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WELLINGTON.

Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting—Amythas Nominated for Melbourne Cup—Elevate Being Kept in Training—Notes on the Napier Park Meeting—Khartoum's Surprise Victory in Steeplechase—Intending Starters at Hawke's Bay Fixture This Week.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The winter meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, which takes place on July 14 and 17, is engaging considerable attention in sporting circles, and the gathering promises to be very successful. The steeplechasing events are liberally endowed with stake money, while the other races are all well worth winning. Nominations close on Friday next (June 25), while the weights for the first day's events are due on July 2.

Arch Lassie, who was formerly in C. Pritchard's stable, is now being trained by A. Oxenham, at Levin. The latter also has Parewanui under his care.

The writer wonders what the wise-aces will say now that they find Amythas' name appearing amongst the entrants to the Melbourne Cup. All going well in the interim, this year's champion three-year-old may visit Australia.

In view of the forthcoming meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, Mr. McGlashan, the caretaker of the Trentham racecourse, is getting the grounds in readiness, and also having the steeplechasing fences prepared. The obstacles are similar to last year, and present no formidable features, thus ensuring a safe conveyance for the average jumper.

W. Pine, the Hawera trainer, will have Risingham, Army Service, and Income in commission at the Hawke's Bay meeting this week. All three horses are very well just now, and should give a good account of themselves.

A. Goodman has in training at Trentham a decent sort of a galloper in Gold Coast (Field Battery—Herculene), who is expected to make a decided acquisition to the racing ranks. The gelding is being got ready for early spring racing.

Royal Gift (King Rufus—Keepsake) is doing nicely under F. Watson's care. The four-year-old is expected to come to hand early.

In Marville, the Shannon sportsman who races as "P. Rossmead" has a galloper that should soon be getting amongst the winners. The Sir Frisco—San Lass four-year-old is in D. McCauley's stable, at Foxton.

Ladify is being hacked about by her owner (Mr. J. Regan), prior to going into active training. The mare is to race at the West Coast meetings in the South Island during the Christmas holidays.

R. Brough is busy at Hawera with Country Air (Guianforte—Country Picnic). This four-year-old mare, who is endowed with some galloping ability, is fast coming up to concert pitch.

Mr. A. H. Parish, who is now engaged in farming pursuits at Paraparamu, still thinks that Elevate (Elevation—Julie) is susceptible of winning another race, and for this purpose the chestnut is still being kept in training. A win for Mr. Parish would be extremely well received in sporting circles.

Tirana, who was recently purchased by H. W. Johnston, is enjoying a spell just now. Later on, this gelding and the chestnut Florist will be taken in hand, with a view to being got ready for the Christmas racing campaign on the West Coast of the South Island.

Cyra succeeded in getting around safely in the Moteo Hack Hurdles at Greenmeadows on Friday last. With some additional schooling, the gelding should prove useful over the obstacles.

When holding an excellent position last Friday, Birkenvale came to grief while jumping the last fence in the Moteo Hurdles. But for the mishap, the gelding would assuredly have finished second.

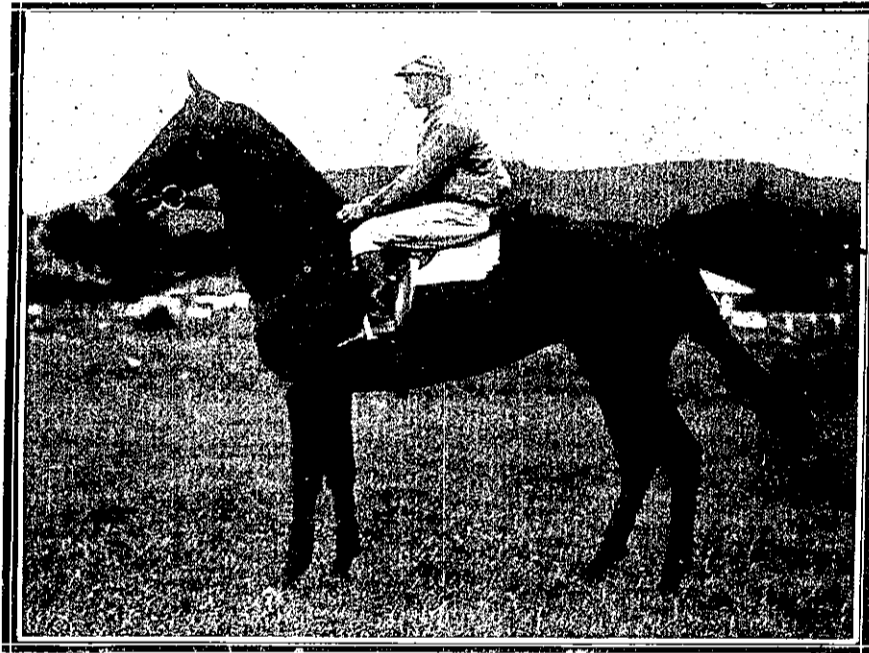
Oakleigh was in a class by himself in the Petane Hack Steeplechase, but the gelding had to put his best effort forward to win by a narrow

margin from Slumix, who, by the way, returned a substantial dividend for second.

