



[Contributions to this column are invited. All communications should be addressed to "Torpedo," and reach this office not later than Tuesday in each week. Notes from country corps will be specially acceptable.]

A CORRESPONDENT sends me the following:—"Volunteers should be careful when giving their services to theatrical companies to see they do not fall victims to disappointment. Such was the case with twenty-one riflemen who were engaged by the Dobson-Kennedy Company, who faithfully promised some remuneration."

I think there must be an oversight on somebody's part. I had a good many transactions with the Company in Auckland, and found them very straight on every occasion.

It is not generally known that Sergt. Oakes is hon. secretary to his corps (the City Guards), which office he has filled for the last two years. I am sorry to say that young Greenshields, of the "A" Battery, has abandoned his intention of going over to Australia with the rifle team, on the score of expense.

He considers the £15 offered by the committee insufficient to cover expenses. This vacancy brings young Hazard into the fourth place. It is also rumoured that Theo. Fairs will also drop out for the same reason, and in that case the vacancy will be filled by Webster.

It is not every corps that can say they possess a secretary, and great dissatisfaction prevails in some of our companies in consequence. Speaking to an old volunteer the other day, he said his captain held all these minor offices.

In other words he runs the show, and the men are kept in ignorance as to the position of the corps. Old volunteer wants to know why our buglers are not trained, so as to form a bugle band and relieve the brass band when on the march.

Ex-Drum-Major Kearsley has thrown up his staff, and has been succeeded by Seaman Brown of the Auckland Navals, who turned out in "full fig" the other night, and right well he looked and carried himself and his staff.

The Auckland Naval Artillery had a good muster at their inspection parade last week, after which they had a march out, headed by the Artillery Band.

One of the new Kharki uniforms has been on view at the door of the N.Z. Clothing Co.'s premises during the week, and has attracted considerable attention.

The "A" Battery contemplate taking a trip to the Thames on the Prince of Wales' birthday, for the purpose of firing a match against the Thames Navals.

The Auckland Engineers, Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles, with Hunter's Garrison Band, parade for daylight inspection at 3 30 p.m., on Saturday, at the Drill Shed.

The Martini-Henry Rifle Club held their monthly competition at Mount Eden, on Saturday. The ranges on this occasion being 200, 500, and 600 yards. As will be seen by the scores, some splendid shooting was made.

Webster made six bulls and an inner at 500yds:—

Table with columns: Name, Corps, 200, 500, 600, TL. Includes entries for Gun. McCallum, Corp. Webster, Pte. McCarthy, etc.

A large party of shooting men had a drive round the country districts the other day, exploring for a rifle range for the next meeting of the N.Z. Rifle Association, to be held next March. Parslow pointed out a likely looking spot to the party near Otahuhu, and it is said, no trouble will be experienced in getting the permission of the owner for its use.

The proposed intercolonial rifle team has been weeded to such an extent by disqualifications and dissention, that it cannot now be said to be anything like a representative one.

The Martini-Henry Rifle Club hold their November competition next Saturday, to enable those members who propose going to N. S. W. to get in the prize list, if they can.

The Wairoa South Rifles' monthly inspection parade was held last Saturday week in the Public Hall, there being a good muster present. All the officers were present under Captain Crawford. Drill-Instructor Scully represented the staff, and put the Company through a long course of company and battalion drill in a very creditable manner to himself and the men.

The Wairoa's have decided to form a drum and fife band in connection with the corps, and the matter is being worked up energetically by the residents of the place.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES.—Newmarket, Goodshot, Oaklands, Chester, The Witch, Disturbance, Worth, Prospect, Sonnambulist, Primate, Nikau, Pirate.

CRITERION STAKES.—Heather Bell, Man Friday, Queen of Trumps, Thane, Sabra, Fortuna, Maid of Lorne, Cretonne, Kupunga, Salisbury.

SAPLING STAKES.—Whakawatea, Adelaide, St. Kathrine, Mystic, Ua, Guncotton, Zattaway, Lustré.

AHURIRI HANDICAP.—Liquidation, Bay Bell, Kapua, Kamo, Tritan, Sabra, Kathleen, Maid of Lorne, Irene, Zaccho, Lopez, Link.

SECOND TRIAL HURDLES.—Newmarket, Goodshot, Oaklands, Chester, The Witch, Disturbance, Worth, Prospect, Sonnambulist, Primate, Pirate.

CALEDONIAN HANDICAP.—Man Friday, Bay Bell, Mark, Triton, Sabra, Kathleen, Cretonne, Salisbury, Zaccho, Lopez, Kupunga, Link.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP.—Liquidation, Bay Bell, Tea Rose, Turehu, Kamo, Triton, Sabra, Kathleen, Maid of Lorne, Lopez.

JUVENILE HANDICAP.—Whakawatea, Adelaide, St. Kathrine, Mystic, Ua, Gun Cotton, Zattaway, Lustré, Iliad.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Heather Bell, Man Friday, Lenore, Kupunga, Rosefeldt, La Petite Fille, Fortuna, Sereph, Irene, Queen of Trumps, Triton, Sabra.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

SPRING HURDLES of 150 sovs. two miles.—Christmas, Cheshunt, Wirth, Isidore, Kilmarnock, Freeman, Norton, Sonnambulist, Couranto, Harkaway, Iroquois, Lyndocora, Inchkeith, Middleton.

