

SIRE OF THE SEASON.

Last week we mentioned under this heading that imported Van Coronado and imported Peter Moko were to be at the service of breeders of trotting and pacing stock and good utility horses in the Auckland province, the first-named in the Waikato between Hamilton and Cambridge, the more recent arrival at Mangere, as set forth in the advertisement appearing on another page. This week we have to refer to others. The first is the commanding bay

WAVERLEY.

This young horse comes of a splendid colonial family on his dam's side, being a half-brother by imported Galindo to Wildwood Junior, winner of two New Zealand Cups and sire of Admiral Wood, and to Cameos (2.17). Waverley's dam, Thelma, was a rare performer by the American-bred Kentucky from Pride of Lincoln, dam of more good winners in her time than any other brood mare. Waverley himself holds records of 2.16 for a mile and 4.35 for two miles. He has size and substance and quality to recommend him, and his fees are placed reasonably for a young horse of his class. Mr. C. G. Lee, Epsom, can be consulted in reference to this fine horse.

GOLD BELL.

A great public favourite in Gold Bell is to be again located in Auckland at Bell Farm, near Avondale, where his owner has quite a select little stud farm of his own, besides a number of well-known performers of outstanding merit by Gold Bell, who comes from parents bred on both sides from American standard stock. Himself a genuine performer and stayer, Gold Bell has been imparting his quality to his stock, and with such as Gold Girl (2.13), Trial, Steel Bell (winner of two Auckland Cups and over £3000 in sakes), Gold Boy, All Bell, Temple and Ena Bell to point to, he has some fine advertisements. His sire, Capitalist, was got by Rothschild from Berlin Maid (imp.), and his dam, Merry Bell, by imported Hatta from Silver Bell, by Blackwood—Abdallah. Already some thirty of the best mares in the district have been booked to Gold Bell, and as his list is limited applications to his owner, Mr. T. Roe, should not be delayed.

OUR THORPE.

This well-known and popular southern performer and young sire is to make his first bow to the Auckland breeders in the coming season, and will be located at Mr. R. A. Shepherd's, Linwood Avenue, Epsom, on arrival about the end of next week. Mr. E. Young, his owner, will bring him north after the New Zealand Grand National and Metropolitan meetings, which commenced on Monday. Our Thorpe proved himself a champion performer while racing in New Zealand at a mile and two miles, and is believed to be the only horse in the colonies to cover the last mile in a race in 2min. 5 2-5sec., a performance which showed him to be a great stayer as well as a very brilliant horse. He, too, comes of excellent parentage. His sire, O.Y.M., was got by Owyhee (2.11) from Mystery, and his dam, Lady Thorpe, was got by Young Irvington, who had a world of speed, and he and Lincoln Yet were the only two sons left by imported Irvington, up to his time voted the best bred American sire that had ever left the States. Our Thorpe won both Free For All races, beating Country Belle, the crack mare of her time, in each. O.Y.M., sire of Our Thorpe, has a fine record through other winners, and Lady Thorpe, dam of Our Thorpe, has been a splendid winner producer, and in due course we are likely to see his descendants showing conspicuously.

Warplane, the four-year-old son of Martian—Adelicia, who as a two-year-old raced with much success, but during the past season was only raced on one occasion, is again working on the Awapuni tracks, and considerable interest will be centred in his reappearance with the colours up.

On Saturday the Hon. E. W. Alison, M.L.C., received the rather discomfiting information from Julian, their trainer, that both Slowcoach and Golden Petal had very bad colds, and their owner decided not to go to the Grand National meeting in consequence. It is very bad luck for an owner to have horses right almost up to the time of running and then to have them take sick. There is a lot of luck in racing, good and bad. Slowcoach was one of the much-fancied candidates for both his engagements at Riccarton.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS

All the grass tracks were closed on Thursday morning with the exception of the two-year-old rink, the sand being mostly in use, a few taking the tan.

Tom Moore was tried over the pony schooling hurdles, but did not relish his task. He persistently refused to negotiate the obstacles. His stable mate, St. Carl, took much more kindly to the batters, giving a fair exhibition.

The three-year-old Jolie Princess easily held Llansannor at the end of a half mile sprinting match.

The full brothers, Emerald Hill and Golden Glass (a two-year-old), look well, and both got through serviceable tasks.

Te Oro continues to please the track-watchers by the tradesmanlike manner in which he is bowling along on the tracks. The big fellow will want nothing in the way of condition when next slipped by the starter.

Bitholia had Fabricquette easily settled at the business end of a sand circuit. Dead Sweet and Oak Abbey, both looking bright and well, were content with three-quarter pace work.

The Charlemagne II, gelding and Stirrup Cup were not hustled over a useful six furlong spin on the sand in company. Rae's other eight candidates are in nice mellow condition to start the coming season.

G. Phillips schooled Forward Lady over a round of the big schooling batters. This mare may go to Marton if not sent to Sydney.

