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SPORTING REVIEW.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1893.

It seems that the Auckland Racing Club is not going to be the only Metropolitan Club in the colony whose demise is to be removed from the use of the telegraph. The Canterbury Jockey Club are following the A.R.C.'s example, but from an entirely different reason, which reason, wonderful to relate, is that (according to a Christchurch contemporary) "the authorities have found the step necessary as a protection against shop betting, which has to some extent lessened the revenue of the club."

But there seems to be no doubt at all about the matter. The committee has determined in sober earnest that the convenience of owners, the public and the Press, must be sacrificed to the protection of the club's revenue. This is a pretty pass! Why not cut off the railway communication with the course, and so place a further obstacle in the way of the bloated pencilers? Really the matter is very serious. It will be impossible for sportsmen in other parts of the colony to communicate directly with the course, and the evening papers in Christchurch and elsewhere will, I suppose, have to obtain their reports by some antiquated means that has been abandoned in every other part of the civilised world.

HERE is what another scribe 'Mazepa,' of the Otago Witness, has to say on the same subject:— The Canterbury Jockey Club has decided to do away with the telegraph service to the racecourse. The reason given is that the general public do not use the wires to any appreciable extent; but if Mr Wanklyn were placed on the rack he might perhaps be induced to confess that the real object in view is to discourage the transfer of wagers from the course to the cash fielders in other parts of the colony. The excuse that the wires are not sufficiently used is transparently thin.

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MENTION of the telephone in connection with the Canterbury Jockey Club's arrangements naturally brings us to the discussion of the question of what exists at Ellerslie, and what do we find there? No telegraph office. Anybody wishing to transmit a telegram—be it even of an urgent nature, such as affects a mishap to a jockey in either a hurdle race or a steeplechase has either to take the telephone for it or walk to Ellerslie railway station and telegraph from there.

The New Zealand-bred Ilium, by Albany out of Strenuous' half-sister Strenua, won the Ascot Handicap at Moonee Valley, Melbourne, on the 22nd ult., beating a field of 10. She carried 7.10. Another New Zealander, Omaha, 8.10, was one of the contestants.

Says "Terlinga" in the Australasian of March 25th:—"Several fighting men left for America by the Mariposa, and on the same boat was B. Allen, the bookmaker, who was so much mixed up with the Islander case. Now that he and Levy have gone the task of finding the real owner of the grey, which the V.A.T.C. were asked to tackle, will certainly not be attempted. Every one outside the V.A.T.C. is satisfied he knows the real Simon Pure, but the sworn declarations do not corroborate the universal opinion outside, and the disqualifications will stand as they are."

Mr C. M. Lloyd has leased from Mrs James White the colts by Chester out of Moonstone and by Abercorn out of Copra (dam of Camoola).

Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

A RETROSPECTIVE GLANCE. [BY "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

In glorious weather the Auckland Racing Club commenced their Autumn Meeting on Saturday last. After their experience at new year time they wanted a fine day badly, and they were rewarded by having one, and I wish I could say that they were rewarded also with a bumper attendance, but they were not. It must not be inferred, though, that the attendance was a poor one—far from it, but it certainly was not up to expectations.

The curtain was rung up with the Tradesmen's Plate Handicap of 80sovs, one mile and a distance, for which all the half-dozen acceptors came to the post. The top weight Quadrant, 8.11, was made favourite, Lottie, 8 0, being next in demand. Quadrant did not seem to relish the task before him, and sweated so profusely and showed such a disposition to play up at the start that Mr Cutts placed him on the outside. After a bit of fiddling at the post Mr Cutts got them well away together, Master Pat being quickest on his legs, and being joined by Marguerite the pair led round the turn. At the back of the course they were still in the van, Lottie in third place, and Quadrant coming with a big run. The lot took close order five furlongs from home, where Quadrant drew up to the leaders, but Master Pat held an advantage round the home turn, with Quadrant at his girths. Quadrant soon supplanted the Irishman, and appeared to be winning a bit comfortably when Lottie came like a shot from a gun, and brought the chestnut to the whip, ultimately beating him by half a length with nothing to spare. Master Pat was a length and a half away.

