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PASTIMES.

[BY VIGILANT.]

FOOTBALL.**RUGBY UNIONS CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR.**NORTH ISLAND.
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FIRST AND SECOND FIFTEENS.

July 4—Ponsonby v. Grafton, City v. Suburbs, Newton
v. North Shore
July 11—Ponsonby v. City, Parnell v. Grafton, Newton v.
Suburbs
July 18—Ponsonby v. Newton—Parnell v. City, North
Shore v. Suburbs
July 25—Ponsonby v. North Shore, Parnell v. Newton,
Grafton v. City
August 1—Ponsonby v. Suburbs, Parnell v. North Shore,
Grafton v. Newton
August 8—Parnell v. Suburbs, Grafton v. North Shore,
City v. Newton.

OTAGO FOOTBALL TOUR.

August 26—Oamaru
August 29—Canterbury
September 1—Taranaki (at Hawera)
September 5—Auckland
September 9—Hawke's Bay
September 12—Wellington

QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL TOUR.

Saturday, August 8—Auckland.
Tuesday, August 11—Taranaki.
Thursday, August 13—Wellington.
Saturday, August 15—New Zealand match, at Wellington.
Thursday, August 20—Canterbury, at Christchurch
Saturday, August 22—Otago match, at Dunedin.
Tuesday, August 25—Southland, at Bluff.

**Continuation of the Championship
Fixtures.**

A glorious day greeted the opening of
the second round in the senior football
championships on Saturday last, and as a
consequence the attendance at Potter's
Paddock to witness the second meeting
between Parnell and Ponsonby was a
decidedly large one. From a football
point of view, the spectators were sadly
out of it, as the big fixture was undoubt-
edly one of the most uninteresting games
we have seen at Potter's Paddock since
the opening of the season, the play being
of a most "rubbishy" nature in every
respect. The passing was weak, and
even it looked as though this necessary
adjunct to good Rugby was going to be in-
dulged in, but the passing was either erratic
or ill-timed. Certainly, Parnell left the
field victors by 15 points to nil, but this
does not gauge the respective play, as
taking the game throughout, the Western
suburb showed equally as good form as
the maroons, and indeed, in the second
spell may be said to have had the best of
the deal. City won from North Shore
by 20 points to nil, and Grafton gained
the day by default, Suburbs not placing
a team in the field. The following are
the particulars:—

PAKNELL v. PONSONBY.

Loose scrambling play followed the
kick-off, the Ponsonby backs eventually
carrying the oval to Parnell's 25, Flynn,
Ramsay, and Cole being prominent, but
the former failing to take a pass, Whitley
dribbled back to midfield, and Murray
carried it out at Ponsonby's 25. The
Ponsonby forwards were, however, not
to be denied, and in a few minutes had
worked their opponents back to neutral
territory. Two or three exchanges fol-
lowed, and a weak kick by Masfield
allowed Parnell to reach Ponsonby's 25,
where Tait marked, and Murray made
an unsuccessful shot at goal. The
maroons followed the kick-off by driving
Parnell back again, and Ramsay, in
attempting to kick up the field, sent the
ball in the opposite direction, and Whit-
ley, who was handy, scored first blood
for Parnell. Murray took the shot at
goal, but though an easy chance he failed.
—Parnell 3, Ponsonby 0. Parnell con-
tinued the aggressive, and Murray had
another shot or two at goal, but no score
eventuated. Elliott made a fine run to
within a few yards of the line, passing
several of his opponents, and Jervis had
an unsuccessful pot, after which fumb-
ling on the part of Elliott and Hedges
enabled Ponsonby to get into the Parnell
25. Passing play between Ramsay and
Flynn, and an excellent run by the latter,
looked dangerous, but Jervis, by several
judicious kicks, returned play beyond the
half-distance. No further score was
added in the first half, and on the whole
the play was even. The second spell
saw Ponsonby in Parnell's territory
nearly the whole time, although Parnell
occasionally broke away and scored. A
pass from Conolly to Elliott, and from
the latter to Tait, saw the Parnell three-
quarter reach within a few yards from
the line. From the ensuing scrum a
pass was made to Elliott, who transferred
to Jervis, and the latter ran round and
scored. Murray's shot at goal was again

unsuccessful.—Parnell 6, Ponsonby 0.
A smart kick by Elliott, followed up by
Conolly, who succeeded in preventing
Cole's return, enabled Parnell to drive
their opponents back to their 25, where
a free kick was awarded to Ponsonby.
Injudicious kicking by Braund gave
Jervis an opportunity to pot, and the
latter sent the ball over the bar.—Par-
nell 10, Ponsonby 0. Ponsonby still
continued to be aggressive, but just be-
fore the call of time Parnell managed to
get back to their opponent's 25, and
Conolly getting an opening by an ex-
cellent pass from Jervis, scored about 10
yards from the post. Murray converted,
leaving Parnell victors by 15 points to
nil.

CITY v. NORTH SHORE.

There was a very fair attendance of
spectators at this match, which was played
on the Devonport ground. It was fairly
fast and interesting, but somewhat one-
sided, the City passing proving too much
for the home representatives. Just be-
fore the end of the first spell Surman
scored a try, but Stone failed to convert.
In the second spell Oliphant and Abso-
lum each scored two tries, and Surman
one try, one of which Stone converted.
Francis was warned off the field by the
referee, so that in the second spell North
Shore played with only fourteen men.
Lindsay was also lame. The game ended
—City 20, North Shore nil.

GRAFTON v. SUBURBS.

Suburbs not placing a team in the
field, the game went to Grafton by
default.

W. Clark played about the best game
amongst the North Shore backs. This
young player is very fast and kicks well,
and although on the light side he promises
to develop into a good three-quarter back.

O. Creagh, in his new position of full-
back, did not have a great amount to do,
but what work came down his way was
creditably performed. With practice he
should make a good place kick, judging
from the one attempt he had last Satur-
day.

That Parnell player who gave an un-
called-for exhibition of temper on Satur-
day may think himself lucky he was not
ordered off the field by the referee.

The North Shore boys made things
very sultry for City in the first spell, but
fell all to pieces at the finish. They had
bad luck in losing Lindsay (a Gisborne
forward) early in the game, and Francis
in the second spell.

The majority of the spectators at Pot-
ter's voted Saturday's match the tamest
they had witnessed this season.

Parnell evidently felt the loss of Ro-
nayne and Edmonds, as their play was
by no means up to previous performances,
although Jervis fairly excelled himself
and played one of his best games.

Surman did too men's work at the
Shore, and was all over the field. Oli-
phant, playing at three-quarter, made
some big dashes, and did all that was
asked of him.

That good little team, Ponsonby II.,
added another win to their already long
list, beating Parnell by some 25 points.

In the championship matches at Wel-
lington on Saturday last, Petone beat
Poneke by 7 points to nil, and Melrose
beat Athletics by 11 points to 3.

The usual admission charges, per tram
and to the ground, will be made on Satur-
day next at Potter's Paddock, when the
Ponsonby v. Grafton and City v. Suburbs
matches will be played.

The Arapohue team beat Dargaville II.
last Saturday by 6 points to nil.

Aratapu II. had an easy win over the
Kopuru II. team last Saturday, winning
by 27 points to nil.

"Cork" Davidson, one of the most
popular of the Wellington footballers,
and who has acted as full-back for the
Poneke Club in nearly all their matches,
has received a good appointment with
the United Farmers' Co-operative As-
sociation, Feilding. "Cork" will be
much missed when the Rugby Union
comes to select a full-back for the Wel-
lington rep. team. My opinion is that
there is not a better full-back in New
Zealand.

The fourth match of the present season
between the Kihikihi and Te Awamutu
clubs was played at Kihikihi on Saturday
last, and a closely contested game ended
in a draw, both sides scoring 8 points.

As the Pukekohe team did not turn
up last Saturday their match will go by
default to the Waikato team.

CYCLING.

At the Municipal Conference held in Wellington last week, the following motion was lost, on the voices:—"That the conference consider the question of bicycle traffic on the public highways in counties with a view to regulating the same by equitable and uniform by-laws, and that the Cyclist Club of Wellington be invited to express their views on the matter. (1) Rule of road same as vehicles; (2) rate of speed—no racing; (3) necessity of ringing bell or whistling on passing or meeting vehicles; (4) dismounting when necessary, (5) riding abreast—not more than two cyclists."

At a meeting of the New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance, held in Christchurch on the 22nd inst., the following road records were passed:—J. O. Shorland: Christchurch to Dunedin, 22hr 18in. R. M'Kenzie: Dunedin to Invercargill, 9hr 54min. F. F. Fabian: Napier to Wellington, 22hr 40min. Track Records:—S. McDonald, at Dunedin: 10 miles, 26min 19 2-5sec. C. H. Jones, at Christchurch: Quarter-mile, 32 2-5sec. S. McDonald, at Dunedin: Mile and a half, 3min 39 4-5sec. Harry Thompson, at Christchurch: 2 miles, 4min 32 4-5sec; 3 miles, 6min 52 2-5sec; mile and a half, 3min 26 1-5sec; one mile, 2min 13 2-5sec; half-mile, 1min 5 3-5sec; one mile, 2min 12 1-5sec. J. O. Shorland, at Christchurch: 50 miles, 2hr 14min 40sec; 100 miles, 4hr 39min 51sec; 25 miles, 1hr 0min 40sec; 5 miles, 11min 55sec; 10 miles, 24min 1sec. Harry Thompson, at Christchurch: 5 miles, 11min 45sec; 10 miles, 23min 31sec; 25 miles, 59min 30sec; one hour, 25 miles 360yds. The following standards were passed:—S. McDonald, 1 mile and 1 1/2 mile; H. Thompson, 1 mile, 1 1/2 mile, 2 miles, 3 miles, 5 miles, 10 miles, and 25 miles; R. Crow, half-mile; W. B. Bell, half-mile and 1 mile; J. S. White, half-mile and 1 mile; J. O. Shorland, 10 miles and 25 miles.

At a meeting of cyclists, held in Christchurch on Saturday evening last, it was decided to form a Cyclists Road Riders Protection Association, the objects of which will be to use all constitutional means to encourage, protect, and maintain the interests of cycle riders.

We now have the New Zealand Cyclists' Union, the New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance, the New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club, and if this want of originality goes on much longer cyclists will have some difficulty in knowing to which they belong. The "New Zealand Bicyclists" will be quite an original expression soon.

Generally speaking, women ride bicycles with more grace than do men; still, several times lately we have seen ladies riding with the pedals driven by the centre of the feet. This looks extremely awkward, and, besides, the rider has little or no control over her machine when pushing in such a manner. The pedals should always be driven by the ball of the foot, as then the ankle is brought into play, and free action results.

In St. Louis the cyclists were invited to inspect a local brewery, and 2,370 accepted the invitation. What a treat that invite would be after a 50-mile ride on a hot day! I'm thirsty already!

THE INVENTOR OF THE "SAFETY" BICYCLE INTERVIEWED.

[CONCLUDED.]

"After three years experimenting, my partner had spent all his money; his patience had likewise disappeared, and he gave up definitely the idea of a safety bicycle. The word 'safety,' by the way, was given to the machine by my father, and was registered by me in 1876. I might also mention here that public opinion was dead against the new bicycle, and later on it was known as 'Lawson's crocodile' and 'Lawson's abortion' among the makers of high, or 'ordinary,' bicycles.

"All this, of course, tended to discourage me, and any improvements made subsequently, I kept as quiet as possible. The first important trial trip I made was from Brighton to Enfield, and on this occasion I started at three o'clock in the morning in order to escape notice; a solitary fisherman, however, did witness the start of what was unquestionably the first ride on a safety bicycle—a lever pedal arrangement of great weight.

"In 1879 Mr Singer, the well-known sewing machine maker, sent for me and offered to manufacture my cycle for the market, paying me a royalty of £2 on each machine. Somehow the innovation did not meet with popularity at this time, and it was not until 1885 that the safety bicycle was fairly established in public favour. By this time, though, I had relinquished my patents, so that I have never reaped any pecuniary profit from my invention. As a matter of fact, hostility to the safety was so pronounced that the very club I belonged to warned me that I could not ride my machine and remain a member."

Now, as to "horseless carriages"—for the inventor was likewise full of this great revolution in vehicular traffic. Virtually, the first "horseless carriage" was the invention of Mr Lawson, who patented a cycle propelled by a petroleum motor on September 27th, 1880.

"On account of the idiotic 'Locomotive and Highway Act,'" remarked Mr Lawson resignedly, "we English inventors have had to stand still while the French, Germans, and Americans forged ahead, in a very literal sense. What is the Act? Why the four-mile-an-hour-red-flag-man-in-front-and-two-engineers arrangement, of course. I must say, however, that in a very few weeks' time this stupid regulation will no longer disfigure the statute-book. Then, indeed, we shall be able to go ahead—of course, after our foreign rivals have had months in which to perfect their copies of my invention.

"Look how the motor carriages are encouraged abroad. You may remember the race from Paris to Bordeaux and back (about 769 miles), that was run on June 11th, 1895. The first four prizes, and also the sixth and seventh—of the total value of 60,000 francs—were won by the Daimler Motor Carriage, which was far superior to its forty-five other competitors. Thanks to the ineptitude of our own Government, I have been compelled to purchase, at a cost of £40,000, the German patent rights (Daimler Motors) which are founded on my invention. A great company is now in process of private formation, which, with a capital of £1,000,000 sterling, will immediately commence the manufacture of horseless carriages. The ordinary carriage builders will design their own vehicles and take their motors from the company."

"What a revolution there will be in the streets of London!" I remarked.

"Yes, indeed. Quite apart from the hygienic advantage of removing horses from the streets, there is the peculiar advantage that people run over by a horseless carriage will suffer little or no damage, partly because there will be no horse to trample upon them, and partly also on account of the enormous pneumatic tyre.

"Then, again, the roar of the present traffic will practically disappear. These carriages will be built in about fifteen different styles or types, varying from the fashionable dog-cart, victoria, or phaeton, to the tram-car, omnibus, or Government transport van. We have orders for many of the last-named vehicles, by the way; they are to run at six miles an hour, and carry two tons. As for orders generally, we have already a sufficient number in hand to occupy us for two years."

"Will your carriage wholly supersede the horse, Mr Lawson?"

"Not quite. I don't see how you can plough without horses; nor will we undertake to supply mounts for cavalry and hunting men. You may expect some startling designs in the new carriages, thus entirely changing the aspect of our streets. The picturesque sedan chair, for one person, may come back; and there is no reason why sober statesmen should not career through Palace Yard in a mysterious, horseless Roman chariot."

"Now, as to the cost of the propulsion?"

