

was rung on the British public in the Auckland Secondary Schools' Championship, of 150 yards, which fell to the lot of J. Parkinson, who breasted the tape in 16 2-5sec, after having run his heat in 16 1-5sec. This indicates that he will be heard of again in the dashes. The novices, over a similar distance, took 17 1-5sec.

There was nothing in the 120yds hurdle race to warrant a howl of enthusiasm from the assembled multitude, Smith only doing the trick in 18sec off the 2yd mark, beating E. T. Laurie, who ran off the same mark, in the run home. The 440yds stick event was carved out by Oliphant, off 14yds, in 60 2-5sec, a very good performance, and the easiest of wins. Roberts, off scratch, occupied about 61 2-5sec in the journey, and did not run with good judgment.

Laurie's pedestrian starting machine was used in the sprint events, and gave every satisfaction, the men in all instances getting away simultaneously from the gates. It was well handled by the inventor, and with one or two improvements that will simplify its appearance and working, should fill a long-felt want, as it will do away with the howl that is generally thrown up when a man wins, that he was fired out of the pistol. Several competent authorities viewed it, and pronounced the principle a success, amongst the number being Mr L. A. Cuff.

D. Wilson won both the one and three mile walking events as he liked, and out-classed everything else in the fields, his times being—one mile (off 100yds), 6min 55 1-5sec; three miles (off 280yds), 22min 55sec. He shows improvement every time he comes out, is as fair a heel and toe exponent as one could wish to see, and will have to be treated with more respect by the handicappers on future occasions.

Brady turned out only in the three mile walk, and was clocked to do 23min 7 2-5sec; Creamer's time at the big Christchurch gathering for a similar distance being 22min 58sec. At the close he was dead-beat, and was perhaps not in his best form.

Scotchmen appear to have established a claim to New Year's Day. In nearly every centre of population all over Australia the day is celebrated with sports held under the auspices of the Caledonian Society, and these sports are Scottish in their character. Auckland is not behind the other parts of the world, and the skirl of the bagpipes, together with the interesting sports, should attract thousands to the Domain Cricket Ground on 1st of January next. Entries for the handicap events should be sent in on or before Saturday, Dec. 12. Handicaps will be made public on the following Saturday.

Boxing has been booming in South Africa for some time, but it has received a severe check. It is simply the old experience that boxers will not go straight, and a recent boxing match between Doherty and Duggan has been publicly denounced as a "fake." The Australian Goddard and Denver Smith are matched to fight next month.

At the Victorian Amateur Athletic Championship Meeting last week, Roseingrave was in great form, and won all the events in which he competed, including the 120yds Hurdles in 16 1-5th sec. Watson won the 100 yards in 10 1-5th sec, and the 220 yards in 23 1-5th sec. Wethenhall won the Quarter Mile in 55 3-5th sec, and Half Mile in 2min 2 1-5th sec. Huming won the Mile in 4min 47sec, beating O'Connor, a New Zealand. Barrett carried off both walking events, the Mile in 6min 42sec and the Three Mile in 21min 36 1-5th sec. Walker won the Three Mile run in 15min 41 1-5th sec.

At the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club's sports on November 19th the principal results were:—100yds Maiden Flat: E. A. Neave, 11 1-5sec. 100yds Flat: E. A. Robinson, 11sec. Half-mile Flat: H. Garsia, 2min 8 1-5sec. Half-mile Bicycle: H. Thompson (scr.), 1min 11sec. Mile Walk: Jones (70yds), 7min 5 4-5sec. 120yds Hurdles: F. S. Harley, 17 3-5sec. Half-mile Maiden: A. K. Neave, 2min 16sec. 120yds Handicap: J. S. Middleton (8yds), 12 2-5sec. Two-mile Bicycle: J. W. Jones (1 1/2sec), 5min 14sec. Long Jump: H. H. Piercy, 20ft 7in. 250yds Handicap: E. A. Neave (18yds), 27 2-5sec. Three-mile Flat: H. G. Martin (110yds), 17min 4sec. Quarter-mile Flat: F. S. Harley, 56 4-5sec.

