

Peter Jackson and Jim Corbett fight to a finish in the California Athletic Club on May 21.

George Wright left for Sydney on Thursday evening last in the "Te Anau," taking with him the well-known horse Satyr, by Leolinus, who is engaged in the Grand National Hurdle Race. We hope George Wright will have better luck than that which fell to the lot of Jack Rae last season, when he left on a similar mission with Donald.

Occasional wagers on the New Zealand Cup have been booked during the week by the Christchurch pencilers, and the following transactions which have been recorded will sufficiently indicate the state of the market:—100 to 8 agst Palliser, 100 to 7 Sternchaser, 100 to 6 Prime Warden, 100 to 6 Freedom, 100 to 6 Merrie England, 100 to 5 Tassy, 100 to 5 Flinders, 100 to 4 Huguenot, 100 to 4 Fiesole.

Mr. T. D. Halstead appears to be in a dilemma regarding the horse Ironbark, which he claimed out of the memorable Selling Race at the late Onehunga Race Meeting, and has written to the Onehunga Racing Club Committee for a rebate of the money paid for him on the ground that he has since been disqualified and is practically worthless. The Committee declined, and quite right too. Mr. Halstead has his remedy under clauses 1 and 2 of Rule 148, which read thus:—(1) If the objection has not been made until after the horse has been bought the person who bought him shall, if the objection be declared valid, have the option of returning him or retaining him at the price of a beaten horse. (2) If the objection be made before the horse has been bought the time for delivering him is thereby postponed until such time after the determination of the objection as the stewards appoint, and if the objection be declared valid the person who has bought him shall have the same option as in the last mentioned case.

I do not, indeed, know a more remarkable instance (says the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*) of the way in which, with the best of all conceivable means of judging, an owner and his associates have judged wrongly. Here is the story:—The Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, founded in 1840, was a race at which Lord George Bentinck always aimed. It was his ambition to win it in 1843 with African, whom he backed for a very large sum, and who started first favourite at 3 to 1. On the day before the race Lord George's confederate, the late Duke of Richmond, resolved that he would start his four-year-old filly Balena for the Stewards' Cup, although she had been tried as being slightly inferior to African at the weights. They were, however, so near together that Balena was thought to be dangerous, and Lord George was obliged to back her, partly to cover his outlay on African, and also to make her a good winner, and here let me add that I cannot in the least understand what the Duke meant, or hoped, or anticipated. However, at the last moment it unfortunately occurred to Lord George that he had backed The Whaler, a three-year-old belonging to the Duke of Richmond, heavily for the Goodwood Stakes, and that Kitchener, who then weighed less than 3st, was to ride him. Thinking that it would give the little boy confidence if, before the Goodwood Stakes, he had a mount in another big field, Lord George desired John Kent to send for Yorkshire Lady, and to start her with Kitchener on her back. Yorkshire Lady was a four-year-old handicapped at 6st 4lb in the Stewards' Cup, but having been amiss she was totally untrained. A boy was immediately dispatched on John Kent's hack to the stables at Goodwood, and he galloped back to the course on Yorkshire Lady as hard as she could put legs to the ground. With her ordinary shoes on her feet, and blowing like a grampus, as she had been fed and watered, she was just in time to get to the starting post, with Kitchener up, before the flag fell. There were several false starts, during which Yorkshire Lady regained her wind, and to the horror of Lord George the end of the race resolved itself into a struggle between Yorkshire Lady and Balena, the former winning by half a length. In the race African met with two or three disappointments, but the lesson taught by Yorkshire Lady's unexpected victory was never forgotten by Lord George, and to this hour is frequently referred to by John Kent. It was the first race that Kitchener ever won. A more extraordinary turn-up than this is hardly imaginable.

The Duchess of Montrose pays her chaplain £100 a year. She gives her jockey £1500 a year.

Mr. Noel Fenwick's b f Mimi, by Barcaldine, won the Newmarket Stakes of 10,000 sovs., Mr. D. Cooper's Melody being the runner-up.

Col. North has followed up his success at Waterloo by dividing the Gold Cup at Haydock, his Young Fullerton and Simonian being left in at the conclusion of the running for the stake. Like Fullerton, who so easily won the blue riband last month, both Simonian and Young Fullerton are by Greenstick out of Bit of Fashion.

