

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Zaccho, Prairie Grass, Solitaire, Hippogriff, Goosander, Triton, Heavenly Twin, Torpina, Poppun, Sparkle, Lotion, Moonraker, Drury Lane.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Wariti, Morag, Hopeful, Tally-ho, Kiwi, The Plug.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—Queensborough, Musketeer, North Atlantic, Spindrift, Blarney, Zanella, Allan-a-dale, Orion's Belt, Searchlight, Torpina, Waingongoro.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Flaneur, Waterlily, Rainbow, Rangipuhi, Martyrdom, Hippogriff, Goosander, Triton, Primrose filly, St. Kevin, Aphony, Tokatea, Poppun, Moira, Ayesha, Lotion, Unfortunate, Streamlet.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.—Fearnought, Trentalto, Honeysuckle filly, Bijou, Lorenzo, First Whisper, Guardsman—Clara filly.

BOXING DAY HANDICAP.—North Atlantic, Spindrift, Solitaire, Zanella, Allan-a-dale, Heavenly Twin, Rip Van Winkle, The Shrew, Waingongoro.

POST STAKES.—Ironclad, Waterlily, Rangipuhi, Rainbow, Glenfield, Primrose filly, Tauharu, Aphony, Wikitoria, Sequah, Ayesha, Maid Marian.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—Queensborough, Kiritea, Musketeer, Solitaire, Martyrdom, Heavenly Twin, Orion's Belt, Searchlight, Krina, Rip Van Winkle, Torpina, The Shrew, Moira, Amoureux, Moonraker.

RANGITIKEI RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Monte Carlo, Bloomsbury, Cheque, Mystical, Umslopagaas, Hotspur, Variety, Leda, Kent.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Rangapai, Dante, Gunboat, Auroa, Spreydon, Narrate, Oaklands.

RANGITIKEI CUP.—Monte Carlo, Irish Twist, Rangipuhi, Drury Lane, The Miser, Kapai, Blarney, The Artist, Lorelei, Hotspur, Queensboro, Westmere, Leda.

STEWARDS' PLATE HANDICAP.—Monte Carlo, Bloomsbury, Tuhiwai, Dante, Cheque, Mystical, Ngatuere, First Result, Royal Buck.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Orion, Tartan, Umslopagaas, Ngatuere, Pompom, Kent.

CLIFTON HANDICAP.—Monte Carlo, Cheque, Bloomsbury, Blarney, Mystical, Umslopagaas, Ngatuere, Hotspur, Variety, Royal Buck, Leda.

SECOND HURDLES.—Same as the first.

GREATFORD HANDICAP.—Same as the Cup, with the addition of Kent.

SHORTS HANDICAP.—Orion, Tuhiwai, Tartan, Umslopagaas, Ngatuere, First Result, Pompom, Kent.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 25 sovs, seven furlongs.—St. Simon, Silence, Discharge, Victorine, Awatuna, Kalo, Snip, Lilly, Hoki, She, Laddie, La Grippe, Fairy Tale, Prairie Girl, Paddy's Land.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 45 sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—St. Patrick, Bonovoree, Othello, Sepoy, Mozel, Fishmonger, Awatuna, Chester, Bogtrotter, Black Friar, Kalo, Pembroke, Victorine, Scaltheen, Ramsworth, Cingalee, Ditto.

GOLDFIELDS CUP of 55 sovs, one mile and a half.—Hazelmere, Pororua, Discharge, Orena, Ida, Retaliation, Peerless, Hokihoe, Laddie, La Grippe, Eve, Norina, Ben Godfrey, Cleopatra, Darrier.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 25 sovs, five furlongs and a half.—Hazelmere, Silkworm, Valencia, Rodney, Libeller, Leona, Little Nell, The Dove, Kathleen, Prairie Girl, Bees, Ramen, Nannie, Cupid, Bit o' Fashion, Paddy's Land.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 55 sovs, about two miles and a half.—St. Patrick, Othello, Chester, Fishmonger, Kingswood, Matariki, Cingalee, Bogtrotter, Bonovoree, Sepoy, Mozel, Ika, Kalo, Scaltheen, Ditto.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 30 sovs, one mile.—Hazelmere, Silence, Orena, Retaliation, Snip, La Grippe, Norina, Cleopatra, St. Simon, Pororua, Ida, Peerless, Laddie, Fairy Tale, Ben Godfrey, Darrier.

PONY HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs, one mile and a half.—Libeller, Kathleen, Ramea, Bit o' Fashion, Paddy's Land, Little Nell, Bees, Little Jane, The Dove.