Eight had been the strength of the acceptance for the Northern Champagne Stakes of 200sovs, six furlongs, but Captivity was scratched on the course. Of the seven starters, Pegasus was the only one penalised, owing to his winning the Auckland Welcome Stakes, but under the conditions of the race Royal Rose, Noyade, and Eve escaped a penalty for their earlier wins of the season. The first I came across in the paddock was Pegasus, whom I found to be greatly above himself. His old opponent Eve, on the contrary, presented a blooming appearance, showing no signs of the hard work she had undergone this season, and the public made her favourite in the machines. Royal Rose—a colt I always liked—bore evidence of improvement since he was last stripped in public, but I cannot say that I saw much improvement in Wright's other charge Stanmoor. Mahaki was hardly ready, and Cobweb had done nothing to warrant her being thought good enough to down the winners that were among the competitors, albeit Stenning had her in good health. Those who, like myself, had never previously seen Noyade were not enamoured of her on the ground of looks, but "handsome is as handsome does," and one could not get behind the merit of her performances. Nevertheless Eve held her place in the betting to the end, while Royal Rose, Noyade, and Pegasus were so evenly backed that there was next to nothing to choose between them for the position of second favourite. Mahaki was the absolute outsider of the lot. Stanmoor gave a lot of trouble at the post, and by hanging there when the signal was given, spoilt what would otherwise have been an excellent dismissal. Mahaki was first to get going, but he died out at the end of a furlong, and Cobweb took command for a few strides. Eve then asserted herself, and led round the home turn with Royal Rose and Noyade in hot pursuit. The little daughter of Brigadier kept in front till the end of the lawn was reached, where Royal Rose and Noyade challenged, and Noyade, coming strongly on the outside, got home by half-a-length from Eve, with Royal Rose the same distance off. This seemed to almost 99 spectators out of 100 to be the position of affairs, but the judge declared otherwise, placing Eve first,

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Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

NAPIER.

[BY WIRE.]

Tuesday.

THERE was a good attendance of the public at the Waipukurau races yesterday. The day was fine; the sport provided was good, and the winners were hard to pick in most instances, which demonstrated good handicapping on the part of Mr Evett. The Club has not erected a stand or other buildings yet, and there were great complaints about the want of conveniences. Six started for the Hack Hurdles, which eventually fell to Shearer, a chestnut horse whose pedigree is unknown. Sir Tatton, who appears to have gone off considerably of late, was favourite. Shearer paid £5 3s. The Easter Handicap proved a good thing for Rangiatea, by Somnus—Wairuareka, who won comfortably at the finish without the whip. Chris was second. Dividend, £3 11s. For the Maiden Handicap Harmony was installed favourite. St. Anthony came out and raced mud flat. He has not been up long. His breeding sounds well (St. Leger—Fanny Fisher), but he was hopelessly out of it for most of the race. However, he got third at the finish. Harmony was done with in the straight, and the winner turned up in Brown Bell, by Hiko—Black Bell, who just beat The Parson. The winner, who is trained by Arthur Goodwin, paid £6 10s. Then followed the Waipukurau Handicap, for which Free Lance was favourite. He was left at the post, and had to make up some ground before he got to his field. The race is soon described, as Osman went to the front and led the whole way. Kapua tried to get up at the finish, but failed. Osman, who is by Crawford Priory—Ruth, paid £4 9s. Billy was the only defection in the Handicap Hack Flat Race of a mile and a half, which fell to Wheriko, by The Mute—Uira after a good race with Spinfeldt second, and Whimsical third. On the Woodville running it looked as if Prairie Grass should beat Wheriko, but when the straight was reached the top weight ran a bad race and did not get a place. Wheriko paid £5 8s. Zaccho fell shortly after the start in the Ladies' Bracelet, but his rider, N. Shaw, was not hurt. Mr Cowper on Billy went to the front and stayed there until the winning post was passed. Billy, who is by Perkin Warbeck II., out of Brenda, paid £4. Maid of Lorne was second and St. Anthony third. The Flying Handicap was more of a surprise than anything else, for Free Lance beat Rangiatea, and paid £6 17s. Kathleen, who made all the running, was third. There was not a single note on Bronte (Nelson's half-brother). Wheriko proved his excellence by walking off with the Final Hack Handicap after a great race with Jewel. He paid £4. Lobelia was third. The first two ran away from the field at the finish. The amount put through the machine was £4,744.

WELLINGTON.

[BY WIRE.]

April 4.

THE Wairarapa Autumn Meeting held on Saturday and Monday was an unqualified success. The weather was magnificent and the attendance good, especially on the second day. The sport was highly interesting, good fields and close finishes being the general rule. Mr S. Cundy's starting on both days was excellent, and though he had some fractious horses to deal with he did not have one really bad start.

For the Hurdle Handicap on the first day The Dromedary, 10.2, was a hot favourite, but she could only get second to Mr Coulter's Bide-a-wee, 10.7, who won all the way. He was ridden by H. Peters, and paid the good dividend of £7 10s. The Hack Hurdles resulted in a complete surprise, the winner, in a field of seven, turning up in a mare named Desdemona, by Voltigeur, who carried 9st, and had only six tickets on the machine out of a total of 355. She belongs to Mr C. J. Vallance and neither owner, trainer or jockey had sixpence on her. Her backers were simply a few punters who make a rule of going for a big dividend. Mr R. E. Bedwill's Donovan, 10.5, was favourite, but he ran off at the last hurdle but one when looking dangerous. Silent Friend and Bald-head came into collision while jumping one of the hurdles and the jockeys Walden and Farrar were thrown and severely hurt. The

