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The Two Thousand Guineas was run last Thursday, and went to the Tracery colt The Panther, who stood out from all the two-year-olds of last season when he literally ran away with the Bartlow Two-year-old Plate over the Chesterfield five-furlong course, beating a large field with a shade of odds laid on his ability to do so. This was in June last, but he had previously been narrowly defeated in a field of fourteen in the Norfolk Two-year-old Plate. Claiming engagements in the Newmarket Stakes, Derby and St. Leger and the Eclipse Stakes and the Jockey Club Stakes next year, he has the opportunity of further distinguishing himself. He has been a winter favourite for the Derby—indeed, was backed shortly after displaying such brilliant form at two years old. Buchan, who was second, is by Sunstar, and had also distinguished himself last season by winning the Two-year-old Stakes in May from twelve others, the July Stakes and Chesterfield Stakes, each by a head, the first-named event nicely, while he only beat two in his second victory and ten in the last-named race. In that event was Dominion, by Polymelus, who finished third in the Two Thousand. Dominion had won the Ditch Two-year-old Stakes, beating nineteen, and another two-year-old event, beating a dozen runners, and had been placed in several races and had thus proved himself pretty good. He was a very attractive colt as a yearling, and Sir Bruce Hamilton sold him, with his engagements, at auction for 2900 guineas to Sir W. J. Tatem, his present owner. It will be interesting to note whether any of the Derby candidates will be capable of turning the tables on The Panther, for whose possession some turf magnates were anxious. The price put on him by Sir A. Black, his owner, when he was put through the sale ring was a very high one. This it was said at the time was to choke off would-be buyers, many of whom are prepared to give high prices for prospective Derby winners, while studmasters want them after winning as many of the classic races as possible. The result of the One Thousand Guineas followed on the heels of that of the Two Thousand Guineas, and was won by Mr. E. Hulston's Roseway, by Stormaway from Rose of Ayrshire, who opened her winning account with the Home-bred Plate, beating a dozen others, in June last at Newmarket. She ran twice again unplaced and at the end of July won the Isleham Plate, beating fourteen others. Britannia, who followed Roseway home, is by Sunstar from Red Lily, and on August 1 was placed fifth in the Home-bred Plate, her first race. Glacier, a filly owned by Lord Derby, was engaged, and is probably the one that ran third.

Mr. A. W. Cox, who was one of the many lucky speculators in Australia and who was reported to have cleaned up a lot of money out of Broken Hill mining interests, is reported dead. For some years he had been in England, where he had taken a fairly extensive interest in racing, and with a fair share of fortune's smiles. My Dear, by Beppo from Silesia, after running second in the One Thousand Guineas last year to Ferry, a daughter of Swynford, son of John o' Gaunt, turned the tables on Lord Derby's filly in the New Oaks, in which she started favourite, Ferry being only seventh in the betting. The race was a memorable one, as Mrs. Arthur James' Stony Ford, ridden by J. H. Martin, came in first, but on an objection for boring and bumping being lodged by S. Donoghue was disqualified and the race awarded to My Dear. The judge could not separate Ferry and Silver Bullet (a rank outsider really not in the betting), and they divided third money. My Dear won the Midsummer Stakes last July, and another filly owned by the late Mr. Cox prominently during the season. This was Deep Sea, by Bayardo.

The well-known Ellerslie trainer Dennis Moraghan, who has been located there for nearly thirty years, and who retired from the ranks last spring with the idea of taking a long and well-earned respite in Australia, had his plans interfered with through the prevalence of influenza in New Zealand when he was ready to leave. Now that the war is over a more extended trip is to be undertaken, and Mr. and Mrs. Moraghan are going to England and, of course, to Old Ireland, leaving as they will do with all good wishes of many friends on May 29 by the Ionic.

TURF TOPICS

Jacaranda is one of the workers at headquarters.

Patronymic is again in work down Egmont way. His is coming 12 years old.

The date of the Waikato Hunt Club's meeting has been fixed for July 7.

The Auckland-bred Carbine is still referred to by writers in the Commonwealth as "the Australian horse."

Euripos was allowed to drop out of the hurdle race on the first day of the Egmont meeting.

The hurdles at Ellerslie are fairly strong, and some people would like to see them give a little more.

Mr. Chas. Levers, a steward of the Avondale Jockey Club, is joining the ranks of the benedicts this week.

