

the Shannon to the breeding paddocks. This owner has christened the Phoebus Appollo—Aida colt Olympus. T. Quinliven, junr., who controls the destinies of the bearers of the blue and white uniform, has given the name of Mottle to the yearling full sister to Tortulla, that he purchased last Monday, at the annual yearling sales of the Temahanga youngsters, and Merrywing is the cognomen that he has bestowed upon the Merriwee Fleet-wing filly foal. She is a half-sister to Bird of Passage and Straybird.

Judging from the general tenor of remarks that have been going the rounds since the prohibition party have got elected for the licensing bench, it seems as if the several racing clubs here will have a tough time of it, as regards the publican booths, for it is understood that one of the boards of the prohibition ticket party's platform is that no extra licenses must be granted. If this is true, race goers locally will have a dry time of it for the next three years, while attending the Hawke's Bay fixtures, for not alone at Napier, but in Waipawa, the water faddists have got the big end of the log in their grip.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, April, 8.

Although the Southland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting did not look too promising on paper, owing to the numerical weakness of the fields engaged, the club emerged from the fixture with a deficit of £301 only on last year's totalisator receipts. The heroine of the meeting was the Manawanui, mare Tugela, who got away with three races during the two days, and has been a consistent stake winner ever since her present owner purchased her. The Hon. Geo. McLean sent down Lady Rosslyn and Noblesse, the full sister to the defunct Nobility, but neither earned a running bracket. The former could not even gain second money in a field of two on the first day, as in her endeavours to shirk her task she whipped inside a post. Phaetonitis and Red Ronald, who have both shown improvement in their recent efforts under silk, both continued in winning vein, and scored on the first day of the meeting.

Fright gave H. Carr a winning ride on the first day's Steeplechase, and a fall in the second, but the popular horseman escaped from the latter mishap with a bad shaking up, and will be in the saddle at the Riverton Meeting, where his services are likely to be in request.

Silver Rupee, one of the few horses left by Silvermark, was in fairly good form, and won the Shorts Handicap on the second day with something to spare, but ran off in the Winter Oats Handicap, when the race was at her mercy. The meeting passed off without any unpleasantness cropping up, except that McComb and Townsend, who were riding in the Hack Race, were complained against by the owner of Phaetonitis for alleged interference with the Phaeton gelding during the race, but those who were in a position and qualified to judge, held the opinion that there was nothing to substantiate "Mr J. Tristram's" charge. Furthermore, considering the feeling which may be said to exist between McComb and the Southern club, it is not likely McComb would place his license in jeopardy, particularly on the eve of such an important meeting as the C.J.C. Easter gathering.

The Australian light-weight, W. Webb, who recently arrived here from the other side, has been engaged to ride for Mr McGuinness at the Taieri Meeting. Amongst his races Webb won in Australia were the Sandhurst Cup, on Tikomai, and the Wagga Wagga Cup, on Roseleaf.

Pampero and Vladimir were missed out of the acceptances for the Great Autumn, owing to their owner imagining that the acceptances for the race closed on the night of the first day of the meeting. The inclusion of the pair in the race would have considerably enhanced the interest taken in the twelve furlong event by local sports.

L. G. King and C. Jenkins will ride the Hon. G. McLean's horses in the Great Easter Handicap, and W. Holmes will have the riding on Red Gauntlet. T. O'Brien will have the ride on Blazer in the Great Easter Handicap.

McGuinness' team left for Riccarton yesterday. Ardnarf, Blazer, and Battler leave for Riccarton on Saturday next. H. Carr was offered the ride on Slow Tom at Riccarton next week, but as he would have had to sacrifice several rides at the Riverton Meeting, which falls on the same dates, he decided in favour of the Southern meeting.

The chaser Pipi will accompany Petrovna to Riccarton, and the pair will probably cross over to Wellington at the conclusion of the Riccarton Meeting. The first-named horse will make his appearance under silk at the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting if all goes well with him.

Mr Goodman has found it impossible to get Sirius ready for the Christchurch Meeting, and consequently the horse will not journey to the Northern city. Sirius is not likely to be raced again until the back end of the season.



ELLERSLIE.