Flying Handicap fell to Mr C. R. Bidwill's Thalia, by Premier—Medora, 4yrs, 8.0, who was not so good a favourite as Viola II., 8.2, who, however, was not placed. The Trial Hack Handicap winner Primus is a very handsome four year old colt belonging to a settler named Mr W. Martin. He has never raced before, and showed remarkably good form. His backers got the nice dividend of £11. Delusion, a mare by Treason—Topic, was favourite, but could only get second to Mr Martin's colt. The principal race, the Easter Handicap, was contested by a select field of four, Violence, 9.6, being made favourite, with Viola II., 7.7, next in demand. The race resulted in a good finish between the Maori-owned Tattler horse Tuhetara and Viola II., and the latter just got home. Violence was overweighted, and could only get third. The winner paid a dividend of £3 10s. Some of the stewards were dissatisfied with Viola II.'s running in the Flying Stakes, and an enquiry was held, but Mr K. McKenzie, the owner and trainer, managed to satisfactorily explain the apparently inconsistent running. The winner was ridden by H. Reed, and the second by Daley. The Easter Handicap, 1½ miles, brought out six runners, and Brookfield, 8.12, was made a good favourite. He was unable, however, to do better than run second to Mr R. McKenzie's four-year-old mare Reek, by Remington—Makara, who had the light weight of 7.2, and won somewhat easily at the finish. The Welter Handicap brought out five runners, and fell to the favourite, a bay mare named Deception, who years ago used to belong to the Maoris, and was known as one of the best hacks in the district. She is by Voltigeur from The Field, and belongs to Mr Williams, of Kaiwairi, though nominated by Mr J. G. Hayward. She just beat Mr Tancred's three-year-old filly Princess of Whales, 8.2, who was greatly fancied by the stable.

During the day the sum of £2,373 was put through the machine by Mr Joseph Ames and his assistants.

On the second day the sport began with the Hurdle Handicap, 1½ mile. The Dromedary, 10.5, was again made favourite, but she has evidently gone off, for she could not get a place, and the race was won somewhat easily by Mr J. Driscoll's Jacob, by Natator, who carried 10.6, and ably ridden by A. McMorrin scored a somewhat easy victory, the Bidwill stable supplying the second and third with Cyrus II., 9.12, and Timothy, 9.13. Jacob has been off colour for a long while, and although a fairish horse when well he had not scored a win this season before yesterday. He paid a dividend of £5 6s. Bide-a-wee, the previous day's winner, was raised 19lb for his win, but he ran very well, and was close up to the leader when he came to grief at the last hurdle. The Hack Hurdle Handicap was thought to be a certainty for Makomako, 10.7, but Mr F. Seccombe's Jimmy, who was served by his light weight, 9.3, won from end to end, and paid a dividend of £7 6s. The Telegraph Handicap, 7 furlongs, brought out six runners, and this time the Princess of Whales, 7.6, got home cleverly from Little Scrub, 7.12, and the favourite, a two-year-old colt named Porepo, by Remington—Mascotte. The Princess paid a dividend of £4 1s. The Hack Telegraph Handicap, 7 furlongs, was contested by seven runners, and the public were right in their judgment on this occasion, for the race fell to the favourite, a very promising three-year-old colt by Piscatorious out of Rumour. With 7.10 he fairly squandered his field, the top weight. Brookfield, 8.11, being only able to get third. The Stewards' Stakes, 1½ mile, was voted a good thing for Tuhitarata, 7.13, but he had no chance with the beautifully-conditioned Deception, who romped home with her handy weight of 7.1, Thalia 7.5, being a good second, and Viola II., 8.4, third, with the favourite unplaced. Deception paid £3 10s. The Hack Welter produced a most interesting race. The favourite, Reek, 9.3, was out of it, and while Primus, 8.5, and Waikino, 8.7, were fighting out the finish the top weight, Makomako, 9.12, who had so disappointed his supporters in the Hack Hurdles got up on the outside and won by a quarter of a length. He had 57 investors on him out of 520, and paid £8 1s. In the Farewell Handicap all the six entries accepted, and the top weight, Violence, 9.7, was fairly rushed on the machine, carrying 261 out of 495 investments, but she utterly failed to answer expectations and was unplaced, the winner turning up in the neglected Administrator colt Legislator, 7.6, who, ridden by Daley, made a good run in the

straight, and caught Tuhitarata a short distance from home, Little Scrub, 7.10, being third. Legislator had only 27 admirers in the machine, and paid the acceptable dividend of £16 5s. The investments during the afternoon amounted to £3,491, making a total for the meeting of £5,864, out of which the club will make a respectable profit.

The Johnsonville and Hutt County Trotting Club's Meeting yesterday was anything but a success. There was a fair attendance, but few speculators, the amount put through the machine being only £651. The running was full of inconsistencies, and in one or two cases inquiries were held into the running of the horses.

