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SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

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Jan. 1.....	Auckland Trotting Club.
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NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

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WEIGHTS APPEAR.

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Nov. 12.....	Dunedin J.C. Spring. Otago Cup and Handicaps.
Nov. 14.....	Takapuna Spring.
Dec. 5.....	A.R.C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
Dec. 3.....	South Auckland Summer Meeting
Dec. 27.....	Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
Jan. 10.....	Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Oct. 17.....	C.J.C. Spring. (Further Payments.) N.Z. Cup, Derby, Oaks, Canterbury Cup, Welcome Stakes
Oct. 23.....	Poverty Bay Turf Club.
Oct. 31.....	C.J.C. Spring. (Final Payments.) N.Z. Cup, Derby, Oaks, Welcome Stakes.
Oct. 31.....	A.R.C. Spring—Prince Wales Hdcp. and Hurdles
Nov. 4.....	Gisborne Racing Club.
Nov. 5.....	A.R.C. Spring. President's & Flying Handicaps.
Nov. 7.....	Auckland Guineas (Forfeit).
Nov. 14.....	Pakuranga Racing Club.
Nov. 20.....	Dunedin J.C. Spring. Otago Cup and Handicaps.
Nov. 21.....	Takapuna Spring.
Dec. 10.....	South Auckland Racing Club Summer.
Dec. 12.....	A.R.C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
Dec. 19.....	A.R.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps.
Dec. 24.....	Great Northern Foal Stakes. (Forfeit).
Dec. 29.....	Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
Jan. 24.....	Egmont Racing Club Summer.

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AQUATICS.

October.....	Kemp v. Stansbury—2 mile course on the Paramatta.
Nov. 19.....	McLean v. Stansbury, on the Paramatta.

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THE Auckland Racing Club Committee at their meeting last week refused to reconsider their decision with regard to the Onehunga Racing Club holding their meetings at Potter's Paddock, and adjourned the consideration of other Clubs' Programmes that had been brought before them. The action of the A.R.C. Committee is open to comment. The only reason they give is that Trotting Races had been held at Potter's Paddock and that was contrary to Rule 21, as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand. At the same time these Clubs say they do not recognize Pony and Trotting Races. The rule reads thus: "Not more than one Club shall be allowed to hold meetings on any racecourse except by special license from the Jockey Club." Taking the word CLUB as the A.R.C. Committee interpret it, it means any Club not necessarily a racing one, so no Football, Athletic, or in fact any description of Club can hold races of any kind on a racecourse without the consent of the Committee.

If on the other hand the A.R.C. Committee, as we are led to believe, think that there are too many little meetings got up for the benefit of a few people, and that the use of the Totalisator is being abused (in both of which we concur), let them boldly state so, and put their foot down on these "leather flapping" meetings, and we as well as many others will agree with them that they are doing legitimate racing a great service.

The A.R.C. Committee must, however, bear in mind that the public will have Trotting and

Pony racing, and if they can get the use of the Totalisator they will have them in spite of all the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand. As the matter now stands there can be Trotting and Pony races every Saturday at Potter's Paddock and any amount of swindling can be carried on without anyone to prevent it, so we may fully expect to see the lawyer make a good harvest if anything like a good swindle arises.

We should suggest that the Auckland Racing Club Committee should at once state the platform they are going on. If it is to put down what may be called "proprietary" meetings and to restrict the use of the Totalisator they will receive universal support. On the other hand they must remember that there must be Trotting races.

We should suggest that three or four Pony and Trotting meetings be allowed in the year under proper supervision, at the same time the Colonial Secretary should be requested not to issue permits for the use of the machine indiscriminately. If the A.R.C. Committee do this they will receive great support from the lovers of genuine racing.

We notice that the late Hon. J. White's horses were sold at Newmarket on October 8th. Taking into consideration that, owing to the absurd rule of the English Jockey Club, all nominations are void on the death of the nominator, they must have been an exceptionally good lot, judging from the prices they realized. Mr. D. Cooper was the principal purchaser, and to him the Australians will have to look to upholding the honor of the colonial turf. Mons Meg, a bay filly by Martini-Henri out of Malacca (an own sister to Singapore), was the highest priced one, falling to the bid of Mr. D. Cooper for 2,600 guineas. This is a very long price for a filly with no engagements, especially as she had been greatly fancied for the Middle Park Plate, therefore the public know something about her. The same gentleman also bought the bay colt, Wentworth, by Chester out of Trafalgar (brother to Dreadnought), for 1,700 guineas, and the colt, Nepean, by Chester out of Iolanthe, for 350 guineas. That shrewd judge, Captain Machell, gave 610 guineas for Kirkham. He must see a good race in him or he would never have given that sum. There was probably some truth in what Boase said when he returned to Australia, i.e., that he had been overdone. Narellan fell to the bid of an outsider for the small sum of 250 guineas, so one may safely conclude that he is irretrievably gone. The yearling colt by Martini-Henri out of La Princess, was purchased by Mr. Douglas Baird for 550 guineas. By the above return it will be seen that what Boase said about the Duke of Portland being willing to give £3,000 for Kirkham was a little bit of "claptrap" on his part.

On another page will be found the programme of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, which takes place on Saturday, November 29th. They give in added money £380, which is a most liberal sum for a one day's meeting. The money is well divided, giving every class of horses a chance of paying their expenses. The principal races of the day are the Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs., one and three-quarter miles; St. Andrew's Handicap of 75 sovs., one mile and a half; the Steeplechase of 80 sovs., three and a half miles; and the Spring Handicap of 45 sovs., six furlongs. The programme is really a good one, and with fine weather should attract good fields, as being the commencement of the season, many owners and trainers are anxious to get something towards their oat bills. The nominations, with the exception of the Selling Race, close on Friday, November 7th. The weights will appear on Friday, November 14th, and acceptances and entries for the Selling Race have to be declared

on November 21st. The Takapuna Jockey Club have introduced three new races into their Summer programmes for 1892 and 1893. The first is the Takapuna Stakes (for three-year-olds) of 100 sovs. (for now two-year-olds), colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 7lb, with penalties and allowances; distance 1 mile $1\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs. This peculiar distance is caused by the formation of the course. The second is called the Anniversary Stakes (for now yearlings) of 100 sovs.; for two-year-olds, colts 8st 10lb, fillies 8st 7lb, with penalties and allowances; distance six furlongs. The third will take place at the meeting of 1893. It is the Takapuna Stakes (for now yearlings); conditions the same as the Takapuna Stakes for 1892. The Takapuna Jockey Club in adding these races have not only supplied a want, but greatly strengthened their programme, as any one who had a second class horse could previously only take their chance in w.f.a. races at Ellerslie or stand out altogether and wait for a handicap. The entries for the Takapuna Stakes 1892 close on Thursday, November 7th, and for the Anniversary Stakes 1892, and the Takapuna Stakes 1893, on January 9th, 1891. The Takapuna Jockey Club are to be congratulated in having made these excellent additions to their programme. Their meetings are always popular and successful, for which much credit is due to the courteous and energetic secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, who is ready at all times to give any information or assistance that may be asked of him.

At the meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Committee held yesterday, the following programmes were passed:—The Pakuranga Racing Club, November 22nd; Avondale Jockey Club, December 13th; Thames Jockey Club, December 26th and 27th; Dargaville Racing Club, December 26th and 27th. The disqualification of Lonely and Muscatelle for running at unregistered meetings was removed. The case of the jockey Hankins, who was disqualified by the Drury Racing Club was considered, and the sentence was remitted. The committee also decided that the secretary, Mr. W. Percival, should not act as handicapper for any of the outside meetings.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

LAST week, when I challenged "Spectator" to pick fifteen mares from the Sylvia Park Stud against those I chose from Wellington Park, I overlooked the important words "of their age," that "Spectator" inserted. I will agree with him that in no stud will you find "so many grand old mares." I do not think that "Spectator's" experience in breeding is as long as mine, but I will ask him if, with rare exceptions, he ever knew a mare over seventeen years of age throw a good racehorse. I have not the stud books at hand, so I shall only go by memory, but he may go through all the books if he likes, and I venture to say that he will not find twenty mares during the last thirty years that have done so. Burlesque had Buckstone after she was twenty, but she is the only one I remember. All Pocohantas' stock deteriorated after she foaled Ayacanora, while Paradigm, the dam of Lord Lyon, Achievement and many other good winners, was the same. Then come nearer home and take Sylvia. She was sixteen when she threw Martini-Henri; what have her stock been like since? You can find any amount of cases like this. If "Spectator" looks through his pet mares at Sylvia Park he will find a difficulty in selecting fifteen mares under sixteen that have bred a winner, the majority being over that, and the best two—Sylvia and Onyx—being twenty-six and eighteen years respectively.

