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WELLINGTON.

Wellington Racing Club's Splendid Entries—Master Moutoa's Promising Hurdle Prospects—Horowhenua Racing Club to Improve Their Stand Accommodation—Birkenetta in Training—Death of One-time Successful Cross-country rider.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Capital nominations have been received for the winter meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, which takes place on July 8, 10 and 12. All the principal jumpers in commission figure in the lists, while the flat events have filled remarkably well. The hack events contain the names of quite a number of horses who promise to turn out well on the turf. Taken all round, the response of owners and trainers is very liberal, and provided their opinions agree with those of the handicapper (Mr. H. Coyle) the Wellington Racing Club should experience the most successful three days' gathering yet held at Trentham.

Kyoto, the three-year-old black gelding by Maniapoto from Brilliant Step, is doing quite all right in his training under H. Batten at Feilding. This nice stamp of a galloper will be a competitor at Trentham.

Master Moutoa, judging by his past exploits in private over the small sticks, has all the characteristics that go to make a fine hurdler. With the ability and pace he possesses the Sarto gelding bids fair to earn considerable success between the flags.

D. Webster's team at Otaki is being kept busy in view of the Wellington meeting. Beloved and Wonder are a pair that are showing excellent form on the tracks.

Mr. W. M. Fenwick, of Featherston, has refused several tempting offers for Dainty Step. One ardent enthusiast offered £300, but was turned down.

J. Ayers is busy at Trentham with Astinome, Battle Array, Battle Song and several others, all of whom are doing well in their training exertions. Some success should come Joe's way at the local meeting next month.

Mr. H. E. Card, the well-known Featherston sportsman, has left for America on a health recruiting trip. Mr. Card was unfortunate enough to meet with a motor accident a couple of months back and has not yet recovered from the effects of the mishap.

The officials of the Horowhenua Racing Club have under consideration the carrying out of some very necessary improvements in the way of stand accommodation on their property at Wereroa. With the progressive policy that has been adopted the club should later on become a very live country racing body.

E. Penman, at Otaki, has Detroit and Some Girl both getting through some satisfactory track work. The former is a veritable mud lark, and a decent handicap may be picked up by the son of Frisco during the next few weeks.

The well-bred Probita, by Bezonian from Tortulla, who has been a disappointment so far, is still being kept busy by her owner-trainer, W. H. Bowden, at Otaki. The four-year-old is a typical galloper, and hopes are entertained that she will yet make amends on the turf.

The Shannon owner who races as "P. Rossmead" is again thinking of entering upon racing on an extensive scale. "Will," as he is familiarly known to his many friends, has Birkenetta in training at present, and the bay mare should with ordinary luck pick up a race before the present season closes. Mr. Rossmead will be known as the owner of Motoa and Waiouru, both of whom ran with some success.

The death took place at New Plymouth on Saturday week of an old-time member of the racing brigade in W. H. Frewen, who was familiarly known in those days as "Dick" Frewen. The deceased was a fearless horseman over the country, and many a hard won race was accredited to him. The writer well remembers the day of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting on the old Hutt racecourse in 1891, when Frewen, who was up on Oeo, and P. Johnson, who had the mount on Whalebone, ran a dead heat in the Wellington Steeplechase. Both riders were in their prime, and the contest they put up will long be re-

membered by those who witnessed the set-to over the final stages. In later years Frewen had been assisting Messrs. Jervy George and his son Ernest, while latterly he had been associated with Percy Johnson's training stable. It is a peculiar coincidence that Frewen should end his days with Johnson, with whom he rode many a stirring race. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, is survived by a son, who resides at Little River (Canterbury). The funeral, which took place on Monday last, was largely attended by owners and trainers of the district, which testified to the high esteem in which he was held. Steps are already being taken to erect a headstone to his memory.

