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### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

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### NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1896.

First Race to start at 1 o'clock. Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won 50 sovs at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post. About two miles and a half.

Winter Welter Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. One mile.

Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, acceptance 2 sovs, and 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Selling Steeplechase of 60 sovs. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 7lb; five-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 3lb. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs allowed 7lbs; if for 40 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 21lbs; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowance. About three miles.

Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs. Over 7 flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1896.

First Race to start at 1 o'clock. Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over five flights of hurdles. One mile and a quarter.

Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, with a final payment of 5 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. About three miles and a half.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Second Winter Welter Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. Seven furlongs.

### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

#### NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1896, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Grand National Handicap Hurdles... 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 2 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1896, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Grand National Handicap Hurdles... 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 3 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1896 (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Maiden Hcp Steeples 1 sov Pony Hcp Hurdles... 1 sov Winter Welter Hcp 1 sov Handicap Hurdles... 1 sov Selling Steeplechase 2 sovs Tally-Ho Handicap 1 sov Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Steeplechase... 1 sov Pony Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Second Winter Welter Handicap Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Handicap... 1 sov



SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1896, at the Post. Grand National Hurdle Race... 4 sovs

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Hcp Hurdles 2 sovs Tally-ho Steeples... 2 sovs Pony Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Second Winter Welter Handicap Hurdles... 1 sov

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, at the Post. Great Northern Steeplechase... 5 sovs

### DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1896. Grand National Hurdles Great Northern Steeplechase

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896. Maiden Steeplechase Hcp Handicap Maiden Hurdles Winter Welter Handicap Pony Hurdles Handicap

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, Morning "Herald." Handicap Hurdles Pony Handicap Hurdles Second Maiden Hurdles Tally-ho Steeplechase Second Winter Welter

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary, A.R.C.

### TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

#### WINTER MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 23RD MAY, AND MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 1896.

Officers—President: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-President: Colonel Goring. Stewards: Messrs. E. W. Alison, R. E. Duder, F. Wells, W. Adams, A. Alison, J. Mays, W. Avenell, G. Lankham, W. J. Ralph. Judge: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Treasurer: Mr. E. W. Alison. Starter: Mr. E. D. Halstead. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr. Fred Wells. Handicapper: Mr. W. Knight. Secretary: Mr. R. Wynyard.

### PROGRAMME (Passed by A.R.C.)

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 1896.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a half.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

First Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

Birthday Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

Selling Steeplechase of 50 sovs. Four-year-olds to carry 11 7; 5 years, 12 0; 6 and aged, 12 3. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 250. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs allowed 7lbs; if for 30 sovs, 14bs; if for 20 sovs, 21lbs; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowances. Nomination, 2 sovs. Distance, about three miles.

Royal Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY, MAY 25TH, 1896.

Hack Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

Britannia Handicap of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

Second Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

Victoria Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive five sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

### NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

#### NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, by 9 p.m.

First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles... 1 sov Handicap Maiden Plate... 1 sov First Handicap Hurdles... 1 sov Birthday Handicap... 1 sov First Pony Handicap... 1 sov Royal Handicap... 1 sov

Second Day—Hack Handicap... 1 sov Second Handicap Hurdles... 1 sov Britannia Handicap... 1 sov Handicap Steeplechase... 1 sov Victoria Handicap... 1 sov Second Pony Handicap... 1 sov Welter Handicap... 1 sov

#### WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, by 4 p.m.—First Day's Racing and Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, by 9 p.m.—Second Day's Racing.

#### ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, by 9 p.m. Handicap Maiden Hurdles... 1 sov Handicap Maiden Plate... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles... 2 sovs Birthday Handicap... 3 sovs First Pony Handicap... 1 sov Royal Handicap... 1 sov Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day)... 3 sovs Selling Steeplechase... 2 sovs

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, by 10 p.m. Second Day's Racing—Second Handicap Hurdles... 1 sov Hack Handicap... 1 sov Britannia Handicap... 1 1/2 sovs Victoria Handicap... 1 sov Second Pony Handicap... 1 sov Welter Handicap... 1 sov

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr. W. Bloomfield's Office, Durham Street East, Auckland, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at time of entry, pedigree, and in case of handicaps, where horses have not previously started on the Takapuna course, performance of the horse, name of the owner, and colour of the rider. The Club reserves the right to alter the programme and dates of meetings. Winners to pay 5 per cent. of their gross winnings towards the expenses of the course. Telegraph Office at Devonport closes at 5 p.m. Telegraph Office open on course to 5 p.m. on race days. ROBT. WYNYARD, Secretary.

### EGMONT RACING CLUB.

#### WINTER MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 6TH AND 7TH MAY, 1896.

President: R. H. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: A. W. Budge, Esq. Stewards: Messrs W. Adamson, John Heslop, W. C. Symes, Jas. Davidson, R. Hirschberg, A. S. Tombs, H. E. Good, F. Riddiford, Dr. Westwood. Starter: Mr. M. F. Baird. Clerk of Course: Mr. J. T. Stone. Clerk of Scales: Mr. H. W. Sutton. Handicapper: J. E. Henry. Timekeeper: Dr. Reed. Judge: Mr. Wm. Brewer. Treasurer: Mr. H. W. Sutton. Secretary: Mr. Alex. G. Brett.

### PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY.

To Start at 11.45 a.m. First Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over 9 flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance 1 sov. Two miles and a distance.

Handicap Hack Hurdles of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.

Hawera Stakes Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.

First Handicap Hack Flat of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

Egmont Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 3 sovs. About three miles.

Stewards' Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, 7TH MAY.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters.



Heigh Weight Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. One mile and a quarter.

Final Handicap Steeplechase of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1 sov; acceptance 1 sov. About two miles.

### DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

NOMINATIONS—SATURDAY, 11th APRIL, 1896, at 9 p.m. 1st Handicap Hurdles 1 sov 2nd Hcp Hurdles... 1 sov Hcp Hack Hurdles 1 sov Railway Handicap... 1 sov Hawera Stakes Hcp 1 sov Hawera Steeplechase 1 sov 1st Hcp Hack Flat 1 sov 2nd Hcp Hack Flat 1 sov Egmont Steeplechase 2 sovs High Weight Hcp 1 sov Stewards Stakes Hcp 1 sov Final Hcp Steeples... 1 sov

ACCEPTANCES—FRIDAY, 1st MAY, 1896, at 9 p.m. 1st Hcp Hurdles... 1 sov 1st Hcp Hack Flat 10s Hcp Hack Hurdles 10s Egmont Steeplechase 3 sovs Hawera Stakes Hcp 2 sovs Stewards Stakes Hcp 1 sov

WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY, 1896, at 9.30 p.m. 2nd Hcp Hurdles 1 sov 2nd Hcp Hack Flat 10s Railway Handicap... 1 sov High Weight Hcp 1 sov Hawera Steeplechase 2 sovs Final Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov (immediately after running High Weight Handicap).

ON OR ABOUT FRIDAY, 24th APRIL, 1896. First Handicap Hurdles First Handicap Hack Flat Handicap Hack Hurdles Egmont Hcp Steeplechase Hawera Stakes Handicap Stewards' Stakes Handicap

WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY, 1896, at 8 p.m. Second Handicap Hurdles Second Handicap Hack Flat Railway Handicap High Weight Handicap Hawera Hcp Steeplechase High Weight Handicap Final Handicap Steeplechase, immediately after running of Hawera Handicap Steeplechase.

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the time and on the dates mentioned, at the office of the Club, Hawera; and by Harry H. Hay, Tattersall's, Auckland; and Alfred T. Danvers, Napier. Telegraph Office closes at Hawera at 8 p.m. ALEX. G. BRETT, Secretary.

### WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

#### STEEPLECHASE MEETING, TO BE HELD ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (MONDAY, MAY 25).

President: Dr Earle. Vice-President: Mr H. N. Harrison. Judge: Dr Earle, Hon. Starter: Mr C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Clerk of the Scales: Mr E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr Donald MacDonald. Time-keeper: Mr R. Higgin. Hon. Surgeon: Dr Tribe. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr J. A. Hawke. M.R.C.V.S. Stewards: Dr Connolly, Messrs E. E. Fletcher, Alex. Higgin, A. J. Parsons, H. N. Harrison, J. H. Nixon, R. Higgin. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr Freeman R. Jackson.

### PROGRAMME.

To Start at 12 Noon. Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

To Start at 12.45 p.m. Wanganui Handicap Steeplechase of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 5 sovs. About three miles, over the Wanganui Steeplechase course.

To Start at 1.45 p.m. Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to all qualified hunters. Gentleman riders; lowest weight not under 11st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About three miles, over such course as the stewards may direct.

Qualification for Hunters.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1895, or that have ridden to the hounds twice in the present season (1896) to the satisfaction of the Master of Hounds, but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race (hack and hunter races accepted). Master's certificate to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.

To Start at 2.15 p.m. Trial Steeplechase Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For all horses which have never won a steeplechase of the value of 25 sovs (hack and hunters accepted). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles and a half, over such course as the stewards may direct.

To Start at 3 p.m. Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Winner of Flying to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.

To Start at 3.45 p.m. Final Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov, to be made half an hour before the race starts. About two miles.

To Start at 4.30 p.m. Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. *Vide* definition of a hack. One mile and a distance.

ALL STAKES PAID IN FULL.



**DEFINITION OF A HACK.**—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of start, and has not been, during the three calendar months previous to the time of start, nominated for any race, hack and hunter races excepted.

#### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

And amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1896, by 9 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS.**  
Flying Handicap ..... 1 sov Winter Oats ..... 1 sov  
Trial Steeplechase ..... 1 sov Wanganui Steeple ..... 2 sovs

TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (on or about),

Weights for the above Handicaps.

MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY, by 9 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS.**  
Hunters' Steeple ..... 1 sov Final Steeple ..... 1 sov  
Hack Flat ..... 1 sov

**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Flying Handicap ..... 1 sov Winter Oats ..... 2 sovs  
Wanganui Steeple ..... 5 sovs Trial Steeple ..... 2 sovs

TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY (on or about),

Weights for Hunters' Steeplechase and Hack Flat Handicap.

TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, at 9 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Hunters' Steeple ..... 1 sov Hack Flat Handicap 10s

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, on the Course,

Weights for Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Trial Steeplechase, and ACCEPTANCES must be made half an hour before the race starts.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,  
Secretary.



#### NOTICE TO RACING CLUBS.

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## PASTIMES.

[BY VIGILANT.]

### CYCLING.

A Melbourne lawyer who cycles, doing a little bush tour at Easter, left his bike outside a hotel in a small, one-horse town on a Saturday afternoon whilst he went inside to blow up his tyre, or grease his wheel, or something of the kind. After taking philosophical observations at the ceiling through a tumbler, the man of law started out in quest of his thirty-guinea machine. He found it about thirty yards off, woefully crippled, and tied up in hard knots. A large, combative billy-goat was placidly chewing the pneumatic tyre, and a big, plump girl of seventeen was sitting dolefully in the dust of the road, nursing a lump on her head as big as an emu egg. The girl, seeing nobody about, had boldly tried her luck on the bike—the pugilistic he-goat had done the rest.

In Melbourne there has been recently started an institution which should be a boon to cyclists, and which might well be imitated in the large towns in New Zealand. It is the Block Cycle Stables, where machines can be left at any time. The annual subscription is 25s, or half yearly, 15s, or monthly, 3s. The place is always open, and subscribers are entitled to have their machines oiled, bearings and chains adjusted, cranks and pedals straightened, and punctures remedied, besides which there are lavatories and dressing rooms. Non-subscribers are charged a small fee.

The bicycle has been received with decided disfavour by the farmers in the Crookston district, according to the *Tuapeka Times*. A drapers' assistant recently speculated in a machine, and went round to the farmers to collect orders for his firm. The farmers and blacksmiths refused point blank to give him any orders. "You require neither oats nor blacksmithing, nor anything else for your horse, and how can you expect farmers to support you?" The draper had to revert to the horse.

Thus an American cycling paper:—"One year ago last November, when the Augusta Victoria steamed up the Hudson River and into her dock at Hoboken, hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic natives of America breathlessly waited for Arthur A. Zimmerman to walk down the gang plank and stand once more upon the soil of the country whose racing honour he had so proudly and ably upheld in Europe. Now, alas! all is changed. Last week good old 'Grinder' reached the United States after a tour of more or less triumph around the world, and so little is thought of the arrival by the public in general that scarcely a handful of curiosity-prompted Californians did him honour. His fair weather friends had deserted him, but those who know him best, and, necessarily, loved him most, stand staunch and true in the firm belief that "Zim" will yet prove that he is still the champion of them all.

Pat Develin was a young and unmarried man, and although he made considerable money, he was conservative about spending it. While at work he had watched the bicyclists go spinning past, and he envied them. "Be the powers, Callahan, they bate the worruld!" he cried enthusiastically one day. "An' there'd be wan would Oirishman straddlin' a newattic toire this avenin', shure, if he had the money to sphare." "Why don't yez rint wan?" inquired Callahan. "Shure!" "O'ill have wan of 'em out this avenin' or me name's not Develin!" cried Pat. True to his vow, Pat strode into a bicycle store early that evening, and sought the head clerk. "How do yez rint yer bicycles?" he inquired. "Fifty cents the first hour, and twenty-five cents for the second," was the reply. "Fifty cents for the first hour, and twenty foive fer the second hour, is it?" Pat said, quickly. "Then, me man, give me wan fer the second hour!"

A Bill, which is said to have a good prospect of becoming law, has been drafted in America for the purpose of allowing the cyclists of Denver to ride without lamps or bells, compelling all vehicles to keep to the right and turn out on that side when meeting riders, regulating their speed as well as that of bicycles within certain portions of the city, and also providing for the infliction of heavy penalties for scattering glass, tacks,

etc., on the streets. The man that drafted the above Bill should be rewarded for medical treatment. How are pedestrians, who want to cross a street on a dark night, going to get on? This is about on a par with our county council legislation in New Zealand, effecting cyclists.

Mr Hiram Maxim has put the tricycle to a new and an important use. He has fitted the machine with two Maxim guns, each weighing 25lb, and capable of firing 600 rounds a minute. Each machine will carry 1000 rounds of ammunition.

Australia can boast of a quadruplet and several triplets, but the Barnes Cycle Company of New York are building a double-quintuplet, a machine to be manned by ten riders. It has been nicknamed "the Barnes space annihilator." One of the features of this extraordinary machine will be the chain, to consist of four ordinary chains side by side, put together with long rivets, making it practically a link belt. The "double-quint" will, it is calculated, attain a speed of one mile in 30sec.

The Yankees are always up to date. Their latest is a silver-mounted bicycle. The first of these, a man's wheel, was completed and exhibited on Christmas Eve. The wheel shown was one of a regular manufacture, believed to be one of the best in every respect; and this the firm decorated with sterling silver in Louis XVI. style. Carved ivory handles were added to the handle-bar, and the forks, supporting rods, sprocket-wheel, and other parts were decorated in good taste, without impairing the practicality and usefulness of the machine, or adding materially to its weight. A silver cyclometer, silver watch, and silver decorated tool-bag completed the outfit. This machine was sold to the manufacturers of the mechanical part of the wheel, and exhibited by them at the cycle show. The second, a lady's wheel, was finished during the second week in February, and sold the first day it was put on exhibition in the window. This wheel was of a different manufacture, which was believed to excel in ladies' wheels. It is a regular diamond drop frame. The front forks and head are richly overlaid with silver open work, the ornamentation suggesting the rococo and Louis XV. styles; the handles are of carved and stained ivory, decorated with silver and jade knobs at the ends. The wheel is equipped with a front brake, solid silver cyclometer, silver watch, silver bell, and tan leather tool bag also decorated with silver, in harmony with the silver ornamentation upon the saddle. Perhaps the most beautiful accessory of the machine is the solid silver lamp attached to the handle bar. It is made after the most approved pattern, with a high-power reflector and ruby and emerald coloured cut crystal sidelights. There is a full nickel mud guard, ornamented with silver and strung with the finest silk; a silver chain-guard and a silver shield for the sprocket wheel.

Mr S. H. Justin, who has been in Australia with Zimmerman on behalf of the Nimrod-Zimmy Co., of Bristol, has returned to the western city (says an English journal), having come via San Francisco. He confirms previous reports re the great receptions accorded the party at Sydney, thousands seeking to shake hands with the ex-champion. The latter was impressed with the powers of the Colonials, who, he thought, would do well on good tracks. English safeties sell best in Australia, and fetch £25 to £35, but Germans and Americans are trying to get a foothold. The first-named, however, appear to use poor stuff, and the Yankees build their machines too light. Zimmerman, says Mr Justin, won thousands of pounds. At Sydney he received £120 to compete in one race, was granted £100 for his excellent riding, and then won £150 in prizes. Four thousand machines were ordered through Mr Justin, so that the enthusiasm for the pastime among the Cornstalks is self-evident. Talking of American manufacturing, he said there were 20,000 men engaged in the trade, earning an average of about 8s a day. Evidently Mr Justin is an utter stranger to Ananias, though so like him in some things.

The motor cycles will cost about £150. At any rate, they won't become a nuisance.

