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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

Wanganul Jockey Club. AUTUMN MEETING. MARCH 1 and 2, 1905 FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1906, at 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS-Wanganui Cup 1 sov Wanganul Stakes Handicap 1 sov, Flying Handicap 1 sov, Stewards Handicap 1 sov, Frying Handicap 1 sov, Westmere Hurdle Race 1 sov, Fordel' Hurdle Race 1 sov, Tay-forth Handicap Hardle Race 1 sov, Okoia Handicap Hack Hurdles 1 sov, Wiritoa Hack Flat Handicap 1 sov, Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap 1 sov, Petre Weiter Handicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 1 sov, Harrison Weiter Handicap 1 sov, Farewell Handicap 1 sov. 1 507

1 sov. SATURDAY. FEBRUARY 17, 1906 (on or about). WEIGHTS for Cup. Stewards', Juvenile, Westmere Hurdle Race. Tayforth Hack Hurdles, Petre Welter, Wiritoa Hack Flat and Flying Handicaps FRIDAY. FEBRUARY 23, 1906, at 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES-Wanganui Cup 4 sovs. Stewards' Handicap 2 sovs. Juvenile Handi-cap 2 sovs. Westmere Hurdle Race 2 sovs. Tayforth Hack Hurdles 1 sov. Petre Welter Handicap 1 sov. Wiritoa Hack Flat 1 sov. Flying Handicap 3 sovs. SUBSCRIPTION-Jackson Stakes 5 sovs SATURDAY. FEBRUARY 24, 1906 (on cr

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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 2
sovs, Fordell Hurdle Race 1 sov. Okoia
Hack Hurdles 8 sovs, Harrison Weiter Handicap 1 sov, Wanganui Stakes 8 sovs. Matarawa Hack Flat 1 sov. Farewell Hundicap BOV.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULES AND REGULATIONS (To which the attention of Persons Entering Horses is particularly directed). All entries, nominations, etc., will close st the Secretary's office Wanganui, at 9 p.s. except when otherwise specified. All entries to be addressed to the Secre-tary, Wanganui Jockey Club. Wanganui, en-trance money enclosed, with the name, and at the time of entry, name of owner, pedi-gres, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui course, perform-ances of the horse. Entrance moneys go to funds of the Club. Entries by telegram must give full parti-culars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportun-ty, otherwise a fine of 1 sov may be im-posed. Owners, Trainers and others entering and occuring horses for the W C

ty, otherwise a fine of 1 sov may be im-posed. Owners, Trainers and others entering and accenting 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 are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary one half-hour hefore the offi-cial time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stakes are Paid in Full. All persons the race NZ. Bukes

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All races to be run under the of Racing. Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, will be fined 2 sove. No entry will be received under any pro-tence whatever after the hour named. F. MOFFATT. Secretary.





ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second ECTRIC HANDICAP of 100 Sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs 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 fur-loages longs.

THIRD DAY.

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1906. First race to start at 12 noon.

- MAIDEN HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of
- First race to start at 12 noon.
  MAIDEN HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Over seven hights of hurdles. For all norses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs at the time on starting. Entrance 1 sov, and accepting a later of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs; second horse 150 sovs; second horse 55 sovs; from the starting. Six furlongs.
  AUTUMN HANDICAP of 575 sovs; second horse 25 sovs from the start. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 5 sovs each, to go to the funds. One and a-half inlies.
  ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 135 sovs; second horse 10 sovs; second horse 10 sovs; second horse 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One and a-half inlies.
  MAHUTU WELTER HANDICAP of 135 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs; second horse 10 sovs; from the stake. Tore man acceptance 1 sov and acception funds. Such a start for sovs; from the stake. Tore is four the stake. The sov is four the stake. The sovs is sove the funds. The sovs is second horse to receive 15 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs; sovs ind third horse 10 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs; sovs is the funds. The sov site is the sov man acception the stake. There is the sove sove ach, to go to the funds. The sove is form the stake is sove signed third horse 1 sov and acception the stake.
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  MAHUTU WELTER HANDICAP of 135 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 8.0. One nile.
  PONY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second 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.
  BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sovs, and third horse to receive 15 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs; and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 51b penalty. Seven forlongs.
  VICTORIA HANTICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-oids. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.
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AUTUMN MEETING, 1206 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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS – Faster Handicap 1 so/. Brighton Hurdles 1 sov, St. George's Han-dicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 1 sov.

dicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 1 sov.
FRIDAY, MARCH 80 (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES-Easter Handicap 2 sovs, Brighton Hurdles 1 sov.
NOMINATIONS-Tradesmen's Handicap 1 sov, Cuslow Stakes Handicap 1 sov. Pony Handicap 1 sov, Stewards' Handicap 1 sov, Electric Handicap 1 sov, Electric Handicap 1 sov, Maiden Hurdles 1 sov, Stewards' Handicap 1 sov, Maiden Hurdles Handicap 1 sov, Criterion Handicap 1 sov, St. Helier's Hurdles 1 sov, Maudu Welter Handicap 1 sov, Criterion Handicap 1 sov, Buckland Handicap 1 sov, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, by 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Tradesmen's Handic m 1 sov, Eden Handicap 1 sov. Onslow Stav-es Handicap 1 sov, Pony Handicap 1 sov. Tramway Handicap 1 sov.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, at the post. Champagne Stakes 5 sovs. Easter Handi-ap 3 sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, by 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES-Stewards' Handican 1 sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1 sov, Autumn Hurdles 1 sov, Huia Handicap 1 sov. Pony Handicap 1 sov, St. George's Handicap ? sovs, Electric Handicap 1 sov.

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

St. George's Handlaup 2 and MONDAY, APRIL 16, by 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES-Maiden Hurdle Handi cap 1 sov. Criterion Handican 1 sov. Au-tumn Handicap 5 sovs. St. Helier's Hur-dles 1 sov. Mahutu Welter Handican 1 sov. Ponv Handican 1 sov. Buckland Handican Ales I sov. Mahutu Welter Hand Pony Handican 1 sov. Buckland 1 sov. Victoria Handican 1 sov

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Officers :-President: Dr. Earle: Vice-presi-dent, H. N. Harrison: Timekeeper, A.T. E. Nixon: Judge, W. H. Harcgill: Starter, C. H. Chavannes: Handicapper. George Morse: Ulerk of the Scales, H. M. Speed; Clerk of the Course, Ronald Cameron: Stewards. President, Vice-president, and Treasurer (Ex Officio), and Messre E. A. Campbell, D. Campion, R. Grace, A. Hig-gie, James Higgle, G. Marshall, and Jas. Watt; Hon, Treasurer, J. H. Nixon.

#### FIRST DAY.

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  Watt; Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Nixon.
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  THURSDAY. MARCHI I. 1906.
  12 noon.—STEWARDS' HANDLOAP, of 150 sovs, incendent dorse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs, from the stakes. The winner of any hat race under the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights, to carry 310 extra. 100 sovs, incendent, 250 sovs or over, 100 extra upenalities not accumulative). Nonination, 1 sov: acceptance. 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.
  12.45 p.m.—JUVENILE HANDICAP, of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs. Sibe stra: 6 and three-year-ois. The strakes for two and three-year-ois. Interface of 100 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 310 extra. (200 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 310 extra (200 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 310 extra (200 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 71b extra. 250 sovs on lative). Nomination, 1 sov: acceptance, 200 p.m.—WESTMERCE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Over eight flipts of burdles, 3ft 6in in height. The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 71b extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, 1 sov; alter declaration of second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Over seven fliphts of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 71b extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. ACCP, of 700 sovs; second horse to fave soven fliphts of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. The winner of any hurdle race of the value of 100 sovs is form the stakes. In the over soven fliphts of hurdles 3ft for an height. The winner of any hurdle race of the declaration of weights, to earry 71b extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. ACP, of 700 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs is cond horse to receive 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 100 sovs is second hors

#### SECOND DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1906.

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horse 5 sovs, from the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov: acceptance.
1 sov. Distance, 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 "Weight for acc. with penalties and upwards Weight for acc. with penalties and upwards winners after 1st August, 1905, of any race or races collectively of 250 sovs to carry 5b, 500 sovs 7b, 750 sovs 10b and 1000 sovs 12b extra: maiden two-year-olds allowed 3lb, three-year-olds and upwards. The sov of struct out on or before Monday. September 25th, 1905, at 9 p.m. or 2 sovs if struct out on or before Friday. November 3rd, 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 127, nominations. Distance six furlongs.
2.30 p.m.—OKOIA HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of 100 sovs: second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Winimum weight, 8st. The winner of Autumn Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov Distance, 3 sovs. Distance one mile.
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4 om.—WANGANUI STAKES HANDI-CAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. The winner of Autumn Handicap this day to carry a penalty of 7lb Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.
4 om.—WANGANUI STAKES HANDI-CAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs. Distance one and a-half miles.
4 AS D.m.—MATARAWA HACK RACE HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs.

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President: Hon. E. Mitchelson. Vice-Presi-dent: Mr H. T. Gorrie. Stewards: Hon. Seymour Thorne George, Mr A M. Myers, Mr D. W. Duthie, Mr W. C. Somers, Mr F. Earl, Mr G. W. S. Patterson, Mr T. J Sinclair, Mr M. McLean. Committee: Hon. E. Mitchelson, Mr S. Bradley, Mr Richard Duder, Mr H. T. Gorrie, Mr A. Hanna, Mr W Davies Mr M. McLean, Mr W. Mc Laughlin, Mr N. A. Nathan, Mr H. O. Nolan, Mr G. W. S. Patterson, Mr F. Earl. Judge: Mr R. B. Lusk. Hon. Trea-surer: Mr H. T. Gorrie. Starter: Mr C. O'Connor. Clerk of Scales: Mr A. Selby. Auditors: Messrs McCutcheon and Butler. Handicapper: M: J. O. Evett.

#### FIRST DAY.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1906.

Mirst race to start at 12 noon TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 100 sovs; ADESMEN'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-ouerter miles quarter miles.

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NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and thirl horse 25 sovs from the stake Colts, 8.10; nilles, 8.8; and geldings, 8.7. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, ucless forfeits are declared as follows:--if struck out by the first Friday in February. 1905, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February. 1906, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.
EASTER HANDICAP of 575 sovs; second

stake. Six furlongs.
EASTER HANDICAP of 575 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 3 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 3ib; of 150 sova 7ib; of 800 sovs, 101b penalty. One mile. mile.

**BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov. 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. Over eight flights of hurdles. 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 stake. 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 51b peralty. Seven furlongs.
EDEN STAKES 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. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 51b peralty. Seven furlongs.
ENSLOW STAKES HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 150 sovs or races of the collective value 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, and acceptance 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-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 51a (4n-alty, Five furlongs.

## EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon

ance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.
ELLERS.LE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.
THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS, 1906, of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and thir1 horse 25 sovs from the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8.10. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on first Friday in December, 1905, 1 sov forfeit: if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1906, 2 sovs

SECOND DAY.

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.

first Friday in February, 1906. 2 sovs forfeit. If left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. One and a-half

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J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

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## S TRATFORD RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING,

To be held on Stratford Racecourse on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, March 14th and 15th, 1906.

#### ABRIDGED PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY-WED., MARCH 14.

- FIRST DAX-WED., MARCH 14.
  1. 12 noon-TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP, of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 8st 7ib. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
  2. 12.45. p.m.-BOROUGH STAKES, of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of 15sovs at the time of start. Weights for two-year-olds, 7st 7ib: three-year-olds, 8st; four-Weights for two-year-olds, 7st 7lb; three-year-olds, 8st; four-year-olds and upwards, 8st 7lb. Entrance 20s. Four furlongs and a-half.
  - a-nair. 30 p.m.—STRATFORD CUP HAN-DICAP (Open), of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. No-mination 20s. Acceptance 50s. 3. 1.30

- DICAP (Open), or lossovs, second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 50s. Nine furlongs.
  4. 2.15 p.m.—MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. One mile.
  5. 3 p.m.—OHURA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse fo receive 10sovs from the stake. Winner of any hurdle race or races after declaration of weights to carry 101b penalty. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 25s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft 6in batten hurdles.
  6. 3.45 p.m.—FARMERS' PLATE of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses four-year-old and upwards that are not nominated for any other race at this meeting (Toko Welter Handicap, Cardiff Stakes, and Ladies' Purse excepted), and have never started in any race (Farmers' Plates excepted, and winners of those barred). Welter weight for age. Gentlemen riders. A trophy of the value of 10sovs will be presented to the rider of the winner. Entrance 20s. One mile.
  7. 4.15 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP (Open), of 90sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
- furlongs. p.m.—RAILWAY HACK HANDI-CAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. No-mination 15s. Acceptance 25s. Siv furlongs. 8. 5

SECOND DAY-THURS., MARCH 15.

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  1. 12 noon—TOKO WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 8st. No-mination 15s. Acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
  2. 12.30 p.m.—NGAIRE HACK HANDI-CAP of 50sovs; second horse to re-ceive 5sovs from the stake. Nomi-nation 15s. Acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
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- nation 15s. Acceptance 20s. Six furlongs. L15 p.m.—ST. PATRICK'S HANDI-CAP (Open), of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Accept-ance 40s. One mile. p.m.—MAKURI HURDLE HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 15s. Accept-ance 25s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft 6in batten hurdles. 4. 2 hurdles. 5. 2.45 p.m.—CARDIFF STAKES of 30
- 4.45 p.m.—CARDIFF STAKES of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time ef start. Weight 8st. Winner of any race to carry 9st. Entrance 20s. Four furlongs and a-half. 30 p.m.—COUNTY HACK HANDI-CAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. One mile.
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- mination 20s. Acceptance 30s. One mile.
  4.15 p.m.—LADIES' PURSE HACK HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the value of 35sovs at the time of entry. Minimum weight 10st. Gentlemen riders. A trophy of the value of 10sovs will be presented to the rider of the winner. Nomination 10s. Acceptance 10s. Seven furlongs. longs.
- longs. 45 p.m.—FINAL HANDICAP (Open), of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s.