The results were as follows:—Maiden Handicap, 2 miles—Buckley 1, Gaff 2, Porirua 3. Five others started. Dividend, £20 13s. The Snail started favourite, but refused to trot. Pony Trot Handicap—Hokomai, 25sec, 1; Folly, 30sec, 2; Darkey, 3. Five others started. Dividend, £5 12s. Folly's owner and rider were cautioned for suspicious riding. District Handicap, 2 miles (in saddle)—Gaff, 60sec, 1; Mabel, 2. Four others started. Director, 35sec, came in first, but was disqualified for cantering. Gaff paid £8 17s. Easter Handicap of 55 sovs, 3 miles—32, Mr C. Tate's Conway, 60sec, 1; 14, Gold-dust, 30sec, 2; 15, Fragment, 10sec, 3. 24, Dakota, scr; 4, Prince II., 5sec; St. James, 25sec; 49, May Queen, 40sec; 2, Flirt, 50sec, and 1, Speculation, 75sec, also started. Conway won easily. Time, 9min 6½sec. Dividend, £4 10s. The Selling Race fell to Snail, 25sec, who beat five others, and paid a dividend of £3 1s. The Stewards' Handicap was won by W.N., 50sec, with Dakota, scr, second, and Prince II., 10 sec, third. Fragment, 10sec, and Hokomai, 60sec, also started. Won easily. Dividend, £5 5s. The public generally backed Dakota as the chosen of the stable, and the victory of W.N. was very unpopular. The Consolation Handicap fell to Mr Widdington's May Queen, 30sec, who beat four others easily, and paid £1 12s. The club will lose money over the meeting.

At a meeting of the stewards of the Wellington Trotting Club held on Thursday night, it was decided to give £200 in stakes at their Queen's Birthday Meeting. The principal race will be worth £60, and there will be another of £40. The formation of the club's new course on the Kilbirnie side of the Mirama estate is being rapidly pushed on, and will be finished in plenty of time for the meeting. As this will cost the club a considerable amount their enterprise in giving such good stakes should be appreciated both by owners and the public, and it is only reasonable to expect that the meeting will be well patronised by both.

Coming Events.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE South Auckland Racing Club's course at Hamilton will again engage the attention of turfites on Saturday next, when the South Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting will be decided. I regret that the response on the part of owners to the handicaps issued by Mr E. D. Halstead has not been more satisfactory. Nevertheless the club are sure to have a good meeting if fine weather prevails, the outing to Hamilton being most enjoyable.

I said a few words about the handicaps last week, and I now repeat that I think either Waltzer, 8.5, or Acacia, 7.8, will win the Easter Handicap of 20sovs, six furlongs, with which the programme commences. On his form at the Auckland Meeting Waltzer seems to have all the best of it.

When the weights came out for the Hurdle Handicap of 35sovs, two miles, I expressed a preference for New Year, 9.10, and to that opinion I still adhere. If anything beats him out of the five pitted against him I think it will be Isidore, 10.10.

The conditions of the Autumn Handicap of 55sovs, one mile and a-half, are rather peculiarly worded, in that "the winner of any race of the advertised value of 50sovs after the declaration of the weights" carries 5lb extra. Now I have no wish to raise any quibble, but Ida last Monday won the Welter Handicap of 60 sovs, second horse 10sovs out of the stake. Is this to be considered as an "advertised race of the value of 50sovs"

or is the 5 per cent deduction to be taken into consideration? If Ida goes to the post with her 8.10 I think after her recent running at Ellerslie that she will win, but in the event of the Club's officials deciding that she will have to carry a penalty, I give my vote to Folly, who in any case I reckon will be a very dangerous opponent for Ida to tackle.

The Novel Race of 20sovs, 7 furlongs, has half a dozen entrants, and from what I know of them I take Memorandum to be the best.

Half a dozen is again the number in the Handicap Steeplechase of 55sovs, 3 miles, and my old pick of Yum Yum, 11.0, I shall stick to, and if Isidore do not win the Hurdles he may trouble the mare.

It is of little use dealing with the Cambridge, Claudelands or Flying Handicaps, seeing that there are so many horses engaged therein who are booked to run earlier in the day, so I will leave them alone, wishing the club every success.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

MR. E. D. HALSTEAD'S handicaps for this meeting will be found in another column, and my *confre* "Pegasus" has something to say about them in another portion of this issue. The dissecting of trotting handicaps is, as my readers know, hardly in my line, and therefore I leave the task to "Peg." But I may remind owners that acceptances are due to-morrow (Friday), and with the excellent entries the club received I think I am safe in predicting that they will meet with big patronage from the public on Saturday week.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

As is usual the Egmont Racing Club have been well patronised by owners over their Winter Meeting, which comes off on the 10th prox. The entry lists, appearing in another column, disclose that 13 have been nominated for the Hurdles, 17 for the Trial Steeples, 21 for the Egmont Steeplechase, and 18 for the Final Steeplechase. The Aucklanders engaged are Isidore, Iroquois, Marechal Neil and Shillelagh. The weights for the Hurdles, Trial Steeplechase and Egmont Handicap are due to-morrow week.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN.

