

## TURF GOSSIP.

It is reported from Lumsden, Southland, that Summertime has foaled a colt foal to Soldiers' Chorus.

The ex-Auckland trotting mare, St. Ursula, has foaled a colt foal to Our Thorpe. The youngster is a natural pacer.

Cross Battery has produced a colt to All Black. Aphaea has produced a filly to Sunny Lake and visits him again.

At the Poverty Bay A. and P. Association's show imported Polydamon took first and champion prize in the thoroughbred class.

As a result of his win on Artilleryman in the Melbourne Cup, R. Lewis has equalled W. H. McLachlan's record of piloting three winners of the big two-mile race at Flemington. McLachlan was successful in the Melbourne Cup on Prince Foote, Comedy King and Westcourt, in addition to which he has twice ridden the runner-up and once the third horse.

Pontoon, who won the Plate at Werribee, Victoria, last month, is a half brother to Mr. W. Richmond's mare Dribble, winner of the Wainui Handicap at the Wellington Racing Club's recent meeting. Pontoon is trained by W. Burke for Mr. E. Hickey, who scored his first racing success as a result of the victory recorded by the son of Wolawa and Float.

Kennaquhair, the six-year-old son of Kenilworth—Calluna, who acted as runner-up to Nightwatch in last year's Melbourne Cup but failed to gain a place in last week's race, has won £9489 in stakes. Kennaquhair carried 9.0 when he finished second to Nightwatch (6.9) in the Melbourne Cup, while he was top weight with 9.5 in last week's event, so that considerable interest is attached to how Mr. F. J. Macmanemin will assess his qualifications for the Auckland Cup when declaring the weights on Monday, November 24, for the big two-mile event at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

Locanda Dillon, the brilliant son of Brent Locanda and Ivy Dillon, has been recommissioned by N. C. Price, who has a useful team in work at Canterbury Park.

When Stan. Reid rode the ex-Aucklander, Tararu Jack to victory in the Wyuna Steeplechase at the Caulfield Cup meeting on October 18, it marked the fourth success registered by the New Zealand horseman this season. There were only five starters in the event, Tararu Jack being second favourite. Tararu Jack joined Lumut at the last jump, and, going away in the straight, won by five lengths from Zenalban, with Lumut half a length away third.

R. Bradfield, trainer of Lucknow. Nightwatch and Chrome, who filled first, second and third places in the Caulfield Cup, has been training at Flemington for nearly 30 years. He is not now the believer in long-distance gallops he used to be. Especially is this so with his charges imported from England. His gallops now rarely extend beyond 11 furlongs, and mostly they are confined to even shorter distances. He does not believe in the New Zealand custom of shoeing his horses lightly, so that they will make record times in training, and he does not believe in too much artificial treatment, and his charges are frequently allowed to run in small paddocks, where they can enjoy their freedom. Bradfield has also trained hurdlers, Regret being his best.

C. Emerson, who, as a result of an accident he met with at the Wanganui Jockey Club's spring meeting towards the end of September, was unable to do any riding for a number of weeks, made his reappearance in the saddle at the Carterton meeting, when he rode Vitella, Arch Lassie and Sweet Memory to victory in their respective engagements.

The funeral of the late Cecil Norman, the Sydney pony jockey, who was accidentally killed at Kedron Park, Queensland, on October 27, took place at the Waverley Cemetery, Sydney, on October 31. A number of jockeys, wearing black and white, the colours in which Norman rode his last race, walked to the graveside. There were many wreaths, including some from Queensland racing clubs.

About 25 horses are in regular work at Forbury Park. Track conditions, owing to bad weather, have not been in favour of the trainers' efforts to get horses ready, and a spell unbroken by rain would be appreciated.

Sunart has not recovered from the kick he received some time ago, and in consequence was not included in Mr. J. B. Reid's team which G. Matthews took to Riccarton for the Cup meeting.