"Very well. We estimate that four gallons of petroleum, costing 3s 6d, will be sufficient to propel a carriage containing four persons for a distance of between 150 and 200 miles. The mechanism will be invisible, without heat, smell, noise, or vibration; and it is so light that a two-horse power motor may be lifted on the little finger. The price of a horseless carriage will be little more than that of an ordinary vehicle of the same description. As regards speed, I

may say that both the horseless carriages and the motor cycles will run as fast as may be desired; there is no reason why they should not travel at the rate of sixty miles an hour; but of course the ordinary speed will be regulated to something under twenty.

"The Prince of Wales himself," concluded Mr Lawson. "takes a very great interest in the future of horseless carriages; and at the Imperial Institute he travelled in one at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, up a very steep gradient."

ATHLETICS.

At Kihikihi on Saturday last a 300 yards race, open to members of the Kihikihi Football Club, was decided. Mr J. Laurie, a prominent member of the Club, gave as a prize to the winner a handsome medal. Sixteen runners toed the mark, and after a big struggle J. Gardiner (8yds) won, with J. Corboy (4yds) next, D. Kay, McDonald, and Webster being next in a bunch.

The Wanganui Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club have decided to lay down a track in Cook's Gardens.

J. K. Ballantyne, who is a cousin of A. R. Downer's, won the 100yds Handicap from scratch in 10 2-5sec at the West of Scotland C.C.'s sports held at Glasgow on April 18th.

Bax's club swinging record has again been beaten, Griffiths, the Tasmanian, having on May 20th swung the clubs for thirty hours at Cobar, near Sydney. When Bax was in Sydney he endeavoured to make a match with Griffiths, but the latter did not turn up. Bax says he is still willing to meet the Tasmanian in a hand to hand contest, which would be more satisfactory than continually going one better.

GOLF.

Last Saturday was an open day, no matches being played. There was a big muster on the links nevertheless, and some very interesting friendly matches took place.

The membership of the local club is increasing so fast that after the July ballot for new members is taken the entrance fee to the club is to be increased from one guinea to three guineas.

The links are already too small for the number of members, and an effort will shortly be made (so it is reported) to get an 18-hole course instead of the present 9-hole course.

We hear that the new Ladies' Golf Club has secured a large membership, no less than 84 members having already joined the club. There is very little doubt that golf has "caught on" in Auckland. We wish the Ladies' Golf Club every success. They have been fortunate in getting Mrs Skeet as president of the club.

A contributor to the English *Sporting and Dramatic News*, commenting on the play of the Tooting Bec Club, remarks:—"The 'bogey' competition of this club once demonstrated 'bogey's' wonderful powers, and in spite of the constantly improving form of golfers the 'colonel' more than holds his own, not only here but in other parts of the country. I am rather in favour of some sliding scale in regard to 'bogey's' score, to be determined by the state of the weather. It seems very hard on golfers to have to contend against the same score whether the weather be good or bad. Of course I know the contention that all men are on an equal footing holds good to some extent, but I fancy there are very few golfers indeed who would not, even when winning, prefer to be 'up' rather than 'down' to their ever-steady opponent. I recognise that there is some difficulty in the matter, as the attendance of at least two members of the committee would be necessary on all 'bogey' competition days, but it seems to me rather ridiculous to (at times) see a man who winds up his day's work four or even five 'down,' finishing at the head of the list. I think also it can hardly be disputed that the sting is taken out of many men's game by the knowledge that he is starting off on an impossible task, which is really what fighting 'bogey' on a bad day means. It is here also, I fancy, that the 'as fair for one as the other' theory breaks down, for the golfer with the highly-strung nervous organisation seems to me to be at a distinct disadvantage."

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

"The Sporting Review" has been appointed the Official Calendar for the publication of all programmes in the Provincial District of Auckland, in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing.

Rule 17 reads:—"The programme of each meeting in which the added money is \$150 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of scales, and handicapper."

All notifications for the future published in this column are so published under the authority of the Auckland Racing Club, and are binding on country clubs and others who must therefore duly note the same.

As some doubts have arisen as to whether the recent action of the Racing Commission has interfered with the appointment of the Sporting Review by the Auckland Racing Club as the Official Calendar, we publish the following letter for general information:—

MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

THE PROPRIETOR SPORTING REVIEW, AUCKLAND. DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of 2nd December, my Committee have decided not to alter existing arrangements at present.—Yours truly, Wm. Percival, Secretary A.R.C.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Monday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business.

The disqualifications have been removed from the following:—W. Martin, M. Moore, Thos. Geach, A. C. Greenwood, Mr Chatteris' pony Sulky, Kimihia Club, and the chestnut horse Joe.

Licenses were granted to W. E. McCutcheon, J. Gallagher, and W. H. Mehafeey to train their own horses.

Pony Measuring Committee meet second and fourth Monday at 10 a.m.

OWNERS' PERMITS.

The following owners' permits have been granted:—George Hill to train Onko and Getzer; Henry Warrington, Fable; John Clark, Hoggarden, Tam O'Shanter, Souter Johnnie; F. Sistrone, Brian Boru, Jewel, Cottage; D. Hepburn, The Turk, Wool Queen, Lord Haven; Mr Weston, Kalo; Robert Thorpe, St. Ella, Silkwoman; Finley McKenzie, Macaroni; T. Kenesly, Paki Paki, The Saint; W. E. Cooper, Miss Bevan, Kiora, blk g by Kalo, blk g by Emin Bey; Wm. Adams, Maritana, Craighard; H. Barr, Rodney; Wm. A. Ralph, Arena, Sameday, Revella.

LICENSES.

The following licenses have been granted:— TRAINERS.—G. Wright, G. Absolum, Frank Dodd, Winter J. Hamon, Hy. Chatteris, James Patterson, Alex. Parsons, James Brown, James Leggot, W. J. Harrison, H. Linnell, Edward Kelly, A. E. Byers, John Rae, John Chaeffe, Fred Stenning, Wm. Moberley, J. B. Williamson, Wm. Croll, James Keane, G. H. Allen, Thomas Hodson, A. S. Caulton, Dennis Morrison, J. McHugh, Alec Williams, M. H. Harrison, C. Coleman, W. McManamin, J. H. Howe, Walter Willmot, Frank McManamin, Wm. Braybrook, W. H. Frewin, T. Warr, J. Homan. JOCKEYS.—Harry Gillespie, Wm. Parker, Wm. Tozer, Frank Farrell, John Griffiths, Alf. Williams, Fred Power, A. Butterworth, F. Benson, Joe Gallagher, Chas. Russell, John E. Parsons, Thos. Greenwood, James Leggot, W. J. Harrison, George Banks, G. Cuda, John Chaeffe, Junr, John Keane, D. Swanson, James Whitelaw, Alf Woodfield, Dan Morrison, F. Say, Murdoch McKinnon, J. Buchanan, Robert Hall, G. Tuttle, Fred Davis, Joe Scates, Thos. Sharp, E. Burns, D. Wright, Robert Wright, Wm. Gall, Joe Duff, W. Hatfield, J. Quinton, Joe Gunson, John Wells, Robert Collins, J. Fletcher, Thos. Hall, R. Donovan, D. Castleton, D. Creamer, F. Weston, T. McEwin, W. Bird, Jas. Johnson, Wm. Smith, J. Stewart, Edward Kelly, Samuel Pergus, Wm. Ashdown, John Rae, Thos. Hodson, Dennis Morrison, Alec Williams, W. McManamin, W. Quarterman, J. W. Brady, A. Haydon, A. Somers, A. Blaine, Speakman, Sharp. APRENTICES.—Alfred D. G. Adams, Sydney Chasaf, W. Parker, Jas. Burdett, Albert Woolley, Wm. Lynch, Hy. Johnson, Laurence Jilling, Arthur Judd, E. Baker, A. McMillan, Hugh Boyd.

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PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting, July 9. WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND. July 9, Thursday—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club July 22, Wednesday; 25, Saturday—Wellington R.C. Winter August 13, Thursday; 15, Saturday—N.Z. Grand National

NOMINATIONS.

July 3—Wellington Winter July 24—N.Z. Grand National (general entries) July 28—Hawke's Bay Stakes, 1895

HANDICAPS.

July 6—Wellington Winter July 31—N.Z. Grand National July 15—N.Z. Grand National

ACCEPTANCES.

July 17—Wellington Winter July 24—New Zealand Grand National August 7—New Zealand Cup August 10—Final Payments Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase

AUSTRALIA.

July 4, 11—Victoria Racing Club's Grand National

ENGLAND.

June 30; July 1, 2, 3—Newmarket First July Meeting July 14, 15, 16—Newmarket Second July Meeting July 17—The Elipies Stakes July 23, 29, 30, 31—Goodwood Meeting

OWNERS & TRAINERS' REMINDERS

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

On Friday, 3rd July, at 9 p.m., nominations will close for all events at the meeting.

RACING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

4 furlongs—47s, Safeguard, 2yrs, 8.3, C.J.C. Spring Meeting, 1894. Golden Fleece, 3yrs, also made this time at the same meeting, carrying 7.11. 5 furlongs—1m 1s, Forester, 5yrs, 7.3, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, 1895. 6 furlongs—1m 14s, Loyalty, 2yrs, 7.4, C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, 1893. Barnby also made this record in Sept., 1894, at Ashburton. 7 furlongs—1m 27s, Ruby, 4yrs, 7.13, C.J.C. Craven Stakes, 1893. 1 mile—1m 41s, Merganser, 4yrs, 8.0, J.C. Handicap, C.J.C. Spring, 1892. 1 1/2 mile—2m 8 3/4s, Tit Bit, 4yrs, 7.5, C.J.C. Grandstand, 1897. 1 1/2 mile—2m 35 3/4s—Merganser, 4yrs, 9.8, C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap, 1893. 1 3/4 mile—3m 4-5s, Spindrift, 4yrs, 7.8, Wanganui Cup, 1896; 3m 5s, Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.5, A.R.C. Handicap, 1897; St. Katherine, 3yrs, 7.11, Wanganui Cup, 1893. 2 miles—3m 29s, Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 7.7, N.Z. Cup, 1893. 2 miles and a distance—3m 50s, Occident, 6yrs, 7.10 Dunedin Cup, 1891. 2 1/2 miles—5m 57 1/2s, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.

3 furlongs—36s, Cumberland, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 1893, Australia. 1/2 mile—46s Geraldine, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), August 30, 1893, America. 5 furlongs—67s, Correction, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893; Dr. Hasbrouck also made this record; America. 1m, Patroness, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia. 1m 0 1/2s, Walwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia. 5 1/2 furlongs—1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia. 1/2 mile—1m 9s, Domino, Morris Park, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893, America. 1m 14s, Ascot Vale, Flemington, Vic., Jan. 2, 1893; Volcano, N.S.W., Vaucluse, Randwick, and Walwa, Vic., also made this record; Australia. 7 furlongs—1m 23 3/4s, Bella B, Monmouth Park, July 8, 1890, America. 1m 27s Trieste, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 3, 1891, Australia. 1 mile—1m 35 1/2s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 8, 1890, America. 1m 40s, Bungebah, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Boolika, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia. 1 mile and 1 furlong—1m 51 1/2s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y. June 2, 1891, America. 1m 55 1/2s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, Aome, Reconstruction, and Cerise and Blue also made this time; Australia. 1 1/2 mile—2m 33s, Banquet, Monmouth Park, N.J., July 17, 1890, America. 2m 6s, Hova, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 11, 1893, Australia. 1 mile 3 furlongs—2m 22 1/2s, Aristocrat and Leichardt, Rosehill; Australia. 1 1/2 mile—2m 32 1/2s, Lamplighter, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 9, 1892, America. 2m 35s, Prince Imperial, Hawkesbury, 1885; Megaphone, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., Sept. 6, 1890, and King Olaf, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., April 11, 1891, Australia. 1 mile 5 furlongs—2m 49 1/2s, Hopetoun, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia. 1 1/2 mile—3m 0 1/2s, Hotspur, San Francisco, April 30, 1891, America. 3m 3s, Corzeze, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1890, Australia. Donation also made this record, Flemington, Nov. 1893. 2 miles—3m 27 1/2s, Ten Broeck, against time, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1877, America. 3m 28 1/2s, Carbine carrying (10.6), Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1890, Australia. 2 1/2 miles—3m 56 1/2s, Freakness and Springbok, dead heat, Saratoga, N.Y., July 29, 1875, America. 3m 59 1/2s, Idolator, Flemington, Vic., March 3, 1896, and Dreadnought, Flemington, Victoria, March 4, 1890, Australia. 3 miles—5m 23 1/2s, Wallace and Quiver dead heat, Flemington, Vic., March 5, 1896, Australia.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T.M., Thames.—We are pleased to say that Dante is all right! It is advisable not to start a horse within a reasonable time after breaking a blood vessel, notwithstanding veterinary advice to the contrary. Yes; his owner and trainer, when in Auckland, informed me that the horse would be given a spell until the beginning of next year, and perhaps would not be started till the autumn.

QUERY, Ohaupo.—Yes; Spindrift's. These are generally overhauled at the end of the season, and all corrections made then.

Sporting Review

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896

TURF GOSSIP.

BETTING LAWS.

