

WEST COAST.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

Alex. Hall has North East in work again. The Euroclydon gelding looks well after his long spell, and has apparently quite recovered from the operation he underwent. He is moving very freely, and it should not be long before he is back to something like his best form.

The two-year-old colt Postillion, which Fred Tilley has taken down to Trentham for the Trial Plate, is a fine cut of a youngster. He is by Advance, out of Brown Spec, and is a very handsome colt, much after the stamp of his sire. It will be strange indeed if he does not develop into a real good colt.

Fred Tilley left with Goodwin Park, Kilrain, and Postillion for Wellington to-day. The three mentioned are all in good trim, and it is quite on the cards that the Fordell trainer will pick up a race at the meeting with one or other of the trio.

There is said to be a likelihood of a former well-known racing man taking to the game again here, and, if so, very considerable interest will be added to the sport on this coast.

Several horses are in steady work

is a brilliant customer over the small sticks. If Darby Paul wins at Wellington he will have extra poundage to carry, but at 9.9 he is well treated.

John is engaged in the Winter Cup at 9.12, but he will probably be a nonstarter in this event.

The Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting will be held on September 4 and 5. Liberal stake money has been allotted for the eight events each day, and capital entries should be received. Instead of having a hunters' hurdle event on the second day a 2½-miles steeplechase has been decided upon for hunters only, with gentlemen riders up. The Marton Handicap is worth £175, and the Crofton Handicap on the concluding day carries a stake of £105. The two open sprint events are each endowed with 100 sovs, so that owners of all classes of horses are well catered for, and should respond liberally. Nominations close with the secretary (Mr A. Way) on Friday, August 16th.

The Marton course has received careful attention, and should be in good order for the spring meeting. The new and commodious totalisator house for a 32-horse silent machine is nearing completion. In design, it is quite the latest, and will compare more than favourably with those used at some metropolitan meetings.

Mr. W. J. Douglas has leased Wai-pureku from her owner-trainer, J. Munn. She is a half sister, by Torpedo, to Te Puia.

The Napier Park Racing Club are increasing their stake money for next season's racing, and during that term there will be no stake of a less value than a hundred sovereigns.

Blackguard, the rising two-year-old half brother by Royal Fusilier to Bobriko, has been putting in an appearance of late at the work out at Napier Park. Evidently he has not got rid of the cold that he contracted some time back, for the other morning after trotting and cantering he coughed rather badly, which it must be admitted was not a good sign. He is a magnificent sample of the thoroughbred, and it would be the hardest of luck for his breeder-owner if anything happens to be amiss with him.

Mangaroo has not been doing much of late as she has only been doing easy work in the shape of trotting and cantering, and it, therefore, does not appear as if she is destined to face the man at the barrier next month at Riccarton in the Winter Cup.

D. Munn, who is now attending to the education of Peacemaker, is not asking the gelding to do much. It may not be generally known that Merry Monarch, who has been making a name for himself in Australia,

assisting there Mr. Lucas lights out for Christchurch.

Golden Loop is making excellent progress in his schooling essays over the battens on the work out at Hastings.

Coolbeggan (late Tripoli) will for the future compete in the interests of Messrs. Robson and Hickey. The former is the breeder of Pink'un.

F. Stowe set Winning Post going again this week. The daughter of Victoria Cross has evidently greatly benefitted by the spell that she has had, for she has lost that weedy outlook which was one of her characteristics when she was last seen out with the satin up.

Corazon has been turned out. Luckily there is nothing much amiss with the chestnut 'chaser, and his educator surmises that a rest will bring him right.

It is more than probable that V. Collelo will journey to Riccarton with Bandaliero. The son of Daunt is a clever, fast fencer, but he always makes a better showing when the going is firm, and as a general thing the tracks at Riccarton at the 'chasing gathering are not of the firm order, and therefore if that should be the case, presuming that Bandaliero does make the jaunt, I should not be at all surprised if he did not display his most attractive form.

CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The Geraldine Racing Club has appointed Mr A. J. Gibbs handicapper and Mr R. E. Hurley starter.

The Wellington Racing Club has applied for October 26 and 28 as the dates for its spring meeting, but the Canterbury Jockey Club has given notice of its intention to object to these dates, as the spring meeting of the C.J.C. will commence on November 2, the Saturday following the Wellington meeting.

St. Petersburg, by Kilcheran—Neva, and half-brother to Danube, was sent from Porirua to Oamaru this week.

P. T. Hagan, of Southland, has arrived at Riccarton with Lugeon, Vulgar Boy, and Magdala, where he will complete their preparations for the Grand National meeting.