We are to have a second edition of the song, "Daisy Bell," Miss Collins having introduced another song, entitled "Marriage on a Bicycle."

The latest organisation in the cycling world (says an English paper) is the Pneumatic Tyre Defence Association, which has been formed, with headquarters at Birmingham, and which has for its object the break-down of the Dunlop tyre monopoly. With this aim, an appeal for funds is made to the trade, so that a final decision from the highest tribunal can be obtained respecting the validity of the Pneumatic Tyre patents generally.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and wife of the celebrated American baptist parson, says that "bloomers are an abomination, and that they are a disgrace to woman-kind."

A lady bikist was recently arrested in San Francisco for appearing in the streets in knickerbockers. The judge directed that "knickerbockers were not a suitable garment for a woman to wear in a public place," and advised the offender to array herself in future in baggy bloomers.

Martin is matched against the trotting horse Osterly. The match takes place on the 28th inst.

H. E. M'Crea, the gritty little Californian, is (reports *Bearings*) sharing with Wells the glory of having broken a world's record. While not in the best of health, which makes his ride all the more remarkable, he succeeded in lowering the three-quarter-mile standing start record to 1min 22 2/5sec, and Friday morning cut the record of 1min 50 1/5sec for the standing start mile to 1min 49 2/5sec. He was paced by two quads.

"Look here, young man, I hear you have been seen riding with my daughter on a tandem, and I want to tell you I don't like it." "Well, you may nat, but I do."

The American Mutual Accident Insurance companies have passed the following resolution:—"That the use of the bicycle should be covered by additional cost or reduction of death and indemnity benefits, and it is recommended that this be provided for by either of the following methods: The adequate increase of premiums to cover the added risk, or the classification as an occupation of bicycle riders in a class twice as hazardous as the "preferred" risk. That benefits by accidents by bicycle riding be specifically reduced. The including of bicycling under the policies to be covered only by specific permits at an extra premium."

Many cyclists suffer from cold feet and hands in the winter. A piece of chamois leather, cut to fit inside the shoe, is a good thing, and is very comfortable. For cold hands two pair of gloves are needed. The inside pair of kid, and the outside pair of wool.

Porta, the Italian, has been showing good form in Australia lately, and he has twice defeated Parsons and the other cracks.

### ATHLETICS.

The one and only John L. Sullivan discoursed to some members of the Fourth Estate in Chicago recently, the tenor of his ebullition being that he once had 2,000,000dol, and now owned that much of experience. But the big fighter was still confident that he was on earth, and if either of the big bluffers (Corbett or Fitz) were to take him on in a room, and not in a twenty-acre lot, he would yet make them believe that the window would be their easiest means of exit. Most of them who took him on got back from the tomb, barring Pompadour Jim, and as John L. sadly remarks, "Oh! he licked a man that had tried to drink all the rum there was flowing on the continent." John's ideas of a hereafter are sublime; but it matters little to him, as he aptly puts it, having raised all the Hades he wants on earth.—American Exchange.

Here are the measurements of Fitz-Simmons and Peter Maher, which will prove interesting for the sake of comparison:—Fitz-Simmons—Age, 34; height, 5ft 11 1/2in; weight, 168lbs; neck, 15in; chest, 41in; chest expanded, 44in; waist, 32in; thighs, 20in; calves, 13 1/2in; arms outstretched, 75 1/2in; biceps, 12in; forearm, 11 1/2in; wrist, 6 1/2in. Maher—Age, 27; height, 5ft 11 1/2in; weight, 178lbs; neck, 17 1/2in; chest, 40in; chest expanded, 42 1/2in; waist, 30 7/8in; thighs, 23 1/2in; calves, 15 1/2in; arms outstretched, 74in; biceps, 13in; forearm, 12in; wrist, 7 1/2in.



**CRICKET.**

The first junior championship was concluded on Saturday last, with the match Belmont A. v. Clarence, in which the former scored a victory on the first innings' score by 22 runs, and of course carry off the honours in this grade for the outgoing year.

**FOOTBALL.**

**PARNELL V. WAIMATE.**

The football season was practically opened on Saturday last, when the long-talked of match between the Waimate (Taranaki) fifteen and Parnell took place at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, and was witnessed by some two thousand spectators. The general impression was that the visitors, who are considered the premier team playing under the Taranaki Rugby Union's auspices, would prove too strong for the local

the other a penalty goal. But to revert back to the afternoon's doings, it was plainly noticeable that the invading team lacked a knowledge of the finer points of the game, which might on several occasions have greatly relieved them, while both teams lacked combination, and little or no passing worthy of mention was indulged in. In fact, from a spectator's point of view the struggle was a decidedly uninteresting exhibition of scrums and free kicks, but in saying this we have to make every concession for the fact that this was the initial contest of the incoming season. Then, again, the visitors are not the team that have carried off the senior honours down below for the last three years, as J. Lambie, Hughes, and H. Good were not with them, a trio that would have strengthened the Waimate ranks to such an extent that an entirely different tale might have been told on Saturday. Below are my notes on the play and players.

Elliott played his usual hard game, and made many openings, but on two or three occasions he passed very wildly, and lost what advantage had been gained.

Whitley, Erith, and Hancock were very smart in loose play, and it was from the latter opening that Brodie scored his try.

The Waimate forwards all grafted hard in the scrum, but lacked the knack of heeling out the ball. The Parnell forwards were very strong on this point.

Jacobs was the only scorer for Waimate, and his smart drop kick was a clever, although a lucky, piece of play.

North Shore, City, Grafton, and Suburbs teams all held practice matches last Saturday.

The Wairarapa Rugby Union has a credit balance of £5 12s 3s on last year's transactions. The Union has decided to register under the Unclassified Societies Act of 1895.

Messrs Lowry, Cotterill, Bennet, Thornton, Whittington, Morgan, Fenton, Sainsbury, Sidey, and Drs. Milne, Thomson, Jarvis, and Brennan were elected vice-presidents; hon. secretary, Mr W. J. Reid; hon. treasurer, Mr S. Fleming (re-elected). Mr T. Morrison was re-elected a delegate to the New Zealand Rugby Union. The opening of the season was fixed for May 2nd, at the Recreation Grounds, when a match, Town v. Country, will be played. Messrs Swan, Fleming, and Kelly were appointed to select the town team, and Messrs Tomoand and O'Connell the representatives of the country. Entries for the first, second, and third championships close with the secretary on April, the 30th. An application from the Taradale Football Club for affiliation with the Union was granted.

North Shore will be without the services of D. Gage this season. He left for Wellington last Thursday.

**THE WAIMATE (Taranaki) FOOTBALL TEAM.**



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Top Row—W. Palmer, H. Forsyth, W. Braithwait, W. Young, W. Lambie, C. Young, B. Glenn, W. Slattery.  
 Middle Row—H. Christie, B. Jackson, W. Bigham, J. Glenn.  
 Bottom Row—P. Jacob, W. Christie, A. Good (Capt.), C. Nolan, R. Newing, J. Hamilton.

opposition, more particularly as it was whispered round that they came into our midst thoroughly wound up for the fray, with several week's practice to their credit; while the maroons had only spent a couple of weeks together at the gymnasium, and had done little or no outside work. As the teams entered the deciding ground immediately after the toll of three o'clock, it was noticeable that the Waimate boys held the advantage in weight, though for activity and general appearance there was little or nothing to choose between the two fifteens. But the conclusion of the match told an unexpected tale, and the Aucklanders left the field victors by 12 points to four, which, though apparently a heavy beating, is not as severe as it would appear at first glance, no less than seven of the winning team's points coming from goals landed by Murray, one from a mark, and

Murray has not forgotten how to place kick during the off-season. He kicked two beautiful goals on Saturday, and went very near another, from past the half-way flag.

C. Young, who played centre three-quarter for Waimate, is a fine stamp of a player; without being brilliant, his kicking and running was good, and he got off a few passes to his wings.

Edmonds captained Parnell, and, as usual, played a clever all-round game; his great forte seemed to be stopping rushes, and time after time, when it looked as if Waimate was well under way, they were blocked by Edmonds' forwards cleverness.

"Doss" Jervis gave us a taste of his old form, playing in the Parnell v. Waimate match. His long drop-kicks were a feature of the game, and his defensive work was also very good.

"Hughbie" Dacre, who played for Suburbs two seasons and latterly in Wellington, is now in Invercargill, and is reported to have played a splendid game against a Dunedin team some few weeks back.

John McConnell, one of our most popular forwards of last season, left for Christchurch on Thursday, where he will do street duty for the local police force.

Smith, Absolum, and probably Siddle, will be compelled to play for Suburbs this season, much against their wish.

On Thursday night last, the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union held their annual meeting. Present:—Messrs F. Logan (chairman), Wilson, Mitchell, H. Swan, A. C. Bennett, Fleming, O'Connell, Donnelly, and Gould. The balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £110 19s 4d, was unanimously adopted. Mr F. Logan was elected president, and

**BOXING.**

Mr Herbert M'Kell, champion light-weight of Australia, has opened a gymnasium at Waihi, where he will give lessons in boxing and gymnastics.

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## Inter-Provincial.

### WELLINGTON.

**Barman changed hands—Flying Shot and Leda out of form—Consistent running of Cheque and Sea Breeze—A well-deserved win for Mr F. Martin—Interesting particulars about the Wellington District Totalisator Permits—The Wairarapa Club make a reasonable proposal.**

J. Taggart has purchased the jumper Barman (Somnus—Barmaid). He was brought down to The Hutt last week.

Flying Shot and Leda showed none of their previous form at Nelson. The latter returned on Saturday. Mr Davis scored with Swordfish under 9.8, he having only a neck the best of the finish from the Blenheim filly Princess, receiving a stone, who acted as runner-up to Sing Song (brother to Gladstone) the first day.

The Chainshot colt, Tutankai, did not show to advantage, and could do with a lengthy spell after the racing he has received on the West Coast recently.

What a good thing the Hurdles on the first day was for Freeborn. Mr Henry must have considered him pretty fair by raising him 30lb, and then he ran a dead-heat with Dromedary, who is none too forward at present.

A local correspondent suggests the name of "Ballinger" for the Chainshot—Sylph filly.

Mr W. Proffitt passed through on Friday last, on his way to Dunedin, to attend the coursing meeting at the Forbury.

mends the Wellington Metropolitan Club to remove the restrictions imposed on the Masterton-Opaki Club, if permits are granted to the Wellington and Otaki Clubs. At the same time, they consider that as this club is the only one which may be said to be entirely clear of the trouble between the Premier and your club, etc., and that we have had one meeting with the totalisator, which resulted in a loss of £50, my committee thinks this should be made up by a rate, struck on the three meetings mentioned, *pro rata*, as by our club racing, your clubs were enabled to each get a permit.—Signed, G. T. F. HUTTON, Secretary.

The Wellington Racing Club stewards meet to-morrow (Tuesday) to consider the matter, and should the totalisator permit be obtained, the meeting will probably be held on May 29th and 30th.

Are Problem and Lifebuoy, entered for the Avondale Meeting, the notorious and well-known geldings who have raced in the South?

Mr Jorgenson informs me that Strathbraan will not be taken to Egmont.

### MANAWATU.

Mr W. H. Chitham intends taking up his residence in Auckland, for which place he will leave next week, taking with him the two-year-old sister (Marvellous) and four-year-old half-sister (First Sight) to Flying Shot, and, also, the two-year-old filly Bavaria.

The price paid for Barman, who was bought by J. Taggart, of Wellington, is said to have been under a century.

Barman's late owner has purchased, from Taggart, the disappointing Blenheim-bred Mount Morgan.

Lorelei is doing slow work, and there is a chance of her getting right again.

Umslopogaas is shaping well at the illegitimate game.

Brown, the rider of Lord of Misrule, was severely reprimanded for suspicious riding, but nothing was said to the owner. Surely it is about time racing officials recognised the patent fact that jockeys usually ride to orders, or that it is not always the rider's fault; and sometimes horses are "stuffed." In this case the form shown by Lord of Misrule was far inferior to his displays at Ashburton and Timaru. Still, the horse may have gone off, and it is highly improbable that Brown would again run the risk of disqualification, as he has only just been granted his license. Of course Lord of Misrule was at once scratched for all engagements at the meeting.

Jewel was a better favourite than Camel for the District Welter, and these were the only two in it at the finish, the latter finally winning by a length.

The North Canterbury J.C. Handicap provided a fairly interesting contest, and of the five contestants Salvo was a slightly better favourite than Magazine. The latter was in front at the top of the course, but here Salvo ran through from last position, and was soon in company with the leaders, Zola and Magazine. Salvo had gained an advantage of a length at the rails, whilst Magazine had dropped back beaten. Then Mona made a good run, as also did Zola, and Salvo declining to try, Zola won comfortably by a length from Mona, Salvo third.

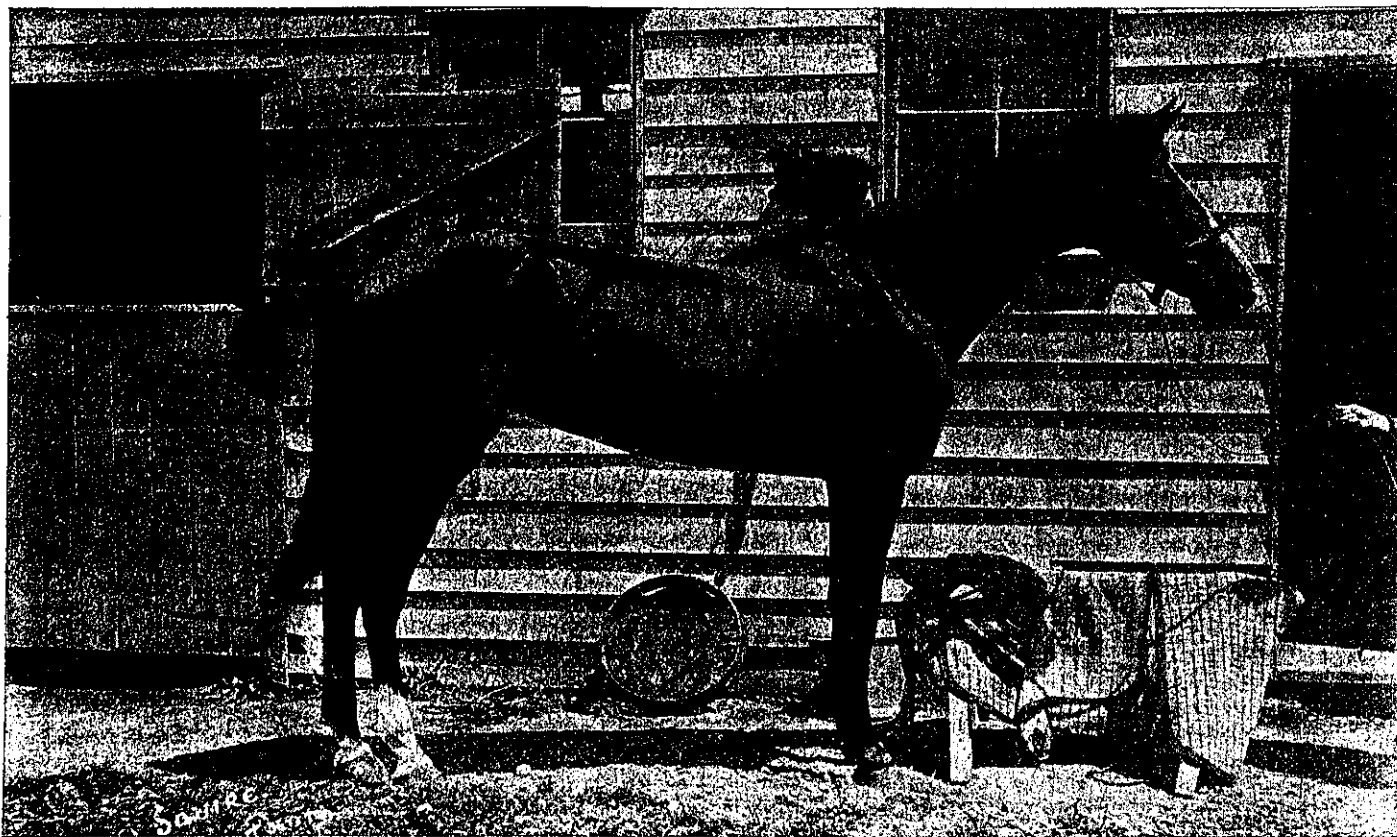
A protest, on the ground of inconsistent running, was dismissed. Zola had previously run unplaced in the the Stewards' Stakes. The winner was the outside of the party, and paid £19 12s.

Frenchy won the Rangiora Welter, beating Mona and Fire King, and seven others. Dividend, £10 14s.

Rangiatea won the Novel Race, hard held, and was bought in for £66. The race was only worth £22 10s. nett., and the dividend, £1 16s.

Marino will be taken north to fulfil his Hawera and Wanganui engagements.