MR. EVETT last night issued his handicaps for the minor events of the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, the dates of which gathering are Wednesday and Thursday next, April 12 and 13.

The Trial Handicap of 50sovs, 1 mile, opens the ball, and with a moderate nine before him Mr Evett awards Dishonor the top weight of 8.10. This brother to Freedom has not been seen in public since he was a two year old, and Mr Evett was bound to take that into consideration to a certain extent, but I think he might either have taken Dishonor down two or three pounds or have handicapped the others closer up to him. Spinfeldt and Prioress follow him in the list with 8.0 on each, and of the twain I prefer Prioress. Gun Cotton, 7.10, is almost an unknown quantity, but he has certainly some breeding in his favour, for he is by Nordenfeldt out of Patch. I think Tuhitarata has a good chance at 7.9, and surely Revolt's owner cannot complain at his 7.8. Princes of Whales, however, with 7.5, reads to me as still better in, and I think she will take a lot of beating. Acceptances are not due till Monday, so it is hard to say what will run, but at the weights I like Princess of Whales best, and next to her Revolt.

The 11 in the Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs, one mile and three-quarters, are headed by Aorere, 11.7, not an ounce too much for him if he be well. We expected to see him up here for the Auckland Autumn Meeting, but he did not put in an appearance. He seems to be under a bit of a cloud just now, so I will pass him by. Worth, 11.0, has been running better lately, and has partly recompensed Mr Ormond for a lot of previous failures, but with 7lb concession from him I think Disturbance will down him. Bideawee at 10.0 is, I think, held safe by Oddfellow, 9.11, and Jacob, 9.9, and unless it be The Dromedary, 9.7, I don't see anything among the very light weights likely to effect a surprise. Aorere is of so much better class than the others that I would select him to win if I thought he were well, but with the uncertainty that hangs over him I declare for Disturbance, with Jacob and Oddfellow in the other places.

While the sculling match between Bubeur and Hosmer was pending Hanlan cabled from America to row the winner for £500 a-side on the Thames if £50 was allowed him for expenses. Bubeur, after defeating Hosmer, cabled to Hanlan his willingness to accept his challenge, and England lovers of aquatics were looking forward to seeing the once-brilliant Canadian rower again displaying his skill on the Thames. Hanlan, however, subsequently wired backing out of the offer, but expressing his willingness to row Bubeur in America and allow £50. The probability now is that there will be no match. Bubeur states that he will not go to America, but repeats his offer to row Hanlan at any time on the Thames and allow 10 per cent. expenses. Hanlan's wire says that he is now matched to row Gaudeur, and so cannot leave, and doubtless there will be a series of sculling "hippodromes" during the World's Fair at Chicago.

Lord Hawke's cricket team that are now visiting India, commenced a match on February 6 against an eleven of Agra, but the visitors made but a very poor display on the first day. The Agra men, having won the toss, were the first to go to the wickets, and although runs did not come very freely they managed to put together 108. This total it was thought that the visitors would have no difficulty in at least equalling, but from the very outset of their innings the English batsmen completely collapsed, and it was not until the sixth wicket was down that double figures appeared on the telegraph board. Four of the men failed to score at all, and it was only towards the end of the innings that anything like a stand was made. The bowling and fielding of the home eleven were excellent. In the short space of an hour and a half the entire English team was disposed of, and the innings closed for the disappointing total of 61. The Agra men then went to the wicket for a second time, and when play ended for the day had scored 28 for one wicket. The match was continued on February 7. The home team, which had scored 28 for the loss of one wicket overnight, resumed play in their second innings, but only succeeded in adding 39 to the score, and the innings closed for 67. The Englishmen went to the wicket a second time with 115 to make, and were in much better form. Messrs. C. W. Wright and F. S. Jackson made a capital stand, contributing 37 and 47 respectively, and the requisite number of runs was obtained for the loss of six batsmen, the visitors thus winning the match by four wickets.

More century cricket scores! Playing in Sydney for the Electric Telegraph Department against the Registrar General's Department on March 23rd, J. Gould scored 105 not out. On the same day A. McCredie scored 121 for the Australian Mutual Provident Society in a match against the representatives of the office of Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, the Sydney solicitors.

Football.

