

On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21, Messrs Churton and Co. (John Churton, auctioneer) will hold a monster sale of bicycles, including Humber and Raleigh machines. Each machine will be sold separately, and up to the date of sale may be examined by intending purchasers. All the machines are new, and of the very best type. Cyclists wanting roadsters of the best make at cheap prices should look into this and attend the sale.

At the recent New South Wales League Carnival one rider was fined 10s for looking behind in a race.

The New South Wales *Cyclist* states that bookmakers were very much in evidence at the League of New South Wales Carnival, and "could be heard calling the odds all over the ground. So long as the 'books' keep to the shilling stand, and away from the dressing-room, they will not do any harm. Any sporting man likes to have his little bet, and if some respectable bookmakers were licensed by the League, it would add considerably to the attendance at League carnivals in the future."

A Christchurch telegram says: "Definite information has now been received by cable from Melbourne that the Christchurch Cycling Club's team won the Dunlop Century Relay ride. The Pivot Club (Geelong, Victoria) was reported to have better time, but its record was not authenticated. It was given a further opportunity to repeat the performance, but declined, and Christchurch has now been declared the winner."

Prejudice against the bicycle for women was at one time rampant, but has been lived down pretty effectually; so much so that at the present time a woman who does not ride a bicycle is almost a *rara avis*. There is little doubt that, had the rational dress proved more becoming to women in general, its adoption would have increased with the adoption of the bicycle for women, notwithstanding the opinion of fanatics with regard to its lack of decency as a dress.

Thirty inch wheels are the talk of those interested in American cycle trade. The most striking feature of this new style is the kite frame and extremely short head—only 3 1/2 in in length. The crank hanger has a drop of 4 1/2 in, and when 7 in cranks are fitted, the pedals must sweep exceptionally close to the ground. In the model under notice the rider is placed extremely close to level of his wheels. Makers do not claim for these 30 in models that they are speedier than those with 28 in wheels, but that they steer better and run with less vibration; and on the ground that in these days nine-tenths of cyclists ride for pleasure, not speed, makers reckon they should do good business with these 30 inchers. Undoubtedly, one of the chief reasons for bringing out 30 in machines is to resuscitate trade, which has languished to some extent on account of the fixity of patterns for some years past. The introduction of chainless bicycles has not had much effect on the market, on account of the exorbitant price rendering them unpopular. The prices ruling for 30 in models is low enough, in all reason, running from £10 to £15.—*Australasian*.



[BY VIGILANT.]

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

After being twice disappointed, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club succeeded in getting off its Spring Carnival on the Domain Cricket Ground last Wednesday afternoon. The strong counter attraction in the Auckland Industrial Exhibition, and the somewhat doubtful state of the weather, interfered considerably with the attendance, but those who favored the club with their presence were rewarded with a capital afternoon's sport. Attached is a record of the events:—

- ONE MILE NOVICE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 A. Cooper, 80yds ... 1
 F. Ewen ... 2
 D. Reid, 15yds ... 3
 Other starters—J. H. Gunson scr, C. A. Strong 10yds, C. Rouff 40yds, J. Henning 55yds, H. Cordes (Thames) 60yds, J. R. Sceats 60yds, W. Nelmes 60yds, C. Henning 65yds, Hori Eruera 70yds, M. W. Stevenson 80yds.
 Won easily. Time, 2min 30 3-5sec.

- ONE MILE WALKING HANDICAP.**
 J. Dickey, 50yds ... 1
 A. G. P. Dalton, 110yds ... 2
 C. A. McQuillan, 140yds ... 3
 Other starter—C. McAffer, 85yds.
 An easy win. Time, 6min 35 3-5sec.

- AUCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP (100yds).**
 V. G. Gosset (Ponsonby) ... 1
 G. G. Hill (Grafton Road) ... 2
 W. Welsh (Parnell) ... 3
 Other starters—Robert Pitman (Mount Albert), Leslie Pratt (Mount Albert), James McLeod (Beresford Street).
 Won by a yard. Time, 12sec.