### A CONSISTENT PERFORMER.



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pose the same amendment to a clause which does not exist in another law, the latter clause being objectionable and the one which the amendment is meant to supersede. Quicker action can be obtained at Albany by introducing a direct amendment to the above section of the Wilds bill, which, it appears to us, would under any circumstances be absolutely necessary, even should the same amendment be added to the Page and Austin bills, now before the House. The Spirit is first, last, and all the time in favour of any measures which will reduce the undue restriction under which trotting and racing sport now suffers, but if pool-selling is to be removed from the list of felonious offenses it must be by amending the Wilds law."

Fergus's pair, Cheque and Seabreeze, were the best at the meeting so far as form was concerned, and the former appears very partial to the Richmond track, and scored heavily there last year.

Mr F. Martin was so disgusted with the way Review and Kinglake had previously shaped, that previous to going across he informed me Fletcher would have his last trip with his horses to Nelson. It was therefore fortunate for the latter that Review won the Cup. The opinion of an experienced trainer who was present is that Swift got up in the last strids. King Wai did no good at the meeting.

The amount put through the machine at the Nelson Meeting (£4314) was £1284 more than last year.

The new owners of Rangiatea had a good win She has been tried over fences and shapes well with him in the Novel Race at Rangiora on Thursday last.

A local writer states that Mr Banks is the new owner of Osmanie, and Miss Banks led the filly off the wharf last Sunday.

Mr J. L. Doogan, the popular secretary of the Greymouth Racing Club, was in Wellington last week, and attended the Nelson Meeting.

Shearby failed to win a race at Nelson with Hesitation, and I am afraid the daughter of Gipsy King is not much good. She was receiving two stone from Swordfish the second day.

The Whareama Racing Club hold their annual meeting on Queen's Birthday.

Freeborn (brother to Mr Dan O'Brien's Freeman, who won the Grand National) is in charge of his owner, Mr H. J. Towsey, who rode him at Nelson. He has gone on to Egmont.

Mr H. M. Lyon has received the following letter in reply to his memo. to the Wairarapa Racing Club:—"In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., the stewards met this afternoon, and I am instructed to inform you that they have resolved that the Wairarapa Racing Club recom-

Glenc is improving greatly, and should show to advantage in cross-country events during the winter.

### CANTERBURY.

**Temporary retirement of "Patsy" Butler—The North Canterbury Meeting—Jockey Brown severely reprimanded—Owner not asked any questions—An outsider wins the Cup—Rangiatea buys himself out—Chainshot off next week—Barnardo jumping well—"Just in time."**

The whole of Mr P. Butler's horses will be offered for sale at Tattersall's on Saturday next, including Au Revoir, Liberator, Padlock, Salvo, Medicus, Cannonball, and Venom. Ill-health is the cause of Mr Butler's temporary retirement.

The North Canterbury Meeting on Thursday last proved a most enjoyable gathering. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance a record one. The course was fairly good, although heavy in places. Speculation was good, £2007 10s going through the machine, which is £500 more than the investments last year. The district is governed by a prohibition committee, but the stewards generously supplied alcoholic refreshments, and I am pleased to say that the meeting was financially successful. Lord of Misrule was reckoned a good thing by the alleged knowing ones for the opening event, the Winter Oats, but the money put on Nicholas at the finish foreshadowed what would win. "Nick" won easily by a length from Salvo Shot, Nirvana close up.

St. John wound up the days' proceedings by winning the Flying Handicap by a length, from Fire King, with Jewel third.

Chainshot will probably be shipped to England next week.

Fire King has taken kindly to hurdle-jumping, and although he is not a stayer, his pace should greatly help him.

Gillie is jumping well, and is regularly ridden to hounds by Mr G. Murray-Aynsley, as also are Pastime, Industry, and Ellesmere.

The Christchurch Hunt Club has agreed to substitute a small programme of races, to be contested at Riccarton, instead of the usual point-to-point fixture.

Bisley (brother to Barnaby) has not been out during the last few days, but there is nothing seriously wrong with him.

The owner of Salvoshot was very indignant at the manner in which his horse was ridden at Rangiora.

Belligerent is now in Murray-Aynsley's stable. Several of Mr Stead's two-year-olds were at Riccarton last Saturday. They are all looking well, especially Cuirassow, Gold Medallist, and Multiform.

Jewel is now an inmate of Lunn's stable.

Barnardo is jumping the steeplechase schooling fences in great style, and should be become proficient will take a lot of beating over the big country at National time.

"Breaking-in" is now in full swing at headquarters, most of the youngsters having already received their initial lesson.

Just before the start for the Novel Race at Rangiora, £45 arrived by wire for Rangiatea, sent back from Dunedin, and had it not been for a false start the money would have been toe late.

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**AVONDALE RACES.**  
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## DUNEDIN.

**Oamaru races a success—Good starting—T. Buddicombe and J. Loughlin before the stewards—Euroclydon training on—Death of an old steeplechaser.**

The Oamaru races, last week, were very successful; plenty of speculation, but small dividends. Totalisator receipts were £200 in excess of last year.

H. Piper's starting was a great success. T. Buddicombe and Loughlin got into trouble over the Hack Race, through the running of the second horse, Nomad. It appears Nomad was steadied on the post, allowing Rothamstead to win. The rider of Nomad and trainer of Rothamstead had to interview the stewards regarding the result. The case was adjourned for fourteen days.

It is really about time something was done to prevent the big amount of collusion that has been going on in Otago for some time past.

Euroclydon is doing daily work and progressing favourably. He may likely start at our Birthday meeting.

Hero, a local steeplechase horse of fair quality, and a winner at our Hunt Club meetings a few years ago, died last week. He was a sure jumper, but not fast enough to be classed with the good ones.

## HAWKES BAY.

**Large entries for minor events at Napier Park—Cheque does not enter a good turn—Wairarapa programme passed after long delay—Melinite in commission again—More delay with permits.**

The entries received for the Napier Park Steeple, Stewards' Stakes, May Handicap, and for both of the Hurdle Races, which form part of the programme at the forthcoming winter meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club, must have been very gratifying to the secretary when he made up the lists, to see the liberal way in which owners had responded to the invitation of his club. Three short of a century for six events does not read at all bad, and the generous way in which owners of flat-racers have been catered for has borne fruit, as can be seen upon referring to the entries for the Stewards' and May Handicaps, which comprise some of the best handicap performers about, and when I mention that, amongst others, Searchlight, Bessie McCarthy, Lotion, Acone, Marino, The Artist, New Forest, and Flying Shot are engaged, it will be seen that quality as well as quantity is well represented.

On dit that a well-known medico, who in the early racing days in Hawke's Bay was often seen in the saddle in many a hotly-contested event, but who has now retired from active practice in both vocations, is busily engaged teaching the intricacies of polo to the family of an enthusiastic breeding and racing man in this district.

Cheque was a very strong order in Napier for his engagements at Nelson last week, and consequently his victories have been the means of adding more of the needful to the pockets of his faithful supporters. It is really wonderful now-a-days how punters manage to get on to the real eighteen carat lots that are competing at the various race meetings held throughout the land.

After what seems an uncalled-for delay, the Metropolitan Club of the district has passed the programme of the Waipawa Racing Club, whose winter fixture is set down for decision on May 25th.

In view of the approaching season for hurdle and steeplechase events, Andy Robertson has taken up Melinite, and should all go well, she will be found competing at Hastings in June, provided, of course, that the weight-adjuster does not form an exalted opinion of her.

Although some considerable time has elapsed since the secretary of the Napier Park Racing Club applied to the Colonial Secretary for a permit for their winter fixture, up to the time of wiring, no reply has yet been received.



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## Sporting News.

[BY REVIEWER.]

There is still a probability of Hova being sent to England.

The Woodville Jockey Club have given £15 to the Brunner Relief Fund.

Handicaps for the Takapuna Winter Meeting are due on Friday, 8th May.

Melinite, it is rumoured, may compete at the Auckland Steeplechase meeting.

The Whareama Racing Club (Wairarapa) will manage a race meeting on 25th May.

Mr L. D. Nathan, the squire of Whitford Park, contemplates a trip to England in a few weeks time.

A license for 1896 has been granted to Sam Loates, the English jockey, after a "serious caution."

There is every probability that Marino will be brought north to run at the Egmont and Wanganui meetings.

Mr S. Slesinger the well-known veterinary surgeon, a very old Dunedin resident, died recently at the ripe age of 82 years.

Mr J. B. Williamson says Ballyhooley will remain a little longer in Sydney, as the handicaps allotted him here are too flattering.

The Bookmakers attending the Wairarapa Racing Club's meeting forwarded to the Premier £6 towards the Brunner Relief Fund.

One of the yearlings purchased at the Randwick sales was to the order of a Fijian prince, who intends joining the ranks of owners.

An alteration has been made in the conditions of the Melbourne Cup race—only winners of £100 and upwards will become liable to penalties.

Ebor II., by York—Beeswing, has changed hands, a Wanganui man being the purchaser. The horse will still remain in Homes' stable.

Lord Randolph (Newminster—Primrose), who cost 2,300 guineas as a yearling, changed hands the other day at £200, and is to be used as a station sire.

Mr T. Wright, a well-known sport in the Wairarapa district, and a resident of Greytown North, leaves on 1st May for a nine months' trip to England.

St. Kilda and Lady Agnes were scratched on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., for the Avondale Handicap. All bets booked after time of scratching are "off."

Charlie Birkett, trainer and rider of Johnny Eaa, who was disqualified for six months at the Westland Meeting for suspicious riding, has asked for a re-hearing.

Mr James Kean, the genial Ellerslie trainer, has been very ill during the past few weeks, but his many friends will be pleased to hear he is mending splendidly.

The New Zealand Stud Book says that Kalo (by Yattendon) was brought to Auckland when a yearling. This is incorrect; Kalo was brought over when a two-year-old.

At the Benalla races (Vic.) on the 15th April, a horse named "Nunquamnonparatus" won the Maiden Hurdle Race. It was a wonder a name like that didn't trip him up.

The reason given by the West Coast Times for declining the temptation to tip the winners at the Westland race meeting was that "it is criminal to speculate on an uncertainty."

A well-known southern writer has something to say about the family history of Pearl, the dam of Carbuncle, which is rather spoiled by Carbuncle being referred to as a gelding.

Mr John Brown, of Randwick, has at last tired of that obstinate brute Waterbury, and he has made him a present to a sporting friend at Narrenda, a town about 200 miles inland from Sydney.

Penrose (Torpedo—Primrose), Kiwi (Puriri—Weka's dam), Totorua (half-brother to the defunct Gasparini), and Crotone (Ascot—Leonessa) were out with the Hawke's Bay hounds last week.

Etymologically speaking, the word horse-chestnut has nothing whatever to do with horses. A Frenchman, however, has made the discovery that horse-chestnuts are an undoubted cure for broken-winded animals.

Owners, breeders, and trainers are once more reminded that nominations of yearlings for the Wanganui Two year-old Stakes, also nominations for the Wanganui Derby of October, 1897, are due on Monday, May 4th.

At the Maribyrnong races on the 16th April, Vagrant, by Gipsy King—Barbara, won the Welter Handicap of seven furlongs. He carried 7.12 (where does the welter come in) and won by four lengths in 1min 31½sec.

Messrs W. T. Jones and W. Cooper, joint owners of the colt Newhaven, leave for England at the end of the present month, and probably have sailed in the Orizaba, which takes Carboado (Hotchkiss—Onyx) home to England.

"The Straight Tip" for the Hawera Steeplechase meeting is published in another column, and sporting men, hunting men, jockeys, and others are advised to call on Messrs Newcomb and Massey, the well-known drapers in that town.

Directly Golden Fleece was shipped to Sydney a cablegram was sent to a prominent bookmaker to look out for her and not "fall in" and a certain section of the sporting press is doing the rest by putting the Stonyhurst mare away. It is the usual thing when any horse leaves this colony for the other side; everything in his favour is raked up, so that the handicapper will have his full strength, and the emigrant never gets a chance unless he waits to become "acclimatised."

The scratch race meeting at Maraetai, Duder's Bay, was not well attended, on Saturday last, owing to the threatening weather. Results:—Hurdles, Waimarie; Maiden Plate, Cyclops; Cup, Kiara; Pony Race, Cyclops; Hack Race, Kiara.

Nominations for the Takapuna Birthday Handicap appear this week, so that those of our readers who are going in for our treble coupon will have some information to work on. The form to be cut out will be found on the back page.

As far as I am able to judge, the Egmont Handicap Steeplechase is placed too far down the programme. It is the last but one race of the day, and now that the sun does "down" early in the afternoon, the light for the big race will not be too good.

Mr Moss Jonas, a well-known resident of Timaru, who purchased No Wonder (by Perkin Warbeck II.) after winning the Novel Race at the South Canterbury Meeting, made a present of the gelding to Mr P. Butler. "Patsy," in one way, is the luckiest man in N.Z.

"Slip" has some interesting coursing notes this week. From Dunedin he has particulars about the Challenge Stakes, now being decided. So far, the Auckland-owned greyhounds, Shylock and The Fiend, appear to share favouritism with Bloomer, the Victorian nomination.

Judicious advertising always pays. Compare the list of nominations of the Avondale and Takapuna clubs. The latter has nearly a record list. Twenty-four maiden hurdle candidates will do something towards adding to the ranks of our handicap hurdle candidates. About 280 nominations for 13 entries is an excellent entry.

"Tout," in the Wairarapa Observer, reviewing the Wairarapa Easter Meeting, remarks:—"There was one thing that was apparent about the meeting, as regards the 'bookies,' that horses that would have paid £50 on the totalisator, left the post with the 'bookie' at 10 to 1, they being the rankest outsiders."

Mr C. Cross, of Greytown North, thinking that Captain Boison, by Natator (he was originally named and ran as Captain Boynton), the well-known hurdle and steeplechase horse, would do well in harness, had him broken in, and then hit the big black gelding to his buggy, which he completely wrecked on Saturday last. Captain Boison wants Professor Leitchwark, the best of horse educators, about him for a few hours.

At a meeting of the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club, Mr T. G. Macarthy presiding, the application of the Masterton-Opaki Jockey Club, that its request for a permit for the totalisator be reconsidered, was discussed. A suggestion was made that as the Wairarapa Racing Club's Autumn Meeting had been held without the machine, there were presumably three permits available in this district, and the restriction might now be removed from the Masterton-Opaki Club on condition that licenses are also granted to the Otaki and Wellington Racing Club. It was eventually decided to ascertain the views of the Wairarapa Racing Club regarding this proposal.

A deputation from the Otaki Racing Club, introduced by Mr Te Ao, M.H.R. waited on the Premier last week to enquire whether the Government would grant the club a totalisator permit for their race meeting. The Premier replied that the Wellington Metropolitan Club was responsible for the fact that there were no permits available. The Government had granted a permit to the Masterton-Opaki Club, on which the Metropolitan Club had imposed a certain condition, and had not withdrawn that condition, although the option had been given them of doing so. Under these circumstances, the Government intended to adhere to its former decision, and would grant no further permits. The deputation then withdrew, announcing that they would wait on the Metropolitan Club.

The "Acme-attachment," which is affixed to billiard tables, is a handy and ingenious invention for saving billiard players the trouble of walking up and down the table taking the balls out of the pockets. Where there is no marker to fly round the table the "attachment" is invaluable. It consists of a neatly-made open cedar gutter fitted under the pockets, and having a dip towards the baulk end. As soon as a ball falls into a pocket it strikes an indiarubber cushion, which gives it sufficient impetus to carry it rapidly to the top end of the table, from which it can be picked up and immediately put into play again. The channel is left open, so that in the event of a person making a series of spot strokes he can intercept the ball as it is returning to the baulk end. The invention has been found to act admirably, especially in general pool, for with it there is never any doubt as to where any particular ball is.

Here is what promises to be an interesting case. In Chicago there has been commenced a suit at law which will prove extremely interesting to those who can see no reason why speculation on horse-races should be punishable, and speculation on the Board of Trade a legitimate pursuit. In Illinois there is a statute which provides that if money is betted and lost, any person may sue the winner for three times the amount he has won from the loser, the law specifically providing that any person has the right to sue, independent of whether he has previously had any dealings or connection with either the loser or winner. In the case referred to, an outsider has sued the firm of F. G. Logan and Co., brokers on the Board of Trade, for a sum of money approximating \$15,000, which is three times the amount claimed to have been lost by a third party, who purchased options through the brokers named. It is set forth in the complaint that the money was lost in dealing in options, the delivery of wheat never having been contemplated, and that the transaction was therefore a gambling one, covered by the statute quoted. President Baker, of the Chicago Board of Trade, should watch this case carefully, as he is violently opposed to race-track gambling.

Although not exactly a sporting item, still there are many, no doubt, of our readers, who are "moderate" drinking men, who take as much interest in prohibition as most people. They probably do not agree with the people who run the prohibition show, and if they want further proof of the sort of people that are "leading the movement," I would ask them to turn to our Licensed Victuallers' Page and read the particulars about "The New Zealand Cold-water Champion at Bradford, England."