TO-DAY is the commencement of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club meeting at Caulfield. The first race to take notice of is the Caulfield Stakes of 500 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, w.f.a.; the winner of any race, not a handicap, value 500 sovs., 5lb extra, of more than that amount 7lb. extra. There are twenty-eight horses entered, including Pygmallion, Singapore, Dunkeld, The Admiral, Churchill, Gibraltar, Megaphone, and Marvel. The conditions of the Caulfield Cup, which are absurdly worded, read thus:—"The winner of any handicap flat race of the value of 100

sovs. (the Toorak Handicap excepted) after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb. extra; of two such flat races or any flat race of the value of 200 sovs. 7lb. extra; or of any such race of the value of 500 sovs., 14lb. extra." This part of the conditions would puzzle even a sea lawyer. If it really means that the winner of the Caulfield Stakes has to carry a 14lb. penalty in the Cup, we may expect to see a good many of the cracks engaged in the Cup drop out. The race will probably rest between Gibraltar and Megaphone, and as the former has to concede 7lb. to the latter it looks a good thing for Mr. Wallace's recent purchase. The only other race to touch upon is the Caulfield Guineas. The acceptances were declared last Thursday. Nine are left in. Of these only Titan, Whimberel and Prelude are worthy of notice. Titan has never been a favourite of mine, for not only is he a gelding, but from what I can learn he has stilty forelegs. In the A.J.C. Derby it was said he was not fit, being deficient in muscle, and looked soft, still he ran a good horse for the greater part of the way. The Guineas course is only a mile, but at the same time if a gelding was deficient in muscle and soft a fortnight ago, I fail to see how a trainer can improve him, as a gelding requires less work than an entire, and from my experience I have found that the only chance of getting them up is to cease work for a time. This, considering the large amount of money he has been backed for, is impossible. Geldings, as I have mentioned before, often make brilliant two-year-olds, but at three—when their teething time comes—they take a much longer time to get over it than entire, as their constitutions are not so strong, and they are generally four-year-olds before they thoroughly recover from the operation. So much as he is fancied by the general public, and I believe also by his owner, I cannot stand him. Whimberel has proved himself at Randwick a thoroughly good colt over all distances, and from what I can learn his owner's money is on for the great events at the V.R.C. Meeting at Flemington, so this gallop will not affect him in the market. Prelude has this year proved herself a good filly in more than one race, but as she has to put up a penalty of 7lb, I think she may be placed third, as the distance is only a mile. I expect the result will be a slashing race between Whimberel and Titan. Of the two I give the preference to the former, as I believe him to be a thoroughly game sound colt. For the Caulfield Cup, several of the favourites as I expected are travelling badly in the market, and at this distance away from the scene of action lucky will be the man who can spot the winner. My own opinion is that it will turn up in some rank outsider, but which is the one I am unable to pick. Little Bernie is at present the favourite, and if all is on the square he will take a good deal of beating, but from information lately received I think my readers will have no reason to regret having a little on Vengeance and Redfern's selected, which one it is I leave them to judge. I however prefer either Ivy or Mellonian, the former for choice.

THE first day of the Hawkes' Bay Jockey Club meeting resulted in a great many surprises, and backers had a bad time of it, not a single favourite winning. Boulanger, 4yrs. old, with 7st 2lb, won the October Handicap pretty easily, but this was not a very great performance as he was receiving lumps of weight from all but one in the race. Taurakaitai, 9st 10lb., had little difficulty in disposing of seven others in the Hurdle Race. The Hawkes Bay Guineas was the principal race of the day, and resulted in a regular boil over, Medallion starting a tremendous favourite, with odds of 3 to 1 being laid on him. He finished absolutely last, the winner turning up in Mr. Ormond's colt St. Andrew, by St. Leger out of Scottish Lassie, who had little difficulty in disposing of Crackshot, the rest never being dangerous. This running is hard to understand, as Medallion was the best of his age last season, and it is hardly likely that Mr. Stead would have sent him to Napier unless he considered the race a moral for him. The particulars to hand are rather brief, so news may come later on explaining the cause of his defeat. I hear from good authority that the starting at Napier has been previously of the very worst description, and it is just possible he may have been left at the post. On the other hand

St. Andrew last year won every race he started for, with the exception of the Sapling Stakes, in which he was trying to concede 18lb. to Arnoel and 35lb. to Seraph; at the same time he got a very bad start, so St. Andrew may be a better colt than is anticipated, and I am informed he has wintered well. The only other race that requires notice is the Welcome Stakes, for which only three started, Mr. Douglas' Rosefeldt by Nordenfeldt out of Rose d'Amour winning a good race by a neck from Cretonne, by Ascot out of Leonessa.

THE second day of the meeting was almost as disastrous to backers as the first. The first race that calls for any comment is the Spring Handicap. Crackshot, 7st 7lb, after a good race, won cleverly by a length from Strephon, 7st 11lb, and Pearl Powder, 7st; Cynisca 8st 9lb, Katinka 7st 11lb, Boulanger 7st 5lb, and Tit 6st 10lb, being behind the placed horses. This running stamps the winner as being a good colt. Those who believe in the time test will find that 2min 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec is the record for this race. For the Nursery Handicap Rosefeldt and Cretonne ran a dead heat, with Salva close up. This running goes far to prove that none of the two-year-olds that appeared at the meeting will turn out of much account, as they all appear to be of much about the same form. Whisper, 9st 10lb, won the Consolation pretty easily, giving lumps of weight away to everything in the race. This running proves that Whisper is a very smart mare over her own distance, and it is a great pity that she was left at the post in the October Handicap. I will now review the running with regard to its effect on the C.J.C. Derby and the New Zealand Cup. I will first of all take the crack of last season, Medallion. His running in the Guineas was inexplicable, as one would have thought that his owner would never have gone to the expense of sending him to Napier unless he thought he had a certainty. His running last is too bad to be true, and either he got away badly, was not fit, or the course *did not suit*. I have had no opportunity of learning the facts of the case, but for the present I shall ignore this running altogether. I will now take the running of the two three-year-olds, St. Andrew and Crackshot. The former won the Guineas and the latter the Handicap. These two meet in the Cup at a difference of 8lb in favour of Crackshot. This I think will enable him to turn the tables on St. Andrew, though in this colt Mr. Ormond has undoubtedly a good one. If you can believe the southern reports it appears that Crackshot was not thoroughly wound up, and the gallop in the Guineas may have done him good; at the same time he is not out of the gameness of mares. Cynisca I think may be put down as a non-starter, as her running here points to her having no show. The same remarks apply to Queen of Trumps, who at one time received some support. The only other horse that calls for any remarks is Strephon, who meets Crackshot on 10lb better terms. The distance for the Cup is two miles, and the Riccarton course requires a stayer, so I should not be surprised to see the four-year-old turn the tables, but I shall have more to say on the Cup next week. So far I do not think the winner of the Cup appeared at Napier, unless it was Medallion.

IN another column will be found an advertisement that Grip—by Slanderer out of Awatea—will stand this season at Mr. E. B. Laxon's farm at East Tamaki. Grip is a powerful black horse bred by Mr. H. Redwood in 1876, while on the turf he won the C.J.C. Handicap, Canterbury Cup and Christchurch Plate. He was a good weight carrier, and could also stay well. For some seasons he has been standing in the northern part of this Province, where he has left some first-class stock. His moderate fee places him within reach of all the settlers, therefore he should be extensively patronised, as with good roomy mares he should get some fine upstanding horses.

