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FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon

- TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. One and a-quarter miles.
- quarter miles. **NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of** 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and thirl horse 25 sovs from the stake Colts, 8.10; illies, 8.8; and geldings, 8.7. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:----lf struck out by the first Friday in Ire-cember, 1905, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1906, 2 sovs forfeit; if loft in after this date liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to imake up or increase the stake Six furlongs. EASTER HANDICAP of 575 sovs; second
- stake Six forlongs. EASTER HANDICAP of 575 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs; and thiri-horse 25 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 8 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race or flat races collectively of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry 81b; of 150 sova 71b; of 800 sovs, 101b penalty. One mile.
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 This, of 800 sovs, 101b penalty. One mile.
 BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100 sors; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdlys. Winner of a hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 71b penalty. Two miles.
 EDEN HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stuke For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 71b penalty. Two miles.
 EDEN HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stuke For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat have never won a race of the value of 50 sovs, or races of the collective vulue of 150 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.
 PONY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. For three-three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov sovs from the stake. For three-three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov each, to go to the funds Seven furlongs.
 TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For three-three second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For three-three-three second second upwards. Entrance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.
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SECOND DAY.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon

- THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100 sovs, second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and up-wards. Entrance, 1 sov, and accept-ance 1 sov each, to go to the funds.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100 BOVE; second ECTRIC HANDICAP of 100 sove; securit horse to receive 10 sove; from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. En-trance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 51b penalty. Five furlonga.

THIRD DAY.

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon.

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 MAIDEN HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Over seven flights of hurdies. For all horses that have never won a hurdie race of the value of 20 sovs, or nurdie races of the value of 20 sovs, or nurdie races of the value of 20 sovs, or nurdie races of the value of 20 sovs, or nurdie races of the value of 30 sovs, each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have nevel won a dat race of the value of 150 sovs, and acceptance 1 sov, and acceptance 5 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 5 sovs et all horses to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards.
 ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 185 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 80. One mile.
 PONY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 8 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.
 WCTORIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. For three year-olds end upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds MAIDEN HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of

- DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPT-

AUTUMN MEETING, 1906

With amounts to be transmitted to Secre-tary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, by 9 p.m SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes. 1906, 2 sovs; The Oaks, 2 sovs.

SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes. 1906, 2 sovs; The Oaks, 2 sovs. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Easter Handicap 1 sov. Brighton Hurdles 1 sov. St. George's Han-dicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 1 sov. FRIDAY, MARCH S0 (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Easter Handicap 2 sovs, Brighton Hurdles 1 sov. NOMINATIONS—Tradesmen's Handicap 2 sovs, Eden Handicap 1 sov. Onslow Stakes Handicap 1 sov. Pony Handicap 1 sov. Autumn Hurdles 1 sov, Unslow Stakes Handicap 1 sov, Pony Handicap 1 sov. Autumn Hurdles 1 sov, Huia Handicap 1 sov, Pony Handicap 1 sov, Electric Handi-cap 1 sov, Malden Hurdle Handicap 1 sov, Pony Handicap 1 sov, St. Helter's Hurdles 1 sov, Mahutu Welter Handicap 1 sov, Pony Handicap 1 sov. Huckland Han-dicap 1 sov, Victoria Handicap 1 sov. FRIDAY, APRIL 6, by 9 p.m.

dicap 1 sov. Victoria Handicap 1 sov. FRIDAY. APRIL 6, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Tradesmen's Handicup 1 sov, Eden Handicap 1 sov. Onslow State-es Handicap 1 sov. Pony Handicap 1 sov. Tranway Handicap 1 sov. SATURDAY, APRIL 14, at the post. Champagne Stakes 5 sovs, Easter Handi-cap 3 sovs.

cap 8 SATURDAY, APRIL, 14, by 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Stewards' Handicap 1 sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1 sov, Autumn Hurdles 1 sov, Huia Handicap 1 sov, Pony Handicap 1 sov, St. George's Handicap 2 sovs, Electric Handicap 1 sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 16. at the post. St. George's Handicap 2 sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, by 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES-Maiden Hurdle Handi-cap 1 sov. Criterion Handicap 1 sov, Au-tumn Handicap 5 sovs, St. Heller's Hur-dles 1 sov. Mahutu Welter Handicap 1 sov Ponv Handican 1 sov. Buckland Handicap 1 sov. Victoria Handicap 1 sov

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, by 9 p.m. FRIDAY, MARCH 23, by 9 p.m. Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdies, Au-turnn Steeplechase. TUESDAY, APNIL 3, in morning papar. Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Pony Handicap, Tramway Handicap. SATURDAY, APRIL 14, by 9 p.m. Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap Auturn Hurdles. Hula Handicap, Fony Handicap, St. George's Hundicap, Electric Handicap. for the whole 5 sovs. One and a-half mile.
ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP, of 450 sovs: second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs, and final payment of 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 51b penalty. One and a-quarter miles.
HUIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 51b penalty. Six further the declaration of the stake. subscriptions for it. This is a Splendid Chance both for those who wish to devote all their energies to the work and for those who have spare time they £. want to turn into money. It is an Handicap. St. George's International American MONDAY, APRIL 16, by 9 v.m. Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Criterion Hau-dicap, Autumn Handicap, St Heller's Hurdles, Mahutu Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Buckland Handicap, Victoria exceptional opportunity for those in country districts where there are no newsagents. Handicap. J. F. HARTLAND, weights to carry 51b penaloy. Hongs. PONY HANDICAP of 100 sovs: second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. For horses 14 issues and upwards. For horses 14 issues the fonds. Six furlongs. AUTUMENT HURDLE, RACE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse is receive 10 sove from the stake. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over seven flights of hurdles. Over and three-que ter miles. For full particulars address Secretary. Arthur Cleave and Co. (Circulation Department), 6. **TO SUFFERING YOUNG MEN.** A reverend gentleman having been an unfortunate suffere rfrom boyish folly for years, was cured in a remarkable manner after doctors had failed. He will send the cure free to anyone. Write to Mr. HENRY MARSHALL, BO FURSHED TO SUFFERE NOTH Malbourne "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," . . Auckland. 7 Mr. HENRY MARSHALL, P.O., Elizabeth-st., North Melbourne. •••••• funds. Over seven fights One and three-quester miles.



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FIRST DAY.

- THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1906. 1.
- FIRST DAY. THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1906. 12 noon.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs, from the stakes. The winner of any flat race un-der the value of 1000sovs, after the de-claration of weights, to carry 31b ex-tra, of any flat race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs 51b extra, 150 sovs. The extra, 250 sovs or over, 101b extra (punalties not accumulative). No-mination, 1 sov; acceptance. 2 sovs. Distance, one mile. 12.45 µm.—J UVENILE HANDICAP, of 15.9 sovs: second horse to receive 20 sovs; and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes For two and three-year-olds. The winner of any flat race under the value of 100 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 31b extra, of any flat race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs 51b extra 150 sovs. Distance, six firlongs. 1.30 p.m.—WESTMERE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Over eight flights of burdles, 3ft 6in in height. The winner of any hurdle race after declara-tion of weights to carry 71b extra. No-mination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles and a distance. 2.15 p.m.—TAYFORTH HAOK HURDLE RAOE HANDICAP, of 100 sovs: second horse to receive 26 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Over eight flights of burdles, 3ft 6in in height. The winner of any hurdle race after declara-tion of weights to carry 71b extra. No-mination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles and a distance. 2.15 p.m.—WANGANUI CUP HANDI-CAP, of 750 sovs; second horse to re-from the stakes. In the event of any en-thorse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Over seven fights of hurdles. 3ft 6in in height. The winner of any hurdle race after declara-tion of weights to carry 71b extra. No-mization, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About one and three-quarter miles. 3.55 p.m.—PHORE WEIGHT hand horse to re-revised handicapper will revise that horse's weig 2. 5.
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- Ceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a distance. 4.30 n.m. WIRI'TOA HACF RACTS HANDICAP, of 100 sovs: second herse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 14 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7st. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 71b extra Nomination. 1 sov: acceptance. 1 sov Distance, one mile 5.15 p.m. -FLYING HANDICAF, of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stakes, Winner of any flat race, under the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights to carry 81b extra, or any flat race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs. 51b extra, 250 sovs or over, 71b extra (penalties not accumulative). Nomina-tion, 1 sov: ucceptance, 3 sovs, Dis-tance, six furlongs. 8.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1906.

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12 noon.—AUTUMN HANDICA?. 57, 500 sovs: second horse to receive 20 sovs. Nomination. I sov: acceptance. 2 sovs. Distance. one mile.
12.45 p.m.—FORDELL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. of 120 sovs: second horse to receive 15 sovs. and third horse to receive 15 sovs. and third horse to receive 15 sovs. and third horse to receive about one mile and three-quarters.
1.30 p.m.—JACKSON STAKES, of 500 sovs: second horse to receive 75 sovs. and third horse 25 sovs from the state Weight for ago, with penalties and allowance. For two-year-olds and upwards. T50 sovs 100 and 1000 sovs 121b extra: maiden two-year-olds allowed 31b, three-year-olds and upwards. 71b. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows:—I sov if struck out on or before Monday. September 25th, 1905. at 9 p.m.; all horses remaining in after latter date to pay the subscription of 5 sovs on Friday. February 23rd, 1906. Closed with 12?, nominations. Distance. six furlongs.
3.0 p.m.—OKOIA HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Minimum Handicap to carry a penalty of 71b Nomination. 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.
4 p.m.—HARRISON WELTER HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive a second horse to receive 10 sovs from the sta ance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.
ELLERISTIE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from thustake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptuace 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.
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from the stakes Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov; Distance, six furiouss. . 5.15 p.m.-FAICEWELL HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 7ib (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furiouss. furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS. WEIGHTS, ENTRIES, AND ACCEPTANCES,

And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary. Wanganui Jockey Club.

AUTUMN MEETING. MARCH 1 and 2, 1996 FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1906, at 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS-Wanganui Cup 1 sov Wanganui Stakes Handicap 1 sov, Flying Handicap 1 sov, Stewards' Handicap 1 sov Juvenile Handicap 1 sov, Westmere Hurdle Race 1 sov, Fordel! Hurdle Race 1 sov, Tay-forth Handicap Hack Hurdles 1 sov, Okoia fandicap Hack Hurdles 1 sov, Writca Hack Flat Handicap 1 sov, Maturawa Hack Flat Handicap 1 sov, I'etre Welter Handicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 1 sov, Farewell Handicap 1 sov, Sartinbay FEBRHARY 17 1906 (or of AUTUMN MEETING, MARCH 1 and 2, 1966

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1906 (on or

REVISED WEICHTS (if necessary)-Wa-nganui Cup. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1906, at 9 p.m. FINAL PAYMENT-Wanganui Cup 5 sovs.

FINAL PAYMENT--Wanganui Cup 5 BOVS. THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1906 (at or about) 8 p.m. WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps. THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1906, at 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES-Autumn Handicap. Sovs. Fordell Hurdle Race 1 sov. Okoia Hack Hurdles 8 sovs. Harrison Welter Han-dicap 1 sov. Wanganui Stakes 8 sovs. Mate-rawa Hack Flat 1 sov. Farewell Handicap 1 sov.

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ty, otherwise a nne of 1 sort and posed. Owners, Trainers and others entering and accepting horses for the W.J.C. Meetings are otified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash. This notification does not apply to Owners and Trainers who have standing arrange-ments with the Executive. Owners are responsible for all Penalties and Allowances. All persons intending to withdraw horses

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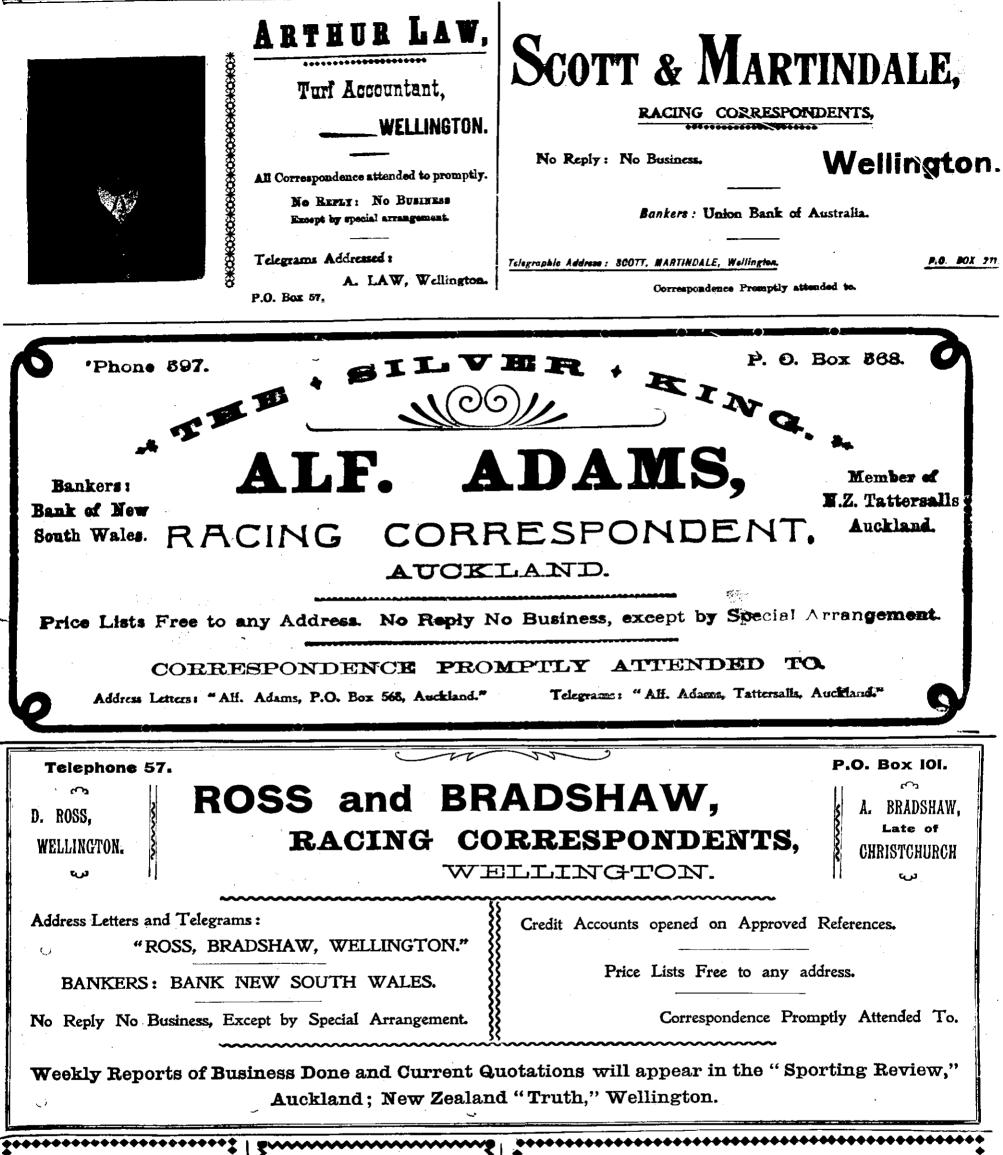
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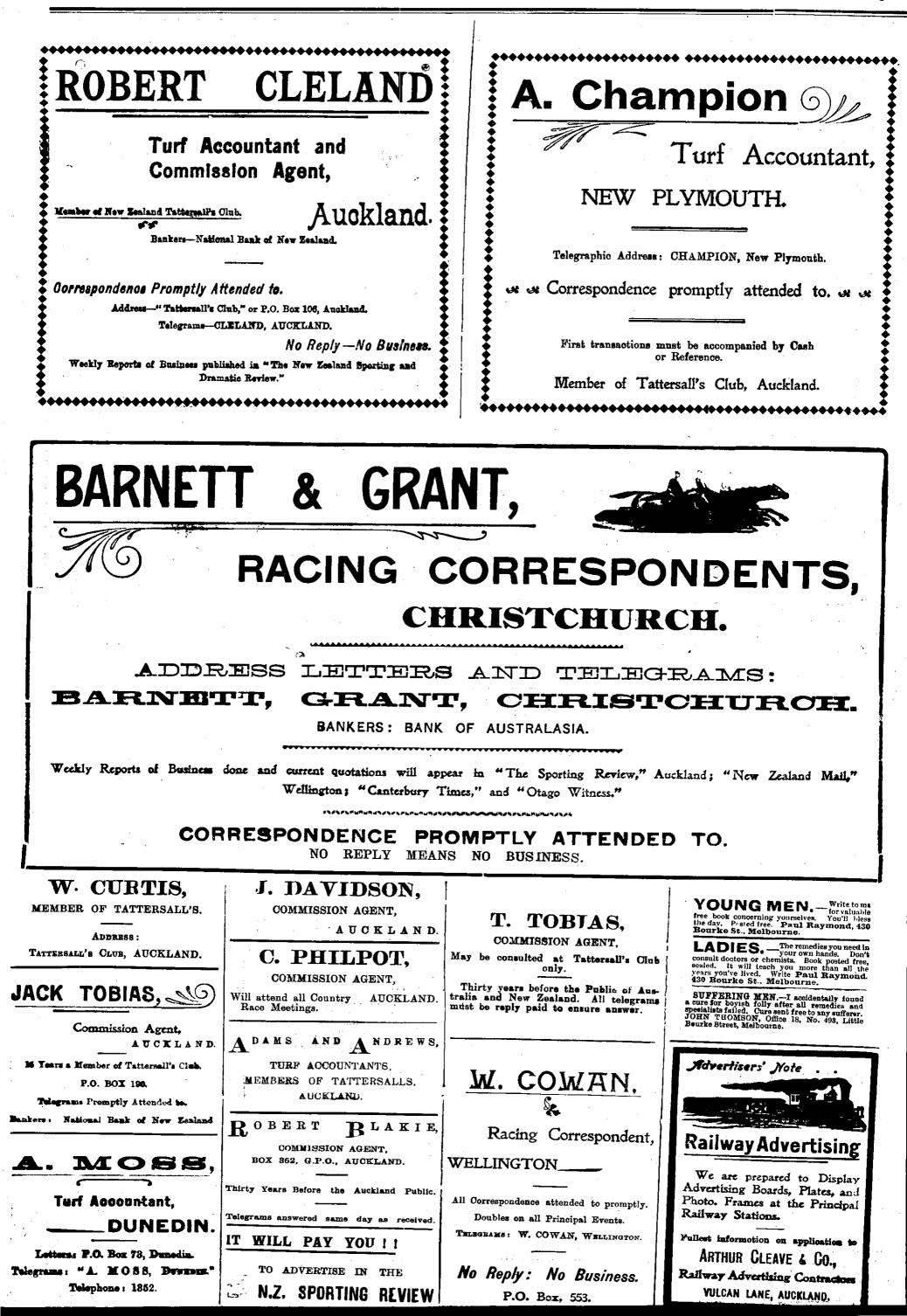
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1906.

WOMAN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

In the days of long ago it may be said that women had no place in the world of sport, but such a state of affairs has entirely passed, and nowadays there is scarcely a single pastime in which the fair sex do not excel, the very few exceptions being in games which require great physical strength, such as football. When it is a question of sheer dexterity then

had the faculty of using the lassoo, for a woman recently defeated a number of expert cowboys in the West of America in a cattle-lassoing competition. In swimming woman has done some remarkable feats. Miss Kellerman's performances are perhaps the best known, while the success of two American girls in defeating over thirty men in a long distance swim a couple of years ago raised an interesting discussion on the question whether women had more endurance than men. But women meets with less success in swimming under water than in almost any other branch of sport. Mountaineering is one of the pursuits in which she is extremely successful. The writer rates her at 96 for this, and says that she is fully capable, when at her best, of doing practically everything that a man can do. The pioneers of great peaks have generally been men, but the same ascents have nearly always been accomplshed by women.

. NOTES. . .

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The South Auckland R.C. annual meeting will take place on March 3. Nominations are due on February 9.

Master Delava, who won the Takapuna Cup, was purchased by his pre-sent owner for 450 guineas.

Omati and Lady C ements, who were both do ng good track work at Ellers-lie prior to the T.J.C. Summer Meeting, failed signal y on Saturday last.

Black and Gold's ful. brother, Tui Cakobau, made his debut in the Ferry Handicap on Saturday, but failed to run up to appearances. The name may be all r ght for the King of Fiji, but for an unoffending quad-runad who has done nothing to deruped who has done nothing to de-serve such a penalty it seems hard luck.

The Aucklanders, Apologue, Master De aval, Landlock, Giadstone, and Putty, appear among the nominations for the Wanganui Cup, while the name of Jewelery appears in the list for the Stakes for the Stakes.

The Nelson Cup was won by Abydos, an aged gelding by St. George from Zelica, who carried 9st and beat Narcotic by a neck.

Both doubles at Takapuna returned nice d vidends. On the opening day Miss Winnie and Master Delaval paid £40 6s, while Discoverer and Scotty returned investors £57 18s.

Another attempt is to be made to get a race out of o d Halberdier. He has been fired, and it is said will now stand a preparation, but somehow I doubt it.

A competitor in one of the Pony Handicaps at Takapuna was smpy fighting for his head at the finish, but the reins held. One or two of the stewards might do worse than abanlon their stand, from which but lttle an be seen, and take up a position occasionally farther down the course. Some of the strong-armed horsemen might then get a surprise.

Mr. O'Connor's starting at Taka-puna was 'n his very best style, and the even manner in which the horses were sent away in the various races was the subject of very general remark.

What is the matter with Back and Gold? His display at Takapuna (h s own course) on the opening day of the T.J.C. meeting was very feeble. Some were found blaming Smith, and on the second day Cotton was substituted for the North Shore lad. The result, however, was just the same, for after being n a good position the big horse was in hopeless trouble a long way from home.

Taken on h's running in the G.N. Derby, Master De aval looked well treated in the Takapuna Cup with but 7st 3lb to carry. Under the cir-cumstances it is hard to see why Scotty was so generally summed up as a "moral" for the race. The Cup time, viz., 2min 36 3-5sec, 's a record for the race. . ٠

Over the first day of the T.J.C. summer gathering there was very "ttle money in circulation, and most of the penci lers were on the grumble, especially as those who had, double books were struck for their full books. No doubt the counter att Ellers ie racecourse militated against the attendance. The racing was brilliant, and there were some exciting finishes, especially in the Maiden Plate and Takapuna Cup.

Engraver, who paid a big dividend on Saturday at the Shore, is a haf brother to Convoy.

Kirriemu'r is stated to be making a steady recovery from her mishap at the Ellerslie meeting.

The Foxton Club hand ed the sum of £16,397 at the totalisator during the recent meeting.

The St. Clar geiding Blazer, in his day one of the smartest sprinters in the colony, has fallen on evil days, as he now has to earn his oats between the shafts.

Miss Winnie, who ran only a very moderate race ast week at the Ohaupo moderate race ast week at the Onaupo meet ng, got wel away, and played hare and hounds with her field in the Zea.andia Handicap. She landed the first leg for her supporters in the double event. Black and Gold car-ried a lot of public money, but was never dangerous. ۰

. Ranana, who seemed on the big s'de, ran a disappointing race in the hurdle event, but the stewards were satisfied with the trainer's exp ana-tion that the horse was not quite himself and lame.

Certainty, who got badly away in the Zea and a Handicap, accounted for the Stewards' Handicap, the last event on the card, in which Lady Warwick started a hot favourite, whose backers lost 5s in the \pounds .

Mr. Lyons' atest purchase, Kilderkin, who cost 240 gu neas, has not yet returned any of his outlay.

Returned visitors from Wellington speak in the highest praise of the re-sults of Mr. J. H. Pollock's hand capping.

Sir Geo. Clifford's Clanchattan, who was a bad last on the Brst day at Trentham, won easily in his next at-tempt on the second day. . . .

Two-year-o'ds are uncertain sort of th ngs to bet on. Take Conductor, for instance. In the Calliope Handicap he was a bad fourth out of five runners, while on the second day, in the Hobson Handicap, he led from start to finish and won very easily. Both races were over five furlongs, and n both the Cyrenian colt carried the same weight, had the same horse-man, and met the same horses.

Reading through the sensational cable notes published daily for months past, one can hardly believe that racing or any other branch of sport can be carried on in Russia during the past year. However, despite the bomb-throwers and their little disturbances, an exchange says that in the disorganised land of the Czar there were 63 days' racing held under the auspices of the Moscow Jockey Club. There were 321 races, of which 143 were reserved for two-year-At the commencement of the olds. season the authorities announced that hard times compelled them to reduce the amount of added money advertised by 10 per cent., but they promised, should the season be a successful one, they would return the amount withheld. It has just been announced that winning owners will receive 3 per cent. more than the sums already paid them. Considerable regret is expressed in Russia amongst sportsmen at the departure of Galtee More, who was one of the most successful sires ever imported into that country. From 1992 to 1905 he was represented by 132 his children, who won £48,784. Galilej and Galtee Boy have been the best winners in Russia during the year among the three-year-olds, and then among the younger generation comes as first Heroine II., who has run five times at home, gaining a bracket on each occasion.

Nightfall had the misfortune to be ga loped on in the Wellington Cup, and a nasty cut on one of her hocks was the result. This no doubt accounts for her poor display.

J. Rae soon tired of the Golden West, and will soon be following his profession again at E lerslie. *

What was the matter wth Sol in the Orewa Hurdles? He never once made the fain est effort to catch the leaders, and finished right down the course, whereas in the Steep echase on Monday he came at the right end and won comfortably. The performances are hard to reconcile.