Sea King gave such a bad display over the big hurdles at Riccarton this week that it is doubtful whether he will be persevered with in the jumping department.

W. Retter, the jockey who was injured recently at Riccarton, still lies unconscious in the Christchurch hospital.

Glenowl, the two-year-old, who won a race at the North Otago meeting in May, is the only South Island horse engaged in the Trial Plate at Wellington.

C. Christie has arrived from Wingatui with Jack Ashore and Simon Pure for the National meeting.

Silver Blaze has been giving excellent displays of jumping at Riccarton.

Continuance, on reports, continues to grow in popular favour for the Grand National Steeplechase.

TURF RESULTS.

WAIMATE PLAINS TROTTING CLUB.

The Waimate Plains Trotting Club's meeting was held on Wednesday on the Hawera racecourse, in threatening weather. The course was not in a condition to permit of fast times being recorded. The following are the results:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Kotere 1, Wynotte 2, Owlyo 3. Won by four lengths. Time, 4min 11sec.

NORMANBY HANDICAP.—Fly Wheel 1, Golden Rose 2, Kaiwara 3. Won by two furlongs. Time, 2min 46 2-5sec.

WAIMATE PLAINS HANDICAP.—Capilose 1, Erin's Tracey 2, Rothschild Lad 3. Won by nine lengths. Time 5min 36 2-5sec.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Fly Wheel 1, Wynotte 2, Owlyo 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 4min 17 2-5sec.

HAWERA HANDICAP.—Rothschild Lad 1, Sundial 2, Miss Clarice 3. Won by half a length. Time, 2min 51sec.

STRATFORD HANDICAP.—Erin's Tracey 1, Kotiri 2, Pukekura 3. Won by a dozen lengths. Time, 5min 21 2-5 sec.

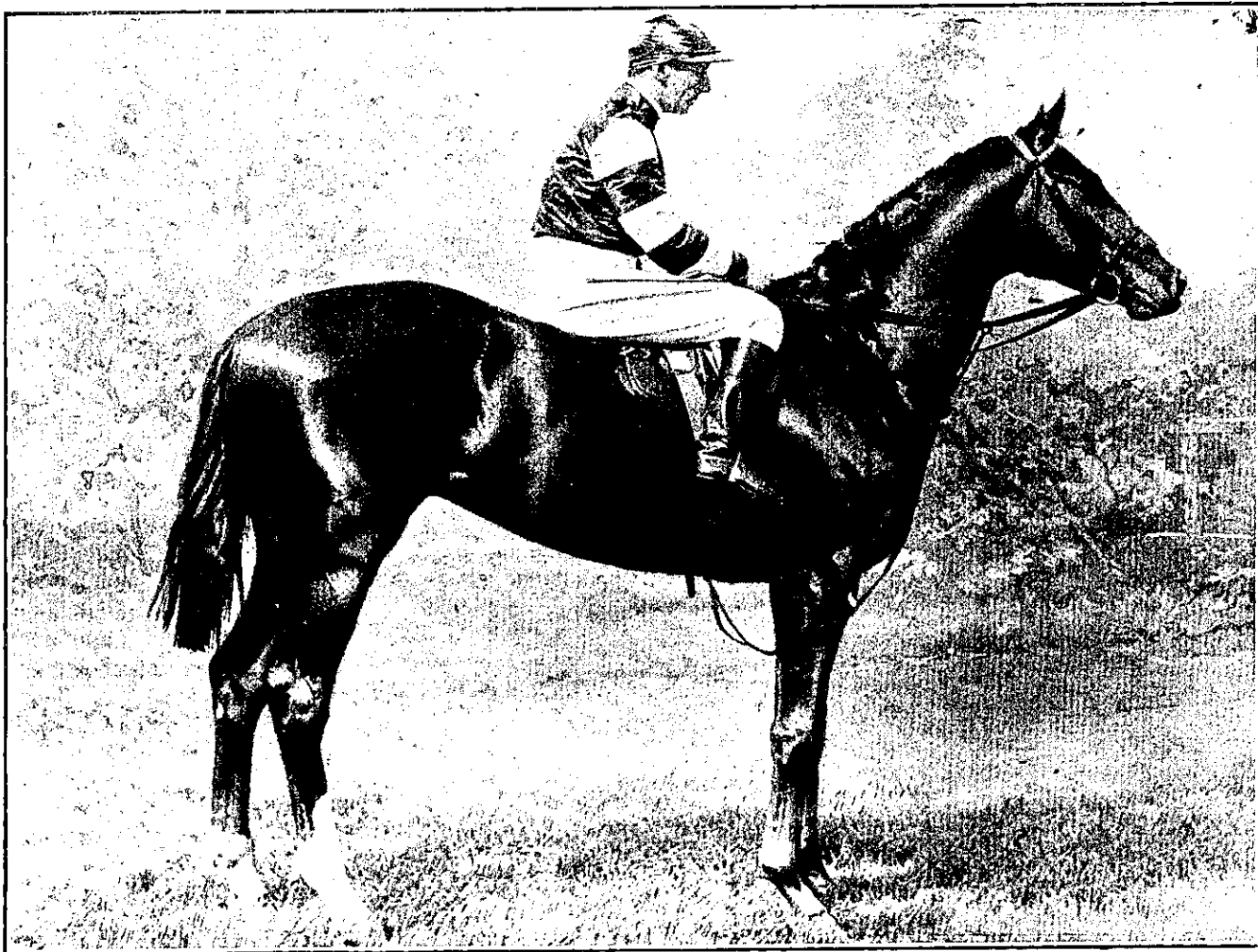
VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