Tuesday morning is generally utilised for some fast work, and this week was, of course, no exception to the rule, the near approach of the A.R.C. Meeting causing trainers to send along their charges in earnest. The morning fortunately was fine although rather cold, and the course was in good condition.

Scotty and Bacchus were given a round, Formula bringing Scotty home. It was a fair gallop, taking 2min 11sec to accomplish. Lingard ran a solid mile and a-half, while Cavaliero merely cantered.

Jewellery was sent the Easter Handicap distance at top, and finished very well, but the time was nothing wonderful.

Golden Rose, who is looking the picture of health, slipped along over six furlongs, while Cyrus was associated with Thunderer, whom he beat over a furlong less.

Northumberland began very slowly with Rosella, the mare getting a big break, but the colt was upside with her at the end of a mile, run in 1min 54sec.

Lavadel, Idas, and Dolores brushed over six furlongs together, and the latter appeared to have the best of the bout, but the time was slow.

The jumpers Royal Conqueror, Haydn, and Marine were associated over a long trip, run at little better than half-speed.

The Southerner Westguard carried too many guns for a mate over five furlongs, finishing strongly in 1min 9sec.

Annoyed beat Avalanche over seven furlongs.

Strathavon hardly showed to advantage when coupled with The Needle, the latter finishing in front at the end of seven furlongs in 1min 37sec.

Val Rosa and Landlock streaked over seven furlongs at top speed, running the distance in a second less, and the Seaton Delaval horse appeared to have the best of the bout. Mars galloped a round by himself at a good steady pace.

Stibington and The Middy had a half-mile brush, the latter showing too much pace for his companion.

Cygnat was seen to advantage with Bobs and Spalpeen over five furlongs, which was reeled off in 1min 9½sec.

Matamataharakeiki and Putty were sent a strong mile, the latter finishing in front.

Wairiki had an easy exercise canter once round, and then clapped on speed for a mile, his younger sister being him home. The mile was run in 1min 53½sec, and it appeared to me that the big fellow was rolling a bit at the finish.

Solo ran a mile in 1min 56sec, Mechanic and Camille being associated with him.

Alba Rose finished ahead of Idasa over five furlongs, run in 1min 10sec, while Agrapus had the heels of Desdemona over half-a-mile, run in 56sec.

Inchcape and also Cannongate did long striding work.

Others out on the tracks were: Orange and Blue, Stepaway, St. Loanda, Te Aroha, Delania, Bonheur, St. Gordon, Giron Girl, Gladys Rose, Bloodstone, Merry Soult, Lady Annie, Ropa, Sentinel, and others.

RICCARTON.

The tracks were very heavy on Saturday morning, owing to the heavy rains which fell since the previous Tuesday. Despite the unfavourable conditions some interesting work was done, but the times registered were slow. Deerstalker and Aberlow were the first pair out, and were sent a strong gallop over six furlongs. The filly moved very freely, and should run well in her Northern engagements at Easter. To-morrow ran a similar distance in 1min 23min, while Cannie Shiel traversed a mile and a-quarter, Wind-whistle assisting him over the last mile, the last seven furlongs being left behind in 1min 38½sec. Treadmill accomplished a working gallop over six furlongs, which he ran in 1min 23½sec. Ragabrush put in sound pacing over five furlongs, while Tercelet negotiated two circuits on the cinders at half-speed.

Golden Vein alone ran seven furlongs in 1min 36sec, going pleasingly, while Quarryman took 1min 25½sec to run six furlongs.

Stepdancer had King Stork as companion in a gallop over the Autumn Handicap course. The pair broke away together, but before going half-a-mile King Stork began to drop back, evidently finding the pace too solid. Firebrand joined the mare at the seven furlongs mark, and the pair raced home together. Stepdancer finished very well, and pleased onlookers. The times for the various stages of the gallop were as follows:—First half mile, 55½sec; mile, 1min 53½sec; and the final

distance in 2min 52sec. This was from a walking up start, and is considered a very fair gallop on heavy going. Ropa brushed over six furlongs in 1min 24½sec.