- HALF MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 C. Strong, 40yds ... 1
 J. Gunson, 25yds ... 2
 E. H. Cucksey, 35yds ... 3
 Run in heats. First heat: F. Ewen, 80yds, 1; A. W. Joss, 45yds, 2; C. Strong, 40yds, 3. Time, 1min 11 3-5sec. Won by 4yds. Second heat: J. Gunson, 25yds, 1; F. H. Cucksey, 35yds, 2; C. Morrin, 80yds, 3. Time, 1min 11 2-5sec.
 Won by 5yds. Time, 1min 9 1-5sec.

- HALF-MILE HANDICAP (Flat).**
 W. H. Madill, 32yds ... 1
 H. A. D. Anderson, 18yd ... 2
 N. Bradley, 45yds ... 3
 Other starters—A. W. Bell 15yds, H. Webber 25yds, H. L. Wade 38yds, E. W. Payne 38yds, H. G. Murray 38yds, J. Hawthorn 40yds, L. De Jongh 40yds, E. W. Bridgens 40yds, J. Bremner 40yds, G. Bremner, jun., 45yds.
 Won easily by 6yds. Time, 2min 0 1-5sec.

- 120YDS HURDLES HANDICAP.**
 Jas. McDonald, owes 7yds ... 1
 W. C. Motion, owes 7 1/2yds ... 2
 Other starters—L. Mayson scr.
 Won by a couple of feet. Time, 13sec.

- AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP (150yds).**
 Jas Te Paa, A.C. and G.S. ... 1
 G. S. Spera, King's College ... 2
 M. W. Craig, King's College ... 3
 Other starters—Geo. F. Cooner, A.C. and G.S.
 Won by 3yds. Time, 16 4 5-5sec.

- ONE-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (Schoolboys).**
 A. Cooper (Prince Albert College), scr ... 1
 J. Owen (King's College) 15yds ... 2
 B. Ulrich (King's College), 30yds ... 3
 Other starters—Morrison (King's College).
 Won easily by several yards. Time, 2min 41 4-5sec.

- 440YDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.**
 H. G. Thomson ... 1
 R. Oliphant ... 2
 Other starters—Geo. Smith.
 Won by about 3yds. Time, 53 1-5sec.

- TWO-MILE AMATEUR BICYCLE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.**
 H. Coates (Waikato) ... 1
 J. Gunson ... 2
 H. Brook ... 3
 Other starters—C. Innis (Waikato), R. Coombes (Thames), E. H. Cucksey, J. Crozier, C. A. Strong, G. Henning, C. Jenkins, C. A. Martin, W. Nelmes, A. W. Joss.
 Won after a close finish in 5min 30sec.

- THREE MILE WALK HANDICAP.**
 C. McAffer, 340yds ... 1
 D. Wilson, scr ... 2
 Other starters—C. A. McQuillan 420yds, J. Dickey 180yds, A. G. P. Dalton 400yds.
 Won by twenty yards in 21min 56 2-5sec.

- TWO MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP LADIES' BRACELET.**
 D. Reid, 115yds ... 1
 J. H. Gunson, 80yds ... 2
 H. Brook, 90yds ... 3
 Other starters—C. Innis (Waikato) scr, R. Coombes (Thames) 75yds, G. Henning 80yds, E. H. Cucksey 100yds, C. Strong 120yds, A. W. Joss 120yds, G. George 160yds, J. Mason 170yds, R. Rainger 175yds, C. Rainger 180yds, W. Thomson (Wanganui) 190yds, J. Graham 200yds, A. Cooper 200yds, J. Sceats 230yds, C. Henning 230.

- Won by five yards. Time, 5min 18 2-5sec. Innis and White fell.
440YDS HURDLES HANDICAP.
 R. Oliphant ... 1
 Oliphant had a walk over, doing the distance in 62 2 5-5sec.

