

day. McPike kicked a smart left-foot goal from the field; he performed the same feat a few Saturdays ago.

Hubert Dacre, the ex-Suburbanite, is now playing for the Invercargill Football Club. Dacre has not let the grass grow under his feet, as besides being an active member he is one of the Match Committee of his club, and is also on the committee of the Southland Rugby Union. He has only been in Invercargill some four months, but in that time he has won two swimming races, and stroked a winning crew in a trial fours.

The New Zealand Rugby Union has resolved to communicate with the various affiliated unions as to the men available to take part in the Queensland and New Zealand match; also, that with a view of accumulating a fund to cover the expenses of sending a team to Australia next season, such unions will defray the cost of their representatives to Wellington to play against Queensland.

The match between Rovers I. and Nelson I. was decided at Parawai (Thames), the former winning by seven points to nil.

On Saturday last Poneke beat Melrose at Wellington by 12 points to 3. This match completes the first round of the championships. Melrose, Poneke, and Athletics are now even, with six points each.

The disputed match between Paeroa and Karangahake was played over again on Saturday, the teams meeting at Mt. Clayton. The former team won by 5 points to 3. Paeroa claimed a try which was not allowed them in the previous match, and they appealed, as this try would have given them the game.

No less than five football players have been admitted to the Dunedin Hospital during the present season—four of them with broken collarbones, the fifth with a dislocated shoulder.

Mr M. Ryan, proprietor of the Criterion Hotel, Napier, has donated a five-guinea cup to the Hawkes Bay Rugby Union.

In the Paeroa v. Karangahake match last Saturday P. Moore, one of the Paeroa team, received a nasty kick, which fractured the small bone of the ankle.

At Waiuku on Saturday, Wairoa South played the local team, but the Waiukus were too good for the visitors, the game resulting in their favour by 16 points to 8.

The Otago Rugby Union on Monday night decided definitely to send a team North, appointed a sub-committee to frame an alternative programme, one providing for a Northern trip before meeting Queensland, and the other for a trip after the visit of the Queenslanders to Dunedin. Considering that the Queensland team does not play in Dunedin until August 22nd, it will be little use sending a team North after that date. For instance, in the Auckland province we are well on to the hot weather, and football in early Spring is not pleasant to the players.

CYCLING.

During last year there were 2,200 applications in England alone for patents in relation to cycling.

Cyclist Porta draws £5 a week insurance in case of accident. Recently applying to increase the insurance to £20 a week, the company refused. Porta then confidently remarked:—"When I was not insured my arm broke me without trying. Now I get £5 a week insured. I try my neck to break, and cannot even skin my ankle."

Michael used a 112 gear recently when racing in Paris against Jacquelin. After the match, the little Welshman covered 7 miles in 12min 49 2-5sec, to which every mile must have been down to world's record time.

The Yankees are the greatest advertisers on the face of the earth. They make a study of it, and many striking and novel advertisements are to be met with in looking over American files. Here is one from a cycle maker who has been acting upon the injunction to "search the scriptures" to a purpose somewhat less exalted than was intended:—"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath much wrath? Verily, he who owneth a high grade bicycle which costeth him 50dol. and 10 per cent. off for cash. For behold it breaketh and casteth him into the dust, yea, even into the mire, and costeth in the end many pieces of gold. But if your wheel is a —"

An interesting table of speeds has been compiled by an English cycling paper, with a view to showing that the cycle is near the top of the list. The first record given is that of light, which travels 196,000 miles a second, a pace which even the most ambitious record breaker will never want to move at, and the last record on the list will not be attacked often. It is that made by a man in a tub, viz., a mile in 70 minutes, or 6 miles in 7 hours. Slow as this pace is, I expect the common snail's pace is a long way behind it, only that no one has yet had patience enough to check a snail's mile. Second on the list is electricity, 188,000 miles a second. As it has been calculated that an earthquake will travel round the world in 3½ hours, this movement is accorded third place. Sound gets over a mile in 5sec, without pacemakers, and the frigate bird has been known to fly 200 miles in an hour (probably in America). The Australian crow has a record of 2min 40sec for a mile, not round a track, but straight away of course, for a crow-fly is always supposed to be straight. Most likely in this instance the start was given from a shot-gun fire. A bicycle has been ridden over a mile in 1min 25sec, and a running horse travelled a mile in 1min 35½sec. A man has run the same distance in 4min 12½sec, while a man rowing takes 5min 1sec, and walking 6min 23sec, or swimming 27min 21 2-5sec. A duck's time for a mile is set down at 40sec. This was no doubt timed by a sportsman after the "competitor" had just missed an ounce of No.3

A mile on a bicycle in 1min 11 3-5sec! This was ridden in America, of course. The venue was a suburb of Denver, Colorado, the date 27th March, and the "flyer" was M. O. Dennes, a member of the Denver Wheel Club. He was lifted along by a first-rate blizzard blowing down—or up, for there was a slight upgrade—a straight stretch of road at the rate of 50 miles an hour, and his mount was geared to 107in. He was timed by four watches, two at each end, and as he flew over the starting-point the two watches were snapped at 2.45.352-5, the other two registering 2.46.47 as he crossed the finishing tape. Dennis is a butcher by trade, which is a singularly appropriate calling for such a slippery customer. He was unable to stop his machine within half a mile, and for a time he was utterly unable to use his voice.

