

WANGANUI.

Dorando Doing Light Work—Hurdle Events at Wanganui Attract Small Entry—Likely-looking Trio in Egmont Cup.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

J. Lambess evidently has hopes of making a hurdler of the son of Torager which he has in training, as he is schooling him over the small sticks. He is a likely cut, but it will take some time to get him into proper shape.

Euroco does not appear to be making any improvement in condition and it will be a long time before he is back to his best form. He looks quite a wreck at present and has nasty lumps on his elbows.

The gelding Dorando is a frequent visitor to the tracks, though his work is only of the lightest description. He is in splendid condition for one who will not be wanted to race for about three months, by which time there is every prospect of him being as good if not better than ever. His owner has hopes of taking the San Fran gelding to Australia for the coming steeplechase season, and if he does make the trip across he should be able to pick up a good stake or two.

White Plume, which is being trained by W. H. Keith, is engaged at the Egmont meeting next month. He looks a bit on the big side, but is very well, having done a lot of swimming.

with running a big race in the Cup, in which she finished fourth, and would have been closer with any luck. The racing there should do the Conqueror gelding good, and he ought to be at his top form by the time the Wanganui Cup meeting comes round.

It looks as if the Wanganui Jockey Club will have to take into serious consideration the question as to whether or not it would be advisable to strike the hurdle events off both the spring and the autumn programmes. The nominations received for the hurdle events (both open and hack) for the Cup meeting are small and very poor in quality. Some years ago a fine lot of hurdlers was always seen out at the Wanganui meetings, but of late years there has been a great falling off, and the entries received are much under what might reasonably be expected, considering the value of the prize-money offered. It would come as no surprise, therefore, to find the club cutting out some of the hurdle events at its spring and autumn meetings. If a move is made in this direction it is hard to say what could be substituted, though I would like to see the club put on a good weight-for-age race at each meeting, over, say, a mile and a-quarter or a mile and a-half. Such races may not draw any more nominations than the hurdle events, but they would, at all events, attract the best class of horses and provide some very interesting contests.

The Wanganui Trotting Club should make a big success of its next annual meeting, which will take place on the Wanganui racecourse on February 27 and March 2. The Wanganui Jockey

HAWKE'S BAY.

H.B. Stewards' Stand Destroyed by Fire—Candidates Supported Locally at Trentham.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, January 24.

On Wednesday morning a fire took place on the Hawke's Bay course, which resulted in the complete destruction of the stewards' stand. The building contained the secretary's office, stewards' and press rooms. On the day of the conflagration tenders were to close for the disposal of the building, which was insured for £300. The weighing room, which was in close proximity to the premises destroyed, was saved.

Tete-a-tete, who has been under the control of J. S. O'Neill, at Hastings, has returned to F. Davis' lodge, and is now pursuing her studies under Davis' supervision on the preparing circuits at Napier Park.

J. McLaughlin, who got placed under the ban in consequence of his connection with Loch Mabin at Williamstown, has decided to return to the Commonwealth again shortly, and on Wednesday next is holding a clearing out sale of his property and belongings.

Sensitive, a son of Sensation, has recently joined the band of workers studying under the direction of J. Oldfield.

Sleacombe is now one of the regulars in work at Napier Park. The son

ranks of the local proprietors of equines will be welcomed.

Plotsam, the half-brother by Jet d'Eau to Fair Rosamond, and the half-brother to the pair by Royal Fusilier, who were purchased by Sir Francis Price when the thoroughbred stock of the late Sir William Russell were sent up for dispersal, are to be sent to England shortly, it being the intention of their new owner to race them in the Old Country.

