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THE RECENT POLICE TROUBLE.

Police versus South. THE great question involved in the recent case tried in the Auckland S.M. Court is really one of the liberty of the subject, and another of lesser magnitude is the impression created in the public mind that many persons have been charged with, and convicted of drunkenness, who were not guilty of the offence, but were peculiar under some special cause of excitement, which had no direct or indirect association with the "imbibification" of alcoholic liquor. We understand that the Police versus South case will be thoroughly investigated by the Hon. the Minister of Justice in person, and it is understood that the question is now in abeyance pending the resolution of Mr South's party re the taking of legal action themselves, or allowing the minister to deal with it officially. We are given to understand that Mr South is a gentleman well known in mining and commercial centres, and those who know him best are strongest in their testimony as to his general character, in which the traits of chivalry, honesty, and sobriety are the most prominent. But apart from these excellent qualifications, and without taking into consideration his social position or his personal popularity, the whole enquiry should be based on these issues, viz.:—Firstly, was he guilty of the charge for which he was brought before the court? Secondly, were the police justified in believing he was so guilty, and did they discharge their duties with judgment, moderation, and in accordance with the police regulations? It would be unwise and unfair for us to attempt in any degree to prejudice the case, but we do say that the great principle involved in it demands a searching investigation, and if the police are proved to be guilty of half the things laid to their charge they and they alone must bear the responsibility of their action. If on the other hand it is shown that they acted on information received, impulsively though erroneously, justice and compensation must be meted out to Mr South with no stinted hand, and clemency should be extended to the officers of the force affected, which will teach them a lesson in prudence, life-long in its existence. We have always defended the police force of New Zealand, especially when they have been subjected to wholesale charges of bribery and corruption in their dealings with hotelkeepers in their respective localities, and we repeat that the police force of this colony are as honest, dutiful, and proficient as any force in the British dominions. We are aware, however, that they are not infallible, and if a private citizen suffers in any sense through the action of the police, caused by their excess of zeal or blundering of any kind, it will be our duty and our practical purpose to defend and protect the private individual. In the meantime we need only say that the public mind is greatly agitated over the case to which we have alluded, and in the heat of the excitement associated there with it is just possible that the prejudicial rather than the judicial mind is brought to bear upon the case. For this reason a little delay in entering upon the enquiry may prove beneficial, and we feel assured that the people of New Zealand will rest satisfied that in dealing with the painful case the Hon. T. Thompson will "hold the scales of justice with an equal poise."

THE SOBER HOLIDAYS.

THE holidays are now practically over, and the visitors to the large centres are now returning to their homes and their normal state of life. As indicated in our last issue, never before has Auckland been so crowded as it has been this Christmas and New Year; never before have such crowded meetings assembled on our various race courses; and at no previous time has so much money been placed in circulation, not only in buying luxuries, but also in investments on the totalizator and other sporting speculations. We do not remember any previous time when the sun was brighter, or the earth more thirsty, than it has been during the late period devoted to pleasure, and never before has such good order prevailed, with so little drunkenness, and so much to be thankful for in the matter of the success which has attended the national effort to make everyone happy. We heartily congratulate the people of New Zealand upon having once more proved to demonstration the untruthfulness of those extreme fanatics who are always charging the people with drunkenness and dissolution, and we feel assured that as the colonists ended the old year, and began the new, so will they continue until the period when it will be our duty and pleasure to wish them a merry Christmas at the end of 1897, and a happy New Year on the advent of 1898.

TRADE TOPICS.

A bar waggon for the sale of refreshments has been attached to the trains running between Paris and Versailles. Happy France! There can be no prohibs there, surely.

Experienced Traveller (at railway restaurant in England).—" When did that man at the other table give his order?" Waiter—"Bout ten minutes ago, sir." "What did he order?" "Beefsteak and onious, sir." "How much did he pay you?" "Sixpence, sir." "Well, here's a shilling. Cook another steak for him and bring me his." "Yes, sir."