• · • So far the sum of £16,265 10s has gone through the totalisator at the Takapuna meeting, which represents a slight decrease on last year's fig-If the weather is fine ures. on Saturday, however, these should be beaten.

Little Primo had a very easy win the Calliope Handicap. The Phoein the Calliope Handicap. bus Apollo filly jumped off the mark thing else a chance, winning in a canter by three lengths. She is only a pony, however, and the 101b increase in weight stopped her on the second day.

Lady Warwick apparently had the Stewards' Handicap at her mercy on Saturday, but at the distance, when it looked all over bar the shouting, Deeley eased the pony, and Certainty coming with a wet sail, beat her home by half a length. It's not often that Ben is caught napping.

The New Zealand Trotting Stud Book is due to make its appearance shortly. Mr. J. B. Norris, of Christchurch, is the man to get it from.

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It is said that Canteen does not take kindly to stud duties at Ruperts-In the course of several atwood. tempts to escape from his paddock he has slightly injured his head and one of his legs.

٠ . The stallion Bluejacket (St. Leger -Antelope) was bought for Mr. S. A. Taylor, of Logie Plains, Queensland.

In 17 years, racing one day a year, the Onkaparinga Racing Club has distributed £38,520 in stakes.

Instead of the red flag being hoisted at Flemington to declare "weight," a semaphore worked from the weighing-room is to be used in future.

In New Zealand during the past nineteen years, only thirteen yearl-ings have realised 1000 guineas or over, Havoc topping the list with 2200 guineas.

Mr. Henry Chaplin, who won the Derby of 1867 with Hermit, was defeated at the English elections now in progress. The constituency which rejected Mr. Chaplin had been represented by him for 38 years. .

Speaking as a member of a deputation that waited on the Minister of Mines in Perth, Mr. Cropper, the secretary of the Kalgoorlie Racing Club, gave some interesting details concerning the cost of running the big racing clubs on the goldfields. He asserted that last year the upkeep of his club's course alone cost £3500, and that this year the cost will be £7000.

The Gisborne Racing Club's meeting will take place on realizing & and 9.

Some particulars of the Calcutta Second Extra Meeting on Saturday, December 9, are to hand by the In-dian mail. The Hurdle Race was won by the English horse Thomond, who beat eight Australians, including Pope, Nak Our, and Strathspey. In the December Plate an Indian-bred horse named Saloon caused a sensation by beating Regio, Great Scot, Trencherman, and Lamrock, as well as the English horses Nightingale, Sacristan II., Killeevan, and Winklet. The time for the mile was 1min 431/4 sec., which is the record for countrybreds in India. Saloon stands little more than 15 hands. The Bentinck Plate fell to the Auckland-bred pony Signorina (late Sonica), and the English-pred Apology won the Maiden Plate. Dalkeith, who cost 1000 guineas in Australia, appropriated the Corinthian Plate. ٠

Following are the drawers of the placed horses in Tattersall's consultations on the Summer and Perth Cups:—No. 1 sweep on Summer Cup, run at Randwick, Sydney, on Decemher 26:—First horse (Ossian), J. A. Perry, M.L.A., Parnament mouse, sym-ney, £4000; second horse (Marvel Loch), C. H. Riley, Gunnedah, New South Wales, £1250; third horse (Elvo), Louisa Wright, 48, Bucking-her streat. North Biohemond. Via ham-street, North Richmond, Vic-toria, £750. No. 2 Summer Cup: First, Mrs. Norah Cahanagh, care Miss Mary Fahey, Roslyn Bush, Southland, New Zealand, £4000; se-cond, "Devil's Number Syndicate," care F. Tuckey, Workingmen's Club, Wellington, N.Z., £1250; third, Miss Newstock, care Miss McKay, 176, Brougham-street, Sydenham, Christ-church, N.Z., £750. Perth Cup, run at Perth, West Australia, on December 28: First horse (Czarovitch), J. A. Farquharson, 144, Strand-street, Capetown, South Africa, $\pounds 2720$; se-cond horse (Fifeness), Wm. W. Knapp, Mohorete, Wyndham, N.Z., £850; third horse (Piata), "Cock Eye Bob Syndicate," care S. A. Buss, Meda Station, Derby, Kimberley, W.A., £510.

Prophecy (Phoebus Apollo-Problem) ranks as the best two-year-old in West Australia. He was bred at Wellington Park, and was bought as a yearling by her present owner, Mr. Fenton, for 57 guineas.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The South Auckland Racing Ciub's annual meeting w 1 take place on the Claudelands racecourse, Hamilton, the Claudelands racecourse, Hainiton, on Saturday, March 3. The pro-gramme consists of the Trial Handi-cap of 20sovs, 7 furlongs; the Hurdle Handicap of 40sovs, 1¹/₃ miles; the South Auckland Cup of 75sovs, 1¹/₄ miles; the Pony Handicap of 30sovs, 6 furlongs; Steeplechase Handicap of 50cord, 9 miles; Tradesment's Potte of 50sovs, 8 mi es; Tradesmen's P ate of 50sovs, 1 m le; District Hack Race of 20sovs, 6 furlongs; Flying Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs. The meeting is a very popular one with Auckland owners, and there is certain to be a good ist of entries from headquargcod ist or entres from headquar-ters. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. R. J. Gwynne, "Waikato Argus" Office, Hamilton, or with Mr. H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland, at n ne p.m. on Fri-day Fe'.uary 9. Full particulars as to the programme will be found in our ad artising columns.

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THE OTAHUHU TROTTING MEETING.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's Sumandra Park on February 17, 21, and 24. The programme, which appears in our advertising columns, is, as usual, a well-arranged production, all classes of horses being catered for. On the opening day the chief events are the Otahuhu Trotting Cup of 115 sovs, two miles; the Class Trot of 50sovs, one mile and a-half; and the Otahuhu Pony Cup of 50sovs, six fur-longs and a-half. On the second day the leading items will be the Summer Trot of 50sovs, two miles; and the High-class Trot of 50sovs, one mile and a-half. On the concluding day most attention will centre on the Criterion Trot of 60sovs, two miles, and the February Trot of 50sovs, one mile. Altogether the sum of £1015 will be given in stakes. Owners should bear in mind that entries for all events close with Mr. F. D. Yonge, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday), at 9 p.m.

The Takapuna Cup was considered by many as something of a mora' for the top weight, Scotty, but the son of St. Leger got into a bad position, and there seemed to be a bit of bumping between the favourite and Cyrano after passing the stand the second time round. Is it true that there is a kind of feud between the riders of these two horses? If so, the stew-ards should inquire into matters of this sort, as there is a great risk to life and limb, to say nothing about owners' property, when the riders of different horses try to get even while a race is in progress. Whether there a race is in progress. Whether there is the least truth in it I cannot say, but that there is a report to this effect cannot be gainsaid.

Acting on instructions from Superintendent Sainsbury, in charge of the criminal investigation branch of the police force, Detectives Bannan, Hawkins, Carey, Carter, and Murray have prepared a statement in reference to the character of the men who frequent the gambling clubs in Melbourne. This was produced by Detective-Sergeant O'Donnell at the sitting of the Police Commission last week. About 100 names are given in the list, and, according to Detective-Sergeant O'Donnell, every named is a desperate criminal. man

Cinderella (Blue Ruin or Tomahawk-Manna), who is responsible for one of America's most successful line of racehorses, was sold as a yearling in England nearly twenty years ago for 20 guineas. Among the successful performers thrown by her were Foreigner, Ferrier, Handsome, Glenheim, Hastings, and Plaudit. The last-mentioned two won several of the big events of the American turf, and Hastings has achieved almost phenomenal success. His first lot of two-year-olds ran in 1901, when he had 17 winners. In the next year Hastings headed the list of winning stallions with 21 winners of well over £22,000, while in 1903 he finished fifth, and was again prominent the last two seasons. Plaudit, too, has made a highly promising start with nine winners out of his first crop of two-year-olds in 1903 and a similar number of juvenile successes in 1904.

The "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sportsman" is among those who have a good word for the totalisator, and he touches on the matter as follows:--"In my humble opinion, the totalisator is the greatest of all boons to the turf when its profits are applied to the benefit breeding or racing; and it is for that reason that in the Argentine such large stakes are now being realised for yearlings. We now see how France is going ahead on the same lines, for who can doubt it in the face Facts are of this week's sales? stubborn things, and were it not that we have the monopoly of our own and the Irish land and climate, I should see reason to fear that at no distant date France would be the premier nation for bloodstock, superseding ourselves. Only a few years ago it was more or less necessary to take mares to France to be sold there, at Deauville or in Paris, but now they are bought wholesale at Newmarket by M. Halbronn, who used to sell them by auction in France, and, what is more, he gives immeasurably greater prices than those for which he knocked down the dams of such as La Carmargo, Masque, Perth II., and many other great winners. He and his friends will be lucky if among all his purchases he has secured any up to that old standard, when every mare was specially selected before being sent to France for sale, but that is their affair, not ours.'

The results of the Calcutta Third Extra Meeting, held on Saturday, December 16, are also to hand. Great Scot was a runner in the Wellesley Plate, and started favourite at 5 to 2, but he tried to savage every horse that came nigh, and ran an arrant cur. The race, one mile and a quarter, was won by the English horse Applause (10 to 1), with Saloon se-cond, and Long Tom third. Besides Great Scot, Cherson, Pure Gold, Killeevan, Sacristan II., and Trenayr were among the beaten division. Regio, starting a hot favourite, won the Fort Plate, five furlongs, beating a big The ex-Aucklander Signorina field. (late Sonica) repeated her previous success in the Peel Plate, and the English horse Insurrection won the Cornwallis Plate. The Caulfield Cup winner, Lieutenant Bill, was the favourite, but he did not get a place.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

The concluding day's racing of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting will take place next Saturday, and if only the fine weather holds-and there is every probability of such being the case-then another very enjoyable day's racing should be the result. The Ferry Company put up a wonderful record on Monday as regards the number of people carried across the water, and as more steamers will be available on Saturday, it will be a very simple matter to reach Devonport, for boats will be running every few minutes. The number of brakes, waggonettes, and cabs from the wharf to the course is now simply legion, making the Takapuna racecourse perhaps the easiest Mr. Wynyard's arof access of all. rangements for the meeting have so worked like clockwork, everything having passed off without the slightest hitch, so that patrons may rely on everything possible being done to ensure them comfort. As the acceptances do not close until we go to press, it is not possible for me to deal with the probable win-The following, however, may ners. run well if started :- Marine Handicap: Misere or Lady Cressy. Ponui Steeplechase: Loch Fyne or Sol. Waiwera Hurdles: Cuiragno or Sea-Devonport Handicap: Cerbird. tainty or Noteorini. Borough Handicap: Discoverer or Hohoro. Summer Handicap: Full Cry or Annoyed. Pony Handicap: Storyteller or Forth. Welter Handicap: Le Beau or Polycaste.

amongst others that hall-marked specimen Landlock, whose recent successes in Auckland are too fresh to need recapitulation. Day Dream, a mare who was sold to go to England about ten years ago, when 1200 guineas was to be given for her possession, was a half-sister by Albany to Lethe, whose progeny are remarkable for their courage, lasting properties, On the other side of the and pace. house it will be noticed that Rosewater is one of the Primrose tribe, from which never a bad one was descended, and in furtherance of this contention it is only necessary to refer to Daphne, Jadoo, Polyanthus, Pinrose, renrose, Roseshoot, Bush kose, Queen Rose, Admiral Cerveras, and Ocean Blue.

A big pay filly claims San Fran and Waipunata as her parents. Sne is a full sister to Walariki, who attracted favourable comments when he made his debut at the late H.B. J.C. Meeting. Nice nat bone, strong Jack, and well-formed nocks are the principal features that are observ-acue in this lengthy well-set damsel. The final memoer of the filly pad-

dock was a good-looking bay daughter of Kiss Mary and San Fran, a massive, though by no means a coarse, youngster, possessing bulk and so-lidity, with plenty of length, legs of a sterling type upon which she stands as true as a die, and a head that snows the possession of intelligence and determination.

Just across the way the colt brigade were disporting themselves, and with my guide, O'Meara, to give me an introduction. I was soon amongst Number one is a bay by Torthem. pedo out of Parlour Maid, a wellgrown young chap, who covers a lot of ground, a typical Torpedo, with the usual hard, wear and tear under-standings, fine substance, great back and loins, and a well-set, courageous head.

A little fellow, though built uniformly, is Armoureux's son by San Like his half-sister, Ruatau-Fran. mata, he suggests that his forte might be short dashes. Still, there will, i opine, always be enough flutters to go round, the only difficulty being to find suitable gee-gees for the posi-Well, anyone that is looking tions. for a promising horse to win money quick, should not let this dapper son of Amoureaux go without having a good look at him.

A great big powerful brown is the result of Espaniola's mating with This juvenile has power Torpedo. and quality strongly lined out throughout his anatomy, not a line being out of place, while his attractive style of hardly himself, suggests danger to the opposing forces when his period for engaging in the fray arrives. Espaniola, his dam, is an English-bred mare by Sheen out of Madrida, consequently, besides being of an attractive conformation, his breeding is of the best.

A colt to go into raptures about is Gold Crown's full brother (Gold Reef -Nymph). A chestnut in colour, he stands out like a monarch, having size, substance, and quality in no limited degree. In make, shape, and colour he greatly resembles Mahutonga when he was of the same age. Size him up, fore and aft, near or off side, the verdict goes in his favour as a real good one. I remember his brother quite well as a yearling, and have no hesitation in saying that the present edition of the Gold Reef-Nymph brand is a much superior article to what Mr. Prosser's well-performed horse was at the same age.

The last of the mob was a bay by San Fran out of Ua, a compact chap with a lengthy range, low set, en-dowed with legs that appear as if they would stand any amount of trying out.

that his horses are treated with injustice, and he woud be more or less than human if he did not blow off a little froth, so to speak, occasional y. But effervescence in that d rection is It is as foo ish usually a mistake. as to argue with an autocratic body; neither one's soul nor one's money 's likely to be saved. Thus not long ago at a north country race meeting I heard a "clever" owner accuse the handicapper of "umping" his candidates w th special severity, and the conversation that ensued bristled with personalities. "What you do," said the rascible proprietor, "is to han-dicap men, not horses, and if you were handicapping asses you could not bring out results more perfectly ridi-culous." Reply was 'n kind as a entous." Reply was 'n kind as a matter of course. "What you try to do," said the other, " is to th rhrow dust into my eyes, and because I am not blinded on each side, you dare to address me in terms of vituperation. Go away," he cried. "or I shall come with you-to the stewards." The was subsequently noticed that fact even when the horses run by that clever" person were beaten little weight was taken off the'r backs, and it required a 'arge number of outings to get them down to what may be form is not reduced with rap dity. I are familiar with the case of a horse which ran six times unsuccessfully; he may not have been always trying but he was always beaten point ess; vet he was dropped in the scale so s'owly that his owner fumed. The latter did not complain, however, to the handicapper. To that expert, indeed, he spoke softly, affecting to admire the profile; and when at last that horse was "slipped" he had about 10'b in hand. Mora': Do not To that expert, speak rudely to the man at the wheel in rough weather.

It is a turf axiom, too, that one cannot get weight off in the stable. A horse does little except eat there, and constant eating-whether one does it oneself or by proxy to save appearances—is proverbially expensive. So, if we possess a "flyer" who is at the top of the tree, we may have to encourage him to grovel amongst the roots as the saying is, for a while, in order to reduce the burden al'otted to him, and with a view to our backing him at the psychological moment with the courage of dispair. Some men are very patient in that capacity; women in a bonnet shop are not comparable to them for tenacity o f purpose and grim determination. One of my friends kept a horse for near y two years until his good time came. Punters had forgotten all about him: he was generally assumed to be dead or drawing a cart; his age was thought to be phenomenal. In effect. he had been slightly lame. The handicappers had grown to regard him as a negligible quantity, as a light of other days; he was "dropped" accordingly to such an extent that victory was a certainty for him, barring accident; and he won with his head in h's chest. doing no better than a nice exercise gallop for a purse or two of go'd. Then his owner was compared in sat rical fashion, for the lated in sat rical fashion, for the later was left out. "Such 'readying' tactics as you display," a speculator of that class told him, "tax our memory too severe'y, and a ghost from the grave with his cere-ments unrumpled would not appear less be ated than one of your well-kept 'good things.'" It was a fierce thrust, but perfectly inefficacious. The owner did not care what peop'e said to him so long as his jockey weighed

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"A horse," he repl ed, in all right. who is worth keeping is worth keeping we.l, no matter how long, and when I draw the cork at .ast"—he made an alluring gesture—"the explosion means noth ng less than generous effu-If one wishes, alas! to deceive sion." a handicapper, one should assume not on v that he has a b ind side, one should credit him w th two. That is about the average number with which humanity is afflicted, especially in authority.

"Why are O'd Judge cigarettes like the New Zealand football team?" This is a conundrum wh ch is puzzling many just now. We are not much good at guessing, but think the an-swer should be "Because they can't be beaten." While this is quite true of the c garettes, it is not quite so of our boys, judging by the wails from Wa'es. Anyway, al you've got to do to find the right answer is to look on the front of the Old Judge cigarette box. *

The Ngaruawahia annual regatta will take place on March 17th, and, as usual, promises to be one of the as usual, promises to be one of the great aquatic events of the year. Thousands of people attend these sports, which are popular with all classes of the community. The sec-retary, Mr. E. Rathborne, is calling for tenders for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 luncheon booths and the publican's booth. Tenders must be in by noon of February 14th. of February 14th.

AFTER THE RACES

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

CUP DAY.

Brilliant sunshine favoured the Takapuna Jockey Club for the opening day of the summer meeting, but what would otherwise have proved a roaster" was tempered by a nice southerly breeze. In fact, it was a day made to order. With so much dry weather, the course and enclosures naturally presented a somewhat burnt appearance, but there was still a gay display of flowers in evidence. The attendance was a large one, but with the ferry steamers Kestrel, Condor, Eagle, Osprey and Britannia running a quick service, no difficulty was experienced in getting across the water. The running track proved very fast, and some good times were recorded. Miss Winnie had a very easy win in the Zealandia Handicap, cap, while Master Delaval showed that his Derby running was no fluke by annexing the Cup in good style. Speculation proved fairly brisk, the sum of £7635 going through the totalisator. Mr. C. O'Connor proved exceedingly successful with his starts. while Mr. Lusk's decisions were given with promptness and accuracy. Everything went off very smoothly, with thanks to the good work of Mr. R. Wynyard (the secretary), and his large staff.

Proceedings opened with the Maiden Plate, one mile, and of the ten runners The Raven found most supporters. The race proved a very interesting one throughout. Bully was in the lead for the bulk of the journey, but at the entrance to the straight Soultmaid joined issue, and a ding-dong battle was fought all the way up the straight, Bully just getting the verdict by a short head, with Hurihuri three lengths off third. The favourite, who seemed sore, finished last.

Five carried silk in the Calliope Handicap, five furlongs, and of these the most fancied appeared to be Mig-The start was only a fair but Primo appeared to get a slight break, while Conductor hung badly. Primo took the field along the back, with Duart next and Conductor a bad last. The little daughter of Phoebus Apollo was never headed, winning rather comfortably by two lengths from Duart, with Misere a fair third. Much interest centred in the next event, as winning it meant getting the first leg of the double. There were seven runners, punters coming very strong for Noteorini, Certainty, and Black and Gold. A long delay occurred at the start owing to the misbehaviour of Black and Gold. When the barrier did go up Miss Winnie jumped away, and the race was over. Black and Gold, and then Mataura, attempted to catch the speedy daughter of Leolantis, but in vain, and coming on she won without an effort by three lengths from Mataura,

TE MAHANGA YEARLINGS.

(Concluded.)

Rosewater's black daughter by Lethe is a racy-looking parcel, with the best of legs and joints, good middle piece, well-sprung ribs, and forcible quarters. A glance through the lines of her pedigree should prove interesting to students, for her sire is a half-brother to Cadogan, to that one-time A1 performer Conqueror, while Lethe's full sister Dreamland, was not only a good one on the turf, but as a brood mare produced

The excellent condition, good man ners, and freedom from blemishes. speaks well for the care and attention that their guardian, O'Meara, has evidently bestowed upon them, and the old simile, the right man for the right place, was never better exemplified than is the case with the stud groom at Te Mahanga.

RUNNING OFF WEIGHT.

The edict of the turf author ties that owners must not complain personaly to handicappers with regard to their horses recalls good stories in that connection. They reveal the humorous s de of a rather difficult situation. Natura'ly (says "Ran-ger") it is not easy for an owner to bottle up his wrath when he considers

THIRD DAY. SATURDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 3.

FIRST RACE, 12.45 P.M.

THROUGH TICKET, 1/.

DOUBLE EVENT: BOROUGH HANDICAP, AND SUMMER HANDICAP.

Investors at a distance are notified that investments will not be received after 11 o'clock of day of Meeting.

No Bookmaker or Bookmaker's Clerk will be allowed on the Course unless they hold a permit from the Club.

Horses conveyed Free up to 9.30 a.m. on Race Days, after that hour will be charged for.

R. WYNYARD, Secretary.

who was two lengths ahead of Noteorini.

Putty, Zuleika, and Lovelink were the absentees from the Takapuna Cup, one mile and a-half, this leaving seven to compete for the big event. A warm favourite was found in Scotty. At the very first attempt Mr. O'Connor got them away to a perfect start, Gladstone immediately taking up the running, with Geordie and King Paul as his nearest attendant, with Jewellery last. The order was virtually unchanged for a mile, where Master Delaval rushed to the front on the outside and turned into the straight well clear of Jewellery, Geordie, and Scotty. Holding his own up the straight the son of Seaton Delaval won comfortably by length and a-half from Jewellery, with Scotty a length further off third. Gladstone was fourth, Cyrano fifth, Geordie sixth, and King Paul last.

All the thirteen on the card went out to contest the Ferry Handicap, five furlongs, and punters were in a quandary as to which was likely to prove best of such a moderate lot. Omati and Freebird went out the best backed. The start was a very fair one considering the awkward corner and the size of the field. Freebird was quickest on his teet, and Blueskin last to begin. Freebird led for two furlongs, when Engraver went up to him, and, stalling off a challenge in the straight by the son of Freedom, won by a length and a-half, with Omati two lengths off third.

There were seven runners in the Orewa Hurdles, two miles, and of these the popular pick was Khama. Cuiragno was responsible for all the early running, with Khama and Ranana in close attendance, while Sea-bird fell at the jump at the entrance to the straight. Three furlongs from home Khama went to the front and won by three lengths from Loch Fyne, who finished well, with Ranana a fair third, Cuiragno being the only other near the placed horses.

That popular event, the First Pony Handicap, five furlongs, came next, and at first a strong demand set in for Etu, but then a lot of money went on Luresome, and at the close she was first favourite. After some delay the barrier rose, Orange and Blue jumping out very smartly, but before a furlong had been traversed Luresome supplanted her, and the daughter of Seaton Delaval led the field at a merry pace down the back and into At this point it could the straight. be seen that the race was over, but a good fight took place all the way up the straight for second place. Luresome won without much effort by three lengths from Sonoma, who beat Orange and Blue by a length and ahalf.

Of the six runners in the Stewards' Handicap, six furlongs, Lady War-wick was most fancied. An excellent start was effected, Lady Warwick just showing from Certainty and Discoverer. So they ran to the home turn, where Lady Warwick drew out. Here Deeley, thinking he had the race won, eased his mount, and Certainty, coming very fast, got past and won by nearly a length, with Lovelink three lengths off third.

SECOND DAY.

Beautiful weather again favoured the T.J.C. for the second day of the summer meeting. The attendance was a very large one, a good number of ladies being present. The racing was of a much more 'nteresting nature than the rather small acceptances would have led one to expect, and specu ation proved brisk. The sum of £8587 10s went through the totalisator, this making a total of £16,265 10s for the two days. The The doub's machine again proved very popular, the winn ng combination, Discoverer and Scotty, returning a

to the front down the back. Two furlongs from home Le Beau went to the front, and easily holding his own won by two engths from Seatonia, who was a similar distance ahead of Lerida.

Seven turned out for the Suburban Handicap, five furlongs, backers go-ing for Certainty as the likliest to prov de the winner. As so often happens at the five furlong post at Takapuna, the horse on the inside got the best of the start, this being Discoverer, and he led the field down the back, with Black and Gold, on whom Cotton was early at work, in second place. Discoverer was two lengths ahead as they turned into the straight, at which point Black and Gold retired beaten. The son of Tasman easily he'd off the opposition up the straight and won very eas'y by nearly three lengths from Certainty, who was half a length in front

of Ben Blair. Next came the big event of the day. the T.J.C. Handicap, 11 mi'es. and of the eight runners Master Delava' and Gladstone were most in favour. There was a long wait at the post, owing to one of Scotty's shoes getting loose, but when the barrier rose he was at once in front. Master Delaval soon took up the running, how-ever, and pi'oted the fie'd past the stand, with Scotty, Delania, and Cyrano as his nearest attendaits. This order was much the same down the back, but at the bend for home Master De'aval fell back beaten. A good race ensued between Scotty and Delania, but the St. Leger se'ding had too much foot for his stablemate. and beat her home by two lengths while Gladstone, whose finish no run was badly timed, was three lengths behind De'ania.

Forth and Lady Warwick carried most investments in the Second Pony Hand'cap, six furlongs. The race The race was a very simple one, for Forth was first away. and never giving anything else a chance he led all the way and won by two lengths from Storvte'ler. who was the same distance in front of Hurihuri.