After breakfast the weather cleared, and Holmes despatched Scylla for a couple of circuits, finishing over the last half-mile of each round at three-quarter speed. Kelburn ran the last half-mile of a steady circuit in 54sec, while Gladisla performed a similar task. Secret Society and Covenant Maid executed a working gallop over six furlongs, finishing together in 1min 25sec. The Easter Handicap horse, however, was going very well, and appeared as though he would have registered a good gallop had he been extended. Ordnance defeated Narcissus in a spin over seven furlongs, which was run in 1min 46sec. Lavalette galloped half-a-mile in 54sec, while Dirk dashed over six furlongs in 1min 23sec. Lady Lillian registered the best six furlongs gallop of the morning, running the distance in 1min 21½sec, finishing up the task in a pleasing manner. Goldenmere brushed over five furlongs, the half-mile occupying 56sec.

Pallas, Welbeck and Zealous had a spin over seven furlongs, but through Welbeck breaking away before the mark was reached, it was a very straggling start, of which Zealous and Pallas fared worse. However, the two soon got on equal terms, and half-way down the straight Welbeck was beaten, while the other pair were together when the post was reached, although they were not ridden, but they appeared to be fully extended. Pallas, who was slowest to move, ran the distance in 1min 35sec, a fair performance. Welbeck pulled up lame, and was led back to the sheds. He left the course very lame, so that he may be counted an unlikely starter at the Meeting. Cerise and Blue and Leonore ran five furlongs in 1min 10sec, but could have improved upon that time. Calibre, who went sorely, traversed a mile in 1min 55sec. Lolah galloped a mile, the last seven furlongs occupying 1min 38sec, while Nell Gwyne, Rosemere, Antigone, Bombardo, Kharki, Brave Heart and Cora Lynn were allotted steady pacing.

All the money forthcoming about Orloff Pallas combination has been snapped up in Christchurch and elsewhere. Secret Society was backed from the right quarter for the Easter Handicap to-day, in doubles with General Symons and Pallas. Orloff will start a strong favorite for the Easter Handicap, while Pallas is almost certain to carry the bulk of the money in the Great Autumn. General Symons has come into favour for the Great Autumn Handicap during the last week.

April 8.

The inside of the trial grass was opened this morning. This, coupled with the improved going, was responsible for the good times registered.

Cannie Chiel and Windwhistle galloped a mile, in which the latter showed to advantage, the time registered being 1min 48sec. Cannie Chiel disappointed the onlookers.

Treadmill and Golden Vein dashed over the seven furlongs in 1min 32½ sec, finishing together. The former, who moved well, could have improved upon that time.

Secret Society, looking in capital fettle, ran a mile, Narcissus accompanying him the last seven furlongs, which was run in 1min 32 1-5sec. Secret Society tired towards the finish.

Ragabrush defeated Deerstalker over seven furlongs, the last six furlongs of which was run in 1min 19sec.

Cora Linn, looking well, galloped half-a-mile up the back in 52½sec.

Quarryman's mission was five furlongs at three-quarter speed. Stepdancer and Firebrand were associated in the gallop over seven furlongs, which occupied 1min 33sec. The former, who was going well at the finish, showing to advantage.

Scylla, Nell Gwyn, and Kelburne, after cantering once round, spurted half-a-mile in 50sec, finishing in the order named.

Leonore defeated Cerise and Blue over six furlongs in 1min 21sec.

Royal Standard compassed the circuit at half-speed. Bombardo, Clanburn, and King Stork were companions in a gallop over the one mile and a-quarter. The first-named appeared to advantage at the finish. The time registered was 2min 26½sec, a fair performance. King Stork got away badly, but made up some of his leeway, and finished within a few lengths of the leader.

Lolah and Ropu galloped seven furlongs in 1min 33sec, the former finishing in front.

Lee Enfield defeated Roscommon and First Shot over half-a-mile, run in 50½ sec, while De La Rey alone covered a similar distance in 51½sec.

Pallas traversed a mile and a-quarter, being assisted by Lavalette over the last seven furlongs. Lavalette appeared to hold his companion safe at the finish. The times for the various stages of the gallop were as follows:—First two furlongs, 27sec; six furlongs, 1min 19½sec; full distance, 2min 13½sec. From a flying start, Pallas moved freely, and is apparently in fine fettle.

