

RACING NOTES

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FIXTURES.

Jan. 29, 31—Takapuna Jockey Club
 Feb. 4, 5—Egmont Racing Club
 Feb. 5—Te Kuiti Racing Club
 Feb. 5, 6—Gisborne Racing Club
 Feb. 7—Canterbury Jockey Club
 Feb. 11—Rotorua Jockey Club
 Feb. 11, 12—Taranaki Jockey Club
 Feb. 12, 13—Poverty Bay Turf Club
 Feb. 18, 19—Woodville District J.C.
 Feb. 18, 19, 21—Dunedin Jockey Club
 Feb. 20, 21—South Auckland R.C.
 Feb. 21—Tologa Bay Jockey Club
 Feb. 26, 28—Wanganui Jockey Club
 Feb. 28—Bay of Plenty J.C.
 March 4, 5—Dannevirke Racing Club
 March 5—Akaroa County Racing Club
 March 6, 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 March 7, 9—Te Aroha Jockey Club
 March 11, 12—Nelson Jockey Club
 March 13, 14—Napier Park R.C.
 March 14, 17—Ohinemuri Jockey Club
 March 17—Opunake Racing Club
 April 1, 2—Southland Racing Club
 April 2, 3—Masterton Racing Club
 April 11—Tuapeka County Jockey Club
 April 11, 13—Beaumont Jockey Club
 April 11, 13—Auckland Racing Club
 April 13—Waipukurau Jockey Club
 April 13—Kumara Racing Club
 April 13, 14—Canterbury Jockey Club
 April 13, 14—Felding Jockey Club
 April 13, 14—Riverton Racing Club
 April 15—Westland Racing Club
 April 22—Reefton Jockey Club

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Nominations for the Bay of Plenty Turf Club's summer meeting are due on February 11th.

Entries for all events for the South Auckland Racing Club's Summer meeting close with the secretary Mr. W. I. Conradi, Hood Street, Hamilton, on Friday, January 30.

Acceptances for the whole of the first day's events to be decided at the Gisborne Racing Club's Summer meeting close with the secretary, Mr. H. E. Dodd, on Friday (January 30) at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the first day's events of the Egmont Racing Club's summer meeting close with the secretary, Mr. J. Turton, on Friday (January 30) at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Bay of Plenty Jockey Club's Annual meeting on February 28 close with the secretary, Mr. D. B. Day, Box 38, Tauranga, on February 11 at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the first day's events to be decided at the Taranaki Jockey Club's Summer meeting close with the secretary, Mr. E. P. Webster, Box 33, New Plymouth, on Friday (January 30) at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events, with exception of Maiden and Scurry, to be decided at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn meeting on March 4 and 5 close with the secretary, Mr. R. Takle, P.O. Box 55 Dannevirke, on Saturday (February 7) at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the Nelson Jockey Club's annual meeting on March 11 and 12 close with the secretary, Mr. John Glen, Mercer Rooms, Nelson, on Friday, February 6, at 9 p.m.

FIGHT BETWEEN STALLIONS.

PRINCE FOOTE AND SIMILE.

The stallion Simile lately came by his death (writes a Newcastle correspondent) as the result of a fight with another horse at Mr. John Brown's stud farm at Wittingham. Simile got into the enclosure occupied by Prince Foote, and the two stallions fought viciously for some time before being parted. Simile was savagely attacked by the Cup winner, and received such severe injuries that Mr. Brown ordered him to be shot.

Simile was by St. Simon from Mimi, winner of the Oaks, by Barcaldine out of a daughter by Lord Lyon and Sadie by Foltigem. He was the sire of Sunlike, winner of the Carrington Stakes and second in the Doncaster Handicap; Baw Bee, winner of Frederers Plate and Summer Cup; and of Hayfield, Cissie, Simile Maid, and others. He was looked upon as one of the best bred St. Simon horses

that ever came to Australia. He was foaled in 1897, and was full-brother to St. Walton, who was sold for fifteen thousand guineas.

Prince Foote showed no ill-effects of the fight, and was not even marked.

RACING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

There was a time when the country race meetings in South Australia aroused an interstate interest, says the local correspondent of "The Australasian." Some of the fixtures in the lower north attracted horses and men, to say nothing of ring men, from Victoria, but had seasons, coupled with the abolition of the bookmaker, led to the abandonment of most gatherings, while others drifted into picnic affairs. However, during the last year or two country racing men have begun to realise that the totalisator was really the salvation of small racing clubs, and a new era has to be chronicled.

A MATTER OF DOUBT.