There are many famous restaurants in Rome. There are many famous restaurants in Rome, but the most famous for over a century and a half has recently disappeared. It was the "Veneziano." This cafe played an important part in the development and history of the Roman people for nearly two hundred years. It was the first public cafe established in Rome, and was carried on by one family for one hundred was carried on by one family for one hundred and twenty-five years. In the beginning its appointments were of the crudest kind—roughhewn benches and tables of wood constituted the whole furniture. For silverware there was one spoon, which served in turn for each guest to stir his coffee with.

An hotel nuisance is thus described :-- "Who has not encountered the vulgar, obstrusive visitor who pervades every public room with his complaints and person? Nothing satisfies him: it is one long grumble at management, staff, viands. Not unfrequently this nuisance is attended by some meek, down-trodden spouse, whose efforts to sooth her lord and master only acts as firebrands to his displeasure. As a rule, he owns a husky voice, bull-dog face, with a goatee as appendage, wears a check suit at table d'hote, and mixes his liquid sustenance with an amazing recklessness.

Canadian legislators are in a fix. While the members of the "faithful Commons" of the Dominion Parliament abolished their refreshment bar, the Senate decided not to negative the sale of alcoholic liquor in their restaurant, but to restrict the use of such resturants only. rather unkind.

There is a refreshment house on the Canadian shore overlooking Niagara Falls kept by a Mrs She is the widow of Captain Webb, the celebrated swimmer, who lost his life in attempting to swim the very rapids on which his devoted wife now gazes daily.

Our old friend the waiter has appeared in a new light (states The Caterer). We all knew he had his grievances, but whoever imagined till now that one of the chief of these was—tips! We don't mean inadequate tips, but tips in general. There was, nevertheless, held in St. Bride Street a few days since, a meeting of waiters strongly opposed to the tipping system, in lieu of which, however, they demanded a minimum wage of 30s per week, together with reduction of hours, and overtime for Sunday work. We notice, moreover, that no resolution was passed pledging waiters who should receive these terms to refuse a tip when offered, and we fancy they would not be in a hurry to enact such a self-denying ordi-

Turf Records.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st. The weather was fine, and the sum of £5,120

was put through the machine. Results:-

NEW YEAR HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile. 209 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Trentalto, by Trenton—Montalta, 7.9, C. Jones ... Mr F. Moeller's The Shrew, 8.11 ... Mr Hianga's Aphony, 7.8 Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 44sec. Dividend, £2 16s. Kingsman HANDICAP HURDLES of 60 sovs. One mile and a half. 292 Mr J. Roger's Prairie Grass, by Albany
 Spear Grass, Rollo
 ...
 1

 80 Mr G. Richardson's Zaccho
 ...
 2

 90 Mr D. Hepburn's Lord Raven, 9.5
 ...
 3

 Other starters
 61 T Rose, Kaika, Capon
 Spear Grass, Rollo ... Rouge. Won easily. Time, 2min 58sec. Dividend, SUMMER HANDICAP of 160 sovs, one mile and

a half.

52 Mr T. H. Lowry's Orion's Belt, by Castor—Bangle, 7.11, Whitaker ...

87 Mr J. R. McDonald's Rip Van Winkle, 7.11 7.11 ... 2

15 Mr R. Connop's Lotion, 8.13 ... 3

Other starters—14 Waterstone, 302 Daredevil.

Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 43sec. Dividend, £15 12s.

TRIAL HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Once round.

Won by three-quarters of a length, hard held. protest, on the grounds of inconsistent running Maid Marion, was dismissed. Time, 1min 55sec. Dividend, £3 8s.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Five

furlongs.

