

HAWKE'S BAY

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, July 25.

The successful horseman Hector Gray has been engaged to ride the Auckland horse Wauchope in the Winter Cup.

C. L. Lagor, owner of California, intends to make a trip to the other side with the San Fran horse, provided he can make arrangements to have his team looked after during his absence. California pulled up a trifle sore at Trentham on Saturday.

Messrs. G. B. Oman and C. Morse, owners of Paisano and Te Arai respectively, wrote to the Racing Conference with reference to penalties incurred by the horses named at the Grand National meeting for winning at Gisborne. The Grand National weights were due on the 8th, and the horses named were successful the previous day. The handicaps, however, were published on the 6th, and the owners contend that they should not be called upon to carry extra weights. The Conference decided to refer the matter to the Canterbury Jockey Club.

Bullworth left this morning for Trentham where he will join Klatere and Woolloomooloo and the trio will proceed to Lyttelton on Monday night. Bullworth and Woolloomooloo have been leased by Mr. A. F. Douglas to his trainer, J. M. Cameron, from August 1st to 31st. The trip to Australia was under consideration, but was abandoned.

W. Young, who has been riding with great success this winter, has been engaged to ride the Gisborne horses, Te Arai and Paisano, in the Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race respectively.

Neither Nero nor Sir Lethe are probable starters at Riccarton. There is this to be said of Nero that if he successfully negotiates the schooling fences during the week and shows no signs of a recurrence of his old trouble, J. Griffiths, who has him in his charge, will give him a further test to get him ready for the National meeting, but the general opinion is that Nestor's son will not come out of the ordeal serenely.

Rangi Thompson, El Dorado's pilot at Riccarton last season, will ride the jumping members of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's team at Riccarton. This horseman is quickly getting into the front rank of jumping riders. At Trentham on Saturday your correspondent noted that Beeline's position at the finish of the July Steeplechase was due to the amount of ground his rider saved during the race.

There have been enquiries locally for Tawhaki and North-East for the Winter Cup.

Local horses more than held their own at Trentham. The Hon. J. D. Ormond had quite an innings on the opening day. J. McLaughlin won a double with the Multiform colt Multiple, who ran a good race each day and should be a useful performer over middle distances next season. California also won a double and with any sort of luck would have repeated his performance of two years ago when he won a treble at Trentham. The Hastings contingent wound up with a win in the final event with Tina Toa, who carried the confidence of his connections each day.

WANGANUI.

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Alex. Hall is suffering from a rather severe attack of sciatica, and in the meantime his team is being looked after by Jimmy Peachey. St. Bill and Beacon, are both looking remarkably well, and should be at their very best early in the coming season. They have not done much jumping recently, the weather having been against schooling, while they both have shown such aptitude for hurdling that they will only require to be fit to perform well.

Waxy did not do any good at Trentham, although he was very well when he left here. It is evident that he has nothing like the brilliancy of his brother (Leaman), but maybe he will do better to put over the small sticks. Eastwind also disappointed his connections after the good form he had shown here before leaving.

The Euroclydon colt in Hall's stable is making good progress, and may be expected to be in capital trim for the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club meeting, at which he will be a starter in the hack flat events.

Jack Stewart had the mount on Waione when he scored on Saturday, and he is credited with showing all the dash he exhibited a few years ago, when he was noted as one of the finest cross country riders in the Dominion.

The N.Z. Cup candidate St. Lumsden ran a decent race on Saturday, when he finished second to Inchbonny. The son of St. Paul was greatly fancied for this event, but was beaten half a length.

It is reported that Milan has been backed by her party for the Melbourne Cup, which makes it look as if she will go to Australia, and Lady Lucy be kept in the Dominion for the N.Z. Cup.

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Kremlin's run in the Corunna Hurdles on Saturday came as a surprise, as he was thought to be a back number. He beat some fairly good horses and got home easily, so it is quite on the cards he will be heard of again shortly. Alex. Hall owned the Stepniak gelding for some time, but finally gave him away to Mr. R. Webb, custodian of the Wanganui racecourse, who sold him to an Auckland sport very cheaply, with the proviso, I understand, that he was to receive £25 out of the first win.

Valentine was made very hot for the Kai Ora Handicap on Saturday, but could only get second, thus saving the local bookies a considerable sum.

WINNING JOCKEYS DURING THE SEASON.

With the concluding day at Trentham the racing season of 1909-10 was brought to a close and the following list of winning jockeys should be found interesting:—

ON THE FLAT.

