

THIRD DAY.

AMYTHAS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

CITY HANDICAP WON BY BINDLE.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Wellington R.C.'s summer fixture was brought to a conclusion today in wet and showery weather, which continued throughout the day. Heavy rain last night and in the morning suggested to racegoers the probable postponement of the final day's racing at Trentham, but the officials decided otherwise. The first race was run in heavy rain, which continued more or less all the afternoon. Considering the climatic conditions, the attendance was very satisfactory, quite a big crowd assembling to participate in the enjoyable sport promised. The course was soon cut up and fast times were consequently out of the question. The lawns and enclosures also became wet and slippery, but the club very thoughtfully had a large quantity of straw scattered about, which helped very materially to improve the conditions under foot.

Under the adverse climatic conditions the racing was exceedingly interesting, some spirited contests being witnessed. Demand had no difficulty in winning the Hopeful Stakes, and in this two-year-old gelding Mr. T. A. Duncan, of Hunterville, has a very serviceable galloper indeed. Amythas made no race of the Summer Handicap, winning very comfortably. The Demosthenes gelding was second to last going around the back, but put in some fine work. He was never really extended, which made his opponents appear a very moderate lot. Bonnie Maid scored very decisively in the Consolation Handicap from a useful field, which included Royal Stag, who was thought unbeatable. Punka did well to get third. Bindle beat a useful field of sprinters in the City Handicap, included among whom was Michaela, who had registered a convincing win in the Metropolitan Handicap on the second day, and Bo-Peep. In Bindle Mr. W. H. Gaisford has a three-year-old who promises to prove extremely useful. The concluding event went to Swanee River, who beat a useful field of fifteen runners. Descendants of Demosthenes fared very well during the progress of the three days' racing.

All the officials worked hard to make the meeting a success, and in this connection the efforts of Mr. A. E. Whyte and his assistant, Mr. J. Griffiths, were greatly appreciated by those having to do business with the secretarial department. Mr. C. O'Connor was in good form at the barrier, the send-offs being effected with the least possible delay. Mr. R. B. Lusk, although he was somewhat slow in hoisting the placed horses, appeared to have pleased everybody by his decisions during the meeting.

The totalisator staff handled £58,564 10s. during the afternoon, making a total of £193,193 for the meeting, compared with £119,100 for the corresponding fixture last year, which, however, was a two-day meeting.

THE RACING.

Racing was resumed with the Wallaceville Welter, which was run in pouring rain. Black Hill was installed favourite, with Chaeronia next in demand. The latter was quickest to begin, attended by Mumble, but once the straight was reached Messrs. Riddiford's filly easily shook off her rival and won by three lengths, Starland being ten lengths away, third, and the favourite fourth.

Penury Rose touched a short price in the Melrose Welter, and after allowing Demagogue to make play to the distance the Opaki-trained gelding was taken to the front, and, vigorously ridden, won by a clear length from Ermine, with Lingerie close up, third, and Old Gold, who came with a fast late run, fourth.

Demand monopolised the betting in the Hopeful Stakes, while Weldone carried a lot of money. The field ran bunched to the distance, when Demand drew away and, going on, won easily by a length from Fortune Teller, with Weldone close up, third, and La Paix fourth.

Surveyor was the best backed in the Waterloo Stakes, and the race resulted in a very fine contest. Trespass showed the way on to the course proper, when Right and Left took the lead, closely followed by Surveyor. The latter got on terms with Right and Left a few hundred yards from the post, and in an exciting finish won by a head, with Trespass ten lengths away, third.

Amythas was the public choice in the Summer Handicap, and once again the Demosthenes gelding scored very comfortably. Rose Wreath was in charge up to the distance, where

Amythas took charge and, galloping very kindly, won in a canter by a length, with Bagdad three lengths away, third, and Bonnetter fourth.

Royal Stag was the best backed in the Consolation Handicap, while Melee and Punka carried a lot of money. There was considerable delay at the starting post through Paddington Green refusing to face the tapes, but eventually a good start was effected, the Taranaki horse being badly left. Rose Pink immediately rushed to the front, and essayed to win from end to end, the mare's nearest attendant being Melee. At the distance the field closed up, where Royal Stag looked all over a winner, but when well in the straight Bonnie Maid came away and won very easily by two lengths from Royal Stag, with Punka another three lengths away, third, and Paddington Green, who made up his lost ground remarkably well, fourth.

From a fine start in the City Handicap the field ran in close order until the course proper was reached,

8—F. Armstrong's gr f Mumble, 3 yrs, 7.7 (Dixon) 2
4—G. L. Stead's br g Starland, 3yrs, 9.2 (G. Young) 3

Also started: 1 Black Hill 9.4 (Olivier), 5 Arch Lassie 9.3 (McFlinn), 3 Prince Hal 8.12 (Bagby), 6 Red Signal 8.6 (L. Morris), 7 Explorer 7.12, inc. 3lb over (Ferguson).

