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## WELLINGTON.

**Notes on the Marton Meeting—Promising Performers Seen Out at the Fixture—Detroit's Convincing Win in Big Event—Penury's Rose's Popular Victory—Cherry Mart Coming on Nicely—Valuable Addition to J. W. Scott's Team.**

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Returned visitors from the Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting speak of the gathering as being highly satisfactory, while the racing during the afternoon provided a maximum of excitement. Several excellent dividends were returned, and in only three events were the favourites successful. Taken right through, the fixture was an unfortunate one for punters through the continued defeat of several well-backed candidates.

A. Ward, the capable New Plymouth cross-country horseman, headed the list of winning jockeys at Marton with a couple of wins to his credit. Others to salute the judge (Mr. R. H. Aldworth) were C. Reed, R. Reed, Stan. Reid, F. Corlett, P. Raynor and H. Gray.

Paraoa (King Rufus—The Boyne) gave a splendid initial effort over the small sticks at Marton. The gelding gives every promise of developing into an ideal hurdler.

Vacuum looked a little backward at Marton, but the gallop freshened the black fellow up considerably, and in the near future the horse should be seen under favourable circumstances.

In Whetoki, a six-year-old gelding by Master Laddo from Laurestina, the "Parorangi" sportsman, Mr. E. Short, has a horse that should develop into a capital cross-country performer.

Undecided was well fancied by his connections in the Hack Hurdle Race

at Marton, but failed to get amongst the money. The old fellow showed some dash, and a hurdle race may not be beyond his tether during the next few months.

Utawai was unfortunate at Marton, but the bay son of San Fran—Waingongono should soon be doing owner D. W. McKegg, of Shannon, some useful service.

A. E. Barnett, at Levin, has his galloper, Toddy, fast getting up to concert pitch. The five-year-old will be amongst the runners at Otaki on the 23rd inst.

As expected, Matatua, trained by C. Pritchard, at Trentham, won the Trial Plate at Marton in very convincing manner. The three-year-old returned a dividend out of all proportions to the excellent gallops that he had been registering on the tracks. The son of Birkenhead—Sunbonnet should be heard of again in the near future.

Moutoa Ivanova, the full sister to Sasanof, ran very creditably at Marton for a green one. The three-year-old certainly shaped well enough to suggest that she should do yeoman service for Mr. F. S. Easton when more matured.

Contrary to expectations the Trentham stable of H. Telford went through the Marton meeting without a win. The team, viz., Devotion, Cotillion and Bo-Peep, all looked well to the eye, and should, with ordinary luck, soon be getting amongst the winners.

It was unfortunate for the Foxton owner-trainer, Alf. Wright, to be robbed of the stake in the Hack Steeplechase at Marton through his horse, Foeman, going inside a flag and being disqualified for the race, which he won very easily. As the gelding was paying an excellent dividend, the loss to Wright was of a substantial nature.

Trainer T. Coleman, who is training Mr. H. McManaway's galloper,

Rio, nearly sprang a surprise on his friends when the black gelding ran third in the Marton Handicap last week. The six-year-old was paying a substantial dividend.

Detroit's win in the Marton Handicap did not come out of its turn, and the brown gelding's success was well anticipated. Trainer E. Penman has the son of Frisco in rare buckle just now, and he must be kept in view for the future.

There are quite a number of critics who are positive that we did not see All Over in his true light at Marton. After the gelding's meritorious display at Riccarton it came as a surprise to find the five-year-old finishing in the ruck last week.

When occupying a prominent position in the Rangitikei Steeplechase Arlington ran off at the brush double. The chestnut can be depended upon to make some amends in the near future, as he is a splendid jumper.

One of the most popular wins at Marton was that of Penury Rose, who is trained by the veteran, R. Knox, at Opaki. The cheering for the winner and owner continued for some time after the horse had returned to the enclosure. The gelding is a good sort, and the success was quite expected by track watchers at Opaki.

W. G. Emeny, mine host of the Royal Hotel, at New Plymouth, has a useful sort of a galloper in Melita, a six-year-old by St. Paul from a Foulshot mare. In Percy Coffey's hands the gelding will have every opportunity of undergoing a thorough preparation.

Friends of C. Millen, the well-known Normanby trainer, were quite taken back by the unexpected surprise he sprang on them last week when Coropett, trained by him for the native owner who races as "Mr. Egmont," won the Railway Handicap from a "hot" field and returned his admirers on the totalisator a dividend of over a quarter of a century. "Plain Bill," as he is familiarly called, was heard to remark that he has another "dark" horse in preparation, who will be heard of in the near future.

Amongst the visitors to Wellington last week was Mr. W. E. Bidwill, the well-known and popular sportsman, of Rototawai, whose many friends will welcome the intimation that he

is at present enjoying the very best of health.

Mr. E. Short's brown colt, Demos, is coming on well, and should soon be getting his head in front. The three-year-old can certainly gallop to some purpose.

The bay filly, Cherry Mart, by Birkenhead from Martia, is coming on nicely under Sid. Reid's guidance at "Wapping Lodge," Awapuni. This bearer of Mr. J. Goring Johnston's colours should soon be accounting for a race or two. By the way, the same owner's galloper, Turpenite, failed to show up at Marton, which is unaccountable after the chestnut's forward running at the recent C.J.C. meeting. His turn, however, may come in the near future.

J. W. Scott, the well-known Trentham trainer, has received an addition to his team by the arrival of a three-year-old full brother to Expect, by Advance—Endeavour, who is built on unmistakable galloping lines. The newcomer shows excellent sprinting powers on the local tracks.

Mr. R. W. Paterson, the well-known ex-metallician and owner of that brilliant mare, Solution, who is now living in retirement in Wellington, has received advice that his second son, Mr. Edward Paterson, who was an engineer on the s.s. Hurunui when that steamer was torpedoed in the English Channel and was amongst the saved, reached London in a suit of pyjamas and without a penny in the world. He subsequently joined the s.s. Kaikoura, and was landed at Newport News, to be operated upon for appendicitis. At latest accounts he was progressing favourably. It may be mentioned that Mr. Paterson lost his only other son, who was killed at Gallipoli while serving his King and country.

The many friends of Mr. M. C. O'Connell, for many years associated with racing affairs in the Wairarapa and now residing in Wellington, where he has been suffering from a severe illness, will be glad to know that he is now on the mend and will soon be well enough to take a greater interest in his favourite pastime. By the way, Mr. O'Connell is represented in racing in Victoria by a couple of excellent gallopers, who are being trained by Maurice McGrath, formerly of Opaki.

## Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 12: ORLEANS.



MR. S. W. TATHAM'S BR G ORLEANS, AGED, BY CONQUEROR—JEANNE D'ARC. W. McEWEN IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY OWNER. Orleans' leading performance last season was his win in the Raukawa Cup, of 500sovs (one mile and a-quarter) at the Otaki Maori Racing Club's winter meeting in June last.