THE Caulfield Cup, until the final acceptances which are due on October 14th are made, appears to be a very open race. The more you read the different training reports the more you are puzzled, as so many are fancied "if" they are not reserved for the Melbourne Cup. Some good judges think that this will be Marvel's journey, as it is said that he prefers a mile and a half to the longer distance. Red-

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fern has a strong team, consisting of Churchill, Meltonian, Benzon, Marco and Ivy, all of whom are going well, the first three being particularly fancied. At the present time there is no pronounced favourite. Dunkeld has perhaps been backed for as much money as anything, but he does not travel well in the market, so he may be considered an absentee. My favourite outsider, Vengeance, has been backed to win a good stake. Of Redfern's team Churchill and Benzon have all along been most fancied, and Ivy has been nibbled at, so his selected one must have a great show. Little Bernie, since his running at Randwick, has come in for a great deal of support, but he belongs to a bookmaker, and may therefore have the pencil fever before the day. There are several others more or less backed, but I will adhere to my first selections, and of these I prefer Singapore and Vengeance, though Redfern's best will be dangerous - Ivy for choice. The acceptances are due on Tuesday next, when backers will know what they are about.

THERE is very little doing in the Melbourne Cup, and it is not likely there will be until after the Caulfield meeting. Carbine and Melos still head the quotations, and both of them are about equal favourites, but I think there is more money forthcoming about Carbine than there is about Melos. Little Bernie and The Queen have also been backed for a good deal of money, apparently from good quarters, but unless the former had a good deal in hand for the Metropolitan, the mare is sure to beat him. Gibraltar, since his running in the A.J.C. Derby and Second Foal Stakes, has come into a prominent position in the market, and 100 to 5 is taken and offered. Sir William is another about whom 100 to 3 has been booked, but I think he will not like the two miles in a strong run race. Of the ten I first selected I prefer at the present time the chances of Melos, The Admiral, Dunkeld, Gresford and Whimberel. Singapore, I fancy, is meant for the Caulfield Cup, and from the tone of the market Dunkeld will probably be reserved for the Melbourne event. The acceptances are due on the Tuesday before the race, and it is better to take a short price when you know something than a long one when you don't.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Pungawetewere has dropped a filly foal to Nordenfeldt.

We notice that Tasman is in the sale list, price 1000 guineas.

Nautilus, the dam of Galatea, Teredo, Cynisca and Pygmalion, has foaled a colt to Lochiel, and has visited Chainshot.

We have received information that Yum Yum has met with an accident, and will therefore not be a starter at the Hunt Club race-meeting.

The Queensland correspondent of the *Sydney Referee* writes that Mr. Donald Wallace has scratched Megaphone for the Queensland Derby and St. Leger.

Billy Craft, well-known in Auckland, is to be placed in command of Mr. Donald Wallace's newly acquired stud farm near Queenscliffe.—*Weekly Press*.

Mr. J. G. Harris, well-known in sporting circles, has taken the White Hart Hotel, Christchurch. Jack is popular, and should do well.—*Public Opinion*.

Hon. G. McLean's New Zealand Cup candidate Emmason has been blistered, and St. James, belonging to the same owner, has been sold for stud purposes.

St Gatten who ran a dead heat with Harvester for the Derby at Epsom has left Newmarket for the Imperial Graditz Stud, having been sold to Count Lehndorff for £14,000.

Mr. H. Redwood's colt Dog Rose, by Natator—Rosalind, met with a severe accident recently, and it is feared will never be able to race again. He threw his rider and bolted into a barbed wire fence, cutting himself severely.

The following scratchings are announced since our last issue:—V.R.C. Derby: Tormen-tor. Caulfield Cup: Tormen-tor, Shootover, Sultan, Midas, Insignia, Daniel, Umslopogaas, Camden. Melbourne Cup: Tormen-tor, Cardigan, Medallion, Insignia, Litigant.

Meta, by Anteros—Pearl Ash, is coming up to Auckland from Napier on a visit to Mr. Morrin's Castor.

"Carbine" fancies Wolverine has a great chance in the New Zealand Cup and thinks it a pity that he was not left in the Caulfield Cup. After his dual victory at the Hunt Club meeting there was a great rush to get on him, but his price soon hardened, and he is now quoted at 6 to 1.

A notice appears in the *Sydney Referee* from Mr. Joseph Abrahams, the well-known book-maker, setting forth that the partnership between himself and Mr. Alfred Drake (well-known in Auckland) has been dissolved, and requesting that gentlemen having bets on future events with the late firm will kindly compare books with Mr. Abrahams to prevent mistakes.

The following chatty paragraphs are extracted from "Augur's" notes in the *Australasian*. "It is admitted by all judges whose opinions are worthy of respect that Megaphone is one of the best colts that ever carried a saddle. There is little to choose between him and Carbine at weight-for-age up to a mile and a half. So brilliant indeed were some of his performances that turf men were amazed, and could scarcely believe that any three-year-old could accomplish such wonders. . . . Most people who saw the A.J.C. Derby declare that Whimberel ought to have won. . . . When Gibraltar steps on to the Flemington course Victorians will see one of the grandest colts that ever graced the track. . . . Gatling is undoubtedly a brilliant colt, but there is just a suspicion that he is faint-hearted. . . . In Whimberel Mr. Dan O'Brien possesses one of the best colts of the season. . . . After his race with Megaphone in the Craven Plate there was a slight discharge from the crack in Carbine's foot, which has opened out again. Hickenbotham will have to bring all his skill and ingenuity into play to get him to the post for the Melbourne Cup. . . . The owner of Little Bernie, who is a bookmaker, won £4,000 or £5,000 by the victories of his horse. . . . Sir William will, I think, prove his real worth in an important handicap. On the first day of the meeting he showed good form by running a dead heat for second place with Melos, and I noticed him in the three miles race taking a feeler as they mounted the hill at the back of the course. Sir William has 8st. 11lb. in the Caulfield Cup and the same weight in the Melbourne Cup. Whichever he is intended for he will nearly, if not quite win, and my impression is that it will be the former. . . . Tantallon and Prince Consort will materially improve on their Randwick form. They were both a bit jolly, but by the time the Melbourne Cup is run should be in their very best form. . . . Marvel is something of a mystery, but I think his first trip under full sail will be the Caulfield Cup, two miles being considered a trifle too far for him. He did not start at Randwick. . . . Nothing at Flemington has improved more than Singapore, who has lost all that jaded appearance he presented last season. . . . Among the stables that I visited during my stay in Sydney was Joe Kean's. At the time of my visit the principal occupants of Kean's stable were those under the care of his brother James, who at that time had not long recovered from the effects of a paralytic stroke. Cuirassier, who ran so indifferently at Randwick, was in physic. He is a dark brown colt, more like Enflade than Trenton, and judging from his performances in New Zealand, he is no doubt a real good horse, but at present he is a great deal above himself, and James Kean will have his work cut out to have him ready by November. The colt's trainer fears that he got him about seven or eight weeks too late to have him thoroughly fit, and being a gross horse, he will take a lot of work before he comes to the post in the pink of condition. Leopold is a horse of another colour, a chestnut, and much smaller than the brown, but he is one of the long and low sort, and should take his part in the Caulfield Cup. James Kean also has a very fine four-year-old filly named Dolosa, by Leolinus from Lure (sister to Lurline). This filly is a full-sister to Whakawai, and when her racing career has ended she should make a valuable brood mare. . . . Correze has lengthened out into a regular gentleman, but his teeth have been giving his trainer a considerable amount of trouble, and for that reason it was considered advisable not to run him at the A.J.C. meeting.

Lionel, by Leolinus—Petroleuse, has found a purchaser in Mr. J. J. Russell, of New Plymouth, and the horse has been shipped down to his new owner.

The following mares have arrived on a visit to Castor:—Arielina, Queen Cole, Veneration Lady Florin, Nymph, a mare by Traducer, a mare by Deadshot, Zip, and a mare pedigree unknown. Meta will arrive in a few days.

Of Mr. Morrin's own mares the following will be put to Castor:—Vivandiere, Necklace, Balista, Hilda, Cissy, Victress, Brown Bess, Rose of Wellington. Welcome Katie, The Jilt, Ada, Gannet, and Molina.