At the London Athletic Club's autumn meeting, on the 26th September, W. J. Sturgess broke the one mile walking record, in a match race with D. Fenton, doing the distance in 6min 33 3-5sec, thus beating the previous amateur record by nearly 3sec. Sturgess only won by two yards from D. Fenton after a great struggle. Fenton was on scratch, and also got well under the previous record. At the same meeting H. A. Munro won the two mile handicap from scratch easily by 10 yards in 9min 31sec.

At a recent athletic meeting Wefers ran his trial heat of the 120-yard race about two feet behind 12sec, took the final heat in 11 4-5sec, won the 300 yard race in 30 3-5sec, and ran his quarter-mile in the relay race in 49 3-5sec. This might be considered as rather more than an average afternoon's work for one athlete.

THE EIGHT HOURS' SPORTS.

HANDICAPS.

	EIGHT HOURS HANDICAP (three distances) of £21 10s.		
	100yds	220yds	440yds
J. McDonald	scr	scr	scr
A. Wakeford	scr	scr	scr
H. W. Knight	scr	scr	scr
W. Arnott	6yd	8yd	1yd
H. W. Brierly	6 1/2	7	6
D. Tomlinson	4	7 1/2	10
Ted Burke	4	8 1/2	10
W. Goldsmith	7	10	6
R. A. Lendrum	3	6 1/2	12
A. Armiger	4	7 1/2	12
A. Pearson	4	8	12
J. A. Tate	4 1/2	9	13
C. J. Tomlinson	4	8	15
J. W. Callaway	5	9	15
Theo. Payne	6	11	12
R. H. Davis	5	11	17
W. A. Worrall	6	10	18
J. Mackay	6	12	16
J. Brown	7	13	16
W. D. McPike	6 1/2	12	18
T. Speer	7 1/2	13	17
F. Hardy	6	11	20
C. Smith	7	14	20
M. Freoney	7 1/2	13 1/2	25
R. H. Lawford	8	14	20
R. Anderson	9 1/2	16	21
J. Cummins	8	14	19
P. Ness	10	16	28
R. Rule	10	21	30

In this event the 440yds distance will be run first, and 100yds last.

APPRENTICES' HANDICAP, 100 yards.—R. A. Lendrum, T. Kerr, scratch, T. Speir 1yd, A. E. Hole 2yds, R. Rule 3yds, J. H. Hindman 3yds, H. J. Chevis 3yds, C. Waddell, T. Rainger, S. A. Grant, W. Ferguson, H. Menzies, J. G. McCarthy 4yds, R. C. Leslie, A. Twiname, A. A. Norris, G. Stephens, F. H. Somers, D. Tate 5yds, R. Campbell, W. H. McLaughlin, E. Edwards 6yds, W. H. King, F. T. Smith, R. Fullerton 7yds, J. Hooker 8yds, A. Green 9yds.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, 220 yards.—O. L. Ilbert (A.C. and G.S.) scratch, J. Parkinson (Marist Brothers) 4yds, R. Brown and Richardson (Three Kings' College) 8yds, M. P. Kearin 9yds, O. Sinclair (A.C. and G.S.) 16yds.

600 YARDS HANDICAP.—W. Arnott scratch, E. H. Peebles 6yds, W. Goldsmith 8yds, A. Goldsbury 10yds, D. Somers 12yds, E. Hall 14yds, S. Murphy 16yds, W. Burgess and S. Roberts 18yds, W. Phillimore 19yds, W. McMillan 20yds, A. Plummer 21yds, J. Mitchell 25yds, H. Payne 26yds, T. Smeardon and W. H. Griffin 30yds.

1000 YARDS HANDICAP.—E. H. Peebles scratch, W. Goldsmith scratch, A. Goldsbury 19yds, D. Somers, E. Hall 20yds, S. Murphy 25yds, W. Phillimore 28yds, W. Burgess, C. F. Schrafft 30yds, W. McMillan 33yds, A. Plummer 35yds, John A. Mitchell, W. Greenly 40yds, W. A. Worrall, H. Turner 50yds, W. H. Griffin, T. Smeardon, C. Waddell 55yds.

NOMINATIONS.