HURDLES of 100 sovs., once round and a distance.—Christmas, Cheshunt, Regalia, Wirth, Isidore, Kilmarnock, Freeman, Norton, Erin-go-Bragh, Sonnambulist, Couranto, Harkaway, Iroquois, Inchkeith.

STEWART'S STAKE of 200 sovs., six furlongs.—Irene, Richlike, Gaites, Heather Bell, Whisper, Cynisca, Inez, Huguonot, Retana, Mammoa, Pearl Powder, St. Andrew, Hippomenes, Thane, Emmanon, Conjuror, Dornier, Swordbelt, Turehu, Florrie, Merrie England, Clanranald, Sincerity, Von Tempaky, Regina, Carronade, The Idler, Ruby, Lebel, Medallion, Aqualate, Palliser, Boulanger, Dreamland, Morpheus, Prime Warden, Lady Zetland, Strephon, Rosefeldt, Corolla, Miss George.

JUVENILE STAKES of 250 sovs., five furlongs.—Fraternite, Day Dream, Wakawaka, Adelaide, Mystic, Huguonot, Namoa, Hippomenes, Thane, Wirth, Atlantic, Montmartre, Ozioso, Swordbelt, Turehu, Captive, Launceston, Tamar, Clanranald, Wyvern, Reflection, Vogengau, May, Aqualate, Stepniak, Baccarat, Refraction, Morpheus, Saracen, Bluster.

METROPOLITAN STAKES of 400 sovs., one mile and a half.—Fraternite, Irene, Blizard, Gaites, Prestige, British Lion, Hilda, Whisper, Cynisca, Crackshot, Mariner, Occident, Retina, Namoa, Pearl Powder, Queen of Trumps, Freeland, Hippomenes, Thane, Delima, Conjuror, Turehu, Hakimana, Freedom, Tassy, Merrie England, Crutchfield, Fairchild, May, Medallion, Palliser, Boulanger, Rosa Bonheur, Dreamland, Burd Helen, Prime Warden, Quibble, Strephon, Rosefeldt, Corolla, Coinage.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 300 sovs., one mile.—Fraternite, Irene, Blizard, Richlike, Gaites, Prestige, Heather Bell, British Lion, Whisper, Cynisca, Crackshot, Inez, Mariner, Huguonot, Retina, Pearl Powder, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Hippomenes, Thane, Emmerson, Dilemma, Conjuror, Swordbelt, Turehu, Hakimana, Tassy, Merrie England, Clanranald, Cuiquine, Crutchfield, Fairchild, Von Tempaky, Eros, Bay King, The Idler, Ruby, Medallion, Aqualate, Palliser, Burlesque, Boulanger, Rosa Bonheur, Dreamland, Morpheus, Prime Warden, Lady Zetland, Strephon, Rosefeldt, Beau Nash, Corolla, Miss George, Coinage.

SUMMER MEETING.

MIDDLE PARK PLATE of 200 sovs., six furlongs.—Wolsley, Minstrel, Day Dream, Huguonot, Wakawatea, Steventon, Captive, Tamar, Clanranald, Cajolery, Wyvern, Reflection, Baccarat, Morpheus, Sacaren, Burlington, Veno, Vogengau, Aqualate, Stepniak, Reflector.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1892.

CHALLENGE STAKES of 800 sovs., seven furlongs.—Wolsley, Minstrel, Day Dream, Gaites, Wakawaka, Mystic, Huguonot, Sir Garnet, July filly, St. Andrew, Hippomenes, Leolinus—L'Orient filly, North Atlantic, Montmartre, Lebel, Conjuror, Vanity, Ozioso, Steventon, Morpheus, Launceston, Saracen, Captive, Prime Warden, Tamar, Clanranald, Cajolery, Vogengau, Reflection, Hands Across, Gun Cotton, Medallion, Stepniak, Baccarat, Aqualate, Hybrid.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.—WEIGHTS.

MEMBERS' HURDLES. Two miles.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for The Colonel, Dan, Hurricane, etc.

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE. About 3 1/2 miles.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Hurricane, Mangere, Chance, Killarney, etc.

MAIDEN PLATE. Seven furlongs.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Morion, Resentment, Vieux Rose, etc.

FARMERS' PLATE. Once round Steeplechase course. Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Mangere, Killarney, Falcon, etc.

PONY RACE. Three-quarter mile.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Antic, Vampire, Lady Onslow, etc.

OPEN HURDLES. One and three-quarter miles.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for The Colonel, Cloth of Gold, Fishmonger, etc.

FLYING STAKES. Five furlongs.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Capella, Macaroni, Papakura, etc.

NEW ZEALAND CUP.—2 MILES.

RUN NOVEMBER 9, 1891.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Crackshot, Medallion, Freedom, etc.

MELBOURNE CUP.—2 MILES.

RUN NOVEMBER 8, 1891.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Carbine, Traillleur, Melos, etc.

CAULFIELD CUP.—1 1/2 MILES.

RUN OCTOBER 17, 1891.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Bungebah, Cuirassier, Vengeance, etc.

J. McHugh, the trainer, has lost the three-year-old colt by King Cole—Rosalie, which has been ailing for a considerable time. He was bought by a patron of McHugh's stable at the dispersal of Mr. J. Hand's thoroughbreds, he never raced, but was a colt of great promise, McHugh was unflagging in his efforts night and day to save him, without avail. A post mortem was proposed to definitely fix the cause of illness, but owing to Mr. Halstead's absence at the Waikato Hunt Club races it could not be held.