ACCEPTANCES ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Events, and ENTRIES for Borough Stakes, Farmers' Plate, and Cardiff Stakes close on TUESDAY, March 6th, 1906. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Events close at 9 p.m. on WEDNES-DAY, March 14th, 1906. For full programme see "Referee"

For full programme see "Referee" January 17th. J. R. MACKAY, Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki Metropoli-tan Club this 25th day of November, 1905.—Mussell Fleetwood, Secretary.

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REGISTERED UNDER AUCKLAND RACING CLUB AND NEW ZEA-LAND RACING CONFERENCE.

AUTUMN MEETING,

SATURDAY, MARCH 24th, 1906.

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  MAIDEN PLATE of 30sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For three-year-olds and upwards who have not won a race of the value of 25 sovs at the time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
  HURDLE RACE of 40sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over 7 flights hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.
  AUTUMN STAKES of 50sovs, second horse to receive 7sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.
  PONY RACE of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs, second horse, six furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
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- DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

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REGULATIONS.

REGULATIONS. All Stakes Paid in Full. Owners responsible for all penalties. Penalties not cumulative unless otherwise stated. All Entries to be sealed and ad-dressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames, or to Mr. H. B. Massey, 10, High-street, Auckland. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedi-gree, name of owner, and colours of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea. All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final. In no case will tickets of admission

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penalty of 101b. acceptance 20s. Nomination 15s.

- 2. 12.10 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; distance % of a mile. Nomination 15s, ac-ceptance 25s. 3. 12.40 p.m.-FARMERS' PLATE
- 12.40 p.m.—FARMERS' PLATE of 40sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; distance 1 mile. Entries 30s on general entry night. For all horses that have never started for any other race (Farmers' Plates excepted, and winners of those barred); wel-ter weight for age; open to all horses trained in and the bona-fide property of residents within the boundaries of the Patea, Hawera, and Stratford counties for three months prior to the date of startof months prior to the date of starting.
- nng. p.m.-PATEA EASTER HANDI-CAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes; distance 1¼ miles. Nomi-nation 20s, acceptance 40s. 4. 1

- Stakes; distance 1¼ miles. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s.
  5. 2.20 p.m.—KAKARAMEA STAKES of 40sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; distance about 4½ furlongs; weight 8st; winner of any race to carry 14lb extra. Entrance 30s, on general entry night.
  6. 3 p.m.—BOROUGH STAKES HANDUCAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; distance 7 furlongs. Nomination 15s, acceptance 20s.
  7. 3.40 p.m.—ALTON HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; distance one mile; minimum weight 8st 7lb. Nomination 20s, acceptance 25s.
  8. 4.10 p.m.—FINAL HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; distance about 4½ furlongs. Open to any hack not nominated for any race at this meeting (Kakaramea Stakes and Farmers' Plate excepted, and

winners of these to carry 141b ex-tra); weight 9st. Entrance 30s, on general entry night.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS. AC-CEPTANCES AND GENERAL EN-TRIES.—Nominations up to 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 26th March, 1906; weights declared on Monday, 2nd April, 1906; acceptances and general entries up to 8 p.m. on Monday, 9th April, 1906.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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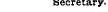
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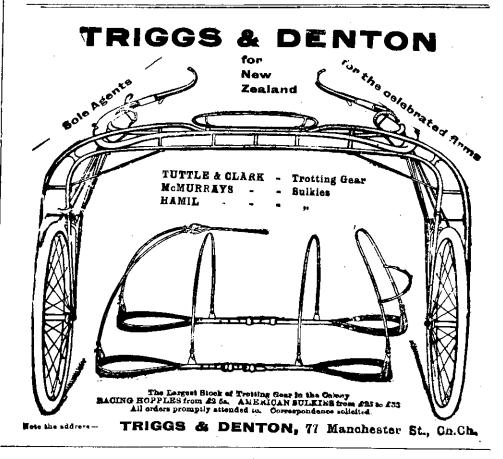
race 51b extra in all handicap flat events. 3. Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest pos-sible opportunity. 4. Owners, trainers, and others enter-ing and accepting horses for this meet-ing are notified that no entries or ac-ceptances will be received unless ac-companied by the necessary amount in cash. cash

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5. The Stewards reserve the right to alter the time or date for declaration of nominations, weights or acceptances.
6. The Handicapper may, if he thinks fit, re-handicap any horse winning a race after the declaration of weights. All races run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. Stakes paid in full. NOTE.—The Post Office closes at 5 p.m., Telegraph Office at 7.30 p.m. The Secretary will receive money for Invest-ment on the Totalisator. R. W. HAMERTON, Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki Jockey Club, 29th January, 1906, MUSSELL FLEETWOOD,

Secretary.



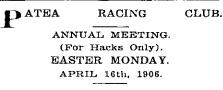




receive 1980vis Acceptance 30s. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. Six furlongs. Special Notice to Horse-owners and Trainers re Travelling Expenses.—The Stratford Club will refund to Owners or Trainers the steamer freight, on all horses attending and competing at the Meeting from the Aucknand District, or from stations south of Wanganui on the Wellington-Napier-New Ply-mouth section of railway. For further particulars apply to the Secretary. DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPT-ANCES, ETC. MATIONS for the Ohura Hurdle

ANCES, ETC. NOMINATIONS for the Ohura Hurdle Hack Handicap, Stratford Cup (Open) Handicap, Midhirst Hack Handicap, Tariki Welter Hack Handicap, Flying (Open) Handicap, Railway Hack Han-dicap, Makuri Hurdle Hack Handicap, Ngaire Hack Handicap, St. Patrick's (Open) Handicap, Toko Welter Hack Handleap, County Hack Handicap, and Final (Open) Handicap close on SAT-URDAY, 24th February, 1906, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for First Day's Races de-clared on or about SATURDAY, 3rd March, 1906; and for Second Day's events on WEDNESDAY, March 14th, at 8 p.m.

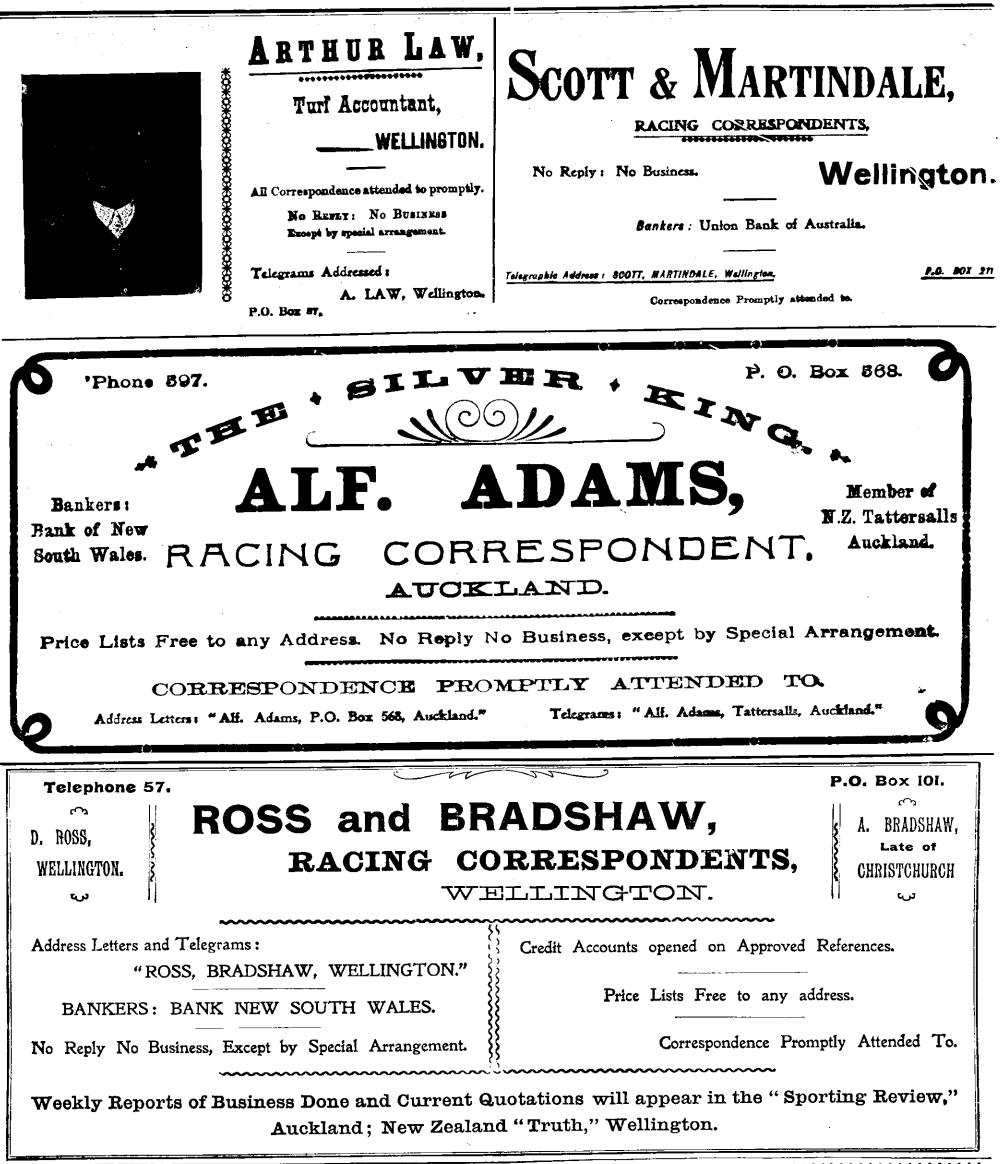


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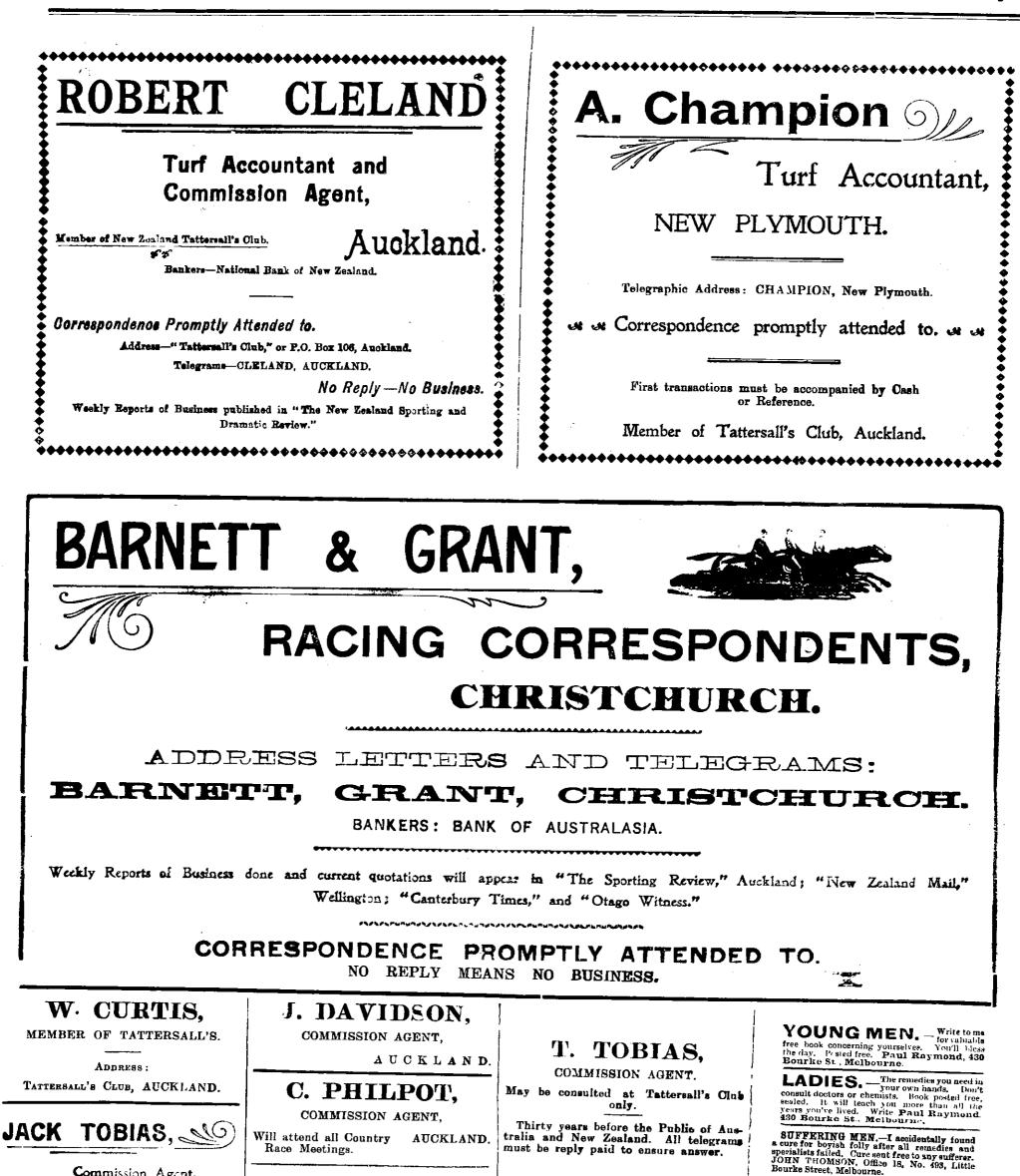
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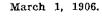




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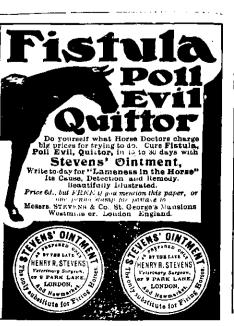
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Nomonations for the annual Hack Meeting of the Patea Racing Club, which takes place on Easter Monday, close with Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m.