Since getting a good tuning up, Blue Cross has discontinued his fancy high kicking and circus tricks and is moving along in good style.

A Quin Abbey yearling colt is to be shipped to Sydney by the S. S. Riverina on her next departure for that port.

Peneton, who has been eased in his work since falling at the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s winter meeting, has again joined the active division.

The big hunter in A. Julian's care was sent over a round of the schooling batters, and showed good staying qualities, finishing up a sand circuit, strongly.

W. Solomon, who has done a lot of useful road work with Lady Gwen, Soultane, Master Harold, and Keystone, (the hurdler), has this quartette doing useful work at Ellerslie.

The rising two-year-old full sister to Lady Penury is developing nicely and should pay her way when more matured.

Windorah and the three two-year-olds, Loyal Irish, Golden Dream, and Roodoo are not being hurried, pending their trainer's return from Sydney.

Mangapera is the name of Mr. P. Bolton's gelding, a close relative to Patetonga. The son of Marble Arch is rounding up into a nice cut of a racer.

Goldflame, one of E. Pope's charges, who has been on the easy list for a time, is now in active work again, and has lost her Scottish ways.

Rumour has it that Jack O'Shea will ride General Stephens in his C.J.C. engagements.

Totara Jack, who was recently sold, is still in J. Williamson's care, and is at present doing easy pace work.

The Gisborne owner-trainer, Frank Loomb, recently made a speedy visit to Auckland arriving on Tuesday and leaving the following day with the imported Irish horse, Cynic. The imported English horse, Prince Wiltonyx left by the same steamer for the same destination. The latter may go into active training with view to racing during the present season.

W. Gall's well equipped stables and cottage at Ascot Avenue, Greenlane, changed hands last week at a satisfactory figure, being purchased by a patron of K. Heaton's establishment. There are six roomy loose boxes, and all modern conveniences.

After the recent torrential downpour at Ellerslie, all the grass tracks were still closed on Saturday. The bulk of the work was accomplished on the sand, the tan being also saturated.

All the two-year-olds were on the easy list. The three-year-old, Jolie Princess, put a sand circuit past, but was not looking for time. Herschies and his stable and track companion, Lovelight, have done most of their work on the grass in the centre, where there is a good sale of grass.

One of the most diligent boys at the game is in charge of Henderson's team. The lad's name is Housam. He schools St. Care and Tom Moore, and works another member of the team named Gizi.

Mr. Jack Williams, owner of Hypothesis, was present to see his gelding jump four of the small batters. He flew the first two and cut out the third, but will be all right with more schooling experience.

R. E. Brown's team, Gluctanus, General Stephen, Ales and Co., are in nice order, and should be among the stakeholders at the spring fixtures.

E. Stewart is leaving nothing to chance with Ma Copper and Scrubber.

The rising two-year-old Robert the Brave—Winsome filly in A. Robertson's care is a shapely little candidate that looks like coming to hand early.

Frank Weston, who until recently was a "one-horse" man, has had a recent addition to his stable in Prince Menschikoff. This owner-trainer has earned something like a "monkey"

(£500) with Monocrat, the little daughter of Elysian—Monoline, and the little mare is as fresh as a two-year-old. She started over 30 times last season.

Pepin slipped over half a mile attractively on the sand, suggestive of an improvement in form.

Stirrup Cup and the Australian-bred three-year-old Commission had a rough up over a short course, finishing with heads together.

Owner-trainer Harry Tonks is playing patience with the Formative—Roisette mare Formalin. A few smart pipe openers will only be necessary to make her fit and ready.

Forward Lady moved attractively over a sand circuit, pulling up sound.

On Tuesday morning Te Oro put up a very attractive ten-furlong gallop, assisted by St. Carl over the last seven furlongs. He gathered in the pace-maker in the first two furlongs, and finished well within himself. The gallop suggests that Te Oro will be seen to advantage at the Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting.

M. Ryan is now located at the Greenlane stables vacated by F. Stenning, where he has Senlac under his charge. Jacaranda is bowling along nicely, and may be taken to the Marton meeting.

Herschies and his stable mate, Lovelight, who have done a lot of work in the centre of the course, ran a decent six furlongs on the No. 2 grass, leaving the distance behind in 1min. 23sec., without the full pressure being on.

General Stephen, alone, pleased the onlookers by flying a circuit of the big batters without mistake.

Glencanny is well forward in condition. He worked in company with a companion, hitting out freely.

With a light boy up, Blue Cross gave a good display of high kicking.

Jolie Princess and Miss Muriel had a rough up over four furlongs on the grass in 52 2-5sec., the former being in front at the finish.

Middlemark and his stable mate, Scottish Knight, cleared a circuit of the big schooling batters in proficient style. There was very little between the pair at the finish.

Stirrup Cup, the Charlemagne II, gelding and Tressor finished in the order named at the end of a sprinting bout on the grass.