Mons Meg, by Martini-Henri—Malacca, ran third to Amphion for the March Stakes (Newmarket, England) of 1000 sovs., one mile, but as Mark Price, who has never won a race, was second, this performance may not have been anything, as when details come to hand perhaps it will be found that Amphion, the champion mile and half horse, won in a canter.

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE.

THE *Sporting Standard* has the following, which being by far the best account we have seen we beg to copy:—Your readers will have already heard by cable the result of this all-important race, but as there are doubtless many who still would wish to follow the course from start to finish—more especially those in your country who have been or are in any way connected with University life—additional particulars are given. While in Australia you were enjoying the balmiest of summers, we here were experiencing the severest of winters, and the morning of March 21 brought with it a keen biting wind, accompanied with blinding sleet and snow. Notwithstanding this, thousands were congregated at Putney, Hammersmith, Barnes, Mortlake, and at various other points along the banks where good views could be obtained of the race, while the river itself was as usual alive with all sorts of craft, barges, tugs, and boats of every shape and kind, making up a motley collection not to be seen in any other part of the world. For weeks previous the Oxford had by virtue of time test been established the favourites, 3 to 1 being the odds people were prepared to lay on their chance, and when it was found they had won the choice of stations a point more was given. The start was made from staked boats about 90 yards above the Stone Bridge—Oxford, of course, selecting the advantageous Middlesex side. When the pistol was fired the Oxonians, having a firmer grip of the water, struck more in unison, and were consequently the first to show in front, putting in 19 for the opening 30sec., and 36 for the minute, to the Cantabs' 20 and 38. Up to the London Rowing Club the difference was merely a matter of a couple of feet, but opposite Clasper's boat building works Oxford had increased their advantage to a quarter of a length, passing Bishop's Creek in 1min 16sec. Off Craven Steps (2min 41sec) there was just half a length between the boats; but here, meeting with rough water and head wind, Oxford, sheltered by the high bank, while the Cantabs were out in the open, looked like drawing right away; but at Mile Tree (4min 47sec) still half a length was between the boats. From this point the conditions were equally bad for both, and excitement grew intense when it was found the Cantabs were gradually improving their position, until at the Crab Tree (6min 5sec) they were only a third of a length to the bad, and shortly after passing the Soap Works drew up dead level. Both crews now made the pace warm for Hammersmith Bridge, which was first passed by Cambridge in 8min 56sec, a yard or so to the good. Opposite the Sailing Club the Oxonians held premier position, but were again passed by the Cantabs, who at the foot of Chiswick Eyot were a quarter of a length ahead. By the time Chiswick Church was reached (13min 38sec) the light blues had gained another quarter, after passing which the Oxonians commenced to draw up, and at the end of the Lyric Club grounds the crews were again level. Pulling then stroke for stroke neither could claim an advantage, until shaping for Barnes Bridge, when the Cantab's cox. steered rather erratically, allowing the Oxonians to shoot the centre arch three-quarters of a length to the good, in 18min 10sec. Favoured by the bend, Oxford all but drew clear; but again spurting in splendid fashion, the Cantabs closed up foot

by foot, and finishing with a burst of 40 to the minute, they were only defeated by a short half length, the time taken in covering the course of four miles and a quarter being 21min 48sec.

The dimensions of the boats were as follow:—Oxford: Length, 61ft.; breadth of beam, 23½in.; depth amidships, 9½in.; height forward, 7in.; aft, 6in.; length of slide, 16½in. Cambridge: Length, 61ft.; breadth of beam, 23in.; depth amidships, 8½in.; height forward, 6½in.; aft, 5½in.; length of slide, 16½in. The oars for Oxford were 12ft. 5in. in length, with a leverage of 3ft. 11in.; and those for Cambridge 12ft. 3in. in length, with a leverage of 3ft. 10in., the blades being of barrel pattern, and fitted with the patent unbreakable button.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

SHEFFIELD HANDICAPS.

THE following handicaps have been declared for the races which take place at the Zealandia Rink on May 23rd and 25th:—

120 YARDS HURDLES—(Acceptances at post); prize, £7.-8 Murphy 1yd, F. D. Parsons 3yds, T. Wells 4yds, L. Riley 4yds, J. Roberts 5yds, C. McManus 5yds, C. Madigan 6yds, F. Murphy 6yds, H. Simpson 6yds, G. Laxon 7yds, D. Somers 7yds, E. Collins 7yds, W. Purdy 7yds, M. Roberts 7yds, J. McDermott 8yds, Egan 9yds, A. R. Bailey, 10yds, J. Simpson 10yds, J. W. Askew 11yds, D. Grubb 11yds, R. Sandall 12yds.