Handicaps for the first day's events of the Stratford R.C. Autumn Meeting are due on March 3, and acceptances close for same with Mr. J. R. Mackay, the secretary, on Tuesday, March 6.



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fered and refused him $\mathbf{ror}$ four years previously. Ion was bred in the same year as Lanercost, was second in both the Derby and St. Leger, and was sold to the French in 1851, so he was sixteen. He got some wonderfully good stock, including Lion, winner of the French Derby, and through a daughter of his came Salvator, winner of the French Derby and Grand Prix, and thought to have been the best horse of his time. Ion was in French haras service for seven years, and in England he had got the Derby winner, Wild Dayrell, but that honour was unknown at the time of his purchase, as Ellen Middleton was in foal to him dur-ing the year he left England. Fifty others could be mentioned of good mature ages when the French agents seleected them, and it could also be shown that the older horses did very much better than the younger ones chosen.

A very great horse was Harkaway on the turf, but with the very best opportunties he was scarcely a great

success until 1850 (then sixteen). when he got King Tom. Irish Birdcatcher, a very good runner, was foaled in 1833, and lived until he was twenty-seven, his death being re-corded in 1860. Nearly all his best stud results were obtained after he was well in his teens. He got Daniel O'Rourke, his Derby winner, in 1848 (i.e., 15 years old), and Saunterer, decidedly his best stayer, in 1851, so eighteen years old. Voltaire ran second in the St. Leger in 1829; got nis first St. Leger winner, Charles XII., in 1836 (ten years old), and his second St. Leger hero, Voltigeur, in 1847 (twenty years old). Lord Lyon had his best son, Minting, when he was twenty-three; and Stockwell got Doncaster when he was twenty-one.

Diomed, winner of the first Derby, was at the stud in England from the time he was six until he was twenty-Then he was sold to the two. United States, where he got a good deal of stock, and was said to have founded the trotting breed, and reports differ as to whether he died at twenty-nine or thirty. History does not say what price was given for Dio-med, but if it was  $\pounds 1000$ , he was a far better bargain than the unknowns. all put together, when judging re-sults. The Americans have mostly gone in for tried adult horses. They bought Leamington in 1865; and he was bred in 1853. From that pur-chase they won the English Derby with Iroquois, who was got by Leam-ington when the latter was 25 years old, so really another Diomed. Aus tralia also has gone in for old seas oned horses that have done much on the turf, and something at the stud, as instanced by Tim Whiffler, The The first Marquis, and Fisherman. of these won the Chester Cup in 1862 as a three-year-old, ran a dead heat for the Ascot Cup as a four-year-old, and after Lord Coventry had used him for three or four years as a hunting sire, he was sold to an Australian gentleman in 1871, his age then being 12. The Marquis had won the St. Leger of 1862, served in England for two or three years, and got the useful mare Lady Geraldine, when the Australians bought him ,also at 12 years old. Old Fisherman had been standing in England for good eight years before he retired to the stud. Then he had a year or two at the Swancliffe Paddocks, Oxfordshire, and was shipped to the land of the Southern Cross when he was eleven.

## .. NOTES.

## (By "THE JUDGE.")

St. Peter (full brother to St. Paul) is in work at Ellerslie, and is under the care of J. Chaafe, jun.

\* Mark Ryan did not make the trip to Wanganui, and is still at headquarters.

Bookmakers are to be allowed at the Ohinemuri J.C. meeting on March 17 and 19.

\* C. Weal has proken in a very promising colt by Hotchkiss-Aleger, full brother to Quickfire, a winner at the recent Dunedin meeting.

\* The gentleman who races under the name of H. Bernard has placed Lady Farrington, half-sister to Kitchen-maid, a dual winner at the Poverty Bay meeting, under C. Weal's charge to receive her preparation.

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The New Zealand-bred mare Gladsome accounted for the Futurity Stakes on Saturday last, and started at the remunerative odds of 10 to 1. A match between this brilliant mare and the flying Machine Gun, which is reported likely to take place, would cause an immense amount of interest.

Rongoa, the winner of the three hurdle races at Dunedin, was bred by Mr. Donald McKinnon on his farm at Ohinewai.

Owing to the postponement until Wednesday of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's concluding day, Mr. C. O'Con-nor will be unable to officiate as starter, he having an engagement with the Rotorua J.C. on that day. Mr. F. Edwards will officiate in Mr. O'Connor's absence.

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At a sale of bloodstock held at Hawera last Thursday, the following were the principal prices obtained:-B f by St. Clements-Raurau, Mr. A. Alexander, 26 guineas; b g, Land o Cakes, by Lochnagar—Avenessa, Mr. J. W. Hurst, 26 guineas; b g, Bishop, by Westmere—Prioress, Mr. H. Vine, 12 guineas; b g, 4yrs, by Daystar-Irena, Mr. R. E. McRae, 16½ guineas; b f, 2yrs, by aystar—Irene, Mr. J. O'Shea, 10 guineas; b c, 2yrs, by Daystar-Bella Agnus, Mr. D. Barry, 12 guineas.

The racehorses Nightfall and chestnut filly by Finland left for Sydney on, Friday evening by the s.s. Wimmera, in charge of G. Morris. Nightfall has been purchased by Mr. G. G. Kiss, and the filly by Mr. I. Earnshaw. ×٠

The departure from New Zealand of two such high-class animals as the brother and sister, Nightfall and Noctuiform, is a matter for considerable regret, if only from a breeding point of view. So far as racing is con-cerned, however, they were of comparatively little value in this colony, as, outside of handicaps, there are very few oportunities for horses like this pair to race in this colony. In Australia it is otherwise, weight-forage races over a distance finding a place at all the leading meetings. \*

Ben Deeley left on Sunday last to fulfil an engagement to ride Melodeon in the Wanganui Cup.

The well-known jockey, F. Jones, left Lyttelton on Wednesday, and on the following day joined the Turakina, by which vessel he is now journeying to England.

A general exodus of sporting men has taken place this week, Wanganui and Rotorua each claiming their quota of patronage.

South Auckland (Hamilton) race meeting on Saturday next is always a favourite fixture with Aucklanders, and this year promises to be no exception to the rule. Given fine weather the success of the meeting is as-Most of the local horses will sured. journey there on the day of the meeting.

Bert Rae, who met with such an unfortunate accident in returning from the last South Auckland meeting, by which he lost his foot, was in the saddle at the Otahuhu Trotting Meeting on Wednesday last, when he rode Valma in the Suburban Pony Handicap.

The racecourse "burglar" is a person who may be variously described, but the robbery reported from a club in West Australia recently was evirpetrated of the mon order of midnight thieves. The Helena Vale meeting took place on Saturday, and a lot of money, about  $\pounds 450$ , was locked up where it was supposed to be safe. This proved a delusion, for the money was stolen, and the club is so much poorer. It is a long time since anything of the kind was reported. The loss will absorb the profits of racing temporarily, and coming on the top of recent reductions of dates will be considered very bad luck. Speaking of Helena Vale reminds me (says "Um-pire") that there was a "scene" there on Saturday. The winning performance of Gerardy, owned by Mr. Connelly, was deemed so inconsistent that the crowd rioted, and made a demonstration which one correspondent says "beggared description." Two items like these within twenty-four hours seem rather rough on the proprietors of Helena Vale.

Lady Clements, 3yrs, by St. Clements--Maria, has been purchased by Mr. W. A. Scott, and is now in her new quarters at Mangere.

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٠ At Messrs. A. Buckland and Sons' saleyards on Friday last the pony Inspiration, by Freedom — Happy Thought, was knocked down to Mr. W. Turner at 65 guineas.

Humphrey O'Leary, who was found drowned in the Waipoua River, near Masterton, on Wednesday last, was a well-known hurdle rider, and had for the past seven years been employed by Mr. James Cress. He was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, and was generally liked by all those who knew him. At the inquest a verdict was returned that deceased was found drowned, but there was no evidence to show how he got in the river. The funeral took place on Friday, and was largely attended.

March is a favourite month for country race meetings in the Auckland district, the following clubs holding fixtures: -South Auckland, March 3; Papakura, March 10; Waluku, March 12; Mauku, March 15; Paeroa, March 17 and 19; Thames, March 24; Te Awamutu, March 28.

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In the course of a betting case at the Supreme Court, Christchurch, last week, Mr. Justice Denniston drew attention to the heading on what was apparently a betting paper, put in by the police as an exhibit. The paper been seized on the bookmakers' had premises. At the top of it, His Honor explained, was a representative of the wooden horse, which was given by the Greeks to the Trojans, and brought about their destruction. Beneath It was the motto, ' Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes," which, he might roughly translate, for the purposes of the present case, as "Avoid your friends when they make tips." Another motto which was attached might be translated—"Put not your trust in horses." He did not know who the ingenious person was who had designed the heading, but it certainly gave good advice. "Which nobody takes," commented the Crown Prosecutor. "Which nobody takes," repeated His Honor, "otherwise," he added, "it would not be there."

A feature of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting on Wednesday last, 21st inst., was the grand exhibition given by Mint, the five-year-old mare, by Wilkie-Mistletoe, in the High-class Trot, distance, one mile and a-Mint rapidly overtook her half. field and won the event in the good time of 3min 39½ sec, equal to 2min 26sec to the mile. An exciting finish was also witnessed in the Tramway Trot, one mile and a-half, when Miss Huon rewarded her owner with a win after a close set-to with Verve.

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It has not been an uncommon circumstance for Newmarket winners to show form at Caulfield just before (says "The Referee.") William Tell, for instance, who won easily at Flemington, gave a distinct line to his prospects in that way. In later years Sir Foote, Chantress, and Playaway performed well at Caulfield prior to capturing the Newmarket. It will probably be a prominent performer on the heath who will win on Saturday, but the precise one is what people are speculating about. If Mr. C. L. Macdonald, who won a Newwith Wakeful, market could be 10 cated as making a definite move in favour of Wandin, that horse would promptly get a public following, but though a fair price is on offer there is no demand at present. One reason for Wandin not getting support is, doubtless, that Lachlan, in the same stable, is a fancied horse, and is likely to strip in fit condition. He will be seen in the Futurity Stakes, and if he wins will have his Newmarket chance at 7st, no penalty being involved. Lachlan should be more fitted for the fray than he was last year, when he ran about seventh in the sprint at Flemington. Someone has got money about Lachlan, but no one could have secured any very considerable amount, and now he would be a difficult horse to back at a fair price to any extent, for the reason that Mr. C. L. Macdonald's judgment would be followed if he declared for this horse in preference to Wandin.

A peculiar case came before the Victorian Club recently. A backer was asked to put on £150 for a patron of R. O'Connor's stable in the Western Handicap. The money was put on St. Henry instead of Sir Roland. Before the race the error was discovered, and £150 put on Sir Roland. The question was who should lose the £150 put on St. Henry, the backer, or the man who instructed him? The committee decided that the man who gave the instructions The other man was his must pay. agent, and the principal must abide by the mistakes of his agent.

#### WAIPA RACING CLUB.

The Waipa Racing Club's registered meeting will be held on the Te Awa-mutu racecourse on Wednesday, The programme, which March 28. consists of six events, is published in full in another column. Nominations will be received by the secretary for all events, at Te Awamutu, on Wednesday, March 7, by 9 p.m. Handi-caps will appear on March 12, and acceptances March 21, 1906. Mr: H. B. Massey will receive nominations and acceptances in Auckland.

THE WAIUKU MEETING.

The Waiuku Racing Club's annual meeting is to be held on the Waiuku racecourse on Tuesday, March 13. There are seven events on the pro-gramme, and £100 in stakes. An advertisement setting forth excursions, etc., will be found in another column. The meeting is to be held under the Auckland Racing Club's rules.

#### WANGANUI RACING CLUB.

The Wanganui Cup, for decision today, has thirteen horses left in, and it is safe to predict that a stirring contest will take place over the mile and three-quarters course. The top weight, Paritutu, ran se-

cond in last year's race, and as this horse has been training on satisfactorily, he must take a lot of beating.

Multifid, the winner of the Great Northern Derby at Ellerslie on New Year's Day, has many admirers, and the supporters of Nonette are confident that he will render a great account of himself. The followers of Master Alix give him more than an outside chance of securing the co-veted prize. With such a flattering handicap it is a hard matter to pick the winner, but without further comment I will give my vote to Paritutu, and name Multifid and Nonette to fill the places.

My selections for the other events are as follows:

Stewards' Handicap: Apa or Jewellery.

Juvenile Handicap: Gazeley ог Merriwai.

Hurdles: Comfort or Vexation. Tayforth Hurdles: Geologist ог

Dalky. Petre Welter: Apa or Cyrano.

Wiritoa Handicap: The Lark οι Pretty Maid.