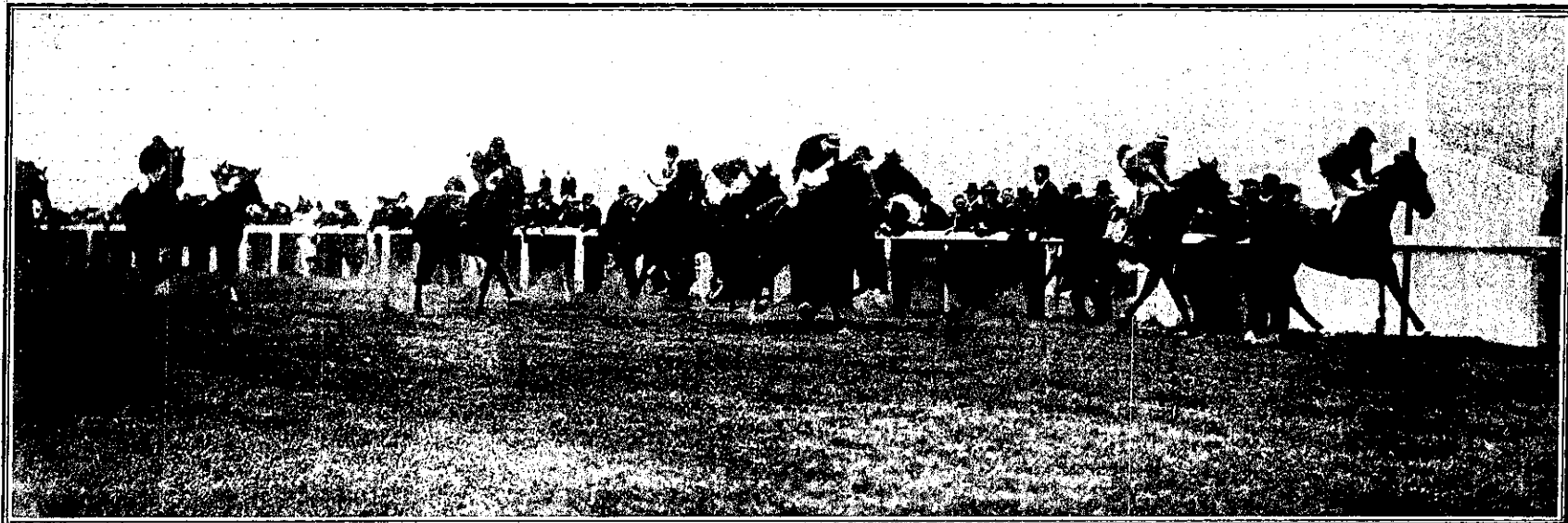
Grassmere is shaping well in his exercises over the obstacles on the round-about at Hastings. Like the majority of the Merriwee clan, he can go fast and true over the sticks.

Blackguard, the half-brother to Bobrikoff, by Royal Fusilier, for whom his breeder, Mr. T. H. Lowry, refused the thick end of a thousand guineas when he was put up for auction at Randwick as a yearling, is still one of the drone brigade, for he is resting on his birthplace, Okawa Station.

From information received from the scene of battle, Bircline was supported regally for the Consolation Handicap at Trentham on Saturday.

Silver Jingle, the half-brother by Waipawa to Captain Jingle, is going along satisfactorily in his work on the preparing grounds at Hastings. He is a fine, unstanding gelding, and on his looks should prove a useful sort when his time arrives to line up for business.

H. Gray (4), B. Deeley (3), W. Young, C. Price, J. Buchanan, W. Bell, R. Berry (each 2), J. Conquest, W. Price, J. O'Shea, C. Weir, F. D. Jones, L. Wilson and R. Hunt (each 1) were the successful horsemen at the Wellington meeting.



THE FINISH OF THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP (ONE MILE AND THREE FURLONGS).—The outsider, SINAPIS (C. Price), scores a surprise victory from THRAX (B. Deeley) and SIR KNOX (R. Berry).

Aruake, who had his first lesson over the hurdles a week or so ago, was given another turn over the small sticks on Friday, when he again shaped remarkably well for a beginner. He is engaged in the Hack Hurdles at the Wanganui Cup meeting.

Though the total nominations received for the handicap events at the Wanganui Autumn meeting do not come up to last year's record, they are very satisfactory. A pleasing feature about this year's entries is that the principal events all show an increase numerically, while in point of quality nothing better than those engaged could be hoped for in the Dominion. There are thirty engaged in the Cup, and amongst that lot are the winners of all the season's big events, including Sinapis, Kilrain, Sir Solo, Sea Pink, Bon Ton, and Tire-some. Tannhauser, last year's Wanganui Cup winner, is also in the list, and several other good performers, so that a splendid race may be looked forward to.

A local sport, who recently visited the West Coast, was much struck by the appearance of Britain Crown, and he looks to this horse to run a big race in the Wanganui Cup if he goes on all right.