243 Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch c Valiant, by
Dreadnought — Waterbaby, 8.0, C. Jones . Mr T. H. Lowry's Dottrell, 7.9 54 Mr T. R.48 Mosquet Mr T. R. Moore's Rehua, 8.0 ... Won easily. Time, 1min 7 3-5sec. Dividend,

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 soys. Once round. 173 Mr A. Ellingham's Golden Plover, by Forerunner-Plover, 9.0, Whitaker 1 Mr F. Moeller's Torpina, 9.9 ... 2 248 Mr F. Moeller's Torpina, 9.9 2
41 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Sabreur, 8.4 ... 3
Other starters—60 Raiteboat, 103 Haeata, 98
Drury Lane, 13 Capon Rouge, 36 First Blood.
Won on the post. Time, 1min 54sec. Dividend 44

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 100 sovs: Six furlongs. 293 Mr F. Moeller's The Shrew, by Nordenfeldt—Bianca, 9.0, McKeague ... Mr J. R. McDonald's Rip Van Winkle,

8.2 2
226 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Target, 6.11 ... 3
Other starters—55 Gold Cup, 40 Bijou, 79
Forest Rose, 112 Maid Marion, 35 The Brook.
The Shrew won by a nose, after a splendid finish. Time, 1min 18 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 15s.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY (FRIDAY, JANUARY 1). Weather fine and the attendance large. Re-

GLASGOW HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.

Mr F. Macmanemin's ch m Doris, by St. Leger—Ophelia, 5yrs, 8.2, Smith 1 Mr Koss Heaton's blk f Quickfire, 3yrs,

6.7, Castleton 2 202 Mr J. Livingstone's b m Lillie, 5yrs, 7.2, Perry

Other starter—350 Solitaire, 8.9, Moore. Won by three lengths, the same distance divid-ing second and third. Time, 1min 29\frac{3}{5}sec. Dividend, £2 7s.

NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs; second horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

666 Mr R. H. Skipwith's b g St. Simon, by St. Leger — Winnie, 4yrs, 11.12, Fergus ... 108 Mr N. Dickey's bg Sterling, 5yrs, 9.0,

Pennell 182 Mr John Rae's b g Levanter, aged, 11.5,

Won by two lengths, ten lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 56sec. Dividend,

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 500 sovs; second horse 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. Colts 8.10, fillies and geldings 8.5.

One mile and a half,
538 Mr A. E. Byers' ch c Nestor, by St.
Leger—Tamora, 8.10, J. Perryl ...
846 Mr J. Chaafe's bc St. Paul, by St. Leger

Satsnella, 8.10, J. Chaafe Mr S. H. Gollan's ch g Tire, by Medal-lion — Florence McCarthy, 8.5, S. Lindsay

579 Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch c Dauntless, by
Dreadnought — Orientale, 8.10,

Moore... 278 Mr T. Morrin's b c Daystar, by Castor Cissy, 7.10, P. White

Won by a length, half a dozen lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 40sec. Dividend,

The following is the winning table:—

THE DERRY STAKES, 12 MILE.								
Year	Winner		Sire.		Rider.		T	ime
1875	Ariel		Dainty Ariel		R. Thorpe		-	_
1876	Toi		Diomedes		Lyford		-	_
1877	Danebury		Traducer	•••	R. Ray		_	- '
1878	Venus Trat	sit	Sledmere		French		_	-
15.9	Omega		Sledmere		Laing		8	3 }
155.0	Libeller		Traducer		French		_	
1551	Tim Whiffle	er'	Tim Whiffle	er. S	Wattie		2	561
Look	Fitz Hercul	es	Yattendon		Wattie		8	8
1883	$\mathbf{Welcome\ Js}$	ack	Traducer		Butler	,		9
1884	Nelson		King Cole		Wattie			5 0
1885	Tigredia		Leoliuus		C. Rudii	ngs		46
1356	Foul Shot		\mathbf{Musket}		T. Taylo	r		40%
1887	Disowned		Albany		Derritt			43~
15.8	Sextant		R. Crusoe		Clifford			46
1889	Cuirassier		Musket	,	J. Kean			40 <u>1</u>
i ao	${f Tirailleur}$		Musket		Thomps	on		444
1891	Medallion		Nordenfeld	t	Clifford			65
1899	Morion		Captivator		Clifford			46
1893	St. Hippo		St. Leger		Gallagh	er		46_
1891	Loyalty		St. George		Cusdin			40 <u>1</u>
	estepfeldt -		Nordenfeld	t	Gallagh	r		51
LSU6	Fabulist		Fabulous		Taylor			89 }
1897	Nestor	•••	St. Leger	•••	Perry	•••	2	40