The English cycle thief (says a contemporary) has hit upon an effective method of "obliging a lady." With all the outward semblance of a gentleman, he frequents parks and other popular haunts of lady riders. Having selected his victim, he suggests that her tyres are too soft. He kindly offers to pump them. Then he tightens the nuts, and, having displayed an amount of tender solicitude which draws copious expressions of gratitude from the fair recipient, he suggests that he had better try it just to see that all is right. Of course permission is given, and the lady has a rude awakening. Two ladies were victimised in one day by this means recently.

The Melbourne Bicycle Club, after paying all accounts, has a credit balance in hand of £1,600. The Club ought to expend a portion of it in laying down a first-class track, which is very much needed in Melbourne.

Out of the 1,592 fatal accidents on the road in England in 1894, traction engines were responsible for 15 deaths, tram cars 55, other road vehicles 1,166, horses alone 252, perambulators 4, while 30 were attributed to cycling. As this number includes both those riding cycles and those ridden on by them, it will be seen what an awfully dangerous vehicle the cycle is!

ATHLETICS.

I wonder (remarks an American writer) if Mr Fitzsimmons knows how near he came to having to fight Peter Maher at that Madison Square testimonial. The big Irishman came down from Pittsburg for the sole purpose of administering a walloping to the champion, or of trying to do it, which is the next best thing. He was indifferent about the financial proceeds of the affair, but wanted an opportunity to show his friends in New York that, while defeated by a scratch chance, he was not disgraced. His intention was to square himself, and he took the precaution to secure the promises of at least four men of good financial

standing to go his bond in case any unforeseen trouble should arise. Unfortunately for the success of Maher's plot, the police authorities got wind of it, and before they would countenance or permit the two to go on the stage, exacted a promise from Peter that he would not do anything but spar lightly. Even with Peter's assurance to console him, Fitzsimmons was evidently not satisfied, judging by the way he covered his jaw to ward off an unexpected punch. He began the sparring with the intention of setting the pace for Peter, but the latter's fast sparring served to reverse matters, and the champion took many a jolt in the stomach and short ribs rather than drop his guard and give an opening for the punch. The champion has a wholesome amount of respect for Maher's right hand.

A movement is on foot in Hamilton to form an amateur athletic and cycling club in that town.

The numerous friends of Fred. Ballin will be pleased to hear that he has passed his dental examination with honours.

AQUATICS.

Mr Biss, who represented New Zealand in the recent Australasian Rowing Conference, has compiled for the information of the Rowing Association an exhaustive report on the proceedings. He suggests that each colony should be written to with a view to getting them to consent to a rule dealing with the amateur question, which would allow each colony to compete in inter-colonial contests under its own definition, with an additional provision that cash amateurs and professional watermen be barred. He is confident that the various associations will agree to this. He urges that a very big effort should be made to send a New Zealand eight to Melbourne for next year's contest.

The Australian Rowing Association has again been discussing regulations for future intercolonial races but adjourned without coming to a final decision. There is a desire among rowing men that the association should insert a provision to meet the case of New Zealand, so that where money prizes are taken by clubs but not by individuals, rowers shall not be ineligible.

At a meeting of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association, held in Wellington on Monday last, the secretary was instructed to communicate with the associations in the other colonies, inviting them to send crews to New Zealand next year, and urging that the following definition of amateur be adopted:—"That all intercolonial rowing and sculling contests shall be open to crews of rowers representing Australasian amateur rowing associations, provided the competitors are amateurs under the definition of the several colonies which they represent; provided, further, that the definition of amateur oarsman in each colony be so framed as to exclude any person who is not an amateur in all branches of athletic sport; provided, also, that it includes all those who gain their livelihood by rowing in boats."

GOLF.

There was no club match at Greenlane on Saturday, but several interesting private matches were arranged. A very strong foursome got together in Messrs Colbeck and Kyd against Messrs O'Rorke and Gillies. The former pair, chiefly owing to bad play on the champion's part, got a lead of 4 up on the first five holes, and this lead their opponents only managed to reduce to 2 up and 1 to play at the seventeenth hole.

The ladies are taking up golf strongly, and have got a very suitable piece of ground adjoining Major George's residence.

It has been decided that the Open Championship of Great Britain shall be played on the links of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield. The championship was once before played at Muirfield in 1892, when Mr Hilton, an amateur, won the Open Championship. Mr Hilton and Mr Ball are the only amateurs who have yet won the Open Championship. The Muirfield links have been much improved and lengthened. The total round of eighteen holes is now 2 miles 1,690 yards long. The club house has been repaired at a cost of £1,600, and the putting-greens are described as the most perfect in Scotland.



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NOMINATIONS FOR (FIRST DAY)

1. Stewards' Handicap, 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
2. Winter Hurdle Handicap, 125 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
3. Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, 40 sovs, 2½ miles, 15s.
4. Parliamentary Handicap, 150 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
5. Hunters' Hurdle Handicap, 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
6. First Hack Handicap, 70 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.

(SECOND DAY)

7. Hutt Flying Handicap, 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
8. Wellington Steeplechase Handicap, 200 sovs, 3 miles, 1 sov.
9. Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap, 50 sovs, 3½ miles, 1 sov.
10. Winter Oats Handicap, 100 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
11. Trial Steeplechase Handicap, 70 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
12. Hunt Cup Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap), value 30 sovs, 1 sov.
13. Final Hack Handicap, 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 3RD JULY, at 9 P.M.

NOTE.—Races Nos. 3, 5, 9, and 12 are for qualified hunters only.

N.B.—For complete programme see "N.Z. Referee."

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