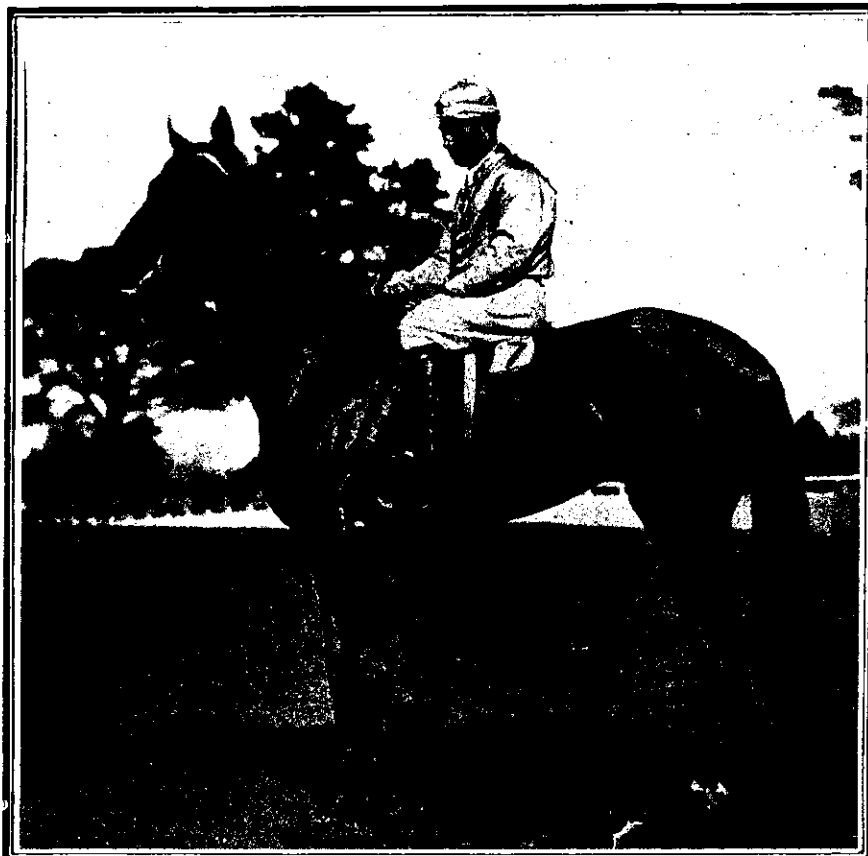
WAIRARAPA.

A Promising Two-year-old—Occasion Rejoins Active Brigade—Local Jumpers Away at Hawke's Bay Meetings—Masterton R.C. Seek Extra Days—Mr. W. E. Bidwill's Two-year-olds.

MASTERTON, Friday.

Penury Rose is still on the easy list, but is to be taken in hand shortly in view of the Marton meeting, at which place the son of Penury and Merrie Rose was successful last year.

Probate (Provocation—Wailithe), a promising two-year-old belonging to Mr. W. Hume, and trained by W. Galbraith at Tauherenikau, is spoken of as likely to appear to more advantage in the future than her full-sister Comment.



Mrs. Harvey Patterson's br c COMEDY PRINCE, 3yrs, by Comedy King—Rattler. W. Ryan in saddle. Trained by A. Robertson. At the recent Great Northern meeting at Eilerslie Comedy Prince accounted for the Jervois Handicap (seven furlongs).

The Sir Knox rising two-year-old owned by Mr. H. Nee is being educated, and will be handed over to the veteran trainer R. Knox shortly to be prepared for future events.

J. T. Jamieson took two of Mr. A. McDonald's rising two-year-old Kilhoney youngsters through to the Hawke's Bay meeting, along with Multicipal and Hydrus, for educational purposes.

Occasion has quite got over the accident which happened to her at Featherston recently, and Mr. Cobcroft's mare is again one of the active brigade at Featherston.

As is usually the case, Wairarapa stables are well represented at the Wellington winter meeting. Most of the trainers have representatives entered, and there are sure to be a good sprinkling of jumpers accepted for in view of the near approach of the Canterbury meeting.

Private advice received from W. Hawthorne is to the effect that he is not returning to the Dominion with Mr. Kemball, as was decided upon recently. Hawthorne has his hands full on the other side with the recent purchases of his patron, and is busy handling the rising two-year-olds, which he considers are a good lot. The Australian team now comprises ten horses.

With Hydrus, Multicipal, Torchy, Sturdee and Tuticorn away at the Napier and Hawke's Bay meetings, things are quiet in the schooling line at Opaki. All the horses were taken up in good time before the meeting, in order to get some schooling. On their return from Hawke's Bay they will go on to Trentham.

The whole of the two-year-olds belonging to Mr. A. McDonald, and in J. T. Jamieson's charge at Opaki, are wintering well, and look in the best of health. Besides the two-year-olds, the stable shelters some very promising yearlings, and as they have been freely nominated in classic events both in the Dominion and Australia, next season should turn out a record one as far as this stable is concerned. Mr. McDonald has shown by his purchases that he is a good judge of a thoroughbred, and it may be added that he is not afraid to pay a high price for his youngsters, as has been evidenced this season. Trainer Jamieson should look forward to next season's racing with confidence.