H. Gray	52	M. Ryan	11
A. Olliver	53	C. Hack	10
A. Whittaker	42	J. Rae	10
C. Jenkins	40	A. Julian	10
W. Ryan	38	W. Whittaker	9
J. Beale	24	A. Chapman	9
R. Hatch	31	H. Telford	9
A. McMillan	30	Stan. Reid	9
T. Pritchard	28	H. Price	9
C. Brown	28	T. Humphries	8
E. Lowe	27	F. Hutchison	8
H. Donovan	27	L. Lyle	8
B. Deeley	27	J. Pine	8
F. D. Jones	27	L. Trall	8
L. Wilson	26	B. Oliver	8
F. Coleman	25	R. Ellis	8
F. E. Jones	25	J. Griffiths	8
W. Young	25	A. Watson	7
F. Yarr	24	H. Kirk	7
R. W. King	22	T. Carroll	7
J. Buchanan	22	J. Brady	7
R. Young	21	J. Tait	7
R. Lambess	20	J. Sceates	7
W. Price	19	J. Tapp	6
J. Blyth	19	L. G. King	6
T. George	18	D. Cameron	6
W. Holmes	18	H. Watson	6
A. H. Wilson	18	C. Price	6
S. Reid	17	F. Langstone	5
C. Emmerson	16	F. Porter	5
P. Brady	15	R. Horn	5
D. King	14	V. Cotton	4
J. Conquest	14	H. Paul	4
A. McKay	13	J. Lyford	4
R. E. Brown	13	W. Robb	4
J. McClusky	13	C. Pearce	4
R. W. Brown	12	F. Homes	4
E. Cotton	12	J. Kemp	4
F. Cress	12	T. Catt	4
W. Kirk	11	M. McDonald	4

OVER HURDLES.

A. Julian	19	L. Hegarty	6
T. Pritchard	15	F. Flynn	5
W. Young	15	T. Pine	5
C. Cress	14	F. Porter	5
H. Telford	13	F. Howard	4
Jerry O'Connell	12	H. Carr	5
C. Cochrane	11	C. O'Neill	4
J. Hercock	9	E. Redmond	4
G. Jones	9	E. Abbot	4
A. Cowan	8	A. McLeod	4
P. Prady	8	W. Retter	4
A. McConnon	6		

"Charlie" Cress, the well-known horseman, joined the ranks of Benedicts yesterday afternoon, the bride being Miss Hilda Wright, daughter of the late Mr. George Wright. The wedding took place at Christ's Church, Ellerslie, and attracted a very large gathering, the young couple being exceedingly popular. To mark the happy event an enjoyable function was held in the Parish Hall last evening, when felicitous speeches were made and toasts drunk in time honoured style, Mr. and Mrs. Cress leave to-day by steamer for the South, and will attend the Grand National meeting at Christchurch.

Master Soult, in charge of the trainer, D. Monaghan, will be shipped to Sydney on Monday next. If able to reproduce his best form the son of Soult—Lady Hester should certainly annex some of the big prizes offered by the A.J.C. in the spring.

TURF RESULTS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

CAPITOL WINS THE STEEPLECHASE.

The chance of a possible wetting did not deter people from making the journey to Trentham on Wednesday, the trains being crowded. The ground had dried up a good deal, and showed considerable improvement on the state of affairs on Saturday. Unfortunately, an hour or so before the close of the racing steady rain began to fall, and, with darkness setting in early, the afternoon ended in gloom.

Mr. A. E. Whyte's arrangements left nothing to be desired, and everything passed off smoothly. Mr. O'Connor was in good form at the starting barrier, and Mr. W. H. Hartgill's decisions were given with promptitude. The racing, on the whole, was interesting, large fields facing the starter, and in some cases the finishes were close.

Speculation was fairly animated, the sum of £14,136 10s being handled at the totalisator, as against £13,555 for the second day of last year's meeting. There were not so many bookmakers present as on Saturday, ten operating inside and fifteen out. Results were as follow:—

GLASGOW HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 3—T. Wylie's b g Dogger Bank, by Menschikoff—Mysterious, 6yrs, 10.2 (M. Ryan) 1
7—Middleton Melrose's blk m Advantage, 5yrs, 10.0 (W. Ryan) 2
5—J. R. Hart's br f Scotch Plaid, 3yrs, 9.2 (J. Pine) 3

Also started: 2 Naumai 11.8, 1 Mundie 11.0, 6 Mon Ami 10.8, 8 Miss Advance 9.6, 9 Clem 9.0, 4 Waiouru 9.0.