150 YARDS AMATEUR HANDICAP.—F. Barton, A. Moncur, R. Oliphant, J. McKean, P. E. Ryan, E. Philcox, S. Roberts, G. B. Bowser, A. Nixon, P. C. Stone, H. V. Buchanan, P. M. Thomson, T. Moncur, W. H. Morton, R. W. Gibbs, C. J. Schnauer, J. Stewart, C. McCarthy.

HALF-MILE AMATEUR HANDICAP.—W. H. Morton, E. A. Stone, J. McDonald, R. W. Gibbs, H. T. George, H. V. Buchanan, S. Roberts, R. Oliphant, E. Sutherland, A. E. George, J. McKean, W. G. Jury, J. H. Kelly, T. Moncur.

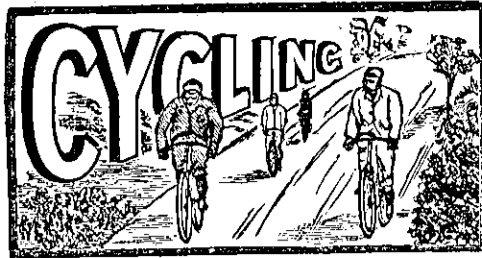
HALF-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (Amateurs).—E. Reynolds, R. A. Dexter, J. Thomson, P. Smith, G. Henning, H. A. Jourdain, E. Jones, J. Penalligan, J. H. Gunson, W. J. Harper, A. A. Brook, M. W. Aulsebrook, G. R. Wilkinson.

THREE-MILES BICYCLE HANDICAP (Amateurs).—E. Reynolds, R. A. Dexter, J. Thomson, P. Smith, G. R. Wilkinson, W. J. Harper, J. H. Gunson, H. A. Jourdain, G. Henning, A. A. Brook, W. H. Mitchell, E. Jones, J. A. Penalligan, W. W. Aulsebrook.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (Cash Cyclists).—A. Skeates, R. Hendry, H. Trendall, H. Risler, D. Hyauiason, R. B. Gelston, C. Curteis, G. Hyauiason, T. Pardington, G. Court, P. R. Skeates, J. W. Irvin, W. F. Ramsey, A. Campbell, E. Bockhardt.

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440 YARDS BICYCLE SLOW RACE (Cash Cyclists). Last man in to win the prize.—H. Young, E. Bockhardt, A. Campbell, T. Pardington, C. Curteis, R. B. Gelston, D. Hyauiason, A. Skeates, R. Hendry, G. Hyauiason, H. Trendall.



[BY RIM.]

AUCKLAND, October 27th, 1896.

To the Proprietors, SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland.

DEAR SIRS,—I have pleasure in advising you that the SPORTING REVIEW has been appointed the Official Organ of the Auckland Cycle Club.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. HOWDEN,
Sports Secretary.

As mentioned in our athletic column, Reynolds did a good go in breaking the mile grass record, but I might add that some people want to know how it was he did not show a better go in the Half-mile after his grand go in the heat; also, if he might not have been a bit closer in the Five-mile journey. These remarks, by the way, without suggesting that he did not do his best.

J. Thompson was one of the most improved riders on the Domain, as he won his races off the marks that were allotted to him last meeting, when he could not get a place. He won, so to speak, with his mouth open in the Novice and one, two and three mile events, the latter three of which count for the club's Victor Ludorum, which goes to him, his score being 15 points.

Graham, who a couple of seasons ago won the coveted trophy, was again well to the front, winning the half and five mile distances, and riding second in the three mile go.

Amongst the others, C. Rainger struck me as having made rapid strides, and though he had to content himself with a couple of seconds, he should be heard of again, and is a plucky rider.

Dexter, the Honolulu champion, rode at the meeting, and though he did not gain a winning bracket is nevertheless a very good rider. He had the misfortune to break his chain in his heat in the half-mile.

G. A. Nelson and S. B. McGregor, riding a tandem, accomplished a fine performance on September 23rd at London. At the end of an hour's riding they covered the marvellous distance of 31 miles 610 yards. The previous world's record was 31 miles 5 yards, by Tom Linton on a single safety. The previous record for a tandem was 30 miles 855 yards, by Chase and Walters.

A bicycle tax has been proposed in Queensland.