*Apropos* of forestalling, writes the Sydney Bulletin:—"When big books were the vogue in Maoriland, two smarties with some ready money rushed a certain horse for a handicap, got a few thousands and made him favourite. The owner, being well-nigh "broke," had to start the nuddy, who won. Not a copper was laid him by the clever pair. That owner, however, now relates, apparently with grim satisfaction, how one of the two died in Maoriland through drink, while his mate perished on a parched and thirsty Australian plain for the want of it."

The Steeplechase at Flemington, on the 18th inst., was a most extraordinary affair, writes "Malvolio," of the Sportsman:—"Only four started, and each in turn either fell or parted company with its rider. To begin with, Triangle hooked the first fence so badly that his pilot "left the farm." All went well with the other three until the double along the river side was reached. Here Flat Iron gave one of those formidable post and rail structures such a terrible punch that his steersman was dislodged. Then Baratta appeared for a moment as though he would go the wrong course. But Barbour straightened the brown gelding in time, and he and Abbotsford raced on terms to the stone wall, over which Barratta fell. This left Abbotsford alone, but going at his own pace, he took too much liberty with the next jump, and over he rolled. Abbotsford got away, and while Edge was trying to catch him Barbour remounted Baratta and continued the hunt. But a little farther on Baratta again got rid of Barbour, and Edge, who had regained the saddle as quickly as possible, was thus given the desired opportunity, and, going on without further mistakes, Abbotsford won by any distance from Baratta, whom Barbour had eventually managed to get over the course. Triangle's rider, Robertson, got an ugly tumble, and was slightly shaken; but Smith, Edge, and Barbour were none the worse for their falls, nor were any of the horses seriously injured. "A quid to nothing," hurriedly said Joe Edge to the bystander who assisted him to catch and remount Abbotsford, and the bet duly came off. A protest against the winner on the ground that he had missed a jump was dismissed; but an appeal, accompanied by a deposit of £20, was lodged against the stewards' decision, but was again dismissed.

The ex-Auckland mare Ladybird, 9.7 (Rheece), ran second in the Hurdle Race at the Australian Jockey Club's extra-day races, on the 18th inst. Escort (10.2) won, taking 4min 6sec to do the distance. The Sydney Referee says—"Palmetto led his followers all the way until turning into the line for home. Then Ladybird went up to him, after having been pulled about in a very unnecessary fashion by her rider. The stewards were suspicious about Ladybird's performance, and interviewed the jockey (Rheece) and her trainer (Linnel), with the result that they were satisfied with the trainer's intentions, accepting his assurance that when he gave late instructions to Rheece—over the rails—he did so in ignorance of the A.J.C. regulation forbidding such procedure. Rheece denied holding communication as stated, and gave his evidence in such a way as to convince the stewards he was deliberately misleading. Such being the case, they awarded him six months' disqualification under the head of breach of the regulations, and bearing false witness. As to the handling of the mare nothing was said, but the ever-watchful followers of racing have not neglected to note that, differently ridden, Ladybird ought to run a good mare over the same sort of course, for she is a beautiful jumper, with enough pace to be useful in the sort of company she will probably meet about the metropolitan district around Sydney."

The worst feature of the yearling sales was the apathy with which our alleged trainers and judges received the Duckenfield yearlings. The Messrs. Eales have been so often badgered by trainers about sending up their youngsters so fat that they decided to keep them in the paddocks instead of over-feeding them to give them a sleek, oily appearance. But the trainers, with the exception of Mr Lamond, wouldn't look at them. They are like the rest of the world—what pleases the eye, pleases them. Last year the Oakleigh lot were sent up right out of their rich paddocks, and didn't realise cat's meat prices; but this year they were fed, and came up sleek and fat, and averaged almost a hundred a head. These trainer persons who whisper advice into the buyer's ears are a good deal over-rated, and taking them all round, are about as mediocre a lot of men as one could find. After the sale, a few sports fell to arguing about their ability, and one asked if it was possible to get a horse well at a given time without racing him week in and week out. Everybody around loudly said "No." "Well," replied the searcher after information, "what's the use of them? I might as well train my own horses as give them to a man who cannot turn them over to me in, say, six months fit and well, always allowing that their bodily health is all right." One trainer immediately asked, "Ow can you tell when a horse is well until you race him?" That man has a team of horses in work, but his proper place should be "mucking out." It is sickening to see the side some of these worthies put on if they happen to fluke a race or two, and have a few soft-headed punters on. They immediately shove themselves into the best clothes money can buy, and dine regularly at Tattersall's instead of staying at home seeing to their horses.—Sydney Truth.



Wairongomai (in J. Kean's stable) is the name bestowed on the half-sister to The Shrew.

A perusal of our trotting columns this week will be found interesting reading. "Someone is gwine ter get inter trouble, foh sure."

Mr Herbert Jackson, of Hawkes Bay, has named the Crusader (Arab)—Swindle gelding, the half-brother to Roscius, which he recently purchased, Barbarossa.

It is with extreme regret that we have to chronicle the death of the well-known English financier and racing man, Baron Hirsch. His charitable nature was known all over the world.

The Northern Steamship Company have arranged to book passengers right through from Onehunga to Hawera, at the excursion rates of £2 10s return. The Gairloch will leave Onehunga for New Plymouth on Monday at one o'clock.

Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. (Ltd.) announce that the s.s. Borrombeet (which has taken up the Anglian's running for a time) will sail for Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Dunedin on Tuesday, May 5th, at 12 noon. The s.s. Tasmania will sail for Sydney (returning to Auckland direct) on Monday, May 4th, at 4 p.m.

The Railway Department announce the train arrangements for the Avondale Races on Saturday. Special trains will run to Avondale racecourse crossing, leaving town at 12.10 and 1.10 p.m., Newmarket at 12.20 and 1.20 p.m., Mount Eden at 12.27 and 1.27, reaching the racecourse crossing at 12.40 and 1.40 p.m., returning after the last race. Fares—First class, 1s 6d; second class, 1s 2d.

It is some time now since we had a good imported Variety Company playing in Auckland, and the public will be glad to know that the Opera House has been leased for a season, and that Mr Alf. Lawton's Novelty Company opened there last night to a splendid house. We have not space to go down the lengthy programme that was got through last night, amidst frequent encores, but we honestly advise all those who like high-class variety business not to miss seeing this company. The items are so varied and well arranged that the curtain falls all too soon. The latest sensation, "The Trilby Ballet," should not be missed. A perusal of the advertisement will show the variety and excellence of the programme. The prices are within everyone's reach, and are 3s, 2s, and 1s.

The Levin people are determined not to be outdone by their neighbours at Shannon, and they have amalgamated themselves with the Horowhenua Racing Club, which used formerly to hold very enjoyable little meetings on the other side of the Horowhenua Lake from Levin. The new club is to be called the Horowhenua Hack Racing Club, and as they have a membership roll already of between 60 and 70 members, it will not be long before they have the first meeting under the management of the new club. There is a nice flat of about 40 or 50 acres at Levin, vested in the Domain Board and set apart for racing purposes. This can soon be put in order, and then the new club will soon announce the first meeting. Levin is a rising township on the Wellington-Manawatu railway line. Mr F. Roe has been appointed secretary.

At Wakefield (England) the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to animals, prosecuted two horse dealers, Arthur Crossley, of Brierly Hall Stud Farm, Chevet, near Wakefield, and Robert Smith, of York, for "nicking" two hackneys and a chestnut mare, the latter being a well-known prize-winner. It was alleged that Mr Crossley intended to exhibit the animal during the coming summer, and in order to make their tails erect and more fashionable, he paid Smith £6 to "nick" the muscles under their tails. To do this, several incisions had to be made, and a rope was then attached to each horse's tail, passed over a pulley fixed to the ceiling of the stable, and weighted at the other end to keep the tail in position. It was further alleged that Smith ordered the animals to stand in this position for three weeks, but at the end of a week two stud grooms gave information to the Society. For the defence, it was contended that it was a surgical operation properly performed, and with a lawful object. Defendants were each fined £6, and £7 1s costs. Notice of appeal was given. These two cruel wretches should have been given "six months hard" without the option of a fine.

An electric saddle is the latest device brought into play in America so as to make slow horses run fast, and it has got several people into trouble at New Orleans. It appears that a coup was contemplated by means of this new-fashioned saddle, but the scheme fell through by reason of somebody stealing the saddle, and substituting another in its place. For this he was arrested. In the meantime the racing governors, getting wind of the affair, held an inquiry, after which they made known the following edict:—"A person known as Charles Tichnor is ruled off the turf for bringing on to the grounds of the club an implement of swindling, called an electric saddle, for the purpose of defrauding the patrons of the track, and for confederating with and for aiding and abetting the said Tichnor in his efforts to get a jockey to use the electric saddle for the purpose of defrauding the patrons of this club, and to their own gain, and for having used the saddle on horses at exercise, to see if the same would increase their speed and enhance their chance of winning, all of which was done with a fraudulent intent. Nate Hill, jockey, is also ruled off the turf, and for procuring the said Tichnor a badge of entry to the grounds of the club, which facilitated his efforts to put the electric saddle in use, and for aiding and abetting, and for having guilty knowledge of the fraudulent purpose of the said Tichnor, M. English is ruled off." This is nearly as cruel as the electric spur that was tried in Yankee land, but the inhuman wretches mixed up in this were also promptly bowled out.

## Coming Events.

[By REVIEWER.]

### AVONDALE MEETING.

THE Avondale Jockey Club's meeting takes place on Saturday, and if the present fine weather continues, there should be a large attendance and large fields. The train arrangements in connection with the meeting are advertised, and duly noticed elsewhere. It should be recollected that this meeting is being held with the totalisator. A number of "double" books in town have assisted to infuse some interest into the meeting, and the many different ways punters have been trying to pick them, makes me think that "Gipsy King," who is always "railing" against tipping, and thinks it should be a punishable offence, has an unenviable task.

### EGMONT MEETING.

The steeplechase season proper will be inaugurated at the Egmont meeting on Thursday and Friday next. The Club are for the first time trying the experiment of a winter two days' meeting, and judging by the splendid list of nominations, there is every likelihood of a successful meeting. The acceptances are not due till to-morrow night, so that we are in the dark as to probable starters. If racing clubs would close their entries, especially acceptances, earlier in the week, all the weekly papers would give them, by publishing the list, a free advertisement as it were, while if a man, especially those living out of town, does not see the acceptances, he loses interest in that particular meeting. A free "ad." at the end of the week, and just before the meeting, would be a big help to a club in many ways. In connection with the Egmont meeting, the Northern Steamship Company have arranged return excursion fares by the favourite s.s. Gairloch, from Auckland to Hawera, fares, £2 10s. return. Local sports could leave here Monday afternoon, "do" the meeting, and return by Friday night's boat, reaching Auckland on Saturday afternoon. Splendid hotel accommodation will be found at Hawera, at the Empire, Egmont, Commercial, Hawera, and Royal hotels. "Gipsy King" will give his fancies from the handicaps.

## Anticipations.

[By GIPSY KING.]

### AVONDALE.

- Handicap Hurdles—DONALD MCKINNON OR CAPTIVITY.
- Autumn Handicap—TIT OR LADY MARION.
- Avondale Stakes—ANTARES.
- Pony Handicap—ROMP.
- Waitakere Handicap—LILLIE.
- Steeplechase—IKA OR CARBUNCLE.
- Shorts Handicap—ST. KILDA.

### EGMONT.

- Hurdles—WAITUNA.
- Hack Hurdles—CONSPIRACY.
- Hawera Stakes—SWIFT.
- Hack Flat—NOVELTY OR LIGHT.
- Egmont Steeplechase—LORD VIVIAN.
- Stewards' Stakes—SEDGEBROOK.

### CYCLING.

The Wellington to Napier record broken — E. A. Wakeman (Manawatu Club) does the smashing.

Our Napier correspondent sends the following:—Fabian's bicycle record of 22hrs 40min for the 232 miles that separate Wellington from Napier got a very severe shaking on Saturday evening by Mr E. A. Wakeman, of the Manawatu Cycling Club. The latter left the Empire City at 10 p.m. on Friday night, and at precisely two minutes past seven on Saturday night he appeared at the post-office, Napier, thus having accomplished the distance in 21hrs 2min; and this fact must be borne in mind that between the Upper Hutt (10 miles from Wellington) and Pakipaki (20 miles from Napier) he was unassisted by pacemakers. At the latter place, Messrs. Symonds and McDowell, of the Hastings Cash Club, met the smasher and piloted him into Napier. Mr Wakeman, who only started riding last September, is 27 years of age, weighs 10st 7lb, and rides a machine geared to 68in.

## SUCCESSFUL "ROARERS."

The remarkable success, at the last Manchester races, of three horses which had silver tubes fitted in their throats, as a means of relief from the infirmity of "roaring," is the subject of an interesting, though somewhat technical, article in the *British Medical Journal*. Although the animals in question had been subjected to the operation of tracheotomy and carried in their throats an artificial outlet for the wind-pipe, which might be supposed to cause them some inconvenience, they outstripped their competitors in the race, taking the first, second, and fourth places. A quarter of a century ago this city boasted a surgeon who had so far improved upon the provision made for him by Nature as to wear not only a wig, but a glass eye, a set of artificial teeth, a cork arm, and a wooden leg. It is upon record that that gentleman achieved more success in his profession than many of its members who might have been more satisfactorily equipped for the battle of life. Doubtless it was some advantage to him to be able to preside in his own person undeniable proofs of the success with which surgical art can be applied to the supplementing of corporeal defects. But even his case must yield the palm to that of "roaring" race-horses, whose wind, and therefore "going powers," are actually improved by the use of an artificial subglottis. It is not recorded that the doctor's wooden leg rendered him a speedier pedestrian than Nature had qualified him to be, or that he ever trusted the performance of surgical operations to his artificial arm, in preference to its fellow of flesh and blood. It is in the actual improvement of natural provision by artificial appliances that veterinary science seems to have outstripped the branch of the healing art which occupies itself with bipeds only. The general public may be surprised to learn that it has become no uncommon thing for carriage horses to be furnished with silver tubes in their throats, and that even "in the hunting field, in certain instances, horses which, without them, could not have galloped a mile without the greatest discomfort to themselves and danger to their riders, have, with the aid of tubes, been hunted for five seasons." These results must be highly satisfactory to the owners of "roarers," but if they continue to develop "roaring" will be in danger of being promoted from the status of an infirmity to that of a merit, and the proprietors of racehorses born with properly fitting arytenoid cartilages may have something to say on the subject to handicappers, if, indeed, they are not tempted to risk proceedings by the Anti-Vivisection Section in order to qualify their steeds for the Order of the Silver Tube. This is Darwin's great doctrine of the survival of the fittest thwarted and contradicted in what ought to be the best house of its friends. The fact that "roaring" is hereditary suggests truly disquieting consideration in this connection. It would seem as if only one thing still remained to be done. It may be rash to affirm that the resources of veterinary science, co-operating with those of mechanical skill, are not capable of producing a twentieth-century Pegasus which will spur the ground with fifty bicycle swiftness, and mount the clouds on wings of Mr Hiram Maxim's manufacture.

## SMILES.

Justice (severely): "How could you, sir, be so mean as to swindle people that put confidence in you?" Prisoner: "Well, judge, I'll make it worth something to yer, if you'll tell me how to work them as don't."

Here is a warning to preachers who deal with the theory subject of betting and gambling. According to the *Record*, Canon Whitely, the veteran vicar of Bedlington, who was senior wrangler as long ago as 1830, preached a sermon in which he showed the foolishness of staking money when the chances of winning were so small. Two pitmen, discussing the subject afterwards, were heard to say they felt sure "the vicar must have betted a lot hissel in his time, or he wouldna ha knowed sa much about it." The canon is very fond of telling the story against himself.

Wife: "I don't care if you did win; you know I told you not to bet on the races." Husband (apologetically): "But, my dear, I was just getting repaired." Wife: "Getting repaired?" Husband: "Yes, love; I was broke."

Jim: "Honesty is the best policy, arter all." Bill: "How?" "Remember that dog I stole?" "Yes." "Well, I tried two hull days to sell 'im an' no one offered more'n five shillings, so I went like a honest man, an' guv him to th' ole lady what owned 'im, an' she guv me a suvrin."

## "THAT IS BUSINESS?"

When the grocer stirs the sand amongst his sugar, if you please,  
Or he waters his tobacco, or makes pepper out of peas,  
Or puts roasted bread in coffee, or dried willow in his teas—  
That is business, simply business, so it is.  
But when at length he's collared at his clever little game,  
And is fined a tidy figure, and is put to loss and shame—  
That is business—that is darned good biz!

When an owner enters horses—which are known to go the pace  
By a public which will back them for a win or for a place—  
Quite resolved to have them finish at the wrong end of the race,  
That is business, simply business, so it is.  
When we've got a law to put these cheerful owners in a fix,  
And we send them picking oakum for their festive little tricks,  
'Twill be business—'twill be real good biz!  
Melbourne Punch.

## Sporting Items.

[By GIPSY KING.]

