

MR KELSO'S RETURN.

Mr W. Kelso, the well-known Australian trainer, has recently returned from a trip to England, and the following humorous description by "Boondi" in the Referee will prove interesting to those of our readers who are acquainted with the gentleman:—Welcome to William Kelso, who, after many "moving adventures by flood and field," has returned to the scene of his many triumphs, looking about two points younger than even "Young Billy" himself.

Amongst Mr Kelso's pleasant recollection of "down under" was his introduction by Joe Thompson to the Prince of Wales. The Prince was delighted with the Australian Beau Brummell's appearance, and said he would give a fiver if he had it to spare (which he hadn't) to know who was William's tailor.

William's candid opinion of the Lily is that she was evidently "good goods" at one time, although her understandings were always dicky, but she has gone very much "off" of late, and it is doubtful if she would stand another course of matrimonial training.

Turf Records.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8. Considering the wet weather that prevailed, the attendance was satisfactory at the above fixture. Speculation was fairly brisk and some interesting racing was witnessed.

79 Mr K. McKenzie's b g Nero, 7.0. G. Reid ... 3 Other starters—190 Hillstone, 182 King's Bowman. Won by half a length. Time, 2min 18 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 1s and £1 1s.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

The weather was again fine, and the sum of £3002 was passed through the machine. Results:—OPAKI HACK HURDLE HANDBICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

THE WAIPARA C. ANNUAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16. The annual meeting, held on Thursday last, was favored by fine weather and a good attendance. Following are the results:—HANDBICAP HURDLES of 15 sovs. About two miles.

MAORI RACE of 5 sovs. Mr W. Searancke's ch g Hauahu, 9.0. ... 1 Mr W. Epaha's b m Orena, 10.12 ... 2 Mr W. Searancke's b m Captain, 8.7. ... 3 Won easily.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS. RACES AT PARAWAI.

ON MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 26th and 27th, a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Cambridge at 7.25 a.m., Frankton Junction 8.5, Hamilton West 8.14, Morrinsville 9.0, Te Aroha 9.55, Paeroa 10.33, arriving Thames at 11.45 a.m.



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TRAINS will leave Auckland for Racecourse Platform every few minutes from 10.30 a.m. to 2.10 p.m., returning as required from 4.30 p.m. up till 15 minutes after the last race.

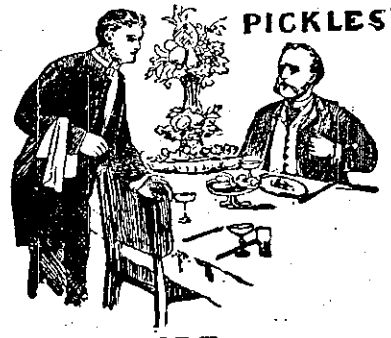
FARES: Auckland or Newmarket to Racecourse Platform and return (including admission to Course) ... 2s Auckland or Newmarket to Racecourse Platform and return (rail only) ... 1s

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH:—The usual 3.55 p.m. Auckland train will not leave Helensville till 5.10 p.m., Henderson 6.25, Auckland arrive 7.26 p.m.

The Auckland Goods Shed will be closed on December 26th and 27th. Goods and live stock traffic will be suspended at all stations on December 26th.

NOTICE TO SETTLERS:—The cattle train will not run to Auckland on December 26th or January 2nd; it will, however, run on Tuesday, December 27th.

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