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WELLINGTON.

Dannevirke Prospects—War Star Training on Well—Diamond Nap to be Tried Over Fences—Trainer H. Rayner Seriously Ill—Demos Being Prepared for Rangitikei.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

North Island sporting enthusiasts who visited Nelson last week speak in high terms of the sport provided at Richmond Park. They describe the racing as excellent, some capital contests being witnessed. The principal event, the Nelson Cup, was won by Mr. James Fuller's Esperance (Martian—Mary of Argyle), trained by C. Pritchard at Trentham for the Seddon (Marlborough) sportsman, the success being very popularly received. Iमारibbon, owned by Mr. J. J. Corry, Mayor of Blenheim, acted as runner-up. Mr. J. Glen, the club's popular and veteran secretary, was on hand to extend hospitality to visitors, and one and all came away well pleased with the kindness and hospitality extended them during their sojourn in "Sleepy Hollow."

Considerable interest is being taken in these parts and there is sure to be a large attendance of racegoers at the autumn meeting of the Dannevirke Racing Club, which takes place on Saturday and Monday next. The club, with the energetic Mr. Dobson at the head of affairs, are leaving no stone unturned to make the gathering thoroughly successful, and their efforts should be crowned with success.

Admiral Codrington (Gazeley—Rausyl), one of H. Hickey's Gisborne team, is a very improved horse, and all going well in the interim the chestnut should run prominently at Dannevirke.

Mr. "Cam" Merrylees, at Dannevirke, has Mannikin (Maniapoto—Brown Bess) fast coming up to concert pitch. The brown gelding is thought capable of making a bold showing at the local meeting at the week end.

Goldshine and Hookah both read well in the Dannevirke Cup. The latter, who is a very useful sort, is one of the Multifid tribe from Pyridine.

Stutter (Demosthenes—Temeraire), whom trainer E. W. Watson, at Awapuni, has in fine form just now, should give an excellent account of herself at Dannevirke. This four-year-old can gallop to some purpose, and she may catch the judge's eye.

Rieuse, the full-sister to Chimera, should keep her opponents busy in the Juvenile Handicap at Dannevirke. The field is very select, and a surprise may be in store, for several of the two-year-olds engaged are endowed with more than average galloping ability. Tout Bon (Boniform—Cassock) will carry the yellow jacket and black cap of Mr. W. G. Stead in this event.

Railand (8.13) appears to be well placed in the Tamaki Welter, while Mumble should keep the opposition busy during the running of the Makirikiri Handicap. Both horses are on the improve and should run prominently in their contests.

The field is not classy in the Maiden at Dannevirke, but capital reports are heard about Gold Pan, who is considered capable of developing into a fine type of a racer.

War Star is doing well in her training under A. Atwood's guidance at Woodville. "Bronk" is not down-hearted through the mare's failure to win at Wanganui, and is quite sanguine that she will be seen under more favourable circumstances at the Rangitikei meeting.

F. Watson, at Ashhurst, is putting Diamond Nap (Glenapp—Raumai) through his preliminary facings over the small sticks. The gelding's displays so far have been very satisfactory, and there is every prospect of the horse developing into a useful type of a hurdler.

R. J. Horne, who was formerly connected with the racing business at Palmerston North, and who is now settled down as a trainer at Gore (Southland), passed through Wellington last week with a useful type of a racer by Campfire from Pastime, which he secured from the Shannon sportsman who races as P. Rosmead. The horse gave the writer the impression of being capable of paying his way in racing events down south.

By the way, Horne is getting quite a nice little team together, and he speaks very hopefully of the interest being taken in racing affairs in that part of New Zealand.

Many racegoers will be sorry to hear that the Waverley trainer H. Rayner took suddenly ill on the eve of the Wanganui meeting, and was removed to hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis. At latest accounts Rayner was doing as well as could be expected, and his many friends are wishing him a speedy recovery.

Much sympathy is being extended a well-known local sporting enthusiast in Mr. R. Church, formerly of Wanganui, whose wife died last week from pneumonia, at the early age of thirty-one years.

"Mick" Hurley, at Palmerston North, is subjecting Demos to a capital preparation for the gelding's Rangitikei Cup engagement. The

Rose Wreath is looking none the worse for the travelling and racing she has done lately, and is being kept going. Mr. McDonald's mare has been a consistent performer this season, and has been successful at Wanganui, Masterton, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Prince Mark (King Mark—Simonis), winner of the Maiden at Nelson, is owned by Mr. F. Jensen, of Masterton, and trained by C. Pritchard at Trentham. Prince Mark was purchased by his owner at the dispersal sale of the late R. Morrison last year.

Mr. W. McKenzie, the Masterton owner, has decided to give his two-year-old Kaka a long spell, and he has been gelded and turned out in the South Wairarapa.

