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WELLINGTON.

Death of Well-known Dunedin Sporting Identity at Perth (W.A.)—Notes on the Wellington Meeting—Favourites Experience Great Innings on Opening Day—Manawatu R.C.'s Autumn Meeting.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Mr. L. R. Freeman, well-known as mine host of Whyte's Hotel, Foxton, has been appointed secretary to the Foxton Racing Club in succession to Mr. Endell Wanklyn, who has resigned for health reasons.

A cable received in Wellington last week announced the death at West Leederville, Perth (Western Australia), on the 7th inst., of a well-known Dunedin sporting identity in the person of Mr. W. Smart, who for many years was identified with the iron industry in the southern town. The late Mr. Smart, who was a brother to "Lorgnette," who contributes theatrical notes each week to the "Review," was a keen sporting enthusiast, and was closely identified with boxing and other branches of sport in Dunedin. Anything that had for its object the encouragement and advancement of sport always had his best attention. Mr. Smart leaves a wife and six children, also a brother and two sisters in New Zealand, who have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

Paddington Green, owned by a popular identity in "Slippery Bill" of New Plymouth, was well fancied for the Hack Hurdles at Trentham on Thursday, but the chestnut was again fractious at the post, and although Rangī Thompson did his best the gelding finished well behind the placed division.

Seadown ran a splendid race at Trentham on Thursday. This fine stamp of a hurdler should soon be getting amongst the winners.

Chummy, an inmate of J. H. Prosser's stable, nearly upset calculations at Trentham on the opening day. The Campfire gelding, who was a big outsider, finished third in a close finish. Had the gelding got the verdict there would have been some jubilation amongst the eel fishers of Porirua.

A feature of the first day's racing at Trentham was the success of the favourite on no less than six occasions during the afternoon. The dividends right through were, however, of a meagre character. Blackmail, owned by the proprietor of the Waikanae Stud, returned the largest dividend of the day when the Bezonian—Historiette filly won the North Island Challenge Stakes.

Some really bad riding was seen at Trentham on the opening day, and more than one race was lost through inferior horsemanship. A school for jockeys is badly needed in New Zealand for the purpose of instilling into the younger generation of riders the methods necessary for them to follow their occupation with some success. Certainly in several of the races on Thursday last the antics adopted by the youthful riders were such as to cause some merriment to the on-lookers.

The autumn meeting of the Manawatu Racing Club, which takes place this week, is engaging considerable attention in local sporting circles, and there is sure to be a large attendance. Big fields are engaged in practically all the events, and substantial dividends should be returnable on both days. Certainly the club's prospects for a successful meeting are very bright indeed.

In Simon and Crucelle, the Waverley stable of H. Rayner will have a couple of useful gallopers in commission at the Manawatu meeting this week. Both horses can gallop to some purpose.

Mr. W. R. Kemball will have a big team to represent him at the Manawatu meeting this week, and it will occasion some surprise if the Masterton sportsman does not emerge from the gathering with some of the spoils to the victors.

Convention, who recently figured as a big dividend payer, is down to compete at Awapuni this week. This descendant of Provocation is endowed with exceptional galloping ability.

Bo-Peep showed out well at Trentham on Thursday last. If started at

Awapuni this Bezonian filly should keep her opponents busy in events that she competes in.

On his running at Trentham on the opening day Risingham should soon be accounting for a decent handicap.

WAIRARAPA.

Masterton Racing Club's Future Gatherings—Red Ribbon to Race at Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Meeting—Sir Walter Being Treated to Spell.

MASTERTON, Monday.

The Masterton Racing Club have decided to apply for the following dates for racing during the ensuing season: October 14 and 16 for the spring meeting, and March 17 and 18 (1921), for the autumn gathering.

J. Gravestock has arrived back in Masterton with Chimera and Little River, both of which were successful at Riccarton. The pair are in good condition, and have gone on to Awapuni.

team, has been gelded, and turned out for a spell.

T. Higgins has an addition to his team in a two-year-old by Hymettus—Balama, which is owned by Mr. G. Innes, of Tinui.

Mr. Kemball's horses ran consistently at the Wellington Racing Club's meeting. On the opening day, Explorer accounted for the Hurdles, Raceful won the Plunket Nursery, and Vasilkov led the field home in the Tinakori Hack Handicap, while Rebuff, Hymestra and Trespass each filled third position in their respective races. On the second day, Trespass accounted for the Hutt Handicap, while Raceful was successful in the Pacific Handicap.

J. Prendergast has Vasilkov in fine racing condition just now, and the son of Autumnus—Ukraine will be heard of in better company before the season ends. The gelding is being given plenty of time, and has only started once at each meeting where he has competed. Prendergast is now in charge of Mr. Kemball's local team.