"Carbine," in *Public Opinion*, write that Dudu is doing as well as anything at Riccarton, and if she can stay she must have a big show in the New Zealand Cup. It is also now admitted by all racing men that when she went out for the Dunedin Cup such a hot favourite the mare was legitimately done with when she so suddenly shut up. At the time many expressed doubts that such was the case.

The bookmakers by sticking together, says "Ajax," have secured a victory over the Victorian Amateur Turf Club Committee, who have recognized the absurdity of attempting to bring off a big meeting without the aid of pencilers. At a general meeting of the Australian bookmakers association it was agreed that it was optional if they paid £10 a year or £1 a meeting, neither fee to include admission to the course. This arrangement was accepted by the V.A.T.C. Committee.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

TUESDAY.

COAL SCUTTLE and Miss Cole were associated together for a round on the course proper, an example followed by Hedger's colt, The Dancer. Fiesole went two circuits at half-pace, and Reprisal went a similar distance slow. Glaucus and Antelope were coupled together for two rounds fast, Antelope having all the best of it. Hopeful Kate, the hurdle racer, was sent three times round slowly, and then Odd Trick and Nap were associated for two miles and a half, Nap running away from his companion. Moderator went once round, and Priscilla did good serviceable exercise.

WEDNESDAY.

WEDNESDAY was an off day, and little work was done. Reprisal and Miss Cole cantered in company. Tamora went twice round at half-pace, and Patchwork a similar distance slow. The Captivator—Madcap two-year-old colt in Hope's stable cantered over one circuit. Moderator did steady exercise, Landseer and Winifred were coupled together for a mile spin, in which the former showed to most advantage. After breakfast, Williamson's two-year-olds Orestes and the Maid of Honour colt spurred on the course proper.

THURSDAY.

AN excellent morning's work was got through, trainers taking advantage of the beautiful weather to give their charges some fast work, and some very interesting gallops were the result. Harrison was out early with his string. Reprisal and Tamora being coupled together on the trial track for a mile and a quarter. Vendetta joined in at the five furlong post, and the trio came home at top, Reprisal pulling over his opponents. Hopeful Kate went three times round the trial track slow, and Patchwork, looking well, did similar work. Fiesole, Miss Cole and Glaucus were then associated together over a mile and a distance, Miss Cole pulling off at the five furlong post, where Vendetta joined in to bring the others home, Fiesole apparently having all the best of the go. Landseer was sent once round, and Fishmonger negotiated double that distance. On the course proper, The Dancer slipped over a circle at half-pace, Antelope following for a similar distance slow. Priscilla and Daisy worked on together, while Odd Trick went four times round the trial gallop at a good working pace. Nap was exercised on the course proper, two rounds at a good pace being his morning's duty. Ma Boughal and Capella were each sent for a circle on the same track, and Moderator worked on the trial track. Hurricane was restricted to trotting exercise in the middle.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

Owners are reminded that Friday, 17th inst., is general entry day for the C.J.C. Spring Meeting. Final payments for the N.Z. Cup, Derby, Oaks, Canterbury Cup, and Welcome Stakes must then be made, together with the general entries.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Saturday, October 4th.

PERHAPS the most important event of the past week has been the scratching of Mr. Wilson's (the Victorian Sportsman) colt Pygmalion for all his engagements with the C.J.C. The withdrawal of the colt has not been unexpected, as his owner thinks so highly of him, and he is so heavily engaged in the rich prizes offered on the other side that it would be strange if Mr. Wilson elected to run him again in New Zealand.

Talking of Pygmalion reminds me that his famous dam, Nautilus, has not after all been mated with Maxim. When the mare was taken to Yaldhurst she kicked that stallion, and his owner not caring to risk his horse been again treated to such an indignity, Nautilus was put to Chain Shot, who, by the way, is receiving some of the cream of the thoroughbred mares hereabouts. Mr. Rutherford's horse is receiving a rare show in his first season and should give a good account of himself.

Besides the big Napier meeting next week we have a gathering at Ohoka, some 40 miles distant from this city, on Thursday. It forms a pleasant little outing and allows an innings for some of the Riccarton small fry. Horses from Sheehan's stable have been so invariably lucky here of late years that the Ohoka and Egerton (to give the Club its full name) meeting has become to be called "Sheehan's annual benefit." Some of the nags from his stable are fairly well in this year, but it remains to be seen whether he will again effect a coup.

Regarding the Napier meeting much interest is taken in it here, and especially in the meeting of the two locally trained colts, Medallion and Crackshot, both of whom went North last week. You know Mr. Stead's is a first rate colt and Mr. Bulter's is, in the opinion of most good judges, not a whit inferior. Crackshot may not be over successful for some time to come, but when fully matured will, if I am not very much mistaken, be a great horse.

His Excellency, Lord Onslow, has been in Christchurch for some time. As you are aware, he takes great interest in all manner of sport and is no mean judge of horseflesh. An accomplished whip, he has been driving about a good deal visiting the points of interest in the country districts. Last week he went as far as Ashburton and spent a few days at Mr. Grigg's, Longbeach. While at Ashburton, Lord Onslow saw Mr. Edward Saunders, the huntsman of the county hounds, and hunted The Moor—a coal black stallion by the Ravensworth horse, Cloth of Gold—whom he declared the finest out of a cross country horse he had seen in the colony. Cloth of Gold, although himself rather a mean looking customer, has left some really tip top jumping stock in Otago; horses with far more than the average amount of sagacity, and to make a really good hunter you want an animal with brains.

The tracks at Riccarton have assumed a very busy appearance lately, and fast work is daily indulged in. The Cup favorite, Merrie England, does his apportioned task without the slightest bother, and having most of the lumber off him now, should be real fit by Cup day. A number of horses from the West Coast and country districts have within the last day or two arrived at Riccarton to have the finishing touches put on them for the big meeting.

Ahua has not been quite himself lately, but has not been absent from the track. He did not run at all up to his form at Timaru.

Mr. Alf. Josephs, one of the principal members of the Victoria Club, arrived by the mail steamer this morning. He has been on a visit to England and is now returning to Melbourne. Mr. Josephs was at one time member of Parliament for Sandhurst. During his stay in Auckland he is to visit Sylvia Park.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES.

HUNT CLUB CUP of 45 sovs. About 3½ miles.			
	st. lb.		st. lb.
Hurricane	12 12	Tawhiao	10 6
Costley	12 4	Odd Trick	10 6
Jim	10 6	Fragrance	10 0

MEMBERS' HURDLES of 35 sovs. Two miles.			
	st. lb.		st. lb.
Hurricane	12 7	Tawhiao	10 4
Costley	12 2	Fragrance	10 4
Shotover	11 7	Randwick	10 0
Nap	11 0		

FLYING STAKES of 30 sovs. ¾ mile.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
St. Michael	9 1	Blarney	7 10
Nigger	8 4	Prudence	7 7
Ingorina	8 0	Cambria	7 7
Capella	7 12	Premier	7 0

MAIDEN PLATE of 20 sovs. One mile.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
The Baron	9 0	Priscilla	7 10
Fishmonger	8 7	Iron Bark	7 10
Transit	8 0	Daisy	7 7
Ma Boughall	7 12	Captive	7 7
My Queen	7 10	Winifred	7 7

OPEN HURDLES of 35 sovs. 1½ miles.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Orlando	11 0	Irish Agitator	9 10
Larrikin	10 0	Blarney	9 4
Nap	9 10	Neli	9 0
Satyr	9 10	Carronade	9 0
Fishmonger	9 10		

FARMERS' PLATE of 20 sovs. Once round the Steeplechase course.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Shotover	12 1	Kaiwaka	11 0
Falcon	11 10	Dundee	10 0
Ma Petite Fille	11 7	Mangere	10 0
Fly	11 4	Artic	10 0
Tairoa	11 4		

Nominations for LADIES BRACELET, value 15 sovs. 1 mile and a distance.

Shotover, Lord Gillie, Carronade, Fragrance, Fishmonger, Prestissimo, Randwick.