Flying Handicap: Achilles or Lady Annie.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The above annual meeting will take place on the Claudelands course, Hamilton, on Saturday next, March With every promise of good fields and fine weather this popular meeting is sure to attract a large attendance, as the facilities for reaching the course and returning on the same day induce numbers to take the journey who otherwise could not at-tend. Since the last annual meeting the club has gone in extensively for improvements, the saddling paddock and enclosure having been enlarged, and the alterations to the grandstand and totalisator house afford more accommodation and convenience to patrons of the club. A special train will leave Auckland at 6.45 a.m., the return special leaving Kirikiriroa at 6.10 p.m., arriving Auckland at 10.55 p.m. The following are my selections for the various events:-Trial Handicap: Freehold or Matahura. Hurdles: Seabird. Cup: Nervine or Bonomiana. Pony Race: Hurihuri. Steeplechase: Hylas or Sudden. Tradesman's: Bonomiana or Kola Nip.

F. Hartland, secretary of the A.R.C., who had the misfortune to have his house and furniture totally destroyed by fire on Monday last.

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The Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting was to have been brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the stewards had no option but to postpone the fixture until Wednesday, 28th inst.

The racehorses Polycaste and The Lark did not make the return trip to Ellerslie after the Egmont meeting. It is reported that the latter has gone into F. Tilley's charge,

The Waihi Jockey Club will hold their race meeting this year on the Paeroa racecourse on April 7, the improvements to the Waihi racecourse not having been completed.

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March 1, 1906.

Twin foals (writes the Queensland correspondent of the "Sydney Mail") are not too common; triplets are quite uncommon; and four at a birth are almost unprecedented; but Mr. A. J. Cotton, of Hiddon Vale, Grandchester, states that his imported mare, Swag, by Macbeth (13-Booty (4), by Sterling (12), from the Oaks winner, Brigantine, by Buccaneer (14), slipped four filly foals last week to the English horse Sir Hugo, with whom she was mated before leaving England for Queensland The loss England for Queensland The loss and disappointment are serious and bitter. When there are more than bitter. one at a birth they usually die, or but one survives, though I see that Mr. Virgoe vouches for the following striking exception:—His thoroughbred mare Nymph was mated with a Welsh pony, Arabi Pasha, and next season threw to him a grey tilly on September 12, a creamy colt cu ()ctober 6, and a creamy colt on October 21 (a case of extra uterine gestation), and the triplets all survived their foalhood. A twin, Nike, by Alexander, won the Oaks, 1797. . .

An addition has been made to the list of high-priced horses in England by the sale of Mr. G. Faber's stallion Pietermaritzburg, by St. Simon nom Sea Air, by Isonomy from Re-echo, by Reverberation from Mabille, by Par-mesan, who has changed hands at 15 000 guineas. Pietermaritzburg Pietermaritzburg guineas. 15.000 raced three seasons, but only in his third year did he earn a winning bracket, his best performances in that season including the Tudor Plate at Sandown Park, second to Yysilanti in the May Plate at Kempton Park, won the Durham County Plate at Stockton, won the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket, beating Epsom Lad, Diamond Jubilee, and five others, and ran second to Osboch in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket. On his re-tirement from the turf in 1903 he was put to stud duty at the Heath Stud, Newmarket, at the moderate fee of 25 guineas.

. . The annual meeting of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club, to be held on March 17 and 19, is expected to be a record one, both in point of entries and attendance. The course, which has been considerably altered and enlarged since the last meeting, is now a right-hand one, being also just under a mile in length. A fine and commodious stand, designed by Mr. E. Bartley, of Auckland, is now al-most completed, and will be finished in readiness for the meeting. Special trains are to be run from Frank-ton and Waihi, and, given fine weaa most successful meeting ther. should result.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a complimentary ticket for the South Auckland Racing Club's annual meeting, which takes place on Saturday, March 10.

\* \* The new fence that has been built around the Ellerslie course, and which is now nearing completion, is an immense improvement, and gives the place a trim and neat appearance.

Lord Howard de Walden is ге ported to have refused £30,000 for Zinfandel, Senor Correas, the South American breeder, having made an offer of that amount for him. Senor Correas will be remembered as the purchaser of Diamond Jubilee, for whom he paid a similar price.

According to the "Sporting Chron-icle," the statement that Velasquez, the well-known sire belonging to Lord Rosebery, had been destroyed, is incorrect. The "Chronicle" avers to having good authority for the ement

## TROTTING.

# OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S Summer Meeting.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting was concluded yes-terday, after having been post-poned from last Saturday through bad weather. The weather on Wednesday, however, was perfect, and there was a good attendance at the function. Good fields were the order of the day, no less than 14 horses going out for the President's Trot, which was won rather easily by Red Wilkes, Cleveland's Pride gaining second place by a short head. There were no scratchings in the Seacole, after leading Pony Trot. Pony Trot. Seacole, after leading for most of the way, had to give way in the latter stages of the race to Special Light. Six ponies saddled up for the Welcome Stakes, and after an interesting struggle down the straight, Mataura beat the favourite, Forth, with Solitary well up in third position. Only one horse declined his engagement in the Criterion Trot, the limit mare, Happy, leading all the way, winning easily from K.D. The Papatoetoe Trot brought out a field of six, Taihoa being favourite, but trotting unkindly, he could only finish third to Colenso and Miss Huon, who both trotted evenly. Mint was in-stalled favourite in the February Trot, and the confidence was not misplaced, the mare trotting splendidly throughout, and won pulling up. Nine ponies went to the post for the Manukau Handicap, Orange and Blue carrying most money. An indifferent start robbed the race of any interest the favourite hopping out, and was never headed, being followed home by Merry Delaval and Rapid in the order named. The last race of the **day**, the Dash Trot, brought out a field of ten, Monica being favourite. The race looked at her mercy until the top turn was reached, when she broke, and Taihoa taking the lead, won by two lengths from George, who made up a lot of ground in the straight. The sum of £1560 10s was passed through the totalisator during the day.

The following were the details of the different races:-

PRESIDENT'S TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs. One mile. Red Wilkes, 10sec (Orange)

. 1 Cleveland's Pride, 8sec (C. Hannigan)

Huon Leal, 8sec (W. E. Singleton) 3 Won easily. Time, 2min 48sec. Dividends, £1 13s and 19s.

SECOND PONY TROT HANDICAP.

One mile and a-half. Special Light, 10sec (Cunningham) 1 Seacole, 12sec (W. Perrin) ... 2 Cleveland's Pride, 12sec (C. Han-

3 nigan) Won by half a length. Time, 4min 10% sec. Dividends, £1 7s and 12s.

WELCOME STAKES. Six and ahalf furlongs. Mataura, 8.0 (J. Chaafe) ... 1 2

Forth, 8.7 (Speakman) •• •• 3

CRITERION TROT HANDICAP. Two miles. Happy, 18sec (Moore) - 1 K.D., 6sec (Orange) 2 .. Sir Robert, 9sec (Baker, sen.) ... 3 Won by 50 yards. Time, 5min

14s. PAPATOETOE TROT HANDICAP.

Dividends, £1 6s and

£2

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One mile and a-hair.	
Colenso, 6sec (Herbert)	••
Miss Huon, 3sec (A. Lowe)	••
Taihoa, scratch (Greenwood)	<u></u>

20sec.

13s.

sec.

6s and £1 5s.

## INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, February 28. Christchurch backers went strongly for Machine Gun in the Caulfield Futurity Stakes on Saturday, and as a result they lost a lot of money. The winner, Gladsome, was not backed at

The Nelson-Dudu filly Stratagem will make her first appearance in pub-Sir George Cliflic at Wanganui. Sir George Clif-ford's team for Wanganui includes Stronghold, Chryseis, De Witte, and Stratagem, Mr. Stead will be represented by Savoury, Delaware, and Porcelain, and Mr. Friedlander by Catherine Gordon. There should be some prize-winners among the above horses.

Tirole and Chivalry have recovered from their attacks of influenza, and are once again in active work.

Canterbury owners scored remark-ably well at the Dunedin meeting last week, winning no less than fourteen out of twenty-four events decided during the three days. Among the prin-cipal winners were Rongoa, who won three hurdle races, and Czarevna, who won three of the minor handicaps. Other winners were Stepdancer, Terrapin, Lapland, Somaroff, Quickfire, Zetlander, and Count Gorton. The Akaroa Racing Club will hold

its annual race meeting on Tuesday next. The following are likely winners:—District Hurdles, Kohuri; Cup, Euclid and Farley Grove; Flying Handicap, Hilarity; Hack Handicap, Narrangarie; Welter Handicap, Tsit-

Mr. Stead has entered Savoury for the three principal handicaps of the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting. From this it would appear that he intends sending Isolt up to run in the Northern Oaks, and is sending Savoury to keep him company.

Handicaps for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps are due on March 23, and the betting at this stage is fairly brisk over the double.

Makaroff ran in the three principal handicap events at Dunedin, but al-though well backed on each occasion, failed badly. This colt has done a lot of racing this season, and per-



P ARNELL LICENSING DIS-TRICT.

# ELECTION OF LICENSING COMMITTEE.

## NOTICE OF POLLING DAY.

I, HENRY BERNARD MASSEY, Returning Officer for the purposes of the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893, and Acts amending the same, do hereby give Public Notice that, in pursuance of the Provisions of the Licensing Act, 1881, and amendments thereof, and of the Al-coholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893, and amendments thereof, an Election will be held for the return of Five (5) qualified persons to serve as members of the Licensing Com-mittee for the Ordinary Licensing District of Parnell, and that the latest day for receiving Nominations of Candidates will be the 5th day of March, 1906, at 5 p.m., and that the Poll (if necessary) will be taken under the provisions of the said Acts, and the Electoral Act, 1905, at the several Polling Places of the said district, on the Thirteenth day of March, 1906. Every man desirous of becoming a Candidate must be Nominated by not less than Two Electors of the District by a Nomination Paper delivered to the Returning Officer on or before the Fifth day of March, 1906, at 5 p.m. The following are the Polling Places for the said District:— Oddfellows' Hall, Parnell (principal) Public Hall, Newmarket St. Mark's Hall, Remuera Remuera Road Board Office, Remuera The Schoolhouse, West Tamaki Mr. George Shelley's Store, St. Helier's Bay The Public Hall, Panmure Cairns' Hall, Ellerslie Dated this 17th day of February, 1906. H. B.MASSEY, Returning Officer.

haps a few days' spell would do him good.

What a wonderfully improved horse Terrapin is. After doing a season's stud duty he was taken up during the second week in January, and made his reappearance in public at the C.J.C. Summer Meeting here. He secured a first and second, and was then taken down to Dunedin, where he won the Jockey Club Handicap and ran third in the Anniversary Handicap.

Stepniak's sons and daughters again had a big innings at Dunedin, the following winning races:—Stepdano-er, Petrovna, Czarevna, Master Alix, and Somaroff.

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises at the Dunedin meeting was the failure of Ivanoff in the Champagne Colt Welcome Stakes. On recent form he appeared to have an excellent chance of winning, but failed even to gain a place.

Wayward and Bonnie Bras Lady Wayward and Bonnie Brae are Sir G. Clifford's entries for the Champion Hack Plate at the Manawatu Autumn Meeting.

Porcelain, who will be Mr. Stead's representative in the Jackson Stakes, Wanganui, is a three-year-old colt by Multiform—Saucer. This will be Multiform—Saucer. his first appearance in public, as he has been entered for several events, including the last New Zealand Cup, but has never started.

#### HAWKE'S BAY.

#### NOTES ON THE WOODTHORPE AND WOODVILLE MEETINGS.

#### February 28.

This popular racing institution brought off their annual gathering on Saturday, and without doubt it was one of the best of the many meetings that have been held. The day was beautifully fine, and as a consequence the attendance was the largest seen on the ground for many years. The tableland above the racing track was covered with vehicles of every description

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A UCKLAND DISTRICT UNITED FIRE BRIGADES' ASSOCIATION. MONSTER DEMONSTRATION A CHIRE BRIGADES' ASSOCIATION. MONSTER DEMONSTRATION In the DEVONPORT CRICKET GROUND on SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1906, at 12 Noon. EXHIBITIONS in LIFE-SAVING and RESCUE WORK and other expert FIRE WORK by the Members of the AUCKLAND SUBURBAN BRIGADES. Also Brigades from THAMES, CORO-MANDEL, PAEROA, TE AROHA, CAMBRIDGE, WAIHI, and WHA-NGAREI are expected to take part. CHURCH PARADES will be held at Devonport on Sunday, March 4th, at 11 a.m., and at 2.30 from Ferry Tee to ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, when a MEMORIAL TABLET to the Memory of the late FIREMAN GLADDING, who lost his life through injuries received at T. and S. Morrin's great fire, will be unveiled. Hon. Members, Life Hon. Members, and all ex-Firemen of City and Suburban Brigades are invited to attend. THROUGH TICKETS BY FERRY COMPANY-ONE SHILLING. Devonport Regimenat Band. GEO. STRUDE, President. JAS. CHAMPION, HON. Treas. C. E. COLLINS, HON. Sec.

- 10 ÷ The popular and well-known trainer, Mr. F. Macmanemin, left on Tuesday last for Wanganui on a holiday visit.