At the monthly meeting of stewards of the Masterton Racing Club on Saturday last, Mr. C. F. Vallance (president) occupied the chair. Before the meeting commenced he spoke in a very feeling manner regarding the loss the club had sustained in the death of the late Mr. A. W. Cave, who had been connected with the

CANTERBURY.

Moorfowl and Winter Wind Being Treated to Lengthy Spell—Gloaming Probably Race in Australia During Spring—Arrowsmith and Fiery Cross to Compete at Manawatu—C.J.C. Royal Meeting—Right and Left on Easy List.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

With the absence of so many Riccarton trainers and horses at the Wellington meeting, matters have been decidedly quiet at headquarters during the past week.

On the conclusion of the autumn meeting, Moorfowl and Winter Wind were turned out for lengthy spells. Both will be taken up again in time for spring racing, and the latter will be given a Derby preparation. He did not show anything like his true form in the Champagne Stakes at Riccarton, and was probably in need of a spell. It is only a question of the Antagonist colt training on satisfactorily to have rare Derby prospects. Moorfowl's knee will always be against her racing career, but she can hardly fail to win a good race or two in the spring. All the other members of Cutts' team except those at Wellington are having a very easy time of it.

Gloaming continues to get through the lightest of tasks, and it is quite evident that he will not be ready



PATRONS AROUND THE TOTALISATOR AT THE FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB'S EASTER MEETING.

The heavy rains which have fallen during the week have had a very beneficial result on the Opaki racecourse, and from now on the tracks should be in good order.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill, the well-known Featherston sportsman, is leaving on a visit to England at the end of the present month.

Sir Solo was taken to Trentham along with Ohiti, as W. Garrett wanted to give the old gelding some schooling over the country there.

R. Knox is not doing much with Penury Rose just now, and the gelding has been a disappointment during the recent racing.

Arahna is doing steady work under W. H. Corlett's charge at Clareville. The daughter of Achilles—Merrie Maiden should soon be able to hold her own in hack class.

Galore does not seem to have recovered from her recent accident, and is not galloping with her usual dash. Should she not stand up to her work, Mr. Whiteman intends breeding from the daughter of All Black—Orlay.

Mr. W. R. Kemball is leaving for Melbourne during the present week, and the Masterton owner will probably add to his already lengthy team of horses while away.

Red Ribbon is being kept up to the collar at Opaki, and is to make her next appearance at the Hawke's Bay meeting.

For the first time in several years, J. T. Jamieson was without a representative at the Trentham meeting. The local trainer is giving several of his team a let up.

The Absurd—Electrum two-year-old Sir Walter, a member of W. Garrett's

Masterton Club since its start. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Cave. Mr. E. Harper wrote stating that he had inadvertently torn up a ticket on Stutter, which ran second in the Hack Handicap. The secretary intimated that there was an outstanding ticket on that horse. It was decided to pay the dividend if no claim was received before the 20th inst. A patron of the late meeting wrote stating that he had asked for £5 on No. 1 horse in the last race of the day, and had been handed a ticket on horse No. 2. As the window was closed immediately after receiving the ticket he had no chance of getting the mistake rectified, although he protested at the time of receiving the ticket. As No. 1 horse won, he thought the club should pay him the dividend. It was decided to obtain a statement from the person in the totalisator who gave out the ticket. The secretary of the New Zealand Jockey's Association wrote asking the club to refuse in future the nomination of a certain horse, on account of its unruly behaviour. The letter was received.

After five years of retirement, Mr. Tom Leader, the well-known English trainer, recently died at his home, Wroughton House, Newmarket, aged 72. He had a successful career as a trainer, and was responsible for George Frederick, the 1874 Derby winner. He was the father of the brothers Leader, who are now training.

to race this season. The probabilities are that R. Mason is getting his champion ready for a spring campaign to Sydney.

Karo is a frequent visitor to the tracks, looking in fine health. She would not take a great deal of galloping to get her fit, and may be found sporting silk at the Royal meeting next month.

All Sir George Clifford's horses that raced at Trentham will return home towards the end of this week. The proposed trip to Manawatu has been cut out.

According to present arrangements, F. Christmas will take Arrowsmith and Fiery Cross to Manawatu. The former was not nearly at his best at Trentham, as, owing to a bruised heel, he had done little work since the C.J.C. meeting. It would come as no surprise to find him doing a lot better at the Manawatu meeting.

Amythas should be none the worse for his exertions at Trentham, and he will form one of F. D. Jones' team for Manawatu. The expected meeting between him and Arrowsmith in the Awapuni Gold Cup is being looked forward to with the greatest interest in local sporting circles, and it is certain that both will have hosts of admirers. Personally, I fancy the three-year-old's prospects.

Besides the substantial stakes, a cup valued at 25sovs, will be attached to each of the events at the C.J.C. Royal meeting. Entries for this fixture close on the 23rd inst., and they give promise of being very satisfactory.

Onslaught put up a very much bet-