- LONG JUMP HANDICAP.**
 A. E. Styche, 21ft 5 1/2 in (including 28 in handicap) ... 1
 H. G. Thomson, 21ft 3 in (including 15 in handicap) ... 2
 C. C. Lauris, 20ft 7 1/2 in (including 15 in handicap) ... 3
FIVE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.
 J. Crozier, scr ... 1
 D. Reid, 190yds ... 2
 J. H. Gunson, 40yds ... 3
 Other starters—H. Coates (Waikato) 50yds, C. Jenkins 120yds, R. Coombes 130yds, G. Henning 140yds, H. Brook 145yds, E. H. Cucksey 160yds, C. Strong 190yds, Grey George 230yds, J. Mason 240yds, R. Rainger 250yds, N. Brown 250yds, C. Rainger 270yds, W. Nelmes 320yds.
 Won by inches. Time, 13min 54 1-5sec.

- 440YDS HURDLES HANDICAP.**
 H. G. Thomson, 2yds ... 1
 W. H. Madill, 16yds ... 2
 H. J. Webber, 13yds ... 3
 Other starters—H. A. D. Anderson 13yds, J. Hawthorn 15yds, J. K. Hodge 16yds, G. Brierly 16yds, E. W. Payne 17yds, F. Poland 18yds, H. G. Murray 18yds, G. Bremner, junr., 18yds, A. R. Gatland 19yds, R. T. Reid, 20yds.
 Won by three yards. Time, 52 2-5sec.

- The feature of the day's sport was undoubtedly the unique record of W. H. Madill, whose performances show him in the light of one of the finest all-round athletes in the Australasian colonies. In the first item tackled, the 16lb hammer-throwing handicap, this athlete accomplished the distance of 124ft 4 1/2 in, thus beating the New Zealand record out of sight and improving on the Australasian record by better than 4ft. This he followed by winning the Half-mile Flat, from 32yds, in 2min 1-5sec, the One Mile Flat from 50yds in 4min 30sec, besides finishing second in the 440yds Handicap, from 16yds, won in 52 2-5sec by H. G. Thomson, and jumping over 19ft 6in in the broad jump. In bringing off this great list of performances in the one afternoon, Madill becomes the owner of Mr J. F. Logan's valuable trophy, having now won it twice in succession. Stripped, Madill is a real good stamp of an athlete, standing about 6ft in height, and with good development about the chest and shoulders, though hardly proportionately put together in the lower limbs. He has now been taking part in amateur meetings for a couple of years, previous to which—with an interval of three years, in which he stood down in order to get into the amateurs—he was seen in professional ranks, where he ran with a considerable amount of success, both in sprint and distance races. In addition to the performances mentioned, Madill is a good man with the 16lb shot, having recently done better than 40ft in practice over and over again, is a very fair high jumper, and has won a mile walk from a handicap mark in amateur sports.

After Madill the man most worthy of mention is H. G. Thomson who won the 440yds Club Championship from Oliphant and Smith, in 53 1-5sec, against a breeze, and the 440yds Handicap, from 2yds, in 52 2-5sec. Both events entailed a great effort, and it was a rare treat to see the game manner in which Thomson finished up; indeed, it may be said that it will take a rattling good man to beat the Auckland lad if he happens to be with him in the last thirty yards, he being as hard as a leech to shake off. Bell, who came to Auckland some eight or ten months ago, proved himself beyond doubt the best amateur mile runner in Auckland by running second from scratch to within four or five yards of Madill in 4min 30sec, and on this alone must represent the Auckland club at the Dunedin Championships. He is also a sterling performer over the three-mile journey, and intends taking the earliest opportunity afforded to make an attack on the existing time for that distance. The "double," 100yds and 250yds Handicap, fell to Frank Poland, who won the first-named race off 8yds in 10sec and the 250yds off 13yds in 26 2-5sec. Poland is a well made well proportioned athlete, and being in splendid form, made the most of his chance, though I do not set him down as one who would ever do anything out of the common off the mark. Geo Smith, of hurdle fame, was credited with winning his heat in the 100yds in 10sec from scratch, the whole of the watches held on it, agreeing as to the time, also his heat from scratch in the 250yds in 26 2-5sec. In the final of the 100yds he, however, failed to get a place, though it must be admitted that he got away badly, while, in the 250yds final, he did not start being none too well. At the same meeting, A. W. Bell, the crack distance runner, got to within 4yds of Bremner from scratch in 4min 22sec, but the track was found 37 yards short. The performance was, nevertheless, full of merit.