Galore was taken across to the Nelson and Marlborough meetings by T. Pritchard, and judging by the way the daughter of All Black—Orlay has been galloping at Opaki, expenses should be paid on the trip.

Two of Mr. A. McDonald's two-year-olds, Strategy (Martian—Strathspey) and Prince Martian (Martian—Vicella), are in steady work again at Opaki after a lengthy spell, during which time they were both gelded. They are a likely-looking pair, and although it is rather late in the season to start racing it is hoped that

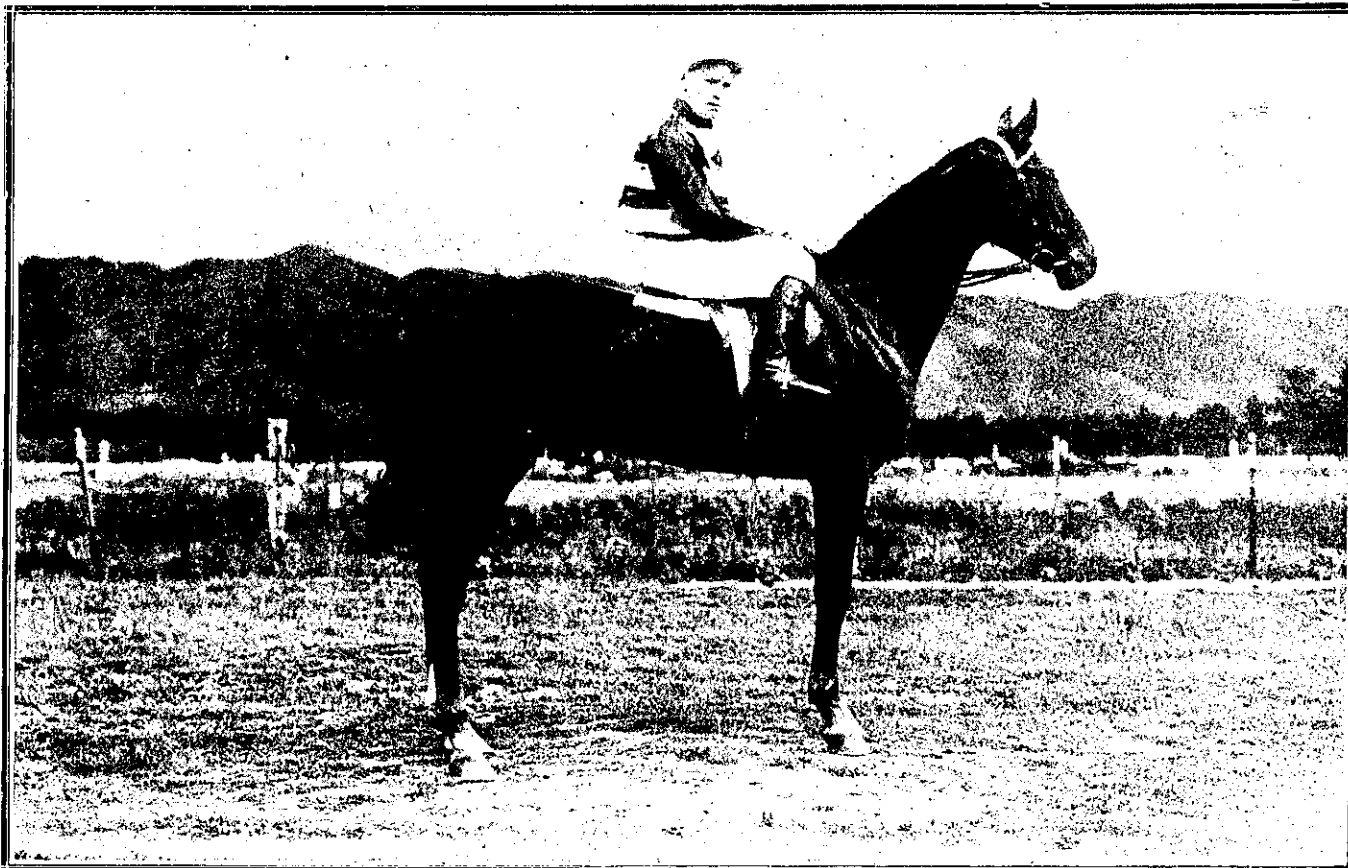
gaged in the Flying Handicap six are trained at Opaki, and half those entered for the Autumn Handicap are also locally trained. The meeting being held on a Saturday, it means that most of the visiting horses have to remain over Sunday, and this has probably been against the club receiving more nominations from outside centres. However, given fine weather, the meeting should be a successful one.

SOUTHLAND.

Welcome Rain Falls—Eleus and Silver Peak Nominated for Canterbury J.C. Meeting—Belgian King Gone Amiss—Bright Spot Changes Hands—Mr. W. A. Saunders to Act as Secretary for Southland Autumn Meeting—Rorke's Drift in Good Fettle—The Lumsden Hack Meeting—Magdala Being Schooled Across Country—Improvements at Winton—Record Entries for Southland.