THE uncertainty of the betting law, and the delightful ambiguity of the clauses relating thereto, must be admitted both by the ordinary racing or sporting man and those more directly affected—the bookmakers. What appears to be wanted is an appeal to the Privy Council, so that what constitutes a "place" for betting purposes should be decided once and for all. It will also be admitted that the betting laws, or the Gaming and Lotteries Act, is simply absurd in its bearing in some directions. For instance, a road or a street is a "place," but a private lane is not, that is according to New South Wales law. We have a common observance of the law in New Zealand in this way, that bets or wagers

must not be registered or recorded in a "place"—i.e., in an office, shop, or other similar place. Then there is the old-fashioned idea of "standing on a box," every boy in the street knows that is not allowed. Then, again, a man may not stand at one particular lamp-post, let us say, and lay wagers; yet by moving about he may book as many as he can get hold of. Probably, the local stipendiary magistrate may define what a "place" is in connection with certain cases to be heard next week, in which the betting law is said to have been infringed. But with all due respect to the knowledge of our local magistrate, who, we are well aware, is well versed in legal knowledge, there is no finality to any judgment he may give, as it does not follow that such judgment is to be accepted as a precedent by other magistrates; therefore the position is a very unsettled one. The New Zealand Gaming and Lotteries Act does not mince matters much in connection with our system of betting, but it does not define what is a "place." The law, too, in New South Wales is of the two kinds sort—one for the rich and one for the poor—and the following particulars bearing on the subject, which we take from "Delaware's" notes in the Sydney Truth, will cause many to wonder how the law is administered in that part of the world. Truth takes the following par. from the Sydney Herald, and then follows up with comments, and particulars such as have come under "Delaware's" notice:—"The Minister for Justice, in answer to Mr Affleck, who asked the reason why betting men outside the Kensington Racecourse were prosecuted and fined, and no notice taken of those inside the grounds, both portions being Crown lands, said that he was informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the betting carried on inside the race grounds was not under such circumstances as the law would reach, there being no erection used coming within the definition of the Act as a 'place,' etc.—Herald." So the poor broken outsider, who has been busted by six days' racing a week, comes within the definition of the Act, and because he hasn't the wherewithal to gain admission, and have a bet when he gets there, he is amenable to the law, whilst his more favoured brother, who somehow manages to pay the admission tariff, escapes. I have made some enquiries and observations regarding this outside evil, as it is called by those interested, and have concluded that not one in twenty stays outside from choice, but through their inability to pay. Racing has got a thorough hold of them, and whilst there is a meeting they will scrape up their pence and have a bit with a few small bookmakers, who would do business outside the gates of—Paradise. This class of race-goer has been created by the proprietary octopus, and, like gamblers, will sit around and watch others bet, even though they cannot do so themselves. I have noticed very many women outside the gates. Some of them, no doubt, prefer to stay outside to going in the inside and mixing with the Aspasia and extremely frisky women-punters who parade under the protection of a marriage certificate. However, many women stay outside and bet in pennies, because they are like the majority of the outsiders—unable to pass the turnstiles. My correspondent higher up has shown that Canterbury demands 3s to go in. On Wednesday about 500 people were congregated outside Canterbury gates, and many of them told me they would pay a shilling to go on the flat if they were allowed to bet, but the proprietary will not allow them to bet, unless they pay 2s extra. The police, of course, have been introduced, and assisted by the hired racecourse cop, 'chivvy' these unfortunates about, much in the same arbitrary way that Bucket 'chivvied' Jo. The other day they went to extremes—no doubt they were inspired by the racecourse proprietors—to arrest an outsider for not having sufficient means of support, and when the big flat-footed 'Guardian' of his own interests went into the box he said, 'he didn't know whether the prisoner had sufficient means of support.' . . . These poor people have as much right on the road as Mr Reid (Premier) or his supine colleague, Mr Gould. . . . These people are children of circumstance, and their present poverty can well be laid at the door of racecourse proprietors and their friends the Government."

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WELLINGTON.

Illness of Alf. Death—Gold Reef's approaching arrival—An exalted and erroneous opinion—The Catesby Stakes—"Muddlegrams" again—Alteration in Wellington steeplechase course—To be run right-handed—A chance for Auckland horses.

Before my next letter I hope to meet Mr J. O. Hayward, and have an interesting chat about his trip to England; also, to inspect the stallion Gold Reef, which is on board the s.s. Tokomaru, due here next Friday.

Sortie (Catesby—Baroso) is entered for the Melbourne Cup and Champion Stakes, and is handicapped for the former race at 6.12.

Alf. Death, who rode Orient when he won the Wellington Steeplechase, is laid up in the Melbourne Hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

A local writer states that "of course Levanter will be top weight in the Grand National Steeplechase," which is very reassuring to Jack Rae. The handicapper, however, may be excused in expressing a different opinion.

CANTERBURY.

Unfavourable training weather—Work done by cross-country horses—Liberator and Barnardo show no effects of their Auckland trip—Death of the mare Ouida (by Tubal Cain—Argosy)—Sale of the Middle Park estate—Trainer's last resting place—"Tit for tat" between bookmakers and punters.

The weather has been so wet during the last fortnight that the tracks are in a bad state, fast work consequently being out of the question. However, a good many horses are being schooled in view of National events, and some good jumping is occasionally witnessed.

Te Kooti is jumping splendidly, as also is Balquither.

Magazine is doing well at the illegitimate game, and is improving.

Kulnine is shaping very well, and the same may be said of Barnardo, who quickly threw off any imaginary soreness he may have felt after his northern trip. He could not have been very bad, or he would not have been worked the morning after his return. He is a bit big, but his trainer races all his charges that way.

Prime Warden is said to be a most proficient fencer. He is trained at Ashburton.

Mr Murray Hobbs is expected to bring his team from Ashburton to Riccarton in a week or two.

Vogengang is standing up to his work so far, and his brother, Bogengang, is furnishing into a nice out of a horse.

DUNEDIN.

Sporting items this week are confined entirely to what has been doing in betting circles over coming events.

Mr Abe Moss reports the following business:—New Zealand and Melbourne Cups double, Gipsy Grand and Ronda, Dauntless and Toreador, Euroclydon and Hova, Gipsy Grand and Hova, Gipsy Grand and Harvester, False Impression and Wallace, Lotion and Miraculum, Black and Red and Lord Richmond, Euroclydon and Trentham, Gipsy Grand and Bob Ray.

Straightout:—New Zealand Cup, 300 to 15 Bombshell, 200 to 12 Euroclydon, 200 to 6 Lotion, 100 to 6 Gipsy Grand, 100 to 2 Lord Zetland, 200 to 4 False Impression. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase, 200 to 4 Chris and Mutiny, 150 to 3 Barnardo and Bootles, 200 to 6 Donald McKinnon and Tiritea, 200 to 3 Flying Shot and Liberator.

An innovation which met with universal praise was the displaying of a large red disc at the several starting posts.

On the initial day £3331 was put through the machines, and on the concluding day £4,684, making a total of £8015.

Six contested the opening event, the Maiden Steeple, Consript being a bit better favourite than Zaccho, who, by the way, looked really well and did his trainer a lot of credit. Bought as a cripple some time ago for five and twenty pounds, Mr Richardson must shake hands with himself upon having got a very cheap horse. The favourite soon destroyed any chances of his winning by running round the post and rails, and from that out Zaccho easily silenced the opposition, winning by two lengths.

Sylvanus, the double winner at the late Wai-pawa meeting, was picked upon as the right thing for the Welter, The Miser filling the place of second favourite, but the winner turned up in the full sister to Penrose (Primula), who staled off several determined challenges from the Porirua-trained horse and had a rather easy win at the finish by three lengths. Bob Kingan's Mystical (owner up) came at a great bat at the finish and got the barren honor of third place.

Thirteen lined up for the handsome bracelet, which constitutes one of the principal features at the Winter Meeting of this club, Light (a fine looking son of Sou'-wester) being the popular fancy, but third position was all he could get.

By the death of Silver (Catesby—Silveress) and the departure of Sortie, there are twelve youngsters—eight fillies and four colts—left in the Catesby Stakes of 50 sovs, after the third payment.

There was some speculation here on Monday evening as to the winner of the Welter and Final Steeplechase at Napier, and a usually reliable turf correspondent sent St. Regel as the winner of the Welter, but when the dividend was sent through it was thought this could not be correct, and about twenty pounds changed hands over the wire, and somehow or other Consript was put about as the winner of the Final Steeplechase. I saw him backed for thirty pounds to six long after the race was run, and it was thought that perhaps the sender in the first race had forgotten to send the winner, instead of advising his friends to back the Auckland.

There will be considerable alteration in the Wellington Steeplechase course this year. The race will be run right-handed, and be confined to obstacles within the training track, except a jump into Ward's paddock, another in the paddock, and a third re-entering the course. The latter will be the first jump in the big steeple, which is two circuits over the brush fence, sod-wall (a four foot obstacle re-built), water jump, and post and rails, finishing over two hurdles on the course proper. The start for the two miles is behind the fence in Ward's paddock, and is one round less. The alteration should be a great improvement from a spectator's point of view.

Liberator is as lively as ever, and he too does not seem particularly amiss after his Auckland experience. Slow work is his portion, but he could be made fit in a very short time.

Ouida, Skirmisher's dam, is dead. Mr Stead's youngsters are all wintering well. The team is often seen at Riccarton. Bombshell is looking slightly bigger than I have seen him previously, and is growing into a nice horse.

Epaulet, too, is furnishing well, and this chap will take a lot of beating if he trains on. Curassow is doing well, and seems likely to train on, albeit many express doubts about his doing so. He is good-looking enough, and I firmly believe if he is brought out fit and well he will prove himself as good as any of his year, if not better. I have never seen a more likely-looking colt.

Fire King was offered at Tattersall's on Saturday, but was withdrawn at 25gs.

The well-known and once famous Middle Park Estate, of about 103 acres, has been sold to Mr A. Sefton. The price was something like £30 an acre.

Gillie, after being spelled since his return from Wanganui, is again at work. He has a leg.

Mona is jumping well.

Artilleur has almost recovered from the accident he met with at Little River. The Plug was a rather warm order here for the Hawke's Bay Hurdles, but the bookmakers had their revenge when St. Regel failed on the second day.

HAWKES BAY.

The Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Meeting—A successful gathering notwithstanding the postponement—An innovation—The Hunters' Steeplechase—Weight tells—The Plug's victory a "scorcher" for the books—Little Kaika slips the field in the big Steeplechase—St. Regel a strong order for the Second Welter—Donald McKinnon has an easy win.

Glorious weather greeted the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for their postponed meeting. They were very fortunate to select the days they did, as on the day previous to the first day's sport the weather was none too good, and now the day after it is raining hard.

Considering that Saturday is a big day with business people, a great number of whom are liberal patrons of the sport, the attendance was much better than I expected to see. On the final day the course was really well patronised.

Mr Luckie and his assistants were as usual *au fait*, and Mr Harry Piper had his fields well in hand, and dispatched them in his well-known style.

Had J. E. Brewer been on his back, the bracelet by this time would no doubt have adorned a Wanganui lady's arm. Anyhow, Mrs G. F. Donnelly's win with her nomination, Haeta, was very popular, Mr Langley Shaw riding a nice patient race. Tenby secured second place, a position which unfortunately carried no prize with it.

Gisborne supplied the favourite for the Hurdles in Zanzibar, The Plug coming next in favour. At the fall of the flag Napoleon, who was paying a dividend of over £25, hopped away and kept in the lead for over a mile and a half, and, going strongly at this stage, it looked any odds on Isaac Walton's black son, but The Plug came at him and, after a ding-dong go, got home by a head, Zanzibar, who had struck the third hurdle from home badly, came with a terrific burst, but could only get up to Napoleon's girth. The "books" looked a bit glum after The Plug's victory, as he was laid with all the supposed-best goods in the Steeplechase.

Ghengarry and Kaika were the only two, really speaking, in the Hunters' Steeplechase—a brace of good horses and a pair of equally fine amateur horsemen. They had the others donkey-licked from the jump, but little Kaika (who is under 15 hands) found his 12.10 a bit too much for him at the finish, and had to succumb to Ghengarry, who paid the good price of over 6 to 1.

Solitaire had the "pull" in the betting for the June Stakes, but again punters were astray, for the Native-owned Martinborough nobby, Slaiden,

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[BY REVIEWER.]

annexed the prize, Moonraker, who came with too late a run, being second, and The Sharper third.

The Maiden Hurdle Race (gentlemen riders) opened the second day's proceedings, the erratic Forty Winks breaking his maiden status and earning his first cheque for the Karama stable. Glengarry fell at the last fence, the result of a bump from Velocity II., the latter getting second money.

Ten faced the starter for the Hurdle Race, Zanzibar, as on the first day, being the selected favourite, but the leniently-treated Tenby never gave his opponents a chance, winning easily by six lengths, Lord Raven (who was paying over £45 dividend) getting second place, and Chris third.

All the acceptors—twelve in number—took up their positions for the big event of the meeting, the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase. From a splendid start the game little son of The Admiral (Kaika) got to the front, and despite the repeated attacks of his opponents, who nearly all had a go at him, he got home by five lengths, Mutiny beating The Plug by barely a length for second place. The crowd gave the clever little horse and his rider a great ovation on returning to weigh in. Tiritea came down at the sod wall, repeating his last year's performance, but I do not think it was his fault. Kaika will find a new home now in Hawke's Bay, Mr G. P. Donnelly becoming his owner.

Glengarry, with 13.9 in the saddle, had little difficulty in placing the...

The grey mare First Sight (Tim Whiffler—Flirt) is now being trained by Billy Butler, at Wanganui.

A Waikato paper has already published the acceptances for the Melbourne Cup. This is just a trifle previous.

Nearly £1,000,000 per annum has been realised during the past few years from the gambling tables at Monte Carlo.

The Caulfield and Melbourne Cup handicappers consider Newhaven a 2lb better colt than Coil, according to their handicaps.

Brown Mantle, 7.3 (b. Nordenfeldt—Antelope) won the Fourteen-One Handicap at the Kensington pony races on the 18th June.

Cohort (by Carbine—Fishwife), who is engaged in the "two Cups," is little more than a galloway, and only stands about fifteen hands high.

Tom Hales, the erst-famous jockey, is going to relinquish horse-racing, and his horses are for sale. He will find it more profitable to ride than to race horses.

The grey mare Ascot Vale (Ascot—Waitotara) is now trained by John Belcher at Wanganui.

J. E. Brewer is to prepare Music for his Melbourne Cup engagement.

It should hardly be necessary for me to again remind owners and trainers that the nominations for both days of the Wellington Steeplechase Meeting close to-morrow (Friday). Owners and trainers of local steeplechase horses should not forget the advice I tendered them recently. Good jumpers such as we have in Auckland should pay their way at Wellington. The abridged programme appears in another column.

It is amusing to notice the comments of the English Turf-writers on the Australian "starting gate." I daresay their Home readers have come to the conclusion that a huge, unsightly gate is unhinged, or lifted out of the road, some way or other. The majority of starting machines have now only two light, narrow bands of webbing or white, thin rope, and on many of the New Zealand race-tracks only a single band or rope is used.

No doubt many racing men, especially in the Auckland district, will smile at the absurd handicap meted out to Three Star in the Winter Oats at the Gisborne Park Meeting. He has about as much chance as I would have of giving The Sharper 7lbs, while he has not the "remotest" of giving Hoggarden 35lbs, unless the race is a "family affair." Evidently Mr Harper, the owner of Three Star is no friend of the handicapper.

The dam of Donald McKinnon is Taipuri, not Taipiri as it appears on all race cards.

The Woodlands Hunt Club, of Danevirke, will hold a Hunt Sports Meeting on the 15th inst.

The back hurdle gelding, Leander (Natacor—Queen Margaret), full-brother to Nat, has been purchased by Mr E. Brown of Palmerston North.

Bonovores has been sent to the Bay of Islands for a prolonged spell. His recent performances have been very discouraging, as he would or could not gallop.

Mr Jos. Prosser, of Porirua, has just taken in hand a useful-looking rising three-year-old colt, Dormant, by Somnus—Barbelle, dam of that little wonder, Slave Girl.

Titoki and Tokatea, two of W. Homes' team, have returned to their owner, Mr J. R. McDonald, of Horowhenua, Levin, who will have the sons of Puriri and Torpedo trained on his private track.

Mr S. H. Gollan's horses, Mosquetaire, Culloden, Sternchaser, Pounamu, were transhipped to the s.s. Warrigal at Melbourne, and they sailed from there on June 23rd. Erl King, Mr Gollan's recent purchase, was also shipped by the same boat.

Up to the time of going to press on Wednesday night the handicaps for the New Zealand Cup had not come to hand. Of course the handicap...