A.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

MR. J. O. EVITT has declared the following weights:—

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Hilda	9 8	Cynical	7 7
Antelope	8 12	The Dreamer	7 6
Cissy	8 11	Pinfire	7 4
Tamora	8 5	Belmont	7 3
Patchwork	8 2	Cambria	7 2
Leorina	7 13	Glaucus	7 0
Fiesole	7 12	Cartridge	6 8
Reprisal	7 10	Torment	6 3
Leolantis	7 9	Country Boy	6 0

HANDICAP HURDLES.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Silvio	11 12	Te Kooti	9 4
Hopeful Kate	10 10	Fragrance	9 3
Orlando	10 7	Begorrah	9 0
Satyr	10 0	Sentinel	9 0
Hune	9 12	Hailstone	9 0
Parnell	9 10	Carronade	9 0
Fishmonger	9 7	Yum Yum	9 0
Torment	9 5		

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

The following entries have been received for the Wanganui Spring Meeting:—

TRIAL STAKES.—Retina, Boulanger, Fleta, Lonely, Vendor, La Petite Fille, Dingo, Lethe, Weka, Daisy, Clipper, Seraph, Montrose II., Mirabelle, Josephine, Comet, Eileen, Cyclone, Sleep, Rufus, Lady Leger, Jenny.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Rere, Asper, The Dream, Pizarro, Taurakaitai, Silvio, Gladius, Waipipi, Jacob, Wardrobe, Matchless, Jenny.

WANGANUI STAKES.—Retina, Boulanger, Vendor, Lethe, Cheque, Weka, Seraph, Montrose II., Mirabelle, Josephine, Cruiser, Comet, Cyclone, Lady Leger.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Fleta, Lonely, Rewe, La Petite Fille, Vendor, The Dream, Cheque, Weka, Mirabelle, Cruiser, Comet, Eileen, Sleep, Lady Leger, Jenny.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

The following are the entries which have been received for the principal events to be decided at the Gisborne Racing Club's Spring Meeting on November 10th:—

FLYING HANDICAP.—Cairngorm, Lady Cicely, Avis, Kupenga, Dancing Master, Letta, Criminal, Maroon, Zanzibar, Misfortune, Pauawa, Truthful, Papakura, Pinfire.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Cairngorm, Lady Cicely, Kupenga, Puti, Criminal, Nora, Flirtation, Pouawa, Truthful, Tamahine, Munaragi.

HURDLES.—Bit o' Blue, Defamer, Oeo, Leila, Caitiff, Duadin.

PARK HANDICAP.—Cairngorm, Bit o' Blue, Rejected, Kupenga, New York, Leila, Fitzjames, Wakatipu, Avis, Zanzibar, Deceiver, Nora, Pum, Misfortune, Pouawa, Truthful, Pinfire.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

THE following handicaps were issued on Wednesday, for the first day's races of the Napier Park Racing Club:—

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES, 1½ miles.—Turaekaitai, 11st 7lb; Theorem, 10st 7lb; Defamer, 9st 12lb; Oeo, 9st 8lb; Dynamite, 9st 2lb; Maori Girl, 9st; Ringa, 9st; Roll Call, 9st; Pizzaro, 9st.

OCTOBER HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Boulanger, 8st 8lb; Strephon, 8st 7lb; Huetana, 7st 10lb; Tit, 7st 10lb; Pursestring, 7st 5lb; Vision, 7st 3lb; Maid of Lorne, 6st 9lb; Man Friday, 6st 8lb; Queen of Trumps, 6st 8lb; Fitzjames, 6st 5lb; Kapo, 6st 4lb; Lullaby, 6st.

PARK STAKES HANDICAP, 1½ miles.—Jet d'Eau, 9st 4lb; St. Andrew, 8st 8lb; Strephon, 8st 4lb; Kotuku, 8st; Lenore, 7st 12lb; Aronoe, 7st 11lb; Katinka, 7st 10lb; Medjidie, 7st 8lb; Retina, 7st 7lb; Dreamland, 7st 3lb; Leonie, 7st 3lb; Tit, 7st; Seraph, 6st 9lb; Queen of Trumps, 6st 7lb; Fitzjames, 6st 6lb; Man Friday, 6st 4lb; Kapo, 6st 2lb; Dryad, 6st.

SAPLING STAKES, of 4½ furlongs.—Rosefeldt, 8st 7lb; Cretonne, 8st 4lb; Creeper, 8st; Sword Dance—Lady Mersey filly, 7st 12lb.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Chemist, 12st 12lb; Uranus, 11st 7lb; Waterfall, 11st 4lb; Darnley, 11st 4lb; Turaekaitai, 11st; Raven, 10st 10lb; Violet, 10st 10lb; Argo, 10st 7lb; Premium, 10st 7lb; Leonardo, 10st 2lb; Theorem, 10st; Oeo, 9st 6lb; Ringa, 9st 2lb; Blue Mountain, 9st; Pizzaro, 9st; Tambourine, 9st.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Jet d'Eau, 9st 6lb; St. Andrew, 8st 12lb; Kotuku, 8st 7lb; Strephon, 8st; Katinka, 7st 12lb; Lenore, 7st 12lb; Retina, 7st 12lb; Medjidie, 7st 10lb; Huerfana, 7st 7lb; Dreamland, 7st 3lb; Leonie, 7st 3lb; Kupenga, 7st 1lb; Pursestring, 7st; Man Friday, 6st 10lb; Dauphine, 6st 4lb; Dryad, 6st.

AHURIRI HANDICAP, once round.—Emerald, 8st 7lb; Fleta, 8st; Kiekie, 8st; Tit, 7st 9lb; Swivel, 7st 7lb; Lopez, 7st 7lb; Couranto, 7st 4lb; Lady Hamilton, 7st 2lb; Dauphine, 7st 2lb; Arawa, 7st; Lukatere, 7st; Fleta, 7st; Legacy, 6st 12lb; Maid of Lorne, 6st 9lb; Hikamare, 6st 7lb; Exchange, 6st 6lb; Lullaby, 6st; Lady Cecil, 6st; Rejected, 6st.

ATHLETICS.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

A fifty mile bicycle road race was run at Christchurch on Monday morning, and won by L. Humm of the Midland Cycling Club, in 3hr 44min 15sec, including 40min start. J. Painter, M.C.C., was second. His time was 3hr 44min 30sec, with 25min start. Painter's actual running time was 3hr 29min 30sec, lowering the New Zealand record by 2½min.

Peter Jackson and Frank P. Slavin have been matched to fight for £3000 and the championship of the world, at the Melbourne Club.

The boxing contest between Frank P. Slavin and Joe McAuliffe, the Californian champion, took place at the Ormonde Club, London, last week. The fight was for £1000 and a diamond belt, presented by an American paper. Slavin knocked his opponent out in less than two rounds.

Some weeks ago the Speedwell Bicycle Club offered a gold medal to the first member of their Club who succeeded in putting up a road record on any class of machine for 24hrs. Mr. Chas. Culbosh succeeded in doing 165 miles under the most adverse circumstances, rain coming down heavily most of the time, making the roads very bad. His actual riding time was 20hrs. Mr. Culbush is confident that with fair luck he can do at least 200 miles.

Captain Mark Long of the Sydney Safety Cycling Club has just put up a record for the distance between Goulburn and Sydney, 137 miles, in 18½hrs., his actual riding time being 16½hrs.

Peter Jackson has commenced training at the Sydney Athletic Club Rooms for his match with Joseph Goddard, which takes place at the Chrystal Palace, Melbourne, for a purse of £400.

A new paper entirely devoted to cycling is about to be published. It will be called the "Victorian Wheelman," and will come out every Friday.—*Australasian*.

The following are the handicaps which were issued by Mr. W. H. Johnson for the bicycle road race which takes place to-day. The course is from Panmure to Parnell:—Buchanan, scratch; Howard, scratch; Lecky, scratch; L. E. Hoffmann, ¼min.; Reynolds, ¼min.; Shortt, 1min.; Hammond, 2½min.; C. Waters, 4½min.; Nicholson, 4½min.; Hill, 5min.; Aickin, 6min.; E. Waters, 6½min.; A. Service, 6½min.; Hazard, 8min.; Elliott, 8min.; Dacre, 8min.; McCallum, 8½min.; Mason, 9min.; Hooper, 9min.

A match has been arranged between McLean and Stansbury for £200 a side, on the Paramatta, on November 19th. McLean, since his defeat by Kemp, has been trying hard to get on another match with the Champion, but having failed has made this one.