Mr F. H. R. Alderson, a well-known English Rugby football player, lectured recently in the Free Library Hall, South Shields, on "Football, and how to play it." He said that at present they were passing through a critical period in connection with Rugby football. The game, he thought, was worth playing, and for the young and healthy a better recreation could not be got for the winter months. It was a great mistake, however, for those to play football who were not "young and healthy," and he thought that football was a cheap recreation for the masses. Speaking of the system of playing four three-quarter backs, he said in the alteration of the style of play which had been brought about, there was now so much work thrown upon the centre man that he was run off his legs, and he had to have another man in the centre to help him. He had played in the centre now for several years, and he found that each year he got more work, and he could not do without the assistance which the four three-quarter system supplied. There was a proposal to reduce the number of players to 13, but he did not think that that was a good system at all, because if they reduced the number to 13 it reduced the game to merely runners. Now, they did not want merely sprinters or runners; they wanted pluck in going for a man, and determination in pushing. Stick to 15 and play four three-quarters was his game. He appealed to them to guard against professionalism, put down betting, and play the game in a gentlemanly manner.

The annual meeting of the City Football Club was held at the British Hotel on Thursday last. There was a large attendance, and Mr F. W. Edwards occupied the chair. The following officers were appointed:—President, Mr T. Thompson, M.H.R.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs G. Powley, M. J. Shehan, J. Gallagher, J. Halyday, jr., T. Foley; Captain, Mr C. A. Caradus; Vice-Captain, Mr C. Stone; Committee, Messrs Stevenson, Blewain, Pilkington and O'Connor; Delegates, Messrs Edwards, Stone and O'Connor; Secretary, Mr P. Kane; Treasurer, Mr T. Foley.

The annual report of the Wellington Rugby Union shows that £67 of the 1891 season's liabilities had been paid off, and there now remains a credit balance of £39. The Union had a most successful season. The City Council having undertaken to put Newton Park in good order, the cup matches will probably be played at Petone if suitable train arrangements can be made.

The well-known Sydney amateur champion sprinter, W. T. Macpherson, has been elected captain of the Randwick Football Club for the ensuing season, and the ex-Merivale footballer and professional runner, F. Surman, has been chosen as one of the selection committee of the same club, A. E. Sefton, another well-known amateur athlete, being also one of the selectors.

J. Taiaroa's long jump of 20ft 11½in, put up at Timaru, has been passed as a record by the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association.

Cricket.

The Hawke's Bay Pilgrims arrived on Friday morning last, and were met by the local cricketers and driven to the Central Hotel, and on Tuesday met a team from Auckland and Parnell combined, and on going in first were disposed of for 60 runs, Hill and Nicholson being the only players to get double figures, 14 and 15 respectively. The local team responded with 128, of which Ohlsen was top score with 20. The visitors fared better in the second innings, scoring 103 for 3 wickets, of which Martin contributed 31, not out. The visitors are not a very strong team, and only have about four first-class bats, but they possess in Fanning a bowler above the average.

The Gordon-United match was continued on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Gordon by 64 runs. The two clubs are now a tie, and the deciding match for the Cup will be started next Saturday, in which a good deal of interest is centred.

For Gordon Williams played a brilliant innings for 49, his drives being particularly good. Callender, who has been batting disappointingly so far, came out of his shell with a hard hit 35.

In the match Gordon v. Hawke's Bay Hawke's Bay went first to the wickets, and were all disposed of for 89, of which Hill made 33, not out, carrying his bat right through the innings, his play being about the best we have seen in Auckland this season.

Callender bowled remarkably well for Gordon, getting six wickets for 42 runs; whilst Kelly's two wickets cost the same. Gordon hit up 130 runs, of which Johnny Fowke gave a very patient display for 50, not out. In the second innings the visitors fared somewhat better, getting 80 runs for two wickets.

The Hawke's Bay team have made themselves very popular during their stay here, and were on Sunday last driven out to the Lake by the Gordon Club, who also entertained them at a smoke concert on Wednesday evening last. The team leave for home to-morrow (Friday), and as this is the first visit we have received from our Hawke's Bay friends let us hope that it will not be the last.

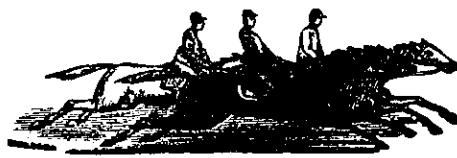
On Thursday the Pilgrims met an eleven drawn from the various Auckland Clubs, and after a very enjoyable game the match ended in a draw. For Hawke's Bay the top scorers were Martin 36, Fanning 33, and Cato, and for Auckland Curly Ohlsen played a rattling innings for 43 not out, whilst MacCormack contributed 24 in a very pretty manner.

Volunteer News.

(By Rifleman.)

We have to apologise to our readers for the absence of the usual columns under this heading, our contributor "Rifleman" being on the sick list.