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

The following wagers have been laid on the New Zealand Cup:

- 100 to 5 Gipsy Grand 100 to 3 Mahaki
- 100 to 5 Fabulist 100 to 3 Chaos
- 100 to 3 Irish Twist 100 to 2½ Bona Fide

Messrs Barnett and Grant have laid the following wagers here during the week:

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

- 700 to 28 Lady Zetland 300 to 12 Lorelei
- 300 to 3 Aldershot 250 to 5 The Possible
- 250 to 1 Voltigeur 200 to 10 Bellicent
- 200 to 6 Pompom 150 to 6 Saracen
- 100 to 4 Curassow 100 to 3 Brooklet
- 100 to 3 Maximus

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES.

- 500 to 10 Liberator and St. Kilda.
- 500 to 10 Mutiny and St. Kilda.
- 350 to 7 Donald McKinnon and St. Kilda.
- 300 to 6 Barnardo and St. Kilda.
- 250 to 5 Liberator and Lord Raven.
- 200 to 3 Donald McKinnon and Ilx.
- 100 to 2 Gillie and Mona.

At the Canterbury Park races (Sydney) on 17th June, "Paddy" Nolan's Deposed won the Brush Hurdle race, and at the same meeting Mr Bobbett's old horse Quadrant (Robinson Crusoe—Radiance) won the selling race of six furlongs.

and beating nine others cleverly by two lengths. Time, 1min 17½sec. At the same meeting Royal Rose, 7.13, ran third to Waihine (Trenton—Lady Granville) in the Warwick Farm Cup of one mile three furlongs.

This week we give a splendid picture of Australia's champion cross-country horse Redleap, who is engaged on Saturday in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race and handicapped at 12.13, and the following Saturday he is handicapped at 13.12 for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase. I once stood alongside of Redleap, at Flemington, with the object of getting at his height, but it was difficult to arrive at with the horse moving about. However, I decided that he was between 16.2 and 16.3, with a shoulder as long as a wet week. He essayed the task of winning a Maiden Flat Race of one mile and a quarter, and, although carrying weight-for-age, he was never seriously prominent. There were some beauties in that race, and for that reason and the fact that I did not think the big horse would get up steam in time, I left him alone, but he was a scorching favourite. Redleap had 13.12 in the saddle when he won the Caulfield Steeplechase of four miles, while Daimio, when he won, carried 13.3. Redleap has two Grand National Hurdle Races to his credit, and won the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase with 13.3. Redleap has given much trouble in training with his feet, and his periodical retirement is thus accounted for. He is, also, a very nervous horse. Nevertheless, if I had a horse in the race at 9.0, and he could not beat Redleap with 13.12, I should end his turf career very summarily.

of six furlongs, should be won by Hoggarden or The Sharper, and the Gisborne Park Steeplechase, of about three miles and a half, by Forella. The Final Handicap will depend on previous running, but I will again select Hoggarden and The Sharper, with a preference for the one that escapes the penalty in the Winter Oats.

Mr G. P. Donnelly has purchased Kaika, the winner of the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, and is now the owner of one of the gamest little horses in New Zealand. He should have won the Steeplechase at Wellington last year, but got rid of his rider, who was not in a fit state to do justice to the little kangaroo. We have an instantaneous photo in this office of Kaika jumping the second of the "double," in front of the Grandstand, at Wellington, and the rider is depicted right off the saddle—about as high as the stirrup leathers would let him go—in fact he appears to have more pace on than Kaika. The latter jumped the hurdle "as clean as a whistle," but rather too bold for the man who was on his back coming to the second of the double, but was not afterwards. This fall caused much amusement, but if anybody had been handy to catch Kaika and put any sort of horseman that could have hung on by the front of the saddle the little horse must have won. Still, the then owner of the horse was as much to blame as anyone, and he knew the state of the rider's "health" as well as anyone, so that he received little sympathy. John Bull is no respecter of persons when he sees things going wrong that might have been avoided, and never fails to give his opinion on such subjects.

(handicap) of 250 sovs, three miles, for which no less than thirty horses were coloured on the card, and of whom fourteen were walking about in the paddock ready to run. A careful inspection of these showed Van der Berg (11.9) to be apparently a picture of fitness, the muscle standing out all over him, and a rare bloom on his brown coat. The Australian Ebor (11.5) too looked very fit, a rather plain one perhaps, but a lengthy, useful, wear-and-tear sort of horse all the same, with the best of legs and feet, and a right resolute goer. Lotus Lily (10.8) looked hard and well, and was a good deal fancied by her connections, and Lord Coventry's Mediator (10.5) was a useful-looking horse that was thought to have a chance. The history of the race is soon told. Van der Berg, who, well as he looked, seemed unable to stride over a straw, was never able to live with his field, and was hopelessly tailed off before they had gone a mile—another instance of a horse feeling the after effects of what seems to be generally considered a proper Grand National preparation. In the meantime Ebor was cutting out all the work, and fencing in the most finished fashion to the last fence, where Mediator and Lotus Lily joined him, and for a brief moment both looked like beating him. Directly after landing on the flat, however, Lotus Lily spoiled her chance by running wide, Mediator's effort died out again, and Ebor pounding on, won easily from Exodus, who suddenly appeared on the scene from nobody knew where. It was a very popular victory, and every one was glad to see the gallant Waler win another race, both for his own sake and for that of his enterprising owner.

STEEPLECHASE HORSES IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

AN ENGLISH OPINION.

With regard to the performances of steeplechase horses in the hunting field, a friend recently told me of a peculiar experience of his own, which will bear narration. This gentleman, I may explain, is a well-known qualified rider, and a good man, not only between the flags, but also over a natural country with hounds. All horses seem to go well with him, either as chasers or hunters, whatever their previous record may have been. In his stud he had an animal that had been running in small selling steeplechases and winning in his turn. When the horse was not racing he was occasionally hunted by his owner, and needless to say, in such hands went really well. One day a young officer, who desired to go a little faster, noted this plater's performance as a hunter, and became smitten with the desire of possession. The only doubt he had was as to the price. He knew nothing of racing, and had no idea how cheap is the ancient plater when he begins to show signs of losing his form.

With certain slight flutterings of heart our youthful warrior asked the price of the animal he coveted, and was agreeably surprised to learn that the owner only estimated him to be worth £70. The purchase was immediately effected; no sort of warranty was given; a cheque was transmitted; and the horse was duly delivered. A few days afterwards the vendor received a letter from the purchaser, asking whether he would give £60 for the horse and take him back again. My friend agreed to do so. On my asking him what was the matter with the horse, he replied: "Nothing at all; he's one of the finest hunters in this country. The man can't ride, that was all. No doubt he was frightened by the unusual pace. All the horse does is to pull a little, and he is slightly 'hot,' but I can put my hands down and let him canter along after hounds quite comfortably. He can get the coarse bred ones stone-beat, he can jump anything, and go all day."

That little experience, which I know to be true in every particular, seemed to me instructive in relation to the question of steeplechasers in the hunting-field, and it proves what I have always contended, that "it's the riding that does it." Some men go well on almost anything; others can only potter about on a patent safety. For a really good man, not too heavy, there is nothing like a blood 'un. One of the best hunters I ever saw in a crack grass-country was a horse of that type—a grandson of Hermit out of a Stockwell mare. Such a lepper! Yet he was not worth a fiver in the open market, having been fired twice in front, and no ordinary hunting man would have cared to ride him across a field. But in the hands of his owner, a well-known cross-country jockey, nothing could beat him; he raced hard at high timber and never made a mistake. He had been tried good enough to win a big steeplechase before he broke down, and was only cantering with hounds when the others were galloping in a more or less beaten condition.

Yet such a horse as that described cannot truthfully be called a "good hunter." He is only good in certain hands, but there are plenty of his stamp to be seen at almost every meet of hounds, and in connection with them one fact may always be noted, they have a good man on their back. That, in many cases, makes just the difference between a good hunter and a bad one. The majority of hunting men get so much into the habit of riding one particular type of horse—the quiet half-bred animal that 'does not pull or buck and kick, and jumps his fences with deliberation and cleverly—that they cannot ride any other, just as a man who is constantly riding one horse only, and gets no change, is likely to degenerate into an inferior equestrian. There are many hard men with hounds who, if they were put on a pulling, big-jumping chaser to ride a three-mile schooling gallop over country, would be helpless. And one of our very best steeplechase riders told me the other day that he had never jumped a gate in his life!

All this raises the question as to which, after all, is the best and finest type of horseman. That is, so far as this country is concerned, leaving the continental and similar styles out of consideration; they may be good, but we don't profess to know much about them. Some people contend that a crack professional steeplechase jockey represents the highest form of equestrian art. I do not altogether agree with them. I have seen some jockeys of the class mentioned with hounds, and the only one I have seen go really well, riding his own line in front, was the late John Jones, who rode and trained for the Prince of Wales. The professional cross-country performer becomes so accustomed to the stereotyped "regulation" fences of the steeplechase course that he has not much taste or aptitude for any other; he has no eye for natural country, and is only, so to speak, a one-part performer. But I like the good all-round man. Men who are equally good with hounds in a fast run over all sorts of fences, and also "between the flags" on a chaser, who know how a hack should be made to carry himself, and who like to ride even a little "show-jumping" now and then.

Here the severe racing critic, who backs horses and borrows money, will exclaim, "Oh, yes, but put your champion between Arthur Nightingall and George Williamson to finish on the flat, and see what a looby he will appear." Perhaps not. Both the eminent jockeys named, good as they are, seem to be beaten by the gentlemen as often as they win, and no doubt when they win it is because they are on the best horse. The mere circus-like capacity to "finish on the flat," as it is termed, is not the be-all and end-all of riding. Many little jockey-boys possess it more or less, and it is their only accomplishment. The subject of riding, however, is a very large one, and in these Notes, of course, one can only treat it in a brief and somewhat discursive manner. But it is a matter of perennial interest to horsemen and

sportsmen the world over, and at the end of the hunting season it is especially worthy of consideration.—"Ranger," in *The Sporting and Dramatic News*.

IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE THOROUGHBRED STOCK OF NEW ZEALAND.

When Mr J. O. Hayward left New Zealand for England at the end of last season, taking with him the Musket—Rosalie stallion Derringer, it was generally anticipated that he would return with another horse by way of a change of blood. He kept his own counsel, so that no one knew exactly what particular strain of blood he would go in for, although he must have noticed that stud-masters, especially those in the Rangitikei and Wairarapa districts, wanted the Stockwell strain to mingle with the Touchstone blood, which is so much *en evidence* in those districts. A few weeks ago a Wellington sporting scribe received a letter from Mr Hayward, the latter stating that he was bringing out a St. Simon stallion. We doubted the wisdom of this, but it appears from the English papers that the horse Mr Hayward has purchased is the brown horse Gold Reef (1888), bred by Mr Simmons Harrison, who sold him as a yearling for 830 guineas. An advertisement in one of the Home papers announced that the horse would be sold without reserve by Messrs Tattersall in the Park Paddocks at the Newmarket First Spring Meeting, April 29th. As Gold Reef left the race-track quite sound, it is just on the cards that he may be raced in New Zealand. We are proud to welcome the importation of any high-class thoroughbred stock to New Zealand, and as the horse is to be advertised in this journal we will quote his pedigree for perusal:—

GOLD REEF (1888).	Bend Or	Doncaster	Stockwell	The Baron	Irish Birdcatcher Echidna
			Marigold	Pocahontas	Glencoe Marpessa
				Teddington	Orlando Miss Twickenham
		Rouge Rose	Sister to Singapore	Ratan Dtr. of Melbourne	
			Windhound	Pantaloon Phryne	
			Thormanby	Alice Hawthorne	Muley Moloch Rebecca
	Caucasian	Rosarian	Ellen Horne	Redshank	Sandbeck Johanna
			Delhi	Plenipotentiary Pawa Jun.	
			Weatherbit	Sleet Anchor Miss Letty	
		Apple Sauce	Beadsman	Touchstone Lady M. Carew	
			Madame Egilentine	Cowl	Bay Middleton Dtr. of Priam
			Diversion	Defence Folly	
Camerino	Stockwell	The Baron Pocahontas			
	Sylphine	Touchstone Mountain Sylph			
	Knight of Kars	Nutwith Pocahontas			
	Evergreen Pine	Orlando Heresy			

The following is a list of Gold Reef's performances:—As a two-year-old he started on eight occasions, and won three races. His victories were the Maiden Two-year-old Plate of 147 sovs, five furlongs, at the Kempton Park July Meeting; the Manor Plate of 100 sovs, six furlongs, at the Windsor August Meeting; and the Forty-third Triennial Produce Stakes of 485 sovs, run over the T.Y.C. at the Newmarket First October Meeting. As a three-year-old he started in three small races and was unplaced. As a four-year-old he won the Visitors' Plate of 100 sovs, five furlongs, at the Newmarket Craven Meeting, and a Handicap Plate of 137 sovs, five furlongs, at the Newmarket July Meeting. As a five-year-old he started eight times and won three races: the Selling Stakes of 152 sovs, five furlongs, at the Newmarket Second October Meeting; the Selling Plate of 100 sovs, five furlongs, at the Newmarket Houghton Meeting; and a match for 200 sovs, run over five furlongs, at the same meeting. As a six-year-old he started eleven times, and won three races: the Bestwood Park Stakes Handicap of 465 sovs, five furlongs, at the Nottingham Spring Meeting; the Selling Plate of 100 sovs, five furlongs, at the Newmarket October Meeting; and the Winter Welter Handicap of 157 sovs, five furlongs, at the Manchester November Meeting. Last year he started nine times, but failed to catch the judge's eye. Still, he must be a good legged 'un to stand five seasons of racing.

An English writer expresses the following opinion concerning the American racehorses at present running in England:—"American horseflesh is a bit puzzling. We hear that they are suffering from want of acclimatisation, the difference of tracks, or what not; but there is something behind the American that keeps him behind. 'Coachy' looking as a rule, perhaps, we do not often see a better turned animal than Astolphe; but one might paraphrase the celebrated epigram of Voltaire as far as he is concerned, and write, 'The mischief of these good-looking people is that they are cowards.' His trainer said, 'I wish he was as good as he looks.' And one would echo the sentiment as regards some other importations from across the water. They do get home now and again, but one suspects that some of the horses are resting, or that it is a very slow-run race. The average American horse looks like a chaser or a badly put-together hackney; but one day we will have them all spokeshaved down to resemble racehorses."

HUNTING.

CALENDAR.