Thrace got back from his Wellington and Manawatu trip looking bright and seasoned, and has put in nice work on the tracks since.

Waimai was bowling along at Ellerslie on Tuesday morning and is looking well. He does some of his work away from the track.

Te Onga, Cynic, Keystone and Tenacious were amongst those that got through serviceable tasks at Ellerslie on Tuesday.

The outside of the course proper at Ellerslie is receiving a bit of top-dressing in places at the hands of the staff, under Mr. Albert Hill.

A box has been engaged for Sir Fisher at P. Conway's stables at Ellerslie, where Carlisian is also to be located.

Colonel Soult registered one of the best gallops done on the tan for some time, and is looking well, but has not done a great deal of jumping.

Fred Speakman was on the course at Ellerslie on Tuesday morning, an interested spectator of the work after an absence of several years at the war, and will no doubt ere long settle down at Ellerslie.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's committee approved the increase of £710 arranged by the Programme Committee for the winter meeting. The open hurdle races have been reduced in length by a quarter of a mile.

Lingerie won a small race near Melbourne recently and started at a short price. The distance, seven furlongs, was reckoned beyond her when in New Zealand, but the company was not very good class.

At Ellerslie on Tuesday morning a few horses were jumped over the hurdles, but nothing very special was registered, and trainers are still hopping for rain. There were two or three falls during the morning while green ones at the game were being tried.

The following were the principal winning owners at the Manawatu R.C.'s autumn meeting:—Messrs. J. Goring-Johnston £645, K. S. Williams £645, T. H. Lowry £610, C. F. Vallance £385, W. G. Stead £300, A. McDonald £195, J. Bull £180, F. Armstrong £140, Wm. Ewart £120, J. Hurley £100.

Veterinary Glover says it was tetanus that settled Revenue. Assuming that to be so, it was a most extraordinary case indeed. Tetanus arises from many causes, but in this instance those connected with the horse are at a loss to account for it.

It is probable that Sasanof has run his last race in New Zealand, as the five-year-old Martian—Ukraine gelding is to leave for Sydney early in July in charge of his trainer, G. Jones, with a view to competing in events in the Commonwealth.

Mr. R. G. Casey, a prominent member of the V.R.C. and well-known throughout Australia, and owner of the dual Derby winner Sylvanite in 1904, died at Honolulu on his way back from an overseas trip on April



Mr. M. Williams' b g WAIMATAO, 6yrs., by Bezonian—Punawai, winner of the Railway Handicap (six furlongs) on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's autumn meeting. B. Deeley in saddle.

The tote turnover at the Kawakawa meeting fell a little short of that at the last meeting held the day following the Whangarei meeting.

Crown Pearl is the oldest of the hurdle horses engaged in the Great Northern. He will be twelve years old next foaling time.

The Waikato Hunt Club meeting has been fixed for July 7. This will give more time for qualifying hunters, and perhaps we may get some rain in the interval.

Dependence, by Pendil from Design, won the Adelaide Cup on Monday, beating King of the Sea and Wee Gun in 2min. 49sec. for the mile and five furlongs.

The Australian Jockey Club's autumn meeting, postponed from Easter week, is evidently going to commence this week, and cables indicate with every prospect of being well attended and successful.

On April 28 Mr. W. R. Kemball scratched Hymestra and Scornful for all engagements at the Australian J.C. autumn meeting, while Wishful was withdrawn from the First Hurdle Race. Snub remains in his A.J.C. engagements, and since winning the Governor's Plate and King's Plate at Flemington is reported to have retained his condition. He is engaged in the Sydney Cup with 8.3.

A. J. McFlinn rode five winners and a second at the Kawakawa meeting on Saturday, and C. Coleman trained the double winners Scottish Knight and Mountain Gold.

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Robur, who is owned by the well-known New Plymouth sportsman Mr. J. Harle, is making her final appearance on the race track at the Egmont meeting this week, it being her owner's intention to utilise the daughter of Rokeby—Teacup as a stud matron in the future.

S. Henderson, who was engaged to ride Thrace in the Karere Hurdles on the opening day of the Manawatu meeting at Awapuni, was prevented from taking his place in the saddle owing to a breakdown of the car in which he was journeying to the course. J. Deerey was entrusted with the mount on the Auckland-owned gelding.