The match between Gladsome and Machine Gun has been practically arranged, according to advices from Melbourne. The match is over seven furlongs, weight-for-age, for 500sovs. The race is certain to arouse an enormous amount of interest.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Barnett and Grant report as follows on the EASTER AND AUTUMN HANDICAPS. 1000 to 2-Zetland and Thunderer 600 to 4-Solution and Makaroff 600 to 2-Martian and Martian, and Martian and Petrovna 500 to 2-Pas Seul and Master Alix 600 to 2-Achilles and Stepdancer 500 to 2-Petrovna and Stepdancer

3 Won by three lengths. Time Dividends, £1 11s and 4min 1sec. TROT HANDICAP. FEBRUARY One mile. .. 1 Mint, scratch (Orange) Typewriter, 4sec (Baker, sen.) .. 2 Young McKinney, 1sec (Duncan) 3 Won pulling up. Time, 2min 27½ Dividend, 168. MANUKAU HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Orange and Blue, 7.8 (Barr) Merry Delaval, 7 .4(Ohlson) .. 1 .. 2 5s and 14s. DASH TROT. One mile. Taihoa, 11sec (A. Greenwood) .. 1 George, 14sec (Sandall) .. .. 2 Specialist, scratch (Cunningham) 3 Time, 2min 36sec. Dividends, £4

dray, while numbers rode over on horseback. Napier and Hastings residents were largely represented, while the districts immediately surrounding the course furnished their full quota, the fair sex assembling in force. The meeting takes the form of old-time racing, no pretentions to lawn, saddling paddock or grand stand being in existence, but all mixing freely and exchanging friendly greetings. The most important business of the country folk, next to the racing, is their endeavour to make all welcome. The racing was well conducted, and although on Saturday the finishes were not so close as is usually witnessed at Woodthorpe, still they were enjoyable. Mr. S. Bennett secured three wins with the aid of Rapia in the Brace-let, and Rechabite in the Okawa and Puketapu Handicaps. Hemi Nuku's horse Fearl Diver won the Patoka Handicap, and also ran first in the Woodthorpe Handicap, but weighed in 21b. short, consequently this race was awarded to Kruger. In connection with this even something mysterious occurred, as the jockey certainly weighed out correctly. The horse was a hot favourite until the race was started, when he suddenly receded in the betting until he reached 4 and 6 to 1 against. Noth the owner and jockey were more than surprised on weighing-in after a comfortable win, as they had backed Fearl Diver. It is surmised that a 2lb. suck became missing in some unaccount-able way. This was the only incident to mar the day's sport. This year the Club, a- the request of many of its patrons, broke away from its rule not to charge admission to the course, and the conse-quence is that next year they will be in a position to further increase their stake money. No totalisator was on the ground, but 14 bookmakers paid the two guineas fee, both the fee and the number of bookmakers being double that of previous years. The officials one and all worked hard for the success which was attained. Mr. J. Peacock, the hon. secretary, had matters at his finger-ends, and contributed largely to the success of the day. Mr T. H. Lowry acted as judge, and gave full satisfaction, while Mr. J. Bicknell got his fields well away.

and type, from the landau to the farmyard

Though a strong wind was very much in evidence for the opening day of the Woodville J.C. Autumn venture, the cli-mate was otherwise favourable. The attendance was large, and the racing of a good class, some very good finishes re-

## WAIPA RACING CLUB'S RE-GISTERED MEETING. To be held on the TE AWAMUTU RACECOURSE. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1905.

WHENTESDAT, MARCH 25, 1905.
President: Wm. Taylor, Esq. Vice-presidents: H. J. Greenslade, Esq., M.H.R., F. W. Lang, Esq. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Judge: James Taylor, Esq. Handicapper: Mr. R. Wynyard. Clerk of Scales: Mr. C. Hoyte. Clerk of Course: Mr. J. Pollard. Stewards: Messrs. F. R. Gibson, H. Weal, J. Teddy, T. H. Bond, J. Bathurst, J. B. Teasdale, G. G. A. Ahler, C. J. Storey, A. H. Storey, A. Hyde, J. Jackson. Committee: Messrs. J. H. Scott, J. Middlebrook, F. Taylor, M. Gorrie, F. Henwood, jun., Robertson, Lyons, E. McCabe, J. Cavanagh, Jones, J. Spinley, W. Teddy. Secretary: Mr. M. S. Laurie.

#### PROGRAMME:

- PROGRAMME: 1. 1 p.m.—HANDICAP HURDLES of 15sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs out of stake; over six flights of hurdles. Distance, 1½ miles. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 9s. 2. 2 p.m.—GREENHILL HANDICAP of 12sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs out of stake; for all horses that have never won a race exceed-ing 15sovs at time of start. Dis-tance, 6 furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 7s.
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  2.45 p.m.—TE AWAMUTU CUP of 25sovs; second horse to receive f2 10s out of stake. One mile and a distance. Nomination, 12s; acceptance, 13s.
  3.30 p.m.—MAIDEN WELTER of 16sovs, for horses that have never won a race at time of nomination, and confined to horses the property of owners in Waikato, Walpa, Raglan, and Kawhia Counties, two months previous to meeting. Distance, 6 furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.
  30 p.m.—KIHIKIHI PLATE HANDICAP of 12sovs; second horse to the second h

The goes for second honours sulting. were more exciting in the majority of instances than those that took place for the first award. Speculation was brisk, as the figures show, for the sum of £6912 wa put through the machine during the course of the day, an increase of  $\pounds_{124}$  over the amount handled at the similar meeting last year. Mr. Chavannes' dismissals were of an equitable nature, and to say that Mr. Hartgill was in his usual ion in the judge's box is sufficient guarantee that the decisions were accurately and promptly given. Mr. Jervois George claimed the big race of the day with Cyrano (a four-year-old son by St. Cyr and Tamora), second honours coming to the Mangatarata-bred gelding Burea, who just beat Melodeon by a neck. The latter ran a good race, and was evidently on his best behaviour. Roseal, who looked big and lusty, showed a bold front for about seven furlongs, when he melted away at the home bend. There were half a dozen in the contest whose chances locked of equal value, but inside the distance Cyrano pulled to the front, and then i. was all over. The local-owned Florio was made a warm pot for the Hurdles, but had to strike the flag to Gargoyle and Levent. The former, who was bred at Mangatarata Station, is a half-brother to Sleepwell, and is owned by Mr. W. Murray, of Dannevirke, whose luck has rot been any too good of late. The pink and blue livery of the Dannevirke sport was again seen to advantage during the afternoon, Whakawhei getting second to St. Albert in the President's Handicap. The latter is one of the Hon. J. D. Crmond's cast-offs, by St. Andrew, out of Arethusa. Third berth went to Mussel who was going very strong at the finish Douche, one of the opposing forces, was never prominent. Sherlock Holmes, another of the Karamu rejects, secured an easy victory in the Whariti Hack; Waitapu, who got badly away, beating the others just as easily as Sherlock Holmes had silenced him, with Windy Affair third. Pantaloon, the favourite, got quickly to the front, but his quality was not good enough, and he figured as one of the also started. Loiret, the second pick, faile ! Gazeley supporters picked out the badly. County Stakes as belonging to him, but the bullion did not come their way. The oddly-named Houyhuhum scoring comfor.-ably at the finish from Elfrida, who was sold by the Hon. J. D. Ormond a year ago to Mr. T. Ray. Third place was secured by St. Ludlam, a good-looking son by St. Hippo and Morning. Allons, a four-year-old gelded son by Euroclydon and Santa Katarita, trained by A. Peters (who used to follow the profession in Hawke's Bay) won the Maiden Plate com-fortably from Splendid Idea, Rino a fair third. Lebicco, a half-brother to Hipporofla, was one of the opponents of Allons, but failed to materialise. Prospector, an-other who first saw the light at Waimarama Station, got away with the Vic-toria Hack Handicap, and then had not to put in any strenuous efforts to get the Business was brought to a conprize. with the Telephone Handicap, clusion Federation, the second favourite, just get-ting home by a head from Gawain, who was bred by the Hon. J. D. Ormond and sold some time back by the squire of Karamu at Palmerston North. Jolly Friar, the first choice, never gave his party any assurance that he would be able to settle the argument, and finished outside of a place. Federation, who takes af-ter his dam Waitotara, a grey in colour, is very quick off the mark, and in this respect takes after her dad, Sedgebrook, who lost no time when the word "go"

two furlongs with Apiti. Sherlock Holmes (who is improving) won the Ballance Welter from end to end, and paid a good Dulcinea acted as pacemaker in orice. the Autumn Handicap, leading to the dis-White Ribbon was then proclaimtance. ed the winner, when Melodeon put in a sensational run, the judge declaring in his favour by a nose. Gazeley, stable-mate of Melodeon, was sent out a good favourite for the Kumeroa Hack, but shut up when caled on for a final effort. The Carterton-owned Elfrida headed St. Ludlam in the last bit. Montague made a bold front in the Shorts for half a mile. Federation, the first day's winner, had a bad run on the rails, and failed to reach Ga-The Hastings-trained Belle Clair wain. brought off a surprise in the Scurry. St. Albert would probably have repeated his previous day's performance but for getting hemmed in on the rails.

#### OTAGO.

February 28. The Dunedin Cup Meeting, which was concluded last week, must take rank as the most successful gathering yet held at Wingatui. Not only was the sport of an unusually high quality, but the financial returns showed a decided increase on last year's figures, and the profits over the gathering will be something like £760. Stepdancer won her Cup somewhat easily, but she succumbed to Terrapin the next day over ten furlongs in the D.J.C. Handicap, and the principal event on the second day went to the Hon. Geo. McLean's colt Apollodoris, who had scored the previous day in the principal sprint event on the card. The successes of the horses carrying the colours of Mr. C. J. Dal-getv and Mr. St. John Buckley was a pleasing feature of the meeting, as both the gentlemen have been liberal purchasers of blood stock, but up to date have not met with much success. Petrovna scored somewhat easily in the Publicans' Handicap, but landed the Flying Handicap on the last day by a narrow margin. She, however, had 10.5 to carry on a very heavy track, and both her performances were of a high order. Master Alix scored in the Railway Plate somewhat comfortabiv but his win was made easy by the others going wide at the turn, and this allowed the Stepniak gelding to get up on the rails and gain two or three lengths.

Although some may regard the Forbury Park racecourse as a drug in the market, it is rumoured that when the place was priced recently on behalf of a prospective buyer, the figure quoted was a substantial increase on the amount which was generally supposed would have sufficed to purchase the course.

Some two or three years ago Bell Car gave an attractive display of trotting when he stepped out the Tahuna Park Cup distance in smin. rosec after slowing down over the last quarter. He went his first mile in the neighbourhood of 2min. 30sec., and his form should tend to make holders of Belman stock pleased with themselves. The Tahuna Cup winner was sired whilst Belman was in training, and his dam was the only mare served by him during that season.

Mr. St. John Buckley scored in his first classic when Lady Landon secured the Champagne Stakes, and the dual win of the filly must be doubly pleasing to her owner, as her dam is one of the matrons ot his stud. Lady Landon is a beautifully-bred filly, as her dam Robinella was got by Robinson Crusoe out of Campanilla, a daughterof Maribyrnong and Silver Rell, a sister to Chester, St. George and Rhoodee, a trio of good horses left by the imported Stockwell mare Lady Chester. Seaton Delaval, the sire of Lady Landon, is also rich in Stockwell blood, and at some future date she should mate well with a St. Simon horse,

Makaroff gave three diappointing dis-

challenge at the finish. The little fellow did not appear to get going properly in the Publicans' Handicap, probably owing to the race being a bit too rapid for him in the early stages.

The Elderslie Stud paddocks, at Oam-aru, have produced three Dunedin Cup winners since 1903. Orloff won in that year, Bulawayo followed up in 1904, and now Stepdancer has inscribed her name as the winner of 1006.

A shapely candidate in a three-year-old colt named Woodend was amongst the starters in the Trial Handicap, which opened up the Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Meeting, and as he was got by Wildwood out of Vickery he is bred to go fast. At present he is a bit on the green side, but he evidently possesses pace, and he may be found a good winner before long.

The writer has it on good authority that when Mr. J. Buckley, who contemplates a trip to the Old Country a few months hence, makes his departure he will make arrangements to have some of his horses kept in training during his two years' absence. Some of the horses at present at Redcastle are likely to, be parted with, so as to keep their number withir reasonable bounds during their owner's absence.

The writer does not like to be a bird of ill-omen, but the narrowness of the straight at Tahuna Park was again made very noticeable when some of the fields were lining up to start for their races, and unless it is widened there is a good chance of an accident occurring some of these, days. The track is by no means too safe for harness racing, and if the club has the bad luck to have an accident it would probably give them a set-back from which it would take some time to recover

Vladimir's withdrawal from the Dunedin Cup on the eve of the race was a result

of his pulling up sore after a gallop. Machine Gun's defeat in the Futurity Stakes cost New Zealanders a few of the best. Information came to hand that his party fancied the son of Rubina, and there was a bit of a rush to support him for the race.

The methods adopted by the D.J.C. in working out the tote dividends calls for the severest condemnation, as last week the writer had a case brought under his notice in which the public were mulched of a fraction under zo per cent., and in another case about 17 per cent. was charge ed, whilst the average appears to be about 15 per cent.

C. Piper drove a couple of record-makers a Tahuna Park last week. Fritz steped a mile in 2.19, and Verax paced two miles in 4.6. Vickery had a winning mark of 5.0 3-5 on the old track, and went inside of 5min. in one of her races, although she did not rank as a winner on that occasion.

Some fairly smart horses were unearth-ed at Tahuna Park last week. Miss K., a Kentucky mare, showed a good gait in the early stages of the Trial Handicap, and Woodend and Francesca are evidently above the ordinary. California is a pro-mising colt. Bell Car acts well in saddle. He is credited with going inside of 2.39 over the first mile of the Tahuna Cup, and Pride of Burwood had her field in trouble by the smart gait she showed over the first half of her race.

The imported American colt California, which Mr. Buckland brought out to take Vancleve's place at the stud, is a good cut of a youngster that can step a fair gait, but he stopped badly when he appeared to have the Dunedin Handicap at his mercy on Saturday last. Whether he stopped at the scraping shed because he was under the impression he had done enough or because he struck himself is not known, but he will have to comport himself more generously in future before he climbs into high favour.