Conductor was a warm favour te for the Hobson Handicap, five fur'ongs, for which a quintette turned out to compete. compete. Running in very different fashion to his first day's form, he led all the way and won by two lengths from Misere.

For the Steeplechase, 31 mi'es, there were but four runners, and of these The Swimmer was in more demand than Sol. Loch Fyne was soon out in front, and for near'y the entire journey he acted as pilot, while Sol brought up the rear, but in the second round the latter improved his posi-tion. The last time as they cleared the water jump Loch Fyne. The Swimmer, and Sol were in a line, but then the latter slow'y drew out, and coming on won by four lengths from Loch Fyne, while The Swimmer, who had b'undered at a hurd'e. cantered n afterwards.

The day's proceedings were brought to a close with the Anniversary Handicap, seven furlongs, for which Po'vcaste was made a pronounced favonrite. From a nerfect start Bully was the first to show, and he led down the back t the turn where Polycaste challenged him. The favourite im-proved her position all the way home. winning in very easy fash on by four lengths from Bully, with Tady Warwick two 'engths further off.

The particulars of the racing were

FIRST DAY.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE. One mile.

Other starters: Certainty 8.0, Black and Gold 7.11, Le Beau 6.12, Girton Girl 6.10.

Won by three lengths. Time, 1min ec. Dividends, £4 12s and £6 10s. 4 sec.

and £1 11s.

FERRY HANDICAP. Five furlongs. M. J. B. williamson's blk g En-graver, 4yrs, by The Workman-Squib, 7.7 (Towers) Mr. W. Barlow's b m Freebird, 4yrs, I.4 (Brown) Mr. H. Thompson's b g Omati, 5yrs, 8.1 (Snarkes) Thompson's b g Omati, 5yrs,

M. H. Hompson's D'E Omari, syrs, 8.1 (Sparkes)
 Other starters: Sir Hector 7.9, Aristo-crat 7.3, Kereru 7.2, Tui Cakobau 7.0, Idol 7.0, Walpa 6.10, Legerite 6.10, Blueskin 6.7, Baltimore 6.7, Frederick

6.7. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividends, £25 5s and £1

9s.
OREWA HURDLE RACE. Two miles. Mr. B. Armitage's b g Khama, aged, by Castor-Valentia, 10.9 (Hall) 1
Mr. Thede's br g Loch Fyne, 6yrs, 9.0 (Towers).
2 Mr A Hughes' b g Ranana, aged, 11.6 (O'Connell)
3 Other starters: Sol 11.0, Seabird 10.0, Vertion 9.6. (Uiragno 9.0.)
Won by three lengths. Time, 3min 58 yr sec. Dividends, f2 4s and f4 16s.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP. Five fur-

FIRST PONY HANDICAP. Five fur-longs. Mr A Wightman's b f Luresome, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Lissa-durn, 8.10 (Gray). Mr. L. B. Harris' ch m Sonoma, 5yrs, 9.8 (Speakman) Mr. H. Barr's br m Orange and Blue, aged, 7.10 (Barr). Other starters: Girton Girl 9.7, Story-teller 8 11, Solitary 7 10, Merry Delaval 7.5, Etu 7.0, Rapid 6.7. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 4¼ sec. Dividends, f3 11s and f2 3s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP. Six fur-

STEWARDS' HANDICAP. Six fur-longs. Mr. W. C Ring's b m Certainty, 5yrs, by Sabretache-Off Chance, 7.13 (Gray) ... 1 Mr. S. Humphries' b m Lady War-wick, 4yrs, 7.3 (Deeley) ... 2 Messrs. Williamson and Currie's b h Lovelink, 4yrs, 7.5 (Towers) ... 3 Other starters: Full Cry 8.10, Dis-coverer 7.9, Kilderkin 6.13. Won by half a length Time, 1min 16sec. Dividends, £3 13s and 15s. SECOND DAY

SECOND DAY.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. One mile and a-half and 100 yards. Mr. R. McMiken's b g Le Beau, aged, by Leolantis—Belle, 10.8 (Mc-Gracer)

Gregor) Mr. A. Bray's ch m Seatonia, 6yrs, 1 10.12 (Howard) Mr. G. M. Currie's br m Lerida, 6yrs, 9.0 (Towers) Other starters: Frankton 9.6, Leo Feve 9.5, Lochard 9.0, Won by two lengths

on by two lengths. Time, 3min Dividends, £2 3s and £1. 48 SUBURBAN HANDICAP. Five fur-

Gold 7.9. Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 4% sec. Dividends, £6 9s and £1 7s.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDI-

Mr. D.

CAP. One mile and a-quarter. Mr. D. Stewart's b g Scotty, aged, by St. Leger-Janet, 8.10 (Ryan) 1 dr. W. L. Thomson's b m Delania, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval-Campa-nia, 6.12 (Deeley) 2 Ir. C. Weal's ch h Gladstone, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval-Miss Gladys, 7.11 (Sparkes) Mr.

RANGITOTO HANDICAP STEEPLE-CHASE. About three miles and a-half. Mr. W. Morgan's b g Sol, 5yrs, by Soult-Lorelei, 10.13 (W. Wilson) 1 Mr. C. Thede's br g Loch Fyne, 6yrs, 9.8 (Towers) (Theorem 2011) 2

Mr. W. Soult-

9.8 (Towers) 2 Other starters: The Swimmer 10.7, Pierra 9.10. Won by four lengths. Time, 7min 43sec. Dividend, £3 2s.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP. Set furlongs. Mr. F. McGovern's b m Polycaste, 4yrs, by Nestor-Nightingale, 7.0 (Sparkes) Seven

(Sparkes) Mr. L. Gordon's b g Bully, 4yrs, 7.0 (Kelly) Mr. S. Humphries' b m Lady War-wick, 4yrs, 7.8 (Deeley) Other starters: Full Cry 8.11, Frank-lin 8.0

CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1906.

PROGRAMME.

- Passed by A.R.C. 1. TRIAL HANDICAP of 20sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from stake. For all horses that have never won a race exceeding the value of 15 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
- Seven fur ongs. 2. HANDICAP HURDLES of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination, 10s; accep-tance, 20s. One mile and a-half, over s'x flights of hurdles. 3 SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP of 75
- sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. One mile and a-quarter. PONY HANDICAP of 30sovs; se-
- cond horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination, 10s; accep-tance, 15s. Six furlongs. 5. HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of
- 50sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s. About three miles.
- 6 TRADESMEN'S PLATE of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s. One mile. 7. DISTRICT HACK RACE of 20
- sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the advertised value of 10sovs at time of starting, owned in electorates of Waikato, Franklin, Bay of Plenty, and Ohinemuri. Weight, 9st. Nomination, 15s. Franklin, Six furlongs.
- 8. FLYING HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination, 10s; accep-tance, 20s. F've furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Winners after declaration of weights subject to be re-handicapped.

A'l Stakes to be paid in fu'l. NOMINATIONS for all events close with the Secretary, "The Waikato Argus" Office. Ham lton, or Mr. H. B. Massev. High-street, Anckland, at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, 9th February.

WEIGHTS to appear about FRI-DAY. 16th February. ACCEPTANCES for all races to be

declared before 9 p.m. FRIDAY, 23rd February, with the Secretary, at Hami'ton, or Mr. H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland. T'ckets for jockeys and trainers

only issued on production of l'cense. Nominations and Acceptances to be

accompanied by necessary cash.

Starting Gates in use.

Bookmakers not allowed on course. R. J. GWYNNE. Secretary.

T IS MAJESTY'S THEATRE. H Lessee, C. R. Bailey. Under the direction of J. C. WILLIAMSON. MR. THE DARLING OF THE GODS. THE DARLING OF THE GODS. MISS MAUD JEFFRIES And MR. JULIUS KNIGHT. NOTHING SO NOVEL NOTHING SO GREAT NOTHING SO MAJESTIC NOTHING SO FASCINATING Has ever been presented on the Australasian Stage. THE SECOND GREAT PRODUCTION Of this SENSATIONAL SEASON Will be the CHARMING ROMANTIC PLAY,

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lin 8.0. Won by four lengths. Time, 1min 29 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 15s. S OUTH AUCKLAND RACING

ON CLAUDELANDS COURSE, HAMILTON,

Scotty, returning dividend of £57 18s.

The Moana Handicap was the first item, and of the nine runners the popular p cks were The Lark and Aristocrat, with Baltimore as the greatest outsider. Baltimore and Omati cwere first away, and the 'atter turned into the straight first, but the outs der beat him home, winning by a length from Aristocrat, who was two lengths ahead of Omati, with the favourite fourth.

Ha'f a dozen moderates turned out for the Miden Hurd'es, 1¹/₂ miles, punters going strongly for Le Beau, with Seaton a next in demand. A - A good start was effected, but at the first hurd'e Le Beau rapped very hard, while Lockard hit the broken hurdle so badly as to smash his leg. Frankton took up the running, and he led to the stand, where Seatonia passed him, as did Ler da, the latter going

mile. Mr. L. Gordon's b g Bully, 4yrs, by Freedom—Natator mare, 6.11 (Kelly) Mr. W. Handley's br m Soultmaid, 4yrs, 7.10 (Ryan) 6.7 (Kemp) Other starters: Pukekohe 8.10. The Raven 8.4, Lord Seaton 8.1, Lady Cle-ments 7.6, Aqua Regia 7.0, Little Mabel 6.7. ments 7.6, Aqua Regia 7.0, Little maper 6.7. Won by a head. Time, 1min 45 2-5 sec. Dividends, £6 14s and £1 13s. Ten shilling tickets were issued at the out-side totalisator, the dividends being half the amount here stated.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP. Five fur-CALLIOPE HANDICAP. Five fur-longs. Mr. C. Lovett's b f Primo, by Phoe-bus Apollo-Lena, 7.9 (Gray) 1 Mr. M. McLean's b c Duart, 8.8 (Ryan) 2 Mr. A. A. Phillips' ch g Misere, 6.10 (Deeley) 3 Other starters: Conductor 9.0, Mig-non 7.11 Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 4 3-5sec. Dividend, 15 19s. ZEALANDIA HANDICAP Five fur-

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP. Five fur-longs. Mr. R. Hannon's ch m Miss Winnie, 6yrs, by Leolantis—Winnie, 7.7 (Ericksen)

7.11 (Sparkes) Other starters: Leonator 7.11, Master Delaval 7.9, Jewellery 7.3, Cyrano 6.12, Geordie 7.7. Won by over two lengths. Time, 2min 11s. Dividends, £4 5s and £2

12s.

7.12. Time, 1min

Won by two lengths. 5sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY,

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INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, January 30. Lee-Enfie d has been schooled over the hurdles since returning from his racing campaign on the West Coast. He jumps fair y well, and ought to pay h.s way at hurdle racing.

Canticle has resumed work, but may not be forward enough to win a race at the summer meeting.

Mart an will be specially prepared for the Wanganui Cup and other big races in the autumn.

Mr. J. Loughlin, the well-known Dunedin turf correspondent, has opened a branch of his business in opened a Chr stchurch.

What a good thing this year's Middle Park Plate looks for the Ya dhurst stables. Either Cuneiform or Isolt shou'd have very little difficu'ty in carry ng off the summer five hundred pounds classic event.

Scotty was well backed in Christchurch for the Takapuna Cup, but was well-nigh neg'ected for the big handicap on the second day. Glad-stone was the fancied candidate on the second occasion.

W. Brown has accepted an engagement to ride horses under J. Lowe's charge at Wellington. As Mr. R. W. Paterson's horses are trained by Lowe Brown should have plenty of oppor-tunities to distinguish h mself. The Bil of Portland fily To-mor-

row has been thrown out of work, and To-morrow has will go to the stud. not done anything on the track since she won the We'come Stakes four sea-sons ago, and has let the stable down badly on more than one occasion dur-

ing the past year. The Stepniak filly Beresina was sent out the hottest of favourites for the Maiden Hack Scurry at Foxton, but after 'eading unt'l a few yards from the post was beaten by Silver Shell by a head. The people behind Berea nead. The people benning bere-sina had a b'g amount at stake, and reckoned the fil'y cou'd not possibly lose, but as very frequently happens the good thing went down. Beresina will go over to Australia to keep Machine Gun company.

The Canterbury horses engaged in the Wanganui Cup are Nightfall, Savoury, De aware, and Martian. Sir G. Clifford, who won the race

last year with Quarryman, is without a representative this year. He has entered Chryseis, Snowstell. and Lady Wayward for some of the minor events.

Nominations are due on Friday next r the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps, two of the most popular handicaps of the rac ng year. The Canterbury Jockev Cub's Sum-mer Meeting will be held next week, but the fields are confined to Riccarton horses, only three or four outside horses figuring among the entries. Eight horses have been left in the M'dsummer Handicap, and of these Cann'e Chie', on paper, looks to have the best prosperts of winning. Next to bim I l'ke Tirole. In the Filly Stakes Cream Jug, by Royal Artillery —Saucer, has not yet appeared in public. Turmoil and Volodia are a libely pair to furnish the winner. likely pair to furn sh the winner.

One of the eading firms of bookmakers has removed from their commodious offices to smaller premises in an out-of-the way thoroughfare. The recent raid seems to have fa rly scared some of the Christchurch layers.

Terrapin and Narcissus are among those who have been taken up again. Terrapin has had a 'engthy spe'l. Here's a nice field for a hundred pound race: Cathering Gordon, Bees-

wax, Lees de. Tom Tit, Great Gun. and Far'ey Grove. This lot of hacks, with Cathering Gordon at the top, figures in the Halswell Welter, run at Riccarton next week.

er's ability, the wr ter is of opinion that the element of huck, and also a s ight change in class, 's responsible for the Far Away filly's recent suc-Her performance on Wellingcess. ton Cup day in the Telegraph Haudicap, which she won comfortably with Sst 4lb in 1m n 15 2-5sec, does not complete v eclipse her Templeton complete y eclipse her Templeton Handicap win with 8st 11b in 1min 14 4-5s, which she accompl shed at the ast season. In the back-end of Telegraph Handicap Petrovna lost her position after going a little over a furlong, and in the last half had to give A lsa fully five lengths start for home from that point, so that it was no great wonder that Ailsa beat her comfortably by a length at the finish.

The South Is and-bred Moscow, the 625 guinea son of Stepniak and Coronal, has not grown into such a b g colt as what might have been expected by anyone who made his acquaintance as a yearing, but he is a fairsized and goodiy-shaped equ ne for all that. Up to date he has not been a conspicuous success on the turf, but there was not a little merit in his disp ay in the Welles ey Stakes, in which he had Cuneiform stepping along a bit, and he may be found amongst the winning youngsters in the autumn.

The leg in wh ch Vladimir went amiss some time ago, but which be-came thoroughly sound again, filled a trifle as a result of his race in the Weilington Cup. It is expected that a few days' rest will effect a complete remedy.

There was a liberal response from owners on general entry day for the Dunedin Cup Meeting, and the list of names received for the various races totas 328, or an increase of 62 over last year's figures.

Petrovna was well backed for her race on the second day of the Wellington meeting, but she gave a very poor display, and probably could not gallop on the hard going.

Solution, Tupono, and Destruction have joined J. T. Lowe's stable at the Hutt, and the erstwhile Duned nite has now 10 horses under his care.

D. J. Price has left for Syaney, and will finish the preparation of Machine Gun and Beresina for the r Australian engagements. It is quite on the cards that the swal ow-catching son of Rubina brings plenty of gr.st to the m li during his forthcoming campaign, and he may afterwards be shipped to America or England.

If one were include to be superstitious it could be said that the reason why Ach les has proved so vulnerable in many of his races is on account of the undignized manner in which he received h s turf baptism prior to making his debut on the turf in the C.J.C. Pioneer Handucap, in which he was defeated by He.en Faucet. The story runs that the son of Medal-I on did not come South with the rest of Prosser's horses, which went to compete at the meeting, but arrived on his own, and was supposed to be a trotter. He was the medium of a big commission for hs first race, but the fact of his being anded on the scene as a plebian, instead of a patrician horse, probaby caused Achilles to forget his role, and he ran like one of the former instead of the latter type of quadruped.

A gentleman who sent a commiss oner to ask the price of Stronghold some months back was informed that the Clanranald cot was valued at 1000 guineas. After his display on the first day of the Wel ington meeting the intending buyer stated to the wr ter that he would not give £100 for the horse as a racer, but next time Stronghold appeared he somewhat retrieved his character by defeating Chivalry in good style. The latter, however, was giving away 191b, and that somewhat d scounts the merit of

good win in connect on with the St. Leger horse's victory in the Wellington Cup, but were unfortunate enough to miss the successful placing of £50 with an s.p. merchant, because the intended commission was handed in shortly after the starting time of the race.

The leading Wellington fielders bet full limit for cash, and consequently the failure to get the money on meant a difference of about £1500.

The Welcome Stakes winner Ivanoff gave displays at Wellington con-siderably below expectations, and was never dangerous at the finish of either of his races.

The resu't of this season's meeting of the Tapanui Club should put fresh heart into the eading spirits of the club, as it should prove a financial success, although some of the r ding at the gathering was not altogether above suspicion.

A well-known North Is'and lightweight rider is said to have commenced proceedings against an owner who also inhabits that part of the wor'd for making alegedly libellous statements concerning the fairness of the former's riding.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, January 31. V. Collelo, Mr. G. P. Donnelly's private trainer, is vacating the position at the end of the month.

A. Master, the trainer of Goldfield and White Squall, has strengthened his little lot by the inclusion of Jack Pot and Whakarua, who were taken in hand by him after the Wairoa meeting last month.

Mungista is resting, as is another of Gooseman's team, Chicane, who got badly chopped in her opening essay at Hastings last month. Her in-jury is so severe that it will be some time before she is all serene again.

Mr. A. Ellingham is shortly getting from Porangahau, a coming down three-year-old half-sister by Merriwee to Hipporofia.

Douche has not yet quite recovered from the attack of soreness that laid her up shortly after her good go in the New Zealand Cup. Her educa-tor, W. Whitaker, who is one of the Her educapatient sort, means to give her every chance, and if he gets her back to her usual form, Jet d'Eau's chestnut daughter will well repay the attention and care he is bestowing upon her.

A rising three-year-old daughter by Captain Webb and Namoa, that was purchased last January at the annual dispersal of Mangatarata yearlings, has just joined this trainer's band of workers. She is the property of a Napier sport.

Eone, a cast-off of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's, captured a treble at the just-concluded Wairoa meeting. This black daughter of The Officer and Eon is particularly well at present.

Another trable winner at the fixture was Mataika, a five-year-old son of The Possible and Miss Dargon, owned by Mr. A. L. D. Fraser. Cameran, who trains him, also led in another successful one at the gathering, that being Te Wunui, a son of Mahaki and Rauini, the property of the popular native sport, Mr. Taranaki Te Ua.

Te Hauke (Torpedo-Water Colour), and Taniwha (Natator-Irene) annexed a double apiece.

Fred. Davis was in great form in the pigskin, scoring six wins out of The gathering was the ten mounts. most successful yet held by this club. The amount machined (£5714) constitutes a record for the club, being £1036 more than was handled last year. The attendance was enoryear. mous, and the racing better, with larger fields than has been the case

previously.

The owner of Ropa only had a modest win over the Cup. His trainer only gave Ropa an outside show, and a moderate investment was the result.

The local metallicians report that the recent meeting resulted in plenty Mr. Laws, who had a of betting. straight-out book, laid his book every one of the 14 starters, and double wagers were accepted almost every combination. Ropa was coupled with Ailsa for a moderate amount, but had any of the favourite selections got home, most local layers would have been struck for the full amount of their books. Taking the meeting as a whole, they report satisfactory results.

WANGANUI.

Wanganui, January 30.

Those who visited Foxion on the 22nd, saw some very good racing, but the Wanganui sports did not gather in much coin. Submarine let a large number down badly, as they sup-ported him strongly on the opening day, and let him severaly alone when he won. Kuroki was also neglected when he ran second, as may be gathered from the fact that he would have paid over £15 for first place. Local bookmakers were priding themselves on having much the best of matters. until Silver Shell's victory upset things. A number of local punters got the tip about this horse, and thereby the "books" suffered.

At the Foxton meeting the riders of a couple of the horses were heard having a quiet chat as they were going out for a certain race. "Get away well, and you'll Le all right," said one. So it proved, and a good dividend was the result.

Mr. Angus Keith, the secretary of the Foxton Racing Club, acquitted himself very well in the position of starter at the club's annual meeting. Mr. T. Cameron (the official starter) was unable, through indisposition, to attend the meeting, and Mr. Keith thereby filled the breach, and carried out his duties very ably. The many friends of Tom Cameron will join with me in wishing him a speedy re-covery. He is one of the best starters in the land, and most popular to boot.

In reference to the paragraphs which have appeared recently anent the alleged "jockeys' ring," a correspondent writes to the effect that he recently had an interview with an owner who races purely for the sport. and the latter said that the tactics adopted by some of the riders in a sprint not 100 miles from Foxton went to prove the truth of the statement as to the existence of such a ring, and the owner added that he was surprised that the stewards did not take action.

I understand that boxes have been engaged locally on behalf of Mr. Stead's horses, Nightfall, Delaware, and Savoury, so that there is every prospect of the Canterbury sportsman being strongly represented here at the autumn meeting.

I hear that Solution, Tupono, and Destruction will no longer be trained at Fordell. The two former were, I believe, kept in Wellington by their owner (Mr. R. Paterson), and the other day Destruction was sent down to join the other pair. I have not heard who is going to undertake the training of these horses in future, but whoever does will reap the advantage of the good condition into which Fred. Tilley had got his charges. Solution was turned out in splendid nick for the Cup race, and ran a great race for a mile and aquarter, notwithstanding that she was the recipient of several bumps which did not help her on her journey, and were evidently not intended Under the circumstances, and to. especially in view of the record time established for the race, it is not to be wondered at that the Soult mare failed to score. It was no fault of the trainer's, anyway, that she did not win. She should soon place a win or two to her credit, and then whoever has her in hand will be complimented on the nick in which he Destruction had turned her out. also received a very careful training. and was rapidly coming on. The son of Torpedo-Nymph is a fine-looking three-year-old colt, and it will be surprising if he does not shortly distinguish himself. From all accounts Tupono has also just about struck winning form, and whoever takes charge of them in future should not be long in leading in a winner or It is stated that Mr. Paterson two. contemplates disposing of his horses in consequence of the Wellington

OTAGO.

Dunedin, January 30. number of people have been A speaking glibly about the great improvement effected in Ailsa since she went into Prosser's stable, but with all due respect to the Por run train-

the win.

Seaton and Gypsobel both Becky visited Pa'las whilst they were at Tapanui.

Mr. J. R. McKenzie has sent his horses in training back to Oamaru, where they will be prepared for future engagements. The team at present consists of Becky Scaton, Sweet Ne'l (half sister by Musketry to Pallas), and The Brat.

The party behind Ropa had a fairly



The Brook's massive son, San Fran, who was purchased last year as a yearling, is being hacked about on his birthplace, Te Mananga Station, and is filling out into a rare stamp of a gelding.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, January 29. Mr. R. W. Paterson's horses Solution, Tupono, and Destruction have remained in Wellington since the races. At present they are being attended to by J. Low, who last season trained for the New South Wales racing man Mr. Crick. Some friction it appears, arose between the owner of Solution and her trainer, F. Tilley, of Fordell, over the riding of Solution. The owner wished to select his own rider, whilst the trainer had the stable's horseman, W. Price, engaged. As Mr. Paterson insisted in having his way, his horses did not return to Fordell after the Wellington meeting.

Club's action in debarring him from admission to the course. Probably this accounts for the horses leaving Tilley's establishment. A patron of the latter offered 1700 guineas for the three horses named, but this sum was not considered tempting enough. Since the above was written the statement has been made public that it was owing to Mr. Paterson being dissatisfied with Price's riding that the horses left the Fordell stable. Rather than dispense with Price's services Fred. Tilley let the horses go.

A lot of Wanganui backers were anything but pleased with themselves when news came through that Kuroki had run second and paid £5 2s in the Foxton Cup. The son of Fiske had a number of admirers for this race, but owing to information coming to hand on the morning of the event that Submarine was \mathbf{a} "moral," they were induced to put their money on the supposed "good thing" in preference to their own choice. Imagine their feelings when they learnt that Submarine had cut up badly, failing to get a place, while the local horse had run second and paid such a big price. Needless to say, a "few things" were said by the disappointed ones, who will be a bit shy of "good things" in the fu-ture. The worst of the business was that Submarine should have won the second day, and thus added insult to injury to those who backed him the first day and neglected him when he won.

It is quite on the cards that Federation will shortly be put to the jumping game, at which I think the grey distinguish himself, as I hear will that he has already proved himself able to² "lep" like a deer. Of his pace he has given ample evidence, and the son of Sedgebrook-Waitotara will, I hope, for the sake of his popular owner, who races under the nom de course of Mr. H. Jeffreys, turn out a second Trumpery so far as ability goes, though I have no wish to see him come to such an untimely end as did the grey mare.

Glenullin, Apa, and Federation, three hacks that have been showing good form recently, will in future have to compete in open company. The former is engaged in both the Egmont and Wanganui Cups, besides other events at each of those meetings, while Apa figures amongst those entered for the minor events at the Wanganui meeting. Federation ap-Wanganui meeting. Federation ap-pears amongst those engaged in the Farewell Handicap, six furlongs, at the March meeting here, and probably he will not be seen out again till then.