Before 50 yards had been traversed Naumai had dashed to the front, and he led the field at a merry pace round the bend and into the straight, Mon Ami, Dogger Bank and Mundie being next in order. At the distance Dogger Bank put in his claim, but had to be hard ridden to beat Advantage, who came with a late run on the outside and failed by half a length. Naumai was two lengths behind Scotch Plaid, followed by two or three in a bunch. Time, 1min 5sec.

KARORI HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 2—Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Elfish, by Birkenhead—Elflock, 3yrs, 10.0 (F. D. Jones) 1
1—D. Buick's br g Gold Battery, 3yrs, 9.13 (H. Gray) 2
3—A. Hine's blk m Niwaru, 9.9 (W. Kirk) 3

Also started: 6 Tetotane 10.8, 5 St. Lumsden 9.8, 12 Mallet 9.7, 9 Succession 9.4, 3 Brilliance 9.3, 10 Inchbonny 9.3, 7 Merry Frank 9.0, 11 Beach 9.0, 4 Mediterranean 9.0.

VICTORIA HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and a half.

- 1—R. Hannon's b g Master Paul, by St. Paul—Mermaid, 5yrs, 10.0 (P. Brady) 1
5—J. N. McKenzie's b g Kremlin, aged, 9.9 (F. Speakman) 2
7—A. H. Demler's blk m White Lie, aged, 9.5 (Rusden) 3

Also started: 4 Maharani 10.10, 3 Rosegrove 9.0, 6 Explosive 9.0, 2 Paku 9.0.

Master Paul dashed away in the lead, but his first jump was a faulty one. At the stand he was two lengths in front of Rosegrove and a bunch. Explosive toppled over at the hurdle opposite the members' stand, and Master Paul drew out a big lead. Running down the back Paku stumbled and lost his rider, while Kremlin set sail in chase of the leader. It was a hopeless task, for directly Master Paul got over the last hurdle he came right away and won in a canter by 50 yards. White Lie was six lengths behind Kremlin, Maharani and Rosegrove following at intervals. Time, 2min 59sec.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. About three miles and a quarter.

- 5—J. Twohill's ch g Capitol, by Leolantis—Jean, 11.0 (Brady) 1
4—C. Shaw's ch g Red McGregor, 11.1 (Windor) 2
3—C. E. Brewer's b g Sir Lethe, 10.2 (Cochrane) 3

Also started: 9 Kaitere 11.10, 1 Audax 11.9, 7 Loch Fyne 11.8, 8 Eurus 11.1 (coupled with Northern Star 9.7), 6 Corazon 10.0, 2 Lovell 10.0, 10 Waione 10.0, 12 Full Cry 9.7, 11 Maidi 9.7.

From a good start Lovell immediately set out on a pacemaking task, and attended by Sir Lethe he led past the stand, the field being strung out in a long line, Capitol and Loch Fyne whipping in the hunt. Going down the back the two leaders had put a big gap between themselves and Audax, Full Cry being fourth. Waione was the first to come to grief, and a little later Northern Star came down. At the town bend Audax toppled over. Lovell came sailing past the stand with Sir Lethe three lengths behind. Corazon being next, but at this point Corazon hit heavily and came down. Down the back the two leaders were 30 lengths away in front, while Capitol and Red McGregor slowly commenced to make up their ground, but at this stage their chances looked hopeless. Three furlongs from home Sir Lethe was in front, and looked an almost certain winner. Here, however, the two Aucklanders set up a wonderful run, and before they reached the hurdle in the straight Capitol just

showed in front. A good battle took place right up to the judge's box, but Capitol carried too many guns for Red McGregor, beating him by a little more than a length. Sir Lethe was six lengths off third, while eight lengths further off came Lovell, and then at long intervals Kaitere and Loch Fyne cantered in, these being the only horses to finish. Time, 7min 16sec.

WATERLOO HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- 4—C. L. Lagor's ch h California, 5yrs, by San Fran—Dazzle, 11.2 (H. Gray) 1
1—Mrs. M. Moore's b h Sir Frisco, 5yrs, 11.0 (C. Jenkins) 2
2—J. McLaughlin's b c Multiple, 3yrs, 9.13 (Olliver) 3

Also started: 6 Penates 11.4, 8 Merrie Zealand 11.0, 5 Bollin 10.10, 3 Electrakoff 10.4, 9 Tiptoe 10.4, 10 Flingot 9.8, 7 Truganini 9.8, 12 Incey 9.4, 11 Royal Marine 9.3, 16 Moloch 9.2, 13 Rose Noble 9.2, 15 Maataari 9.0, 14 Pinul 9.0, 17 Marathon 9.0.