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Acceptances for this Club's Autumn Meeting on April 15th, are due as under, before 10 p.m., to-morrow, April 7th:—

- Maiden Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, two miles, 1 sov.
- Flying Stakes Handicap of 35 sovs, five furlongs, 1 sov.
- April Handicap Trot of 130 sovs, 2½ miles, 2 sovs.
- Autumn Handicap of 50 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Harness Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Electric Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

The full programme of the meeting appears in our advertising columns.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Friday next, April 7th, is nomination day for this Club's Autumn Meeting on April 22nd, when the undermentioned events have to be attended to by owners, as per programme advertised in another column:—

- Maiden Plate Handicap of 30 sovs, 1 mile, 10s.
- Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Autumn Handicap of 50 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Waitakare Handicap of 30 sovs, 7 furlongs, 10s.
- Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 30 sovs, about 2½ miles, 10s.
- Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs, about 3 miles, 1 sov.
- Shorts' Handicap of 30 sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

On Monday next, April 10th, acceptances are due for the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, as under:—

- Trial Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
- First Hurdles of 80 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
- Stewards' Handicap of 70 sovs, 1 mile and a furlong, 1 sov.
- Thompson Handicap of 250 sovs, 1 mile, 5 sovs.
- Juvenile Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Railway Handicap of 60 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
- First Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
- First Hack Handicap of 30 sovs, 1 mile, 10s.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN.

The secretary of the Wanganui Jockey Club will on Tuesday next, before 9 p.m., receive nominations for that Club's Steeplechase Meeting on May 24, as under:—

- Flying Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Wanganui Handicap Steeplechase of 250 sovs, about 3 miles, 2 sovs.
- Winter Oats Handicap of 100 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Trial Steeplechase Handicap of 80 sovs, about 2 miles, 1 sov.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB AUTUMN, 1894.

Nominations will be received up to 8 p.m. on Friday week, the 14th inst., for the Northern Champagne Stakes, to be run at the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting of 1894. To the stake the Club give 200 sovs. added money in addition to which there is a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each, 5 sovs. ft., or no liability if declared on night of general entry for the meeting. The nominations, which close on the 14th inst., are for now yearlings, and may be made to either the secretary of the Auckland Racing Club; the secretary of the C.J.C., Canterbury; D.J.C., Dunedin; H.B.J.C., Napier; W.R.C., Wellington; or M.R.C., Blenheim. 1 sov is all that is required with each entry.

BELL BLOCK RACING CLUB.

The undermentioned acceptances for this meeting are due at the White Hart Hotel, New Plymouth, on Saturday week, the 15th inst., before 9 p.m.:—

- Handicap Hurdles of 20 sovs, one and a quarter miles, 10s
 - Bell Block Cup Handicap of 50 sovs, one mile and three furlongs, 1 sov
 - Flying Handicap of 25 sovs, six furlongs, 15s.
 - Welter Handicap of 20 sovs, one mile, 10s
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Random Remarks.

[By PEGASUS.]



LOTTIE and **Eve** certainly 'take the cake' for good and consistent performances since first they sported silk. Amongst the 'cracks' even they seem to be able to hold their own, for they are invariably cropping up with a win here and there. Personally I am very glad to see it, because, as a rule, the local men generally 'go down' before their foreign conferrers. On this occasion, however, they seem to have been very much *en evidence*.

'Keep the ball a-rolling' and the North Auckland Racing Association has the use of the totalisator for each and all of their meetings. Yet, methinks, their victory may mean a defeat, i.e., just as they are fairly afloat there may come the abolition of the machine as a medium of betting, and then—ah, yes what then! Everything points to the fact that the zenith of the machine has been reached—in fact has passed—and therefore must now gradually wane. My idea is, therefore, that each and all who wish to retain the services of the totalisator should combine to have it retained. To do so it is imperative that all so inclined should 'pull, pull together,' or otherwise it will die an ignominious death. That being so, 'if the house be divided it must surely fall,' and I think it would be a less suicidal policy if all recognised Metropolitan Clubs should combine to resist every attempt to do away with our present betting medium. What difference exists between them all now? Simply this, the days on which they shall or shall not race, and the amount of added money to be given away *per diem*.

There does not seem to be any question of greater magnitude under discussion; and, if not, why hold aloof over little matters of personal preference when the whole question of *racing* is involved? Depend upon it, if the present system is to remain in vogue, it behoves every racing club to pull with the other and thus retain the privileges at present enjoyed, otherwise a change is imminent. I fail to see anything in the present unsatisfactory standing adopted by the several clubs interested, but that which savours of a private nature.

If so, the sooner it is dropped the better for all parties concerned in general and for racing in particular. My 'random' hints are applicable generally, and I trust they may take a more tangible form in the near future. No good can come from a policy of antagonism in racing matters, but great results may accrue from a duly concerted system of reciprocation among the various bodies who are interested therein. "Then let them take counsel together."