The Wanganui Jockey Club re ceived very satisfactory nominations for its autumn meeting on Friday For the Cup 28 have been night. entered, including such good ones as Nightfall, Martian, Mahutonga, Glad-stone, Boris, Melodeon, Nonette, Ghoorka, Vladimir, Solution, Multifid, Paritutu, and others. Achilles' name is missing from the list, but the son of Medallion is engaged in the Flying. However, class will be well represented in the big race providing the pick of the above go to the post, and great interest will be taken in the contest if Nightfall and Mahutonga are amongst those who face the starter. The other events, particularly the Hack Handicaps, have filled well, and everything looks promising for the autumn meeting of 1906 being one of the most successful in the history of the club. The weights are due on or about Saturday, February 17. Mr. George Morse may be depended upon to give satisfaction with his adjustments, which will be awaited with interest.

TURF RESULTS.

TE AROHA HACK RACING CLUB.

Fine weather prevailed for the Te Aroha Hack Racing Club's meeting at Te Aroha on Monday, and there was a good attendance. The results were as Te Aroha on Monday, and there was a good attendance. The results were as follows:— MAIDEN HANDICAP, five furlongs. —Lotto, 9.5, 1; Hopkiss, 8.0, 2. HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—The Frenchman, 10.7, 1; Sophia 10.7, 2. ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP one

half.—The Frenchman, 10.7, 1; Sophia 10.7, 2. ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP, one mile.—Agrapus 9.9, 1; Yolette 9.10, 2; Hacremai 8.7, 3. HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.— Hopkiss 8.5, 1; Waihekau, 8.0, 2. TE AROHA HANDICAP, five fur-longs and a-half.—Stepney 9.0, 1; Alba Rose, 10.7, 2. PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Prince Arthur, 8.7, 1; Temara 7.12, 2.

WELTER HANDICAP, seven fur-longs.—Yolette, 11.7, 1; Agrapus, 11.7,

NOMINATIONS, HANDI-CAPS, & ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AU-TUMN MEETING.

TUMM MEETING. WANGANUI CUP.--Martian, Armis-tice, Apologue, Heroism, Nonette, Melo-deon, Boomerang, Boris, Letherin, Bourrasque, Glenullin, Multifid, Gren-ade, Paritutu, Nightfall, Savoury, Dela-ware, Master Delaval, Ropa, Ironmould, Solution, Roseal, Vladimur, Ghoorka, Landlock, Mahutonga, Gladstone, Putty. WANGANUI STAKES.-Same as the Cup, with the addition of Submarine, Dexterity, and Jewellery.

HANDICAPS

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUM-MER MEETING.

MEE MEETING. MARINE HANDICAP of 70sovs, five furlongs.—Apollonaris 8.12, Sir Rupert 8.5, Don Quez 8.5, Skylark 8.5, Le Mas-cotte 8.2, Misere 8.2, Lady Cressy 8.0, Azoff 7.8. PONUI STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs, about three miles.—Sol 11.8, The Swim-mer 10.13, Pierre 10.0, Loch Fyne 9.12, Brigham 9.7.

about three miles.—Sol 11.8, The Swim-mer 10.13, Pierre 10.0, Loch Fyne 9.12, Brigham 9.7. WAIWERA HURDLE HANDICAP of 80sovs, one mile and three-quarters.— Ranana 12.0, Khama 11.5, Sol 10.13, Seabird 10.4, The Frenchman 10.3, Loch Fyne 9.5, Vexation 9.2, Cuiragno 9.2, Leo Feve 9.0, Frank Dodd 9.0. DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 80sovs, six furlongs.—Holoro 9.10, Certainty 8.7, Miss Winnie 8.5, Akarana 8.0, No-teorini 7.12, Black and Gold 7.7, Kilder-kin 6.12, The Lark 6.10, Lucrece 6.10, Freebird 6.7, Lord Seaton 6.7, Takaro 6.7, Lady Clements 6.7, Aqua Regia 6.7. BOROUGH HANDICAP of 65sovs, four furlongs.—Hohoro 9.9, Miss Win-nie 8.7, Discoverer 8.6, Noteorini 8.8, Black and Gold 7.13, Ben Blair 7.12, Desdemona 7.10, Alba Rose 7.9, En-graver 7.3, Syren 6.13, Pukekohe 6.13, Inspiration 6.12, Mataura 6.12, St. Tui 6.9, Freebird 6.9, Takaro 6.9, Aristocrat 6.7, Mataura 6.7. SUMMER HANDICAP of 130sovs, one mile.—Landlock 9.4, Gladstone 8.1, Full Cry 7.11, Leonator 7.10, Geordie 7.3, Avalanche 7.2, Akarana 7.2, Zu-leika 7.2, Frankton 7.0, Polycaste 7.0, Nervine 6.12, Annoyed 6.12, Lovelink 6.10, Lady Warwick 6.10, King Paul

6.7, Rookby 6.7, Bully 6.7, Syren 6.7, The Raven 6.7, Lord Seaton 6.7. PONY HANDICAP of 70sovs, five furlongs.—Lady Warwick 9.12, Sonoma 9.10, Luresome 9.3, Girton Girl 9.3, Forth 8.5, Lady White 8.2, Storyteller 7.11, Orange and Blue 7.10, Solitary 7.8, Inspiration 7.5, Merry Delaval 7.3, Re-surgam 6.12, Frederick 6.10, Whakatu-poto 6.10, Etu 6.10, Miss Cuirassier 6.9, Rapid 6.7, Little Mabel 6.7. WELTER HANDICAP of 70sovs, one mile.—Zuleika 9.13, Akarana 9.10, Frankton 9.9, Sir Gilead 9.9, Lovelink 9.4, Polycaste 9.2, King Paul 9.0, An-noyed 8.13, Le Beau 8.12, Bully 8.5, Pukekohe 8.6, Lady Warwick 8.5, Soult-maid 8.4, Syren 8.3, Lucrece 8.3, Balti-mor 7.13, Kilderkin 7.12, Bromide 7.12, St. Tui 7.10, Henry Havelock 7.7.

ACCEPTANCES.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Full Cry 9.3, Martyr King 8.5, Captain Shannon 8.4, Soultina 8.12, Probleda 7.6, Flag 6.7. FIRST HURDLE RACE.—Ranans 11.6, Roseplot 10.13, Inspan 10.12, Tani-wha 9.12, No Shot 9.9, Ream come

Uku 9.0. SUMMER HANDICAP.—Mahutonga 10.2, Full Cry 8.12, Heroism 7.12, Min-erve 7.12, Bonomiana 6.7, Flag 6.7, FIRST COUNTY HANDICAP.—Sara-koff 9.0, Sarilla 8.6, Probleda 8.5, Kal-petipeti 8.4, Waimaori 8.0, Cinque 7.6, Hineria 7.3, Melton Hall 7.0, Boldrewood

Hineria 7.3, Melton Hall 7.0, Boldrewood 7.0. PARK STAKES.—Full Cry 9.2, Min-erve 8.3, Martyr King 8.2, Heywood 7.10, Soultina 7.10, Contender 7.9, Hiki 7.8, Lavinia 7.3, Bonomiana 6.13, Te Hauke 6.13, Flag 6.7. ENTRIES. MAIDEN SCURRY.—Hinepuga, Hu-ria, Rua, Taumata, Gaiety, Whakarua, Silver Lead, Pink-'un, Momotor, Rua-nui, Hinematarua, Miss Adeline, Aria-teuru, Mrs. Crawley, Lord Reynard, Counter Marsh, Lorne, Kitchenmaid, Bandsman, Comedy, Satieby, Gladsmere. FIRST HACK FLAT.—Cinque, Niku-maratia, Huria, Te Wiwini, Amusement, Trent, White Squall, Monbigo, Martyr-feldt, Melton Hall, Miss Adeline, Lord Reynard, Sarilla, Reservoir, Walmaori, Cromwell, Lorne, Kitchenmaid, Te Hauke, Gatenby, Flume, Limber. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP.— Heroism, The Stake, Mataika, Alluvial, Kaipetipeti, Te Arala, Trent, Jack Pot, Montigo, Artilleryman, Reay, Blank, Cromwell, Hiki, Tukapa, Limber.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SUMMEB MEETING. FILLY STAKES HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs.—Pas Seul 8.9, Hilarity 7.13, Canticle 7.9, Cross Bat-tery 7.8, Czarevna 7.2, Largesse 7.2, Farley Grove 7.0, Vale 6.13, Turmoil 6.12, Lady Landon 6.12, Cream Jug 6.12, Volodia 6.7, Watershoot 6.7. MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 200 sovs, one nile and a-half.—Convoy 9.0, Makaroff 8.9, Tirole 7.13, Cannie Chiel 7.10, Royal Crown 7.5, Highland Reel 7.5, Thunderer 7.0, Quagga 6.10.

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Secretary.

O TAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

ALEXANDRA PARK, EPSOM.

SATURDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY,

FEBRUARY 17th, 21st, and 24th.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

- MAIDEN TROT of 25sovs. Distance, 1¹/₂ miles. PONY TROT of 25sovs.
- Distance. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. OTAHUHU PONY CUP of 50sovs.
- Distance, 6¹/₂ furlongs. OTAHUHU TROTTING CUP of 115
- sovs. Distance, 2 m²les. SYLVIA PARK TROT of
- 40sovs. Distance, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. CLASS TROT of 50sovs. Distance.
- 14 miles. FLYING STAKES of 40sovs.
- Distance, 5 furlongs. Dis-
- ELECTRIC TROT of 40sovs. tance, 1 mile.

SECOND DAY.

- TRIAL TROT of 25sovs. D'stance, 14 miles.
- SUMMER TROT of 50sovs. Distance, 2 miles.
- SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP of 40sovs. Distance, 6½ furlongs. TRAMWAY TROT of 35sovs.
- Dis-
- tance, 11 miles. EPSOM TROT of 40sovs. Distance. 11 miles.
- ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 40sovs.
- D stance, 5 furlongs. HIGH-CLASS TROT of 50sovs. Dis-
- tance, 1½ miles. TELEGRAPH TROT of 35sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

THIRD DAY.

- PRESIDENT'S TROT of 25sovs. Distance, 1 mi'e.
- SECOND PONY TROT of 25sovs.
- Distance, 1¹/₂ miles. WELCOME STAKES of 40sovs. Dis-tance, 6¹/₂ furlongs. CRITERION TROT of 60sovs. Dis-
- tance, 2 miles.
- PAPATOITOI TROT of 35sovs. Distance, 1¹/₂ mi²es. MANUKAU HANDICAP of 40sovs.
- Distance, 5 furlongs. FEBRUARY TROT of 50sovs.
- Dis-

tance, 1 mile. DASH TROT of 40sovs. Distance, 1 m le.

NOMINATIONS Close with the Secretary, at his office, Durham-street, on FRIDAY NEXT, February 2. at 9 p.m.

F. D. YONGE, Secretary.

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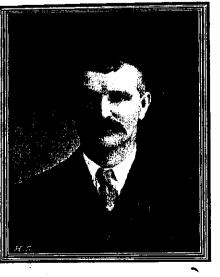
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CRICKET.

(BY "YORKER.")

The weather was again fine for cricket on Saturday, and the wickets on all the grounds were in first-class Of the two senior games being trim. finished in the Domain, interest centred in the Parnell-Grafton match.

As was to be expected, Murray was quite satisfied with the 411 runs for seven wickets scored by his side the first Saturday, and play was opened with the Grafton side at the wickets. *

S. P. Jones and W. Forster were the first pair to face the Parnell bowling, a change in the order of going in which was amply justified by the re-Both batsmen seemed to get sult. going from the jump, and Forster in particular piled on the runs at a great pace, timing the ball beautifully on both sides of the wicket. Some of his forcing drives to fairly wellpitched balls on the off were equal to those of Ted Sale the previous week, and he made one or two perfect drives to the leg boundary. The latter, I am told, were taken off the wicket. From the pavilion it is impossible to say where the ball pitched, but there was certainly no doubt as to what happened afterwards. The strokes were perfectly timed, and the ball lost no time in finding the boundary. Jones, too, was batting very safely and well, and made several very pretty off drives off Greville, who was on at the far end. His score also in-cluded a couple of characteristic late cuts and several neat leg glances.

Just when these two batsmen seemed to have settled down for the afternoon-the century having appeared on the board without the loss of a wicket-Forster, in trying to get the wily little Olliff away for four to leg, skied one to short leg and retired. His 64 was a very attractive display. He showed that he had command of a very fair variety of strokes, and was at no time in trouble to the bowling. I shall be surprised if this batsman does not prove himself very useful to Grafton side in the second round. the Besides being an improving batsman he belongs to a class of fieldsmen that require to be encouraged in Auckland, and with a little more solidity in his defence it will not be long before he catches the selector's eye.

As so often happens, Jones followed his late partner to the pavilion in the same over, bowled with a beautiful leg break from Olliff. It evidently struck a spot and came across two or three feet, just clipping the off ball. Jones' contribution was 39, made in his best form, and had he not had the misfortune to get such a clinker, might have been there yet. All his strokes were along the carpet all the way, and his play was much more forceful than usual.

Spense followed Jones, but was in and out for 3.

D. Hay was the next man in, but after playing two overs lost his partner, J. A. Kallender, who pulled one of Olliff's hard into forward leg's hands. The ball was at no time more than a foot in the air, and was just taken in time. It was really a good stroke, and 19 times out of 20 would have been a boundary—an example of the wisdom of hitting balls along the ground even on the leg side.

ton and Hay were both apparently quite comfortable to the bowling, and they had still six wickets left. Clayton's end came to a full toss on the leg stump from Olliff. He hit hard, missed the ball and retired l.b.w.

It was a sad blow to the Graftonites, for I verily believe if he had stayed with Hay the game would have been saved.

The Grafton total reached 263, a very respectable figure on an ordinary occasion, but little use against the fine total of their opponents.

The latter part of the innings was chiefly remarkable for a fine display by H. Foster, a Grammar School lad of 14 or 15 years. He carried his bat, which is nearly as big as himself, for 17, and made several really good strokes. He is a product of S. P. Jones' coaching, and when he gets a little more strength will be worth watching. As it is he gets a wonder-ful amount of power into his drives.

R. Williamson also batted nicely during his short stay. He made 11 before Barry got a yorker past his bat.

The Eden-Ponsonby match attracted very little attention, as the game had practically been won on the previous Saturday.

Ike Mills was one of the not-outs with 46 to his credit, and on continuing he carried his score to 71, when he was well taken behind the wickets. Mills very magnanimously came out again to fill a gap in the Eden ranks caused by the absence of so many of the senior eleven with the rep. team, and I regret very much to hear he cannot continue for the rest of the He is a player of the right season. stamp, keen, energetic, and full of sport, and his retirement is a distinct loss to cricket.

Eden finished up with 171, but apart from Mills' innings there was nothing extraordinarily attractive When Eden get their four about it. rep. men back again in the team they will be a strong side.

Going in for the second time Ponsonby made a very fine start, the two opening batsmen, Mason and Cummings, both scoring quickly and well. The former put on 49 and the latter 61.

At North Shore the game with City showed promise of an interesting finish if the locals were able to get rid of their opponents a second time fairly cheaply. Places had been kept for Haddon and Hussey, and Shore enthusiasts hoped that after City had done sufficient of the after-noon would remain to allow them to knock off the necessary runs. City were, owing to absentees, unusually weak in batting, and the chance was certainly there, but it was not a great one, and, as events turned out, was not to be, thanks to Renwick, who put on 67 and Kavanagh 20.

City's second innings total reached 162, thus leaving North Shore 219 to get to win, and only two hours to do Over 100 an hour is a bit of it in. an undertaking, and with Haddon and Hussey both out early for a matter of 10 runs between them, Shore's chance of winning was nipped in the bud. Had Haddon got going, he scores so fast that there is no knowing what might have happened, especially as Leo Prime got another good start and put on 34 before he was out, caught off Renwick's bowling

Several of the players are new to New Zealand, and are very anxious to see something of the wonderful Hot Lakes district. The team is a strong combination, the giant of the side of course being Warwick Armstrong, whose performances in England are so fresh in our memories. C. McLeod is also with the team, be-Ranssides Ransford and Jennings. ford is one of the men whom Victorians thought should have been picked in the Australian eleven. ٠

Many of the names are only known to us at present through the newspapers, but if prevous experiences are any guide they will be sufficiently real to us before they leave the sunny shores of Auckland.

Sydney papers are to hand with accounts of the great "J. J. Kelly benefit" match, amplifying the brief cable reports received at the time.

\$ From all accounts it was indeed a great match, and the performance of the New South Wales team in the fourth innings is one of the greatest in the records of Australian cricket.

New South Wales score of 472 is the highest made against the Australian 1905 eleven, and to get some idea of the magnitude of the achievement we must take into consideration the following facts.—Firstly, the score was made in the fourth innings of the match. Secondly, it was made by a single State against the com-bined Australian Eleven, and last, but not least, it must not be forgotten that the Australian side included no less than five New South Welshmen.

The batting of Mackay and Diamond, the opening batsmen, who put on 244 before they were separated, will long be remembered by all followers of the game, especially Sydneyites. The stand by the Waddy Brothers, too, for the third wicket when another 200 almost were added to the score, was a brilliant performance, which ranks little, if anything, behind that of Mackay and Diamond.

For the match against a Melbourne team Mr. F. J. Ohlson has selected the following to practice to assist his final selection:-T. Elliott, H. B. Lusk, W. B. Brooke-Smith, W. Stem-son (Eden), S. P. Jones, D. Hay, A. E. Sloman (Grafton), L. G. Hemus, E. MacCormick (City), A. Haddon, L. Prime, J. Hussey, F. McNeil (North Shore), Cummings, Francis, and F. R. Mason (Ponsonby), Olliff and Sale (Parnell).

BOWLING.

(BY "THE SKIP.")

Holiday weather prevailed on Saturday and Monday, and bowlers took advantage of getting practice in to prepare the pennant team representatives for the forthcoming matches, which start on Saturday, February 3.

The Auckland Bowling Association's Committee met on Saturday evening last and made the following draw for the competing clubs:-

Auckland v. Ponsonby, greens to be arranged; first year's match, at Ponsonby.

Mount Eden v. Devonport: Two pennant teams and first year's players on Mount Eden green; three pennant teams on Devonport green.

Onehunga v. Grey Lynn: One pen-nant team and first year's players match on Onehunga green; two pen-nant teams on Grey Lynn green.

Rocky Nook v. Carlton: Two pennant teams on Rocky Nook green and two pennant teams on Carlton green. The first year's players match will be played on the Carlton green. Mount Albert a bye.

OPENING OF THE WAITEMATA BOWLING CLUB.

A very large gathering of invited guests assembled at the above function, and the weather was all that could have been desired. The green is situated between Northcote and Birkenhead, and occupies a very pretty and picturesque spot, a beautiful view of Auckland and Ponsonby being obtained from the rinks. The position of the green is close to the gasworks, and 's bounded by the beach on the south-western side. A spacious and good tennis lawn adjoins the bowling green.

The President (Mr. Geo. Fraser), in opening the green, said he was pleased to see such a response to the invitations, and hoped they all would enjoy the afternoon. The club were indebted to Mr. Atkinson, sen., of the Birkenhead and Northcote Gas Company, for the interest he had taken in the new green. Through Mr. Jack-son and Mr. Smith a meeting was called inviting gentlemen from the two districts to discuss the proposal of starting a bowling green. The meeting was well responded to, and in a very short time an enrolment of 30 to 40 members was constituted and matters went ahead. Last October a start was made to clear the ground of trees and convert the wilderness

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After D. Clayton had been disposed of for a nicely-made 20, A. E. Sloman filled the gap, and at once started to With Hay he punish the bowling. helped to put on about 40, and though his innings only occupied about a quarte: of an hour, he helped himself to 29 in a very attractive manner. Seven fours and a single tells its own He was out to a slow one from Olliff, which he slammed at anyhow.

With 200 on the board Barry got one into D. Hay's wickets. Hay made 27 very carefully, and though he was at no time aggressive, the way he was shaping was well out of the way as far as Parnell were concerned.

During the first part of Hay's in-nings he was partnered by D. Clay-ton, who is at present in first-class form. At that time it looked as if Grafton had every chance of at least making a draw of the game. ClayWith Haddon and Hussey both in the pavilion, the possibility of getting so many runs in so short a time vanished, and the result was no longer in doubt. Shore made 154 for nine in doubt. wickets before time was called.

I stated in last week's issue that the Victorian team would commence its match with Auckland on Saturday, the 10th. The match, I find, com-mences on the 9th (Friday), and will be continued on the 10th and 12th.

The following are the names of the visiting team:-W. W. Armstrong, A. A. Aitken (manager), H. Fry, G. Hazlitt, G. Henty, M. Irwin, P. J. Jen-nings, C. Laver, C. McLeod, D. Mailer, V. Ransford, and F. Vaughan.

They arrive in Auckland on the 4th, and before playing here spend a day or two at Rotorua.

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into the present state. Th's was no mean work, and entailed considerable labour. The club was greatly in-debted to Messrs. Jackson and Smith for the great amount of labour and trouble they took in seeing the work Thanks were also due carried out. to Mr. Wdson, county engineer, for his generous services in laying off the green. The work was done by Mr. Purdie under contract. The green is 120 by 120 feet, giv ng eight rinks. The prepared portion of the green would give three rinks, providing room for 24 payers. This would room for 24 payers. This would probably serve the requirements the season. Mr. Fraser concluded by season. Mr. Fraser concluded by expressing a hope that the cub would be the means of drawing Birkenhead and Northcote o'oser together. Mrs. Fraser (wife of the president) then threw the jack across the green, and it was declared formally opened for Further speeches of a conp'ay. gratulatory nature were delivered by Mr. Joshua Jackson, Mr. C. E. But-ton, and Mr. C. H. Poole, M.H.R. A humorous Aetter was received from Mr Atison, M.H.R., apologising for his unavoidable absence, the same being read by the president, much to the merriment of those present.

A staff of lady sympath sers in the movement of opening the green dispensed afternoon tea at interva's dur-

ing the afternoon. The results of the opening games wero as follows :-

C. H. Poole. Bruce-Lloyd, Millar, Le¹ievre (sk:p) 19 v. Ernest Green-s'ade, T. Jones, Entr'can, F. Jones (k p) 17.

J. F. Jackson, W. S. Daniel, S. G. Burns, W. J. Smith (skip), 28 v. Joshua Jackson, H. M. Shepherd, H.

W. Brookes, Geo. Fraser (skip) 17. Leighton and Kirkby 40 v. Maguinness and Mitchell 17.

During the past week the following trophy games were recorded on the differen: greens:-

AUCKLAND.

Championship Singles. - F. W. Coombes, 7, 20, 21, beat Brookes, 34, 17, 18; J. V. Dingle, 28, 23, beat J. Gilmour, 9, 15.

J. Gilmour, 9, 15.
Club Pairs.—Leo Myers and Denniston, 14, v. Forster and Easton, 20;
A. W. Robertson and E. A. Dean, 14,
v. J. R. Reed and J. Thornes, 32.
First Year's Players.—Carmener,
22. v. Benjamin, 5; Jacobs, 21, v. J.

R. Reed, 3.

R. Reed, 3. Handicap Singles.—Ding'e, 22, beat Steele, 19; Jacobs (10 points), 21, beat E A. Craig (3 points), 14; Choyce (4 points), 23, beat Brittain (5 points), 17; Menn'e (2 points), 21, beat McMasters (4 points), 8; G. A. Buttle (scratch), 21, beat S. Coldi-cutt (4 points), 17; George Easton (scratch), 23, beat J. W. Jones (4 points), 15; F. W. Coombes (4 points), 21, beat J. R. Reed (8 points), 18. Club Fours.—Arnold, Cooke, El-

21. beat J. R. Reed (8 points), 18. Club Fours.—Arnold, Cooke, El-liott, Mennie (skip), 22, v. Lⁱtt^ler, Pirie, Shackelford, J. J. Holland (skip), 18; J. W. Jones, J. L. Hol-land, J. Donald, J. Thornes (skip), 24. v. Coldicutt, J. R. Reed, E. A. Deane, G. A. Butt^le (skip), 23; J. Mc-Masters, Jno. Reid, J. J. Holland, Jas. Carlaw (skip), 15, v. W. A. Styak, F. Brittain, Woodhead, G. M. Handcock (skip), 31; H. C. Choyce, Mewburn, Gilmour, Lambert (skip), 14, v. Hudd'estone, Forster, Craig, D ngle (skip), 26.

MOUNT EDEN. First Year's Players (final).—Wat-

kins, 22, v. Garratt, 19.
Club Championship.—C. C. Baker,
21, v. Noton, 18 (third game).
Handicap Singles.—Tutt (owes 3),
24, v. Nicholson, 19; C. C. Baker, 21,
v. McGregor, 20.

Novice Handicap.—McGregor, 24, v. Edgecumbe, 10; Winks, 21, v. Cot-trill, 14.

President's.-Kayll, 19, v. Otter,

resident s.—Rayn, 15, v. Otter,
16; Kay, 16, v. Parson, 21.
Consolation Handicap.—Mills, 22,
v. W. G. Fletcher, 24; Maguire, 11, v.
Legge, 26; White, 17, v. Cahill, 27. PONSONBY.

Club Pa'rs.—E. Darby, T. Watson (skip), 18, v. P. Darby,, T. Ussher (skip), 20.

First Year's Players.—A. C. Dun-net, 22, v. A. Crowe, 13; A. LeQuesne, 17. v. A. Crowe, 23.

Singles Championship.---V. Langs-ford, 25, v. D. J. Wright, 17; D. Crabtree, 25, v. W. Arey, 6; A. Lit-tier, 24, v. E. P. Darby, 10.