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 200 soys; second horse 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. 705 Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Gold Medallist,

by Medallion—Corolla, 9.10, Derrett 156 Mr T. Morrin's ch f St. Evelyn, 8.7,

Taylor 54 Mr G. S. Budge's b c Canopus, 6.10,

low; 62 Castoria, 6.7, Jellings.

Won by half a dozen lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 1min 3½sec. Dividend,

COUNTY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. For three year olds

and upwards. Six furlongs. 178 Mr J. Chasfe's b c St. Elmo, 3yrs, 8.0.

Chaafe

Other starters—90 Miss Nelson, 4yrs, 7.11,
Davis; 208 Lady Cuisine, 3yrs, 7.6, Perry; 67
Porangi Potae, 3yrs, 6.7, A. White.

A dead heat, and the owners agreed to divide.
Time, 1min 164sec. Dividends—Doris 18s,

Rex £2 5s. AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 300

sovs; second horse 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. 452 Mr F. Watson's ch m St. Laura, by St.

Leger — Miss Laura, 6yrs, 8.3, Creamer 1143 Mrs J. Lennard's br h Fabulist, by Fabulous—Inisthona, 4yrs, 8.12, Mc-Taggart Mr J. Kean's ch h Pegasus, by Nelson
—Tenambra, 6yrs 7.7 (inc. 4lb over),

Mr D. McKinnon's bh Haria, 5yrs, 7.8,

Gall 161 Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Mars, 6yrs,

7.0, A. White 65 Mr J. Chaafe's br c Antares, 3yrs, 6.9,

Sid. Chaafe ... 67 Mr T. B. Bell's br m Mantle, 4yrs, 6.9,

£5 12s.

PONY HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second pony 10 sovs, and third pony 5 sovs from the stake. Six fur-

Mr J. Livingstone's b m Fair Nell, by Cap-a-pie — Fishplate, 3yrs, 8.3,

348 Mr H. H. Hayr's blk g Napoleon, 3yrs, 8.5, Smith ...

Other starters—85 Archduke, 9.11, Stewart; 268 Pororua, 8.12, Creamer; 158 Purvoke, 7.11, Chaafe; 106 Bob, 7.7, McKee; 81 Lena, 7.0, A. White; 118 Arquebus, 6.11, Castleton; 25 Partan

Jeannie, 6.7, S. Chaafe.

Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividend, £3 4s. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 100 soys: second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile.

Mr J. Thorpe's br h Webley, by Hotchkiss—Fairy Queen, 5yrs, 8.6, Davis Mr D. McKinnon's br m Lufra, 5yrs, 7.5. Gall

Mr T. D. O'Toole's b g Admiral Hawke, 3yrs, 7.4, Walker 3 Other starters—126 Retaliation, 8.11, Morri-

gan; 714 Edith Cureton, 8.2, Taylor; 85 The Sharper, 7.6, Duff; 28 Swordfish, 7.0, Whitehouse; 121 Alf, 7.0, Castleton; 147 Merry Maid, 7.0, Holmes; 69 Uhlan, 7.0, Hall,

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 444sec. Dividend, £7 1s.

THIRD DAY-SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.

The weather was again fine and the attendance large. Results :--ASCOT HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and

upwards. One mile. 37 Mr Koss Heaton's blk f Quickfire, by Carbine—Hestia, 3yrs, 6.7, Castle-

ton 82 Mr J. Thorpe's br h Webley, 5yrs, 8.10, Davis Mr J. Marshall's ch g Markinch, 6yrs, 205

7.10, Sceates ...

Geo. Fowlds' suits to measure are properly cut and made