Won by three lengths, ten lengths between second and third. Black Hill was fourth. Time, 1min. 33 1-5sec.

MELROSE WELTER HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 35sovs. Seven furlongs.

1—R. Knox's br g Penury Rose, 4 yrs, by Penury—Merrie Rose, 7.10 (Corlett) 1
4—J. Goring Johnston's br f Ermine, 3yrs, 7.12 (M. McCarten) 2
3—W. Richmond's br m Lingerie, 5yrs, 9.1 (Gray) 3

Also started: 9 Alteration 9.7 (Olivier), 5 Old Gold 8.5 (McFlinn), 7 Paddington Green, 8.2, 1lb over (Hunt), 2 Demagogue 7.13 (Bagby), 8 Sonnino 7.8½, inc. 1½lb. over (M. McDonald), 6 Royal Exchange 7.7 (A. Reed).

Won nicely by a length, a similar distance separating second and third. Old Gold was fourth. Time, 1min. 32 3-5sec.

HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second 80sovs, third 40sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

(Bagby), 4 Bonnetter 7.0 (McCormack), 7 Battle Array 6.12, inc. 3lb over (C. Carmont).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Bonnetter was fourth. Time, 1min. 44 1-5sec.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP of 450sovs; second 90sovs, third 45sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

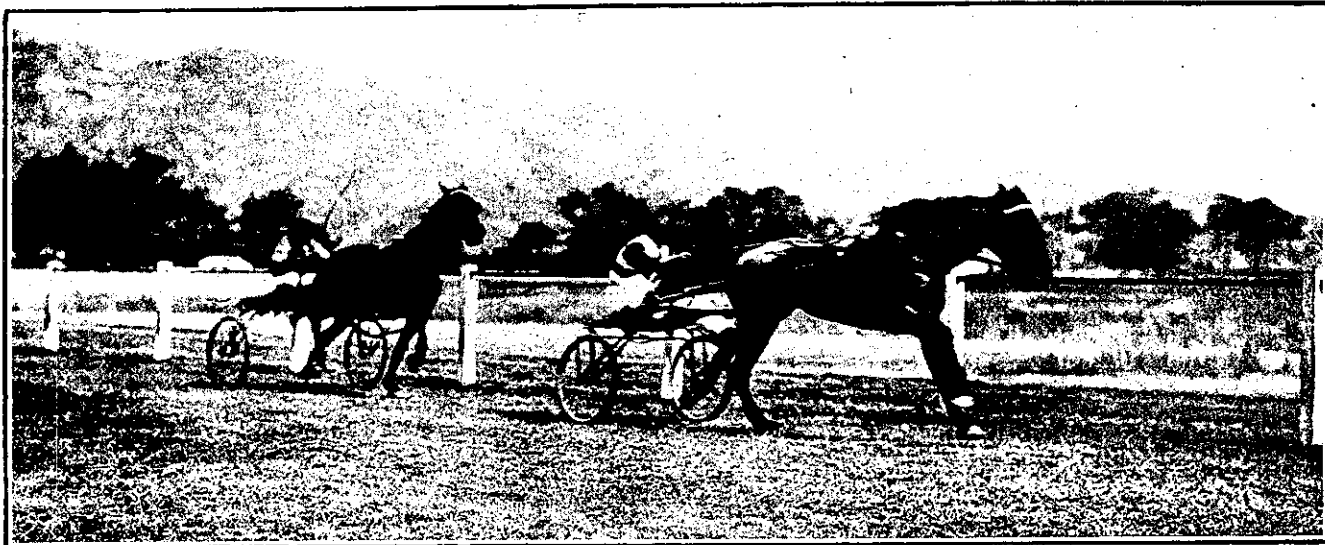
6—P. Soames' b m Bonnie Maid, 5yrs, by Boniform—Happy Maid, 7.11 (G. Young) 1
1—Sir G. Clifford's br c Royal Stag, 3yrs, 8.2 (H. Young) 2
3—W. H. Gaisford's b m Punka, 4 yrs, 7.9 (L. Morris) 3

Also started: 4 Snub 8.2 (J. O'Shea), 9 Impediment 7.9 (R. Reed), 5 Mascot 7.13, inc. 2lb over (A. Reed), 2 Melee 7.6, inc. 6lb over (Bagby), 8 Rose Pink 6.8½, inc. 1½lb. over (C. Carmont), 7 Paddington Green 7.10, inc. 3lb. over (McCormack).

Won by two lengths, with Punka three lengths away third. Paddington Green was fourth. Time, 2min. 12 2-5 sec.

CITY HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. Six furlongs.