SECOND DAY.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 30 sovs, seven furlongs.—Hazelmere, St. Simon, Silence, Pororua, Orena, Retaliation, Peerless, Snip, Willy, Laddie, La Grippe, Fairy Tale, Norina, Ben Godfrey, Cleopatra, Darrier.

THAMES HANDICAP HURDLES of 55 sovs, about two miles.—St. Patrick, Bonovoree, Othello, Sepoy, Mozel, Fishmonger, Victorine, Awatuna, Bogtrotter, Chester, Black Friar, Kalo, Pembroke, Scaltheen, Ramswood, Cingalee, Ditto.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 25 sovs, one mile.—Hazelmere, Silkworm, Valencia, Rodney, Libeller, Leona, Kathleen, The Dove, Prairie Girl, Bees, Ramea, Nannie, Cupid, Little Nell, Bit o' Fashion, Paddy's Land.

THAMES GOLDFIELD HANDICAP, of 60 sovs, one mile and a quarter.—Hazelmere, Pororua, Retaliation, La Grippe, Norina, Cleopatra, St. Simon, Ida, Peerless, Eve, Ben Godfrey, Darrier.

WELTER HANDICAP of 25 sovs, one mile.—St. Patrick, St. Simon, Pororua, Orena, Snip, Laddie, Norina, Bonovoree, Silence, Discharge, Victorine, Hoheho, La Grippe, Cleopatra.

THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs, about three miles.—St. Patrick, Othello, Chester, Fishmonger, Kingswood, Matariki, Cingalee, Bogtrotter, Bonovoree, Sepoy, Mozel, Ika, Kalo, Scaltheen, Ditto.

WAIPAWA COUNTY R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

SUMMER HANDICAP, one mile.—Prairie Grass, Amoureux, Heavenly Twin, Moira, Rip Van Winkle, Sequah, Torpina, Aio, Zanella.

W. C. R. C. HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Moonraker, Prairie Grass, Lotion, Orion's Belt, Searchlight, Poppun, Musketeer, Torpina, Allan-a-dale, Waingongoro, Drury Lane, Zanella.

HANDICAP HACK RACE, one mile and a half.—Aphony, Cromo, Flaneur, Wikitoria, Triton, Waterlily, Goosander, Slumber.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a half.—Hilda II., Nightshade, Kiwi, Zaccho, Starlight, Wariti, Tally-ho, Tim.

WELTER HACK HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—Rangipunehu, Ayesha, Lotion, Sparkle, Riversdale, Whakamatu, Rainbow, Tim, Slumber.

FLYING HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Moonraker, Amoureux, Heavenly Twin, Searchlight, Rip Van Winkle, Musketeer, Kiritea, Torpina, Allan-a-dale, Brookist, Drury Lane.

HACK FLYING HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Maid Marian, Rangipunehu, Ayesha, Lotion, Moira, Aphony, Tokatea, Archeress, Sequah, Serap Iron, Beauharnais, Kiritea, Wikitoria, Triton, Streamlet, Paddy O'Rourke, Rainbow, Unfortunate.

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MR. GLADSTONE ON PROHIBITION.

MR. W. E. GLADSTONE may be certainly instanced as a man who would speak dispassionately on any abstract subject, and a man also who from his long political service and general knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon people, is particularly qualified to judge the advantages and disadvantages, and the possibilities of success that would attend the introduction of acts or bills making total abstinence the law of the land. The question came up in the British House of Commons long before the old warrior had laid aside his armour, and during his regime both he and his government treated the movement with a species of dignified contempt. Since his retirement he has been approached by the temperance leaders in England, and a short time ago wrote a characteristic letter to the National Temperance Congress, held on October 4th last at Chester. Many of the opinions expressed by him have been put forward in similar form by ourselves, and it is pleasing to note that although the venerable old gentleman is rapidly approaching the end of his career, his mind is as clear and his judgment on matters of interest as ready as it was thirty or forty years ago. Speaking broadly and with reference to the promotion of temperance reform, Mr Gladstone appears to admit its advisableness, but when it comes to making men temperate by Act of Parliament, he disagrees with the proposed actions of the extreme prohibitionist party. He says:—"I seem to see pretty clearly certain things about the question but as a whole it baffles me. I do not doubt that local option is in principle sound, but it appears to me that those must be of a very sanguine temperament who believe that it is sufficient to dispose of the entire question." We have often said that if the majority of the people were in favour of closing up the hotels, we as citizens of a free country would bow to the will of that majority, but we claim and can prove that such a majority does not exist, and that the prohibitionists who are making such a noise in New Zealand are really a distinct minority who wish to pass laws compelling other people to live according to their ideas of prosperity. Again, supposing there was a majority in favour of Prohibition, the question of compensation comes in. On that point