Postillion's failure in the Waterloo Stakes was costly to Wanganui backers, who also supported Record and Sunbird fairly solidly without success. All three are sure to make amends before very long.

The Boniform—Carissima filly Mal Cara, owned by Wiri Tokena and trained by Tilley, shaped well at Trentham, and the opinion is expressed that she will be a good performer. She is one of the biggest of Boniform's gets yet raced, and should develop into a slashing three-year-old.

It is not often that F. Tilley takes a team to Wellington without landing a race or two, but he failed to score with any of his half-dozen at Trentham last week. Leonta is credited

Club's Cup meeting is being held on the 26th and 28th February, so that sportsmen will have four days' racing on end served up for them. The trotting club is offering liberal prize-money, so that the nominations, which close on the 6th February, should be large, and the sport should be of an interesting description. Mr. Ulic Shannon has been appointed to do the handicapping.

The Summer meeting of the Egmont Club will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. If the acceptances, due next Friday, are up to expectations, the gathering should be one of the most successful ever held by the club. Mr. George Morse has declared the weights, and his adjustments will stand a lot of scrutiny, as they appear to have been framed in the handicapper's best style. Bon Ton (9.3), Expect (8.12), and Con the Shaughran (7.2) are a likely-looking trio in the Cup. Leonta (7.8) is not a boy's horse, a fact which was further demonstrated at Trentham, otherwise he would look the pick of the handicap. In the Flying, Zetes (8.2) will make the best of them scamper. Grattan (7.9) and Tree Lucerne (7.9) read as well as anything else. If Ngatruanui (11.10) is back to form his prospects in the hurdles must be considered very rosy. Square Deal disappointed his backers at Trentham, but may be he will do better at Egmont. He seems to be nicely weighted at 8.4 in the Waipapa Hack (seven furlongs); but there are a number of good hacks engaged in Counsel (8.11), White Crane (8.10), Conney (7.6), and Record (7.4). The other events all appear likely to be well contested, and some fine racing should be witnessed at the meeting.

Goldmore, by Goldreef—Kilmorey, both imported parents, won the fourteen-two Handicap at Ascot on January 10. Goldmore was bred by Mr. G. P. Donnelly.

of Birkenhead appears to be very lusty, and is being led in his work. The understandings that were operated upon look as if they had greatly benefited by the treatment.

Lord Possible let a goodly number of backers down by his failure to score in the Flying Handicap at Foxton on Thursday. The son of Maid Marion, who had been hitting out in a brilliant fashion prior to his departure for the scene of action, had the bad luck to get left in the Telegraph, and upon this becoming known here his partisans again put in on him in the Newmarket Handicap on Friday, but as he only got second, and his dividend was an odds-on one, his party did not break even over the transactions.

Carlysian, who was recently acquired by Mr. T. H. Lowry, has been sent up to his owner's station for the purpose of getting brightened up prior to being broken in. It is anticipated that he will be taken in hand some time next month.

Iliad's Hero is now stationed at Greenmeadows, Mr. J. Armstrong, of Dannevirke, who recently purchased the son of Achilles, having handed him over to A. E. Neale for educational purposes. Neale has been exceedingly successful with Eocene since she became the property of the Dannevirke sportsman, and there is no reason why further triumphs should not come his way with the new addition to his team. If he has the powers in him, it's hitting the bull's-eye to gamble that his new mentor will speedily discover it, and place it to the best advantage.

Mr. G. F. Bonnor, who has lately assumed the proprietorship of the Terminus Hotel here, has entered into partnership with J. Griffith, of Hastings, in regard to Ranfurly, the younger full-brother to Tina Toa. Mr. Bonnor has for several years past been closely connected with the sport as an owner, and his addition to the

Weights for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup were due from Mr. W. A. Menzies on the 27th inst., and for the Oakleigh Handicap from Mr. R. K. Maitland on the same day.

Mr. W. O'Brien MacDondonough, the American owner, who gave 31,250sovs. for Ormonde, died of apoplexy at San Francisco recently.


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ANNUAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
11th and 12th March, 1914.

All Nominations close on FRIDAY, 6th February, at 9 p.m., at the Secretary's office, Marcer's Rooms, Nelson.

For full programme see "Referee" of 7th January, 1914.

JOHN GLEN,
Secretary.

Nelson, 28th January, 1914.