SHEFFIELD HANDICAP, 120 YARDS, £25, on May 23rd and 25th. Acceptances on 21st inst.—T. Wells 5yds, W. Purdy 7yds, W. Howie 7yds, A. McKinnon 7yds, A. J. White 8yds, C. Madigan 8yds, S. Murphy, 8yds, M. Roberts 8yds, J. Linden 8yds, F. D. Parsons 8yds, J. McDermott 8yds, L. Riley 9yds, R. Murphy 9yds, C. McManus 9yds, E. Collins, 9yds, W. McGlynn 10yds, H. W. Brierly 10yds, H. Simpson 10yds, R. Keenan 10yds, G. Laxon 10yds, D. Somers 11yds, J. A. Carboy, 11yds, A. Webber 12yds, H. Tidmarsh 12yds, J. Frost 12yds, W. J. Trubshaw 12yds, J. McKean 13yds, H. Hales 14yds, G. Dye 14yds, C. McDonald 14yds, J. Wright, 14yds, A. R. Bailey 14yds, T. McEntree 14yds, A. McKay 15yds, J. Simpson 15yds, S. Roberts 15yds, J. Roberts 16yds, H. Stephenson 16yds, C. E. Carter 16yds, Egan 16yds, D. Grubb 16yds, A. White 16yds, W. Sadgrove 16yds, J. Miles 17yds, J. W. Askew 17yds, R. Hughes 17yds, J. Quaid 17yds.

FOOTBALL TEAMS.—MAY 16TH, 1891.

PONSONBY V. AUCKLAND.—Ponsonby: Stichbury, Masfield, Breen, D. Ross, Rhodes, Braund, Brady, Heffernan, Hobson, Poland, Cole, Bruce, Mills, Murray, Beamish. Auckland: Major, Mercer, Ramsay, Riley, Farrell, Flynn, O'Connor, Cooke, Wilson, Williamson, Walker, Andrews, Ridings, Hackett, Farquhar, Macdonald. An Auckland brake will leave Ponsonby via Newton at two o'clock.

GORDON V. GRAFTON.—Gordon: Jervis, Macminamin, Otway, Rees, J. J. Poland, Cooke, Anslay, Cantley, Gordon, Harvey, Murray, H. Poland, D. Smart, Stewart, Whyte. Grafton: Sherriff, Kinsling, Hales, Elliott, Mackie, Davison, Stephenson, Smith, Marshall, McKenzie, Stone, Wilson, Speight, Pennalligan, Ginders.

PONSONBY II. V. UNIVERSITY.—Ponsonby II.: Taylor, Masfield, McConnell, Beamish, Keegan, Reed, Harvey, Chaplin, McMillan, Farrell, Fagan, Curtis, McPhail, Freer, Young. University: Heather, Wilson, Battley, Pilkington (2) W. Goldie, Major (captain), Horton (2), Wells, Tisdall, Thomas, Thomson, Gittos, Jackson. Emergencies: C. F. Goldie, Wernham and Buckland.

GRAFTON II. V. VICTORIA.—Grafton II.: Sexton, Wylie, Creagh, Hales, McKeown, Siddle, Pearce, Wakerly, Mellis (2), Carroll, Busby, Clark, Rudd, Speight, Wright. Victoria: J. Mitchell, Gallagher, Laird, Freeman, Larkins (captain), Woods, Buchan, O'Leary, O'Brien, Drummond, Moore, Crosher, Hicks, Mann, S. Conroy, Sainty.

GORDON II. V. JERVOIS.—Gordon II.: Airey, Atkinson, Adcock, Belcher, Boone, Dickey, Hammond, Hawkins, Duffin, Meldrum, Walton, Dunn, Phipps, Wynyard, Morton. Jervois: Worms, Cheshire, Conway, Warner, Brown, Bell, Katters, Jackson, F. Kelly, Miller, Hales, F. Corbett, Lowry, Gray, Cobrough, Gill, Griffiths, Greenbough, Carlaw, Loneragan.