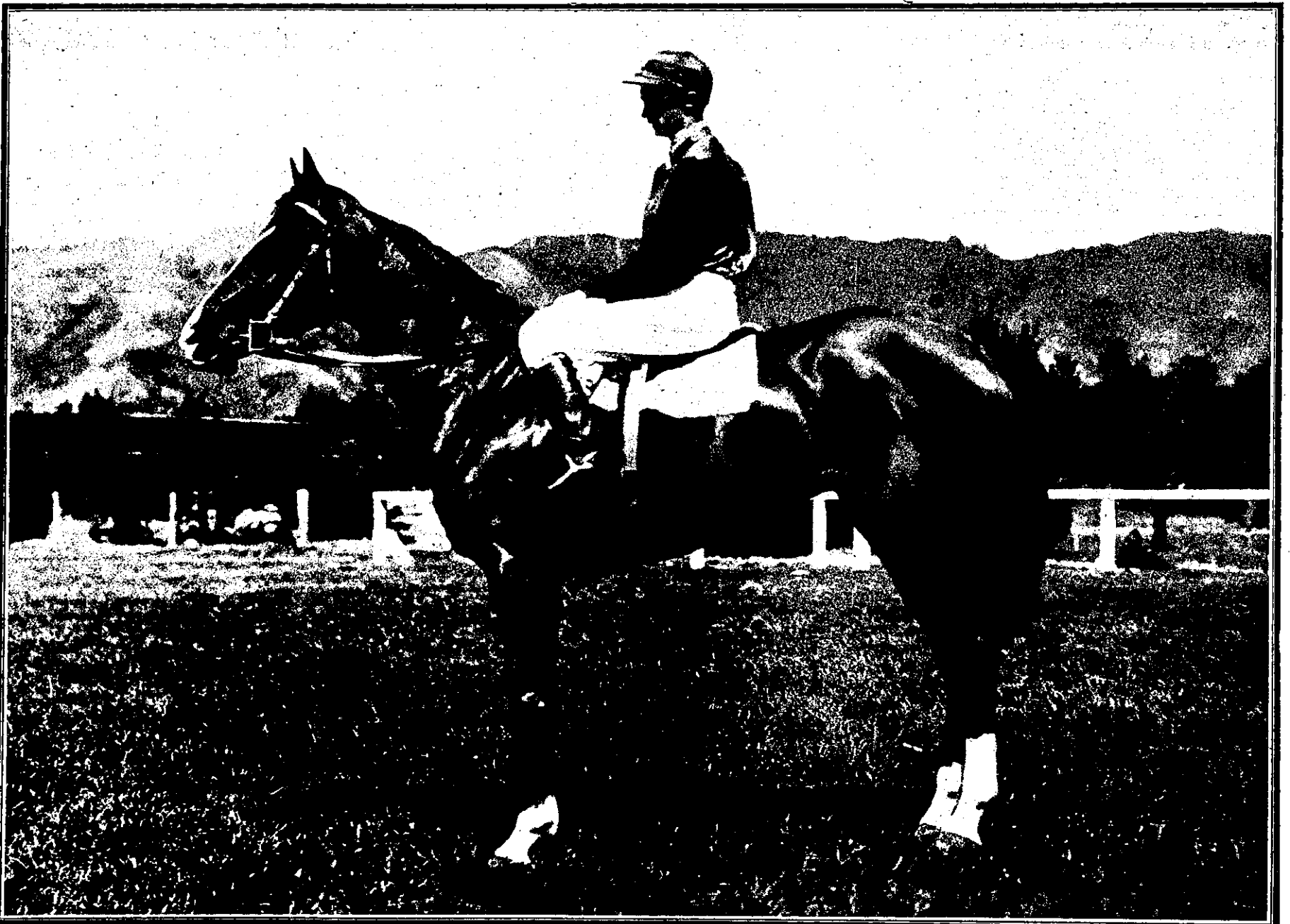
The prospects of Nightwatch capturing the Melbourne Cup looked decidedly promising, and as a result of his brilliant form in his spring engagements the son of St. Alwyne—Wakeful was heavily supported in last week's big event at Flemington. The race, however, resulted in the rout of the topweight division, who failed to show up prominently, the three-year-old Artilleryman scoring a runaway victory from his A.J.C. Derby and V.R.C. Derby rival, Richmond Main. Had Nightwatch succeeded in his task he would have been the first horse to capture the Melbourne Cup twice in succession since Archer was successful in the big two-mile event at Flemington for the first two years of its existence, viz., 1861 and 1862.