Some time ago I mentioned that a resident of Wanganui had received a letter from a friend at Coolgardie, announcing the death of Mr Frank Palmer. Meeting Mr Palmer's son, Harry, at Palmerston North a few days afterwards, I learnt that he was not aware that his father was reported to be dead, so I discredited the announcement, and am now pleased to hear from Harry that his father, one of the old-time sporting men on the Wanganui coast, is still alive and living at Coolgardie.

Some time ago, Mr W. H. Chitham, of Palmerston North, told me he thought, principally for health purposes, that he would remove to Auckland, and if he did make the journey, he would bring his racing stock with him, including First Sight (a four-year-old half-sister to Flying Shot), Bavaria (a two-year-old filly by Forerunner—Starwater), and Marvellous (a two-year-old sister to Flying Shot). I notice that First Sight, Bavaria, and Marvellous are nominated for the Takapuna Meeting, so that the "humorous and sporting barber" may have decided to come north.

Perhaps the cheapest "hack" sold for many a day in the Auckland saleyards was the up-country hurdle horse Viceroy, aged, by Gilderoy. He was sold for the paltry sum of three guineas. "He has a near fore leg," a beauty, it is true, but plenty of good horses have given way in the front ligaments, and after careful nursing, then a good blistering, and turned out for six or eight months, they come up smiling again as if nothing had happened. But looking at Viceroy standing amongst a lot of "crocks" in the yards, it caused me to reflect, but to publish my reflections would cause bloodshed. It was quite apparent that Viceroy's leg had not been touched, bar fomentations, and if his new owner gets to work on the horse properly, he will have a cheap hack. Had Viceroy not broken down in the First Handicap Hurdle Race at the A.R.C. meeting, he would certainly have been second to Donald McKinnon, and he would have made the latter go a bit faster than he had to do to win. He broke down less than half a mile from home. Last season Viceroy won the First Handicap Hurdles, the Thames Handicap Hurdles (second day), and Free Handicap at the Thames J.C. Summer Meeting. Won Ngirua-wahia Cup, one mile and a half, Handicap Hurdle Race, two miles, at Rotorua, and the Handicap Hurdles, two miles, at Te Aroha J.C. Autumn Meeting.

In connection with Mr L. D. Nathan's request to the A.R.C. committee that the club's handicapper might be asked to give some explanation of the handicapping of his mare Stepfeldt at the Easter Meeting, someone, locally, has done a great injustice to Mr Evett. First of all, before he received any official intimation from the club that they would like Mr Evett to give the explanation desired by Mr Nathan, the particulars of the complaint appeared in both the local daily papers and in a southern sporting journal. However, that is a matter of little consequence, but certainly is a strange proceeding for the same papers to publish that Mr Evett declines to answer Mr Nathan's complaint or give the explanation asked for. Mr Evett is a servant of the Auckland Racing Club, and he is responsible for that body, and if he receives instructions to supply certain information, he has to do the same as anyone else would have to do when occupying a similar position. I have Mr Evett's authority for saying that he has not declined to answer the club's communication in connection with the handicapping of Stepfeldt, and never had any intention of being so discourteous to the club that employs him. He further informs me that the explanation required by the club, on behalf of Mr Nathan, will duly appear before the next committee meeting. Now, I think it is rather rough on Mr Evett that this falsehood should be allowed to appear in all the sporting press, except the *SPORTING REVIEW*, because we declined to believe that Mr Evett would treat his club with such disrespect, and hence made it our business to look him up and get the truth of the matter. The least the journals that have given publicity to the matter can do is to give as full publicity to Mr Evett's version of the affair, otherwise several of the other racing clubs who employ Mr Evett may think that they have a very unpromising officer, and think a change desirable. When the matter is thrashed out in committee, I trust they will not allow either Mr L. D. Nathan's letter of complaint or Mr Evett's reply to be published. It is not exactly a public matter, as it is only an owner asking for what he has a perfect right to ask for; but that does not say that it is necessary to publish the correspondence throughout the colony.



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## TROTTING.

## OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

## NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.

Auckland.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that your paper has been appointed the OFFICIAL CALENDAR for the North Island Trotting Association of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. MILES,

Secretary N.I.T.A. of N.Z.

## TROTTING CALENDAR.

April 29 and May 2—Wellington Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting.  
 May 8—Hawera Trotting Club's Winter Meeting.  
 May 14—Stratford.  
 May 21 and 26—Canterbury Trotting Club's May Meeting.  
 May 22—Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Winter Meeting.  
 May 25—Nelson.

## TROTTING RECORDS.

## NEW ZEALAND.

1 mile—Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 27½sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894; harness, Rita, 2min 30sec, Lancaster Park, April, 1895.  
 1½ miles—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, September, 1895.  
 2 miles—Saddle, Rita, 4min 58½sec, Lancaster Park, November, 1895; harness, Rita, 5min 7sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.  
 2½ miles—Wizard, 6min 35 3/4sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Berlin Abdallah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.  
 3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 58sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Specification, 7min 35½sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894.  
 4 miles—Harness, Specification, 10min 47sec, Lancaster Park, July, 1894.

## AUSTRALIAN.

1 mile—Harness, Fritz, 2min 14 1/4sec, March 4, Moonee Valley, in Inter-Colonial Free-for-all Trot.  
 2 miles—Harness, Mystery, 4min 56½sec, in match against Osterley.  
 3 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30½sec.

## AMERICAN (IN HARNESS).

1 mile—Alix, 2min 33sec, September 19, 1894.  
 2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893.  
 3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 55½sec, October, 1893.

## AMERICAN PACING.

1 mile—John R. Gentry, 2min 33sec.  
 2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47½sec, September, 1872.  
 3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33½sec, November, 1891.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.W.—No, the Referee is not the Official Calendar for either the Palmerston North Metropolitan Trotting Club, or the Hawkes Bay Metropolitan Club. The SPORTING REVIEW is the Official Calendar for all clubs affiliated to the North Island Trotting Association.

## NOTES.

By FRITZ.

I notice the Wellington correspondent of a Southern contemporary keeps hammering away about the disqualified Roseleaf being allowed to trot at the N.I.T.A. meetings. If this said correspondent knew all the particulars in connection with the disqualification of this mare, it would make his hair stand on end.

When a trotting club offers to comprise a disqualification by offering to practically accept a certain sum of money to remove such disqualification, things are a bit shady with that particular club, but in the particular instance I refer to, the secretary offered to effect the comprise, and I do not wish to infer that the club were cognisant of what was going on. Chew that over, young man.

At the Geraldine Meeting last week, writes our Dundin correspondent, a good gauge of the amount of money available at a small meeting was curiously demonstrated, as in four of the events the dividends were over £20, and strange to say, a couple of punters got the whole of the four dividends, minus the ten per cent. After this, backers were about broke, and further investments, confined to a few pounds, appeared to be all the money they could rake up.

Maud V. is well handicapped in the Hawera Handicap Trot, two miles and a half. If she retains any of her old form she should win. Soupy has a soft thing in the Winter Harness Handicap Trot.

At the Nelson races last week the first day's Saddle Trot, one mile and a half, resulted—Clyde 1, Invictus 2, Kate II. 3; time, 4min 32sec; dividend, £2 15s. On the second day the Handicap Harness Trot, two miles and a half, resulted—Invictus 1, Blackpool 2, Clyde 3; time, 7min 5sec; dividend, £3 10s.

## HAWKES BAY NOTES.

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The following telegram was received by the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club on Tuesday, from the Canterbury Trotting Club:—"We beg to confirm the telegram sent on Saturday. We had suspicion that Fiona, who trotted at your meeting under the name of Clive, was in your district about a month ago. Parnell Munroe, trainer and lessee of the mare, was given three days in which to produce her, but failed to do so, although he persistently stated that she was still in his possession. We strongly urge that criminal proceedings be taken against all parties concerned for false representations, with intent to defraud your club. We are determined, at all hazards, to put

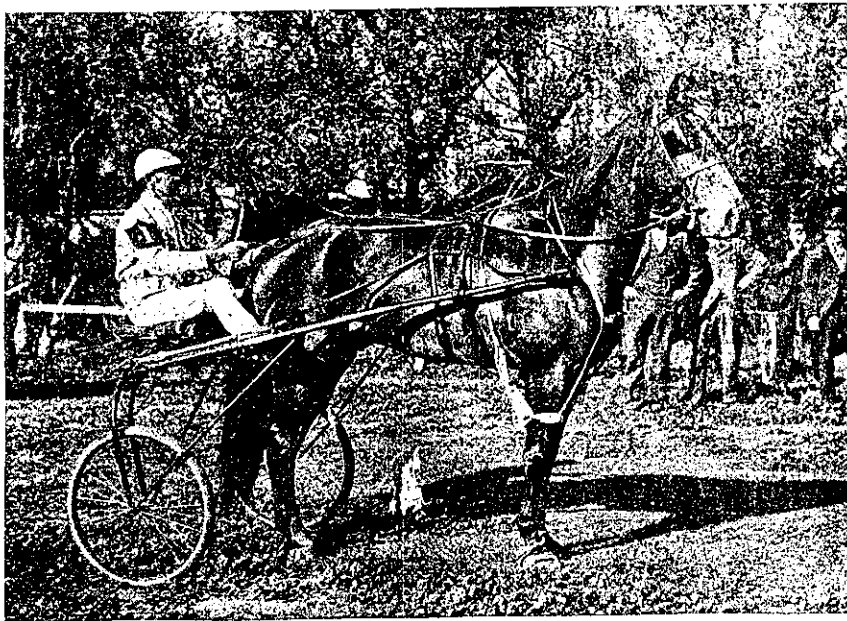
So far very little help has been given by other clubs. It is a sport which is admittedly open to the poor man, and will soon drop out of existence if those who can give information about "ringers" and will not do so.

It was decided to run the race for the Juvenile Stakes, to be decided at the Club's Birthday Meeting, in three heats, and to add £20 to the stake, to go to the winner of the third heat. The various heats will be drawn, but no two horses the property of one owner will be permitted to start in the same heat.

A meeting of the stewards of the Canterbury Trotting Club was held on Friday night, when the protest against Viking, who finished first in the Sires' Handicap, decided at the Club's May meeting, was discussed. Mr W. Jardine, the owner of Viking, produced a sworn declaration made by the previous trainer of the horse, to the effect that he had never trotted two miles in 5min 5sec, as stated in the *Sydney Tribune*. His time being 2min 41½sec for one mile. The only evidence brought forward by the protestor was the statement which appeared in the *Tribune*. The objection was, therefore, dismissed.

Yesterday (Monday), Mr A. J. Rattray received information from the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club to the effect that a mare which had run at the Club's Autumn Meeting, under the name of Clive, but believed to be identical with

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the law into motion at the first opportunity. The public and healthy sportsmen demand protection, and the unhealthy must be quarantined."

## CANTERBURY NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

At the North Canterbury Races, Three Cheers won the Two-Mile Trot from scratch, Daisy being his nearest attendant. Barn Dance won the One-Mile Trot, Peggy second.

All persons laying tote odds at the Canterbury Trotting Club's Meeting will be prosecuted for trespassing.

Notice of motion was given, that horses in one stable, engaged in the same race, be, in future, bracketed together on the totalisator.

There is enough of this class about already, without making any more, and the local authorities have their hands full investigating the many cases continually cropping up.

Mr A. J. Rattray does little else now but worry round for information. If he and those helping him were assisted by other trotting bodies, an end might soon be put to the practice of "ringing in."

the Canterbury-bred mare, Fiona, had been shipped to Lyttelton by the s.s. Tasmania. Mr Rattray accordingly boarded the Tasmania on her arrival in port, and after inspecting the mare, unhesitatingly identified her as Fiona. He wired the Hawke's Bay Club to this effect. The mare was to be offered for sale at Tattersall's on Saturday, but when the sale commenced, the auctioneer stated that Fiona was not in the yards, but, he added, "you will hear all about it in a few days."

For some weeks past, the Trotting Association in Canterbury have had reason to believe that Fiona has been running in the North Island under another name, and three weeks ago they called upon D. Munro, her trainer, to produce her, or suffer the penalty of disqualification. Munro failed to produce the mare, and the matter is now under consideration.

Trotting seems to have a fair chance of becoming a thing of the past in New Zealand, if only half one hears is true. Only let some stranger win an important event, and at once enquiries are made as to whether he is not another "ringer."

## HANDICAPS.

## HAWERA TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT (saddle), two miles.—Popohue scr, Miss Cant 5sec, Ruben 5sec, Seadale 15sec, Tawhitl 15sec, Music 15sec, Fiver 18sec, Nancy 18sec, White Wings 18sec, Bellman 18sec, Bar Two 18sec, Eric 18sec, Wahinkino 18sec, Thunderbolt 23sec, Golden King 28sec, Dynamite 35sec, Lady 35sec.

PONY HANDICAP TROT (harness), two miles.—Sailor Boy II. scr, Tate 18sec, Nonsense 20sec, Colorado 20sec, Wee Jacob 20sec, Eric 23sec, Bit-o'-Blue 23sec, Kate 28sec, Toby 33sec, Miss Fun 35sec, Premier 35sec, The Cob 35sec.

HAWERA TROT (saddle), two miles and a half.—Maud V. scr, Hordern 12sec, St. James 15sec, Kentucky Wilks 15sec, Otakeho 15sec, Gold Dust 18sec, Iolanthe 18sec, Kapai 18sec, Darkie 18sec, Tinker 20sec, Claret 20sec, Nellie 23sec, Ruben 23sec, Jersey 23sec, Bar Two 25sec, Dandy 25sec, Awahuri 30sec, Carbine 30sec, Hard Case 33sec, The Grey 35sec, Seadale 35sec, Bellman 35sec, Thunderbolt 40sec, Dynamite 45sec.

HANDICAP PONY TROT (in saddle), one mile and a half.—Sailor Boy II. scr, Tate 13sec, Wee Jacob 15sec, Bit-o'-Blue 18sec, Fiver 18sec, Colorado 18sec, Nonsense 18sec, Eric 18sec, Ginger 20sec, Kate 23sec, Rosette 28sec, Toby 28sec, Grasshopper 28sec, Premier 30sec, Miss Fun 30sec, The Cob 30sec.

ELECTRIC TROT (saddle), one mile.—Otakeho scr, Hordern 2sec, Sailor Boy II. 6sec, St. James 8sec, Kentucky Wilks 8sec, Claret 10sec, Bar Two 10sec, Kapai 10sec, Ruben 10sec, Iolanthe 10sec, Nellie 12sec, Gold Dust 12sec, Tinker 12sec, Awahuri 12sec, Seadale 18sec, Carmen 18sec, The Grey 18sec, Thunderbolt 20sec, Grasshopper 20sec.

WINTER HARNESS TROT, three miles.—Sonny scr, Sailor Boy II. 15sec, Ruby 18sec, Darkie 20sec, Cleveland 30sec, Tinker 22sec, Iolanthe 25sec, Jersey 28sec, Hard Case 43sec; Bellman 45sec.

EGMONT HARNESS TROT, two miles.—Sonny scr, Sailor Boy II. 10sec, Tinker 13sec, Kentucky Wilks 16sec, Ruby 16sec, Iolanthe 18sec, Wahinkino 20sec, Music 20sec, Tim 20sec, Cleveland 22sec, Jersey 22sec, Hard Case 33sec, Carmen 33sec, Bellman 35sec, Seadale 35sec, Thunderbolt 40sec.

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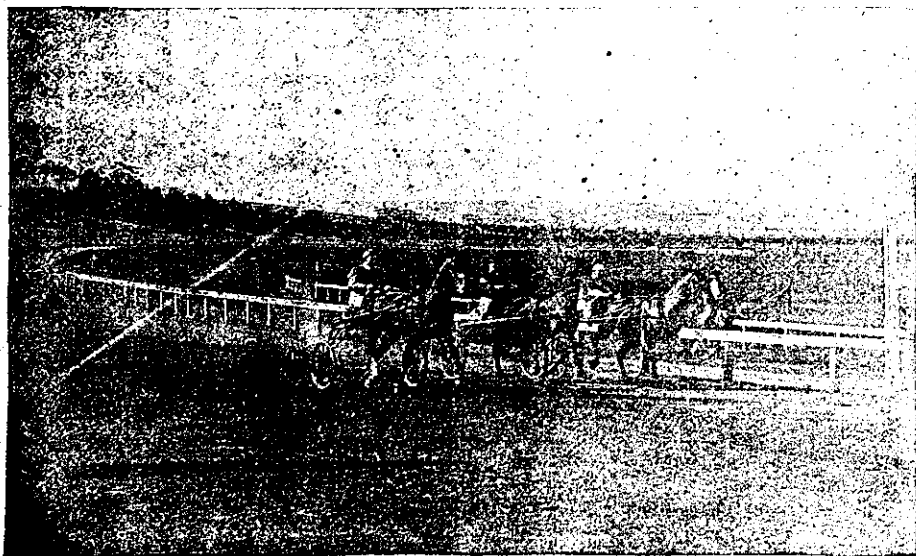
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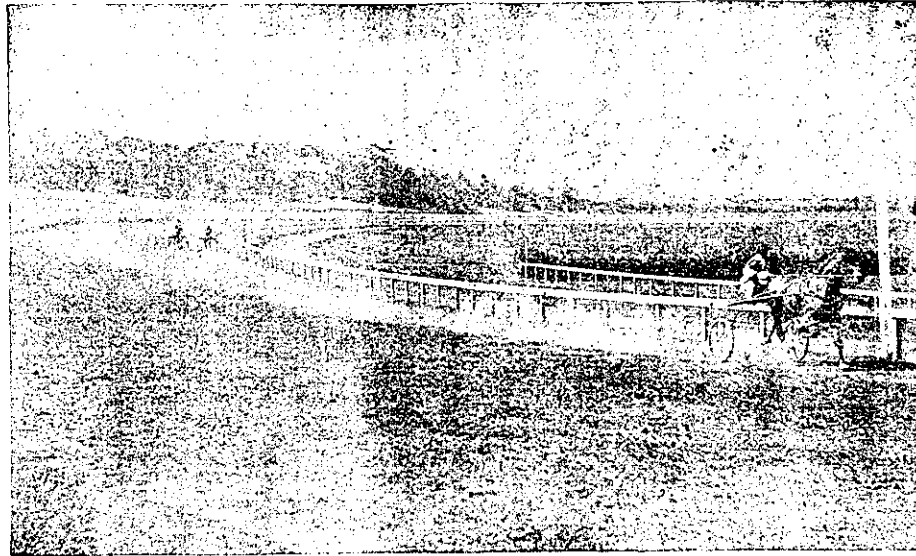
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NEW USE FOR HORSE SERUM.

