

The newly formed cash club in Napier will hold its opening meeting on Easter Monday. Promises of support have been received from the League.

As showing the marked popularity of Dunlop Tyres, it may be mentioned that at great English Cycle Shows, viz., the Stanley and National, out of the 2,664 machines exhibited, the large number of 1,102 were fitted with the tyres that were first in 1888 and have been foremost ever since. No truer test as to the public's favourite can be had than the above figures, which clearly show which tyre is pre-eminent in the opinion of the public.

The Bishop of Christchurch, when speaking at the conference on Sunday observance the other night, told a capital story. He said that when a curate in Somersetshire he used to ride one of the high cycles then in vogue. His rector was a strong and most persistent supporter of the strict observance of Sunday. One Sunday the Bishop met his rector whilst riding to an afternoon service; and the latter began at once to inveigh against any one riding on Sunday. All that the Bishop could urge as to his being able to get another service in through this means was of no avail. "Do you enjoy it?" at last queried the irate rector. "I do," said the Bishop. "Then I'm sure it's wrong," replied the rector with an air of having triumphantly proved his case. "Well," said the Bishop, "suppose I were to put a tack into the saddle with the business end uppermost, do you think that would make my riding the bicycle on Sunday right?" This was too much for the rector, who gave up the contest.

various events will appear on March 18th. The handicappers are Messrs J. Molloy, J. Stallworthy, and P. Gardner. The Mangawhare meeting is one of the most popular athletic meetings in the North, and this year the programme is even more attractive than previous ones. The total prize money amounts to £86 10s, so athletes cannot but be pleased with the prospects.

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club have published their programme for March 26th, and a most attractive menu it is. The pedestrian and field events being as under:—100 Yards Invitation Scratch Race, 250 Yards Invitation Scratch Race, 100 Yards Handicap, 300 Yards Handicap Ladies' Bracelet, 440 Yards Handicap, Half-mile Handicap, One Mile Handicap, 120 Yards Hurdles Handicap, 440 Yards Hurdles Handicap, One Mile Walk Handicap, Three-mile Walk Handicap, Long Jump. The principal events from a spectator's point of view should be the 100 and 250 yards invitation scratch races, in which an opportunity of witnessing Patrick (Wellington) and Smith (Auckland) measure strides will be afforded, while it also on the cards that the Sydney Champion, S. Rowley, who has been invited across by the Auckland Club, will also try conclusions with the New Zealand cracks. Should the club be favored with his presence, then we may look forward to a brace of the most interesting sprints ever decided in this colony, while, as far as I can see, all fit and well, inches only would divide them when the worsted is snapped. Even in his absence, the New Zealand pair will be worth a bare-footed pilgrimage to

I understand that Low, of Dunedin, the half mile amateur champion, has now permanently retired from the track.

Pennsylvania College proposes to send an athletic team to England this season to meet Cambridge University.

The secretary of the New South Wales Rugby Union has been informed by Mr McArthur, the Union's representative in England, that the English Union has sanctioned the visit of an English team to Australia under the management of Mr Mullineaux, of St. John's College, Cambridge (says a Sydney paper). The team will be composed mostly of Cambridge and Oxford University men. The visitors will be in Sydney in June or July, and the visit may extend to Queensland. It is probable that as August and September will be too warm for football, the team will visit New Zealand, where a series of matches could be arranged, but this is a matter which depends entirely on the New Zealand Union.

Evans claimed a return match, and Lucifer promised to let him have it if his (Lucifer's) business arrangements permitted.

SWIMMING.

While the Athletic Championship were on at Wanganui the St. George's Swimming Club provided entertainment in the evenings at the Corporation Baths. Some good swimming was witnessed by the many spectators. In the 50 yards Junior Handicap the final heat resulted in a dead heat between House and Parnell. There was a good entry for the 50 yards Senior Handicap which was won by Brennan, who beat Jack Russell, of Auckland, by two yards. Russell astonished the natives in the Plunge Championship, his distance being 48ft. The Quarter-mile Championship of Wanganui went to McGregor, who got home two yards in front of Whitcombe after a very exciting race all the way. The fancy swimming of the Auckland, Cossar, was highly appreciated.

Our Napier correspondent writes:—The Napier Swimming Club have chosen Mr T. Roulston to represent the club at the Australasian Championship Meeting to be held at Christchurch, on February 26th, March 1st, and 3rd. The final aquatic sports of the present season will take place at Swan's bath on the 9th March. Mr T. Peddie, of the same club, will also accompany Roulston on his trip, the pair of swimmers leaving by the Manapouri next Monday.

BOXING.

The London *Mirror of Life's* American correspondent, is responsible for the following:— "Peter Jackson may not condescend to box Choynski now that he has failed to take Jeffries' scalp, but if he really wants a fight he can get one from a man of his own colour, too, for big Joe Butler, of Philadelphia, is willing to go so 'Frisco and tackle him. In the days when Peter Jackson was Peter Jackson I don't think Butler would have had much of a show against the dusky

NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING AT WANGANUI.