INVERCARGILL, Saturday.

The first genuine rainfall of the current year was experienced here on Wednesday and the following night, but the area affected did not extend far beyond the town and coastal area. The local tracks benefited as a result of the moisture, but experienced and



A SMART WELLINGTON-OWNED AND TRAINED TWO-YEAR-OLD.—Mr. I. G. Duncan's ch f BLACKMAIL, by Bezonian—Historiette. W. O'Halloran in saddle. Blackmail's latest success was gained in the Tamahere Stakes (five furlongs) on the opening day of the Hamilton R.C.'s recent meeting.

four-year-old son of Demosthenes—Jeanne D'Arc, who is showing considerable improvement in his training, is thought capable of getting amongst the winners in the near future.

WAIRARAPA.

Local Nominations for A.R.C. Easter Meeting—Australian Hurdler Negambo in Steady Work—Training Operations at Tauherenikau in Full Swing—W. Hawthorne Returns With Australian Team—Masterton Nominations.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

The Masterton trainer J. T. Jamie-son paid 60 guineas for a brown colt by Absurd—Lady Eta at the Wanganui yearling sales last week.

Vivation (Provocation—Declination) is the only horse Mr. W. E. Bidwill has racing at present. A few seasons ago the Featherston sportsman had one of the best teams in the Dominion in commission.

It would appear that Affectation is to race again before the season ends, as he has been nominated for several events ahead. It is to be hoped that Mr. McDonald's three-year-old will be able to take part in weight-for-age and other handicap events during the autumn, and repeat his early spring form.

Masterton-owned horses entered for the principal events at the Auckland Racing Club's Easter meeting are Missgold, Trespass, Hymestra, Bonnetter, Explorer, Rose Wreath, and Affectation.

Negambo, the grey hurdler brought over from Australia by Mr. Kemball, has been in steady work at Opaki for some time, and is to be given a run on the flat at the local meeting this month.

the local owner will get some return before they go into winter quarters, as a good figure was paid for each of them.

Tauherenikau trainers are sending their teams along in earnest just now in view of the race meeting to be held in this district during the next month. The tracks at the Wairarapa Racing Club's course are in first-class order, and a large number of horses are to be seen out each morning. A McAulay, W. Galbraith, P. Hazleman, W. Hill and A. Crawford have their respective teams doing regular work.

W. Hawthorne has returned to Masterton with the horses he has had away since returning from Australia. It was not intended to bring them back until after Easter, but the death of Mr. Nicholls necessitated a change in the arrangements. Hawthorne intended taking Missgold, Rebuff and Wishful to the smaller meetings outside Auckland to give them a run before Easter. Wishful was sent over to Napier, and is to compete at Dannevirke before returning home. Hawthorne will stay in Masterton until after the local meeting, and will then go up to Auckland with several horses. All the team that have been away are in good condition, with the exception of Snub, and this gelding is to be treated to a spell, as he is still suffering from the accident he met with at Wanganui.

One hundred and nine nominations have been received for the eight events at the Masterton Racing Club's autumn meeting. Although this is only an average of 13 a race it may be considered satisfactory as compared with the club's one-day meeting last year. Class is fairly well represented, among those engaged being Sasanof, Spanner, Golden Bubble, Affectation, Rose Wreath, Red Ribbon, and Bonnetter. Of the dozen en-

novice steeplechasers must find it hard during schooling operations. The Gore track is in a dry state, which will be all against cross-country racing at the capital of the Eastern District next week.

The Invercargill-owned pair Eleus and Silver Peak have been nominated for the Great Easter Handicap and the latter for the Great Autumn Handicap at Riccarton, and it is understood that both will be seen out at the Canterbury J.C.'s headquarters next month. Silver Peak appears to have shaken off the effects of the kick from her stablemate Anton, and is hitting out boldly on the tracks, while Eleus is also doing well, but P. Hogan has been easy with the son of Elysian since the Dunedin Cup fixture. Silver Peak will be ridden out to the limit in Christchurch, thus enabling W. Stone to find out what kind of mare his recent purchase really is, for she is a very useful performer.

After the recent Oamaru meeting Belgian King was brought down to Southland by his owner and placed with the veteran J. Hymers at Riverton. The son of Cronstadt, however, broke down this morning, and a new favourite will have to be found for the Gore Cup next week.

Mr. Stone has disposed of Bright Spot, a daughter of Treadmill and Bonnie Brae, and she will join W. McKay's stable at Riverton. A McKay acts as leading horseman for this establishment. The mare is in the pink of condition, and it will not surprise those who know her best to find her proving a winner in the near future. Mr. Stone has also had offers for other members of his string.

Subsequent to his resignation being accepted, Mr. W. A. Saunders has agreed to entertain a request from the Southland Racing Club that he