"Smiler" in the Sydney Referee states that the Sydney Club has decided to match Abe Willis, the champion bantam-weight pugilist of Australia, against George Dixon, champion of England and America, for a purse of £300 and the championship of the world.

Bubear, the ex-champion sculler of England, and D. Kellie, a novice, rowed over the Lower Yarra champion course for £100 a side, Bubear conceding his opponent 30secs. start. Kellie started in a very slovenly manner, but managed to add 15 lengths to his handicap. Bubear when he got the word to go started with 36 strokes to the minute, and before the course was half over he caught his man and paddled home an easy winner by four lengths.

In another column will be found an advertisement announcing that Mr. Mumford has just received a splendid assortment of cricketing materials for the coming season. Mr. Mumford is an old English and Colonial cricketer, and thoroughly knows what is required for the game, and as this shipment has been specially selected for him by Shrewsbury, cricketers may rely on the articles being all of first-rate quality.

This week I have to record some remarkable bicycle performances, news of which has just been received by the English mail. On the 16th July, at the Paddington track, no less than 10 records were made, the most astonishing of all being that of F. J. Osmond, who rode a mile on an ordinary bicycle in 2min. 28 4-5sec., which is the finest bicycle performance the world has ever known. There is only one time of the year when home riders attempt to make records, and that is during the warm English summer evenings. Every year cycle wheels travel faster and faster, and second after second is knocked off records till one wonders if there is a limit, and when that limit will be reached. For a long time the cream of English and American riders have striven their hardest to ride a mile within 2 1/2 min., and at last the object has been attained. Wonderful as the present times seem to be, no one would be safe in saying they will not be eclipsed in the near future. F. J. Osmond is undoubtedly a phenomenal rider, and without wishing to detract one iota from his sterling qualities as such, it must be admitted that the constantly improving machines have something to do with the remarkable times recently made. A safety bicycle, fitted with the new pneumatic tires, and ridden by R. J. Mecredy, the Irish cyclist, was the first cycle that ever covered a mile under 2min. 30sec., his time being 2min. 29 4-5sec. This record had been made only a few minutes when Osmond eclipsed it on the ordinary. It is hardly likely that the records will stand long at these figures, for the desire for supremacy between ordinary and safety riders is very keen, and the struggle now entered upon will be sure to result in faster times.—*Australasian*.

Two or three scandals have lately come to light amongst the wheelmen of Paris. A race for the championship of France was run on Sunday, 15th June, at Bordeaux. On the previous day two crack riders of Paris, who had entered for the great race at Bordeaux, received a telegram:—"Terrible weather; impossible to hold races; surface entirely soaked; adjourned till 22nd." Under the circumstances both riders stayed away. at the same time writing to thank the secretary for his thoughtfulness in sending the telegram. The secretary replied that he did not send any telegram, and that it was a hoax. Another wheelman was found out while he was trying to practice deception. He informed the press of his intention to try and put up a road record, and invited a number of friends to meet him about the finish of the ride and escort him home. These riders met the "record" man at the finish looking as fresh as a daisy, much to their surprise, and the machine too looked so nice and clean that one doubting Thomas, while the "record" man took a bowl of soup at the hotel, went off to the nearest railway station, and inquired if a cyclist and machine had come along on the train. The clerk replied, "Yes, sir; a gentleman arrived about an hour ago with his bicyclette." The clerk then accompanied the cyclist to the hotel, and with the ticket on which the machine had been registered exposed the fact that the would-be record-smasher had travelled 117 kilometres in the train. He implored the witnesses not to expose him; this was of no avail, for soon all the wheel world knew it, and he was rightly made the laughing stock of all.—*Australasian*.

TURF TATTLE.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE Hawkes Bay Spring Meeting is now a thing of the past. The most important features of the gathering were the victories of St. Andrew in the Guineas and Crackshot in the Spring Handicap, and the downfall of Medallion in the former event. In St. Andrew Mr. J. D. Ormond evidently has a colt of sterling merit, for he had but little difficulty in settling the pretensions of Mr. Butler's crack, who, with St. Andrew out of the way, beat a good field in the Spring Handicap on the following day. St. Andrew, who was purchased by his owner as a yearling at Sylvia Park for 100 guineas, is by imp. St. Leger out of imp. Scottish Lassie, by Scottish Chief out of imp. Rosette, by Lord Lyon out of Rouge Rose, by Thormanby. Rosette, the grand-dam of St. Andrew, was half-sister to the phenomenon Bend Or—who won the English Derby—by Lord Lyon, a horse that won the treble of Two Thousand Guineas, Derby and St. Leger. St. Andrew's sire, St. Leger, also boasts of most aristocratic parentage, being by Doncaster out of Atlantis, by Thormanby out of Hurricane, by Wild Dayrell. Doncaster was by the "emperor of stallions"—Stockwell, and was sold for 10,000 guineas, and resold for stud purposes for 14,000 guineas. Atlantis was an excellent performer herself, and was full sister to Atlantic, the winner of the Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger. A coincidence in connection with the breeding of St. Andrew is that both his sire and dam were imported to this colony with their respective dams. Crackshot, the winner of the Spring Handicap, was bred by Mr. Thomas Morrin of Wellington Park, and purchased by Mr. Patsy Butler as a yearling for 240 guineas, at the same sale as St. Andrew was bought by Mr. Ormond. He is by Nordenfeldt out of Pungawerewere, by Golden Grape, out of Atlanta, by Towton out of Crescent, by Sir Hercules. Pungawerewere's stock have hitherto been very disappointing. Katipo was no good; Tetford was an arrant rogue; Brigadier proved himself a good two-year-old, but broke down when he was a big favourite for the Hawkes Bay Guineas and Canterbury Derby; Tranter was sent to Australia along with Whakawai, but broke down; and St. James, although he won the Dunedin Cup last year by a bit of luck, was another in-and-out beast, on which no reliance could be placed. Probably in Crackshot Mr. Butler has the best of the lot this old brood matron has yet thrown. By the way, old Pungawerewere dropped an own sister to Crackshot the other day, and there should be some spirited competition for the possession of this young lady when she is sold. Another full sister to the Spring Handicap winner will be submitted auction at Mr. Morrin's yearling sale in December. Medallion's running in the Guineas has been the subject of much comment. The horse is represented to have been very well, and this is borne out by the fact that he went out a hot favourite at 3 to 1 on.

NEXT Saturday will see the curtain rung up for the present season to Auckland race-goers, when the Pakuranga Hunt Club will hold their annual race-meeting on the Ellerslie course, and if the weather is favourable the attendance is sure to be large. The handicaps were issued last week by Messrs. Kirkwood and Percival, but I cannot congratulate those gentleman on their production. As several of our country subscribers will not receive next Saturday's SPORTING REVIEW until after the races, I shall endeavour to unearth the winners and give my selections for the several events in this issue. I am, however, placed at considerable disadvantage in having to write before the acceptances are before me. In the Open Hurdles, Orlando heads the list with 11st. He has only recently been taken up and will not be ready. Larrikin has a chance with 10st., and Nap reads very well with 9st. 10lbs. Begorra is an unknown quality so far as racing is concerned, but he is not a bad jumper. Satyr has won races on the flat, and probably has more pace than anything engaged, but I have never seen him jump. If backed he should be worth following. Fishmonger may be dangerous with 9st. 10lbs., as he has some pace, but I see nothing else likely

to win. With a start I shall expect the result to be something like this:—

LARRIKIN
NAP
SATYR.

The principal event on the card, the Hunt Club Cup (Steeplechase) will then come up for decision. Hurricane rightly heads the list with 12st. 12lbs.—11lbs. more than he carried to victory in the same event last year. He will be ridden by Mr. T. Craig, who can be relied upon to get the utmost out of his mount. Costley, 12st. 4lbs., has caught it pretty hot for his Waikato victories, but I expect he will have something better to meet here than he did at Cambridge. He will be ridden by his owner, Mr. J. Turnbull, who steered him so successfully in the Waikato. Jim will, I think, be held safe by Tawhiao, who is bracketed together with him, Fly and Odd Trick, at 10st. 6lbs. Tawhiao will probably be ridden by Mr. E. D. O'Rorke, and should make the best of them go. Halstead has the horse looking well. Old Odd Trick is as slow as they make them, but he is a sure fencer. Mr. H. C. Tonks will steer him. Fragrance is fast, and has been shaping fairly well in the hunting field. All things considered I can't see anything to haul down the colours of the top-weight, and I shall place them:—

HURRICANE
TAWHIAO
COSTLEY.