Photo by Eastington, Wanganui.

NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR CHAMPION CYCLISTS AND PEDS, 1898.



[BY VIGILANT.]

Elsewhere in our columns will be found the full programme of the sports to be held at Mangawhare at the fourth annual meeting of the Gumdiggers' Union. The principal event is the Gumdiggers' Union Cup, 150 yards, for which the first prize is £20, the second prize being £5 and the third prize £2. For the One-mile Handicap the prizes are £10, £3, and £2. The Quarter-mile has the substantial prize of £7 for the winner, and the same amount is offered to the winners of the 120yds Hurdles and the Half-mile Handicap. The bicycle races also have good prize-money. Entries in Auckland will close with Messrs A. Cleave and Co., SPORTING REVIEW, Vulcan Lane, at 7 p.m., on Saturday, March 12th, and at Helensville at the same time and date with Mr D. Donovan. Mr J. Shipperd, Kaihu; Mr J. Stallworthy and Mr J. Molloy, Aratapu; Mr W. Armiger, Te Kopuru, and Mr E. B. Ellis, Dargaville (secretary of the Gumdiggers' Union), will receive entries up to and on Monday, March 14th. The handicaps for the

see, as each is satisfied that he is the better man of the twain. McKean is also anxious to have another snap at the N.Z. half mile records, and if he is as well as he was at Wanganui, I would not be at all surprised to see him reduce the existing time of 2min.

It is to be regretted that A. H. Holder, of hurdle fame, is unable to come up to the local Amateur Club's March Meeting, though judging by report, he is acting wisely in deciding on a six months spell, as little doubt can exist as to the brilliant performer being "stale" at present, but the question is, "has he shot the bolt, will he ever again be the Holder of last year?"

Rosingrave, the ex-Irishman, of Sydney, has also, I understand, been invited to compete at the Auckland Amateur Club's March Meeting. I should like to see a meeting between he and G. Smith, of Auckland over the hurdles, etc., the latter being undoubtedly the present day champion of Maoriland, for a series of events over sticks and sprints.

The Domain training track presents a busy scene of an evening now with amateur cash and professional men in training for various meetings.

A. R. Downer, the ex champion of Scotland, is just now experiencing considerable difficulty in finding an opponent, a condition of things due, no doubt, to the series of successes he has met with since joining the professional ranks. Downer's latest offer is to run anyone from 150 yards up to, and including, 440 yards. This should lead to business with Harper.

Antipodean, but now 'things are different.' Peter is, I take it, not half the fighter he was when he met Paddy Slavin in London, and Butler, who can hit like a battering ram, is fully aware of the fact. He isn't nearly so skilful as Jackson was, but he is far fresher and stronger, and if he ever lands squarely on Jackson's jaw Peter will know that something harder than a zephyr has struck him. I should like to see them come together."

WRESTLING.

On January 22nd, Lucifer, the American athlete, who was performing in Sydney some time ago, met and defeated in a wrestling match Morris Ewans, at Zeehan, Tasmania. There was a very large crowd present, and both men were heavily backed. The contest was governed by catch-as-catch-can rules. Both men were in the pink of condition, Ewans, if anything, being the better of the twain in that respect. The championship of the West Coast, £50 in stakes, and 75 per cent. of the "gate" went to the victor. The strangling hold was barred. Lucifer scored first fall, with a "full Nelson." Ewans the second, with a cross-buttock, which "turned Lucifer like a Catherine wheel." The second fall was accredited to Lucifer, per medium of a "half Nelson." Later, Ewans again used the cross buttock successfully, thus evoking the announcement, "two falls each." The final bout created an immense amount of excitement, as each man went at his opponent very savagely, but eventually the American got that fatal "full Nelson" on again, and won amidst great applause.

AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND CYCLE CLUB (Formed 1877).

THIRTY-SEVENTH CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD ON DOMAIN CRICKET GROUND ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26 (Under Rules N.Z.A.A.A. & N.Z.C.A.)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:—

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- 440 Yards Handicap
- Half-Mile Handicap
- One Mile Handicap
- 120 Yards Hurdles Handicap
- 440 Yards Hurdles Handicap
- One Mile Walk Handicap
- Three Mile Walk Handicap
- Long Jump Handicap
- One Mile Novice Bicycle Handicap
- One Mile Bicycle Handicap for Schoolboys
- Half-Mile Bicycle Handicap
- Two Mile Bicycle Handicap
- Three Mile Bicycle Handicap for President's Trophy
- Five Mile Bicycle Handicap

Entries Close at the Metropolitan Hotel on SATURDAY, March 12.

W. C. SPEIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

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