Rose Pink was tailed off the whole way during the running of the Stewards' Stakes at Greenmeadows on Friday. Her effort was in marked contrast to her showing in the Raukawa Cup, at Otaki, where she piloted the field right up to the home turn, and finished fourth.

The many friends of Mr. B. T. Bennett, the well-known Wanganui and Patea sportsman, were pleased to see Khartoum winning the Napier Steeplechase for him last week. The gelding was only entrusted with £89 opposite his number on the totalisator, and supporters of the King Rufus gelding received a substantial dividend. Since being purchased by Mr. Bennett, Khartoum has been a good stake earner, and now that he has struck form it would occasion no surprise to find him again figuring amongst the winners before the present season closes. Mr. Bennett has been under the doctor's care lately, and was not well enough to travel to Napier to see his horse win. Both "Ben," as he is familiarly called, and his trainer (Percy Coffey) received many congratulations on Khartoum's success.

When holding a good position in the Napier Steeplechase, Polthoguc came to grief, and the horse's rider (N. McDonnell) suffered concussion and a severe bruising. It was found necessary to remove the lad to the hospital, but nothing serious is antici-



Mr. F. O. Weine's b m ARCH LASSIE, 4yrs., by Marble Arch—Lassie Doone. J. W. Nixon in saddle.

ped, and it is hoped that McDonnell will soon be well enough to resume riding.

Powder King (King's Guest—Gold Powder), who was purchased cheaply for £29 at the disposal of the late Mr. H. J. Holder's horses, ran a very creditable race when he finished second to Ruddy in the Ladies' Neck-lace at the Napier Park meeting on Friday, and returned his admirers a very substantial dividend. The gelding, who joins J. Sullivan's team, at Woodville, is to be tried at hurdle racing.

Paddington Green, fresh from his victories in hurdling events at the recent Wanganui meeting, again added to his winning score by accounting for the Ahuriri Hurdles at the Napier Park fixture on Friday. The gelding has improved out of all knowledge since being put to the jumping business, and should do Owner W. G. Emeny, of New Plymouth, many more good turns during the next few months.

Nefische shaped well enough at Napier Park last Friday as to suggest that the black gelding will make a bold showing at the Hawke's Bay jockey Club and Hunt Club meeting, which takes place at Hastings this week.

With Sail Home and Revocation, the Woodville stable of "Bronk" Atwood will be well represented in hurdling and steeplechasing events at the Hawke's Bay reunion this week. Both horses can gallop to some purpose.

WAIRARAPA.

Lady General on Easy List—Master-ton Strongly Represented at Hawke's Bay Fixture This Week—Lord Nagar Will Probably Compete at Trentham Next Month—Sir Solo and Master Boris Reported to Have Made Good Recovery From Recent Mishaps.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Black Lake appears to be quite sound again, and before leaving for Hawke's Bay was doing useful work at Opaki. If W. Garrett can keep the All Black mare up to the collar she should soon be on the winning list.

T. Higgins has not definitely decided whether to retire Lady General to the stud, but it will depend upon how she goes along during the winter. The daughter of General Latour—Romola is on the easy list at present.

Masterton-owned horses engaged at the Hawke's Bay meeting are Torchy, Rekanui, Mill o' Gowrie, Luke, Gladful, Old Mungindi, Black Lake, Negambo, The Digger, Ohiti.

Probate has been having an easy time for a couple of months past, but will be put into solid work shortly in view of the early spring meetings. W. Galbraith's mare was a consistent but unlucky performer during the present season.

Ohiti has been kept going since returning from Auckland, and is to race at Hastings. The son of California—Belle Agnes is engaged in a variety of races—hack, open, and bracelet.

Lord Nagar was unable to fulfil his Napier engagements through an injury received by falling in the Great Northern Hurdles. It is hoped to have him right again for the Wellington meeting.