- PAKURANGA HUNT. Saturday, July 4—Pukekohe.
- WAIKATO HUNT. Saturday, July 4—Ohaupo.
- RANGITIKEI HUNT. Saturday, June 27—Sandon Hotel. Wednesday, July 1—Eildon Farm. Saturday, July 4—Grovelly. Wednesday, July 8—Greatford. Saturday, July 11—Marton. Wednesday, July 15—Saturday, July 18—Gower's Hill, Turakina Road. Wednesday, July 22—Saturday, July 25—Clydesdale, Carnarvon. Wednesday, July 29—Kilkern. Saturday, August 1—Overton Gate.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

Noon on Saturday last found Huntsman Selby, his pack, and the small field which usually puts in an early appearance at the meets, at the Monument, Otahuhu. From there we jogged on to Mr Gray's farm, some four miles distant, merrily chatting the while and congratulating ourselves on the beauty of the day. On receiving the cheerful news from the owners that we might go anywhere, our huntsman soon had the pack busily at work drawing the swamp, which lies in a considerable hollow on the farm. First one hound and then another throwing his tongue told us we might expect our quarry to break cover at any moment. In this we were not disappointed, for "gone-away" resounded from the field as a fine, strong hare raced up the slope from the swamp, followed at a short distance by the pack, who made the air musical with their deep-toned notes. Away we sped over a couple of grass fields, throwing behind us as we rattled along a couple of stone walls and a stiff post and rail. At a gorse hedge, through which their quarry had evidently forced herself, the pack checked, but were soon on the other side, in full cry once more. An ugly slip panel, with a pool for landing, safely negotiated, and we were again at the heels of Selby's charges, who worked their quarry steadily across a rough and bumpy paddock, the property of Mr Massey. Once across this they evidently found the scent stronger, for they took us in a smart burst over the next two fields, and led us over another awkward post and rail into a plough. On reaching the further side of this the hounds appeared at fault. The "view-hallo" and signals of the Master, however, told us that puss had cleverly doubled and was artfully squatting in the centre of the plough. Answering beautifully to the huntsman's injunction to "hark-forward" as the Master, from the opposite side of the field, waved and cheered them on to the scent, the pack were soon again in full cry, and ran with heads up for some distance, while their quarry raced in view. Over much the same country we had come puss led us on the return journey, and finally succeeded in reaching the shelter of the swamp. We all felt that we had a very smart and enjoyable run, and comment was general on the awkward and tricky nature of most of the obstacles negotiated. A short interval and the hounds once more succeeded in making their quarry forsake her cover and take to the open. This time she led us in a smaller circle over country we had previously covered, and again succeeded in reaching the swamp. A considerable time then elapsed before the pack were able to induce her to take to the open. They were working, however, in a most admirable way, and a burst of melody told us they had once more managed to drive puss from her cover. This time she took a new line and led us at a merry pace around the opposite side of the swamp in a wide circle. In this run the fencing was of a very stiff character, comprising stone walls, stiff posts and rails, and gates. Many of those following had ugly croppers in consequence. The ladies, however, were, despite the stiffness of the country, well up in the front and shirked nothing. Puss once more reached her cover in safety and made good her escape, as the hounds failed to discover her whereabouts. As the hour was late, most of those following started for home. Our huntsman, however, tried for another hare in a fresh locality, and I learn that another short run ended without, however, any kill resulting. Complaint was again rife at the large number of non-members who persist in following, and do serious damage to fences and hedges, besides interfering with the pleasure of members. I understand that the farmers also complain of the annoyance from, and the damage done, by these outsiders.

FULL CRY.

WAIKATO HOUNDS.

The usual weekly meet was held on Thursday last, 25th inst., at Tamahere, instead of Wednesday (the 24th), which proved a pouring wet day, and, owing to the postponement, there was only a moderate attendance. The hounds were thrown off at Mr Main's, sen., property, which has not been hunted over for several years, and in a few minutes we were in full cry, but instead of one hare there must have been more than half-a-dozen running in the same paddock, which caused a great deal of annoyance. But, after a time, the hounds got one hare away from the gully, and, after running her nearly round the farm, she was eventually killed. The gully at the back of the homestead was then tried, and very soon the "view halloo" was given, puss running in a straight line for the Cambridge-Hamilton Road, which she crossed at the pines, where the second kill took place. The hare had only run about a half-mile. Whilst the hounds were dissecting this hare, three of the hounds started another hare on the road, within fifty yards of the last kill, and soon hounds and horses were in full chase again. Puss ran straight down the road to Paton's, and back through Roger's paddock to the place she rose from, where the hounds chopped her in the ditch. Three kills in twenty minutes

or so was pretty smart work. The hares had never been hunted before evidently, as there was no go in them. We then went into Pickering's, and found in the gully near Thorpe's, puss running into Dyke's and then down the road to Norrish's, where she was lost. The avenue on Mr Douglas's was then drawn, and soon another hare found, which made for Broadmeadows and gave a good run of fully two and a half miles, but she, too, was finally lost. There is no doubt that in the future there will be some good runs from Main's farm, but at present there are too many hares, and they do not appear to know what to do when a pack of hounds are after them. The day was an enjoyable one.

WAIKATO.

PROFESSOR W. A. DAVIS RE-VISITS AUCKLAND.

"What's in a name" has often been asked, but the announcement that Professor Davis would commence a third season in Auckland last Thursday was sufficient to fill the house on that and following evenings. The public had not forgotten that Professor and Madame Davis are first-class entertainers, and their present season has decidedly brought them many more supporters, who all show their appreciation of high-class talent by unbounded applause—the roars of laughter and spontaneous applause has fairly made the building shake. The Professor, in introducing himself each evening, commences his entertainment with a few card tricks, in which he is very neat and thoroughly deceives the eyes of his attentive audience, and, by the introduction of new tricks each evening, the Professor keeps up the interest for those who attend again and again in the vain hope of finding out "how it is done." The exposure of the so-called spirit writing on slates and paper enclosed in envelopes, after most minute examination, makes one think that there must be something more than the mere trickery which the Professor announces as being the only way he produces the marvellous results. With the supposed assistance of a little stirring music, it is astonishing how very quick and neat a number of handkerchiefs, tied in a string by members of the audience, can be separated. A "Light Cabinet Seance," during which the Professor is bound tightly hand and foot, puzzles everyone. Various different methods of tying have been tried, but one and all have the same effect. Ventriloquism is by no means a small item in the lengthened programme and the various songs, jokes, and mimicry introduced by Professor Davis' "funny folks" delight the audience nightly, and brings forth peals of side-splitting laughter. Madame Davis, in her Rosicrucian Psychomancy, has had some very severe tests during the season. She exhibits wonderful powers as a mind reader. Every night she gives correctly the answers, and then states questions, most of which are merely thought of by the spectators; besides, questions are answered on so many subjects that it leaves the audience in a state of wonder and bewilderment. Professor Davis cannot "give up the ghost," and every night, after most intricate search and examination by a committee selected by the audience, the now famous "spooks," Cissie, Geordie, and Josephine, appear and walk out on the open stage. This marvellous exposure of spiritualism is almost indescribable, and must be witnessed to thoroughly appreciate the mystery. After finishing the Auckland season the Professor and his wife will visit all the country townships in the Auckland province. Where ever he goes it will repay anyone travelling miles to see him, his whole entertainment being amusing, instructive, mystifying, and in every way most enjoyable.

The German Two Thousand Guineas, run on May 11th, was won by Dahlmann, ridden by E. Martin; Sir Blaso (Barker) was second, and Wild Baron Huxtable third. The winner was trained by John Daley, who rode Hermit, the winner of the Epsom Derby in 1867.



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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.

CALENDAR.

July 16—New Brighton Winter
July 23—Johnsonville Winter
August 17—Canterbury T.C. National

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 36 2/5sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Berlin Abdallah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 59sec, 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 4/5sec, 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 3½sec, September 19, 1894.
2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893.
3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 55½sec, October, 1893.

AMERICAN PACING.

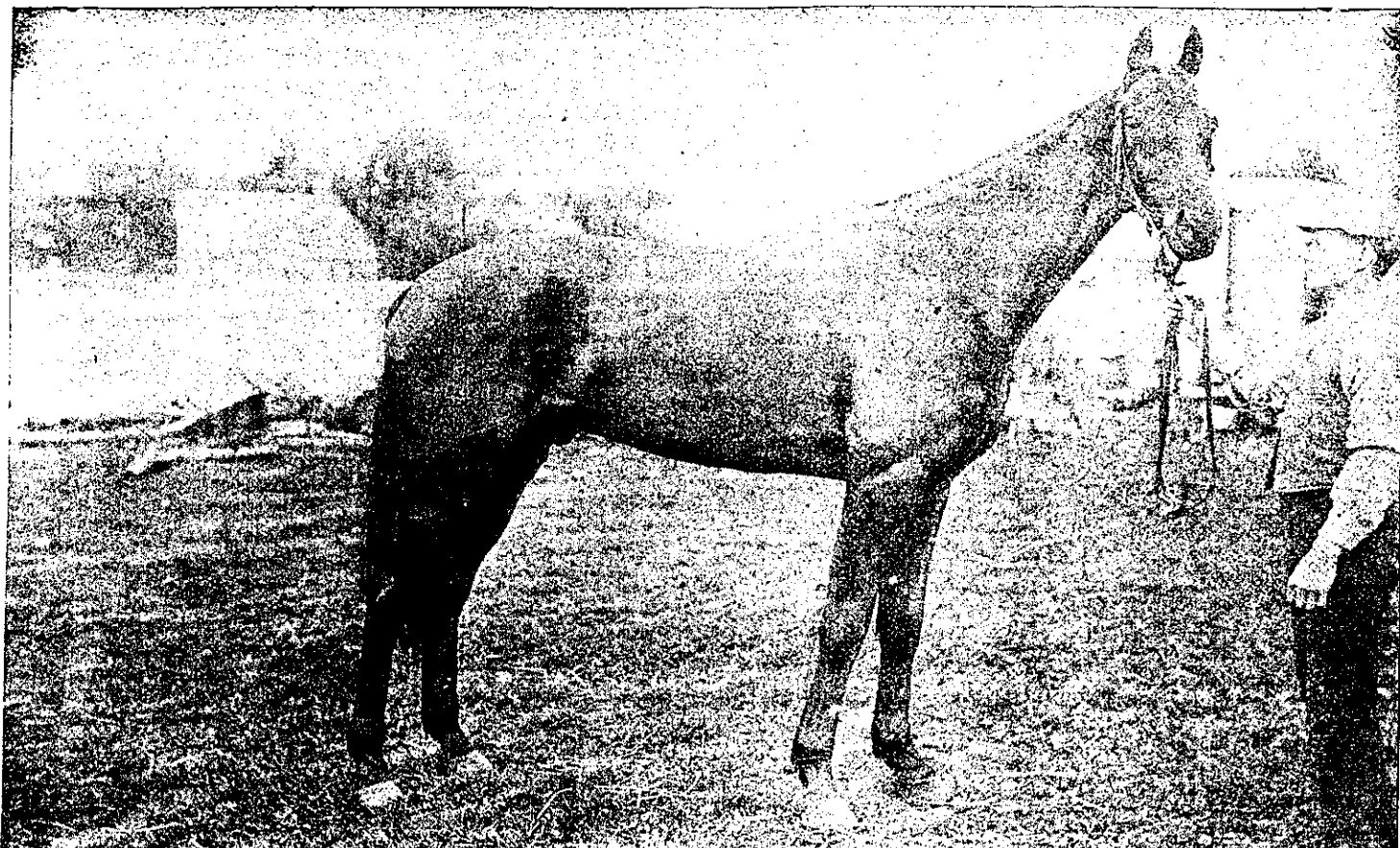
- 1 mile—John R. Gentry, 2min 3½sec.
2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47½sec, September, 1872.
3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33½sec, November, 1891.

NOTES.

BY FRITZ.

Golden King (by Blue Gown), who won the Maiden Trot at Taranaki, is the horse that caused the death of the late George Waddington, of Ngauhauranga, Wellington. Mr Faber purchased this unglided son of Blue Gown for £9, so that he has a good bargain.

THE WINNER OF THE FIRST MAIDEN HURDLE RACE AT THE A.R.C. WINTER MEETING



Mr W. Douglas' blk g CHRIS. 6yrs, by The Mute—Christina.

A meeting of the Hawera Trotting Club was held on Saturday evening, June 28th, when accounts were passed and other routine business done. It was decided to pay out on Seadale on receipt of satisfactory indemnity. The nominations paid by the owners of Ruby and Kapai were refunded. It was decided to send notice to defaulters that if nominations and acceptances were not paid they will be placed on the defaulters' list. The secretary, Mr Tristram, was presented with a bonus of £10 in appreciation of his services.

The Johnsonville Trotting Meeting will be held without the totalisator.

The great American mare Nightingale, 2min 8sec, fell dead while at exercise recently. She (says the *New York Spirit of the Times*) was foaled in 1885, and was bred by her owner, Mr C. J. Hamlin, whose property she was at the time of her death. By Mambrino King, dam Minnaqua Maid, by Wood's Hambletonian, she was the fastest of his get and the brightest star in his crown. She began her career as a three-year-old, and took a record of 2min 32½sec. She did not do much as a four-year-old, but reduced her re-

cord to 2min 29½sec and (at five) to 2min 25½sec. At six years of age she showed her metal, winning the 10,000 dol Charter Oak Stakes against a big field, and she closed the year with a record of 2min 18½sec. In 1892 she cut her record to 2min 10½sec, where it stayed till last year, when she put it at 2min 8sec. At Nashville, in October, 1892, she won the two-mile championship in 4min 33½sec, and at the same track, in the autumn in 1893, she captured the three-mile championship in 6min 55½sec. A wealthy Englishman last winter wished to buy the mare, but the negotiations fell through.

A blind trotting horse, named Hovey Wilkes, who had a record of 2min 26½sec, has just died in America.

Trotting people in Canterbury who a short time ago began to think they would not have much chance of picking up a stake before the spring, will have an opportunity next month at New Brighton, and in August at the Show Grounds. Both programmes are exceptionally good, especially that for the Canterbury Trotting Club's Meeting.

I am pleased to notice that Mr H. R. Woon has been appointed secretary of the Johnsonville Trotting Club.

The following circular, issued by the Canterbury Trotting Association to trotting clubs, is, I fancy, a trifle mixed. Anyway, it does not seem to read sense:—"The Canterbury Metropolitan Trotting Association has had under consideration the advisability of all the trotting clubs in New Zealand moving in the matter of securing their proper allowance of trotting meetings for each province, on the basis proposed for the years 1895 and 1896. The Racing Conference meets in Wellington during the month of July (date not yet fixed), and an endeavour should be made to obtain an interview with the Racing Conference, by a delegate from each of the trotting clubs, and at the same time to act on the advice of the Colonial Secretary to see him a few days before the Racing Conference meets. That, if possible, each trotting club be represented by a delegate, and each club to pay their delegate's expenses to Wellington. That a united and energetic effort be made to secure the just and common interest of all trotting clubs in New Zealand, by obtaining their fair share of the totalisator permits, so that the strongest combination of the clubs is required. The interest and influence of all members of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of each electorate where trotting meetings are held, would have to be solicited for their assistance in this matter to secure our rights. Any matters other than the above in the interest of trotting could be discussed by the delegates at the same time. Your prompt reply in assisting this will be obvious."