Jones Buck'es.—A. Dunnet and W. Swales (sk'p), 25, v. J. Burrows and D. Crabtree (skip), 20. DEVONPORT.

Champion Fours.—Senn, Chichton, Broughton, Eagleton (skip), 21, v. Gribbin, Allen, Renshaw, McNeill

(sk p), 15. (skip), 15.
Pairs.---Warren, Grattan (skip), 27,
Davis, J. M. Crosher (skip), 13; E. J.
G'enister, Mason (skip), 21, v. Bennett, Harvey (skip), 19.
Dawson Bowls Hand'cap.--Brough-

ton, 20, v. Brookes 17.

ROCKY NOOK.

Handicap S'ng'es.—Bouskill, 25, v. Kretschmar, 14; White, 19, v. Mc-Leod, 21; Taylor, 13, v. Bryden, 22; Scott, 22, v. Jenkins, 14; Garrett, 17, v. Jenkins, 23; Thorpe, 8, v. B. Kayes, 28.

Champion Singles.—B. Kayes, 14, 19. v. Cutler, 23, 24; Butler, 32, 25, v. Krc'schmar, 15, 18; Wakerley, 19, 19, v. Po'lard, 14, 14. ONEHUNGA.

First Year's Champ'onship (final) .--T. S. Bassett, 19, v. T. George, 16.

Mr. J. Jackson, hon. secretary of the Waitemata Cub, was most assiduous 'n his attentions to the invited guests at the open ng of the new green in the district.

President Fraser also laid himself out to make all and sundry thoroughly we come.

Steve Burns was in great nick on Monday 'n practise matches at Mount Eden. If "Bobby" keeps up his present form he will be a hard nut to crack in pennant competitions.

Gill, of the same club, is leading well. *

The veterans of the Onehunga Club met the first-year players n a full rink contest, and suffered defeat by one point. The "vets." were skipped by Brookfield and the colts by Schnauer. "Wel' done, young 'uns."

A good game in a fours was played at Ponsonby between teams skipped by Osmond and Littler, the latter getting home by a couple of points.

Cutier (Rocky Nook) met with a big surprise when Hodgson, with Wakerley as third, put up the score of 28 to Scott filled third position for the 17. losing skip. "Cheer up, George."

Mr. W. Culpan, president of the Auckland Bowling Club, has presented the club with a number of choice shrubs for the purpose of further beautifying their lovely green.

The Auc'cland Bowling Association are making special arrangements at the forthcoming Easter Tournament to cater for the country clubs; yet the newly-formed South Auckland Bowling Association have seen fit to hold a tournament at one and the same time. An invitation fours match is to be

held at Easter, and it is anticipated that teams from the South will enter for the competition.

For the Mount Albert Club's Cham-Pairs, Herbert and Garvick pion scored 25 against Wright and Wilson, 9 ("Well done, Jack"), but they met the r Waterloo in the game against McCalum and Coyle, the score ending 21 against 20. It was a very keen and exciting game.

Jameson and Ashton beat Page and Harrison very easily by 24 to 15.

Jack Garlick knocked the stuffing out of Ashton in the Champ'on Singles, winning two out of three. Jack stuck to the jack like a plaster, and would not be shaken off.

Jenkins gave Herbert a fearful beating in the Hand cap Singles, the score being 23 to 8. Jenkins is shaping for a very good player; keeps cool all the time.

LAWN TENNIS

(By " VOLLEY.")

The finals in the Auck and Champ onship events were played on Monlay, 29th, on the West End lawns. The weather in the early morning did not look too promising, but as the day proceeded it was evident that it would turn out fine, but the wind could have moderated with advantage to the players. ÷ *

The first match began at 1.30 with a very fair attendance of onlookers, which increased considerably before the end of the match. Dr. Keith faced Grossman in the Men's Singles, and in the first set Keith seemed to have his opponent at his mercy, beating him six games to one. In the second set Grossman steaded to his work, and with his excellent volleying and judgment went right through with six games to two, score being one set all. The third set gave some excellent displays of placing on both sides, and was a really close go. Even-tually the set went to Keith at six games to four, the score reading Keith two sets and Grossman one.

The really hard play of these three sets seemed to tell somewhat on Keith, wh le Grossman was steadily improving all the time, and in the fourth encounter he won somewhat easily by six to 'ove, the board now reading two sets all, and the final struggle was commenced. Keith, recognising that the end was near, rallied and played with much judgment, the game going evenly up to three all, but at this stage Grossman came with a run and went out without Keith scoring again, Thus Grissman won the cham-6-3. pionship event after one of the most exciting and evenly contested matches witnessed in Auckland for years.

With regard to the two styles of play, there is no doubt that Grossman shows what can be done by a good volleyer backed up with judgment and knowledge of position; whilst, on the other hand, Keith many times gave evidence of the apparent ease with which he could pass his opponent, and after such a close fight it is hard to say that one style was superior to the other.

The result of the match was Grossman three sets to Keith's two, the score reading 1-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0,

Before the above match was finished Miss Stewart started to play Miss D. Udy for the Ladies' Championship, and in the first set Miss Stewart started well, leading by two games to iove, but Miss Udy's cross-court drives s de-line shots proved too good and for Miss Stewart, who only annexed one more game, her opponent winning the set by six games to three. In the second set Miss Udy d'd not give her opponent a chance, leading right through and winning 6-1 and with the set the match by two sets to love. This is the second season that M'ss Udv has held the championship, and she shows distinct signs of improvement.

The next contest was for the Ladies' Doubles between Misses Rice and Gray against Misses A. Nicholson and White aw. The result was in favour of the Misses R ce and Gray by two sets to one, the score reading 7---5, 4-6, 6-3.

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The pairs were very evenly matched and both had similar styles of play, Miss Gray playing at the net on one side and M'ss Whitelaw on the other. * 0

Miss Rice appeared steadier in her work on the back ine than M'ss Nicholson, who seems to have lost a lot of the sting in her driving shots. Miss Gray plays a most energetic game, and volleys with excellent judgment, and Miss White aw is also very strong at net work, her smashing being very severe, but she does not appear to take advantage of all the openings made for her.

The final for the Men's Doubles was then played between Grossman and Mair versus Paterson and Upton. Grossman was showing signs of his severe game against Keith, and was not able to do his partner full justice, whilst Paterson and Upton both play-ing an excellent double game, the later being especially brilliant. The first set went to the West End pair by 6-2, and in the second set Grossman and Mair succeeded in winning after five all had been called by eight After this Paterson and Upto s x ton went fairly through their opponents, winning the next two sets 6-6-4, the match therefore going to them by three sets to one, the score reading 6-2, 6-8, 6-2, 6-4. At times there were some very brill ant rallies, but the whole game did not show as much vim as was anticipated.

In the Combined Doubles, Hickson and Miss Gray met Billing and Miss D. Udv and the first set resulte? a win for the former pair by eight games to six. In the second set Bill-ing and Miss Udy went through somewhat easily at six games to two, and the third set had a similar result, Billing and M ss Udy winning by the same score and the match by two sets to one, the score reading 6-8, 6-2, 6-2. Miss Gray volleyed 'n good style, and in the first set by playing a net game with her partner succeed-ed in scoring well, Miss Udy and Bill-ing being unaccustomed to such tactics. This is the fourth year in succession that Miss Udy and Billing have won this event, and for the first time in this match they lost a set.

Miss Udy's clean driving gives her partner many opportunities of scoring winning volleys or return, and her s'de-line shots prevent the opposing net player from venturing too far towards the centre of the court.

Taking the whole day's play there no doubt that Auckland tennis shows signs of much life, and the matches caused much applause from the onlookers.

REMUERA. The first round of the vice-presidents' match resulted:

Macky, Walsh, Hardie, Littlejohn (skip), 18, v. Captain Clark, Robert-

(skip), 18, v. Captain Clark, Robertton, Ranson, Laxon (skip), 19.
Cochrane, Harris, Menzies, Rev.
Beatty (skip), 16, v. Headdey, MooreJones, Mahonev, Hull (sk p), 22.
Scott. Rees George, Sanderson, D.
E. C'erk (skip), 23, v. McAlister, Jobson, Gamble, Ruddock (skip), 21.
Rev. King-Davis, Wal'ace, Hegman, McLean (skip), 18, v. Spooner, Cumming, Baxter, Garland (skip), 21.
The second round for the Murdoch Cup Trophy must be played on or before Wednesday, February 7.

CARLTON.

CARLTON. Champ'onship Singles.—Vaughan, 19, v. Murray, 18; Badeley, 19, v. W. G. Fletcher, 23; Laurie, 26, v. Carey, 15; Ronayne, 14, v. Anderson, 25; Nixon, 21, v. Otter, 17; Kayff, 17, v. Vaughan, 16; Nixon, 17, v. Holmes, 16; Carey, 28, v. Parson, 17; Raynes, 20, v. Murray, 22; Sawbridge, 20, v. Owen, 17; Kilgour, 15, v. Curteis, 16; Raynes, 18, v. Holmes, 19.



This tournament being now completed, the individual clubs' tournaments will doubtless receive much attention.

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On Saturday next the inter-club matches will be resumed, and the draw reads as follows:

Eden and Epsom versus West End (A Men's, B Ladies', and B Combined, played on Eden and Epsom lawns).

Onehunga versus Auckland (A Men's, A Ladies', and A Combined, on Onehunga lawns).

Parnell versus Devonport (A. Men's, B Ladies', and B Combined, on Parnell lawns). .

The results of the Eden and Epsom matches against West End will practically decide which club will win the pennant.

AQUATICS.

(BY "THE REEFER.")

NOTES ON THE ANNIVERSARY RÉGATTA.

There was rather too much strength in the breeze on Monday to make the regatta a great success from an enjoyment point of view, but it was the very thing for the launches and mosquito fleet. The Huddart, Parker liner Zea andia acted as flagship, and she was well patronised during the day. At the close of proceedings she was taken for a run out to the Beacon, this making a very pleasant wind up. Captain Entwistle and his officers and men worked hard to make the day pass pleasantly.

The secretary and committee had a ot of work to do, and in the main this was well carried out, although there were one or two details which had been overlooked. To give an example, it s not usual for a pressman reporting a regatta to have to pay for his ticket, but such was the case on Monday. This, however, was the least of the troub'e, for after reaching the tender we were all "referred back" to a ticket office down the wharf. Tickets should, of course, have been for sale near the gangway. Also, it wou'd have been far better to moored the flagship in a line have with the Prometheus and Iris, instead of so far across the harbour. A landof so far across the harbour. ing stage alongs de the Zealandia was also badly needed.

The Trading Vessels' Race was, perhaps, the feature of the day. A very striking sight was presented when the starting gun fired and the fleet of twe ve schooners, ketches, and scows crossed the line with every stitch of sail set. Out to Tiri was a fair wind, and very fast time was made, the Vesper doing the run in two hours and ahalf. with Gannet but five seconds astern, Seagull, Will Watch, and Reliance being very close up. When they came on a wind for the long thrash home the smart ketch Vesper When immediately commenced to walk away from the schooners, while the b'g ketch Will Watch also improved her Vesper came right away in position. grand sty'e, crossing the Fne over 42 minutes ahead of Will Watch, her competitor. nearest Gannet and Seagull were close up third and fourth, and then came Kahu, Re-liance. Havoc, and Zior. The scratch boat Vesper, although handicapped to g ve away as much as 95 minutes, won easi'y, Seagu'l being second and Kahu third.

The Oven Handicap was a very poor uffair. Ariki winning easily from her so'e rivals. Moana and Rainbow.

In the Cru'sers' Race a very popular win was scored by Rangatira, Anona and Thist's filling the places. Emerald won the Half-decked Centreboard Yacht Race from Tiro and Flora. Miro, sai'ed excellently in the 25ft hand cap, just beating the scratch boat, Queenie, without her handicap.

Other races resulted as follows:-Fishing Boats: Little J m, Schoplo, Tuck-stern Fishing Boats: Coose. Mystery and Okere. Yachts under Rose. Bona, Mavourneen, 26ft: Mowai, Maro, Yachts : 22ft Yachts: Mowar, 16ft Boats: Estrella, Anona, Fiona. Wariho. Va'dora. Essie. Pat kis: Doreen, Wariho, The motor launch race was followed much interest. In the event with for boats of over 10 knots, Grey Witch was asked to give time to Togo, but failed, the latter boat winning eas'ly from her "stablemate" Union. The event for launches of between 7 and 10 knots went to Ikatere, with Mata-uka, and A leyne filling the places. There were seven starfers for the race for boats under 7 knots, Esme winning from Blue Bell and Hau ti. A number of smaller acquatic events helned to make up a lengthy programme.

The second cruising race of the Royal New Zea and Yacht Squadron, which took place on Saturday, drew ten starters, Arik' being on scratch and Emera'd 32min on the limit, the rest of the fleet being made up by Moana, Ida, Ladye Wilma, Rangatira, Wa'riki, Wairere, Windward, and Thistle. The course was round Motutapu to Drunken Bay, and Ariki, sailing in fine style, managed to not on'y show the way to the fleet but to give away the handicaps also. With time allowance attached she beat Emera'd by 55sec, Thistle 65sec, and Moana by 70sec. This must be taken as something of a triumph of handicapping, and Mr. C. Kilfoyle 's to be congratu'ated on bringing the boats so close together over a long course.

The smoke concert given by the New Zealand Power Boat Association on Friday to celebrate the opening of the new club rooms, proved a conspicuous success. The Auck and D ning Room was filled to its utmost capacity, and proceedings were of a most enthusiastic nature. Commodore Whitley presided, with Secretary R. Whitson and Treasurer H. Whitley supporting him. The following toasts were honoured :---"The King" (the commodore), "Our Guests" (Mr. C. A. Whitney), "The Roya! N.Z. Yacht Squadron" (the commodore), "The N.Z. Power Boat Association" (Captain Duder), and "The Press" (Mr. H. Whitley). During the evening a very enjoyable concert was gone through with Messrs. Whitley (2), Partridge, Whitson, Winkelmann, Brown. E. C. Smith, Holmes, McFarlane, Logan, and others contributing some excellent items.

At the "smoker" on Friday Mr. R. Whitson, hon. secretary to the New Zea'and Power Boat Association, drew attention to the fact that in October 17 last the membersh p list was made up of six names, while now 101 members have been enrolled and 49 launches registered. Mr. Whitson stated that he was proud of such a record of progress, a statement which can easily be believed.

Jhe Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

The Ethics of Motor Driving.-It is

a frequent source of wonderment to

a great many people that their cars

do not give them anything like the

same satisfaction as precisely identi-

explanation is usually to be found in

the fact that some cars are driven

driving of a motor car is very simi-

lar in some respects to the driving of

a horse. A skilful and considerate driver will get more useful work out

of a horse, and yet prolong its life,

than a clumsy and reckless John who

is for ever sawing at his horse's

mouth, pulling it up violently and whipping it to sudden effort when a

gradual coaxing would do better. Exactly the same state of things ob-

tains in the driving of a motor. The

most skilful drivers are they who

manipulate their gear with infinite

The clumsy driver pushes his change-speed lever over by brutal

force, scraping his gears and wrench-

ing every bearing. He lets his clutch in with a jerk which occasions

discomfort to his passengers and hastens the day when his engine, transmission gear, and tyres will be on their

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and others are driven well.

how the ignition is advanced and r-e tarded and the throttle opened or closed, so that the varying gradations of speed are effected almost imperceptibly, resulting in smooth and progression, at once vibrationless pleasing to the occupants and gratifying to the owner of the car, who real-ises how every hammering blow of the engine, every jerky impulse imparted through the clutch to the gear, every forcible application of the brakes, means decreased efficiency of the mechanism and a speedy laying up of the car for repair. The average paid driver's ideas are usually bent upon emulating the fiercely strenuous methods of the driver of a racing car, whose one object in life is to cover the ground as rapidly as possible; the average paid driver has not a racing car under his control, but he tries to drive his employer's car as though it were a racer; it is not a racer, so he over-drives it, and over-driving is the one thing that the good driver is studious to avoid.

The driving of a motor car is, per se, not at all a difficult art; but to drive really well is a different matter, and the man who thinks he knows all about it would be wise to take every opportunity of acquiring experience by sitting alongside a better driver than himself. It is just the same in most other mundane affairs. The billiard player who rules the roost in his own little circle, the champion tennis player on his own lawn, and the cock-o'-the-walk in all manner of pastimes, mnds that his game goes off, or at least does not improve, if he plays only with inferiors; whereas directly he pits his skill against that of distinctly better men, although he may incur humiliating defeat, if he is sensibly good-tempered and not oppressed by an overweening self-conceit, he can pick up many wrinkles from his opponent's methods which will enable him to improve his own play. So in motor driving: A run with an experienced driver will be a liberal education for the man who, prior to such an experience, imagines he knows all there is to know about motor driving.

CYCLING.

The English cycle shows just held point to several new features for the 1906 cycling season. Foremost and most important is the upward tendency in price of this year's cycle, the buying public having become wary and shy of the deadly cheap gaspipe apology that was selling for a bicycle for a few pounds in England a short time back. Better attention to details is being given by the leading cycle manufacturers. The variable speed gears will, it is estimated, be fitted to fully 50 per cent. of the cycles built for the year 1906. The proven worth and reliability of the various devices for giving the rider two or more speeds at will has been properly recognised in England, and the variable gear now threatens to become as popular as the free wheel. From a tyre point of view, the growing demand is for the best quality tyre, and the rubbish rushed on the market by Continental makers, in view of the Dunlop tyre patents expiring, has found a very poor sale. Contrary to expectations, the Dunlop Tyre Company has sold considerably more tyres for the year just past than for any year previous to the expiration of the Dunlop patent rights. All told, cycling and cycle manufacturers are enjoying a term of prosperity in the Old Country that even the automobile boom cannot shake.

George Farley and W. E. Samuelson (Salt Lake City), on 10yds, were vir-tually the scratch men in the big event of the meeting, the Summer Wheel Race, £100 first prize (says "Sydney Mail.") Nearest to the them were Sandberg, 30yds away, and he had a gap of 20yds to Good-30yds away, Mutton was on 90yds, and the son. limit men were Simon, Ringwood, and Quinlan, on 110yds. The men on limit were thought to have a good chance, but they could not agree as to pacing, so they were soon caught by Farley and Samuelson, who rendered mutual and systematic assist-Mutton was in front at the ance. bell, and was attended by Ringwood, Arnst and Sandberg. Farley was in the middle of the field, and was well placed at the top of the banking. Farley sprinted at the members' pavilion, and, finishing splendidly, won by a length from Ringwood, Mutton being third. Farley's form has been remarkably good this meeting, and his win on Monday evening was a popular one.



News is to hand that 'n her maiden run at Svdney the Anckland-built Rawhiti fa'led to give away the handicans to the 1 mit boats in the A'l Yachts' Race, and could get no nearer than sixth. The placed boats were the three 30-footers, Magic, Cooya, and Fleetwing.

Mr. Moss Brown, of the Sydney Mo^tor Boat C¹nb, was on the flagship on Monday. telling us all how a regatta should be run. Apparently our committee despite a good many years of experience, barely know the rudiments, while our launch people are in swaddling clothes. It must have been just luck that let us achieve so many notable successes before.

way to the repair shop. He advances his spark and opens his throttle with a suddenness that makes the car bound forward in a manner which may be pleasing to the novice, but is wofully detrimental to the durability of all the parts, and he jams his brake on with similar violence, fatal alike to the integrity of his tyres and the comfort of his passengers. In traffic, the reckless driver is prone to race his engine and to slip his clutch to a totally unnecessary extent, while on greasy surfaces he drives at such a pace as to court collision with other vehicles or with pedestrians when a sudden check becomes necessary. ×

To the driver of one or two years' experience, it is a most valuable object lesson to sit beside a really skilful driver on a car of moderate power, to watch the manner in which the accelerator is utilised so as to give exactly the desired velocity to the engine, to hear and feel the way in which the clutch is used, and to note

MOTORS in New Zealand.

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Since the opening of this season we have delivered Cars to the following gentlemen :

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R. Beetham Esq., Masterton	
Dr. Hunter, Ashburton,	8 h p. Darracq
F. Brown Esq., Timaru	15 h p. Darracq
A. Leicester Esq., Wellington	15 h.p. Darracq
T. McKenzie Esq., Timaru	15 h p. Darracq
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W. Turton Esq., Timaru	12 h. p.	Darracq
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Sport in Australia.

(By "Atlas.")

Sydney, January 25. There has been little of interest to record in the sporting world during the past week, and trainers, punters, and fielders have been taking a breather prior to the Anniversary meeting, which starts to-morrow. The meeting at Moorefield on Saturday was a tame affair, and what speculation did take place was done at ridiculously short prices. In the lead-ing event, the Moorefield Handicap, the South African-cum-New South Wales trainer and owner, Dick Wootthe ton, achieved another success, this time by the aid of Hollander, a fouryear-old gelding by Holbrook-Zu-Hollander had been entered lander. for the Flying Handicap, and the city punters in the shops had gone for him to a man, making him a red hot favourite. This, of course, meant that the bookmakers on the convincing ground would have no money about him, but on arriving on the course the astute Wootton took in the situation and scratched the horse. He, however, started him in the longer distance race later in the day, the Moorefield Handicap, and planked his money down so freely that Hollander started favourite at 2 to 1, while Dumont was next in demand at 3 to 1. In the race for home there was really nothing in it but Hollander (7.2), and he won easily by a length from Gow-rie (7.0), with Glen Tana (6.7) third. The bookmakers had a bad day, as four favourites out of the six races got home, but the prices were so short that they could not have done much harm.

Rain marred the January meeting of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club in Melbourne on Saturday, and here the bookmakers also had a bad time of it, a big percentage of favourites getting home. The Anniversary Handicap, one mile one furlong, brought out a field of eleven, including the New Zealand-bred Grey Seaton, who was in with the feather-weight, 6:7, but was not mentioned in the betting. Palmist went out favourite at 3 to 1, while Demas was quoted at 4 to 1, and First Tenor at 7 to 1. From 10 to 20 to 1 could be had about the others. A good race resulted in The Palmist (8.11) winning by a neck from Vibrate (7.12), Sardine (6.13) third.

At the Brisbane races on Saturday, the principal event was the Park Handicap, one mile, which was won by Lapidist (7.5), with Norseman (8.9) second, and Phyllatis (7.12) thrd. Wee Willie was favourite at 3 to 1, but Lapidist was second in demand at 4 to 1.

In pony racing there has been a perceptible falling off lately at the Kensington gatherings, but at Rosebery Park the game seems to be booming greater than ever. The cause seems to be that pony owners are not pleased with the Kensington autocracy, but there is no doubt that Rosebery is popular, and this is evidenced by the fact that the £120 offered for six events on the pro-gramme for Monday, attracted an en-try of 94. The new pony course at Ascot promises to be the finest racing track outside of Randwick, and when it opens the keen competition that will ensue indicates that a lot of money will be scattered among the The rush for the spoil ponies. should be a good opportunity for New Zealand ponies. Sir Foote's two-year-olds have done

Sir Foote's two-year-olds have done remarkably well this season. On Saturday the sire's winning list was increased by the easy victory of Mundose in the Two-year-old Handicap. Mundose is out of Gossoon from Spice (sister of Abercorn). Moongal, who ran second to Mundose on Saturday, is a half-sister to Ropa, who won the Wellington Cup on Saturday. The New Zealander Tenakoe has arrived at Caulfield all well.

There was a big house at the National Sporting Club on Thursday night to witness the match between those two brilliant light-weights, Hock Keys, of North Sydney, and Charlie Frost, of Newtown. A few weeks ago this pair met, and after a whirlwind contest Keys was declared the winner. The contest on Tuesday night was again of an exciting character, but Keys from the outset always had the advantage, and in the tenth round Frost was counted out. He complained that he had been hit low, but he believed that the blow was not intentional.

The Summer Wheel Race meeting was brought to a close on Monday night, when the final for the big event was won by G. J. Farley (Vic.), 10 yards; W. R. Ringwood (S.A.) 110 yards, second; and R. G. Mutton (N.S.W.), 90 yards. There was a lot of bumping in the rain, and Farley won by a clear length from Ringwood, with Mutton a good third. Time, 2min 4 1-5sec. Ringwood was subsequently disqualified by the officials. The five miles scratch race was won by Henri Mayer (Germany), W. E. Samuelson (U.S.A.), second, and W. Rutt (Germany) third. Trumper has been doing some sen-

Trumper has been doing some sensational scoring in off matches. For Broadway against the United Teachers he made 90 in 28 minutes. One over from O'Neill, the Central Cumberland bowler, yielded 29 runs, scored thus: 4, 5, 5, 5 scored by Trumper, and 5, 5 by Jansen. Playing for his club against Manly on Saturday, Trumper made 124 (not out).

J. R. Macky, in the Sheffield Shield contests and Kelly benefit match, has scored 834 runs for six completed innings, average 139. Noble comes next with 508 for five completed innings, average 101. Mackay's average for all matches this season is roughly estimated at 170 runs per innings.

ATHLETICS.