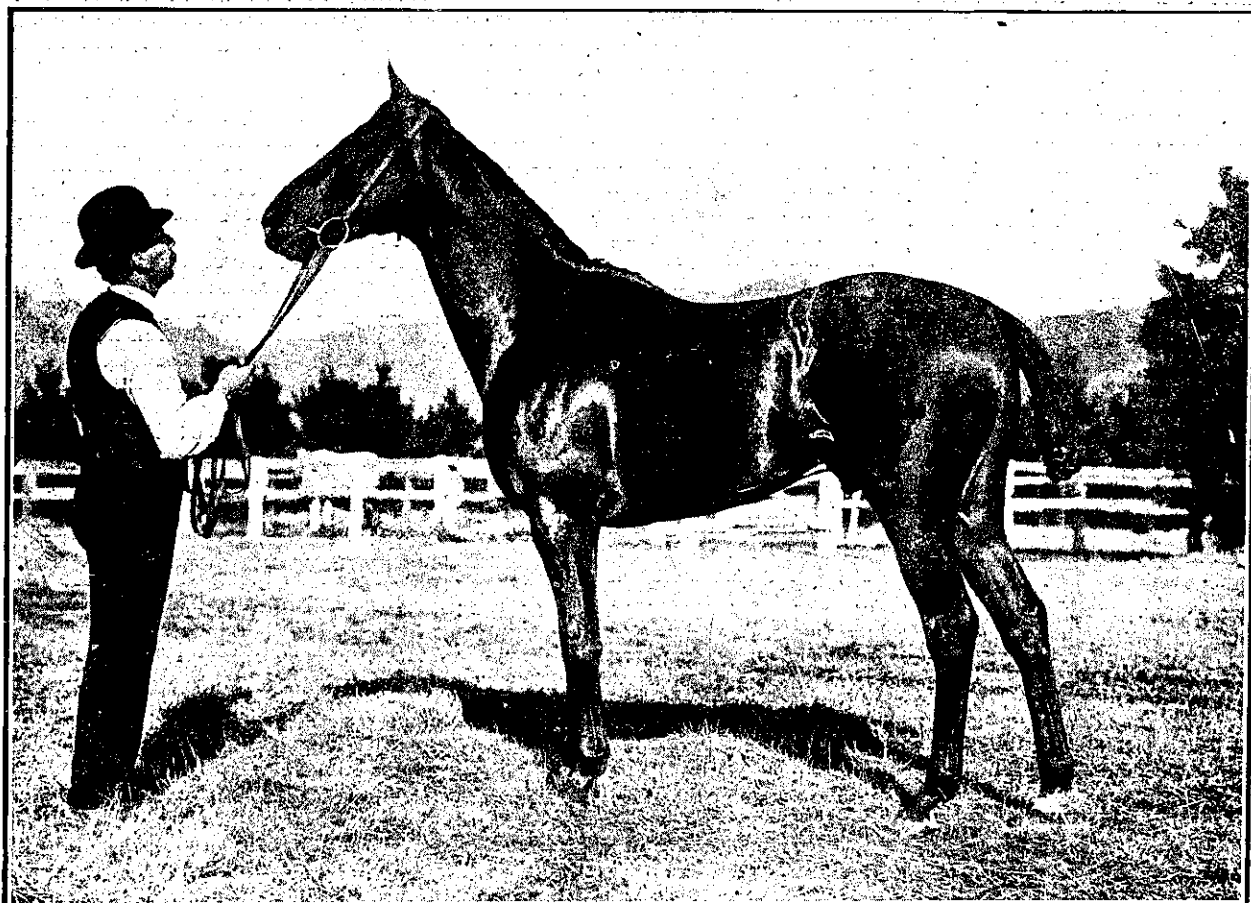
"The Asian," of Dec. 20, had the following paragraph:—"We learn that some curious complications have

methods, and has no control of the jockeys. Mr. Adison, who had a good deal to do with the adoption of the gate in England, wrote at the end of the racing season:—"We have ended the season amid a clamour about bad starts, and certainly there have been a good many at Newmarket during the October and Houghton meetings; but, curiously enough, critics seldom regard such happenings in proportion or perspective. There may be fifty good starts unrecorded, whereas one bad one leaps into fame. Again, it does not seem, even now, to be sufficiently understood that the personal equation and not the machine is to blame for any trouble. No one, so far as I am aware, ever complains of the starting in Ireland; nor have I heard of Mr. Joe Marsh being responsible for any conspicuous failures. Mr. Coventry himself starts vastly better than he did in the early days of the gate, but whatever faults may be found with individual starts the fact that successful starting is not only possible, but comparatively easy, remains, and all the talk about walking-up starts—unless for long-distance races—is nonsense. Light boys and

for the thoroughbred, and bred and raced his own horses, as well as others, with a fair amount of success. He it was who gave 4500gs. for the Multiform—Aura filly Golden Slipper as a three-year-old, and 1500gs. for Maltee (Maltster—Last Loch) as a yearling. His most recent Turf representatives were Secret Service, Single, and Zinita. The first-named won the Nursery Handicap at the recent A.J.C. Summer Meeting; whilst the other two found new owners when submitted to auction last week. Grist (Maltster—Egale) was a horse that credited the deceased sportsman with a number of races. Mr. White's remains were interred in the family vault at Muswellbrook.