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February 25. Mr. George Morse has every feel well satisfied with the acceptance received for the various events at the Wan-ganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting; which promises to be one of the nost successful in the history of the club. The Cup especially should be a fine face, and the winner is very hard to pick from the 14 acceptors, every one of whom has friends. When the weights appeared I picked out Paritutu and Nonette as the two I thought most likely to win, and as they are both left in and are annarently very fit, I still pin my faith to the better of the pair to land the big race on Thursday. However, Multifid, Letherin, Bourrasque and Ropa are a very dangerous lot, while Melodeon or Boomerang may carry Mr. E. J. Watt's colours into a place. However, to attempt to place them in the order in which they may finish, I shall take : Paritutu 1, Nonette 2, Multifid 3. Kuroki will not be a starter in the big hurdles on the first day, owing to having had a bit of a bumping at Hawera, which made him sore for a few days, and Lind

5. 4.30 p.m.-30 p.m.—KIRIKIHI PLATE HAN-DICAP of 12sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs out of stake. Weights to be declared after Cup race. Dis-tance, 7 furlongs. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s.

to be declared after Cap rate. Dis-tance, 7 furlongs. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s. 6; 5.15. p.m. FLYING STAKES HAN-DICAP of 12sovs; second horse to receive £1 10s out of stake. Dis-tance, 5 furlongs. Nomination, 6s; 2: acceptance, 6s.

CONDITIONS. NOMINATIONS will be received by the Secretary for all Events, at Te Awamutu, on WEDNESDAY, March 7, by 9 p.m. HANDICAPS to appear March 12, . 1906. ACCEPTANCES, WEDNESDAY,

ACCEPTANCES, WEDNESDAT, March 21, 1906. All Stakes paid in full. Entrance Money must be enclosed with nominations. Mr. H. B. MASSEY is anthorised to receive. Nominations, and Acceptances receive. Nomination. in Auckland. M. S. LAURIE, Hon. Sec.

run. getting a good third. His party were hauled before the stewards, who, after taking evidence, adjourned the matter till later on. Mr. E. J. Gothard was, as usual, the acme of courtesy in the treatment of his numerous patrons, and to his energetic efforts the success of the meetis largely due. The Woodville Jocing key Club's Meeting concluded to-day in fine weather, though a strong breeze made matters somewhat unpleasant. The attendance was good., The sum of £6582 passed through, the machine, making  $\angle 13,494$  for the moeting. This is  $\angle 137$  in excess of the turn-over at the corresponding meeting last year. The Ash-hurst-trained Red Cross, with S. Reid in the saddle, shaped better in the Settlers' Hack Handicap than on the previous day, and won with something to spare from Houvhuhm

was given when he used to be carrying

satin. Dalky's movements in the Hurdle

Race were very peculiar, for he was slow

to get away, and then for three furlongs

took matters easy, but a change came over

the scene in the last couple of furlongs, for

he got up steam rapidly, and put in a big

After his sensational performance yesterday, Dalky was made favourite for the Hurdles. He secured the verdict. It was only after a ding-dong race in the last

plays of form at Wingatui last week. In the Dunedin Cup he was at the tail of the field until turning for home, when he moved up a bit, but never got within coo-ee of the winner. On the second day he got a bump or two in a scrimmage which took place shortly after the field left the post in the D.J.C. Handicap, and probably that was sufficient reason for his racing machinery being out of order, as he was again one of the also starters. When Hewitt was noticed to be up on Makaroff when he went out for the Anniversary Handicap the wiseacres at once arrived at the conclusion that the son of Arlina had been a rod in pickle for the event, but even with a first lord of the pigskin on his back Mr. Friedlander's colt merely provided his rider with a good view of the race.

Apollodoris: . the ""all-heart-and-po-peel" son of Phoebus Apollo and Brisa, scored twice out of three attempts, and in his win in the Anniversary Handicap showed that he was made of the rough metal by the way he warded off Master Alix's strong

It is said that the Roseal party intended to pay up for the son of Handsome ack in the Cup, in which the West Coast horse was thought to have a good chance, but through an error they paid up for

the wrong event. The local "bookies" had a bad time over the Woodville Meeting, and on the second day most of them were struck pretty hard. It is simply marvellous how some people are so lucky on the second days of the various meetings.

Next Saturday, March 3rd, nominations close for the Warrengate Jockey Club's This gathering annual hack meeting. takes place on March 22nd, and should prove most successful and enjoyable. From ale accounts there will be first-class nominations for the several events, and given a fine day a large number of Wanganui people will assemble on the country club's course, on which the tote bells will not ring, but the voice of the "bookie" will reign supreme,

The Jackson Stakes, to be run on Friday, looks like providing a better field than has yet contested this event, which has already been won twice in succession by Achilles, who should again score.

Letherin, who arrived here on Saturday, appears to be in excellent condition, and should win a race at the meeting.

The fall Cassiopea sustained at Hawera has had the effect of making the mare more careful in her jumping, and the way she has cleared the obstacles on the track the last few days has surprised many. She was struck out the first day's big hurdles here, as the distance was too far, but her connections are hopeful that she will give a good account of herself on Friday. She is a greatly-improved mare, and Johnny Belcher has got her in the pink of condition at present.

Tautoru gave promise of turning out fairly good some time ago, but the son of Lethe-Rautahi does not seem to be making any improvement; as a matter of fact, Mr. W. Tuck's horse is going backwards. The general opinion is that he is a good 'un, but is getting too much fast work.

A meeting of the recently-formed Horseowners' Association is to be held on Thursday evening at the Rutland Hotel. Most of the owners in this district have expressed their sympathy with the objects of the Association, and a large muster is expected at the meeting. There is no doubt that there is plenty of room for reform in the conduct of racing, and if the chief of the proposals which are to be discussed are eventually adopted it cannot help tending towards a better state of things than is at present existing.

Federation made his first appearance in open company at Woodville, where he



sued from any station to Cambridge on 6th, 7th and 8th March, available for re-turn to Tuesday, 13th March, 1906. Special train will leave Auckland at

6.45 am., Newmarket 6.56, arriving Cambridge 12.25 p.m.; returning, leaving Cambridge at 4.50 p.m., arriving Auckstarted twice, obtaining a first and second, and paying fair prices in each event. The grey son of Sedgebrook is one of the quickest horses to begin at present running, and once he gets his head in front he takes a lot of catching, especially over five or six furlongs. He will be hard to beat in the Farewell Handicap, six furlongs, at the Wanganui Meeting.

Paritutu is galloping in great form at present, and badly beat Savoury and Delaware in a go over a mile this morning. The Castor gelding was in front all the way, and ran right away from the other finishing some six lengths ahead. two. His time for the mile was 1.43 4-5, Delaware just beating Savoury in the last bit. Both of these horses are likely to show better form on Cup Day, however. If it is true, as reported, though, that Multifid beat Paritutu in a gallop at New Plymouth the other day, then Mr. Dan O'Brien's candidate must very nearly win here, as Paritutu appears to be going as well or better than any of the other Cup horses who have yet put in an appearance, unless it be Ghoorka, who was probably never better than at the present time.

Joss Prosser's team of nine, including Achilles, Ghoorka, Ailsa, Devonia, Gold Crown, Kurawaka, Marguerite, Boris and Exmoor, arrived on Saturday evening. The whole of the horses bear the appearance of having done careful preparations. Achilles slipped over six furlongs by himself this morning quite comfortably in 1.17. The ackson Stakes certainly looks to be a good thing for the chestnut, who wil be very dangerous in the Flying, if started. With Ghoorka in such excellent nick as he is just now the Porirua stable might easily land the double. Cup and Flying. Devonia is one that should also pick up a race at the meeting.

I hear that W. Young's disqualification has been removed, and that capable young rider will have the mount on old Nonette in the Cup. What beats him will win, J think.

## WELLINGTON.

Mr. McMaster, secretary pro. tem. of the proposed Horse-owners' Association, in Wellington last week. He refers in hopeful terms to the formation of an association which he calculates will prove a boon to those owners whose horses perambulate the colony in search of stakes That horse-owners and and dividends. trainers have legitimate grievances no one will attempt to gainsay, and if only the right class of owners can be induced to take a hand in the formation of a horseowners' association much can be done in the way of removing the abuses under which those associated with racehorses have for many years suffered. Many railway officials apparently look upon the man is charge of a team of racehorses as an unmitigated nuisance. Those having con-trol of the traffic cannot see any difference between a horse truck freighted with such valuable horses as Mahutonga and Achilles and a truck freighted with store steers, the care taken being apparently measured by sum charged as freight. As a matter o' fact, the owner of the store oxen may pay equal rates with the racehorse owner, but the latter, when produced on a racecourse, draws together thousands of persons from all over the colony and the railway receipts are in consequence greatly increased. The Minister of Railways had this in mind when he consented to carry racehorses free on a return journey from a race meeting. It would not be too much of a concession were he to decree that those attendant upon racehorses should be carried free, both going to and returning from race meetings; only those who have raced horses in this colony know the cost of taking a team of racers to and The Government from race meetings. not only gain much revenue through the medium of the railways from numerous race-goers, but they draw some £20,000 per annum from the public through the

the Wanganui fixture, it was not to be expected that prominent stables would be strongly represented, and as a matter of course the meeting was left to the secondclass brigade, whose movements are not of much interest to sportsmen at a distance The club's Executive, however, deserve a word of praise for the capital way their gathering is managed, and were it not dove-tailed in between the Egmont and Wanganui Meetings a considerable improvement would be noticeable in the class of horses represented at the meeting. On the opening day Roseal and Melodeon were in their bad humours, and gave a very poor exhibition of galloping. Cyrano, owned by Hr. Jervis George, easily managed to secure the principal event from Barca, who finished in front of Melodeon and Roseal. Federation, who was receiving 27lb. from St. Claimer, had no trouble annexing the Telephone Handicap, which was the event next in importance to the Cup. The second day saw Melodeon the mood for galloping, and with 4lb. more in the saddle he appropriated the Mr. Watt must be Autumn Handicap. pretty well tired of conveying the erratic son of Medallion round the country. Meledeon is such a good-looking horse that the public are invariably tempted to trust him with their investments, but after Egmont and the first day of the Woodville Meeting most of Melodeon's admirers had deserted, and he paid a capital dividend, considering the weakness of the opposition.

The Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting has been fixed for the 26th and 28th of April. The programme is much similar to the one placed before owners last season, the only change of note be-ing the substitution of a two-year-old handicap for the Heretaunga Handicap. This will tend to encourage owners of twoyear-olds to patronise the meeting. Thompson Handicap, North Island Challenge Stakes and the St. Leger Stakes are the principal events of the meeting. The Autumn Handicap, run on the second day, is worth 300sovs., whilst the Railway and Suburban are each valued at 15050vs. Nominations are due on Monday, March 26th.

### TURF RESULTS.

#### WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

#### FIRST DAY-FEBRUARY 21.

The weather was perfect for the first day of the Woodville Jockey Club's Au-tumn Meeting to-day. There was a large attendance. The amount put through the totalisator was f6912, as against f6788 for the corresponding day of last year. The following were the results:--

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 50sovs. Seven furlongs.—Aeolus 1, Splendid Idea 2, Rino 3. Scratched: Vexation, Strathwai, Merrywing, and Chinchilla. Won by a good length, Rino three lengths away third. Time, Imin 33 2-5sec. Dividends, f4 19s and f1 14s. HURDLES HANDICAP of 50sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Gargoyle 1, Levent 2, Dalky 3.. Scratched: Apiti, Hipporangi, Walmoe, Durban, and Flo-ris. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 3min 31 3-5sec. Dividends, f19 and £1 9s.

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8s and £1 12s. WOODVILLE CUP HANDICAP 200sovs. One mile and a-quarter.— rano 1, Barca 2, Melodeon 3. started. Twenty yards from home rano gai in front and wan by a lan ฉับ

started. Twenty yards from home Cy-rano got in front, and won by a length from Barca, with Melodeon close up third. Time, 2min 10 4-5sec. Divi-dends, £3 15s and £1 13s. COUNTY HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Six furlongs.—Honihumu 1, Alfrida 2, St. Ludlam 3. Scratched: Pantaloon and Kaurin. Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Divi-donds f14 15s and f2 8s

Pantaloon and Kaurin. Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Divi-dends, f14 15s and f2 8s. PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 70sovs. Seven furlongs.—St. Albert 1, Whaka-wehi 2, Mussel 3. Scratched: General Average. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 32 3-5sec. Dividends, f3 18s and f3 6s

SECOND DAY-FEBRUARY 22.

The second day's racing of the Wood-ville Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was very successful in every respect. Several good dividends were paid, and the sum of £6582 passed through the totalisator for the day, making £13,494 for the meeting, which is £137 more than for the corresponding meeting of last year. The results were as fol-lows: lows

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs, seven furlongs.—Red Cross 1, Honihumu 2, Moral 3. Scratched: Windy. Red Cross took charge imme-Windy. Red Cross took charge imme-diately after the start and won easily by a length. Time, 1min 30 1-5sec. Dividends, 16 18s and 11 19s. SECOND HACK HURDLE RACE of SECOND HACK HURDLE RACE of

Solovs, one mile and a-half.—Dalky 1, Apiti 2, Reah 3. Scratched: Hydrant. Won after a punishing finish by a head. Time, 2min 53 1-5sec. Dividends, ±3 5s and £1 11s

bs and fl lls. BALANCE HACK WELTER HANDI-CAP of 50sovs, one mile.—Sherlock Holmes 1, Prospector 2, Lebeccio 3. Other starter: Electric Gun. Won orgily by four lengths

Holmes 1, Prospector 2, Lebeccio 3. Other starter: Electric Gun. Won easily by four lengths. Time, Imin 46sec. Dividend, £2 19s. AUTUMN HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile and a distance.—Melodeon 1, White Ribbon 2, Barca 3. Scratched: St. Albert, Sylveric. Melodeon dashed up at the last few strides, and secured the verdict by a nose, Barca a half-length away. Time, Imin 57 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s and £2 19s. KUMEROA HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs, six furlongs.—Elfrida 1, St. Ludlam 2, Gazeley 3. Scratched: Windy, Phemie. Won by three-parts of a length. Time, Imin 18sec. Di-vidend, £4 14s.