Forward Lady had the best of Bitholia over a five-furlong sprint. The former is very fit at present.

SURPLUS WOOL

AND THE BRITISH NAVY.

To recognise the debt which the Dominion owes to the sailors of the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine, a scheme was initiated in July, 1918, under which sheepowners would donate all or portion of their profits from the sale of surplus wool in England to a fund to be called "The New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen Fund" for the benefit of dependents of sailors of the British Navy and Mercantile Marine who have been wounded or have lost their lives in the defence of the Empire.

The practical interest manifested by woolgrowers throughout the Dominion in this appeal was very general, and a substantial sum should be available in the near future for the objects of the scheme.

In view of the Prime Minister's recent public announcement that a distribution of wool profits is shortly to be made, a notice appears in another column of this issue drawing the attention of sheep owners who have donated surplus wool profits to this fund to a meeting of contributors, which will be held in the Old Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, on Wednesday next, August 18, at 10 a.m.

The objects of the meetings as outlined in the notice referred to are such as will be of much interest to contributors and of considerable importance to the movement, and it is hoped that a large number of contributors will be present.

Whilst drawing attention to this meeting, the trustees desire to take the opportunity of earnestly appealing for the sympathetic and generous support of those sheepowners who have not already contributed to the fund.

During the great war, New Zealand looked to the merchant ships manned by sailors of the Mercantile Marine to keep her export trade alive, and she looked to the Royal Navy to guard those ships, and whilst we applaud the magnificent spirit of the British sailors, we must not forget the great debt the country owes to them.

Sheepowners who have not already contributed and who wish to assign portion or whole of their wool profits or make a donation in any form are requested to communicate with the honorary secretary, Box 1109, Wellington, who will gladly give any further information that may be desired.

The Misses B. and H. Clifford, daughters of Sir George Clifford, have registered their racing uniform as light blue and gold, halved body, with gold sleeves and red cap. They have entered into partnership in regard to Redskin, a six-year-old gelding by San Francisco, who may shortly be expected to make his appearance in the racing arena.

BOXING.

LIGHTWEIGHT PROFESSIONAL CONTEST.

J. KEENAN v. A. JARVIS.

The Northern Boxing Association will hold a carnival at the Town Hall, Auckland, on Monday evening next (August 16), when the principal attraction will be the return match between the undefeated professional lightweight, J. Keenan, and A. Jarvis, of Adelaide. The contest will consist of 15 three-minute rounds for a purse of £200, and in view of the excellent showings made by both Keenan and Jarvis in their recent encounter, when the former secured the verdict on points by a narrow margin, Monday night's match should be productive of a sterling contest. Many consider that Jarvis will prove equal to turning the tables on his skilful opponent, while Keenan's party are quite confident of the latter's ability to again prove the Australian's master. A number of high-class amateur bouts will also be staged during the evening, and altogether a first-rate entertainment should be in store for boxing patrons.

A Christchurch writer makes some very pertinent and truthful observations in connection with the professional boxing boom in the North Island:—"The difference between the Wanganui association and Clabby, which led to the match with Holland being cancelled, will, it is to be hoped, have the effect of steadying some associations in professional promotion. There have been far too many professional bouts this last twelve months, and the amount of the purse is gradually mounting, until it has reached a prohibitive figure for the majority of the associations. Generally speaking, the professionals do not give value for the money that is offered, and if those persons who are responsible for introducing so many 'pros.' to the Dominion would devote more of their energy and attention to devising means which would enable half a dozen skilful instructors to take up their residence in New Zealand for the purpose of developing our amateur talent and spreading a desire to learn the art amongst our youth, then they would be doing something worthy of commendation. What they are doing in the way of providing a succession of professionals, instead of being for the welfare of the sport, is absolutely damaging its position. There is one thing that should be done, and that is the creation of a body which should be given powers to pass programmes similarly to the course pursued in racing and trotting. One thing is very evident—amateur boxing is being seriously affected by the attention that is given to the professional side."

The Martian—Grand Opera two-year-old in J. Lowe's stables has been gelded. He has been put into work at Trentham, but is not asked to do much, pending his trainer's return from Riccarton.

NEW ZEALAND SHEEPOWNERS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEBT TO BRITISH SEAMEN FUND.

THE Prime Minister having announced that a distribution of SURPLUS WOOL profits on the 1916-17, 1917-18, and 1918-19 clips, amounting to approximately 20/- per bale, will shortly be made to Woolgrowers, a meeting of subscribers to the above fund will be held in the Old Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, at 10 a.m.

OBJECTS:

- To place all available information in regard to the movement before contributors.
- To appoint Boards of Management as may be deemed necessary for the distribution of funds to British Seamen and their dependents.
- General.

By order of the Trustees—Hons. W. D. S. MacDonald and D. H. Guthrie, Sir Walter Buchanan, M.L.C., Messrs. J. C. N. Grigg, and Edward Newman, M.P.

E. B. WATSON,
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