Lady Lillian and Zealous were companions over seven furlongs. On reach-

ing the post, the latter broke away, and negotiated a circuit steadily before she was pulled up. At the second attempt the pair got away on even terms. Lady Lillian, who had the better of the gallop throughout, and finished half a length to the good. The time registered, 1min 31 sec, was the fastest of the morning over this distance, but the horses had a flying start. Lady Lillian also had the advantage of the inside running.

After breakfast, Antigone defeated Ordnance over seven furlongs in 1min 33sec from a standing start.

Covenant Maid galloped six furlongs in 1min 18sec, moving pleasingly.

Calibre traversed a mile and a-half at three-quarter speed.

Kharki, who is looking well, compassed two circuits, brushing over the last half-mile of each round.

Golden Mere finished in front of Dirk over five furlongs, which occupied 1min 7½sec.

Hypnotist ran half-a-mile in 52sec, while Gladisla, Merrymaker and a few others were allotted useful tasks.

Motor arrived from Wellington yesterday.

WINGATUI.

Dunedin, April 7.

During the past few days the local horses who promise to play an important part at Riccarton next week have been doing solid work. The track at Wingatui on Saturday was on the heavy side, as a result of the rains which had fallen during the early portion of the week all the work was got through on the inside of the course proper. Shortly after seven McGuinness commenced operations by sending Red Gauntlet over seven furlongs. The Lochiel colt broke away from the mark by himself, and was picked up at the five furlongs post by Lady Rosslyn, who, favoured by having a feather-weight on her back, for once in a way, galloped generously, and was just showing clear off Red Gauntlet as the pair passed the judge's box. Red Gauntlet occupied a tick over 32sec in negotiating the seven furlongs. The last five furlongs were left behind in 7½sec, and the last half in 53 4-5sec. Red Gauntlet finished fairly well, and pulled up perfectly sound, although his near hind heel does not bear a very attractive appearance. Pampero and Vladimir (the latter in receipt of a good deal of weight) were coupled over seven furlongs, which occupied 1min 31 4-5sec, the last six being left behind in 1min 20 sec. The pair finished together, and the Stepniak colt was moving a trifle freer than Pampero, but it is to be borne in mind that the latter has become sluggish on the track, and is a different horse under silk. Pampero pulled up perfectly sound, and walked about afterwards with his characteristic buoyancy.

Crown Imperial and Lady Babie were put together over five furlongs, and finished together in 1min 9 1-5sec. Ardnarf was escorted over the last five furlongs of a mile by Battler, who strode home in front of the Fitzhercules gelding. Ardnarf left six furlongs behind in 1min 24½ sec. Blazer and Petrovna trotted the reverse way to the six furlongs post, and in the break away the first-named obtained about a length and a-half advantage. Turning into the straight Blazer ran wide, but finished half-a-length in front of the mare in 1min 20sec. Petrovna had the stick shaken at her at the finish, and Blazer was moving more attractively at the end of the task.

St. Denis solus raced over six furlongs in a tick outside of 1min 20sec, and like all our great Easter candidates, is in good heart and very fit.

At present Blazer, who shaped well on Saturday morning in a gallop with Petrovna, and on Monday last in a gallop with Red Gauntlet, has come into favour. Judging by the way he has comported himself on the track recently, the son of St. Clair and Mountain Lily has regained form, and all going well will give a good account of himself, but I would prefer him over a shorter course. Blazer goes North on Saturday next, and the reason for the delay is to minimise as far as possible any ill-effects which may arise in the event of the horse going off his feed after leaving home.

Vladimir, St. Denis, and Pampero are a trio whose track work has appealed most to me. Pampero was associated with Vladimir in the last couple of gallops he had at Wingatui, and although the Stepniak colt was moving more attractively than the other, still he was receiving a liberal concession in weight to all outward appearances, and with the colours up, and at the difference that they are to meet at in the Easter, I imagine that Pampero will hold the other safe. Pampero again has been able to do track work which compares favourably with that done by any of the other Wingatui-trained lot, and he is likely to go on improving. The going at Riccarton, owing to recent rains, will be in his favour, and at the present stage Pampero's chance in the Great Easter reads, in my opinion, second to none. Next to him I like St. Denis and Orloff.