3—W. H. Gaisford's b g Bindle, 3yrs, by Solferino—Happy Valley, 7.6 (Bagby) 1
1—Y. T. Barren's br m Michaela, 5yrs, 8.12 (Deeley) 2
2—W. E. Herbert's b f Bo-Peep, 4 yrs, 7.10 (L. Morris) 3



CATHEDRAL CHIMES (J. Bryce, jun.) being paced by the galloper EVENING CHIMES (ridden by J. Bryce, sen.), during his successful attempt to lower the Australasian mile grass record (2min. 11 3-5sec.) at the Wellington Trotting Club's annual meeting at Hutt Park. CATHEDRAL CHIMES covered the distance in 2min. 10sec.



RIGHT AND LEFT (R. Reed), after accounting for the Fitzherbert Handicap (five furlongs) on the second day of the Wellington R.C.'s summer meeting. The second and third horses are GASBAG (H. Gray) and DEMAND (M. McCarten) respectively.

when Astinome showed in front, closely followed by Bo-Peep, with Michaela coming fast. The latter appeared to possess an excellent winning chance half-way up the straight, when Bindle came very quick on the outside and, galloping very resolutely, won nicely by a length from Michaela, with Bo-Peep two lengths away, third, Chimera being fourth.

Sixteen horses were paraded for the Kaitoki Handicap, with which the curtain was rung down on the meeting. From a beautiful start the big field moved off in line, and at the distance they were in close formation with the exception of Swanee River, who was galloping very well in front. The Demosthenes filly outpaced her opponents in the run to the judge's box, finishing up an easy winner by four lengths from Parorangi, who was two lengths in front of Kinsem. The favourite, Mustard Pot, was fourth, and the heavy going may have affected the chestnut's prospects.

The results were:—
WALLACEVILLE WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Seven furlongs.
2—V. and E. Riddiford's b f Chaeronia, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Formality, 7.7 (A. Reed) 1

1—T. A. Duncan's br g Demand, by Demosthenes—Bonheur, 7.3 (McCormack) 1
7—W. Bradford's ch f Fortune Teller, 6.9½, inc. 2½lb. over (R. Orange) 2
2—W. R. Kemball's blc Weldone, 8.5 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 4 Wake 8.5 (A. Reed), 8 Phio 6.8, inc. 1lb over (Barnett), 3 La Paix 7.8 (Barry), 5 Pente 7.6½, inc. 8½lb. over (Bagby), 6 Celmisia 6.11½, inc. 4½lb. over (Ellis).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. La Paix was close up fourth. Time, 1min. 2 3-5sec.

WATERLOO STAKES of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. Weight for age. Six furlongs.

1—W. G. Stead's ch c Surveyor, 2 yrs, by Nassau—Pedometer, 8.6 (Gray) 1
2—G. L. Stead's blk c Right and Left, 2yrs, 6.12 (McCormack) 2
4—W. R. Kemball's b c Trespass, 3yrs, 8.6 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 3 Caricature 6.4 (A. Dixon).
Won by a head, ten lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 14 1-5 sec.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 750sovs; second 150sovs, third 75sovs. One mile.

1—F. S. Easton's b g Amythas, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Gold Treasure, 8.7 (G. Young) 1
8—F. R. Waller's b g Borealis, 4yrs, 6.9, inc. 2lb over (Orange) 2
3—Mrs. H. M. Campbell's ch g Bagdad, 7.6, inc. 3lb. over (Berry) 3
Also started: 2 Acre 8.5 (C. Price), 6 Spanner 8.5 (Gray), 5 Rose Wreath 7.10

Also started: 5 Chimera 8.4 (Gray), 4 Maioha 7.7 (A. Reed), 6 Astinome 7.2 (G. Carmont).
Won by a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 14sec.

KAITOKE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Five furlongs.

8—Ebb Simpson's br f Swanee River, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Northern Rose, 8.0 (C. Reed) 1
3—W. Higgins' br g Parorangi, 3yrs, 8.4 (C. Price) 2
4—T. A. Duncan's b m Kinsem, 3yrs, 6.12 (Barry) 3

Also started: 10 Golden Bubble 9.12 (Gray), 1 Mustard Pot 9.9 (G. Young), 2 Nursing Sister 8.10 (Olivier), 6 Hy-marty 8.5 (R. Reed), 7 Hepta 8.2 (Bagby), 11 Guanaco 8.1, inc. 1lb over (E. Manson), 14 Philomela 8.0 (L. Morris), 9 Blissfulness 7.12 (Goodwin), 5 Steep-holm 7.5 (E. Ellis), 13 Sycorax 7.7, inc. 3lb. over (Hockley), 15 Restful 6.11 (Dixon), 16 Prince Mark, 6.10, 5lb allow. (Toms), 12 Russet 6.8½, inc. 1½lb. over (G. Carmont).

Won by four lengths, two lengths between second and third. Mustard Pot was fourth. Time, 1min. 1 3-5sec.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Waipa Racing Club's meeting, to be held at Te Awamutu on February 21, are due on Tuesday next (February 23) with the secretary, Mr. J. G. Wynyard, Te Awamutu, or with Messrs. Blomfield and Co., High Street, Auckland.