Ernie Payne, one of the New South Wales cyclists who have been on a visit to England, expressed his opinions thus:—"This place knocks you silly, it is so large; you don't know where you are for people." The place evidently did not knock him silly, as he was silly enough to run a "cronk" and was disqualified. One solitary win and a disqualification is the way in which Payne distinguished Australia.

A Chaperon Cyclists' Association has been formed in London for the benefit of young ladies. A widow or married lady over thirty years are the qualifications, but the Association is sure to be a failure, because ladies cannot be found who will admit that they are over thirty.

Prince Ranjitsinji is an ardent cyclist. On almost any morning when at home at Brighton he may be seen (says a London cycling paper) speeding in the country a-wheel. To his rides he ascribes much of his fitness during the summer cricket season, although he is far from being an advocate of scorching.

Dr. John Harris is assisted in his practice at Newcastle, New South Wales, by his daughter, Dr. May Harris, and both cycle round to visit their suburban patients.

The Council of New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club has carried a resolution that it is prepared to pay the costs of any successful prosecution for any breach of the rule of the road where the offence has been committed against any member of the club riding a machine.

The scratch men in the Austral Wheel Race, to be run on November 28th, are C. Boidi, J. Parsons, and K. Lewis. The distance is two miles, and the limit men get 320 yards.

The English cycling papers say that bicycles are being introduced into the police service in Perak, in the Malay Peninsula; that a cycling club composed of ministers has been formed in an American town; that 139 firms in the cycle trade had failed in America since May last; that the commander of the German army has added twenty cyclists to his staff; and that a large number of military cyclists, fully equipped, will be utilised during the Austrian manœuvres.

A cyclists' camp is the latest innovation in the Colonies, and the first of its kind, is being arranged at Warrnambool (Victoria) in connection with the Art and Industrial Exhibition, and is to be held from the 25th to the 29th December. Provision is to be made for 600 cyclists and the Defence Department has granted the use of the necessary canvas.

A returned Oamaru visitor to Southland informs the *North Otago Times* that a lady in that part of the island has singularly distinguished herself. She is sixty years of age, and rides a bicycle. She has recently ridden 100 miles in a day, and altogether reckons that she has covered 5,000 miles since she became possessed of a "bike." She is the mother of twenty-one children.

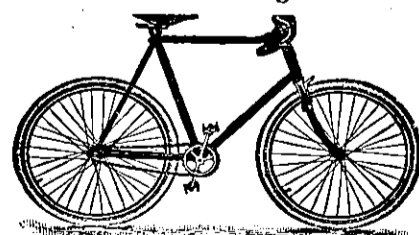
"Silverspur," in the *New Zealand Mail*, remarks:—"It is evidently the intention of Mr W. A. Thomson, the well-known Wellington rider, to win all the chief road records this season. He has already possessed himself of three good ones, and in a few days he will try for the Wellington-Napier record, after which he will go to Christchurch and endeavour to capture the 50-mile New Zealand road record. Mr Thomson's list so far is:—Nelson-Foxhill and back, a distance of 44 miles, 2hr 14min 48sec, or 15min 12sec better than the previous time; Nelson-Picton, 100 miles, 8hr, exactly two hours under the previous best time. His latest conquest was the record from Masterton to Featherston, a distance of 22 miles, in 1hr 6min. The previous time was 1hr 20hr. In all his riding on the road Thomson uses an 84 gear, his mount being a Quadrant.

A party of four Lawrence cyclists rode down to Dunedin on November 8th (states the *Canterbury Times*). One of them, hot and tired, went into the bath-room of the hotel at which he was staying, with the intention of enjoying a bath. Later on someone happened to go to the storeroom, immediately below the bath-room, and discovered it flooded by water. He ran up to the bath-room, and finding it locked, suspected that there was something wrong. The door was forced, and the young man was found floating in the bath with his head just above water. Efforts were immediately taken to resuscitate him, and after three hours' vigorous rubbing he revived. The doctor in attendance regarded it as an attack of cramp, arising from the fatigue of the ride.

A Perth (W.A.) one-legged man rides a bike, using his crutch instead of his left leg.

In Buffalo (U.S.A.) a one-legged newspaper boy serves a route of papers by whirling on a bike. His wooden leg is so fitted that it turns one of the pedals.

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