N'gel Barker, who has been selected to represent New South Wales at the Olympian Games in Greece, is 24 years of age. His athletic career may be considered to have started when he was at Newington College (says the "Sydney Mail"). On September 8, 1900, he won the 100yds, 220yds, and 440yds championships of the college, and the quarter-mile handicap from scratch. On September 22, 1900, at the Great Public Schools' meeting he won the 440yds championship from G. U. Garvan and V. S. Futter. From 1901 he carried all before him, his victories being all schools' 100yds scratch race, 120yds hurdles, high jump, and 220 and 440yds flat championships of Newington College; the 150yds all

schools' scratch race at King's School meeting; the G.P.S. A.A.A. 100yds, 220yds, and 440yds championships. 220yds, and 440yds champonships. In 1902, when he went to the University, he secured 100yds, 120yds, broad jump, and 440yds at the 'Varsity sports, and later, at the Mel-bourne University meeting, he ac-counted for the 100yds (10 1-5sec) and the 440yds (53sec). In the Old Boys' Race at the G.P.S.A.A.A. he was timed to run the 100yds Old Boys' Bace in 9.9-10sec and was second to Race in 9 9-10sec, and was second to Morse, who was "clocked" to do 9 4-5sec. In 1903 the 100yds State Champ onship was won by Barker in 10 4-5sec. In the inter-'Varsity games he won the 440yds in 52 4-5sec. In 1904 he retained the 100yds State 1904 he retained the 100yds State Championship, won the 120yds handi-eap from scratch in 12 4-5sec. At Melbourne he annexed the 220yds championship, 100yds, broad jump championship at Sydney, 'Varsity sports. Then came the question of sending Barker to St. Louis, but a football accident prevented him from going, and also from competing in the championship meeting at Melbourne. The visit of Duffey in company with Shrubb was remarkable for the great That was in Apr'l, 1905. In a 100yds race run between Duffey and Barker. That was in Apr'l, 1905. In a 100yds race Barker defeated Duffey by 6in, Stanley Rowley being third, and the time was 10 1-5sec. Later they met, time was 10 1-5sec. Later they met, and Duffey beat the gun, and of course Barker also. It was in a 60yds handicap. The latter secured the 220yds Championsh'p of New South Wales in the Australasian record time of 21 4-5sec. The following week at Con-cord he won the 75yds handicap from scratch in 7 4-5sec, and ran a dead-heat with Duffey in the 100yds in 10 Duffey declined the run off. In sec. the 1905 Sydney University sports Barker accounted for 100yds, 440yds (50 2-5sec), and in the challenge meet-ing between Sydney University and other clubs he was first in 100yds (10 1-5sec), 220yds, and 440yds, and broad jump (21ft). In the Austral-asian championships in November, at Sydney, he won the 440yds, a beautiful run, 'n Australasian record time of 48₂sec, 220yds in Australasian record of 21 4-5sec (grass), running broad jump at 21ft 3in, and 100yds. On January I he secured the 100yds State Championship at the Highland Sector of the secured the Secure of the Secure Society's meeting.





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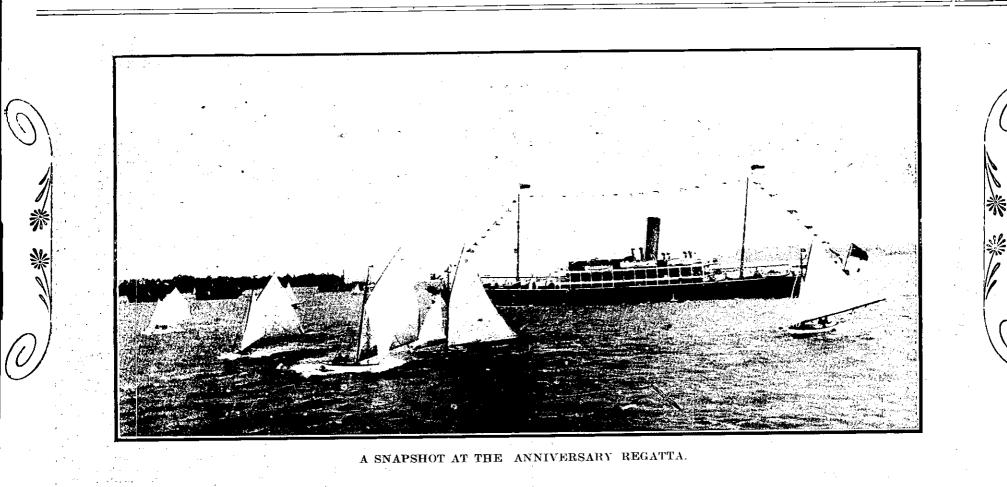
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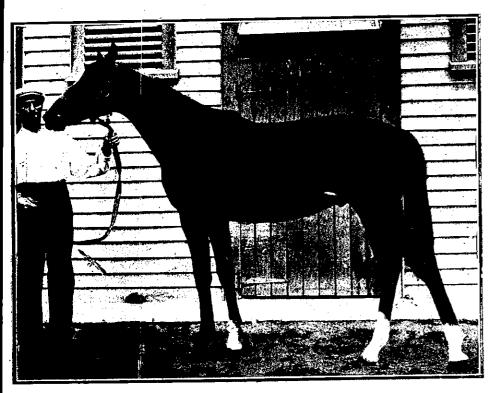
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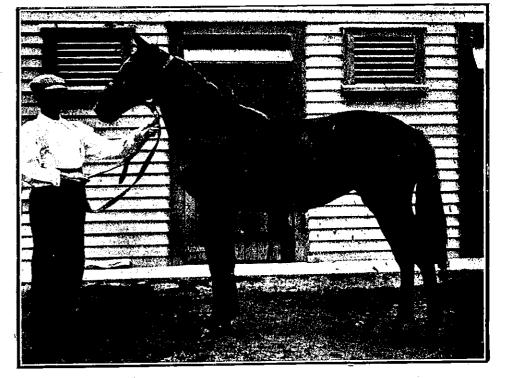




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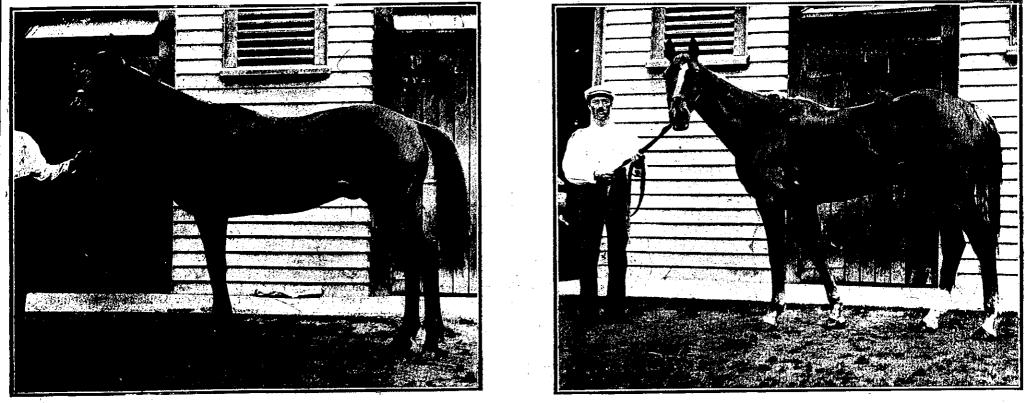


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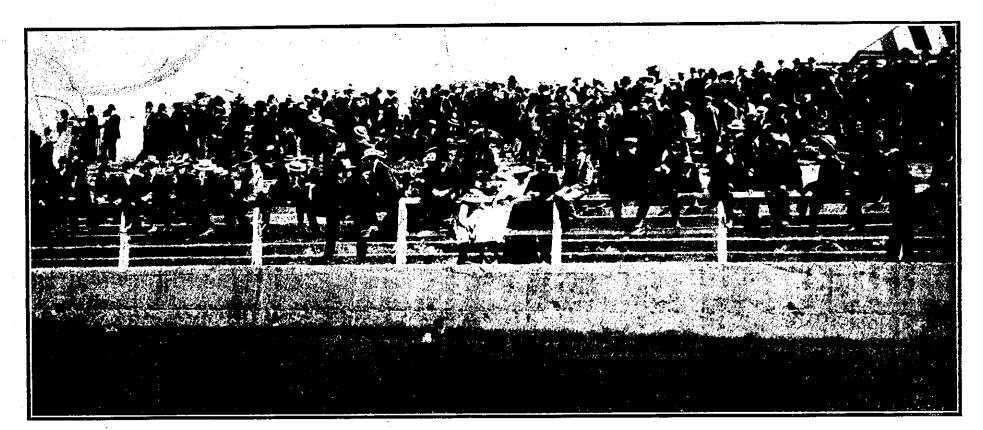




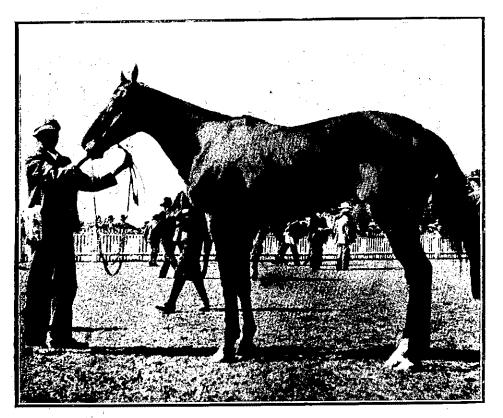
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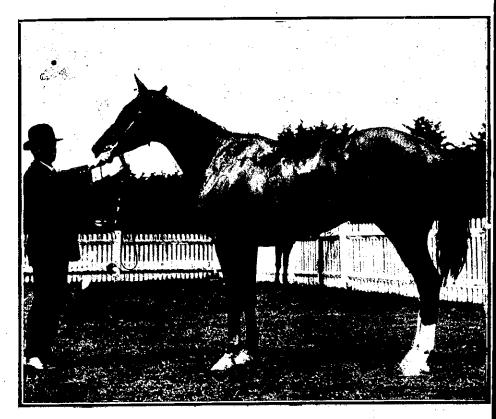
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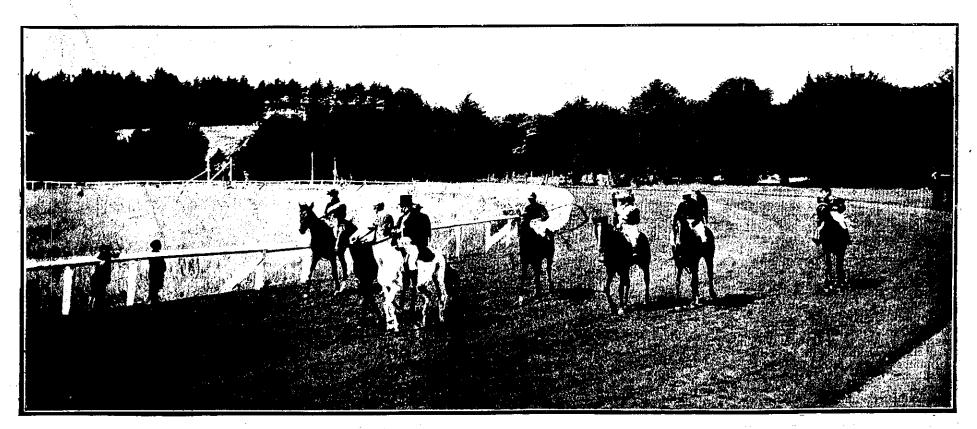
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February 1, 1906.



(By "Footlight.") HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"THE DARLING OF THE GODS."

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An event to which theatre-goers have been looking forward for some time was the production by the Knight-Jeffries Company of the much-talked-of play, "The Darling of the Gods," a story of old Japan, by David Belasco and John Luther Long. The plot has been told and retold so often that it is unnecessary to repeat it here at length. Briefly, it tells of one Prince Kara, a leader of the last of the Samurai, who, going to the residence of the Prince of Tosan, is waylaid by spies hired by Zakkuri, the Mikado's Minister of State. Kara cuts his way through to keep the appointment with the Prince of Tosan, but is wounded, and would have been murdered but for a rescue by Yosan, the daughter of the Prince, who has him conveyed to her residence, where she nurses him back to nealth. This being discovered by Yosan's father, he casts her off, while Kara is captured by Zakkuri. The latter is about to torture Kara with a view to making him divulge the secret hiding place of the rest of the Samurai, but to save her lover from such cruer punishment Yosan betrays the secret. Kara is thereupon released and rejoins his band, which, however, is exterminated by the emissaries of Zakkuri. Ultimately the lovers meet again after death in the First Celestial Heaven.

It is a curious play, of a somewhat weird description, which, without a handsome setting, would never seriously hold the attention of the audi-Mr. Williamson has, however, ence. attended to this defect in the most thorough manner, the result being that the frame is worth more than the picture. The prettiest set is the opening one, showing the gardens within the Yashiki of the Prince or The prettiest set is the Tosan. Here a very beautiful effect of lighting is produced. Much has been said and written of the superb effect at the close of the play, showing the River of Souls and the Celestial Heaven, but this was found to be so strongly reminiscent of "The Sign of the Cross" and the Field of Wagram in "L'Aiglon" as to be a little disappointing, and might have been omitted without in any way spoiling the play. The scenes of Japanese life were very correct, careful attention having been paid to the smallest detail, and here the setting proved everything to be desired. Especially was this so in the Feast of a Thousand Welcomes, while all through there was ample evidence of much attention having been devoted to the production.

Mr. Julius Knight essayed the role of the cruel Minister, Zakkuri, and scored in it a signal success. If fault there was it consisted of the part being made rather too much of the bloodthirsty villain and not quite enough evidence being given of the Minister of State. Miss Jeffries made every point tell as the Princess Yosan. It was not her fault, but the author's, that the interjection "Say So" becomes irritating from its constant reiteration. Miss Jeffries very cleverly brought out the difference between the light-hearted girl of the earlier portion of the story and the heart-broken woman of its close. Mr. Harry Plimmer was excellent as Kara, the manly role suiting him admirably. Mr. Nott Osborne, who shows a big advance in his adopted profession, proved somewhat amusing as Tanda Tanji, the nephew of Zakkuri, while in the role of Inu, a dumb servant of Tosan, Mr. Dallas Cairns did good work. The cast was a very lengthy one, comprising no less than thirty-six characters, and none of the number were out of drawing, the parts being most capably filled. The quaint sayings and customs of Japan were amusing and interesting, the predominant note being the one of obsequious politeness under all circumstances. "The Darling of the Gods" is not a great play, but all the same it is one which is well worth witnessing. There was a monster house on the opening night, and business has been exceedingly good during the week.

The next production of the Knight-Jeffries Company will be "Monsieur Beaucaire," a play founded upon Mr. Booth Tarkington's exciting romance. It was produced when the company was last here, and immediately scored a great success. The part of the Duc d'Orleans is one which seems to fit Mr. Julius Knight like a glove, while Miss Maud Jeffries has a very congenial role as the Lady Mary Car-All those who have seen the lyle. play once will want to go again, while for those who have not done so there is a great treat in store.

OPERA HOUSE.

CZERNY.

Czerny's season at the Opera House was brought to a close on Monday evening. All through the business done was really excellent, and deservedly so, for beyond question he is one of the cleverest illusionists we have ever seen in Auckland. A tour of the Waikato is now being undertaken, Hamilton being played on Tuesday, when there was a packed audience.

Writing from the Tivoli, Sydney, Mr. Fred. H. Graham says that his new playlet, "Packing Up," is a great success, and he is hoping to bring it over to New Zealand. That this is no idle boast may be seen by the Sydney papers the "Herald," "Telegraph," "News," "Star," "Referee," "Punch," "News Letter" and "Sportsman," all uniting in warm praise of the clever turn.

Excellent accounts reach me of the progress made in the preparation of The Lady Typist," which clever musical comedy will be staged for the first time next August. I understand that Mr. C. F. Goldie, the well-known artist, has taken in hand the entire colour scheme of the production. Furthermore, he has designed the costumes and colour for the ballet, which report states will be exquisite. It is to be called "La dans des papillions et des fleurs." Mr. Diamond and Mr. Crosher are at work on the scenery, which will be especially fine. Altogether there is abundant evidence that no pains will be spared in mounting the piece.

Miss Buchanan will take the leading role of Ethel Blyth in Thomas Humphrey's musical comedy, "The Lady Typist," to be produced at His Majesty's in August next. By the way, when "the book" was shown them a few days ago, both Mr. Brough and Mr. Fleming expressed themselves in terms of the warmest praise concerning its merits. Mr. Mabee will be business manager for the production.

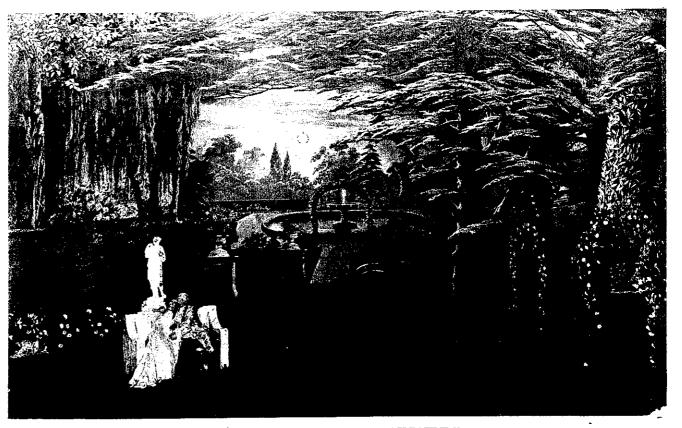
My Christchurch correspondent writes:-It has been a case of "standing room only" at the Opera House ever since the Rickards Company's season started on Monday last. fact on some occasions the crush has been terrific, and people have willingly paid top prices for the privilege of standing throughout the entertainment. This is not surprising considering the company is about the best Mr. Rickards has ever sent to Maoriland, and the combined salaries of the "stars" must amount to some hundreds a week. The best turn amongst a whole host of clever turns is that of Le Roy, Talma, and Bosco, three illusionists, all such adepts in their art that people are never tired of them, and go again and again expressly to see them. Had these wonder-workers flourished in "the good old times" they would have ter-minated their earthly careers to the sound of crackling faggots and amid clouds of smoke. Their "cabinet trick" is a revelation of up-to-date mystification, and not even the omniscient person who always knows "how it is done" can explain just how this trick is worked. The production of an entire poultry yard of ducks and fowls, pigeons and a turkey from a tambourine apparently stuffed with flags, excites small as-tonishment after the "cabinet trick," but the cutting off the heads of a pair of ducks and the making the birds reappear alive—the black duck with the white duck's head on and the white duck with the head of the black duck—creates another sensa-tion. Altogether this clever trio keeps the audience amused and bewildered all the time, just as, awhile back, they did in London. Miss Nita Leete (a daughter, I think, of Harry Rickards, and who inherits a lot of her father's world-famed talent) sings superbly, and her "illustrated songs" one of the gems of the bill. Mr. Kelly's eccentric dancing has never been excelled here by any visiting star. "Imitations" are always acceptable if they are good, and Miss Fanny Power's imitations of favour-

ites of the footlights never fails to please her audience. Other clever members of this very clever combination are the Gibson girls (who dance like sylphs), and Miss Mabel Lynne, who possess a lovely voice and a charming personality. . . I enjoyed a few minutes' chat with my old friend John Fuller the other day. He had just newly arrived from Auckland (whither he returns very shortly), I found the "silvery-voiced tenor" as jolly as ever. He has been inundated with requests to sing some of his old songs whilst in Christ-church, and I think he will do so after the Rickards season closes. John Fuller is extremely popular here, and I, for one, shall listen to his singing once more with very great pleasure. The John F. Sheridan Company was to have opened at the Royal tonight (Saturday), but owing to a slight accident to Mr. Sheridan (who has cut his lip and had to have it stitched), the opening night has been postponed until Monday, when "The Earl and the Girl" make their bow to

a Christchurch audience. The pantomime of "Dick Whittington" is to follow, but poor "Little Gulliver," whose untimely end was recently chronicled, will be greatly missed. As the "Cat," the small comedian was, I understand, inimitable. The advance booking is splendid, and as the opening piece is a gilt-edged London success, the season here ought to pan out alright.

"The Prodigal Son" has been a great success at Drury Lane, and its drawing powers are by no means exhausted. The receipts had reached the large sum of $\pounds 40,000$ a few weeks ago, but the expenses have been proportionately heavy. The cost of production was about £7000, and the salaries of Mr. George Alexander, Mrs. John Wood, and certain other members of the company, the cost of advertising, and the very high author's fees, which have averaged about £300 a week, reach a very large amount. The net profit to the management will be about £5000.

The latest production by Clyde Fitch, the famous American playwright, is entitled "The Toast of the Town." The story of the play relates to the career of Betty Singleton, a famous actress, who is supposed to have lived during the reign of George II. She is wooed and won by the Duke of Malmsbury, and the play opens in the green-room of the theatre, upon the night of Betty's retirement from the stage.



SCENE FROM "MONSIEUR DEAUCAIRE."

Vasco, known as "The Mad Musician," a big star in the English vaudeville world, is due in Australia shortly engagement to the only under Rickards.

Mr. Mark Hambourg offers to British composers three prizes-of the value of twenty, ten, and five guineas respectively-for a pianoforte composition in the form of a fantasia, sonata, ballade, scherzo, or set of variations, to occupy from ten to fifteen minutes in performance.

Everybody has recognised the admirable work done by the Gilbert and Sullivan Company since Mr. J C. Williamson's enterprise called it into existence a year ago, though probably most people do not realise what an immense amount of strain it has involved (writes Mr. George Tallis). Within the twelve months the company has produced no less than eleven operas, the preparation of which in itself required a great deal more mental effort than does the

The Royal Comic Opera Company played "The Girl from Kays" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, for a five weeks' season of capital business, which indeed continued at such a very satisfactory level that the success of future revivals of the piece is assured. On Saturday, the 27th inst., "Veronique" was staged for the first time in Sydney. The niece was more finished, if possible, than it was in the latter city, since the members of the cast have had the advantage of Mr. Coventry's impressions of the London production to aid them: Despite the fact that "Veronique" will certainly run for several weeks, Mr. J. C. Williamson has already made arrangements which promise three or four months of attractive work for the company. They have to all in-tents finished with "The Shop Girl," and could put it on at once if necessary, and they are now hard at work on "The Little Michus" under the guidance of Mr. Covenury, whose opinion of the play, as one of the best musical pieces he has seen for

On February 24 next the Knight-Jeffries Company will commence their farewelling of Australian audiences with a short season at the Palace Theatre, Sydney. The double bill of "Comedy and Tragedy" and "David Garrick" being in all probability the opening piece. After Sydney, Brisbane will be paid a visit, and then Adelaide, where the company will finally disband at Eastertime. 1 er 6. *

Mr. R. G. Knowles, the monologue entertainer, was due to arrive in Melbourne at the end of last week by the Wilcannia from South Africa, where his "Trifles that Trouble the Tra-veller," and "Songs and Stories of the Stage" met with an immense amount of appreciation throughout his tour. He proceeds direct to Sydney, where he begins his Australasian tour under Mr. J. C. Williamson's direction in a few days.

After attaining eminence as a comedian, Mr. George Lauri has sought

Theatre, Melbourne, was a triumph from every point of view, a verdict emphatically endorsed by a crowded and most thoroughly appreciative audience. The quips and cranks of Mr. W. S. Gilbert, his unexampled satire on English institutions and his inimitable methods of humour kept the house in a simmer of merriment from the rise to the fall of the curtain, while Sir Arthur Sullivan's music appealed both to the artistic and the humorous side of its hearers. The company, though the cast of eighteen characters demanded a fuller employment of principals than usual, achieved individual triumphs in practically every instance, and in several cases the representations were the best that the respective interpreters had accomplished. The chorus and ensemble work was excellent, and congratulations are due to everybody concerned in the production, including, of course, Messrs. Henry Bracy, the stage manager, Geo. Hall, the conductor, and Miss Minnie Everett, the ballet mistress whose





MISS MAUD JEFFRIES as Lady Mary Carlyle MR \mathbf{as} Monsieur Beaucaire. In Monsieur Beaucaire, τne production of the Knight-Jeffries Company.

usual run of modern musical comedy. This has, moreover, been done by players, the majority of whom have had no previous stage experience in Gilbert and Sullivan, and had therefore, to begin right from the begin-Add to all this, the fact that ning. ning. Add to all this, the fact that throughout the whole of the time they were touring Australasia with a series of short visits and quick changes of programme, it will be easily understood that the achievement is probably without its parallel in the theatrical annals of Australia. The strain has naturally been tremendous, and the company, now that "Utopia, Limited," has been launched, arë taking a well-earned rest from rehearsals. It will not, however, be a long one, for Mr. Williamson is contemplating the preparation of further attractions for New Zealand.

a number of years, has already been quoted. Either one or the other of these will take the place of "Veron-ique" when that opera has finally completed its course.

The five weeks' season of "Merely Mary Ann" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, came to a conclusion on Friday, January 26, and Zangwill's comedy, which has successfully appealed to the sentiments of its audi-ences from first to last, was with-drawn in favour of "L'Aiglon," a play in which Miss Tittell Brune has always scored one of her chief emotional triumphs. Rostand's drama will be played for a week, and then either "Sunday" or "La Tosca" will follow. The latter will be the first Australian appearance of Miss Brune in the part, though she was conspicuously successful with it in the United States.

fresh laurels as a playwright, in which capacity he blossomed forth at a matinee tendered to Mr. Alfred Dampier in Sydney on Friday, Janu-ary 19. He began his new career in a humorously-worked-out play with-out words, entitled "The Gardener's Dream," in the representation of which he had the assistance of Miss Clare Clifton and Mr. W. S. Percy, while Mr. Andrew McCunn composed some bright music especially for the occasion. Mr. Lauri, in thus dis-carding dialogue, is quite up to date, for one of the most successful curtain raisers in London at present is "La Main," a dramatic episode the idea of which is worked out by its three participants without a word being spoken by any of them.

The production of "Utopia, Limited," for the first time in Australia on the 20th ult. at the Princess preparatory work was responsible for such a large measure of the opera's success.