Under the above heading, a very interesting article appeared in the Napier Telegraph last week, and, although not exactly a sporting item, we are glad to reprint it, just to show how valuable a healthy horse may be to a district stricken with diphtheria.

"Serum is a word that has been much used of late years in connection with prophylactic surgery, and especially in connection with the most modern form of the latter, the antitoxin treatment for diphtheria. Serum is the liquor which is left when blood is allowed to coagulate and the clotted red matter is taken away.

The British Medical Journal also notes the value of horse serum for typhoid fever. "In the course of a communication to the Paris Societe de Biologie, on February 22, on the Early Diagnosis of Typhoid Fever by a Bacteriological Examination of the Stools, M. Chantemesse said that last June he had succeeded in immunising several horses against the virus of typhoid fever.

Racing Results.

ENGLISH.

EPSOM SPRING MEETING.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 2000 sovs, for three-year-olds and upwards. The owner of the second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the owner of the third 100 sovs out of the stakes. About one mile and a quarter.

NEW ZEALAND.

NORTH OTAGO JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL.

Weather fine. Results:— MAIDEN. Esau ... 1 Mea Culpa ... 2 Belmont ... 3 Seven started. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

Bridge, 15sec ... 3 Twelve started. Won easily. Time, 5min 38sec. Dividend, £2 16s.

NOVEL. Nomad, 8.13 ... 1 Ben, 7.10 ... 2 Rounger, 7.2 ... 3 Four started. Won easily by a length and a half. Time, 1min 6sec. Dividend, £1 13s.

FLYING HANDICAP. Vanilla, 8.3 ... 1 Molly Darling, 7.3 ... 2 Tangi Maid, 6.11 ... 3 Four started. Won easily. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, £2 2s.

LADIES' BRACELET. Highlander ... 1 Dugald Mohr ... 2 War Cry ... 3 Nine started. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1min 39sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL. Weather fine. Results:— REDCASTLE WELTER HANDICAP. Stimulant, 9.8 ... 1 Vanquisher, 9.7 ... 2 Mea Culpa, 7.5 ... 3 A good race. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividend, £2 10s.

AUTUMN TROT. Hazelwood, 7sec ... 1 Jack, 10sec ... 2 Fairy, 11sec ... 3 Time, 2min 43sec. Dividend, £4 7s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP. Jane Eyre, 8.7 ... 1 Van Buren, 8.11 ... 2 Won easily. Time, 1min 48sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

LADIES' PURSE HANDICAP. Vanquisher, 12.5 ... 1 Lobo, 12.4 ... 2 Dugald Mohr, 11.12 ... 3 Won by a length and a half. Time, 2min 15sec. Dividend, £2 19s.

WAITAKI PLATE HANDICAP. Molly Darling, 7.0 ... 1 Vanilla, 9.3 ... 2 Won by a head. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

THE HACK SELLING RACE was won by Rothamstead, paying a dividend of £2 14s.

THE FAREWELL HANDICAP. Tangi Maid ... 1 Stimulant ... 2 Belmont ... 3 Won by two lengths. Time, 52sec. Dividend, £2 11s.

NELSON AUTUMN MEETING. FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL. Weather fine; attendance, about 1400. Total investments on totalisator, £2180. Results:— HURDLES. Freeborn ... 1 Dromedary ... 2 The Ace ... 3 Time, 3min 7sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

TRIAL STAKES. Cheque ... 1 Review ... 2 Flying Shot ... 3 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 50 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 5s.

HACK HANDICAP. Sing-Song ... 1 The Princess ... 2 Swordfish ... 3 Time, 1min 37sec. Dividend, £2.

NELSON CUP. Review ... 1 Swift ... 2 Prince Cole ... 3 Won by a head. Time, 2min 48sec. Dividend, £16 19s.

SADDLE TROT. Clyde ... 1 Invictus ... 2 Kate II. ... 3 Time, 4min 32s. Dividend, £2 15s.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP. Seabreeze ... 1 Tippler ... 2 Sea Serpent ... 3 Time, 1min 49sec. Dividend, £2 2s.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL. Weather fine. Attendance about the same as the first day. Total investments for the two days, £4,314. Results:— HURDLE RACE. Freeborn ... 1 Dromedary ... 2 Time, 4min 18 3-5sec. Dividends—Freeborn £1 17s, Dromedary 17s. Later in the day Dromedary walked over, and was awarded the stakes.

RICMOND PARK STAKES. Swift ... 1 King's Own ... 2 Cheque ... 3 Won by a neck. Time, 2min 18sec. Dividend, £2 3s.

HACK HANDICAP. Swordfish ... 1 The Princess ... 2 Sing-song ... 3 Won by a nose. Time, 2min 6 3-5sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

ALL-AGED STAKES. Cheque ... 1 Seabreeze ... 2 King Wai ... 3 Time, 1min 20 2-5sec. Dividend, £7 13s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP. Tippler ... 1 Tufanekai ... 2 King Wai ... 3 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 50 2-5sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

HANDICAP HARNESS TROT. Invictus ... 1 Black Pool ... 2 Clyde ... 3 Time, 7min 5sec. Dividend, £3 10s.

OUR TREBLE COUPON. The following coupons have been received up to Tuesday, 28th inst., for the Takapuna Birthday Handicap, Grand National Hurdle Race, and Great Northern Steeplechase treble:—

BIRTHDAY HDOP. G.N. HURDLES. G.N. STEEPLES. 1 J.R.—St. Kilda—Annabelle—Bombardier 2 J.C.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Donald McKinnon

3 J.F.W.M.—Anita—Liberator—Liberator 4 H.G.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier 5 J.H.—Panopoly—St. Kilda—Roscius

6 J.R.—St. Regel—Belvidere—Donald McKinnon 7 J.C.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Tritea 8 R.P.K.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier

9 J.H.C.—Anita—Bombardier—Carbuncle 10 J.B.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier 11 J.B.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier

12 A.E.—St. Regel—Donald McKinnon—Donald McKinnon 13 A.E.—Panopoly—Hop Garden—Donald McKinnon 14 A.R.S.—Anita—Doelity—Tritea

15 A.R.S.—Eve—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 16 T.F.—Anita—Hop Garden—Donald McKinnon 17 T.F.—St. Regel—Hop Garden—Donald McKinnon

18 N.S.—Anita—Doelity—Bombardier 19 T.G.E.—Acene—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier 20 T.G.E.—Acene—Donald McKinnon—Donald McKinnon

21 T.G.E.—Anita—Hop Garden—Donald McKinnon 22 T.G.E.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Ballyhooley 23 O.R.G.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier

24 F.L.A.—Anita—Doelity—Donald McKinnon 25 F.L.A.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Fishmonger 26 F.L.A.—Panopoly—Doelity—Fishmonger

27 F.L.A.—Anita—Flying Shot—Tritea 28 F.L.A.—Acene—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 29 J.D.A.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle

30 J.P.A.—Folly—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier 31 R.D.G.—Retaliation—Liberator—Tritea 32 R.D.G.—Retribution—Liberator—Tritea

33 W.S.G.G.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier 34 C.W.—Retribution—Donald McKinnon—Donald McKinnon 35 C.W.—Panopoly—Aughadown—Carbuncle

36 W.S.D.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 37 W.S.D.—St. Regel—Aughadown—Donald McKinnon 38 W.S.D.—St. Regel—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle

39 C.P.M.—Panopoly—Annabelle—Carbuncle 40 C.P.M.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 41 G.C.N.—St. Regel—Dante—Bombardier

42 G.C.N.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 43 G.C.N.—St. Regel—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 44 E.M.—Acene—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier

45 C.C.—St. Regel—Donald McKinnon—Kildare 46 H.H.—Panopoly—Donald McKinnon—Liberator 47 F.D.P.—Free Lance—Sterling—Sterling

48 F.D.P.—Anita—Sterling—Sterling 49 E.S.A.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle 50 T.B.—Acene—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle

51 R.H.W.—Folly—Annabelle—Bombardier 52 R.H.W.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Clarence 53 W.T.C.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle

54 W.T.C.—Folly—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon 55 W.M.R.—St. Kilda—Bombardier—Bombardier 56 W.R.R.—Panopoly—Donald McKinnon—Donald McKinnon

Nominations. AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING, 1897-98.

THE ROYAL STAKES. Six furlongs (FOAL ENTRIES.) Hon J. D. Ormond's ch f, by Dreadnought—Norsemaid Hon J. D. Ormond's ch f, by Dreadnought—Elflock

Hon J. D. Ormond's br f, by Dreadnought—Waterbaby Hon J. D. Ormond's ch e, by Dreadnought—Lady Evelyn Hon J. D. Ormond's ch c, by Dreadnought—Taihoa

Hon J. D. Ormond's ch e, by Dreadnought—Aphrodite Mr J. C. Booth's b c, by Nator—Jennie Mr J. C. Booth's ch e, by Muskapeer—Amazon

Mr J. Livingstone's b c, by Muskapeer—Ladybird Mr John Marshall's b f, by Cuirassier—Coalscuttle Mr H. H. Hayr's b c, by Blairgowrie—Ma Petite Fille

Capt. W. R. Russell's ch f, by Lord of the Isles—Leonora Capt. W. R. Russell's ch f, by Dreadnought—Tigrodis Mr T. B. Bell's ch e, by Blairgowrie—Mantilla

Mr J. A. Goodson's ch c, by St. Leger—Yattaway Mr G. S. Budge's b or b c, by St. Leger—Antelope Mr John Lennard's b f, by Cuirassier—Vieux Rose

Mr R. Burke's b c, by Cuirassier—Hune Mr W. Walters' b f, by Blairgowrie—Hipporina Mr W. Walters' b f, by Blairgowrie—Lady Emmeline

Mr L. D. Nathan's b c, by St. Hippo—Waitemata Mr L. D. Nathan's b c, by St. Hippo—Maratea Mr L. D. Nathan's b f, by St. Hippo—Bellona

Mr L. D. Nathan's b c, by St. Leger—La Dauphine Mr L. D. Nathan's b f, by St. Leger—Innisfall Mr L. D. Nathan's b c, by Cuirassier—Jadestone

Mr L. D. Nathan's b f, by Cuirassier—Sybil Major F. N. George's b c, by Carbine—Hestia Mror F. N. George's b c, by The Workman—Swiftsure

Mr C. Hewett's b f St. Cecilia, by St. Leger—Satanella Mr G. G. Stead's b c Signet, by Medallion—Auray Mr G. G. Stead's b c Conqueror, by Medallion—Siesta

Messrs Alison Bros b f, by Regal—Tamora Messrs Alison Bros b f, by Regal—Mystery Mr T. Morrion's b c, by St. Leger—Balista

Mr T. Morrion's ch e, by Hotchkiss—Weazel Mr T. Morrion's b c, by Cuirassier—Lilac Mr T. Morrion's b f, by Cuirassier—Tasmania

Mr T. Morrion's ch f, by Castor—Onyx Mr T. Morrion's br f, by Cuirassier—Bianca Mr T. Morrion's b c, by St. Leger—Lady Wellington

Mr T. Morrion's b c, by Castor—Sunrise Mr T. Morrion's b c, by Castor—Cissy Mr T. Morrion's b c, by Castor—Fritty

Mr T. Morrion's ch e, by Castor—Victoria Mr T. Morrion's b c, by Castor—Victoria Mrs T. Morrion's b c, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole

Mr T. Morrion's ch e, by Hotchkiss—Bridal Rose Mr T. Morrion's b c, by St. Leger—Hazel Mr T. Morrion's ch f, by St. Leger—Lady Evelyn

Mr T. Morrion's gr f, by Cuirassier—Maid of Athol Mr T. Morrion's br f, by Hotchkiss—Pormo Mr T. Morrion's br f, by Cuirassier—Rose of Wellington

Mr T. Morrion's b f, by St. Leger—Sapphire Mr T. Morrion's br f, by Cuirassier—Radiant Mr T. Morrion's b f, by Cuirassier—Rubina

Mr T. Morrion's br f, by Cuirassier—Albatross Mr T. Morrion's ch f, by Hotchkiss—Pungawerewere Mr T. Morrion's br f, by Cuirassier—Quida

Mr T. Morrion's b f, by St. Leger—Hilda Mr T. Morrion's b f, by St. Leger—Bangle Mr J. F. Reid's br c, by Stepniak—Sincerity

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING, 1897.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES. Six furlongs. (YEARLING ENTRIES.) Mr G. S. Budge's b c, by Castor—Antelope

Mr J. A. Goodson's ch e, by St. Leger—Vivat Mr J. C. Booth's b f, by Cuirassier—Amazon Mr J. C. Booth's b c, by Pinfire—Polish

Mr J. Livingstone's b c Royal Conqueror, by Flintlock—Ladybird Capt. W. R. Russell's br f, by Mousquetaire—Leonora

Capt. W. R. Russell's br f, by King—Aronel Capt. W. R. Russell's ch f, by Henchman—Lorna Mr T. B. Bell's b c, by Blairgowrie—Reproach

Mr Hirschberg's b f, by Cuirassier—Bianca Mr J. Meason's b c, by St. Leger—Balista Mr W. Paul's ch f, by St. Leger—Aida

Mr W. Paul's br c, by Cuirassier—Knapto Mr G. Loram's ch f, by Hotchkiss—Bridal Rose Mr F. Stenning's br c Cuirassier—Lilac

Mr J. Lowther's br c War-Whoop, by Cuirassier—Lady Antrim Mr E. J. Evans' b c, by Castor—Lady Walmaley

Mr E. J. Evans' b c, by Castor—Necklace Mr R. Burke's b f, by Cuirassier—Hune Mr R. Burke's b f, by Cuirassier—Dolosa

Mr R. Burke's br f, by St. Hippo—Anna Messrs Blaikie and Philpott's b c The Owl, by Hotchkiss—Weazel

Mr W. Robertson's br c, by Blairgowrie—Lady Emmeline Mr John Lennard's ch g, by Regal—Mystery

Mr John Lennard's ch c, by Regal—Friendship Mr E. F. Roche's ch c Blaircarrig, by Blairgowrie—Cobweb

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES. One mile and a half.—Hairylegs, Sterling, Stamford, Annabelle, Bellvedere, Performer, Fisherman, First Sight, Lifebuoy, Miss Nelson, Lord Raven, Flintstone, Ideogram, Salute, Grenadier, Lascar, St. Michael, Neptune, Glenlora, Ongon, Forella, Captivity, Ida, Hard Times, Cloud Shot.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE. One mile.—Nelsorina, Commodore, Boadicea, Problem, Lady Agnes, Bellvedere, Webley, Paddy O'Rourke, Lillie, Leona, Flintstone, Lord Dunluce, Retaliation, Neptune, Orestes, Frontignac, Pirate, The Sharper, Lady Emily, Polite, Glenora.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Leona, Bob, Nannie, Romeo, Archduke, Silk-worm, La Grippe, Fidget, Kathleen, Romp, Bit o' Fashion, Disgrace, Polite, Lady Thornton.

HUNTING. HAWKES BAY.

Our correspondent says:—The second meet of the Hawkes Bay Hounds took place last week at Te Mahanga, the residence of Mr W. Douglas. After replenishing the "inner man and woman" at an excellent lunch provided by Mrs Douglas, the hounds were laid on to the drag, which was as lively as usual when the run takes place in this locality. A pretty stiff and an excellent go it was. Miss Maud Douglas on Ben B. had a very nasty spill at a post and rail fence, which at first looked serious, but she pluckily remounted and continued in the run. Miss Douglas on Sir Tatton, Miss M. Douglas on Ben B., and Miss Gilpin on a bay, were amongst the ladies. Amongst the sterner sex I noticed Messrs. G. S. Sunderland (deputy-master) on Totorua, H. Jackson (huntsman) on Repo, E. Anderson (whip) on Revengance, J. Douglas on Penrose, Ted Gilpin on Cretonne, Sam Lindsay on Kiwi, H. Campbell on Turikarika, Jim Munn on Volcano, J. Marshall on Scrap Iron, Mr Tod on Greyling, R. Gooseman, and Master Douglas on a pony, Totorua, Repo, and Kiwi made mistakes and came to grief, but fortunately their riders were not injured.