Mr Gladstone says: "The holder of the license is . . . person to whom compensation . . . ought to be mentioned." In New Zealand, as we have stated before, the ramifications of the trade are so extensive that fully thirty-three and a third per cent. are either directly or indirectly interested in the liquor traffic; in fact, the question is brought much more forcibly home to us here than in the Old Country. It would be an act of unparalleled injustice if these people—always supposing that Prohibition were a possible contingency—were to be denied compensation for their actual money loss in addition to the loss of a means of livelihood. With reference to the scheme of limitation, the ex-Premier says: "As regards the scheme of mere limitation by reducing the number of licenses, I confess I have but a poor opinion. To relieve the trade from the discredit which now rests upon it would, indeed, be a great object, and an act of justice to all its members." The sentence above which we have italicised is the kernel of what has often appeared in the columns of this journal. Purge the trade of its undesirable members, and make it as honourable a vocation to be a publican as to engage in any other branch of business. But this cannot be done by law, or by the Prohibitionists; it must be done by those engaged in the traffic themselves, and absolute free trade, with strict police supervision and adequate taxation, is the best plan. Mr Gladstone, in speaking of this proposition in his letter, expresses sincere regret that it was not given a fair trial in England, as he thinks it would have been the means of regulating the traffic. Why cannot it be done here? Prohibition has been virtually defeated in its first big battle. Before the foe can attack us again, why not so purify and regulate our ranks that at the next engagement our victory will be for once and all decisive?

TRADE TOPICS.

The most noisy advocates of Prohibition are in no hurry to put to the test the question as to whether a substantial majority of the electors of New Zealand really desire such an interference with their personal liberty as national Prohibition. We feel confident they do not, and do not care how soon the issue is put to the country, as we feel certain the verdict will be overwhelming adverse to compulsory Prohibition.—Wanganui Yeoman.

An electrical process for the ageing of wines has been introduced in the wine producing provinces of Italy. The process is said to render possible extraordinary modifications in the bouquet and body of the vintage, and the suggestion has been made that it might be employed with advantage in the correction of faults frequently apparent in Californian wines, arising from the richness of the soil on which the grapes have been grown. But the tempering of wine is only one of many uses to which electricity is now put in the wine-producing industry. In an establishment in Algeria, where the Arab labour was uncertain and unsatisfactory, a generating plant has been erected for doing the whole work. The plant consists of a compound dynamo and a steam engine. The current from the dynamo is utilised for lighting purposes and for the operation of seven electric motors, ranging from two to ten effective horse power. One motor drives a one-ton crane, which lifts boxes of grapes from the ground floor to the beating room; three motors operate the beaters, and presses, and the remaining three are coupled direct to the centrifugal pumps, which keep the must moving in the tuns. The work of the electric motors is extremely variable, and consequently there is much fluctuation in the load of the generating dynamo. All trouble, however, in lighting circuits is obviated by a perfect system of regulation.

The fourth lady on our list of popular barmaids is a very petite girl of a strongly German cast of countenance, with merry blue eyes, and just what one's conception of Gretchen would be if she had deserted Faust and Mephistopheles and taken a position as barmaid in a Queen-street "pub."

She's a merry little lady  
With a twinkle in her eye,  
She will serve you beer or toddy,  
Any liquor you might try,  
With a smile that's quite contagious  
Trembling on her pretty lip,  
But don't be too soon courageous  
As a lover, or you'll slip.  
Give her compliments and flowers  
And she'll laugh with you at will,  
But just try to kiss or touch her,  
Well—you'll wish that you'd kept still.

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THE RACE FOR THE CESAREWITCH.  
AMERICAN AND ENGLISH ATHLETES.  
YANKEE CRITICISM AND JOHN BULL'S REPLY.

LONDON, October 14.

We are all in the midst of a busy time, and for the last fortnight race-goers have been pretty well run off their legs and some pretty well off their heads at the strange vagaries that Fortune has played in several of the large races.