The West-Brescian Company paid to the New Zealand Treasury income tax on a profit of £14,000, and it is estimated that 350,000 persons paid for admission to see the well-known pictures.

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Flo Williams, of the Williams Sisters, through New Zealand with Dix's, who went to Manila, and married the chief electrician of Manila, has just died from consumption.

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Mr. Austin Brereton, many years dramatic critic on the "Sydney Morn-ing Herald," but who has been in London for some time, is publishing a shilling biography of Sir Henry Irving. Part of the work was revised by Sir Henry just before his death.

January 26 was rather a memorable day in the stage history of Australia, being the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the first theatrical production in Australia. This took place in Sydney on January 16, 1796, when "The Revenge" and "The Hotel" was performed.

When Moss Empires, Limited, opened Liverpool Olympia everyone thought the last word had been said in British theatre-building (says the 'Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.") Impossible as it may seem, in Glasgow the same firm has gone even one bet-The new building in Eglinton Street, South Side, named the Coliseum, is the largest theatre in the world, being capable of seating 4000 people at every performance. This means that on the two-houses a night principle 8000 will be entertained nightly, 48,000 weekly, and 2,496,000 It will be opened on Mor. yearly. day, December 18 next, and wll be the 38th hall owned by the combine known as "the largest aggregation of variety theatres in the world."

* * A report from Berlin says it is possible that Mr. Beerbohm Tree, with the whole of his company, will pay a visit to Germany in the course of next April. A proposal to this effect has been made by the director of the Royal Theatres of Berlin to Mr. Tree, and it is suggested that the house should be "Julius Caesar," "The Tempest," "Richard the Third," and "A Winter's Tale," and that the tour should include Hamburg, Leipzig, Munich, Frankfort, and Cologne.

Business in the London theatres has been rather dull. A new play, an adaptation from the French by Cosmo Gordon Lennon, who did "The Marriage of Kitty" into English, seems to be about the best. It was produced at the Haymarket The atre, and is entitled "The Indecision of Mr. Kingsbury." An irresponsible, middle-aged man, engaged to be married, firits with a widow, who frightens away the young woman selected by the man's people. The widow, against all odds, marries him, and he palls on her. She is of the right stuff, but careless. A fast spell of life follows-nothing in it but appearance and front, however-and in the end the young man's mamma, and a gleam of common sense, back up the little wife, and all ends happily. The plot is slight, but the dialogue smart, and as the inimitable Charles Hawtrey is in the cast, success is assured.



Mr. Hall Caine drew author's fees of ± 300 a week from "The Prodigal Son" during its run at Drury Lane, while the salary of Mr. George Alexander was £250 a week. Notwithstanding these and other expenses, the management gains a profit of nearly $\pounds 4000$.

Mr. Stirling Whyte, well known on the Australian stage, writes from Syd-ney to the "Era" challenging the statement made to an interviewer from that journal by Mr. Athol Forde that "a run of two or three weeks for a comedy is a maximum in Melbourne or Sydney." He writes:—"Possessing an experience of 28 years, I am in a position to give this an emphatic denial. With regard to tragedy, comedy, history, pastoral, etc., the following runs, among others in Sydney, speak for themselves:- 'In the Ranks,' 13 weeks; 'Faust,' eight weeks; 'Midsumer Night's Dream,' eight weeks; 'Confusion,' eight weeks; 'Nowadays,' with the late William Rignold, six weeks; and old pieces, like 'The Corsican Brothers' Uncle Tom's Cabin,' four weeks and ' each. During the first year of George Rignold's management at Her Majesty's, Sydney, only six pieces were played. The company consisted of resident stock actors. This continued for over eight years, during which I put up a record of 1171 consecutive nights. I cannot remember the doors being closed on a playable night during that time. The beginning of short runs, in my opinion, dates from the time that entire companies were first imported. The reason I assign for the change is that they are usually heralded by a blare of eulogy and fail to realise the expectations raised."

The Empire Theatre in London stands upon the site where, in 1636, Leicester House, so closely associated with Royalty, was erected. It was there Prince Frederick lived, and it was during his residence in Leicester House that we have a record of the first theatrical entertainment, the Prince himself playing Porteus in Addison's "Cato." He died there in 1751. George III. was proclaimed King from the steps of this house. Leicester House and Savile House, adjoining, were pulled down, and upon that portion of the ground now occupied by the Empire Theatre all sorts of exhibitions were given-tableaux vivants, waxworks, anatomical, and others. In 1865 the Eldorado Music Hall stood there and was in that year burnt to the ground, our present King, then Prince of Wales, taking an active part at the fire, he and the Duke of Sutherland donning firemen's helmets and tunics and driving to the square on an engine. Various theatres were then projected, but never opened until the Empire was inaugurated as mentioned above. Since then (1884) the County Council have taken control of music halls, and last year served requisitions for certain improvements in the Empire building for the safety of the public. The remodelling of the house was entrusted to Mr. Frank Verity, F.R.I.B.A., and he must be credited with having produced one of the most palatial, comfortable, elegant, and safe theatres in the metropolis. × * *

One of the most original "turns" yet produced is at present a feature of the programme at the London Hippodrome. This is the catching of fish by tamed cormorants. "It is

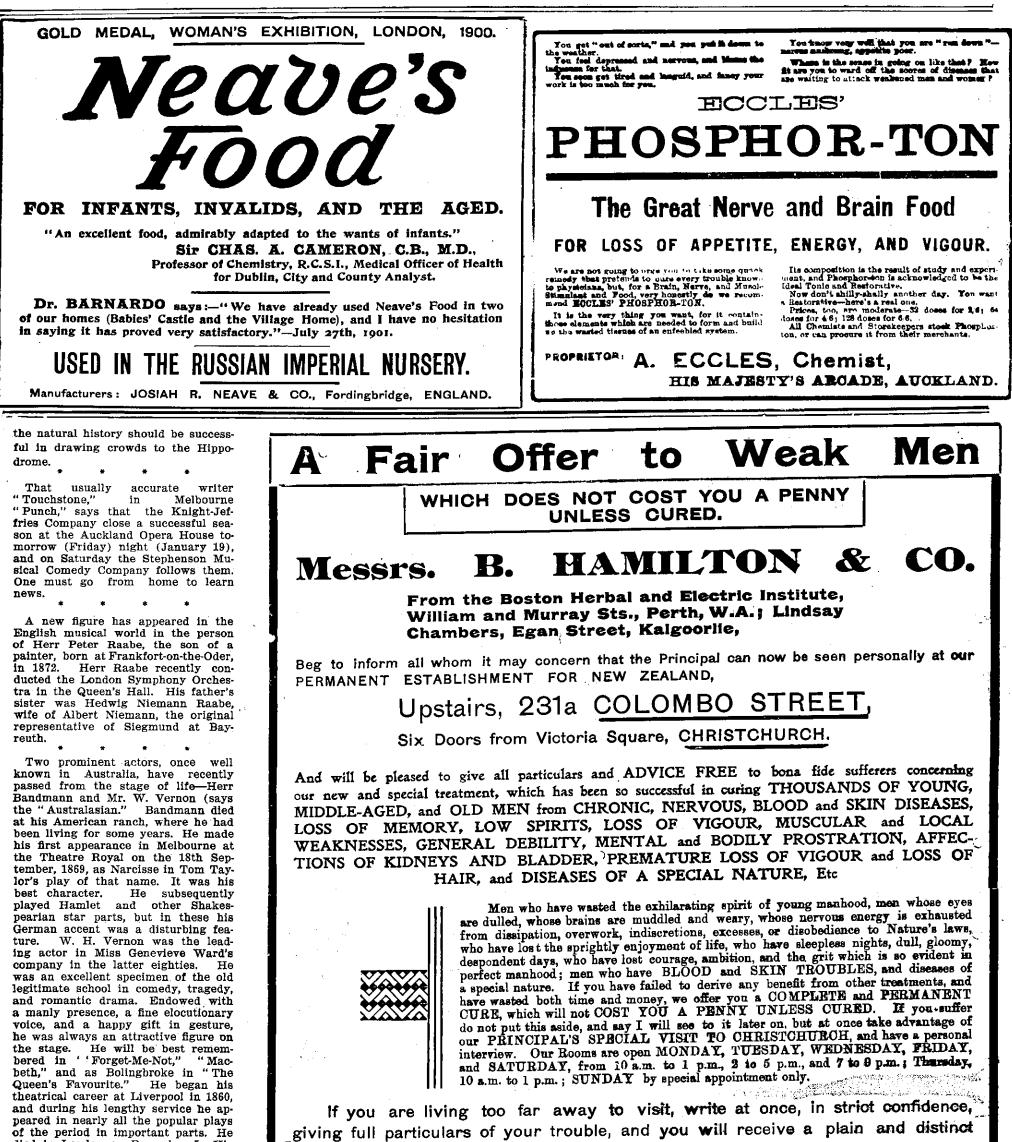
well known (says the "Era") that the cormorant, with which we are acquainted round the coasts of these islands, is perhaps almost the ideal form of wild and untractable bird life, and it is extremely surprising to find these birds brought by training to such a pitch of tameness as to become, to all intents and purposes, a domestic fowl. The trainer has but to make certain movements or speak certain words to have his wishes carried out as perfectly as we are accustomed to have our orders obeyed in addressing a well-trained retriever, terrier, or other sporting dog." The cormorants on show have been brought over from China in charge of Chinese, who have the birds thoroughly and systematically tamed in their own country. The cormorants are quite at home in the Hippodrome lake, which fronts a prettily painted set of a Chinese village, and when their keeper punts them out on a bamboo raft they are perched in a contemplative attitude. At the word of command they shoot into the water, and keep just swimming below the surface, catch their fish, and swallow it. Their distendible gullet is secured by a small circlet, in order to prevent the fish beng entirely swal-lowed. When they return to perch on a bamboo rod held out by their trainer, they are speedily made to disgorge, the fish being dropped into a Some experiments with basket. large chub excited much interest recently. The capture of these fish seemed to take longer than in the case of the small roach or dace. Perhaps it was that the birds were more loth to return to their allegiance. After their labours they are rewarded with a substantial meal. The raft is cleverly handled by the trainer, and

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body was cremated, and his ashes lie 11**rn** in the Columbarium der's Green.

died in London on December 5. His

It is said that the way in which Chopin's famous "Funeral March" came to be written was as follows:-One evening a number of friendsartists, literary men, and musicians-had assembled "chez-mo" to spend a few hours in pleasant literary and artistic intercourse. One of them began to amuse himself at the piano with a skelton. He seated the gruesome object on his knees, and, holding its hands, drew forth incoherent sounds from the instrument by tapping them upon the keys. This had been going on for half a minute or so, amid the laughter of the company, when Chopin, with the light of inspiration in his eyes, jumped up from his seat, advanced towards the piano, and replaced our friend. But what a different tone he produced! This time the skeleton's hands were guided by a master, and drew forth a series of mournful notes, which im-

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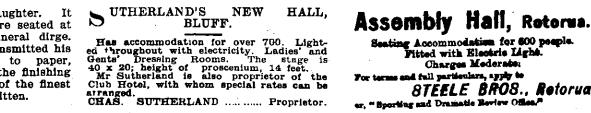
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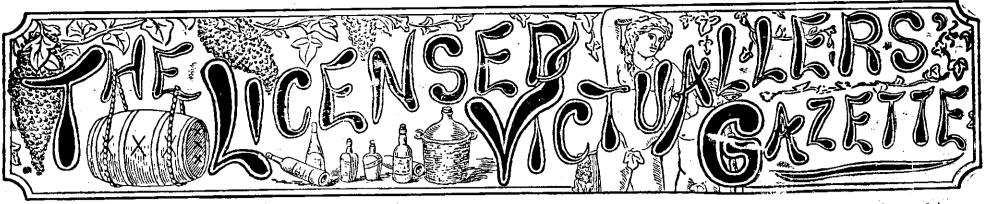
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mediately stopped the laughter. was as though Death were seated at the piano playing a funeral dirge. The next day, Chopin transmitted his impromptu composition to paper, and not long afterwards the finishing touches were put to one of the finest funeral marches ever written.







Trade Topics

Of the earth's surface 1,500,000 acres are devoted to tobacco culture.

Mr W. G. Rae, late of the Drury Hotel, will soon be in business again.

Changes in the ownership of several Auck and provincial hotels are pending.

The license of the Fitzroy Hotel, Wakefield-street, was endorsed last week.

Mr. J. Edwards, of the Criterion Hotel, Paeroa, has sold out h s in-terest in that house to Mr. Gibson, who hails from Bulls.

Mrs. C. Lindsay, of the Star Hotel, Kawakawa, has sold out her interest in that hotel to Mr. T. C. Brebner.

Mr. Wm. Woodward, who has for some years been in the Mackaytown Hotel, has sold out to Mr. Crean.

The Whatawhata Hotel is changing hands, Mr. Crosby, junr., of Paeroa, buying out Mr. Brunton.

Mr. Cecil T. Davies, who for some cons derable time successfully conduct-ed the hotel at Mangonui, Bay of Is-lands, has purchased Mr. D. J. Jack-man's interest in the Waipa Hotel, Ngaruawahia.

It is stated that Mr. J. Dixon Ward, who did such good service by his ecturing before the local opt on poll, has accepted a permanent en-gagement to remain in Auckland and use his efforts on behalf of the trade.

As an outcome of a recent sly grog-selling prosecution in Ashburton a man named Thomas Paterson has been committed for trial for alleged perjury.

Judging from the sale of leases wh ch took place in Rotorua last Friday, speculators have every confidence in the progress of that township. Out of eighty-nine sections submitted thirty-four were so d. In most cases the sections brought more than the upset pr ce, and in some cases double.

Italy has the greatest proportion of iminals. They number 5140 to the criminals. They num nullion of population.

A young woman named Winnie Mc-Net peaded guilty in the Magis-trate's Court last Friday to a charge of having stolen a gold watch from Ernest Hagland, in the Shamrock Hotel, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Peter Franchi, a Lower Queen-street restauranter, was fined £1 and 7s costs, last Friday, for exposing unesome fish for sale.

The president of the United L.V. Assoc ation of Sydney suggests that performances at the theatres should fin sh at 10.45 p.m., so as to enable patrons to obtain refreshments at the hotels before the closing hour of eleven.

Violet Henderson, a single woman, pleaded guilty in the local Police Court to charges of having stolen sundry articles from the room of a Web ling on hote during last month. Ac-cused, who also pleaded guilty to hav-ing committed theft from a house in the Rotorua district, was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.

A gale of wind, something of the nature of a cyclone, struck the buildings in course of erection for the Christchurch Exh bition, and soon had done damage that probably £3000 wil be required to put right.

At the Te Awamutu Magistrate's Court a young half-caste, named Phunga Kat pa, was fined $\pounds 2$, and costs $\pounds 4$ 7s, for supply ng beer and lemonade to a native woman.

To preserve the life of a carthorse the property of the Lambeth Borough Council, three hundred bott es of "double stout" were administered.

Last Thursday was the anniversary of Chinaman's New Year.

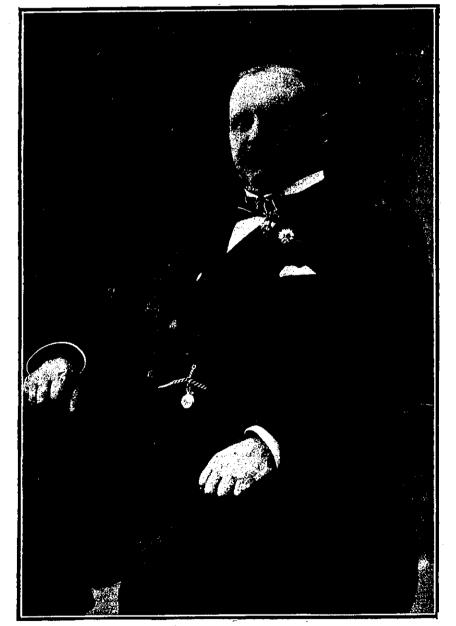
In the local Police Court, last Friday, a prohibition order was issued against Henry William Smith.

In Pers'a there are no distilleries, breweries, or pub ichouses, and native wine is the only intoxicating beverage used.

A man who in Sydney was fined for seling adulterated vinegar, affirmed that his vinegar was made from sour beer and stout purchased from the city breweries.

The Terminus Hotel at Helensville, which was burnt down in the end of December, will be shortly rep aced by a new hotel, built in brick.

J.P. in the King Country fined for giving beer to Maori women.



A manufacturer of cigars advises smokers to smoke a good cigar slowly, else the combustion will be imperfect and the greater part of that delicate aroma which belongs to a good Havana c'gar is ost. No one would think of gulping down old wine as they would buttermilk, and to smoke a fine Havana cigar rapid y is about as foolish.

The Grand Hote', corner of Pa'mer-ston and Wakefield Streets, Westport (David Leech, proprietor), was estab-lished in the year 1875, and is a hand-some two storeyed building of wood and iron, with a balcony on two sides. It contains thirty rooms, ncluding twenty bedrooms, a number of sitting-rooms, a commercial room, a fine bi-iard room, contain ng two tables by Alcock and Wright respectively, and a fine dining-room canable of seating a fine dining-room capable of seating sixty guests. For the conven ence of commercial men there are also four 'arge sample rooms. The Prince's Theatre joins the hotel, and has ac-commodation for 500 persons and is commodation for 500 persons, and is being entire y renovated.

Mr. David Leech, whose portrait Mr. David Leech, whose portrait appears in this ssue, has been pro-prietor of the Grand Hotel, Westport, since the year 1903, was born at Letheringham Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, in 1854. He was cducated in hs native place, and learned the trade of a builder, which he followed unt 1888. In 1879 Mr. Leech landed in Port Chalmers by the ship Lizzie Bell, which was lost on Leech landed in Port Chalmers by the ship Lizzie Bell, which was lost on the Taranaki coast in the year 1901. After build ng the tannery at Gen-dermid and many other buildings Mr. Leech became proprietor of the Rail-way Hotel, Port Chalmers in 1888. He remained there four years, and then removed to the Provincial Hotel, of which he has accuriced the freeboid. then removed to the Prov ncial Hotel, of which he has acquired the freehold. In the year 1903 he removed to West-port. During his residence in Port Chalmers Mr. Leech served for six years as a member of the Borough Council, and was for two years on the Otago Harbour Board. For ten years Mr. Leech was capta'n of the Yeart Chalmers Fire Brigade, and was years Mr. Leech was capta h of the Port Chalmers Fire Brigade, and was in 1897 e'ected president of the United Fire Brigades' Association of New Zealand. He is a Freemason and a Past Master of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge. He is also a Past Mark Master of the Zealandia Marine Mark Master of the Zealandra Markine Mark Lodge and a Past Z of the Ma-rine Royal Arch Chapter, Euglish Con-stitution, and Past Z of the Kawa-tiri Royal Arch Chapter, New Zea-land Constitution. Mr. Leech was one of the founders of the Port Chalmers Druids Lodge, and is a Past Arch mers Druids Douge, and is a rass riter Druid. He was for eight years a member of the "L" Battery Artil'ery Vo'unteers. He married the eldest daughter of the late E. C. Wood, of Naseby, Otago, and has a daughter and one son and one son.

LICENSING COMMITTEES.

in March On the second Thursday

Hotekeepers who have felt the tax of the h gh prices that potatoes have been fetching for some time back will be interested in the figures of the Government biologist, Mr. Kirk, who states that potato growers suffered most ser ous losses during the past season. The area under potatoes in 1903-4 was 31,778 acres; in 1904-5 it was 26.331 acres, showing a decrease of 5447 acres. Disease has reduced the yield by fully two tons per acre, which equals 52,662 tons, which at on'y £3 per ton means a direct loss of £157,986.

People who desire to live to an old age will be interested to learn that according to Dr. Andrew Wilson, the healthiest homes in England are H's Majesty's prisons. If all could live under such severely stringent regulations each might attain the age of 100.

MR. DAVID LEECH, Proprietor Grand Hotel, Westport.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Jackman who is selling out of the Wa'pa Hotel at Ngaruawahia, will soon find another hotel to suit him. Gaining valuable exper ence as chief steward for some years in the Northern Company. Mr. Jackman, ably assisted by his wife, know; how to cater for the public in a proper manner, and is of the sort of hotelkeeper that the public and the trade appreciate.

The first hotel in New South Wales to be called upon to pay the max'mum iconse fee of £100 a year is the Grand Contral, York-street, Sydney. the rental of which was assessed at £3000 a year, which carried the maximum fee.

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A man addicted to drinking too much l quor who, being admonished by Dr. Laude Brunton, replied, "You good people have a great deal to say about my drink, but have nothing to say about my thirst."

The moisture of the atmosphere in Panama runed ten milion pounds worth of the machinery used by the original company.

Mrs. Isabel'a Glenn, of the Hotel Metropole at St. C'air, Dunedin, was ast week fined £35 and costs, in the Dunedin Magistrate's Court, for sly grog seling. The Metropole was at one time a publichouse, but since the reduction vote of three years since has been run as a private boardinghouse

the Licensing Committee election takes place. This election is triennial and place. This election is triennial and follows the Parlamentary election and local option poll, which takes place in December. For elective purposes in March the same roll of voters as used in December is brought into requisi-tion. By the '95 Act it was unnecessary to elect a committee in any district where prohibition obtained, but a section of last year's Amendment Act repeals this proviso, and it would appear that a Licensing Committee will have to be elected even though prohib tion is carried. Of the districts in which Aucklanders are part'cularly interested Manukau appears at present to be the only one in which much stir will be made. In all others, notab'y the City, the present commit-tees have carried out their dut es faithfully and we'l, and it is antici-pated little or no change w'll be effected in the personnel.

A DRINK ON THE ROAD.

In the Te Awamutu Court last week man named Edward Leralle was charged with the offence of supp ying a prohibited person with quor. Harry Rae, the prohibited person, met the accused on the road, and the latter, unfortunately for himself, gave Rae a drink from a bottle of beer. Constable McPhee, for the prosecu-t on, gave ev dence that Rae was knocking about the township for some days, more or less drunk. Unfortunately there were some people who were contemptible enough to carry i-ouor to prohibited people. Mr. quor to prohibited people. Mr. Northeroft, S.M., said that the same th ng occurred in other places, and fined the accused £3 and 7s costs.

NOT FOR DRINKS.

Last week it was reported that Mr. Fiorance, S.M., had given a decision to the effect that billiards was a game of chance. This was on the occas on when the licensees of two hotels at Kawakawa were charged with an of-Kawakawa were charged with the fence under the Licensing Act for per-mitting bill ards to be played on their premises for drinks. One of the alpremises for drinks. One of the al-leged offenders was fined, and in the other case an adjournment was granted to allow of the hearing of an appeal by the mulcted licensee. A Whanga-rei news item now states that Mr. news item now states that Mr. Florance did not rue that billiards was a game of chance, or that it was illegal to play it for the price of the table. His ruling was that to p ay the game for drinks was contrary to ેaw.

MAORI WOMAN AND THE J.P.

An unusual case was heard by Mr. Northcroft, S.M., at the monthly sit-ting, held last week, of the Magis-trate's Court at Te Awamutu. L. Larsen, a J.P., res ding at Hangitiki, in the King Country, was charged on the information of Constable McPhee with supplying two native women with The accused pleaded guilty. beer. From the evidence it appears that the two women were working at the Te Awamutu flaxmill, where they met the accused, who gave them some beer, and also made certain improper over-tures to them. As the ladies were not taking any beer they handed it over to Constable McPhee, who was

informed of what had taken place. The well-worn excuse of being under the influence was rung up by the accused, who said he d d not know what he was doing at the time. He hed the position of a justice of the peace, but now intended, owing to the beer bus ness, to resign from the position. Mr. Northeroft said that the position which the accused held made the -of-fence much more ser ous. He was p eased to hear that the Maori women had refused to be led away, and had taken the beer to the poice. Unless the accused handed in h s resignation as a justice of the peace to the clerk of the Court, he (Mr. Northcroft) would report the mat er to the pro-per quarter. Accused was fined the full penalty of £10, and costs £2 9s.

NEW HOTEL FUR ALLOGUNUL

In the township of Mangonui, Bay of Islands, a new hotel is being erected. The new build ng, to which the icense of the present house will be transferred, will be a good spacious hotel, containing 40 bedrooms. In-tended 'argely to deal with the tour st traffic of the district, the new house is being erected on the foreshore, close to the wharf. From a tourist's point of view the local Acc matisation Society is making every endeavour to add to the attractions of the district, and are stocking the r ver with rainhow trout, and in the autumn a con-signment of three red deer from Wellington will be liberated.

A WELLINGTON CHANGE.

Mr. G. Anyon, of the Al Hotel, Lambton Quay, Wellington, has sold out hs interest in that house to Mr. F. Smith, who is well known in hotelkeeping circles as formerly licensee of the Park Hote', Newtown. Mr. and Mrs. Anyon have booked passages for Sydney by the Maheno, leaving Wel-lington on the 21st inst. At Sydney they join the Omrah, leaving there for Naples on the 7th prox. From Naples they proceed to London, via Paris. They will probably make the round trip in about nine months.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS COATES.