An English exchange writes:—"It was a bit of bad luck for The Midshipmite to have been pulled down at Hurst Park. The Soarer fell bang in front of him, and the veteran rolled over Soarer. The Midshipmite was going so well at the time that there cannot be any doubt that but for this contretemps he would have won." Then, in the next paragraph, further writes—"The wise punter will carefully cross out of his Grand National calculations all animals that fall. In this category Miss Baron and The Midshipmite may be excused, the one having been brought to grief by a swinging hurdle, and the other through an opponent falling bang in front of him." As all the world knows by this time, The Soarer won the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase, after falling at Hurst Park. Some allowance must be made for a horse falling. The Soarer may have slipped in "taking off" at Hurst Park, and such a frequent mishap cannot be avoided.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP. One mile and a quarter.—Doris, Norina, Cleopatra, Free Lance, Nelsorina, Boadicea, Anita, Lady Agnes, Pegasus, Webley, Paddy O'Rourke, Retribution, Acone, Leona, Merry Maid, Lady Marion, Retaliation, Panoply, Haria, Peerless, Eve, Deadshot, Tit, St. Kilda, St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Folly.

ROYAL HANDICAP. Five furlongs and a half.—Doris, Norina, Cleopatra, Lady Agnes, Lady Anna, Bavaria, Glauvina, Lillie, Lady Marion, Brigantine, Lord Dunluce, Paddy O'Rourke, Forma, Topsail, Glenora, Panoply, Lufra, Eve, Romp, Orion, The Sharper, St. Kilda, St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Nestor.

FIRST HURDLES. Two miles.—Sterling, Ika Vuka, Bombardier, Annabelle, Hop Garden, Lord Raven, Ideagram, Carbuncle, Bonovoree, Donald McKinnon, Ditto, Aughadowey, Clarence, Levanter, Forella, Captivity, Ida.

SECOND DAY.

HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Nelsorina, Hairy Legs, Commodore, Boadicea, Sterling, Problem, Bellvedere, Waicrongomai, Flintstone, Marvellous, Brigantine, My Sweetheart, The Outlaw, Neptune, The Flirt, Lady Emily, Polite, Orestes, Cloud Shot.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Hairy Legs, Sterling, Ika Vuka, Bombardier, Annabelle, First Sight, Hop Garden, Lord Raven, Ideagram, Grenadier, Lascar, Carbuncle, Bonovoree, Donald McKinnon, Aughadowey, Ditto, Onco, Forella, Captivity, Ida, Miss Nelson.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP, one mile, one furlong.—Doris, Norina, Free Lance, Boadicea, Lady Agnes, Pegasus, Webley, Acone, Leona, Merry Maid, Lady Marion, Retribution, Panoply, Haria, Peerless, Eve, Deadshot, Tit, St. Kilda, St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Cleopatra, Anita, Folly.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP.—five and a half furlongs.—Leona, Trick, Bob, Nannie, Romeo, Archduke, Silkworm, La Grippe, Fidget, Kathleen, Romp, Bit-o'-Fashion, Dan, Disgrace, Lady Thornton.

VICTORIA HANDICAP, five and a half furlongs.—Cleopatra, Doris, Norina, Lady Agnes, Lady Anna, Bavaria, Glauvina, Lillie, Lady Marion, Paddy O'Rourke, Forma, Edith Cureton, Topsail, Glenora, Panoply, Lufra, Eve, Romp, Orion, The Sharper, St. Kilda, St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Nestor.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, about three miles and a half.—Ika, Bombardier, Kildare, Carbuncle, Donald McKinnon, Glenora, Aughadowey, Ditto, Clarence, Kingswood, Forella, Belle, Hard Times.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Doris, Cleopatra, Norina, Free Lance, Boadicea, Stamford, Anita, Annabelle, Bellvedere, Lady Agnes, Webley, First Sight, Glauvina, Lillie, Leona, My Sweetheart, Lord Dunluce, Retaliation, The Outlaw, Paddy O'Rourke, Orestes, Peerless, Frontignac, Pirate, Deadshot, Three Star, Polite, Tit, St. Kilda, St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Glenora, Folly.

NAPIER PARK STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

NAPIER PARK WINTER TRIAL HURDLES.—Rossall, Kauri Gum, Progress, Billy, Scrap Iron II, Freeborn, Lord Raven, Kapua, Blackberry, Rangiponehu, Prairie Grass, Tenby, Forty Winks, Umplopogaas, Kerry Lass, Capon Rouge, Chris, Queensborough.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Acone, Panoply, Sedgebrook, Musketeer, Bowshot, Allan-a-Dale, Mysterious, Brennan, Heavenly Twin, Kupenga, Moonraker, Kingsman, Daring, Solitaire, Poppun, Aio, Reality.

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE.—Hilda II., Glengarry, Totorua.

SETTLERS' HANDICAP.—Rainbow, Belford, Crimson Streak, Whakamatu, Purity, Glenfeldt, Primula, Mysterious, Sparkle, Gold Cup, Maid Marion, Wikitoria, Midas, Aphony, Poppun.

SECOND TRIAL HURDLES.—Rossall, Kauri Gum, Progress, Billy, Scrap Iron II, Freeborn, Lord Raven, Blackberry, Rangiponehu, Prairie Grass, Moonraker, Tenby, Umplopogaas, Kerry Lass, Capon Rouge, Chris, Queensborough.

WINTER OATS.—Acone, Panoply, Sedgebrook, Musketeer, The Artist, New Forest, Bowshot, Allan-a-Dale, Mysterious, Heavenly Twin, Gold Cup, Westmere, Kupenga, Moonraker, Solitaire, Martyrdom, Aio, Marino.

HUNTERS STEEPLES.—Repo, Glengarry, Hailstone, Freeborn, Totorua, Midas, Forty Winks.

NEWSTEAD HANDICAP.—Rainbow, Belford, Bowshot, Whakamatu, Purity, Glenfeldt, Primula, Mysterious, Brennan, Gold Cup, Maid Marion, Wikitoria, Aphony, Poppun, Midas, Kerry Lass, Reality.

Handicaps.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Wanganui Steeplechase. Includes horses like Tritaea, Mutiny, Gondolier, Timothy, Bootles, Rossall, Austral, Gillie, Lord Vivian.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Flying Stakes. Includes horses like Irish Twist, Wainuku, The Workman, Strathbraan, Marino, Rangipuhi, Leda.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Trial Steeplechase. Includes horses like Umplopogaas, Freeborn, Lord Vivian, Seddon, Zaecho, Austral, Auroa, Pyrites, Ben Lomond, Nat, Narratej.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Winter Oats. Includes horses like Irish Twist, St. Laura, The Artist, Wainuku, The Workman, Ngature, Strathbraan, Marino, Rangipuhi, Leda, Man-o'-War.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for First Handicap Hurdles. Includes horses like Dante, Lord Vivian, Pyrites, Freeborn, Waituna, Nat, Narrate.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Handicap Hack Hurdles. Includes horses like Starlight, Kiora, Conspiracy, Tell Tale.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Hawera Stakes Handicap. Includes horses like St. Laura, The Artist, Strathbraan, Wainuku, Marino, Westmere.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for First Handicap Hack Flat. Includes horses like Kanaka, Errand Boy, Australina, St. Vincent, Novelty, Silver Sea, Sydney, Secreay, Waiongona, Fish-oh, Sweet Sleep, Light, The Friar, Return, Toriki, Nightingale.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Egmont Handicap Steeplechase. Includes horses like Mutiny, Bootles, Austral, Rossall, Lord Vivian, Freeborn.

Table with columns for horse names and handicaps for Stewards' Stakes Handicap. Includes horses like St. Laura, The Artist, Strathbraan, Marino, Sedgebrook.

Acceptances.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

AVONDALE HACK HANDICAP. One mile.—Lady Emily 8.0, Nelsorina 8.0, Problem 7.7, The Flirt 7.7, Lascar 7.7, The Outlaw 7.7, Neptune 7.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.—Donald McKinnon 12.12, Carbuncle 10.10, Bonovoree 10.9, Sterling 10.5, Grenadier 9.12, Captivity 9.10, Ditto 9.0.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile.—Doris 8.7, Webley 8.7, Lady Marion 7.9, Tit 7.4, The Sharper 7.2, Free Lance 7.2, Eve 6.11, Leona 6.10, Glenora 6.10, Peerless 6.10, Lord Dunluce 6.10, Merry Maid 6.9, Lufra 6.9, Cleopatra 6.8, Frontignac 6.7, Norina 6.7.

AVONDALE STAKES. Five furlongs.—Forma 10.0, Antares 8.3, Pirate 7.5, Porangi Potae 7.0, Joan of Arc 6.10, St. Owen 6.7.

PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Leona 10.0, Romp 9.10, Lady Thornton 8.2, Silkworm 7.12, Cupid 7.10, Bit o' Fashion 7.6, La Grippe 7.3, Archduke 7.0, Fidget 6.10.

WAITAKERE HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Orion 9.6, Forma 8.12, Webley 8.10, Doris 8.10, Lillie 7.12, Lady Marion 7.11, Tit 7.7, The Sharper 7.5, Free Lance 7.3, Eve 7.1, Peerless 7.0, Lord Dunluce 7.0, Glenora 7.0, Merry Maid 6.12, Lufra 6.12, Cleopatra 6.9, Norina 6.7.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About three miles.—Donald McKinnon 12.0, Carbuncle 11.5, Kildare 10.10, Ika 10.7, Clarence 9.9, Glenora 9.9, Libeller 9.7, Ditto 9.7.

SHORTS HANDICAP. Five furlongs.—St. Kilda 10.7, Orion 9.11, Doris 9.0, Lillie 8.4, Antares 7.10, Romp 7.8, Eve 7.5, Glenora 7.5, Peerless 7.4, Cleopatra 6.11, Porangi Potae 6.10, Norina 6.8, Neptune 6.7.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL MASTERTON.

HENRY PHILLIPS, PROPRIETOR.



EVERY CONVENIENCE REQUIRED FOR TOURISTS.

EXCELLENT TABLE KEPT.

Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

FIXTURES.

April 29, 30, May 1—National C.C. May 13, 14—Auckland. May 25—Ashburton. June 3, 4, 5—National C.C. June 8, 9, 10—Waterloo Cup. June 10, 13—Auckland.

A wire was received locally early yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, quoting the latest betting on the Dunedin Challenge Stakes, as follows:—3 to 1 Shylock, 4 to 1 The Fiend, 100 to 15 Bloomer, 100 to 1 Doris and Cushla.

I shall be glad to receive dates of coursing meetings, or copy of programmes, from secretaries of clubs, particularly in the North Island.

As the coursing season of 1896 is so close upon us, I will have to conclude my review of last season's performers. The list of greyhounds that have run well is so numerous that to review each dog's performances would take me nearly till midwinter before I could get through the list properly. Greyhounds that won money at Plumpton last year were, in addition to those reviewed, Master Bob, Rubina, Parnell, Miss Wyatt, See-Saw, Newport, Roseberry, Queenee, Welcome, and Linwood. Our first Plumpton meeting this year is so close at hand that I will wait until after the meeting before making any further remarks on the "long tails."

Our Waikato coursing friends, I presume, will have a few nominations for our meeting. Gentlemen from that district have had several nominations of late years, but I am sorry to say they have not yet had the luck to win a good stake. However, as they are good sports, and a beating does not kill them, we hope during the ensuing season they will have a turn of fortune's wheel.

Mr Row, of Lichfield, recently had a litter of pups from White and Blue by Port Phillip, and Mr Marshall, of Morrinsville, has some nice pups by Merchant—Neily, which, if breeding goes for anything, should make a name for themselves.

It is to be hoped the Waikato coursing enthusiasts will endeavour to arrange their usual coursing meetings, if not at Morrinsville, at some other suitable place, say Lichfield.

Black Cap (Blue Cap—Lady Betty), the property of Mr J. Beehan, has had to be destroyed, owing to a horse having galloped on this promising black and white bitch.

A lot of nonsense has been talked (says the English Licensed Victuallers' Gazette) as to the amount won by the Messrs Fawcett over the success of Fabulous Fortune in the Waterloo Cup. We have heard the sum stated to be from £20,000 down to £1,000. The real truth is the amount won was under £1,000. It is a fact that a well known racing tout pouched £6,000 over the event; and, by Jove! he deserved it, for he named both the winners and runner-up, taking 300 to 1 that he did so. That's what I call pluck, and luck, getting home.

"Amesbury," of the Sydney Referee, says that Mr S. Bladon has taken his famous bitch, Bloomer, and a black dog, which he thinks is Livingstone, from Besant, to the Dunedin meeting.

It looks as if the proposal to form a Plumpton at Sydney will not be accomplished; as there is very great difficulty in getting a suitable ground within a reasonable distance of the city.

There is every prospect of a fair amount of coursing in Victoria this season. Several enthusiasts are endeavouring to establish a Plumpton ground near Melbourne, and a gentleman has come forward with the offer of the lease of 200 acres of ground near the South Kensington Railway Station. If we in Auckland can maintain a plumpton, surely in cities such as Sydney and Melbourne they should be able to do the same.

Delegates to the National Coursing Club of Victoria met during the early part of the month, for the purpose of revising the rules. From amongst the large number revised, I take the following as being of special interest:—In particulars of registration—color, sex, and descriptive markings—the following was added:—"Where a dog has a white spot it must be stated, and such dog shall not be entered as black and white, or brown and white, etc." Rule 17.—Greyhounds to Wear Collars—"The order to slip may be given by the judge or by a slip steward,

or the stewards of a meeting may leave the slip to the sole discretion of the slipper," was altered to—"The slipping to be left to the sole discretion of the slipper." In Rule 19.—The Judge—Much consideration was given to the way in which the judge was to deliver his decision. The old rule says—"He shall, on the termination of each course, immediately deliver his decision by a flag corresponding with the collar worn by the winning dog." It was sought by the majority of the delegates present at the meeting on Tuesday evening to have the words altered to—"He shall, on the termination of each course, immediately deliver his decision aloud;" but at another meeting on Friday, after a very heated debate, the new words were "hung up" and the old ones replaced. In Rule 27.—A No Course or Undecided.—After the two next courses the words "in the open and four in enclosed grounds" were added, and the time, "if it is the last course of the day," was altered to read—"Ten minutes in enclosed grounds and fifteen minutes in the open."

The rule passed by the National Coursing Club of Victoria, that "the slipping to be left to the sole discretion of the slipper," is to my mind a most proper rule. If the slipper is not to have full control of the greyhounds in the Leash, all sorts of complications would arise. It is only the slipper that can tell most accurately when the greyhounds in his charge have both "sighted" the hare. In many instances one dog will sight the hare first "pop," but the other dog may be "catching flies" instead, and it would be useless for a slipper to let them go under such circumstances, whether he is over the prescribed distance or not, because if slipped then the "fly-catcher" would turn round and run back to his trainer or owner. Greyhounds, generally speaking, are inclined to be sulky, and it requires a cool, patient man to manage the slips. By all means, where a club is satisfied they have a competent slipper, allow him as much discretion as possible, especially when sighting the game.

DUNEDIN NOTES.

Messrs Martin Taylor, of Christchurch, Wm. Proffit, of Napier, and J. Davidson, of Auckland, are visitors to Dunedin, the coursing meeting commencing to-morrow (Wednesday).

The Challenge Stakes is, of course, the great attraction, and at the draw on Monday night 70 dogs were left in, and about 200 persons attended the calling over of the list. The prices offered were, to say the least, astonishing, 100 to 10 to half a sov. being on offer throughout, with very few exceptions, these being Shylock, Bloomer, The Fiend, and Christmas Rose. The first-named is favourite at 5 to 1, and 100 to 10 was offered about Bloomer, and was quickly taken and more wanted at the figure. Martin Taylor turned backer, and took odds from W. Proffit. 100 to 14 was afterwards the quoted price against the celebrated Victorian bitch (Bloomer).

It strikes me, however, that the winner will turn up in one of the long-shot chances, about which it would be easy to get 500 to a fiver or fifty shillings.

There are a lot of well-bred maiden dogs engaged.

There is nothing like the usual crowd of visitors that have been here on former occasions, but as against this, there is more than the usual activity in betting, although not to quite such a large extent, in one hand, as formerly.

There was very little change in the betting to-night (Tuesday), Shylock, Bloomer, and The Fiend hardening a bit.

The weather is fine, and has every appearance of remaining so for a day or two.