VICTORIA II. V. ALBANY.—Victoria II.: Todd, Brannigan, Waymouth, Johnson, T. Smith, A. Clark, H. Clark, G. Smith, R. Symons, Sheldon, Gallagher (captain), Martin, Benjamin, Gibbons. Emergencies: W. Smith, Wilson and Soutter.

AUCKLAND PONY AND TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING HANDICAPS.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT OF 40 SOVS; two miles.—Kate, scratch; True Blue, 5s; Napier, 5s; Rambuster, 8s; Bogus, 8s; Jip, 8s; Mary Jane, 8s; Kitty O'Shea, 8s; Kitty, 8s; Mermud, 8s; Dolly, 8s; Haurita, 8s; Midget, 8s; Noah (late Tommy), 8s; Brandy, 8s; Razzle Dazzle, 8s; Nellie II., 20s; Scotchman, 20s; Dick, 20s; Nightingale, 25s; Jock, 30s; Bill, 30s; Disappointment, 30s; Rover, 30s; Chili, 30s; Laddie (Gorrie's), 30s; Zachariah, 30s.

HANDICAP PONY TROT OF 30 SOVS; two miles.—Chuznee, scratch; Maud S., 10s; Nellie, 15s; Ladybird, 20s; Mary Jane, 20s; Jip, 20s; Gipsy, 20s; Noah (late Tommy), 20s; Dick, 30s; Nightingale, 35s; Jessie, 40s; Jock, 40s; Docket (late Bones), 40s; Laddie, 40s.

HANDICAP TROT OF 60 SOVS; three miles.—Sandgate (late Lord William), scratch; Hard Times, 20s; Mount, 35s; Commodore, 35; Kate, 40s; Midnight, 40s; Maud S., 40s; True Blue, 45s; Napier, 45s; Nellie, 45s; Mary Jane, 50s; Rambuster, 50s; Kitty O'Shea, 50s; Bogus, 50s; Dolly, 50s; Harita, 50s; Brandy, 50s; Laddie, (Gorrie's), 75s; Chili, 75s; Rover, 75s; Bill, 75s; Zachariah, 75s.

EPSOM STAKES HANDICAP OF 30 SOVS; seven furlongs.—Vampire, 9st 10lb; Pica, 9st 7lb; Antie, 9st 7lb; Daisy, 9st; Blackleg, 8st; Too Soon, 8st; Opal, 7st; Hercules, 7st; Tiger, 7st; Gladys, 6st 12lb; Salvator, 6st 12lb; Blunderbuss, 6st 12lb; Revenge, 6st 12; Romeo, 6st 12lb; Bang, 6st 12lb; Cocoon, 6st 12lb; Coquette, 6st 7lb; Despised, 6st 7lb.

HANDICAP PONY RACE OF 20 SOVS, five furlongs, 14 hands.—Kitty Fisher, 8st 7lb; Meteor, 8st 6lb; Rakau, 8st; Hercules, 8st; Salvator, 7st 10lb; Maydower, 7st 7lb; Defiance, 7st 7lb; Tom-tit, 7st; Pet, 7st; Nina, 7st.

HANDICAP HURDLES OF 25 SOVS; one mile and a quarter.—Pica, 10st 5lb; Minnie Grey, 10st 5lb; Antie, 9st 12lb; Daisy, 9st 5lb; Blackleg, 8st 7lb; Meteor, 8st; Hercules, 8st; Defiance, 8st; Mosquito, 8st; Gladys, 8st.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.—WEIGHTS.

HURDLE RACE.—Orakei, 11st 6lb; Yum Yum, 10st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Blue Peter, 9st 5lb; Pretender, 9st 5lb; Charlie, 9st; Royal Mint, 9st; Sea King, 9st.

HAURAKI HANDICAP.—Try Fluke, 9st 3lb; Snake, 8st 10lb; Ima, 8st 8lb; Pretender, 7st 12lb; Satanella, 6st 10lb; Macaroni, 6st 7lb.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Orakei, 11st; Yum Yum, 10st 10lb; Justice, 10st; Blue Peter, 9st 12lb; Platch, 9st 10lb; Royal Mint, 9st 7lb; Sea King, 9st 7lb.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP.—Try Fluke, 9st; Snake, 8st 7lb; Ima, 8st 4lb; Pretender, 8st 2lb; Orakei, 8st; Satanella, 7st; Charlie, 6st 7lb; Macaroni, 6st 7lb.