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Preliminary and Important Announcement. IMMENSE ATTRACTION.

Commencing MONDAY NEXT, MARCH 27th, 1899. Re-appearance and Farewell of Australia's Greatest Star, MAGGIE MOORE, And MR H. B. ROBERTS, The Eminent Australian Actor, Who, with their Entire Australian Company, are about to visit England and America.

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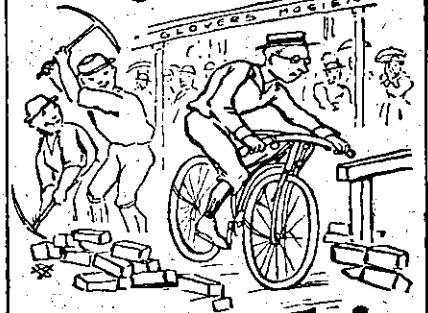
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RACING CALENDAR.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES.

April 1, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club April 1, Sat; 3, Mon; 6, Thurs; 8, Sat—Australian Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting April 3, Mon—Onkaparinga (S.A.) Racing Club April 22, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club May 6, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club May 6, Sat; 10, Wed; 13, Sat—South Australian Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting May 24, Wed—Victoria Racing Club Queen's Birthday June 10, Sat—Melbourne Hunt Club June 24, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

March 23, Thurs—Napier Park R.C Autumn, second day March 23, Thurs; 25, Sat—Dunedin J.C Autumn March 23, Thurs; 24, Fri—North Otago J.C Autumn March 24, Fri; 25, Sat—Reefton J.C Autumn March 25, Sat—Northern Wairoa R.C Autumn March 29, Wed—Thames J.C Autumn

April 3, Mon—Beaumont J.C Annual April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Feilding J.C Autumn April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Kumara R.C Annual April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Canterbury J.C Autumn April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Wairarapa R.C Autumn April 3, Easter Monday; 4, Tues; 8, Sat—Auckland R.C Autumn April 11, Tues; 12, Wed—Marlborough R.C Autumn April 13, Thurs; 14, Fri—South Canterbury J.C Autumn April 19, Wed; 20, Thurs—Nelson J.C Annual April 19, Wed; 22, Sat—Avondale J.C Autumn April 20, Thurs; 21, Fri—Ashburton County R.C Autumn April 26, Wed; 28, Fri—Wellington R.C Autumn May 3, Wed; 4, Thurs—Woodville District J.C Autumn May 4, Thurs—Christchurch R.C Autumn May 20, Sat; 24, Wed—Takapuna J.C Winter May 24, Wed—Waipawa County R.C Winter May 24, Wed; 25, Thurs—Dunedin J.C Birthday May 24, Wed; 25, Thurs—Wanganui J.C Steeplechase June 3, Sat; 5, Mon—North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase June 21, Wed; 22, Thurs—Hawke's Bay J.C Winter June 28, Wed; 29, Thurs—Napier Park R.C Winter July 12, Wed; 14, Fri—Wellington R.C Winter

NOMINATIONS.

March 24—Auckland R.C Autumn March 25—South Canterbury J.C Autumn March 29—Marlborough R.C Autumn March 29—Wellington R.C Autumn April 7—Avondale J.C Autumn April 7—Ashburton County R.C Autumn April 21—Takapuna J.C Winter April 21—Wellington R.C Autumn: Hack Race April 24—Wanganui J.C Steeplechase April 28—A.R.C Northern Champagne Stakes, 1900, and Royal Stakes (foals), 1900-1.

"HANDICAPS."

March 24—Feilding J.C Autumn March 25—Canterbury J.C Autumn March 27—Auckland R.C Autumn April 5—South Canterbury J.C Autumn April 5—Marlborough R.C Autumn April 7—Wellington R.C Autumn April 10—Avondale J.C Autumn April 12—Nelson J.C Annual April 14—Ashburton County R.C Autumn April 28—Takapuna J.C Birthday, First Hurdles, and Steeplechase Handicaps May 5—Takapuna J.C Winter May 9—Wanganui J.C Steeplechase May 22—Takapuna J.C Winter, second day

ACCEPTANCES.

March 24—Thames J.C Autumn March 24—A.R.C Easter Handicap and First Hurdles March 25—Beaumont J.C Annual March 25—Wairarapa R.C Autumn March 29—Auckland R.C Autumn March 29—Canterbury J.C Autumn March 29—Feilding J.C Autumn April 8—Marlborough R.C Autumn April 10—South Canterbury J.C Autumn April 14—Avondale J.C Autumn April 17—Nelson J.C Annual April 17—Ashburton County R.C Autumn April 21—North Island Challenge Stakes April 21—Wellington R.C Autumn May 12—Takapuna J.C Winter May 15—Wanganui J.C Steeplechase May 22—Takapuna J.C Winter, second day

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

March 29—Marlborough Hack Challenge Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

March 29—C.J.C Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps April 21—W.R.C New Zealand St Leger and North Island Challenge Stakes

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1899.

THE LEAGUE OF N.Z. WHEELMEN.