In the Open Flying Stakes, St. Michael is top weight with 9st. 1lb. I prefer Capella with 7st. 12lbs.; and Blarney with 7st. 10lbs. reads well. Prudence is let off lightly with 7st. 7lbs., but the pick of the basket to my thinking is Cambria, 7st. 7lb. I shall expect the finish to be something like this:—

CAMBRIA
CAPELLA
PRUDENCE.

The Farmer's Plate follows, and the three top weights, Shotover, Falcon and Ma Petite Fille, should have things pretty well their own way. I like best

FALCON.

The Members' Hurdle Race is the next event on the card. The best of the horses engaged will have had a severe race out of them in the Cup, and the field will probably be a small one. I shall place them:—

NAP
HURRICANE
COSTLEY.

In the Maiden Plate there is a lot of rubbish engaged. The Baron heads the list with 9st. opposite his name. I am not aware of the horse's condition, but if fit he should be the hardest to beat. I shall expect him to meet with most opposition from Fishmonger, who has 7lbs. less to carry. To make a place selection I shall go for:

THE BARON
FISHMONGER
WINIFRED.

The *Sporting and Dramatic* has the following story of racing in Buenos Ayres. "There was at a certain race meeting a horse that looked to be a good thing; the judges at any rate thought it was, and backed it freely, but at Buenos Ayres—as elsewhere—good things do not invariably come off, and at the distance the favourite was well beaten, and an outsider won by three or four lengths. This was a blow, but an idea occurred to one of the judges, the others jumped at it, and the result was that the favourite's number was put up as having won. This was too flagrant a swindle to be borne placidly, more particularly by those who had backed the real winner, and as in Buenos Ayres men go racing with revolvers in their pockets, the judges' stand was surrounded by an angry mob, bent—pistols in hand—on convincing the three judges that they had made a mistake. Arguments backed by powder and lead proved convincing, and the judges were brought to see that they had made a mistake, and at once proceeded to rectify it by hoisting the number of the actual winner. But this was doubly disappointing to the backers of the animal whose number had been first up; they had gone to draw their money and did not like losing it, so in their turn they surrounded the judges' stand, pistols in hand. The judges were once more in a plight. What was to be done? At last the inventive one of the trio hit upon an expedient that his friends jumped at, the number was pulled down and it was declared a *dead heat*.

MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

[By ZITHER.]

THE CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

[This report was crowded out of our last issue.—ED. S.R.]

THE Auckland Choral Society gave their fourth concert of the season on Tuesday night before a very large and fashionable assemblage. The works chosen for performance on this occasion were entirely new to the members, and consisted of Sir Sterndale Bennett's oratorio "The Woman of Samaria," and Sir John Stainer's sacred cantata "The Daughter of Jairus." In the former work the soloists selected were Miss Battley (soprano), Miss Featon (contralto), Mr. A. L. Edwards (tenor), Mr. Archdale Taylor (bass). From the outset it could be seen that Herr Schmitt had worked up the forces under his command to a highly creditable degree of proficiency. The choruses were perhaps the best items, being rendered with much spirit throughout, and due attention paid to the marks of expression, giving an effect which has rarely been equalled at the society's concerts. The first chorus, "Blessed be the Lord God," possessing as it does some very rich harmony, was faultlessly sung, the different parts being more than usually well balanced. Another number, in which the chorus particularly distinguished themselves, was the beautiful hymn "Abide with me," which has a devotional air which is decidedly attractive. Miss Battley, who made her *debut* at the Choral Society's Concerts, acquitted herself fairly well. She was very nervous, and inclined to sing too much into her book, but after her first effort appeared to better advantage. She sung correctly, but in the solo, "Art Thou Greater," was far too anxious to get to the end. The recitative, "Come see a man," was more acceptable. Miss Featon was another *debutante* at these concerts. She has a rich contralto voice, and sung the music allotted her with a good deal of expression, and created a favourable impression. In the beautiful aria, "O Lord! Thou Hast Searched Me Out and Known Me," she infused a lot of devotional feeling into her singing and at once enlisted the sympathies of the audience, who applauded her loudly at the conclusion. With more experience this young lady will undoubtedly be an acquisition to musical circles, and Herr Schmitt is to be congratulated on having brought out such a promising pupil. The recitatives, with which the work abounded, were sung most correctly by Miss Featon. There is only one tenor solo throughout the work, and this, "His Salvation is Nigh Them That Fear Him," was excellently sung by Mr. A. L. Edwards, who has seldom appeared to better advantage. On concluding he was applauded. Mr. Archdale Taylor did not appear at his best. His singing lacked that vigour with which it is usually characterized, and he appeared hoarse. His most successful solo was "Whosoever Drinketh." The quartette (which is unaccompanied), "God is a Spirit," was without doubt the gem of the evening. The harmony is very beautiful, and while the four soloists were rendering the number a deathlike silence prevailed amongst the audience, who, on its conclusion, received it with marked satisfaction. In "The Daughter of Jairus," which formed the second portion of the programme, the soloists were Miss Bleazard (soprano), Mr. W. Martin (tenor), and Mr. A. C. McLean (bass). The music throughout is, like all Stainer's music, decidedly "churchy." Miss Bleazard, as usual, sung with characteristic good taste, her rendering of the pathetic air, "But When Jesus Had Put Them All Out," being faultlessly sung. She also appeared with Mr. W. Martin in the beautiful duet "Love Divine," when both singers were heard to great advantage, their voices blending admirably. Mr. W. Martin sang the inspiring song "My Hope is in the Everlasting" with great expression, and was warmly applauded. Mr. A. C. McLean was entrusted with the bass solos, but he was not a success. His voice lacked cultivation, and he sung without any attention to expression. The choruses, as in the first half of the concert, were pleasing in the extreme. In "Awake Thou That Sleepest" the full forces under Herr Schmitt's baton were brought into play, and never has the chorus sung with more vigour or the orchestra played with better judgement. The wailing chorus, by the lady performers only, had a very pleasing effect, the oboe solo at the commencement being well

played by Mr. Clough. The final chorus brought to a conclusion the most successful concert that the Choral Society have given this season, and too much praise cannot be awarded the conductor for the evident pains he had taken to bring the performance to such a successful issue.

Some melancholy relics of Beethoven have been added to the Beethoven Museum at Bonn—four of the ear-trumpets which the great composer used during his last years, when deafness made his life miserable.



TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 1890.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 80 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race or steeplechase exceeding 10 sovs. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov.; no acceptance. Distance 1½ miles.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 5½ furlongs.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs. Nomination ½ sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 1½ miles.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. Distance 1½ miles.

SELLING RACE of 30 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st.; four years 9st. 12lb.; five, six and aged 10st. 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lb.; if for 30 sovs., 14lb.; if for 20 sovs., 21lb.; if for 10 sovs., 28lb.; if for nil, 42lb. Nomination 1 sov. on the night of General Entry. Distance 6½ furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs., second horse to receive 2 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. Distance about 3½ miles.

SPRING HANDICAP of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Distance 6 furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for Handicap Maiden Hurdles, Handicap Maiden Plate, Devonport Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Handicap Steeplechase, Spring Handicap, and St. Andrew's Handicap close on Friday, November 7th, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS to appear Friday, November 14th.

ACCEPTANCES and General Entries close Friday, November 21st, at 9 p.m.

SUMMER MEETING, 1892.

TAKAPUNA STAKES [for now two-year-olds] of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For three-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. The winner of any race [including handicaps] of 100 sovs. to carry 5lb. extra; of twice 100 sovs., or once 200 sovs., 7lb. extra; of twice 200 sovs., or 300 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens having started once allowed 3lb.; twice, 5lb.; three times 7lb. Those got by sires or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, November 7th, 1890; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891, and 2 sovs. on night of General Entry. Distance 1 mile 1½ furlongs.