The V.R.C. brought the Grand National meeting to a conclusion at Flemington on Saturday. The following were the results of the principal events:—

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 20sovs each for starters, with 1500sovs added; second horse 300 sovs, and third horse 150sovs out of the stake. About three miles and a furlong.

Mr. P. E. Kearns's ch g Guncap, 5yrs, by Carbin—Benzine, 10.4 (Morgan)



Mr. H. Duryea's SWEEPER II., by Broomstick—Ravello II., winner of the Two Thousand Guineas Stakes, 1912. Ridden by D. Maher.

HAWKE'S BAY.

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NAPIER, Monday.

Mr. A. G. Wood, who got through his duties as starter in a capable manner at the late gathering of the Gisborne Racing Club, although at the time he was suffering severely from gastric poisoning, was so bad on his arrival here last Monday that he had to be taken to the hospital where an operation was performed on him. Fortunately, he is now well on the way to the recovery of his usual good health, and expects to be able to leave the institution this week.

Peary, who is privately trained at his owner's private track, at Karamu, is said to be making good in his efforts on the trial. Peary, who has got 9.11 in the Winter Cup, is a full brother to North Head and North Pole, and half brother to North Star, Andree, Ice and Pretty Maid.

Previous to his departure for Trentham last Tuesday Black Northern had been jumping the big country on the try out at Napier Park, where the gelding has been domiciled since the Winter meeting there last month.

Bobrikoff is still one of the regulars on the trial at Napier Park, the black champion goes better some mornings than others, and I am inclined to think that he is a sufferer from muscular rheumatism.

is a half brother, by Merriwee, to Peacemaker.

Mr. F. Tong, of Puketapu, has leased Goldfinch to Mr. G. Fuller.

Sleacombe is jumping better than he has ever done before, and his educator anticipates that he will be sure to come back to his best form. J. Oldfield has also got in work a nice cut of a rising two-year-old by Birkenhead out of Hopeful, Birkful by name. There is plenty of him for he is a big bold youngster, well set up with good bone, and of very attractive contour.

F. D. Jones, who got his collarbone broken through Sea Pink falling with him at Gisborne, is going along all right, as he has turned the mending corner.

Fred Davis is slipping his baby pupils along in their exercises, and from the excellent way in which they acquit themselves in their tasks, it looks as if Mr. T. H. Lowry will play from a strong suit in the two-year-old department next season.

Mr. A. McKenzie, of Gisborne, informed me to-day that Forward will be taken to Riccarton from Gisborne after the conclusion of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting.

Forward is a full sister to Prosper, and on her go at Gisborne should run well forward at Riccarton next month.

Mr. J. Lucas, one of the owners of Continuance, passed through here to-day on his way to Trentham. After

in view of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting next month. Those interested should bear in mind that nominations are due on Saturday, the 10th August.

St. Bill is going along nicely on the tracks, and by the time the spring meetings come round should be in first-class form. Another of Alex. Hall's charges, Demise—Orme, is in work again, having thrown off all effects of the very bad cold he had recently.

Though Mr W. R. Tuck thought his recent purchase, Antarctic, would have been let off a little bit lighter in the Grand National Steeple, he is sanguine, if the gelding goes to the post thoroughly sound, that he will run a good race, despite his 12.2. Of course, it remains to be seen whether Antarctic will be free from soreness after the Trentham meeting. It is possible the racing there will bring on a recurrence of his old trouble, but his work recently has been got through without leaving any trace of rheumatism, or whatever it was that previously troubled this fine jumper.

Koran (10.13) is generally held to be fairly well in the Grand National Hurdles. He is reported to be doing good work at Waverley, and on his Hawke's Bay form must be one of the dangerous division. John (10.13) will also have a lot of friends if he goes on all right, as at his best he