For some weeks past a feeling of wide-spread discontent and ill-feeling has been running rife in the ranks of the League of New Zealand Wheelmen, and unless matters are soon patched up the sport will suffer considerably. It is alleged that the whole trouble was caused through a member of the executive, who is also a prominent member of the staff of the League's official organ, issuing a circular which contained suggestions for reorganising the League. Copies of this circular were forwarded to a few selected individuals in various parts of New Zealand under the cover of private and confidential, but none were sent to the members of the executive. Our Canterbury correspondent was lucky enough to see a copy of the circular before it became public property, but could see nothing wrong in it. The author, he states, is a man who has made it his business to put the League on a sound footing, and when he finds that the working of the League can be better done by councils in the various centres with the head council in Christchurch, he makes suggestions to that effect to prominent League men outside Christchurch. Had the circular been issued by the League's chairman or one of his friends nothing would have been said. A motion is now before the League to exclude men engaged on cycling newspapers from holding any position in the League. It will be remembered that the few newspaper men on the League interested themselves, and were the principal movers in getting the cycle employees off the League; they now appear to be within measurable distance of being put off themselves. It has always been contended by our Canterbury correspondent, who is an authority on cycling, that neither cycle employees or cycling newspaper employees can do any harm on the governing body, but if one lot is put off the other must go too. This is only logical, and

the majority of delegates are now of that opinion. The League of New Zealand Wheelmen has had nothing but trouble since a certain party of delegates clubbed together and got a motion passed prohibiting cycle employees from acting as League delegates. A few of the latter resented the way they were bundled out of the League, and they make no secret of the fact that they are going to have satisfaction in the way of revenge. They have been working quietly and silently, and will probably see their enemies—the newspaper delegates—off the League in the course of a few weeks.

Sporting Topics.

The Australasian remarks that the New Zealand-bred colt, Lord Cureton, made a creditable first appearance in the V.R.C. Hopeful Stakes.

The winner of the Newmarket Handicap, Forest, only cost 32½ guineas as a yearling. Young Lillian, his dam, is not in the Stud Book, but that fact, it appears, does not prevent a horse from winning a big race.

Owing to soreness, Forest was doing only moderate work before the Newmarket.

Bobadil's record is now 11 victories out of 17 starts.

New South Wales bred the first six horses in the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap.

£1000 to £10 was laid against Forest for the Newmarket Handicap a few nights before the race.

A steeplechaser named Rigo, the property of the English sportsman, Mr H. Bottomley, met his death in a singular manner on January 12. The horse won the Stoke Steeplechase at Windsor on the afternoon of that day, and on the return journey to his training quarters at Alfriston had reached Berwick station, while the storm was at its height. So great was the force of the wind that the box in which he travelled, caught by it, was hurled into a siding, and completely smashed, with the result that Rigo was killed on the spot. The cross-country jockey, D. Reid, who had ridden the horse at Windsor, and accompanied him on his journey, escaped hurt beyond a severe shaking. Rigo was an American-bred five-year-old by Longfellow out of Rena B., and was the first horse to win for Mr Bottomley.

Mr William J. Miller—his large circle of friends prefer to call him Billy Miller just to show that they enjoy the pleasure of his friendship—passed through Auckland on Monday en route from Sydney to America in the good ship Mariposa. Mr Miller is not unknown in New Zealand, as it was he who took away from Auckland Osculator as trainer for Mr Dan. McLeod, but he is better known in Australia, where we have seen him on the racecourses of Hughenden, Charters Towers, and Townsville, handling horses under the hot tropical sun of Northern Queensland, and then again at Eagle Farm in Brisbane, and on the leading courses of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia. It is safe to say that no trainer has seen more of Australasia than Mr Miller, and yet he has not reached the prime of life. He called in at the Sporting Review office, and in the course of an interesting chat he remarked that he was not prepared to say that Bobadil was a better horse than Carbine, because Bobadil, in his opinion, had never met anything this season at any rate that might be called first-class. Laughingly he remarked, "I would have had just as small a chance of beating Peter Jackson in his palmy days as the horses in Australia just now have of beating Bobadil. He used to pull a bit, but now he runs steadily behind his field, and beats them as he likes when asked to go to the front, but at the same time he has not had anything very first class to beat. He was in rotten form when he met Coors, or the Abercorn colt would never have had a show with him. Talking of racehorses in the past, Mr Miller remarked that Abercorn and Carbine were great horses. Carbine held the record, but at the same time he had seen Abercorn in such form that he thought he could have held his own with anything in the world. No doubt Carbine's performance in winning the Melbourne Cup with 10st 5lb in record time for that race was something wonderful, but he had seen the time when it would not have been 10 to 1 against Abercorn if he had had 10st 10lb to carry. But, added Mr Miller, there have been great horses in Australia whose true form has not been shown in public through sheer bad luck. One of these was the New Zealand bred Osculator, who, had he not run against a post on the training track, would have proved himself as good as Abercorn. He arrived at that opinion from the form the colt had shown him. Truly Mr Dan. McLeod had experienced the worst of luck in Australia, for Sebretache was sure to have won at Flemington had he not contracted influenza just before the meeting, and it was a pity that at that juncture he had not been thrown out of work. For some time Mr Miller has been known in Australia as a successful horse dentist, and it is chiefly to prosecute his studies in this important profession that he goes to America. After visiting San Francisco he proposes to spend some time in Chicago, New York, and England. He will then return to Australia by the Orient route armed with the latest scientific instruments for equine dental surgery, and with his added knowledge in that department he intends to adopt it solely as his profession. We heartily wish him success in his new sphere of action. There was quite a host of Auckland sporting folks on the wharf when the Mariposa steamed off to waive adieu to the popular Australasian.