ANNIVERSARY STAKES [for now yearlings] of 160 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. Winner of any race of 50 sovs. to carry 5lb. extra; or 100 sovs., 7lb. extra; or 200 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens to be allowed 7lb. Those got by sires, or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, January 9th, 1891; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891; and 2 sovs. by 9 p.m. on night of General Entry. Distance 6 furlongs.

SUMMER MEETING, 1893.

TAKAPUNA STAKES [for now yearlings] of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. The winner of any race [including handicaps] of 100 sovs. to carry 5lb. extra; of twice 100 sovs., or once 200 sovs., 7lb. extra; of twice 200 sovs., or 300 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens having started once allowed 3lb.; twice, 5lb.; three times, 7lb. Those got by sires or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, January 9th, 1891; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891; and 2 sovs. on night of General Entry. Distance 1 mile 1½ furlongs.

All Entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, Auckland, or at Mr. W. Adams' Office, Durham-street East, Auckland. All races to be run under the A.R.C. new rules.

R. WYNYARD, SECRETARY.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

The ANNUAL RACE MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE.

HARRY H. HAYR,
Hon. Sec.

PAKURANGA RACING CLUB.

The Annual Race Meeting of the above Club will be held on the Otahuhu Racecourse, on Saturday, 22nd November, 1890.

Full particulars in future issue.

RICHARD WILLIAMS,
Hon. Secretary.

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SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING

To be held on the CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

Passed by the Auckland Racing Club.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £25 at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over 8 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2 miles.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap), of 115 sovs. First horse £100, second horse £10, third horse £5. The winner of any race of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; of two such races, 10lb. extra. Nomination, £2; acceptance, £3. Distance, 1½ miles.

NOVEL RACE of 25 sovs. Winner to become the absolute property of the Club; to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to second horse. Weight for age. Entry, 25s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, about 3 miles.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE (Handicap) of 35 sovs. Winner of the South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1½ miles.

SELLING HURDLES of 20 sovs. Over 6 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Four-year-olds to carry 11st. 7lb.; 5yrs., 12st. 5lb.; 6yrs. and aged, 12st. 11lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. If entered to be sold for £40, allowed 7lb.; if for £30, 14lb.; if for £20, 21lb.; if for £10, 28lb.; if for nil, 35lb. Half the proceeds over selling price to go to second horse. Entry, 20s. Distance, 1½ miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Winner of South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra. Winner of Tradesman's Plate to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for Christmas Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, South Auckland Cup, Handicap Steeplechase, Tradesman's Plate Handicap, and Flying Stakes Handicap to be made to the Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th.

Weights to appear on or about Wednesday, December 3rd.

Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th.

Nominations for Novel Race and Selling Hurdles to be made to the Secretary before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, day of general entry.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorised to receive nominations, etc.

WAIKATO PRODUCE STAKES, 1892-93 [for now foals got in the Counties of Raglan, Waipa, Waikato and Piako], of 60 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each, 1 sov. ft., or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry for the Summer Meeting, 1892; the second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings, 8st. 5lb. The forfeit (1 sov.) to be declared and paid to the Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stakes. Nomination, with 10s. 6d., to be made to the Secretary on or before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, 1890. Distance, 6 furlongs.

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RANGE TIME-TABLE.

October 11—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.
October 18—Auckland Navals, Ponsonby Navals.
October 25—"A" Battery, "O" Battery, Engineers.

[BY CARBINE.]

Owing to the Mt. Eden Range being closed for private practice and matches from Monday in this week the "A" Battery fired the final stage of the Company's belt on Saturday last instead of the end of the month. The ranges were 200, 300 and 500 yards. The firing was splendid, beating last year's record; Sergt. Parslow making the grand aggregate of 162, against Corp. Doughty's—the present holder—155, thereby winning by 7 points. The principal scores are:—

Name	1st stage	2nd stage	Grand
		200 300 500	Agg.
Sergt. Parslow	80	28 27 27	162
Corp. H. Doughty	76	28 25 26	155
Bomb. J. Webster	76	27 26 22	151
Gun. Henderson	75	26 23 19	143
Sergt. M. Doughty	70	29 24 17	140
Gun. Moore	69	26 22 21	138
Gun. J. Buchanan	66	27 20 21	134
Gun. Taylor	70	29 21 12	132
Gun. E. Buchanan	62	27 23 18	130

The monthly competition of the Auckland Martini-Henri Rifle Club took place at Mount Eden on Saturday last. The ranges were 300, 500, and 600 yards. In spite of the gusty winds, some very good shooting was done, as the scores following will show.

CLASS A.

Name	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
D. Hay, civilian	25	30	30	85
Taylor, "A" Battery	25	30	29	84
Haultain, "A" Battery	31	23	29	83
Tobin, Royal Irish	28	27	25	80
E. Buchanan, "A" Battery	26	29	24	79
Henderson, "A" Battery	30	27	21	78
McCarthy, Victorias	24	29	24	77
Graham, Ponsonby Navals	16	32	28	76
Parslow, "A" Battery	24	28	20	72
Spinley, Ponsonby Navals	23	27	21	71
McCallum, "O" Battery	24	25	21	70
Osborne, City Guards	22	32	16	70
Soall, City Guards	25	23	20	68
Webster, "A" Battery	23	28	16	67
Moore, "A" Battery	20	23	21	64
Thorne civilian	21	24	19	64
Theo. Fairs, Victorias	25	20	13	58
Kearsley, "A" Battery	21	18	12	51
Skinner, Victorias	21	19	11	51

CLASS B.

C. Ansell, civilian	24	29	17	70
J. G. Buchanan, "A" Battery	24	23	17	64
Greenshields, "O" Battery	22	24	17	63
S. E. Hughes, civilian	22	19	21	62
B. Lewis, civilian	25	19	4	48
W. J. Ralph, civilian	16	24	4	48

The Newton Rifles mustered to the number of twenty-five under Capt. Robertson and Lieut. Derrom at their usual weekly parade last Tuesday, when skirmishing drill and bayonet exercise were gone through.

Gentry, ex-member of the Thames Rifle Rangers, having now taken up his residence in Auckland, has joined the "O" Battery. As he is said to be a prominent shot the members of the Battery will have to look to their laurels.

Sergt. Jas. Parslow has now won the "A" Battery belt five times. He had his usual sweepstakes on while firing in the final stage last Saturday.

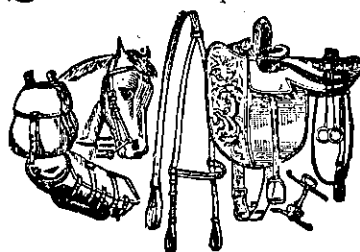
The attention of the Range Committee should be drawn to the state of the marker's butts at the Range, one marker being struck last Saturday with a piece of lead coming through one of the crevices in the wall, and making a nasty wound on his face.

The Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry went into camp last Saturday night on the Agricultural Show Grounds for their annual training. The troops muster 70 strong, under Capt. Wright. The appearance of the men and horses is said to be most creditable.

The hounds met on Saturday last at the Harp of Erin Hotel. There was a good muster of sportsmen, and an enjoyable afternoon's run was indulged in. To-day, the hounds will meet at Avondale at two o'clock, and with every prospect of fine weather and an excellent run, there is sure to be a very large attendance.

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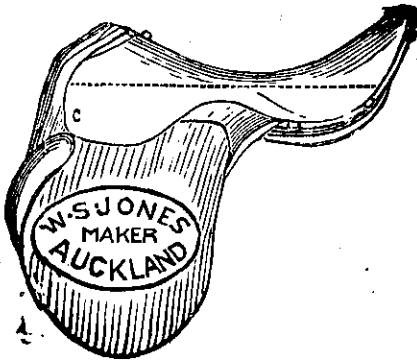
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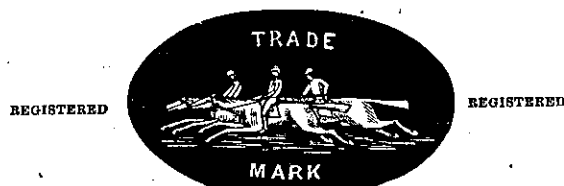
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