THE SAPHO FAMILY.

The English thoroughbred has been built up from select mares, and it has only been in recorded existence for about 250 years. Some of the best of them cannot be traced 200 years, and some lines were better 100 years ago than to-day. "Milroy," in dealing with some depredatory notes



THE 1914 WELLINGTON CUP WINNER—Mr. E. V. Riddiford's br h KILRAIN, 5yrs., by Kilcheran—Grand Rain. Trained by J. W. Lowe. In addition to winning the Cup (1½ miles), Kilrain annexed the Summer Handicap (one mile) on the concluding day of the Wellington R.C.'s meeting.

arisen over the identity of the mare that, in Mr. Galstaun's colours, has been running here under the name of Shining Way. A cablegram received in Calcutta yesterday, in response to a reference Home, tends to show from the description given that the mare we have known as Shining Way is not Shining Way at all, and the question that arises is—Where is Shining Way? Before Mr. Galstaun left England this autumn, he bought and sent out several horses, among which was supposed to be the well-known stayer Shining Way, and when the horses arrived in India, Tom Ferguson, Mr. Galstaun's trainer, picked out the one he concluded was Shining Way, and trained her for long-distance races. She ran second in the seven furlongs December Plate at the Second Extra Meeting, but is found not to be able to stay over long courses. Hence the reference Home, and the complications that have arisen."

BAD STARTING IN ENGLAND.

The last racing season in England was noted for bad starts. Australians who have seen a good deal of racing in England, according to "Ripplédin" in the "Australasian," invariably say the main cause of the trouble is the starter. He is too "lady-like" in his

apprentices cannot walk their horses up without continual breaking of the tapes. Some people write as if they know that walking up is possible, but I have seen it tried at Palermo, in the Argentine, where the starters have a free hand. I have seen them get fields away from a walk-up for the longer distances, but for the sprint races never, and not because they have not tried, but because jockeys are not uniformly able to restrain their horses, even with such bits as they use in that country. If I were asked my advice as to the starting difficulty, I should say, 'Give Mr. Joe Marsh some more meetings,' by which I simply mean that the individual starter is the essential element of success."

THE LATE MR. W. E. WHITE.

Referring to the death of Mr. W. E. White, sportsman and stock-breeder, the Sydney "Referee" says: "Deceased was unmarried and in his 49th year, and was one of six sons of the late Mr. Frank White, of Belltrees, and with his brothers, H. E. A. and V. White, was a joint owner of the Belltrees Estate. He was also a nephew of the late Hon. James White, the most popular of all Australian owners. Practically reared amongst them, Mr. W. E. White had a love

penned by Mr. Robertson, an English authority on Beragoon's breeding, has the following:—Beragoon can be traced for 80 years, and shows the best sires of their times for five generations. I have read that the old-time English breeder considered seven generations as the acme of purity. Now look at the material that Beragoon's pedigree back to Sapho is made of: Rous' Emigrant (4), by Pioneer (1); Sir Hercules (3), inbred to Whalebone (1), Whisker (1); and Partisan (1); Tim Whiffler (3), a grandson of Van Tromp (3), by Lanercost (3), by Liverpool (11), by Tramp (3); Trenton; by Musket (3), son of Toxophilite (3), while Trenton's dam was by Goldsborough (13), one of our greatest stallions, who came direct from Tramp (3), through Weatherbit (12), son of Sheet Anchor (12), by Lottery (11); and his (Goldsborough's) dam was by Fisherman (11), whose dam was by Sheet Anchor (12). Thus in Trenton we have Sir Hercules and Rous' Emigrant again. On top of all this comes Bill of Portland (St. Simon 11—Galopin 3), whose dam was by Sterling (12); son of Oxford (12), by Birdcatcher (11); and her dam was by Knight of St. Patrick (3). Thus it will be seen Wigelmair is very inbred to the 3, 11, and 12 families, and had a double cross of Sir Hercules and Rous' Emi-