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18s and f1 13s. MAHARAHARA HANDICAP of 60 sovs, one mile—Whakawehi 1, St. Al-bert 2, Tomairangi 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 46sec. Divi-dends, f4 1s and 15s. Scratched: Nga-tarua, Capulet, Sylverie, Victoria Park.

#### DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting was opened at Wingatul in very fine weather, and there was a good attend-ance. The sum of £8857 was put through for the day, as compared with 18876 last year.

The following were the details of the racing.

AUTUMN HURDLE HANDICAP of 70sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. Franks' b g Rongoa, aged, by Loch Ness-Magnesia, 9,4 (G. J.

Mr. J. Franks D g Rongod, Aged, 53 Loch Ness-Magnesia, 9,4 (G. J. Pine) Mr. D. Rutherford's b m Graduated Tax, 6yrs, 9.2, including 2lb over (J. O'Connell) 1

(J. O'Connell) 2 Mr. J. R. Man's b m Moetoropuku, aged, 9.9 (McGregor) 3 Other starters: Scottish Minstrel 10.2, The Romany 9.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 29 4-5sec. Dividend, f4 6s. (J. - -r. J.

GLADBROOK WELTER HANDICAP of 60sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. C. De S. Teschemaker's b c Hem

CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 250sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. Buckley's br f Lady Landon, by Seaton Deluval--Robinilla (R. Derrett)

Derrett) Sir George Clifford's ch f Gallantry, (V. Cotton) Mr. M. Hobbs' br c Ivanoff (Hewitt) Other starters: Lapland, The Ra paree, Knastikoff, Sonia. The Rap-



land 10.10 p.m. BY ORDER. W<sup>AIŪKU<sup>-</sup></sup> RACING CLUB Will hold their ANNUAL RACE MEETING On the WAIUKU RACECOURSE, Оп TUESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1906, Under the Auckland Racing Club Rules. STAKES, £100.

The S.S. WEKA will run an Excursion Trip from Onehunga on TUESDAY, March 13th, at Excursion Fares, leaving at about 8 a.m., and returning to Onehunga about midnight.

ADMISSION TO COURSE: Adults, is; Horses, 1s; Children under 12, Free. Bookmaker's Permit to Bet, £2. Dogs strictly prohibited. J. T. MCNAMARA, Secretary

Under these circumstances totalisator. they could well afford to carry both racehorses and their attendants over their lines entirely free of cost.

The Woodville Meeting, which was held last week, gave speculators an opportunity of indulging in their weekly gamble. The racing was not very high class, but that apparently does not prevent the publie from attending in goodly numbers and speculating freely. Coming just prior to

Imin 32 5-9500. E.T. E3 65. VICTORIA HACK HANDICAP of 5050vs. One mile and a distance. Prospector 1, Pangarao 2, Togos 3. Scratched: Windy, The Ruler and Aeo-ius. Time, 1min 58 2-5sec. Dividend, 52 78

12 7s. TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 60sovs. Five furlongs.—Federation 1, Gawain 2, St. Claimer 3. Scratched: White Ribbon, Sardonyx, and Phemie. Won by a length. Time, 1min 3sec. Divi-dends, f3 2s and f1 14s.



Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued from Any Station to Pukekohe on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, available for return up to 10th March, 1906.

HAMILTON RACES, 3rd MARCH, 1906.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued to Kirikiriroa from Auckland, Onehunga, Taumarunui and intermediate sta-tions, and to Hamilton from Thames, Waihi, Cambridge, Rotorua and inter-mediate stations on Saturday, 3rd March, available for return up to 5th March, 1006.

For further particulars see Posters. BY ORDER. DUNEDIN CUP of 400sovs. One mile and a-half.

10s.

TRIAL PLATE of 50sovs. Six fur-longs.

Mr. H. Friedlander's b f Czarevna, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Britomart, 7.11 (Thomson) Mr. F. Moore's b f Order, 3yrs, 7.11 (E. Cox) Mr, H. Harding's b c Highland Fling, 3yrs, 8.0 (Rateliff) 1 2

8.4, Walfere ...,
bloom 7.11.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min
19 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 18s and £4

STEWARDS' WELER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. D. Roberts' ch g Somaroff, by Stepniak—Argon, 8.10 (L. Thom-son)

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RWICK HACK HANDICAP 5050vs. Five furiongs. J. Rutledge's b g Cuirasettia, rrs, by Curasow—Poinsettia, 7.9

4yrs, by Curasow-Poinsettia, 7.9 (J. Beale) 1 Mr. J. B. Reid's b f Canticle, 3yrs, 9.0 (E. Scoullar) 2 Mr. J. Ellis' en c Ouidaform, 4yrs, 9.3 (L. G. King) 3 Other starters: Flying Spark 9.4, Cap-tain Kettle 8.4, Ruorette 8.2, Abusive 8.2, Ointment 7.9, Balsam 7.8, Octave 6.11 (including 4lb over), Flavour 6.12 (including 5lb over). Won by four lengths. Time, Imin 5 4-5sec. Dividends, £15 12s and 16s.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

J. Jeff's ch m Petrovna, aged, by Mr

#### SECOND DAY.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was continued in fine but dull weather on Thursday. The attendance was good for an off day, and specula-tion fairly brisk, £5625 10s being put through the totalisator, or £310 more than on the second day last year. The results were as follows.—

HINDON HURDLE HANDICAP of 65sovs. One mile and three-quar-ters.

Mr. Franks' b g Rongoa, aged, by Loch Ness-Magnesia, 10.9 (G. J. Pine)

Taggart's b g Leeside, 9.13 1 Mr. с.

Mr. C. Taggart's b g Leeside, 9.13 (G. Byrne) 2 Mr Rutherford's b m Graduated Tax, 9.11 (J. O'Connell) 3 Other starters: Scottish Minstrel 10.2, Moteoropuku 9.12, First Shot 9.3, The Romany 9.0. Won by three lengths. Time, 3min 24 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 14s and 18s.

HENLEY HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 50sovs. Five furlongs.
Mr. Friedlander's ch h Count Gor-ton, syrs, by Gorton-Countess of Kolmar, 9.13 (L. Hegarty)
Mr. Puddy's ch f Octave, 7.10 (J. Pine)
Messrs. White's b g The Seer, 9.9 J. McCombe)
Other starters: Cuirosettia 9.4, St.
Ormont 7.13, Red Morn 7.12, Tramon-tana 7.10. Won by a length. Time, 1min 6
4-5sec. Dividends, £1 2s and £3 4s.

CITY STAKES HANDICAP of 100soys. Mr. Buckley's br f Lady Landon, by Seaton Delaval—Robinilla, 8.12 Five furlongs. (Derrett) Mr. Hobbs' b f Aimee Soult, 7.12 (Hewitt) (Hewitt) 2 Mr. Knight's b g Lapland, 8.3 (L. Thompson) 3 Other starters: Afer 8.0, and Erskine 7.7 (bracketed), Lone Star 7.10, Knasti-koff 7.4, The Rapparee carried 7.7, Won by a head. Time, 1min 6 2-5sec. Dividends, £1 16s and 14s. DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 25sovs. One mile and a-quarter. Mr. F. Holmes' Terrapin, aged, by Clanranald—Teredina, 8.3 (R. Clanranald—Teredina, ... 1 King) Mr. Dalgsty's ch m Stepdancer, 8.6 (McCluskle) Shr George Clifford's ch h Cannie Chiel, 7.11 (V. Cotton)-3 Other starters: Convoy 8.7, Makaroff 7.10, Thunderer 6.13, Notus 6.9. Wom by a head. Time, 2min 14 3-5mec. Dividends, £2 14s and 16s. DOMAIN HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six Hon. G. McLean's b c Apollodoris, 27rs. by Phoebus Apollo-Brisa, 7.6 (Gastell) Mr. Reid's b f Canticle, 6.9 (Olsen) 2 Mr. Boyle's br f Pus Scul, 8.11 (Hewlit) furlongs.

Other starters: Zetland 8.3, Ostach-koff 6.7, Radium 6.7. Won by a length. Time, 1min 18 1-5sec. Dividend, \$7 10s.

OUTRAM HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. H. Friedlander's b f Czarevna, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Britomart, 8.6 (Donovan)

(Donovan) Mr. A. S. Jones' b f Gypsobel, 4yrs, 7.0 (J. Pine) Messrs. Mason and Norman's br f Flying Spark, 4yrs, 8.11 (R. King) 3 Other starters: Abusive 7.13, Ru-brette 7.10, Red and Black 7.12, Design 7 2 1

7.2. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £2 and £4 6s.

RAILWAY PLATE of 100sovs. Mr. J. Buckley's b g Master Alix, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Irene, 9.4 (R. Derrett) Five

Won by two lengths. ec. Dividend, £4 4s. Time, 1min 4sec.

SUBURBAN WELTER HANDICAP of

100sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. Grantley's ch m Quickfire, 4yrs, by Hotchkiss-Aleger, 8.2 (T. C.

by Hotchl Thomson)

Thomson) 1 Mr. P. T. Hogan's ch g Sirius, aged, 7.13 (E. Cox) 2 Mr. J. Brett's br m Cavatina, 4yrs, 7.12 (J. McCombe) 3 Other starters: Lolah 9.6, Somaroff 9.4, Koputal 9.4, Cathron 9.4, Brighton 9.3, Lady Soult 8.9, Metford 7.10, Wai-rere 7.13 (including 3lb over). Won by a length and a-half. Time, 2min 33sec. Dividends, £3 8s and £8 2s.

THIRD DAY.

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The Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was concluded on Saturday. The attendance was good, considering the weather conditions. The sum of f6698 was put through for the day, making f21,180 10s for the meeting, as compared with f20,097 10s last year. The details were as follows:—

WELTER HACK 50sovs. Four fur-WARRINGTON HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs.

Won by a length and a-half. Time, 54sec. Dividend, £6 14s.

HOPEFUL STAKES of 100sovs. Five

furlongs. Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Lapland, by Finland—Nerole, 7.13 (Thompson) Mr. M. Hobbs' b f Almee Soult, 7.13 1 (Hewitt) Mr. R. G. Harris' ch c Lone Star, 7.5 (Raymond) 3 Other starters: Sonia 7.5, Knastikoff 1 2 . J. 7.7

6.7. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 9 2-5sec. Dividend,£ 3 8s. ABBOTSFORD WELTER HANDICAP ABBOTSFORD WELTER HANDICA of 100sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. H. Robb's ch g Radium, 6yrs. by Euroclydon—Prudence, 7.13 (W. B. Robb) Mr. J. Ellis' br c Moudjik, 3yrs, 7.7 (Raymond) Mr. J. Brett's br m Cavatina, 4yrs, 7.7 (Gaskell) 7.7. Won by a head. Time, 1min 24 3-5sec. Dividends, £16 6s and £3. WAIHOLA HACK HANDICAP of 50 WAIHOLA HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Five furlongs.
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Mr. C. des Teschemaker's b c Hem-lock, 3yrs, 9.3 (Derrett) . . . 2
Messrs. Mason and Norman's br g Flying Spark, 4yrs, 8.12 (R. King) 3 Other starters: Highland Fling 8.13, Astrakhan 8.3, Gypsobel 7.4, Balsam 7.3. Won by three parts of a length. Time, 1min 9 4-5sec Dividends, £4 4s and 16sWINGATUI HANDICAP of 100sovs.

Mr. E. Gates' b c Zetland, 4yrs, by Obligado—Lady Zetland, 8.3 Hon. G. McLean's ch c Notus, 3yrs, 6.12 1

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Mr. G. Donnelly's blk g Stepenfeldt, 7.9 Other starters: Pas Seul 8.3, Ostach-3

koff 6.12, Rubrette 6.7, Lillystone 6.7. Won by a short head. Time, Imin 23 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 6s.

#### VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The Victoria Amateur Turf Club brought their autumn meeting to a con-clusion at Caulfield on February 24. The following were the details of the race:-

THE NINTH CAULFIELD FUTURITY

Eleven horses started. Betting: 5 to 2 against Machine Gun, 7 to 2 Lachlan, 7 to 1 Pompous and Duke of Melton, 8 to 1 Pendant, 10 to

I Gladsome. Won by three parts of a length. Time, 1min 28% sec.

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AUCKLAND BACING CLUB'S AU-TUMN MEETING.