Most of Mr. Kemball's locally-trained horses are being kept going at Opaki, and J. Prendergast has

out the injustice arising through the training permits being chargeable for the season. He pointed out that on occasions he would only have a horse on the track a few weeks, but still he was called upon to pay the full fee of 30/-. He suggested that the Club should issue quarterly permits. The Secretary stated that only in the case of a horse breaking down could it be replaced under the one permit. The stewards recognised the injustice, and on the motion of Mr. T. Eaton it was decided to issue quarterly permits, 10/- for the first three months, 20/- for six months, and 30/- for the year to commence on August 1st.

SOUTHLAND.

W. Robinson Most Successful Rider in Otago and Southland During Present Season—Admiral Fisher Re-commissioned—Tin Soldier to be Given Lengthy Spell.

INVERCARGILL, Monday.

Road work is the order of the day at present with most of the local trainers, but the fine weather during the past week has enabled some track exercise to be accomplished. In the meantime nothing has been definitely settled as to the southern representatives for the N.Z. Grand National gathering at Riccarton, but a move in this direction will have to be made during the present week.

The jockeys' dispute has had little effect on racing operations in this part of the world beyond newspaper correspondence, but it is understood that all the horsemen here connected with the New Zealand Jockeys' Association stand fast to their membership despite attempts to wean away their allegiance.

The leading Rorke's Drift Lodge horseman, W. Robinson, is at present on a holiday trip to the North Island, it being his intention to assist at the Hawke's Bay and Wellington winter fixtures. As a result of his efforts at the recent Dunedin Jockey Club's winter fixture Robinson, after battling hard throughout the season, finally headed the list of winning jockeys in Otago and Southland, thus securing a gold-mounted whip donated by Mr. G. J. Todd, of Dunedin. The scores of the leading riders were: W. Robinson, 20 wins; G. Young, 19; A. H. Wilson, 18½. Young easily claims the best average, but Robinson has successes across flat and over country to enhance the merit of his performance. It is interesting to note that this annual contest was won on five consecutive occasions a few years back by J. Olsen.

It is understood that an offer of 700 guineas was recently turned down for Bengeroop, this being only one of several inducements to Mr. H. Woodley to part with the son of Calibre—Alumini. The sturdy chestnut brother to Hardshot and half-brother to Gold Corn remains under the care of P. Hogan, who may be called upon to stop this useful five-year-old out at the Grand National gathering.

The five-year-old Admiral Fisher, by Vice-Admiral—Camille, has been taken up again by G. J. Gray, but it will be some time before he sees the tracks as he is to be built up by road work for two or three months.

Primum and some other members of Mr. Stone's team are daily covering long stretches of the King's highway, but Eleus and Silver Peak have been in easy street since the Dunedin winter gathering.

The well-tried colt by Kilbroney—Grey Linnet has joined P. Hogan's string. The two-year-old son of imported parentage cost 290 guineas at the dispersal sale of the Elderslie Stud in February, 1919. He is a very fine youngster, and his Mataura Island owner has refused several tempting offers for him during the past twelve months.

It is reported that the Dunedin winter meeting yielded a small profit despite the inclement weather experienced on the opening day. The club have to be congratulated on the satisfactory outcome of an effort which called for the disposal of a record amount in stakes for the bleak season of the year.

Tin Soldier was lame after competing in the Birthday Handicap at the Dunedin J.C.'s meeting, and will probably require a lengthy spell to enable him to come back. The son of Calibre—Timwald Beauty is a good stayer, and it will be a very severe loss to Messrs. Price Bros. if he should fail to stand another preparation.

The annual meeting of the Winton J.C. is set down for July 22, when

them all looking well. Missgold, Vasilkov, and Rebuff have been given easy work since coming back from Wanganui, and the two-year-olds Raceful and Weldone bear a very healthy appearance just now. After the Hawke's Bay meeting W. Hawthorne will return to Masterton, when a definite programme will be mapped out for the placing of the large team during the early spring meetings, and it is probable that some of the flat racers will accompany the jumpers to Wellington and Riccarton. There is a busy time ahead for Hawthorne and Prendergast.

W. Garrett has had bad luck with his two jumpers, Sir Solo and Master Boris, so far this season. At Wanganui, after running two seconds to Paddington Green, Master Boris was lame, and had to forego his Auckland and Napier engagements. Sir Solo was taken to Auckland, but met with a mishap through striking a fence in the Great Northern Hurdles, and could not face the starter again at the meeting. It is pleasing to note that both have made a good recovery since returning to Masterton, and Garrett hopes to have them racing again at Trentham next month. It is two years since Master Boris won a race, when he paid a very large dividend in the Hack Hurdles at the Wellington winter meeting. All going well Sir Solo will be taken on to Riccarton after Trentham, and will contest the principal jumping events.

W. H. Corlett waited on the meeting of stewards of the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club on Saturday, and pointed