The large circle of friends of Mr. Coates received quite a shock when it was reported last week that his end

had come to him sudden'y in the Waitemata Hotel. He had been un-Waitemata Hotel. He had been un-der treatment at the hospital for heart troub e, leaving that inst tution about a fortnight ago. When he went to the hotel again he complained of feeling unwell, and stated he did not think he would live much longer. He made up h s books in the evening, and when his work was fin shed he went out to catch a Newmarket car. He sudden'y fainted and was carried into the bo e by the proprietor, Mr. Endean, but died shortly after. An inquest s unnecessary, as the cause of death has been certified to by the doctor who attended him. Deceased was book-keeping for Messrs. R. and W. Hel'aby for a number of years, and was also employed by various other firms. For the past nineteen years he had kept the books at the Waitemata Hotel. He was 65 years of age, and leaves a wife and three ch ldren. The flar at the Waitemata Hotel was haf masted as a mark of respect to the deceased, who was held in high e teem by his employer and the general public.

AT INVERCARGILL.

The hearing of the pet tion to in-validate the local option poll began last week. Messrs. Hoskins, Sims, and Hall, and Miss Benjamin appear-ed for the petit oners, and Messrs. Adams and McAlister for the respon-Cents.

ire sitting was occupied almost entire y with the opening address of Mr. Hosking, the 'eading counsel for the pet tioners, against the validity of the poll. The principal point raised by him was that certa n votes allowed in the recount were informal as far as they related to any particular pro-posal, but that being legally votes re-covered by voters, they should be counted into the total number of votes recorded. He also raised the point that absent voters, except seamen, were not entitled to record their votes on the licensing issue. Counsel re-lied mainly on the decision of Dr. McArthur, S.M., in the Newtown

Some evidence was taken. A scruing officer refused h m voting papers. Some peculiar manipulation of papers was disclosed. One voter had turned

the paper over and marked his erasures over lines on the other side. Another wrote "for the colony," in addition to the erasure. One very deaf man was refused voting papers though on the roll, and able to read written questions if put to him.

Evidence was g ven that at certain booths persons outside stopped voters, asked their names, and gave them their numbers. The returning offi-cer, when spoken to, said it faci. tated voting. The witnesses regarded this as a reasonable explanation.

Mr. Adams, for the respondents, contended that absence of the official stamp from vot ng papers did not in-validate them. With regard to dual voting eight of the persons concerned had the right to vote, while of two others one must be valid.

The Bench of Magistrates then dee ded to make a scrutiny of the chal-lenge votes, and this occupied about two hours.

On resuming. Mr. Hosking, for the petitioners, submitted, with regard to three unsealed permits, that these should be disal owed, as the seal was the only test of authority when the paper came from a distance. One voter had recorded his local option vote on the back of the paper, and that should be d sallowed, so also that should three signed papers and two bearing remarks.

Mr. Adams said that if all the votes referred to were disallowed by the Bench no-icense would still have a seven and two-fifths majority. Mr. Hosking said the Bench had not

vet dec'ded the point whether infor-mal votes were to be added to the number of votes recorded.

Mr. Adams contended that votes adjudged informal were absolutely voided. and could not be galvanised into l'fe for any purpose.

In the case of the deaf man, who, it was alleged, was refused voting papers, it was shown that he refused to answer written questions, and that he left the booth in a dudgeon. ·Не was not put out, as was alleged.

Counsel then addressed the Court Counsel then addressed the Court on the local opt on inquiry, Mr. Adams, for the no-license party, speaking for over an hour, contended that. even admitting that the Court disallowed the votes scrutinised, the respondents must succeed if the Court agreed with his contention that ab-

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sent voters' permits and unsealed papers should not be treated as suggested by the petitioners-i.e., added to the total votes recorded. Judgment was reserved.

A LICENSE ENDORSED.

The licensee of the Fitzroy Hotel, George Taylor, was charged at the Police Court last week, before Mr. Kettle, S.M., with selling liquor on his premises on December 25 last (Christmas Day) within prohibited hours. Mr. S. Mays, on behalf of the Crown Prosecutor, prosecuted, and Mr. McVeigh appeared for the defendant, who pleaded guilty. Mr. McVeigh pleaded for the

Bench to take a lenient view of the case, as the offence was committed on Christmas Day, and not on a Sunday. There was a sort of religious sentiment attaching to an offence committed on Sunday. He asked that the license should not be endorsed.

In reply to Mr. Keitle, Mr. Mc-Veigh said the defendant did not wish to give evidence to plead any extenu-

ating circumstances. Mr. Kettle said it did not matter whether the offence took place on a Sunday, after ten o clock on a week night, or at any other time. There was no justification for the offence. The defendant declined to go into the box to give evidence to explain the circumstances, and he (Mr. Kettle) took the refusal to mean that he was not in a position to advance evidence. In these cases he always liked hotelkeepers to go into the witness-box and say if there were any extenuating circumstances. The fact of the offence having been committed on Christmas Day was no more extenuat-ing than if it had taken place on any The defendant had also other day. declined to state this was an isolated Mr. Kettle concluded: "It is case. only fair to the other hotelkeepers who keep the licensing laws that offences of this kind should be severely dealt with. In businesses of this kind it is grossly unfair to other hotelkeepers who try to keep the law that defendant should make money behind their backs by carrying on the trade when others have their bars closed." The defendant was fined £5 and costs, and the license was ordered to be endorsed.

A second case against Taylor for supplying liquor to David John Silvester, also on Christmas Day, was withdrawn.

TEETOTAL DRINKS.

According to the "Wine and Spirit Trade Record" several distinguished Paris doctors have been writing n recent issues of "L'Eevenment" upon recent issues of "L'Evenment" upon the folly of those members of the pub-lic who, by an inordinate use of tee-total drink, "thin their b ood and de-bilitate their stomachs." Dr. Mer-cier-Lebon, in particular, points out that append citis is by statistics shown to be far more preva ent among teetotallers than among moderate users of alcohol, probably on account of the weakening of the appendix by exces-sive mineralisation. "We of the old school," continues Dr. Mercier-Lebon, "dr nk our bott e of Medoc when dining, with the result that we are gay and well, free from appendicitis, and are esteemed, I believe, by the ladies far more h ghly than are the decadent young men of to-day."

A MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Capetown correspondent of the London "Licensed Victuallers' Ga-zette," writing to that paper, says:— "And here is a nice curiosity from the News of the Day coumn of the Cape 'Times,' November 2nd. I put dashes in the place of proper names, for there is evidently some mistake, and Exeter Hall may 'Restez tranequille': —'A missionary meeting of a somewhat unique character will take p'ace in the —— Street Wesleyan Church this evening at 7.30. S ster -, deaconess of the church, has arranged for several young ladies from the Metropolitan Church to appear in native costume, and give speeches and songs. Mrs. — will take the char. A co² lection will be made in aid of the missionary society.' No doubt 't was all right—there was only a little mistake-perhaps it was the fau't of the printer's dev l! But all the same, I personally conducted the boys to their evening classes to make sure all was safe."

LETTERS FROM PEOPLE CURED OF RHEUMATISM, GOUT, LUM-BAGO, AND SCIATICA.

From Miss Emily Woodhouse, 109, William Street, Sydney, N.S.W., 11th April, 1504. "I had subered from rheumatism and sciatica for several years, and had tried many remedies, also a trip to the hot Lakes of new Zealand. The actor fact fine temporary relief, but after settling down in Sydney, the old complaint recurred, so 1 gave Warner's Sale Cure a trial for some time, and can now confidently state that 1 have not had the slightest sign of the pain-ful trouble from which. I subered so long. I am pleased to state this for the benefit of others who may suffer as I did."

rom Mr F. L Scager, Waratah Street, Darlinghurst, N.S.W., 17th February, From 1904.

1904. "About six years ago I had an attack of lumbago, so severe that I could not walk for nine weeks. I tried many medi-cines, porous plasters, and electric bat-teries, without material relief. My doctor could do nothing for me. Hearing so much about Warner's Safe Cure I decided to try it. After taking the first hottle I felt greatly relieved, and started to walk again, and after taking eight bottles J was completely cured. I have not suffered in any way since, and strongly recompend Warner's Safe Cure to anyone efflicted with a similar complaint. I consider the medi-cine invaluable."

From Mr John Spencer, 871, Parramatta Road, Leichhardt, N.S.W., 6th February, 1904.

"Some eight years ago I commenced to "Some eight years ago I commenced to suffer from rheumatism and indigestion, a up to about two years ago obtained no re-lief from doctors nor any medicine taken. Having read a pamphlet containing many testimonials of cures by Warner's Safe Cure, I decided to try that medicine myself, and after taking five or six hottles, and following the directions given, I was a new man. I have not suffered in any form since."

From Mr William Pollock McAuslan. Russell Place, North Williamstown, Vic.

Russell Place, North Williamstown, Vic. "Some eight years ago I was laid up with a very persistent attack of rheuma-tism, and although I was under the can a leading medical man, at the end of four or five months, instead of getting better. I was growing gradually worse, and in the doctor's own words 'would never make any permanent improvement." Fearing that his words might come true, I refused to take his medicine any longer, and, as a last hope gave Warner's Safe Cure and Warner's Safe Rheumatic Cure a trial. From the taking of the first dose I could see home ahead, and in a very little while all pain had left me, and I never had the slightest sign of any relapse until my complete re-coverv seven weeks later. The doctor's words, thanks to Warner's medicines, have rot been verified, as from that dev. years ago. to this. I have not had the slightest." From Mr George Wedlock (The Sandhurst

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From Mr George Wedlock (The Sandhurst Samson). Milhurn's Coff e Palace. Ben-digo, Vic., 4th Sentember. 1903
'' About two vears ago I was prostrated with sciatica, and suffered excructating pain in my legs, more especially in my knee joints. I have always been a strong, active man, and did not like the idea of having to lay up, as I was advised by a physi-cian, so I tried various advertised remedies, but with no real benefit. At this time Warner's Safe Cure was brought under notice and I began to take it. I took tw bottles of the Safe Cure and a vial of Warner's Safe Pills, when all pain in m legs left me, and I was able to get about as actively as ever. I am well known having exhibited my great nower and strength to numerous andiences throughout the Australian States.''

From Mrs Nellie Davidson, 32, Keig Street, Newtown, N.S.W., 16th February, 1903. "When living in Boggabri, about eighteen

"When living in Boggabri, about eighteen months ago, I was laid up for nearly the whole winter with rheumatism, and could not obtain any relief from any of the several medicines I took. One day I saw a pamphlet, issued by you, in which was de-scribed a case similar to my own, and I decided to try whether Warner's Safe Cure would also benefit me. I took three bottles of the medicine and am very glad to say that I was completely cured and could go about my work cheerfully. I have not felt the slightest symptom of the raturn of any rheumatic pain since that time."

The what is an investigation of the share of any rheumatic pain since that time." From Mrs S. A. Slater, 651, Harris Street, Ultimo, Sydney, N.S.W. "About eight years ago I was a great sufferer from rheumatism, often having to take to my bed for three or four weeks at a time. I tried all kinds of medicines with-out getting any better, and, at last gave up all hope of ever getting well. Several of my friends recommended me to take Warner's Safe Cure, but I was so sick and tired of taking different medicines, that for some time I refused to follow the ac I gave in at length, and now I am glad to say that I am entirely free from my old complaint, and have not had a touch of it for about seven years, thanks to Warner's Safe Cure."

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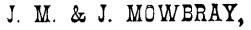
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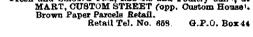


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QUANT HOTEL LETTERHEADS.

Mr. W. F. Wolfe, proprietor of the Ho.e. Wolfe, Carmi, 111., says the Boston "Hole. World," seems to use d fierent letterheads for different days n the week, just as he does bils of fare. On one of h s lette heads you rend :

"Could be worse; there are bigger hotels ihan mine, but remember radium is worth more than coa .

On another sheet we find the following. which, though not new, is st l. timely, considering the wether: -

"As a rule, man's a foo !

When it's hot he wants it cool, When t's cool he wants it hot,

Ne'er content with what he's got, A'ways wanting what is not,"

I ma'n'ain that as a m'e, man's a fool.

On stil another e terhead appears the following, which s an appropriation (somewhat modified) token from one of the great say ngs of Abraham Lincoln:---

"We can please all of the peope some of the time, and some of the peo-ple all the time; bu: we can't please al the reople all the t me."

Still another :-

"In Heaven there are no kickers. In he'l there is none e'se. That is the difference between Heaven and He'l."

AN (LD "DUSE.

The "London Apprentice" on the riverside at Is eworth, said to be the oldest hostelry extant on the river, has 'ato'y been given into the hands of the builders, who will transform it into a modern hotel. Existing records show that the house is quite 500 years od, and its name carries one back to the t me when the apprentices of the numerous city companies rowed up stream in their gaily bedecked barges, and anded at the o'd house. Until 1739 it was kept open all night for the express accommodation of parties traveling up the Thames, and on many occasions King Henry VIII. landed to partake of its hospitality. Charles II., No'l Gwynne. and Lady Jane Grey, too. were among the cele-brit es who have been sheltered by its wa ls.

TAVERNS.

The Tasman an "Licensed Victual-

lers' Gazette'' says:-In rep'y to "Puzzled," we think the following excerpt from the Lon-don "Licensing World" will give him, as ndeed others, some interesting in formation concerning old English

who were not housekeepers, being what would now be called restaurants, with a club connection carried on in They were a necessity, the even ngs. They were a necessity, for most wives worked at the mil's or spinning at home, for equally long hours as their husbands; whist even children of tender age spent many hours assisting to increase the family Hence it was that only 'Pot Wa'lopers,' or those who cooked their own food, had a vote in return-ing members of Parliament for the earnings. This custom led to strange borough. This custom led to strange sights a little before each election. To qualify themselves for voting many made fires, upon which they cooked

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their food, in the streets-rounds of beef, rabbits, birds of every kind, from a geose to a lark, turned on sp ts -and iastening up their bedroom doors, entered these chambers by the windows, using adders where neces-

sary. lawyers, the aldermen and the wealthy trade men, the smal proprietor and the farmer, met at their respective taverns to take the r friendly glassor rather bot:le, for these were days of one. two, three, and many bott e men-and talk over the news of the day

The gentry to the 'King's Head,' The nobles to the 'Crown,' The knights unto the 'Golden

The knights unto the Fleece,'

And to the 'Pough' the clown; The cler'c to the 'Mitre,' The shepherds to their 'Star,'

The gardener hies him to the 'Rose,'

To the 'Drum' the man of Mars,

wh ch gave rise to such sayings as 'B'rds of a feather flock together,' A man is known by his company. Mo + of the inns had been the large private residences of the wealthy men, when few towns in England were so mpor ant as Taunton-when 'open house' was the rule, not an excep-Their long fronts, overtiona day. harding tiled roofs, and square court-yards gave proof of the candid, argebearted, and open-handed hospitality which would sweeten every hour the trave''er would pass there n. There he could be a monarch, having subjects willing to obey his every wish, an armchair for his throne, a poker his sceptre,' a parlour sweetened with burning logs, and 'a place of slum-ber and of dreams' redorent with lavender—so called, it wil be remem-bered, from being the flower laid be-tween newly-washed linen—as h's em-pire."

HOW HE LOST £18,000.

It was at a North Sydney hotel late on Cup n ght.

"'Scuse me, gents," broke in a redclay-faced vagabond, as Biggs and I l.f.ed two ong-s.eevers to our lips. "Fact is, I'm darned well 'shamed of mese f. I'd like to ask yer to have a drink with me, but I can't. I'm clean broke. Done out of £18,000, gentlemen, true as death!" and the tears shone n his beary eyes. "Clear out of this!" roughly inter-

rupted the landlord, and he kicked the luckless one out of the bar. We've "That same old yarn again. had nothing else for five hours!"

Feeding interested, we called the ejected one back, and prayed permis-

s on for his story. "Well, gents," he began, "last night I got seven dead birds for Cup Day, and as I couldn't get off work to-day (here there was a laugh of derision in the bar), I gives a bob to old Sam Wa ker to put on Florin for the first race, and, if Florin won, to plank the 'ole winnin's on Billingsgate, and Ter put it so on for the seven races. plain, he was ter keep playin' the w nnin's up! By cripes, gents, but the

lot come off. I backed the card !" "And what do you think Sam brings me back? A dirty 50 bob! The old fool only put on a bob of each of the winn'n's! "It knocked me silly, as I thought

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at least I'd 'ave won_50 quid. I ain't much at figurin', so I goes over to the grocer; he works it out at over £18,000. I lost me block, and chucked the 'ole d-n lot I'd won away on the road, and when I come to my senses, what do you think? I couldn't get a tanner back from the rotten push who picked t up! If yer don't beieve me, 'ere it is on paper!"

Sure enough we read :-- 1s on Flor-in at 2's--3s; 3s on Bilingsgate at 7's-£3 2's-9s; 9s Port Arthur at 12s; this on Blue Spec at 10's-£39 12s; th s on Bosun at 8's-£356 8s; th s on Newmarket at 12's-£4633 4s; this on Disaster at 3's-£18,532 16s.

"But that 18,000 quids would buy all the b'oomin' bookies, sous and bodies!" ch'pped n an astonished and sympathetic Shoreman. "Why a'l the books th's side of the harbour cou dn't rake up that pile of stuff between 'em if they 'ad to sel their sh rts! Cheer up, o'd chap," he con-solingly added, "there's no use in cryin' over it. Ye'd never 'ave got the brass!" "Oh, but yer see," wailed the un-

fortunate one, as the tears rolled down his red o'ay visage 'ike water down a mudbank, "I won 't moral'y I won it morally!"

Biggs and I thought so, too, and as the story showed us wonderful possibilities in the matter of future p ungings, the 'uck'ess one shared drinks with us till we'd all turned out in the ear'y hours of the morning.-Tas-manian "Licensed Victual'ers' Gazette.'

BRITISH TRADE MARKS.

The British Trade Marks Act, which was passed at the end of the session, and which comes into force this year wil reg ster a new era in commercial One of the first points legislation. which arrest attention is the sensib e defin tion of a trade mark :--- " It shall mean a mark used or proposed to be used upon or in connection with goods for the purpose of indicating that they are goods of the proprietor of such trade mark by virtue of manufacture, select on, certification dealing with, or offering for sale." Hitherto it was necessary to use a trade mark on the goods. Under the trade mark on the goods. new law it may be used in connection w th goods-that is by show cards, posters on the hoardings, circulars, or by advertisements. Such pictorial embe lishments are largely employed to attract public attention and to 'ndicate various goods. The registered propr etor may be anyone practically handles the goods. Hitherto who trade marks have been held exclus vely by manufacturers and merchants. Now the buyer who selects and the expert who certifies the goods may register their brands. The Comptro ler-General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks is appointed the Registrar of Trade Marks, and in any pro-ceed ngs before him has power, with the consent of the parties, to require the attendance of witnesses, take evi-dence on referee of the Supreme Court.

HER PHOTOGRAPH.

A lady was left a large sum of money which she would lose if she married. She asked a company to issue a pol cy guaranteeing to her the

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payment of £5000 if she married. The reply was that the poicy might be issued to day and the lady might marry to-morrow, and therefore such a contract was not feasible. Be ng reluctant to refuse business, however, the company asked the lady to send her photograph. After the chairman had inspected it, he passed it round the board, remarking: "I think, gentlemen, we mght take the risk!" The policy was issued, but never became a caiim, though premiums were paid for many years.

NELSON AND THE WINE SMUGGLER.

While cruising off Cadiz, Lord Nelson's boats took a Spanish po'acre laden with wine, etc., and from which one of his seamen contrived to smuggle on board a smal, cask. While. however, he was convey ng it to his berth his lordship, observing him, called out, "What, Jack, not ask your o'd commander to have a drop; you know I'd not serve you so." Jack, who expected nothing less than a round dozen, now advanced, with an awkward bow. presented it to his lordsh p, and requested him to drink. The hero, with his usual condescen-sion, accepted it, and, calling for glasses, with his officers and the sea-man, drank "Success to the Britsh fleet" amid the repeated shouts of the remainder of his gallant followers. He then d'smissed Jack with his wine and a reprimand "Never to be so illnatured again."

COOL.

A little Ir shman, smoking a short clay pipe, entered the crowded bar of a busy hote', elbowing several cus-He took a match from tomers as de. the match-stand on the counter, and then waked out without saying a The astonished barman gazed word. after him and wondered who he was.

The very next morn ng the little Irishman walked into the same place, lit his pipe, and then made his way out again.

As he reached the door the barman called out after him:

"I say, who are you?" The Ir shman turned round and said. "You know me," then went out.

Next day, at the same time, he came again, he ped himse f to a match as usual, and lit his pipe. He was just usual, and lit his pipe. He was just walking off when the barman caught

h'm. "Who are you?" asked the barman. "Oh, you know me," replied the Irishman.

"'No, I don't," said the barman. "Who are you?" "Why," was the cool reply, "I'm the man that comes in here to light his pipe every mornin'."

"Good morrow, Mrs. Maloney. Will ye kind y give me a lend of your spade?" "Certain'y, Pat. What do you want it for?" "Mike's in the you want it for the mike's in the box and I want to dig h m out." "How far is he in?" "Up to the 'teels." "Why, then, can't ye lift him out?" "Because he's the wrong way up, faith!" .

"They have named a brand of cigars after Barker." "I should consider that qu'te com-plimentary."

"You wouldn't, if you knew the cigars."

Scene, Kimberley Railway Station. -Sandy, just arrived and looking glum, is met by a friend, when the following dialogue was overheard. "Weel. Sandy, what's the matter?" "Lost my luggage!" "How did you do that?" "The cork came out!"



HOT (Natural) SPRINGS.

THE OPIUM EVIL.

The opium-smoking, laudanum-drinking, and morphia habits have, according to Dr. Amess, medical superintendent of to Dr. Amess, medical superintendent of the Melbourne Hospital, been seriously on the increase in that city. A number of quite young fellows—clerks, young men in good positions—and respectable workmen, of matured years, take their onjum_smoka he saws as morelative as opium-smoke, he says, as regulatly as Chinamen. When their day's work is over they call in at some Chinaman's and have their six pennyworth. They argue that there is no more harm in doing this than in drinking a glass of beer. About a dozen of acute cases of morphia victims reach the hospital every morphia victims reach the hospital every year. The most ingenious devices are adopted to get the drug. Sometimes friends knowing, or believing, that a pa-tient is being deprived of it, have sent it in, concealed in letters or newspapers. On one occasion a bottle of laudanum was found enclosed in a banana skin. One man used to take enough morphia in a day to kill fifty ordinary men. When morphia victims are admitted to the hospital they are deprived of the drug altogether. Depression sets in, attended with a certain amount of heart weakness. But there are never any bad results. Many cases are admitted where persons complain of severe abdominal pains, and fancy they have developed ap-pendicitis. Investigation discloses that colic.

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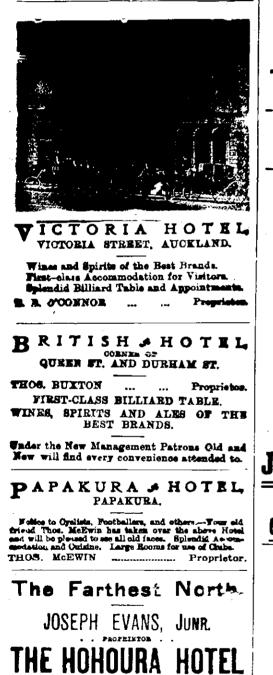
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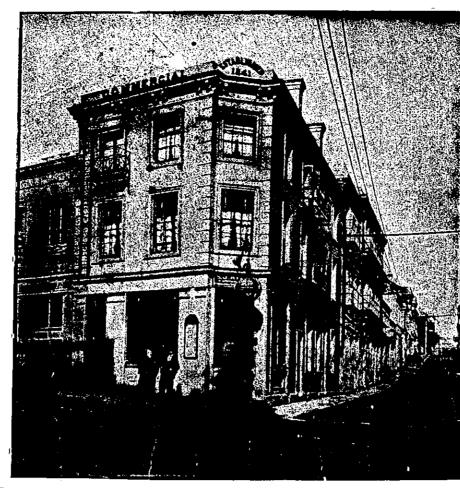
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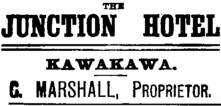
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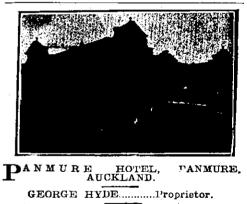
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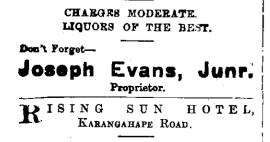








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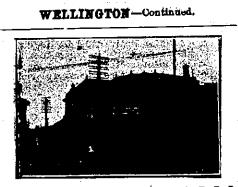
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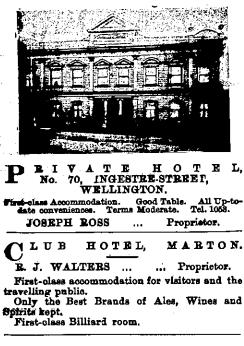
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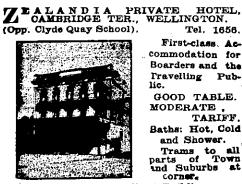
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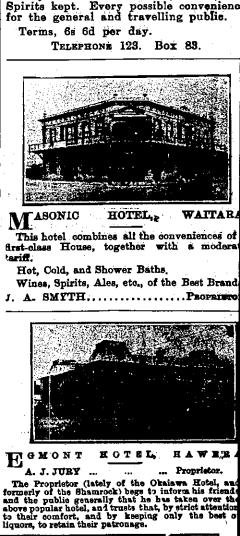
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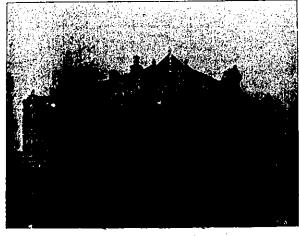
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