The weights and starts for the Autumn meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club were issued last Saturday, and as with many of these trotting events, so in the present case they are somewhat of a Chinese puzzle. This gathering may be looked upon as the owners' 'winter oats' meeting, but some of the horses had better be turned out to grass at once. Some of the handicaps point to one of two things, either they were running 'dark' previously or they haven't the ghost of a show now, notwithstanding they have won nothing this season. To exemplify, let us take one or two items, and readers may take pencil and paper and run off a few by way of comparison for themselves, and say how they are to be picked. For example: **Onslow Maiden Trot**—**Rutine**, 14 secs, 1; **Broker**, 20secs, 2; **Cadiz**, 17s, 3; **Dinah**, 17secs, besides others. Then take the present Maiden Trot, with **Rutine** 14secs, **Broker** 20secs, **Cadiz** 16secs, **Dinah** 18secs, &c., and let anyone say how can **Cadiz** with 1sec less, and **Dinah** with only one second more start, be likely to live against the others any more than on the other occasion. In the flat races **Nigger Boy** wins with 7.12, and now he is dropped in again at 6.12. Compare weights in **Onslow Stakes Handicap** and also in present **Autumn Handicap**. **Gillie** wins easily with 8.7 up and has only 9.0 now. **Dove** runs second with 7.10 and has now 7.12. **Robin** ran third with 8st and has now 11lb less. Of the others who ran then the greatest reduction in their weight is only 2lb. This would look like the same few fighting their

battles o'er again; but, there, I give it up. A Chinese puzzle is easy compared with these trotting handicaps which the various handicappers treat us to from time to time.

The weights for the Hurdle Race seem very good, and the April Handicap Trot would appear to require a lot of picking to tear it to pieces. This event, methinks, will take a deal of picking to find the winner. I like **Clyde**, **Mount** and **Martha** very much for it. **Schoolgirl**, too, is about in this lot, but **Hurricane** should be out of it on past performances. These remarks by the way, and I may be wrong in my counting.

I am always inclined to let down handicappers lightly, but if need be I must speak, and that with no uncertain sound. Hence my 'remarks' on this occasion.

Another racing mystery. **Impulse**, 7.11, is beaten by **St. Katherine**, 7.11, in the **Wanganui Cup**, 1 1/2 miles, and the **Easter Handicap** at **Ellerslie** on Saturday reads that **Impulse**, 8.12, beats **St. Katherine**, 8.6. Thus the glorious uncertainty of racing.

I said that what beat **Impulse** would win, but then you see nothing beat him, and he won. Q.E.D.

Glorious weather for the Easter holidays. Some good races at **Ellerslie**. **Impulse** repeated his three-year-old performance of winning the double, **Easter** and **Autumn Handicaps**. Strange coincidence rather. Another of the glorious uncertainties of racing—the result of the **Champagne Stakes**, which many aver was won by **Noyade** under the judge's box. The loss of the stakes in a case of this kind is not the only trouble; there is besides the fact that handicappers will treat the filly as if she had won it, and therefore give less chance in future of recouping the loss incurred this time.

Hawke's Bay Pilgrims up playing cricket. They might be termed 'grim pills' instead, if we can judge by their display at the wickets. Better luck next time perhaps, if they improve meanwhile.

My good opinion in past times of **Realm** has come to the surface at last. He actually beat **The Admiral**, **Oxide** and four others in the **A.J.C. Autumn Stakes**, 1 1/2 miles, w.f.a. Truly all things come to him that waits.

Then he improved still more, and won the **Sydney Gold Cup**, beating **The Admiral** again. I notice **T. Hodson** rode **Realm** in this race. Very glad to notice it indeed. **Tommy** should now be in the realms of—well, **The Sydney Gold Cup**.

Good sham fight—especially the sham—on **Easter Monday** [at **Kohimarama**]. I was glad to see so many turu out though, considering the poor way in which the Government supports volunteering at present.

What about **Projectile** and **Co.** when **Carnage** and **Bessie McCarthy** were about?

South Auckland races come off on Saturday next. The acceptances are on the whole fairly good. It is almost useless to have a fancy these times, but just for fashion's sake I will again try my hand at picking them.

By order of programme the first is the **Easter Handicap**, for which I will select **Caprice** to win, with **Waltzer** next. Next comes the **Hurdle Race**, and for this I shall choose **Isidore**, **Now Year**, **Pretender** and **Mistake** to supply the leaders, and in that order. The **Autumn Handicap** of 1 1/2 miles, should see **Glaucus**, **Ida**, and **Folly** fighting out the finish, and I expect to see them wind up in that order.

The other events depend mainly upon the results of the foregoing, but the **Steeplechase** does not. For this there is an acceptance of six, and I take it that what beats **Carronade** must win.

As the various weights for the **Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting** will come to hand too late, I cannot deal with them, but should they accept I take it as, I said in last issue, that **Heather Bell**, **Krina**, **Retina** and **Revolution** are all well in the **Thompson Handicap**, and I shall expect a finish in about that order.

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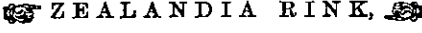
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