BILLIARDS.

The match at the Egyptian Hall, London, between Roberts and Dawson, 21,000 up, the latter receiving a start of 7,000 (push barred), was concluded on the 25th April, when the champion (Roberts) won by 184 points. During the game Roberts made breaks of 331, 301, 342, 324, 335, 368, and eleven between 200 and 300. Dawson's highest breaks were 231, 205, 222, and 252, and several centuries.

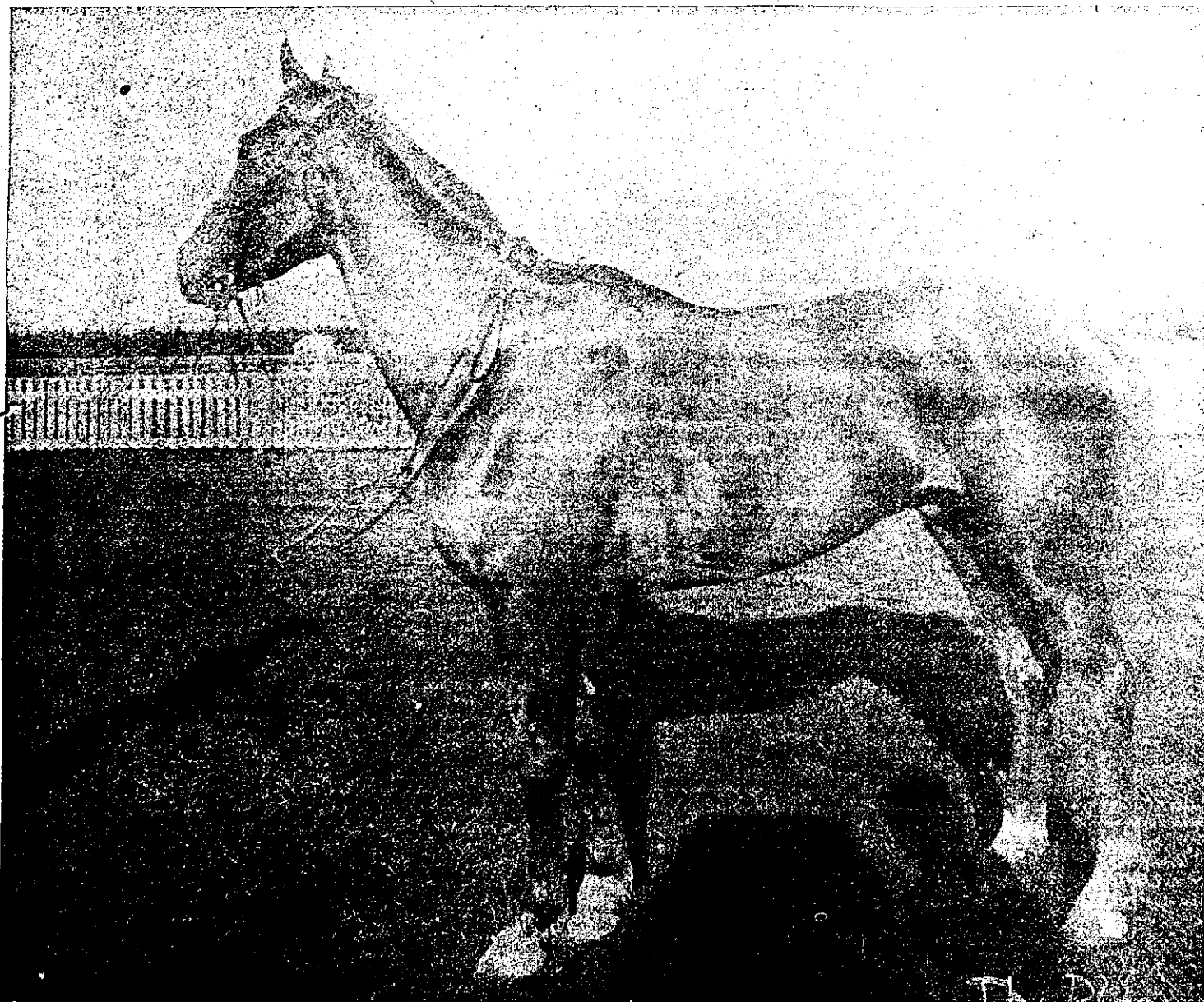
Last week Mr F. Weiss played Mr Keesing, at Coromandel, the former conceding 700 points in 1,000, and winning by 93 points, his last break. During the evening Weiss made breaks of 66, 51, 97, 149, 101, and 93.

Judging by the result of the game of 16,000 up, which was played at Manchester between Mitchell and Diggle, and was concluded last Saturday, the Manchester crack has exercised a wise discretion in paying no attention to Mitchell's repeated offers to play him for a stake. Diggle certainly made one break of 231, the highest in the match, but decent contributions were very few and far between with him, and he was defeated by the crushing majority of 4,506. It is quite out of the question that this could be Diggle's real form; still, he has always relied more than any other player on foul strokes for putting together big breaks, and it will naturally take him some little time to accustom himself to genuine billiards. Mitchell travelled very strongly all through the fortnight, his best efforts realising 201, 206, 207, and 209, besides which he repeatedly topped the century.—*Sporting and Dramatic News*.

On Saturday evening Mr Aitken Carrick, a local player, had his second, or return game, with Mr F. Weiss, at the Auckland Club, the latter conceding the same start as before, viz., 600 in 1000. On the last occasion, Mr Carrick won by 40 points, Mr Weiss explaining he did not feel at that evening, but on this occasion Weiss won by 105 points. The largest break put up by Weiss was 105, Mr Carrick's largest being about 60.

Mr F. Weiss will play two games during the present week at the Northern Club, Auckland.

THE WINNER OF THE HAWKE'S BAY HURDLE RACE.



Mr A. Portland's ch g THE PLUG, aged, by July—Spreydon Lass.

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Handicaps.

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

THE CAULFIELD CUP of 2500 sovs. One mile and a half.

Table listing race results for V.A.T.C. Spring Meeting, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

THE MELBOURNE CUP of 3000 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing race results for V.R.C. Spring Meeting, including names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

HUNTERS' FLAT.—Cretonne 12.13, New Year 12.8, Cynosure 12.0, Rifle 11.8, Jim 11.7, Adventurer 11.4, Fleetwood 11.0, Oaklands 11.0. HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE.—New Year 13.4, Maccaroni 13.0, Rambler 12.6, Cynosure 12.2, Adventurer 12.2, Jim 11.12, Rifle 11.10, Kate 11.4, Ace of Spades 11.0, Cloth of Gold 11.0, Blunderbuss 10.12, Hurricane 10.10, Oaklands 10.10, Paddy 10.7. PARK STEEPLECHASE.—New Year 11.0, Kildare 10.10, T Rose 10.3, Disturbance 10.7, The Bishop 10.3, Sam 10.0, Forella 10.0, Lignite 9.12, Blunderbuss 9.7, The Saint 9.7.

WINTER OATS.—Three Star 11.9, The Sharper 11.2, Glauveta 10.11, Perkin 10.11, Strowan 10.11, King Cannibal 10.6, Hopparden 10.2, Zillah 9.8, Jack 9.7, Samoa 9.6, Dangar 9.0, Frolic 9.0.

FINAL HANDICAP.—Three Star 11.9, Strowan 11.0, Perkin 11.0, The Sharper 11.0, King Cannibal 10.12, Glauveta 10.6, Hukatere 10.0, Hop Garden 10.0, Zanzibar 10.0, Lord Raven 9.10, Jack 9.10, Zillah 9.5, Samoa 9.5, Goodshot 9.0, Frolic 9.0.

HURDLES.—Hop Garden 11.8, T Rose 10.12, Disturbance 10.11, Zanzibar 10.11, Tenby 10.11, Cretonne 10.4, Lord Raven 10.4, Glenora 10.2, Forella 10.1, The Bishop 10.1, Sam 9.12, Lignite 9.8, Hukatere 9.7, Miss Bevan 9.0, Deceiver 9.0.

Acceptances.

V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

Table listing Grand National Hurdles results, including names of horses and jockeys.

Table listing Grand National Steeplechase results, including names of horses and jockeys.

Turf Records.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, 27TH JUNE.

The weather was splendid for the above meeting, which had been postponed from Wednesday owing to wet weather, and consequently the going was very heavy. The attendance numbered about 1,500. Totalisator investments for the day, £3,331. Results:—

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Weight for age. About two miles.

129 Mr G. E. G. Richardson's b g Zaccho, aged, by Bothwell—Queen of Hearts, 12.3, Sweeney ... 1

45 Mr T. Watt's b g Rossall, aged, 12.3, Carruthers ... 2

19 Mr R. Connop's br m Valetta, aged, 12.3, Mitchell ... 3

Also started—50 T Rose, 12.3; 46 Spermacti, 12.0; 152 Conscript, 12.3.

Won by two lengths, same distance between second and third. Time, 4min 42sec. Dividend, £3 1s.

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 9.0. One mile and a quarter.

34 Mr J. Maher's br f Primula, 3yrs, by Torpedo—Primrose, 9.0, Whittaker ... 1

90 Mr J. Prosser's ch g The Miser, 5yrs, 11.4, A. Hall ... 2

49 Mr R. Kingan's bh Mystical, 5yrs, 10.5, owner ... 3

Also started—65 St. Regel, 11.10; 46 Rainbow, 10.13; 127 Sylvanus, 10.13; 94 Kauri Gum, 10.2; 21 Drury Lane, 10.2; 13 Belford, 9.9; 1 Chromo, 9.0.

Won all out by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 26 2-5sec. Dividend, £12 11s.

LADIES' BRACELET of 80 sovs; a bracelet valued at 80 sovs. Gentlemen riders. Two miles on the flat.

50 Mrs G. P. Donnelly's b g Haeta, 5yrs, by Ariel—Pearl, 12.3, Mr L. Shaw ... 1

48 Mrs F. Moeller's ch g Tenby, aged, 12.3, Mr C. Siddels ... 2

198 Miss A. Bristol's b g Light, 4yrs, 11.12, Mr Jackson ... 3

Also started—21 Cotamor, 11.12; 17 Direct Veto, 12.3; 48 Tomiranga, 12.3; 28 Scrap Iron, 11.12; 20 Barossa, 12.3; 33 Forty Winks, 12.3; 17 Violet, 12.3; 59 Gold Carp, 12.3; 6 Sea Foam, 12.3; 36 Waitangi, 12.3.

Won by a length, same distance between second and third. Time, 4min 9sec. Dividend, £10 9s.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLES of 200 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles.

121 Mr A. Portland's ch g The Plug, aged, by July—Spreydon Lass, 10.0, Woolley ... 1

27 Mr J. Humphries' blk g Napoleon 5yrs, 9.0, Stevenson ... 2

154 Mr W. Currie's ch g Zanzibar, aged, 9.0, Maher ... 3

Also started—50 Hopeful, 12.7; 41 Mutiny, 11.10; 99 Revolt, 10.6; 64 Rangipunehu, 10.3; 16 Canard, 10.2; 49 Ohris, 10.2; 59 Prairie Grass, 9.3; 45 Lord Raven, 9.0.

Napoleon led the field for a mile and a-half. The Plug, Hopeful, Revolt and Chris being ahead of the next division. Napoleon was then steadied, but came again at the entrance to the straight, where Zanzibar began to go up fast. The Plug and Napoleon joined issue, half-way down the straight, and after a good finish between them

The Plug won by a head, Zanzibar half a length away. Time, 4min 14 4-5sec. Dividend, £5 7s.

HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE of 45 sovs. Gentleman riders. About two miles and a half.

65 Mr O. A. Loughnan's gr g Glengarry, aged, by Tam o' Shanter—Shepherdess, 12.10, Mr Hyde ... 1

75 Mr W. McKenzie's b g Kaika, aged, 12.10, Mr McGregor ... 2

121 Mr F. H. Gibbons' b g Seddon, aged, 12.3, Mr Gibbons ... 3

Also started—20 Sir Tatton, 12.2; 17 Piscador, 12.0; 89 Ulysses, 11.10; 38 Puketoi, 11.6; 12 Waiwaima, 11.7; 33 Natatrix, 11.3; 18 Light-house, 11.0; 2 Alice, 11.0; 11 Pyramus, 11.0; 4 Coastguard, 11.0; 13 Blunderbuss, 11.0.

Good race between the placed horses. Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. Time, 5min 42 2-5sec. Dividend, £7 4s.

JUNE HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile.

61 Mr W. Hutana's b g Slaiden, aged, by Grand Duke, 11.0, McLaughlin ... 1

52 Mr C. Siddell's br g Moonraker, 6yrs, 11.5, Wright ... 2

52 Mr A. S. Caulton's blk g The Sharper, aged, 10.4, Watts ... 3

Also started—64 Lotion, 12.9; 94 Solitaire, 11.4; 33 Rainbow, 10.11; 47 Mystical, 10.7; 73 Wikitoria, 9.10; 3 Gold Cup, 9.0; 5 Taane, 9.0; 31 Waitangi, 9.0.

Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 58sec. Dividend, £7 5s.

SECOND DAY.—MONDAY, 29TH JUNE.

The weather was splendid for the concluding day of the above meeting, the attendance being fully up to the first day. The going was still heavy, and several horses fell during the day, but none of the horsemen were hurt. Results:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs. Open to all qualified hunters. Gentleman riders. One mile and a half.

88 Mr J. D. Ormond's b g Forty Winks, aged, by Somnus—Beauty Bright, 12.3, Mr Ormond ... 1

135 Mr G. P. Donnelly's Velocity II, 11.2, Mr Hollis ... 2

37 Mr L. Shaw's Hailstone, 11.2, Mr L. Shaw ... 3

Also started—116 Glengary, 13.11; 138 Wariti, 12.2; 39 Natatrix, 11.7; 10 Taurekareka, 11.2; 25 Fleetwood, 11.0.

Won by a head, two lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 13sec. Dividend, £6.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About one mile and three-quarters.

55 Mr C. Siddell's ch g Tenby, aged, by Remington—Lady Ellen, 9.0, Woolley ... 1

13 Mr D. Hepburn's ch g Lord Raven, aged, 9.0, Stowe ... 2

81 Mr W. Douglas' blk g Chris, 6yrs, 10.2, Redmond ... 3

Also started—88 Napoleon, 10.9; 119 Steel King, 10.8; 71 Zaccho, 10.7; 19 Rangipunehu, 10.7; 40 Kauri Gum, 10.11; 165 Zanzibar, 10.0; 46 Midas, 9.3.

Napoleon fell at the last hurdle. Won easily at the finish by four lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 32 2-5sec. Dividend, £11 8s.

HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second horse 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. About three miles and a half.

