one) complaining about the matter. As Mr Nix refused to withdraw his statement, a resolution was passed to the effect that the stewards wished to record their absolute confidence in the judge's ability, and that Mr Nix, in consequence of his conduct aggravated by his position as a steward, and his continued refusal to withdraw, be suspended for the remainder of his term of office.

It appears that the hooting indulged in at Nelson when Honduras won the Second Trot, was on account of the farcical contests provided by the trots on both days. Indifferent handicapping was apparently the cause of the trouble, but Nelsonites don't take very kindly to trots.

The omission of Ruamahunga from the Hutt acceptance list on the first day, was due to the horse having struck himself at the start of the Richmond Park stakes at Nelson. He fell back, but finished very gamely. The injury necessitated his being scratched for the Waimea Handicap later on.

Rhoderick Dhu jumped right on top of the hurdle opposite the grandstand at Nelson, on the second day of the meeting.

Adam McMorrin had three winning mounts at Nelson, G. Price and Cotton (trots) two each, H. O'Leary and H. Fowler one and a dead-heat, and C. Cress, F. Lowry, and W. Young one apiece.

TARANAKI.

DEATH OF DORIS—J. GOODWIN AND J. O'DRISCOLL SHIFT THEIR STABLES—TARANAKI REPRESENTATIVES AT WELLINGTON—WELLINGTON FANCIERS.

NEW PLYMOUTH, April 22.

The St Leger—Ophelia mare, Doris, died at Mr J. Montefiore's farm at Okato on Friday last, from an attack of inflammation of the lungs. The mare was stunted to Daystar, but a post-mortem, which revealed the cause of death, also proved that she was empty. The mare has left a yearling colt foal (somewhat small) by the same sire.

Mr J. Goodwin has shifted his racing quarters from New Plymouth, having purchased the lease of the Shamrock Hotel at Hawera. The inmates of his stable in training are Sylvia Park, Lady Bell, Kidbrook, Flying Jib and a half-brother to Kidbrook.

Mr J. O'Driscoll's stables at Bell Block will be transferred to New Plymouth when the owner takes possession of the new hotel that is being erected for him.

Taranaki will be well represented at the Wellington Meeting. J. George took down Crusoe, St Ada, Durable and Lasting (the last for Manawatu). P. Johnson went down with Battleaxe, Okoari and Dartmoor, and J. Goodwin with Sylvia Park and Lady Bell.

For the Thompson Handicap I like the chances of Glensadale, Sylvia Park and Melwood in order; Waimetu Handicap: Battleaxe or Ngaparua; Hurdles: Vanquish or Waiwera; Welter Handicap: Lady Bell or Dartmoor; Railway Handicap: Glenogle or Sentry; First Hack Handicap: Dormitory or Jemima; Maiden Hack Handicap: Fakir or Durable; N.Z. St Leger Stakes: Mensechikoff.

The Howitzer-Maratau gelding, Waireka, has been returned to his owner, Mr A. Standish, who intends to keep the gelding in work for future engagements.

There is every prospect of the Egmont Club having a successful winter fixture next month.

The Needle was well-backed here for the Avondale Handicap.

CANTERBURY.

STABLE JOTTINGS—SANT ILARIO'S ACCIDENT—BENZOIN AT TIMARU—CANTERBURY HORSES AT WELLINGTON—DRAMATIC NOTES.

CHRISTCHURCH, April 20.

Glenogle is a strong tip locally for the Railway Handicap at Wellington. This horse is the most likely member of Clifford's team to score at the meeting, although Cannie Chiel will be hard to beat in the St. Leger Stakes.

F. Claridge has returned from the West Coast, bringing Surrey with him. Position, by Position—Release, purchased a short time ago by O. B. Reid in Australia, arrived last week, and is now located at his new owner's stables.

Sant Ilario is again in trouble; on Saturday morning the son of Cissy burst his foot rather badly; it will take some time before he will be able to do any fast work.

Benzoin was in great form at Timaru, and simply made common hacks of the field in the Autumn Handicap. When properly wound up the English-bred horse is a difficult customer, but he is in capital fettle just now.

M. Hobbs has had Ben Battle, by imported horse Melboos, added to his team.

Gipsy Grand—Sortie filly Foray, who has not sported silk since the spring, has been put into work. G. Matthews has charge of her.

