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The bride, who was escorted by her father, looked very attractive in her charming gown of magnolia satin, cut on classical lines, and having the bodice softly shirred with full sleeves coming to a point at the wrist, and trimmed with tiny satin buttons, while the skirt was finished with a train. The beautiful embroidered veil (lent by a cousin) was arranged with a coronet of orange blossom and fell in soft folds to form a second long train over the gown. A graceful sheaf of lilies was carried.
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- THE BRIDESMAIDS  
The bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Stanley (sister of the bride) and Miss Patricia Stanley (sister of the bridegroom).
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The dogs generally overhaul the hare before it reaches the "escapes," but its marvellous turning ability causes the dogs to overrun it. Again and again the hare saves itself by its lightning turns, each time getting nearer to the escapes, until it finally darts under the sheltering baulk, and the puffing greyhounds return to their owners. Needless to say, the object of the club is to get the hare home safely, as the value of a trained hare is considerable.  
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### PREVIEW OF THE OTAKI DOUBLE

#### Colonel Bogey: Royal Star II

#### WELL-BRED YOUNGSTERS IN HASTINGS STAKES

(By MOTUROA).

Remarkable acceptances have been received for the Otaki-Maori Racing Club's meeting to-morrow and the keenness of owners and trainers to keep the sport going is shown by the small number of defections from the list of weights. All paid up for the Pukehou Hurdles; only Dictate dropped out of the Ta Timi Kara Handicap; and, of the three missing from the open sprint, only Catalogue will not be racing at the meeting for the other two have engagements in other races.

The Ta Timi Kara Memorial looks like being a really good race and D. Maurier, who tops the list, will be remembered for his smart win on this track last month. He is sure to have a big following to-morrow and he certainly appeals more than Francis Drake, though the latter will be more forward now than he was at the Manawatu meeting.

Mittie, fresh up from a spell since the spring, may be all the better for a race and she should be held safe by Tidewater, who ran Liane to a head over this distance at Otaki in May. The Tidal gelding now meets Liane on 6lbs. better terms and should turn the tables on her as well as on Aurora's Star, who came in on 7lbs. better terms when she beat him by a head at Awapuni.

Winsome Lu appears to be one of the dangers in this race. She won the Foxton Cup with 7.12; she ran fourth in the Connolly Handicap with 8.6; and she carried 8.4 into third place behind Dictate in the Empire Handicap. She seems to be well in here with 3.5.

Royal Star II is also engaged in the sprint, but he finished so well at Hastings that he must be given serious consideration here. He has won over the distance, too.

Galteemore's form has not been good, but Colonel Bogey has been steadily on the upgrade. His second to Old Surrey at Awapuni last month was followed by a good third in the Connolly Handicap, in which he had 7.12. His work since suggests that he has improved with his legs and, with the promise of a soft track to-morrow, it looks as if Colonel Bogey will prove the hardest horse to beat.

Liane likes the track and will be given a chance to atone for her poor race in the Foxton Cup, while it will be remembered that the appointing Matara won this race twelve months ago. However, most attention will be paid to the improvers and the favourites should be Colonel Bogey, Tidewater, and Winsome Lu.

THERE will be a big following for the Mittie-Lady Tinkle bracket if Wally Fume lines them up for the Taipua Handicap to-morrow. Mittie has not raced since she won the Shorts and Pearce Handicaps at Trentham in October, but she always races well on this track and she also goes well fresh. Her stable-mate, Lady Tinkle, is good class, too. Siseveless is still well up in the weights, but she is a great filly and has winning form to her credit at Otaki. Seven furlongs is her pet distance and she should be very hard to beat to-morrow.

Meamea will be having his first race of the season, but Notum ran well at Wanganui. However, much notice will be taken of Royal Star II, who seems to be just about back to his best again. On Hastings running he should be ideally suited by the seven furlongs journey.

White Rajah showed fine form in the autumn, but has not the recent form of Screen Star or Colossal Chief, the latter making his debut in open ranks after showing good winning form under big weights among the hacks. Noble Fox is another graduate to open ranks and a likely sort, too.

However, it is hard to go past Royal Star II, Siseveless and the Mittie-Lady Tinkle bracket.

**PLENTY OF HURDLERS**

HURDLERS are not in short supply this winter if the list for the Pukehou Hack Hurdles at Otaki to-morrow can be taken as any criterion; eighteen are carded for this event. Class is not lacking, either, and it will surprise if some of the newcomers to the hurdling business do not later measure up to the best standards.

Horses of the calibre of Smoke Screen, El Meynell, Galteemore, Pekoe, Gay Chou, Grand Sport, Gold Ballad, First Chapter, Nereus and Good Sun are included in the field, all being this season's crop of novice hurdlers. These have included some of the best gallopers in the Dominion in the past few seasons; horses capable of winning races in the best of company.

To-morrow, Galteemore, Pekoe, Gold Ballad and Nereus will be making their debut as hurdlers. Galteemore and Pekoe are reported to have won promises in their schooling, while Gold Ballad has been really impressive at Hastings. This

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