The non-inclusion of Coalition's name among the list of acceptors for the Great Northern Steeplechase came as no little surprise in view of the fact that Messrs. E. and V. Riddiford's representative has been responsible for late for some attractive displays over the steeplechase course at Trentham. It transpires that Mr. V. Riddiford missed the first acceptance for Coalition in the Great Northern Steeplechase, but there is every probability that after fulfilling his engagements at Wanganui next week the Patronus gelding will be sent north to compete in the Winter Steeplechase at Ellerslie, an event he won last year.

A welter-weight match is on the tapis, the respective owners being well-known sports who wish to settle a friendly dispute. They will at least have the satisfaction of testing, and well testing, the merits of their horses, which have not yet figured under welter weights. It will be some little time before the match comes off.

Mr. R. E. Fawcett, late of H.M. Customs, who is well-known in hockey and sporting circles in Auckland, was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court last Tuesday. He has been taken into partnership by Mr. Robert B. Lusk, the prominent racing judge, and the practice will be continued under the name of Lusk and Fawcett, solicitors, 28 Shortland Street, Auckland.

The Auckland horses Mullingar and Canzonet were not paid up for at Egmont, but Spalperon, who came in very lame at Avondale, was left in the Hack Steeplechase there. Tirau, who was ridden over the fences by a bystander after he fell, was evidently too knocked out to be raced at Egmont on the first day. At all events he was allowed to drop out, and perhaps may not now be sent to Dunedin.

An important part of the finding of the appeal judges in what is known as the Thrace case was not telegraphed to the press when the appeal of the Hamilton stewards was disallowed. It can be quoted for the benefit of all clubs. It is as follows: "The judges consider the evidence at the enquiry by the Hamilton Racing Club was carelessly and inaccurately recorded. They consider it most essential that a competent shorthand reporter should be employed, if possible, at all such enquiries, and, further, that the evidence of witnesses should be signed by them." The judges were Messrs. Wm. E. Bidwill, E. A. Campbell and O. S. Watkins. When a mistake has been proved to have been made in the taking of evidence, and the evidence of witnesses has not been signed, there should be no cause for wonder that a portion being wrong there is cause for doubt concerning the reliability of the rest. Leave to amend evidence does not always meet the case. There should be lessons for clubs all round in the finding quoted.

The Chaucer four-year-old Arrowsmith is on his way to New Zealand at last, after a six months' wait for a ship in England, when he was purchased by Mr. J. N. Heslop, the importer of Polydamon. He will arrive by the Port Pirie, and will have a protracted trip, as that vessel, which left England on April 17, has calls to make en route in Australia, and after reaching Sydney will come to Auckland, where she is not due until about the middle of June. Mr. Heslop has arranged with A. Asprey, of Ellerslie, to take charge of Arrowsmith on arrival. As stated some time after his purchase, Arrowsmith won one race at two years old, and at three years started in some of the leading events in England, including the War Derby won by Gainsborough. Analysing the form of different horses he met and which met Gainsborough, he would appear to have been quite outclassed by that colt, who many good judges considered one of the very best of his age that has ever raced in the Old Land. The late Mr. J. W. Larnach, who owned and raced Arrowsmith, was a steward of the English Jockey Club at the time of his death, and ran his horses in the best races. He was the possessor of the 100 to 1 chance Derby winner Jeddah, but had many useful horses, none more highly-bred than Arrowsmith, who is to be raced if deemed advisable in New Zealand, as he left off racing a sound colt. As is now well known, his sire, Chaucer, has proved a first-class horse at the stud, and his dam, Sagitta, is a full-sister to John o' Gaunt, who has proved a good sire, Swynford being one of his gets. La Fleche, his granddam, won £34,585 in stakes, and was sold when at the stud at seven years old for £13,230, the highest-priced mare sold as a brood mare in the world. When Sceptre was sold for £25,000 she was a four-year-old with racing engagements ahead of her. La Fleche was unexpectedly beaten in the Derby by Sir Hugo, to whom she ran second. Subsequent form proved her a lot better than that colt. Her luck was like that of her son, John o' Gaunt, in the Derby, but the Oaks, One Thousand Guineas, St. Leger, Ascot Cup and Cambridgeshire fell to her. Her dam, Quiver, was a half-sister to Musket, so we are getting some more St. Simon, well back, with strains that proved of the best we have had in New Zealand.