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 D. REID, WINNER OF THE VICTOR LUDORUM AT THE A.A.A. AND C.C.'S MEETING.

- THROWING 16LB HAMMER (handicap).**
 W. H. Madill (scr), 124ft 4 1/2 in ...
 On every occasion Madill beat the Australasian amateur record by several feet.

- 100YDS HANDICAP.**
 F. Poland, 8yds ... 1
 W. C. Motion, 6yds ... 2
 D. R. F. Campbell, 7yds ... 3
 Run in heats. First heat: Geo. W. Smith, scr, 1; D. R. F. Campbell, 7yds, 2; S. Harrison, 8yds, 3. Time, 10sec. Smith, who ran very strongly, out down his men in fine style, winning in the capital time of 10sec. Second heat: R. Oliphant, 2 1/2yds, 1; E. C. Cuff, 5 1/2yds, 2; A. Tilly, 5 1/2yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won after a tight finish by inches. Third heat: W. C. Motion, 6yds, 1; C. D. Hardingham, 4 1/2yds, 2; J. Hinton 8yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won looking round. Fourth heat: F. Poland, 8yds, 1; R. Pike, 5 1/2yds, 2; J. B. Scott, 4 1/2yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won in hollow fashion.
 A good race. Won by half a yard. Time, 10sec.

- THREE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 H. Coates (Waikato), 40yds ... 1
 H. Brook, 120yds ... 2
 C. Rainger, 210yds ... 3
 Other starters—C. Innes (Waikato) scr, J. Crozier scr, R. Coombes (Thames) 100yds, J. Gunson 110yds, E. H. Cucksey 140yds, D. Reid 145yds, C. Strong 160yds, G. George 180yds, J. Mason 195yds, R. Rainger 200yds, N. Browne 200yds, W. Thomson (Wanganui) 220yds, J. Graham 230yds, A. Cooper 230yds, W. White 275yds, W. Nelmes 280yds.
 Won by less than 2yds. Time, 8min 1 2-5sec.

- ONE MILE HANDICAP.**
 W. H. Madill, 50yds ... 1
 A. W. Bell, scr ... 2
 G. Bremner, 65yds ... 3
 Other starters—E. Sutherland scr, S. Freeborn 60yds, E. W. Bridgens 65yds, J. H. Kelly 90yds.
 Won by four or five yards in 4min 30sec.

- ONE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 E. H. Cucksey, 55yds ... 1
 A. Cooper, 95yds ... 2
 K. N. H. Browne, 85yds ... 3
 Other starters—J. Innes (Waikato) scr, J. Crozier scr, H. Coates (Waikato) 25yds, R. Coombes (Thames) 40yds, G. Henning 45yds, H. Brook 50yds, C. Strong 60yds, R. Rainger 70yds, A. W. Joss 75yds, G. George 75yds, C. Rainger 80yds, W. Thomson (Wanganui) 85yds, J. Sceats 95yds, W. White 100yds, W. Nelmes 110yds, M. Stevenson 110yds, C. Morrin 120yds.
 Won by five yards. Time, 2min 25 2-5sec.

- 250YDS HANDICAP.**
 F. Poland, 13yds (3yds penalty) 1
 W. C. Motion, 12yds ... 2
 J. B. Scott, 12yds ... 3
 Run in heats—Final heat: W. C. Motion 12yds, 1; F. Poland 13yds (including 3yds penalty), 2; E. C. Cuff 8yds, 3. Time, 27 2-5sec. Second heat: J. B. Scott 12yds, 1; H. L. Wade 15yds, 2; J. K. Hodge 14yds, 3. Time, 27sec. Won easily by several yards. Third heat: G. W. Smith scr, 1; S. Harrison 18yds, 2; R. D. Campbell 15yds, 3. Time, 26 2-5sec. Won with a bit to spare in 26 2-5sec.