95 Mr W. McKenzie's b g Kaika, aged, by Admiral, 9.9, Buckeridge ... 1

187 Mr W. Douglas' ch g Mutiny, aged, 12.3, Hope ... 2

169 Mr A. Portland's b g The Plug, aged, 10.6, Woolley ... 3

Also started—59 Tiritea, 12.0; 113 Hopeful, 11.7; 110 Bootles, 11.6; 230 Morag, 11.5; 18 Canard, 10.2; 75 Seddon, 10.0; 158 Dromedary, 9.13; 32 T Rose, 9.8; 33 Otaieri, 9.0.

The Plug, Kaika, Dromedary, and Hopeful composed the leading division, and after going about a mile and a half Bootles, Morag, and Tiritea moved up, but the latter fell at the sod wall. After half the distance had been traversed Kaika assumed command, and Hopeful gave chase at the back of the course, only to come to grief at the "double." This enabled the Wairarapa pony to go on and win comfortably by six or seven lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 7min 58sec. Dividend, £12.

HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 45 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half.

198 Mr C. A. Loughnan's gr g Glengarry, aged, by Tam o' Shanter—Shepherdess, 13.7, Mr Hyde ... 1

56 Mr H. A. Russell's b g Piscador, aged, 12.0, Mr Russell ... 2

188 Mr E. Shove's ch g Ulysses, 6yrs, 11.10, Mr Shove ... 3

Also started—27 Sir Tatton, 12.2; 119 Shearer, 11.10; 23 Puketoi, 11.7; 22 Natatrix, 11.2; 11 Lighthouse, 11.0; 8 Blunderbuss, 11.0.

Won by two lengths; a poor third. Time, 5min 38sec. Dividend, £3 10s.

SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs, on the flat.

52 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b f Solitaire, 3yrs, by Eiridsporde—Solitude, 11.2, Moore ... 1

25 Mr G. P. Donnelly's ch g Haeta, 5yrs, 10.5, Fuszard ... 2

370 Mr A. E. Byers' b c St. Regel, 3yrs, 11.12, Byers ... 3

Also started—29 The Miser, 11.9; 31 Slaiden, 11.8; 114 Moonraker, 11.8; 8 Rainbow, 10.8; 6 Rangipunehu, 10.6; 57 The Sharper, 10.5; 13 Primula, 9.13; 48 Light, 9.13; 14 Wikitoria, 9.7; 16 Sparkle, 9.0; 4 Taane (9.0) and Direct Veto (9.0), bracketed; 12 Waitangi (9.0) and Scrap Iron II. (11.0), bracketed.

Won by a length, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min 41sec. Dividend, £13 16s.

FINAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles.

Mr W. Douglas' b g Donald McKinnon, 6yrs, by The Dauphin—Taipuri, 12.7, Hope ... 1

Mr G. E. Richardson's b g Morag, aged, 11.7, Sweeney ... 2

Mr A. Goodwin's br m T Rose, aged, 9.7, Arnott ... 3

Also started—Conscript, 10.0; Valetta, 9.7; Forty Winks, 9.7; Spermacti, 9.7.

Forty Winks and Conscript baulked. For the last portion of the distance Morag and Donald McKinnon led alternately, the latter just lasting long enough to win by a length, three lengths separating second and third. Dividend, £2 12s.

Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

In the fourth round of the Benalla (Vic.) Champion Cup, Bloomer, the winner of the Challenge Stakes at Dunedin, was beaten by Happy Jack (by Merry Monarch—Sailor), who eventually won the Cup, Wasp (by Hedley—Queen) being runner up. However, Mr Bladon, the owner of Bloomer, secured the Sunbeam Stakes with his black and white bitch Business (by Livingstone—Beant), beating Novelist (pup), by Forlorn—Nettle.

The Waterloo Cup of the Darling Downs (N.S.W.) Coursing Club resulted in Messrs Deacon and Sullivan's bitch Iris, by Lotus (imp.) securing the stake, the runner-up being Mr J. O'Callaghan's dog Sunburst, by Snip.

I have to thank John Munday, secretary to the National Coursing Club of Australasia, for a copy of the Club's revised edition (June, 1896) of the rules. Some of the old rules, or, at least, amendments to old rules, are very important, and should at once be discussed by New Zealand coursing men. My opinion is that the amended rules should be adopted by the National Coursing Club of New Zealand.

The late Colonel North as a courser was a great central figure a few years back. He appeared in the English coursing world about eight years ago, his sensational purchase of Fullerton at public auction for 850 guineas soon placing him upon a pinnacle of fame, says the London Sportsman. His earliest connection with the sport was antecedent to this, for in the Autumn of 1887 he bought three greyhounds from Mr P. O'Rourke, Moran, viz., Mask Maid, Mask Man, and Mane Maid, the price being about £500. Fullerton was not the only purchase made by the Colonel at the break-up of the Short Flatt Kennel that Saturday afternoon, for he also gave 510 guineas for Miss Glendyne, 450 guineas for Troughend, 200 guineas for Bit of Fashion (dam or Fullerton) 160 guineas for Miss Kitten, etc.

Lord Lurgan, as the owner of Master McGaath (thrice winner of the Waterloo Cup), was deemed to have accomplished a feat that would prove unique in Waterloo records for all time. But Colonel North not only equalled, but eclipsed it. He ran first and second for the Cup in 1839 with Fullerton and Troughend, and carried it off by the aid of Fullerton in the three following years. Nor did this grand dog's great triumph stand alone. A younger brother to Fullerton, in Simonian (whom the Colonel bred from Bit of Fashion) carried off the Waterloo Purse in 1891, and the Plate in 1892, whilst Troughend ran up for the Purse in 1890. Had Fullerton been able to perpetuate his species the Colonel's further luck might have been different, but with about a score of the best bitches in the country put to him, never a pup was forthcoming. Despite his age—he was pupped in 1887—Fullerton is said to be now looking wonderfully fresh and well, and to Eltham visitors he was shown with even greater pride than the best of the thoroughbreds.

DUNEDIN NOTES.

Only a dozen entries have been received for the Waterloo Cup, but the other events are well patronised.

The National Coursing Club intend holding some foot-racing in the interval. An active canvas is being made for stakes and entries. The innovation is expected to be a success, a good many, so far, having expressed their intention of competing.

The falling-off in the Waterloo Cup is attributed to decreasing the entry money, which rendered the stake hardly worth running for, especially as most of the owners have to come a long distance to compete.

I expect to see it go up to £10 each dog next season, as since the reduction there has gradually been a falling-off.

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60 F.C.S.—The Captain—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
61 J.T.W.—Havoc—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
62 A.J.F.—Hova—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
63 A.J.F.—True Blue—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
64 F.D.P.—Newhaven—Wallace—Euroclydon
65 T.J.—True Blue—Hova—Gipsy Grand
66 A.H.—True Blue—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
67 A.H.—Lord Richmond—Toreador—Man-o'-War
68 R.H.W.—Bloodshot—Loyalty—Fabulist
69 R.H.W.—True Blue—Wallace—The Possible
70 H.S.A.—The Skipper—True Blue—Anita
71 J.F.—Nada—Wallace—Anita
72 J.F.—Trentham—True Blue—The Shrew
73 J.V.—Hopscotch—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
74 J.V.—Hova—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
75 F.D.P.—Hova—Trentham—Culverin
76 F.D.P.—True Blue—Trentham—Fabulist
77 D.M.—Miraculum—Devon—Man-o'-War
78 L.E.—Tire—Wallace—Bellicent
79 N.E.—Tire—True Blue—Vultigeur
80 J.F.L.—Resolute—True Blue—Gipsy Grand
81 J.F.L.—Cyndus—Fort—Ngatere
82 J.F.L.—Devon—Wallace—Black and Red
83 S.C.E.F.—True Blue—Trentham—Edith Cureton
84 A.E.G.—Chevalier—Vivian—Defiance
85 E.O.K.—Coil—Wallace—Euroclydon
86 G.W.B.—Trentham—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
87 G.W.B.—Wallace—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
88 W.H.—Trentham—Wallace—Lorelei
89 W.H.—Trentham—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
90 E.A.J.—Ronda—Devon—Black and Red
91 E.A.J.—Ruenalf—Delaware—The Shrew
92 E.A.J.—Ruenalf—Delaware—Casket
93 E.A.J.—Ruenalf—Delaware—Casket
94 W.S.—Marusa—Wait—Bis—Caur de Lion
95 W.S.—Hopscotch—Wallace—Lotion
96 W.H.V.B.—Preston—Wallace—Man-o'-War
97 W.H.V.B.—Vivian—Hova—Omanie
98 E.B.—Genius—Wallace—Lorelei
99 A.M.—Toreador—Preston—Gipsy Grand
100 A.M.—Thunder Queen—Dreamland—Fabulist
101 A.C.B.—Waterfall—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
102 A.C.B.—Bloodshot—Wallace—Captive
103 A.C.B.—Hova—Prince Carbine—Lady Zetland
104 D.M.—Newhaven—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
105 D.M.—Hova—Wallace—Euroclydon
106 J.B.—The Merry Boy—Mahee—Gipsy Grand
107 J.B.—Waterfall—Wallace—Euroclydon
108 R.B.—Coil—Cohort—Chaos
109 R.B.—Newhaven—Hova—Man-o'-War
110 H.B.—Newhaven—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
111 H.B.—Trentham—Toreador—Dauntless
112 H.B.—Marusa—Newhaven—Dauntless
113 A.R.McM.—Bloodshot—Tommy, Swivel—Euroclydon (informal)
114 A.R.McM.—Bloodshot—Veronica—Lotion
115 E.A.J.—Ruenalf—Fort—Man-o'-War
116 E.A.J.—Hopscotch—Loyalty—Lady Zetland
117 E.A.J.—Trentham—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
118 T.H.V.—True Blue—The Harvester—New Forest
119 T.H.V.—Strathspay—Mahee—Chaos
120 N.D.—Hova—Wallace—During
121 S.G.S.—Hova—Havoc—Searchlight
122 P.W.—Bloodshot—Wallace—Euroclydon
123 P.W.—Hova—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
124 F.G.D.—True Blue—Hova—Dauntless
125 F.G.D.—Dreamland—Wallace—Lady Zetland
126 N.R.C.—Music—Duhallow—Epaulet
127 N.R.C.—Duhallow—Music—Gipsy Grand
128 W.McR.—Trentham—Wallace—Aldershot
129 W.McR.—True Blue—Trentham—Man-o'-War
130 L.L.B.—Malabar—True Blue—The Shrew
131 L.L.B.—Wallace—Music—Anita
132 D.W.L.—Alpine—Chorus—Caur de Lion
133 D.W.L.—Malta—Biringi—Bellicent
134 M.O'S.—Tire—Trentham—Bellicent
135 M.O'S.—Newhaven—Trentham—Defiance
137 M.O'S.—Ayrshire—Trentham—Searchlight
138 A.P.—True Blue—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
139 A.P.—Toreador—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
140 G.W.S.B.—Destiny—Newhaven—Gipsy Grand
141 G.W.S.B.—Destiny—Wallace—Chaos
142 E.J.Q.—Pilateus—Ronda—Chaos
143 C.E.—Trentham—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
144 C.E.—Tire—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
145 C.McL.—Hova—Waterfall—Chaos
146 C.McL.—Hova—Waterfall—Gipsy Grand
147 J.B.—Trentham—Toreador—Gipsy Grand
148 J.B.—Trentham—Toreador—Black and Red
149 O.R.J.—Furn—Fort—Fabulist
150 H.McL.—Straightfire—Hova—Chaos
151 V.T.—Bloodshot—Sabretache—Fabulist
152 A.R.—True Blue—Wallace—Euroclydon
153 F.C.S.—Lord Richmond—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
154 J.B.—Toreador—Trentham—Anita
155 J.W.—Trentham—Wallace—False Impression
156 J.W.—Wallace—Trentham—False Impression
157 J.O'B.—True Blue—Wallace—Euroclydon
158 W.J.R.—Newhaven—Wallace—Euroclydon
159 J.R.—Trentham—The Merry Boy—Gipsy Grand
160 J.R.—Coil—Toreador—Mahaki
161 J.O'B.—Hopscotch—Newhaven—Fabulist
162 T.H.P.—Mahee—Wallace—Euroclydon
163 T.H.P.—Mahee—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
164 H.M.L.—Malula—Jeweller—Fabulist
165 W.S.D.—The Officer—Resolute—Dauntless
166 W.S.D.—Hova—Bayonet—Epaulet
167 G.L.—The Merry Boy—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
168 G.L.—Hova—The Harvester—Euroclydon
169 G.L.—Hopscotch—Newhaven—Quiltiri
170 W.G.T.B.—Trentham—Waterfall—Man-o'-War
171 C.A.T.B.—Acton—Coil—Euroclydon
172 J.J.R.—Hova—Toreador—Lord Zetland
173 J.J.R.—Hova—Newhaven—Dauntless
174 J.J.R.—Hova—The Merry Boy—Euroclydon
175 J.E.B.—Bradford—Cyndus—Gipsy Grand
176 J.T.W.—Waterfall—True Blue—Quiltiri
177 J.B.W.—Mahee—Wallace—Bombshell
178 G.W.L.—Parisienne—Lord Richmond—Esau
179 A.E.H.—Ayrshire—Wallace—Lady Zetland
180 A.E.H.—Ayrshire—Toreador—Lady Zetland
181 C.H.—Trentham—Hova—Anita
182 W.H.S.—Wallace—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
183 H.P.—Coil—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
184 D.D.J.—Preston—Broken Hill—Euroclydon
185 D.D.J.—Foxtail—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
186 D.D.J.—Cremorne—Dreamland—Man-o'-War
187 A.C.—Tire—Trentham—Fabulist
188 A.C.—Ruenalf—Trentham—Fabulist
189 G.H.—Fort—Trentham—Armilla
190 W.G.—The Chevalier—Hopscotch—Fabulist
191 C.W.—Newhaven—Bob Ray—Fabulist
192 C.W.—Disfigured—Trentham—Fabulist
193 E.W.R.—Pilateus—Toreador—Gipsy Grand
194 C.E.J.—Lord Richmond—Devon—Man-o'-War
195 J.L.—Bloodshot—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
196 J.B.L.—True Blue—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
197 A.P.—Toreador—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
198 A.P.—Trentham—Trentham—Antares
199 M.E.M.—Marusa—Coil—Dauntless
200 M.E.M.—Marusa—Aquarius—Lorelei
201 M.R.McL.—Hopscotch—Wallace—St. Paul
202 J.McL.—Coil—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
203 —C.—Hopscotch—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
204 —C.—Ruenalf—Wallace—Curassow
205 W.T.C.—Hortensius—Trentham—Gipsy Grand
206 W.T.C.—Waterfall—Sailor Boy—Gipsy Grand

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TASTES OF THE PEOPLE.