The start was a capital one, Multiple shooting out a length in front of Penates, next to him being Truganini and California. The Multiform colt was still leading the field as they rounded the bend, but when once headed for home Gray sent along California at his best, and the big fellow, fairly smothering the others in the straight, won without pressure by over a length from Sir Frisco, who had a bad passage throughout, but finished at a great pace. Multiple was three lengths off third, followed by Truganini and Merrie Zealand. Time, 1min 36 3-5sec.

JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

- 1—J. W. Westerman's b g White Cockade, 6yrs, by Finland—Miss Lochiel, 9.13 (Retter) 1
3—J. Casserley's b g Compass, aged, 10.12 (Tate) 2
5—J. Cress' b g Gaelic, aged, 9.3 (Kirk) 3

Also started: 6 Stayboy 10.7, 2 Waitapu 9.13, 9 Hydrant 9.10, 4 Arclight 9.9, 7 Tua Kitua 9.4, 8 Waiwareware 9.0.

Running down the back White Cockade was in the lead with Waiwareware in close attendance. A long way from home the issue was beyond doubt, but Gaelic supplanted Waiwareware before the straight was reached. Coming on at his ease White Cockade won without the semblance of an effort by three lengths from Compass, who finished fast on the rails and beat Gaelic by two lengths. Waiwareware was fourth.

THORNDON HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 8—H. W. Parata's b g Rongomai, 3yrs, by Conqueror—Punawai, 9.6 (Pritchard) 1
1—Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Contendent, 4yrs, 11.9 (Jones) 2
11—J. Melville's b g Valentine, 5yrs, 9.6 (Nodder) 3

Also started: 2 Stourton 10.12, 9 Tina Toa 10.4, 5 Magneto 9.10, 12 Manchester 9.9, 6 Moreykoff 9.0, 14 Portcullis 9.0, 10 Merrie Time 9.0, 4 Fighting Maid 9.0, 7 Seawind 9.0, 13 Stepalong 9.0, 3 Seraphic 9.0.

When the barrier rose Stourton hopped out very smartly, and he led the field to the distance. Here Rongomai and Palentine came through, and the former had the race in hand 50 yards from home. In the last hundred yards Contendent, who had been a long way back, came with a tremendous rattle, but though he beat everything else, he could not quite reach Rongomai, the outsider winning by half a length. Valentine was a length off third, followed by Moreykoff and Stourton. Time, 1min 8 4-5sec.

THIRD DAY.

On Saturday morning rain fell in sheets and a biting southerly wind did not help to make matters less disagreeable. Thoughts of a journey to Trentham did not fill one with pleasurable anticipations, and, compared with the other days, the attendance was very small, while only a few of the fair sex were brave enough to venture out.

Mr. Whyte, the secretary, and his executive did their utmost, under trying circumstances, for the comfort of patrons, and it speaks much for the good management that everything passed off so well. Mr. O'Connor's starting was, as usual, above reproach, while Mr. Hartgill had a fairly easy time in the judge's box.

As was only to be expected, the totalisator figures showed a big falling off in the amount handled as compared with the corresponding day last year, the sum of £3825 being paid in at the windows, as against £15,638, a decrease of £6731. The total investments for the meeting were £34,102, as compared with £39,097 at the previous winter meeting. In addition there were nine bookmakers operating inside and 14 out. The detailed results are:—

ONSLow HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 1—J. McLaughlin's b c Multiple, by Multiform—Sout Girl, 3yrs, 10.8 (Olliver) 1
3—R. E. Price's b c Electrakoff, 3yrs, 10.8 (C. Brown) 2
5—W. J. Barleyman's b m Miss Advantage, 5yrs, 9.0 (Deeley) 3

Also started: 6 Dogger Bank 10.11, 2 Advantage 10.4, 4 Waiouru 9.0, 7 Clem 9.0.

At the distance Multiple came away, and, running home strongly, won by a length and a-half from Electrakoff, who came with a great rattle over the last furlong. Miss Advantage was two lengths off third, followed by Dogger Bank, Advantage and Clem. Time, 1min 26sec.

CROFTON HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- 7—H. Bertram's ch m Inchbonny, by Clanranald—Teredina, 4yrs, 9.0 (C. Brown) 1
2—B. T. Bennett's b g St. Lumsden, 5yrs, 9.2 (Barlow) 2
1—Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Elfish, 3yrs, 10.10 (F. D. Jones) 3

Also started: 5 Teotane 10.2, 9 Tua Kitua 9.6, 4 Merrie Emerald 9.2, 8 Ukraine 9.0, 10 Mallet 9.0, 3 Merry Frank 9.0, 6 Beach 9.0.

St. Lumsden showed the way into the straight a length clear of a bunch. At the distance Inchbonny closed on the