The Masterton Racing Club intends making application to the Minister of Internal Affairs for a restoration of its racing dates to the same number of days as was the case prior to the war. The club has expended a sum of about £10,000 on its course. It has up-to-date accommodation for jockeys and trainers, and has brought its buildings up to the standard of the majority of country clubs. It serves a population of about 15,000 in the North Wairarapa, to say nothing of the Lower Valley district. A deputation is to wait upon the Minister in support of the application, and Secretary Hathaway is confident that favourable consideration will be given to the delegates.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill, the well-known Wairarapa sportsman, will probably have several two-year-olds racing in his interests next season, and it is said some very promising youngsters are at present to be seen at "Roto-

winter quarters, but P. T. Hogan will have a limited team in commission in view of the New Zealand Grand National fixture.

The Riverton trainer J. Thistleton brought the North Island gelding Marenga, by Multifid—Sarilla, back with him from Dunedin this week. Thistleton won the Hunters' Hurdles with Kintailshore at the Otago Hunt Club meeting, but the son of Castashore failed badly later in the day when started over big country.

Local sportsmen sympathised sincerely with Mr. R. Hellamore this week when the news came to hand that his gelding Yankeeland had met with an accident at Gisborne which necessitated his destruction. Had Yankeeland not sustained fatal injuries, it was the intention of his owner to race him in Southland next season.

Wretched weather last week interfered very seriously with the Otago Hunt Club's meeting at Wingatui. However, the club will not lose on the gathering, and this is a source of satisfaction. An attractive programme was provided, and the enterprise of the hunting men of Dunedin and surrounding districts was deserving of a better fate. The gathering was an enjoyable one, and the winners in nearly every instance were cheered by the enthusiastic spectators, quite an unusual experience at Wingatui.

Tin Soldier has left P. Hogan's stable and there is some talk of Rorke's Drift being removed from the care of the man who has developed the son of Calibre to such good purpose, but it is more than likely that better counsels will prevail.

It is understood that the Dunedin Jockey Club reaped a profit of about £3000 as the fruits of their recent winter meeting, and it is to be hoped that the report is correct, as a number of improvements are presently to be put in hand at Wingatui, which will entail the expenditure of a very large sum of money. It is the intention of the club to make better provision for patrons of both inside and outside enclosures, an announcement which will be received with pleasure by many anxious patrons who found it hard to follow the progress of races at the winter meeting owing to the large crowds of spectators in evidence. There was a time when the appointments at the Dunedin Jockey Club's headquarters were more than ample, but that day has gone past. For many years past the membership list of the club has been of modest proportions, but recent successful enterprises have changed all this, and it is understood that a rush has now set in to secure the privileges accruing to subscribers to the funds of the metropolitan body.

The well-known southern totalisator proprietor, Mr. W. F. James, assisted the Otago Hunt Club in a practical manner last week by donating the profits derived from the working of the machine at the racing fixture to the funds of the club.

It was generally anticipated that the steeplechaser Silverspire would be kept in work with a view to competing at the Grand National meeting, but the owner of the Quicksilver gelding has decided otherwise. The horse has been taken home to Heddon Bush, and will not be raced again until next year. Mr. P. Boyle has had a very successful season with the son of Minaret.

The rising two-year-old Martial Dance, by Martian—Two Step, will probably be sent on to Riccarton in company with P. Hogan's Grand National team, it being the desire of Mr. Stone that his juvenile should be afforded an opportunity of galloping on good winter tracks with other youngsters of his own age.

Trainer J. Hymers had his team strengthened during the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting by the inclusion of the rising two-year-old gelding Windermere (Sunny Lake—Angele), who may represent Mr. C. Hazlett, owner of Samiel, in classic events next season.

Benefit, winner of the Gimcrack Handicap, the principal flat event of the Otago Hunt Club's meeting last week, was bred by Mr. J. Ellis, of Mosgiel. His sire, Beneform, is not very well known, but he was a good looking horse by Multifid from St. Ouida, and it is interesting to note that his dam was the only outside mare permitted by the late Mr. G. G. Stead to be mated with his good stallion during the season in which Beneform was sired.

When Morecambe (12.13) was beaten in the Liverpool Steeplechase at the Otago Hunt Club fixture by the southern horse Dardanelles (10.10) consternation was rife in punting circles, but this result was not surprising to close observers. Morecambe had to jump out of very

SOUTHLAND.

Otago Hunt Club's Fixture at Wingatui—Dunedin Jockey Club to Commence Scheme of Improvements Shortly—Silverspire Not to be Raced Again Until Next Year—Windermere Joins J. Hymers' Team—Dardanelles Defeats Morecambe at Otago Hunt Meeting.

INVERCARGILL, June 19.

The Otago Hunt Club's meeting on Saturday last brought the southern season to a close as far as the majority of local stables are concerned. Most of the horses owned in this part of the world have gone into