Twenty-five years in the riding game and still at the head of the profession is the splendid record claimed by the well-known jockey, R. Lewis, who rode Artilleryman to victory in the Melbourne Cup, making his third success in that event. Born at Clunes, on November 30, 1878, Lewis rode his first winner on the Clunes Oval, on Boxing Day, 1892, on a horse named Pretty Boy. His first Metropolitan success was on the mare, Rizpah, in a selling race at Caulfield, on October 20, 1894, the day that Paris won his second Caulfield Cup. Artilleryman marked his twenty-third ride in the big two-mile race. Lewis won the Melbourne Cup on The Victory and Patrobus, and he rode three runners-up in the race in Shepherd King, Malster and Alawa, which has earned for him the distinction of being the most successful rider in the history of the big Flemington race.

The well-known English trainer, Batho, and Cooper, the jockey, had their licenses withdrawn over the running of Mr. H. Cunliffe Owen's horse, King Sol, in the Nonsuch Handicap at a recent meeting at Hurst Park, England. The investigation by the stewards of the Jockey Club showed that the horse had been eased in his work after he won the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, and Batho and Cooper are blamed for this and the running in the Hurst Park race. The owner was absolved. Batho started as a trainer of jumpers for Mr. Bottomley many years ago, and was highly successful in training jumpers and flat racers. He won the Cesarewitch and a small fortune for Mr. Bottomley with Wargrave in 1904, and the Stewards' Cup with Northern Farmer, while Cooper rode The Panther when he won the Two Thousand Guineas this year.

The following foalings are reported from Waikanae Stud: Lovesick (sister to Nones and Menelaus), bay colt to Kilbroney; Thames, bay colt to Kilbroney; Peace, bay colt to Boniform; Peronilla (Welcome Stakes), bay filly to Boniform; Bebe, bay filly to Boniform; Margarethe, bay colt to Boniform; Mistime (sister to Misco), bay filly to Boniform; Lady Jean II. (imp.), bay filly to Boniform; Desrina (imp.), bay filly to Boniform; Glen Helen, bay filly to Boniform; Snowlike (half sister to Rebecca), bay colt to Bezonian; Aloha, dead twins to Boniform; Lady Stewart, chestnut filly to Solferino; Paphia, bay colt to Martian; Viceraine, brown colt to Boniform; Peirone (Wellesley Stakes), bay filly to Boniform; Killena, bay filly to Sunny Lake; Rosyth, bay colt to Kilbroney; Secret Link, bay filly to Boniform; Snow Waif, bay filly to Martian; Ribble (half sister to Emperor), bay filly to Boniform; Philomel, bay colt to Boniform; Sunbird (sister to Ardenvhor and Mascot), bay filly to Boniform; Satisfaire (dam of Weary Willie), bay filly to Boniform; Snowstell (dam of Rebecca), bay filly to Boniform; Khamsin (half sister to Vladimir), chestnut filly to Boniform; Bonny Helen (Wanganui Guineas and Oaks), chestnut colt to Bezonian; Somniform (sister to Bon Reve and dam of Sleepy Head and Wake), brown filly to Bezonian.

### Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 72: DRIBBLE



A SMART HAWKE'S BAY-OWNED MARE OVER MIDDLE DISTANCES.—MR. W. RICHMOND'S CH M DRIBBLE, 6YRS., BY ALL BLACK—FLOAT, WINNER OF THE WAINUI HANDICAP (ONE MILE) ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING. R. REED IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY L. WILSON.