Several Canterbury horses will take part in the Wellington Meeting this week. His number includes Skobelev, Mensechikoff, Glenogle, Cannie Chiel, Somerled, Glensadale, Cameo and Long Tom. Taking events in order on the first day, Cameo is engaged in the Waiwetu Handicap, and if he is beaten I think Ostiak will be the most likely one to do it. Skobelev and Glensadale are in the Thompsons Handicap, but I do not fancy the chances of either. I think the winner will come from Melwood or Palaver. In the Hurdle Race Long Tom should be hard to beat.

Very little is doing in the theatrical line here of late. The Royal is still untenanted. Dix's Show is attracting big houses nightly. Johnny Coleman's turn is a very popular one, and his "I Must Have a Day Off For That" gets encored any number of times every evening. Lottie Lorne (Mrs Coleman) scores, too, and Frank M. Clark is much appreciated. The clever Gonzales sisters are thought a good deal of also; Rexo is a favourite, and, in fact, the bill is as strong as gunpowder every night through. To-night (Saturday) George Dean, the character-voicist, makes a welcome re-appearance. Manager Will Jamason certainly understands the art of keeping the ball rolling. Dix's is now a recognised place of public resort with all classes, including the "toney" people. To-night Northcote's Pepper's Ghost Company open at the Oddfellow's Hall (lately vacated by the Fullers) in a pictorial version of Dickens's "Xmas Carol." Your old friend—and mine—Harry Abbott, stall boss of the show. I fancy Northcote will stop a long time if sufficient inducement offers.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI WINTER MEETING ENTRIES—SOU'-WESTER AND FLINTLOCK FOR SALE—GENERAL SPORT AND HOTEL CHANGES.

WANGANUI, April 24.

Nominations for the Wanganui Winter Meeting are far in excess of last year, there being 263, as against 209 or 54 to the good, amongst entrants being several who have not hitherto tackled the so-called illegitimate game, but which, judging by prize money, attracts flat racers of quality to enter the lists of jumping performers. With good weight adjustments the meeting should be the best yet held. In the big Steeples it is noticeable that there are 22 this year, as against 19 last year.

Entry of 54 yearlings received for the Wanganui Guineas of 1902, and for the Jackson Stakes of 1903 entry of 92 foals, making a total of 189 entries. The principal nominators are Messrs Morrin, Nathan, Ormond, Clifford, Stead, Evans, Prosser, Douglas and Watt.

I hear that the sires Sou'-Wester and Flintlock are for sale, and from their splendid breeding they should command ready disposal. Most extraordinary, but nevertheless a fact, that in this district horse owners seem indisposed to patronise sires of blood, which should give good return, and breeders of thoroughbred stock, following their example, decay their qualities. The consequence is that breeders are heartily sick of the game, and will not keep stallions which do not pay oats.

Matters connected with show business are at present a dead letter.

Football promises to be very much in evidence here during the winter, and the different clubs are busily putting on war paint preparatory to many anticipatory frays.

Amongst hotel changes it may be mentioned that Charlie Butt has sold out his interests in the Okaiawa Hotel, also that Lloyd, owner of Freehold Commercial Hotel, takes possession shortly on his own account.

After the Races.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

[BY LOCKIE.]

FIRST DAY, APRIL 20.

The Avondale J.O. authorities were favoured for their first day's gathering with magnificent weather, old Sol shining forth in all his glory. The meeting was held on the Ellerslie Course, which had been placed at the disposal of the suburban club by the A.R.O. authorities, the improvements on the Avondale Course not being yet completed. The attendance compared with that usually seen at Ellerslie did not appear to be large, but as a sum of £7365 was passed through the totalisator as against £4646 when the Club raced on its own grounds this time last year, the committee must look upon the change as beneficial to them. Mr Harry Hayr and his committee are to be congratulated on the complete arrangements made for the comfort of their patrons. The races were run off well to time, and no disputes occurred to mar the harmony of the afternoon. Mr John Bolland, the Club's president, occupied the judge's box satisfactorily, none of his decisions being questioned. Mr Evelt's handicapping produced some good finishes, and Mr Cutts was fairly successful as starter. Hunter's Garrison Band discoursed sweet music from a long and varied programme, and the inner mar was well looked after by the Strand Café Company.

The serious business of the day opened with the Maiden Handicap, for which there were eleven starters, Bacchus being in most demand, with Belfast and Tiki next choice. Peerage was first away at the barrier rise, and at the cutting was leading Tiki by two lengths, with Ivan and

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