The month of September wound up with the Hurst Park and Nottingham meetings. In the former things went off most successfully—beautiful weather, good attendance, and good fields. A brown colt, by Galopin—Hall Mark, carried off the Teddington Nursery Handicap of 200 sovs, six furlongs, rather easily from Tyrannic. The September Handicap fell to Indulph, by Fitzjames—Ingonda, 200 sovs, one mile, after a very exciting finish with Mecca, who ran very gamely and well, and was only beaten by a head. Another of Galopin's stock, Go Lightly, out of Lady Chelmsford, won the Hampton Court Handicap.

The Nottingham Autumn Meeting opened on a bad day (a Monday), and this is all one can say against the meeting. With lovely weather, a splendid attendance, and very fair fields, all went well. Meditation, by Herald—Meditation, accounted for the Bechwood Nursery Plate. The big race of the meeting was the Nottingham Handicap of 600 sovs, one mile three furlongs. All anticipated a great race, and perhaps there would have been if Sati had not bolted and smashed up the jockey. At the distance Seaholm, who had hitherto been leading, gave it up, and Sati rushed to the fore. All looked well until Fatherless came with a rush inside the distance. Sati's jockey then applied the whip, but his mount swerved, then bolted, and fell over the rails. It looked a terrible smash, but the jockey escaped with a broken arm. Fatherless then had all his own way and won by five lengths from Egerton. The winner is by Isonomy—Orphan Agnes. Pindi, by Galopin—Dee, a two-year-old, carried off the Castle Plate, five furlongs, after a good race with Castano.

Things went off very well on the second day, with the same large attendance. Crow Bottom, by Bonnet Rouge—Miss Speculum, made a good race of the Sherwood Nursery Plate, winning by half a length from another colt by Bonnet Rouge—Maas, the favourite, Sedley, being third by a neck. The Welbeck Stakes rather surprised people by the easy way in which Santa Luna, by St. Honorat—Half-Moon, passed her opponents, St. Antonie running second. Highland Chief's stock have done well this season, Anklebiter sustaining his sire's reputation by winning the Elvaston Castle Plate of 200 sovs, five furlongs, Go Lightly, winner of the Hampton Court Handicap on Saturday, running second, and Centurion third. Sir Duncan, by Barcaldine—Queen Bess, won the Bentinck Stakes.

As the Leicester Meeting took place next day it was a rush to get matters settled and get there. It is rather unfortunate that this meeting is held so soon before the Cesarewitsch, for with the hard ground and warm weather owners did not care about risking horses engaged in events to be run during the latter meeting. Things were not particularly lively at all. The principal race of the first day was the Midland Nursery Handicap of 300 sovs, for two-year-olds, five furlongs, which was rather easily won by Garryside, by Tristan—Dalumaine II. Lakeside being second. "Mr Jersey's" (Mrs Langtry) Kentford II., by Minting—Cassimere, just managed to pull off the Rancliffe Plate, after a desperate race with Foulard. The weather on the second day was abominable, a gale of wind blowing and bricks flying in all directions. The first race of the day was a bad one for the books, the winner going out at 20 to 1. Fanny Burney, by St. Honorat—Evelina, was made favourite, and kept a good position till close home, when the unknown Fiorita, by Florentine—Thelma, came with a rush and won by a neck. The winner is owned by the Duke of Marlborough, who thus won his first race. In the future we may expect to see him set up a big stud, as circumstances have greatly changed lately, and some of the Vanderbilt millions may go to join that great sinking fund—horse-racing. The Leicestershire Handicap Plate of 500 sovs, a straight mile, proved the race of the day. Bowline, by Torpedo—Eline, cut out the running and looked to be a winner, but account had to be taken of Le Dauphin, by Carlton—Queen Agnes, who tried issues with the leader and won by a length, Toreador being third.

We now come to the chief meeting in the Kempton Park October Meeting, which has proved a surprise to the many and a blessing only to a few of the knowing ones. Rain had fallen, and the course was not so hard as was expected. The attendance was very good, and compared well with previous years. Of course the chief race was the Imperial Produce Stakes of 5000 sovs, nominator of winner to receive 300 sovs; of second, 150 sovs; owner of second horse 300 sovs, and third 100 sovs out of the stake; for two-year-olds; six furlongs on straight course. St. Frusquin was asked a terrible question to carry his weight of 9.10 against such horses as Teufel, Barn Dance, Dunrobin, and although favourite at 13 to 8 against, his defeat was almost expected. The favourite looked very fit, and some backers' hopes were high. After a short delay they all got off, Rugby taking up the running, with St. Frusquin and Echline next, Barn Door and Teufel being close behind. Teufel then came up and took the lead, but the favourite soon dispossessed him, and at the distance looked a winner; but Cannon, with one of his famous rushes, brought Teufel up,