It is curious how the tastes of a people tend to change. All over the Australian colonies, for example, almost the only spirit consumed was rum some thirty or forty years ago. Then brandy had its day. Now rum and brandy are little used, whisky and wines having displaced them. In his last Budget Sir Michael Hicks-Beach made some interesting remarks on the tastes of the people as disclosed by the revenue returns. He noted that the duty on coffee showed an increase of £2000 over last year, and that on cocoa an increase of £5500. He added that whereas in the year 1875 five ounces of cocoa were consumed per head of the population, double that amount was consumed last year. Coffee, on the other hand, which was consumed to the extent of twenty-one ounces per head of the population forty years ago, is only consumed to the extent of eleven ounces now. Tea, he believed, was driving coffee out of the market, because it was cheaper, because it required less milk, and because it was easier and cheaper to make. Last year the consumption of tea in Great Britain showed an increase of 10,000,000 lbs over that of the previous year, and the preference for India and Ceylon tea to China was more marked than ever. But though so much more tea was consumed last year there was also a remarkable increase in the quantity of wine and beer which was drunk. The only noticeable thing about spirits was that those of foreign manufacture were being entirely displaced by British and Irish spirits. The taste for rum was absolutely declining in England, except in extraordinary cold weather, such as that experienced in the winter of 1894-5. There was a great increase in the consumption of wines, which the Chancellor believed was partly due to increased prosperity on the part of the whole drinking classes and to the fact of gambling speculation on the Stock Exchange last year. "Whether they were successful or not, speculators congratulated or consoled themselves in the same way. Out of the almost innumerable number of new companies that were floated, the majority were, I may say, christened by the consumption of 1,200,000 extra bottles of champagne." As to beer, nearly 1,600,000 more barrels were brewed last year than in the year before, a fact attributable in some measure to the remarkable cheapness of materials and to the mildness of the winter. I believe that brewers have never had a better year. The revenue derived from tobacco also showed very remarkable growth, and this was believed to be mainly due to the enormously increased consumption of cigarettes. On this point Sir Michael Hicks-Beach read the rising generation a very short lecture. "Cigarettes," he said, "lead to a great deal of waste. I happen to be a non-smoker, and in my humble opinion everything that is spent on tobacco by those who have enough to eat is waste. It is calculated by the Customs authorities that no less value than £1,000,000 a year is literally thrown into the gutter in the shape of the ends of cigarettes and cigars. It is all the better for the revenue, but I think it may be a subject of consideration for smokers."—Hawke's Bay Herald.

THE TEMPERANCE PARTY AND PROHIBITION.

SOME COMMON SENSE.

When Mr J. F. Taylor decided to address the Mangere Mutual Improvement Society on "The Present State of Prohibition," he evidently considered that all he had to do was to pump prohibition into his hearers from start to finish, and also mix up the better principles of temperance with that of his subject. But he struck the wrong camp, and his lecture, from a "cram it down your throats" sort of view, was a complete failure, because two men of broad ideas who had the courage of their opinions, combated the main

points of Mr Taylor's lecture. Here are the particulars leading up to Mr Taylor's discomfiture.—"Mr Taylor said there was a great deal of misrepresentation concerning prohibition, and he read a lengthy extract from the Prohibitionist to show that it was not intended to interfere with a man drinking what he liked in his own house, but it was intended to stop the selling and importation of all alcoholic drinks. A majority of the people, and not the Legislative Council, should say whether any liquor should be imported or sold in the colony. He promised a rousing time and better results at the next election, as many young voters would come to the front, and they were mostly abstainers. Mr Archibald said to call the prohibitionists the temperance party was confusing and misleading. He believed in temperance in all things. The temperance people were those who sought to lessen the evils of drinking by moral suasion. The prohibitionists were extremists who insisted on coercion, and were entirely a political party. Prohibition, where it was enforced, was a great incentive of hypocrisy, deceit, and lying, and he would rather have to do with a drunkard than a hypocrite. He had resided for three years in Massachusetts, a prohibition State, and he had often seen men and women arm in arm drunk in the streets of Paul River city on a Saturday night, and always a number of them came before the Magistrate on Monday morning to receive their reward for drunkenness. Prohibition did not stop drinking there, but caused all manner of deceit. Mr Kirkbride urged moderation, and deprecated the intemperate language indulged in by some advocates of prohibition. He was sorry to hear Mr Taylor's views on the second chambers of legislation, for he held that the Legislative here and the House of Lords at Home had saved the countries from rash and disastrous legislation."

WIN, TIE, OR WRANGLE.

A large deputation from the Prohibition Convention waited on the Premier, to lay before him certain complaints against the police force of the colony. Several speakers spoke of the lax administration of the licensing law, and the convention considered the best means of dealing with the matter would be a Royal Commission. The Premier, in reply, said that, so far as instructions from the Government were concerned, the alleged laxity of the police force rested solely with the officers and men in the various places. Dereliction of duty on the part of policemen was severely dealt with. Because of a few cases of misconduct on the part of members of the force, it was not possible for them to say that the police were not carrying out their duties, and allowed a certain class of tradesmen to violate the law. He could not and did not admit that that was correct. When he was Minister of Defence he encouraged constables to be zealous in seeing that the licensing law was complied with. He hoped the Legislature would put clubs under police control. He would take good care that men who showed laxity in administering the licensing law would be shifted. It was the desire of himself and the Government to see that there was complete compliance with the law. He would make the matter a Cabinet question, and the statements made by the deputation would be submitted to the Commissioner of Police for his report. He was in favour of an amendment of the licensing law as proposed last session, and he was prepared to stand by it, as he believed it was better to have this question settled definitely for all time. If the bill was passed by the House in the same form as last year, he believed it would have a fair chance of passing the Legislative Council.

WELLINGTON PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

At the Prohibition Convention, held at Wellington on Thursday last, it was resolved that unless the provision requiring half the electors to vote at a licensing poll in districts where there is no Parliamentary contest be repealed, the Council recommends that no seat be uncontested; that, independent of party politics, no candidate for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections can be satisfactory to the Prohibition party who is not a sincere supporter of the platform; that the Government be urged to appoint a Royal Commission of enquiry into police administration and of inspection of breweries; they also urge the substitution of an elective for a party Executive. The convention also carried a large number of amendments which it considered necessary to the licensing laws.

At a prohibition meeting, held the same evening, on Mr Isitt's motion, it was agreed that there can be no finality to our demands upon Parliament until the people have conferred upon them the power to completely suppress the liquor traffic locally and colonially by a majority vote.

THE BRISBANE WEST END CLUB.

An application by the licensing inspector, for the cancelling of the licence granted to the West End Club, was heard before Messrs W. Yaldwyn, W. Stephens, and — Clapperton, J's.P., at the South Brisbane Police Court, on Friday, 19th inst. Sub-inspector Urquhart, licensing inspector, conducted the case, and Mr L. E. Groom (instructed by Messrs King and Sachse) appeared on behalf of Mr Ferdinand Nathan Simonsen, manager of the club. Senior-constable Long, of West End, said that complaints had been made to him about the club, and he himself had seen people going into and lying drunk out-of-side of the premises. He had frequently seen butcher boys and hawkers enter the club, and had on one occasion to report on the manner in which the club was conducted. Constable William Armitage deposed to having seen women, boys, and girls going into the club with jugs. He had also seen people leaving the premises with bottles, and had, on three different occasions, taken the bottles from them. Louis Youngman said he became a member of the club on the payment of 1s. He

had seen persons who were not members of the club supplied with liquor. Samuel Winterbottom said he was one of the committee; could not remember all their names (10), nor could he remember the name of the president; Simonsen was the secretary, and he was also treasurer; had attended four or five committee meetings in eight months; did not know the owner of the property; had never seen any lease or account for rent; subscription reduced from 21s to 1s when Simonsen took charge; had seen a written balance-sheet; could not say if copy had been sent to the members. The Bench decided that the registration of the club should be cancelled.—Queensland Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.

PROHIBITED PERSONS.

J. Watson pleaded guilty at the Wanganui Magistrate's Court to a charge of being illegally on licensed premises (the Kutland Hotel), he being a prohibited person. Accused said he thought the order had run out. Mr C. O. Kettle, S.M., who occupied the Bench, said it was clear that accused had been in the hotel for the purpose of obtaining liquor, and he must have known that he was a prohibited person. The provisions of the Act, under which Watson was charged, were put in for the protection of hotelkeepers. It was very difficult for those who did not know prohibited persons by sight to identify them, and hotelkeepers might commit a breach of the law unwittingly by supplying such with drink. Accused asked if he could not go to an hotel on business or work at an hotel. His Worship replied that a prohibited person was not, under any circumstances, allowed in an hotel. It was one of the disabilities and punishments they had to labour under, and though in some cases it may be a hardship, it was their own fault. As it was the first case of the kind against Watson, he would be fined 20s and 13s costs; in default 14 days imprisonment. Watson asked for time to pay, and went to his wife, who was in Court, and asked if she could pay the fine. Mrs Watson refused to have anything to do in the matter, and said, "It is only punishing me, Your Worship; I have been punished enough already." His Worship said Mrs Watson was quite right in not giving away her own hard earnings. Accused was allowed a week to pay.—Yeoman.

TRADE TOPICS.

The Bulletin won't face—"The fact that the prohibitionist won't say is that the people of this country mostly live by making drink for each other and selling drink to each other, and fining each other for being drunk, and lecturing each other about the evils of drink. In fact, the Great Australian Thirst pays more to the revenue than any other vice or virtue on record.

The alleged Clutha Prohibition County is evidently going to be a source of expense to the Government in trying to force prohibition on the residents. Quite lately, notwithstanding all the previous sly-grog cases, in which substantial fines have been imposed, the police arrested (near Tapanui) a man named David Low, who had, it is alleged, an illicit still, in full progress of distillation. What a time the Police Department would have in trying to enforce prohibition all over New Zealand, even if it were carried at the ballot-box.

R. Grylls, proprietor of the Oakura Hotel, New Plymouth, has been fined 5s and costs (11s), and the licence to be endorsed, for allowing "Yankee Grab" to be played in his house. This is the first occasion Mr Grylls has had a complaint laid against his house during a period of twenty-three years.

Visitors to Marton are informed by the proprietress of the Marton Hotel that a glass of Gibbs' XXXX beer is the best in the market, and that's why people patronise the house, knowing that the beer and also the whiskey are A1.

Travellers by train along the Taranaki-Wellington coast, when passing Marton, should remember that the Railway Hotel at that place is just across a narrow road from the carriages. There is ample time to get a "refresher" when travelling by the ordinary trains, but travellers by the express trains had better ask the railway officials if there is time before risking their passage. Mr Northover, who has recently taken over the Railway Hotel, is an old resident of Marton, and those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance know that the house will be thoroughly well managed.

A Sydney lawyer, touched by the pleading of a beggar, gave the man half-a-crown. He watched the mendicant, and saw him slip into a public-house bar. Following him, the lawyer was just in time to seize the drink with which the "tale" teller was being served. The lawyer gulped this down to the astonishment of the people in the bar, swept up the beggar's change, and calmly sailed out.

John B. Gough, the well-known teetotal advocate, tells the following story, though the joke be at his own expense. Once, while on a lecturing tour through England, he was introduced to a small village audience in these terms:—"Ladies and gentlemen, I 'ave the 'onor to introduce to you the distinguished lecturer, Mr John B. Gough, who will address us on the subject of temperance. You know that temperance is thought to be a very dry subject; but to-night as we listen to our friend the orator from the hoocean, we 'ope to 'ave the miracle of Samson repeated, and to be refreshed with water from the jawbone of a huss."

The Prohibition Convention decided to put the following questions to candidates at the next election:—Would you support legislation giving the people power to control or suppress the liquor traffic, including the supply in clubs, by a majority of the votes cast at the polls? Would you support legislation to give the people power by the votes of a majority at the polls to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors throughout the colony?

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A deputation representing the Working Men's Clubs' Conference waited on the Premier last Friday evening, to protest against the provision contained in the new Licensing Bill bringing clubs under the provisions of the Act, and placing them on the same footing as hotels. They urged that if clubs were compelled to observe the same hours as hotels, the membership would materially decrease. Mr Seddon, in reply, combated the latter contention, saying he could not see how the proposal could have such an effect on the membership of clubs. To his mind it would be better for the clubs if his proposals were carried into effect, for at present they courted the hostility of both prohibitionists and hotelkeepers. If all premises where liquor was sold were placed on the same footing they would then be able to put their finger on the source of drinking which occurred after hours. As matters stood at present, hotelkeepers blamed the clubs, and the clubs blamed the hotels, for the drinking which undoubtedly went on after hours. He hoped the Bill would pass into law this session.

The license law of Sweden forbids any person buying drink without purchasing something to eat at the same time. Brandy is the national drink, and it cannot be sold in a quantity less than two bottles. As the poor are unable to purchase drink often in this way, the law is said to have greatly promoted temperance habits.

Billings says: "I am opposed to ardent spirits as a beverage, but for manufacturing purposes, I think a little of it tastes good."

Mr F. J. Searl, hotelkeeper, Ekatabuna, has reconsidered his former decision not to appeal, and now intends proceeding with his appeal against the decision of Mr T. Hutchison, S.M., in which he was fined £65 for selling liquor at the last Masterton Show and Ram Fair. District Judge Kettle will, we (*Wairarapa Star*) hear, be asked to state a case for the Supreme Court.

Since 1893 the consumption of intoxicants in all the colonies has been on the decline, which should be gratifying to our prohibition friends, unless it be that the possibility of the increasing soberness of the people will leave them nothing to declaim against, and thus make them as unhappy as the proverbial Irishman who had no one to fight with.—*North Otago Times*.

A gentleman who has just returned from a trip to Otago informs us that there are more abject hypocrites in the prohibition district down there than ever he seen in his life. There is no trouble whatever in obtaining liquor, but there is a weird expression on the faces of all the business men, as trade is not nearly so good as it was under the old state of affairs.—*Hastings Standard*.

We have said that New Zealand is more sober than it used to be, but we may go further. The world is more sober than it used to be. This is a fact that must please all true social reformers, since it gives hope for the future. No one doubts the great change that has taken place in the habits of mankind, and especially in the habits of people of British origin. The world would recout a Byron now if he said, as a Byron once did say, that man must get drunk because he is a reasonable being.—*Napier Telegraph*.

Another disappearing house of central London is the Old Ship Tavern, Chichester Rents, Chancery Lane, which very ancient building has been condemned as unsafe by the ecclesiastical commissioners, who have further ordered its demolition. The Old Ship is identified with the "Old Sol Arms," of "Bleak House," where the scene of a notable coroner's inquest is laid.

Mr Hustwick, Government Inspector of Alcoholic Liquors, has been engaged for the past few days in testing the liquor in the various hotels in Palmerston, Feilding, and the smaller townships in the district. Several samples were obtained for analysis.

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