The statistical report of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture for December 1, 1895, contains much useful information. Under the title "Horses," the following statement is made—"The number of horses reported this year 964,264, is the largest reported since 1881, but their value, according to the equalised value per head of 12.84 dols, is but 12,381,150 dols, the lowest ever known in this class of live stock. The number of colts foaled in 1894 is given at 89,657, a number much below the average of the last few years. Cases of distemper among horses and colts are reported from the Counties of Coles, Sangamon, Shelby, Effingham, Johnson, Pulaski, and St. Clair. In Ogle County there have been a few cases of strangles in horses, and in McDonough some unknown disease has affected them.



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**THE CHARGE AGAINST THE "RISING SUN" HOTEL.**

The incidents associated with the charge made against Mr Thompson, of Newton, Auckland, licensee of the above-named hotel, for Sunday trading are somewhat peculiar, and convey a lesson to hotelkeepers which they should "learn, mark, and inwardly digest." Up to the present time the impression obtained that the only police officers a hotelkeeper had to contend against for an alleged breach of the Licensing Act, or for the getting up evidence in connection therewith, was the local staff of the district in which his house was situated. It now appears, however, that a system prevails, or a precedent has been established, whereby a subordinate officer in the police service is appointed by a superior officer in the same service to spy upon another policeman, and to report directly he thinks there is a chance of getting the one under surveillance into the trap that has been cunningly laid to catch him. Now, we do not defend in any degree those men engaged in hotel-keeping who are guilty of direct violation of the Act under which their trade is conducted, but we do say that if a conviction can only be obtained against a licensed house through the medium of one police officer being placed as a spy upon another, it will be better for the country, better for the respectable liquor trade, and infinitely better for the police service of this country that violations of the law should go unpunished rather than convictions should be obtained under a system of espionage, not only calculated, but certain to destroy the whole esprit de corps of the police service. We are informed that Mr Thompson has conducted his house most creditably during the whole time he has been in occupation; that he has been characterised as being exceedingly generous in dealing with his patrons and customers. Hence there is reason to believe that such a man would refuse to take money from any of those persons who were present in his house on the particular Sunday night upon which the alleged breach of the law was made. We dare say that the prohibition party will say that this case illustrates another "patent" miscarriage of justice, and that, instead of an acquittal, a conviction should have been recorded against the house, and the licence forthwith cancelled. But, fortunately for the "ends of justice," the S.M. (Mr Northcroft) adjudicated on the case, and if we take his previous utterances on charges for violation of the alcoholic liquor law, we are bound to arrive at the conclusion that no undue leaning towards any accused will be traced in his dealing with a charge of this nature. We are informed that the residents of Newton are very indignant at the treatment received by Constable Russell, who is the principal sufferer in the Rising Sun case, and a petition is being numerously signed in favour of the removal of the suspension of his services from the force, and of his being reinstated in his present or some other grade in the force. We believe signatures have been obtained to this petition from persons who are totally opposed to the liquor traffic in all its aspects, but whose spirit of New Zealand fair-play revolt against human spies and traps similar to those laid in the Rising Sun case. We believe, also, that Constable Russell was deservedly popular in New-

ton, and that there is a consensus of opinion that, had he not been a good officer, he could not have obtained a medal for seventeen years continuous service.

**THE NEW ZEALAND COLD WATER CHAMPION AT BRADFORD.**

Through the courtesy of an Auckland gentleman we have been permitted to peruse a report of the Rev. Leonard Isitt's meetings at Bradford (England), as reported in the *Daily Argus* published in the great Lancashire town. The whole proceedings, so far as we can judge from the reports—so far as the reverend lecturer and his party were concerned—were of a most despicable and intensely intemperate nature. Mr Isitt had an open debate in the Central Hall with a Mr Biddlecombe, and, so far as we can judge, Mr Isitt came out "second best" in the wordy contest. In the course of his remarks, Mr Isitt characterised the English people as the most drunken on the face of the earth, and indulged in language which the *Argus* reports to be unfit for publication. In one part of the report the following passage appears:—A correspondent writing to the *Argus* states, "The most surprising feature, to my mind, the other evening about Mr Isitt's address was the frequency with which he resorted to words and phrases too vulgar to print. 'Cuss' words seemed to slip from his tongue with an easy grace born of long familiarity, and the apologies he afterwards made were lamentably weak. I had an idea that to descend to swearing was the sign of a losing side, and an insufficient command of the Queen's English. But swearing having come so freely from Mr Isitt, it is well to think of changing one's habits." The whole report is of an interesting character, and in a future issue we purpose to show the effective nature of Mr Biddlecombe's reply, which will be instructive, in the face of loud proclamations in the New Zealand teetotal organs re Mr Isitt's triumphant success in the Mother Country.

**TEMPERANCE BANQUETS.**

The *Timaru Herald* gives an amusing account of the "Temperance Banquet" tendered to the Minister of Public Works (Mr Hall-Jones) at Timaru:—

The arrangements and the viands were unique, and filling at the price. The menu started with sandwiches, sausage rolls, and a miscellaneous assortment of pastry, washed down by copious draughts of tea and coffee. The company took about an hour over that act of madness. No time was lost, and the run on the solids and fluids was brisk in a surprising degree. We are told the second course consisted of plenty more pastry, fruits of various kinds, bulls-eyes, and conversation lollies, and the wine card provided such choice vintages as ginger pop, lemonade or "glorified ginger beer." But it dawned on either the committee or the caterer that an adult person, not being a Hottentot or an Esquimaux, who at a late hour filled himself or herself with tea, ginger beer, sausage roll, jam tarts, sandwiches, conversation lollies, and bulls-eyes might die on the floor of the banquetting hall, or after retiring to rest, unless some antidote were provided. But the antidote soon followed the bane. As the evening wore on, certain suspicious-looking bottles made their appearance, and on being tested, proved to contain very fair whiskey. The company began to take it kindly, and it was noticed to have a soothing and settling effect upon those who partook of it. The Rev. Mr Gillies is a rigorous disciplinarian. Alas, one of the bottles was brought within range of the rev. chairman's nose. He recognised the aroma at once. The effect was apparent. A lady remarked that at the worst it was only Glenlivet, but the rev. chairman said that either he or the bottle must leave the room. He was for a time appeased by the lady sibly, who made so shrewd a guess as to the quality of the liquid, but by the latest accounts, the Rev. Mr Gillies is still walking about the streets of Timaru, breathing threatenings and lightnings against the unfortunate providore of the "Pride of Scotland," and there was said to be a reasonable expectation of a prosecution in the Magistrate's Court, for selling tickets for the supply of intoxicating liquors in unlicensed premises.

**TRADE TOPICS.**

The Stipendiary Magistrate at Feilding (Mr Stanford) has ruled that a prohibition order signed by two justices of the peace was invalid, as such an order can only be issued by a stipendiary magistrate.

At Christchurch the licensee of the Albion Hotel, Lyttelton, appealed against a conviction in the lower court for selling liquor on Sunday. The appeal was upheld, on the ground that the transaction was a gift and not a sale of liquor. Mr Justice Denniston said, however, that he always approached gifts by publicans with the gravest suspicion, and he would be sorry if his decision interfered with the very broad views held by the magistrates in those cases.

Mrs Bernard Beere, perhaps the cleverest living English actress, was originally a barmaid. Perhaps this fact accounts for her stage name.

Scene: Scotch Railway Station.—Inebriated excursionist, looking at dial of weighing machine, pulls out his watch and exclaims, "Either that clock or ma watch is a' wrang."

Mr Harry Julian, who is an old resident in the Taranaki Province, and is very popular, is the proprietor of the Railway Hotel at Inglewood, and visitors to that town will find every comfort of a home if they put up at the Railway Hotel.

The *Wairarapa Star* says opium smoking has still a fascination for a number of Masterton youths. They are to be found almost every night at certain Chinese quarters. And yet if these same youths were allowed to get intoxicated with liquor, there would be such a howl against the "trade" from prohibition cranks that people would think the world had come to an end.

The death is announced of Miss Sharpe, the appellant in the famous licensing case of Sharpe v. Wakefield, which disposed in Britain of the publican's claim for compensation on legal grounds. She was the owner of the Low Bridge Inn, Kentmere, the license of which, after existing 300 years, was withdrawn by the Kendal magistrates. The appeal, which was taken up by the Licensed Victuallers' Association, cost over £7000.

Mr Duncan McKay, well known to residents of South Canterbury, but more recently of Hunterville and Tariki Road, is now landlord of the Empire Hotel, one of the most recently built of the hotels in Stratford. Visitors may depend on receiving every comfort, and when such gentlemen as Archbishop Redwood and Fathers Vaughan and McKenna stay at the Empire when they are at Stratford, it is ample proof that everything is conducted in a proper manner.

At the Wellington Magistrate's Court last week, Ellen Thomas was charged, on the information of her husband, Charles A. Thomas, with being found in the Panama Hotel on April 1st, she being a prohibited person. Dr. Findlay appeared for the husband. William George Bassett, private enquiry agent, gave evidence, which showed that Mrs Thomas visited the hotel on two occasions on the date mentioned. Mr Greenfield imposed a fine of £5, or 14 days imprisonment.

As some men take a pride in their drinking capacity, so there are others whose feats of gourmandising are their frequent boast. Amongst the record feeders, a well-known temperance advocate "takes the cake," and anything eatable that he encounters. He relates how, once in his youth, for a wager, he went through the following supply of food:—One wash-hand basin of soup, four tins of sardines, two teal, six mutton chops (with four kinds of vegetable), two beef olives, one small rice pudding, quarter a pound of cheese and three pounds of fruit and salad. He washed it all down with one small glass of beer, and afterwards became very ill. He put this down to the liquor, and thereupon turned teetotaler!

On Friday last, at the Magistrate's Court, Wellington, Archibald Merlet, licensee of the Clyde Quay Hotel, was charged with selling liquor on April 5th without being licensed. After hearing the evidence for the prosecution, Mr Greenfield dismissed the information, as he said there was not sufficient corroborative evidence of the sale of drink. Mr Skerrett appeared for the licensee. Michael Higgins, late licensee of the hotel, was next charged with permitting an unlicensed person to be in charge of the hotel on the same date. Dr. Findlay, who appeared for the defendant, pointed out that the only penalty provided in the Act for the offence was forfeiture of the license, and as the Licensing Committee was the only body that could deal with the license, he submitted Mr Greenfield had no jurisdiction. The magistrate dismissed the information.

At Waitara, en passant, our travelling representative was agreeably surprised at the improvements effected in the Bridge Hotel, now owned by Host Fairweather, late of the Royal Hotel, Raglan. The house has been thoroughly renovated and put into as comfortable a condition as the most fastidious could wish. Mr Fairweather's "send off" from Raglan was such as could only be earned by a deserving and popular boniface. On the evening prior to his leaving the district he was entertained at a banquet whereat the president of the local prohibition league officiated as chairman, whilst several of those present were likewise members of the same temperance body. He was also the recipient of two handsomely got up, framed pictures, portraying "Those present at the banquet" and "A gathering of friends and well-wishers to bid him farewell as he drove away from the house." It does not fall to the lot of every hotelkeeper to have the members of an antagonistic body, such as the Prohibition League, taking an active part in an affair got up to express goodwill towards him, and sorrow at his leaving.

We are pleased to be able to give the summary of batting averages etc., for the past season, of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Cricket Club. A perusal of the record will show that the "trade" has been very successful during the season, having lost only one match. The following are the principal batting averages. One match, that played at North Shore, is not included in the averages, as there was no record kept:—

	In.	N.O.	Runs	Ave.
A. Seecombe	7	1	197	32.83
C. E. Stone	10	1	233	25.88
R. Cronwell	4	1	73	24.33
J. Seecombe	8	2	96	16
J. Buck	4	0	63	15.75
B. McPherson	9	1	97	12.12
D. Thompson	7	1	71	11.88
C. Elley	8	0	71	8.87

Number of matches played, 10; won, 9; lost, 1. Number of wickets lost, 82; number of runs scored, 1158; average, 14.18. Number of opponents' wickets lost, 100; number of runs scored, 701; average, 7.01. The bowling analysis not written up.

Scene.—Parlour of a Scotch inn. Two men in hot discussion. First: "Whit newspapers dae ye read?" Second: "Name; they're a' fu' o' lees." First: "Hoo dae ye ken when ye dinna read them?"

Mr Stephen Hooper is a well-known boniface on the Wanganui Coast, having been landlord of the Pier and Red Lion Hotels in Wanganui, and the Clarendon Hotel, Waverley, where he earned the respect of the townspeople in each place by the strict manner in which he looked after his business. He is now landlord of the Commercial Hotel, which is situated right in the heart of the town of Hawera. This well-known house has lately been rebuilt—after the disastrous fire that occurred in Hawera—and is now, of course, fitted up with everything new. Mr Hooper, also, has first-class sample rooms attached to the hotel.

The *Wellington Times* says:—"Everything points to a great future for the vineyards of New Zealand, of which a most able and sympathetic description was written by the Victorian expert, who was invited over here to report last year. The only lion in the path is the prohibitionist. The future of this magnificent industry, which gives golden harvests on small areas by employing vast numbers of people, and in no way favours drunkenness, cannot and will not be allowed to be interfered with by the very well-meaning but most narrow sect of our population. New Zealanders, when they get to understand the value of the industry, will make their country a wine-producing country in spite of all the teetotalers under Heaven. The wine-producing capacity of the country is, in fact, the surest guarantee that prohibition must fail in New Zealand utterly, simply by being in conflict with the best material interests of the people of the country."

Thomas Enwright, publican, of the Thames, was charged last week with having sold liquor on the Paeroa Racecourse without being licensed to do so. Mr Baume appeared on behalf of the defendant, and explained that Mr Enwright was the licensee of an hotel at the Thames, and had obtained a conditional license from Mr Shaw, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, Paeroa. On the strength of this he had secured a publican's booth at the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's Races on the 17th March, consequently it was his (Mr Baume's) intention to plead guilty, but he would at the same time draw His Worship's attention to section 87 of the Justices of the Peace Act, which set out that if upon the hearing of a charge for an offence punishable, on summary conviction, the justices think that, though the charge is proved, the offence was, in this particular case, of so trifling a nature that it be inexpedient to inflict any punishment, or, if so, any other than a nominal punishment, they may adopt that course. Under this section, therefore, a nominal fine would, he thought, meet the case. Mr Enwright's conduct, he submitted, had been thoroughly open, and it was quite certain he had no idea that he was committing an offence. Constable Beattie admitted that there was no attempt at concealment. His Worship then inflicted a nominal fine of 1s, with costs 7s. A second charge against defendant was withdrawn.

The *Thames Despatch* says:—"At the Police Court on Friday, before H. Eyre Kenny, Esq., S.M., Patrick Fennell was charged that on April 1st he did procure liquor for one William Reardon, knowing the said William Reardon to be the subject of a prohibition order. Mary Elizabeth Hornibrook was charged with a similar offence on April 8th. Dorothy Fennell, wife of Patrick Fennell, was charged that on April 1st she did give liquor to one William Reardon, knowing the said William Reardon to be the subject of a prohibition order. Dorothy Fennell was further charged with a similar offence on April 8th. Both ladies are of elderly appearance. Fennell is a well-known character "about town." Patrick Fennell and Mary Hornibrook pleaded not guilty. Dorothy Fennell pleaded guilty to both the charges preferred against her. In passing sentence, His Worship said he would order Patrick Fennell to pay a fine of £10, with £1 6s costs of Court, and £2 3s witnesses' expenses; in default, two months' imprisonment with hard labour in Mt. Eden Gaol. In the case of Mary Hornibrook, a fine of £5 would be imposed, with Court costs (9s) and witnesses' expenses (£10); in default, one month's imprisonment with hard labour. Mrs Fennell, being old and in bad health, he would inflict a less but substantial penalty, viz., 40s, with costs 7s, on each charge against her; in default, 14 days, the sentences to be cumulative. His Worship subsequently altered the sentence, making the terms of imprisonment in Mrs Fennell's case concurrent, so that she will have to serve 14 days with hard labour."

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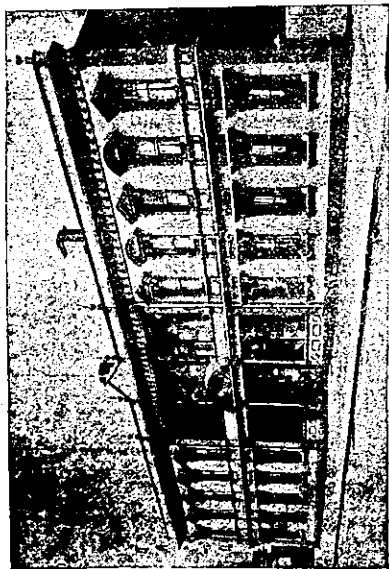
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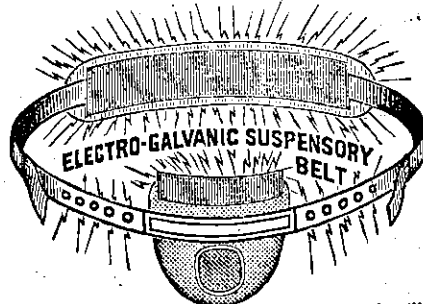
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