TUMN MEETING. EASTER HANDICAP. — Savoury, Landlock, Leonator, Noteorini, Wai-puna, Ironmould, Bourrasque, Nervine, Delania, Carl Rosa, Ghoorka, Exmoor, Marguerite, Putty, Waitati, Franklin, Jewellery, Lady Annie, Silkweb, Rook-by, Bully, Le Beau, Paritutu, Cyrano, Apologue, Millie, Gladstone, Hohoro, Geordie, Master Delaval, Solution, Cer-tainty, Te Aroha, Fashionable, Lyrist, Mobility, Strathavon, Annette, Glenul-lin, Marshal Soult. AUTUMN HANDICAP. — Savoury, Landlock, Waipuna, Ironmould, Bour-rasque, Ghoorka, Putty, Franklin, Je-wellery, Bully, Paritutu, Cyrano, Apo-logue, Zuleika, Gladstone, Master De-laval, Solution, Te Aroha, Lyrist, Glen-ullin.

laval, Solution, TE Atom, Julin. ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP. -- Sa-voury, Landlock, Waipuna, Ironmould, Bourrasque, Nervine, Delania, Ghoorka, Putty, Franklin, Jewellery, Rookby, Bully, Paritutu, Cyrano, Apologue, Zu-leika, Gladstone, Akarana, Geordie, Master Delaval, Solution, Certainty, Te Aroha, Lyrist, Mobility, Strathavon, Glenullin.

Glenullin. BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE.—Ta-hae, Aka Aka, Seabird, Khama, Prin-cess of Thule, Sol, Hautapu, Lady Hune, Hakaria, Cuiragno, Vexation.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB'S AN-

NUAL MEETING.

March 14 and 15. TARIKI WELTER.—Lualla, Tika, Nero, 'Uhlando, Recreation, Science, Claremont, Vexation, Golconda, Cle-mentine, Whakahawea, Marvia, Ota-

mentine, Whakahawea, Marvia, Ota-raca, Showman, CUP-Tambourina, Submarine, Cy-rano, Roseal, Jewellery, Lovelink, Star-ina, Little Turk, Regulation, Inglewood, Rustique, Le Beau, Nonette. MiDHIRST HACK.—Glean, Refine, Science, Waionui, Maharanui, Clare-mont, Vexation, Immolation, Aureole, Showman.

Showman. OHURA HURDLES.—Dalky, Mole-skin, Mawhiti, Fishmere, Little Turk, Haereroa, Le Vent, Durban, Inglewood, Lion Heart, Flanagan, Showman. FLYING HANDICAP.—Tambourine, St. Bill, Federation, Lovelink, Bowman,

FLYING HANDICAP.—Tambourine, St. Bill, Federation, Lovelink, Bowman, Pardon, St. Claimer, Clementine, Rus-tique, Le Beau. RAILWAY HACK.—Gleam, Muse, Bellevue, Lualla, Silver Shell, Diehard, Kangaroo, Uhlando, The Clipper, Dame Fortune, Dear Dolly, Engraver, Immola-tion, Star Rose, Park Rose, St. Cyress, Walpa, St. Clements gelding. TOKO WELTER. — Lualla, Tika, Nero, Diehard, Uhlando, Recreation, Science, Walnoni, Claremont, Vexation, Moosken, Golconda. Whakahawea. Mar-Science, Wainoni, Claremont, Vexation Moosken, Golconda, Whakahawea, Mar

Moosken, Golconda, Whakahawea, Mar-via, S. owman. NGAIRE HACK, — Gleam, Muse, Bellevue, Inaha, Silver Shell, Kangaroo, The Clipper, Dame Fortune, Dear Dolly, Engraver, Immolation, Lady Lancelot, Park Rose, Somali, St. Cyress, Clemen-tine, Waipa, Noyeau, St. Clements geld-ing.

tine, Walpa, Noyeau, St. Clements geld-ing. ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP.—Tam-bourina, Submarine, Cyrano, Roseal, Jewellery, Lovelink, Star Rosa, Little Turk, Pardon, Regulation, Inglewood, Rustique, Recoil, Le Beau, Nonette. MAKURI HURDLES.—Dalky, Mole-skin, Mawhitl, Fishmere, Little Turk, Haereroa, Le Vent, Durhan, Inglewood, Lion Heart, Flanagan, Showman. COUNTY HACK.—Gleam, Lualla, Re-fine, Silver Shell, Uhlando, Science, Ma-haranui, Claremont, Vexation, Immola-tion, Aureole, Dalky.

haranui, Claremont, Vexation, Immola-tion, Aureole, Dalky. LADIFS' PURSE.—Malosi, Bushrang-er, inaba, Tika, St. Lavender, Clyte, Kaihu, Fretwork, Moosken, Haereroa, Champion, Toddy, Whakahawea, Ota-raoa, Linstock gelding. FINAL HANDICAP. — Tambourina, St. Bill, Roseal, Federation, Lovelink, Bowman, Starina, Little Turk, Pardon, St. Claimer, Clementine Rustique, Re-coil.

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JACKSON STAKES, six furlongs (run on the second day).						
King Billy	9	- 4	Martello		8	1
Achilles	9	0	De Witte		7	7
Stronghold	9	0	Loftus		Ż	2
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Porcelain	- 8	11	Colleen	••	6	10

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ACCEPTANCES.

SOUTH AUCKLAND BACING CLUB'S

MEETING.

TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs. —Haeremai 9.0, Bellbird 8.3, Rouse-about 8.0, Freehold 7.12, Waipa 7.11, Matahura 7.8, Hopkiss 7.7, Prince Ar-thur 7.6, Fortification 7.4, Romp 6.13, Tommy Dodd 6.10. HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Seabird 10.12, Seatonia 10.8, Lady Clare 10.7, The Frenchman 10.6, Rolf 9.5, Mangamahaki 9.4, Lady May 9.2, Sophia 9.0.

9.5. Mangamahaki 9.4, Lady May 9.2, Sophia 9.0.
SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Le Beau 9.0. Nervine 8.7, Kola Nip 9.3, Bonomiana 7.13, Agrapus 7.7, Seatonia 7.5, Bromide 7.5. FONY HANDICAP, seven furlongs.— Storyteller 9.0, Whakatupoto 8.0, Huri-huri 7.12, Prince Arthur 7.9, Ngawai 7.7, Tommy Dodd 7.7. STEEPLECHASE, about three miles. Hylas 10.8, Seatonia 10.7, The French-man 10.7, Sudden 10.0, Lady May 9.7, Fairy 9.7, Sophia 9.7. TRADESMEN'S PLATE, one mile.— Le Beau 8.8, Franklin 8.1, Nervine 8.1, Kola Nip 7.11, Bonomiana 7.7, Lucrece 7.2, Agrapus 7.0, Titaniwha 7.0 Bro-mide 7.0. FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.

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FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.
Certainty 8.12, Discoverer 8.5, Ben Blair 8.3, Lucrece 7.9, Kola Nip 7.9, Takaro 7.9, Cyclas Parva 7.6, Omati 7.4, Stepney 6.12, Aristocrat 6.7, Lotto 6.7, Kaipaki 6.7.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEEETING.

FIRST DAY-MARCH 1. 12 noon.-STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of

150sovs. Distance, one mile. Gold Crown 9 1 Grenade ... 7 10 Exmoor ... 8 12 Chryseis ... 7 9 Regulation 8..5 Dexterity ... 7 5 Starshoot ... 8 4 Jewellery ... 7 4 Bik Reynard 8 0 Apa ... 6 9 Roseal ... 7 13 Tautoru ... 6 7 12.45 p.m.—JUVENILE HANDICAP, of

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HANDICAP

150sovs. Distance, one mile. Gold Crown 9 1 Grenade ...

12.45 p.m.—JUVENILE HANDICAP, 150sovs. Distance, six furlongs. Glenullin ... 9 5 Colleen ... 7 Gazeley ... 8 6 Muse ... 7 Arc Light... 8 3 'Frisco ... 7 Kurawaka 8 0 Carrissima 7 Loftus ... 8 0 Stratagem 7 Merriwal ... 8 0 Nelson—Dudu Martello ... 7 10 filly ... 7 1.30 p.m.—WESTMERE HANDIC

Comfort ... 11 2 Defoe ... 10 4 Miss King 11 0 Cath. Gordon 9 12 Khama .... 10 12 Vexation ... 9 10 Killarney ... 10 8 St. Lyra ... 9 6 Kohunui ... 10 5 Valima ... 9 0

2.15 p.m.—TAYFORH HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs. About one and three-quarter miles. Geologist .. 10 8 Dalky (includ-Lion Heart 10 7 ing penalty) 9 7 Inglewood 10 8 Rangiawhe-Swop .... 9 4 nua ...9 0 Flanagan .. 9 2

3.15 p.m.—WANGANUI CUP HANDI-CAP of 750sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

quarters. Paritutu .. 8 5 Letherin .. 7 5 Savoury .. 7 12 Boomerang 7 2 Multifid .. 7 12 Heroism .. 7 0 Nonette .. 7 11 Mas. Delaval 7. 0 Bourrasque 7 8 Melodeon .. 7 0 Ghoorka .. 7 7 Delaware .. 6 10 Ropa .. 7 6

3.45 p.m.—PETRE WELTER HANDI-CAP of 100sovs. One mile and a dis-

CAP of 100sovs. One mile and a dis-tance. Submarine 9 5 Marguerite 8 11 Kuroki . 9 1 Clanburn .. 8 6 Cyrano (includ- Apa .. 8 3 ing penalty) 8 13 Lovelink .. 8 0 4.30 p.m.-WIRITOA HACK RACLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile. Pretty Maid 8 8 Truce .. 7 4 Maharanui 8 7 Showman .. 7 3 Togos .. 8 6 Queen's Mes-Nova .. 8 5 senger .. 7 3 Merriwal .. 7 11 Kaimere .. 7 2 Bonheur .. 7 11 Kaimere .. 7 0 The Lark .. 7 8 St. Heliers 7 0 Destruction 7 5 Science .. 7 0 5.15 p.m.-FLYING HANDICAP of

Destruction 7 b Science .. 7 0 5.15 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 250sovs. Six furlongs. Achilles .. 10 2 Stronghold 8 5 Solution .. 9 0 Starshoot .. 8 3 Ailsa .. 8 13 Blk Reynard 7 13 King Billy.. 8 10 St. Claimer 7 7 Ballarat .. 8 9 Delaware .. 7 5 Lady Annie 8 7

SECOND DAY-MARCH 2.

9.5, Manga Sophia 9.0.

#### AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE NEWMARKET HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mac. Gun.. 11 3 Phaedra .. 7 8 Gladsome .. 9 11 Posco .. 7 3 Siyvanite .. 9 11 Luciana .. 7 2 Pendant .. 9 7 D. of Melton 7 2 Stepout .. 9 0 Palindrome (in. Mairp .. 8 11 3lb pen.) .. 7 2 Dandalla .. 8 9 Eng. Rose.. 7 1 Condor .. 8 3 Pompous .. 7 0 North Head 8 2 Lachlan .. 7 0 Istria .. 8 1 Cold Steel.. 6 12 Medallist .. 7 13 Dora Gray.. 6 12 Decollete .. 7 10 Little Toy.. 6 9 THE AUSTRALIAN CUP. Two miles 0 6 13 6 12 6 12 6 11 6 10 6 6 77777

# BOWLING.

### (BT " THE SEIP.")

Owing to the inclement weather early on Saturday, the Auckland Provincial Bowling Association decided to postpone the pennant and interclub matches.

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#### On Saturday afternoon last, at the Mount Eden Bowling Green, after the games had concluded, the members present were assembled in the club room for the purpose of wishing "bon voyage" to Messrs. Tutt and Mercer, two well-known and keen sports at the noble game. Mr. C. Hudson occupied the chair, and referred in the highest measure to the popularity of the two members who were about to take a trip to the Homeland, and in proposing the toast of "Our Guests," wished Messrs. Tutt and Mercer a safe and pleasant journey, expressing the wish of all that they would soon be with us again. Both gentleman suitably replied, and trusted that they would have the pleasure of bowling in the Old Country, when, if they picked up any points in the game, they would be most happy to impart them to their fellow bowlers at Mount Eden. Messrs. Tutt and Mercer left for Sydney by the Zealandia on Monday.

#### PENNANT AND INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

The secretary of the Auckland Provincial Bowling Association (Mr. Gregory Osmond), informs me that the matches as arranged for last Saturday will be played on Saturday next, March 3. It will thus be noticed that the draw as at present made will be adhered to, other than that the dates will read just one week ahead.

The draw for the continuation of the competitions is as follows:---

Fourth Round-March 3.

Auckland plays Rocky Nook, two rinks at Auckland, two at Rocky Nook. First year's players at Rocky Nook.

Ponsonby plays Onehunga, two rinks at Ponsonby, two at Onehunga. First year's players at Ponsonby. Mount Eden a bye.

Mount Albert plays Devonport, one

year's players at Carlton.

at Mount Albert, one at Devonport. Carlton plays Grey Lynn, one at Carlton, two at Grey Lynn. First

#### A UNIQUE FUNCTION ON THE AUCKLAND GREEN.

An unusual scene of brilliancy in the annals of bowling took place on Auckland green on Wednesday the evening last, the occasion being the 'At Home" given to the bowlers of Auckland by Mr. A. M. Myers (Mayor of this city), who is president of the Auckland Bowling Association, and his wife, Mrs. Myers. The green was brilliantly illuminated by incandescent gas lights, with something like 10,000 candle power, while dotted about the shrubbery of the green were some thousand fairy lamps, the latter also being used to form the initials A.P.B.A., the initials of the association of which Mr. Myers is president. The pavilion was gaily decorated with red, white and blue (Auckland Club's colours). and

number of selections, adding much to the pleasure of the function.

The games were made up in teams representing the President and Vice-President, and at the close it was found that the Vice had scored a win by the small majority of 1 point, the scores being:—President, 261; Vice-President, 262.

At the conclusion of the evening's entertainment the usual congratulatory speeches and votes of thanks were accorded to those who had assisted to make the outing such a pronounced success.

On Thursday evening, upon the invitation of Mr. Myers, seven teams, representing the Auckland Bowling Association, met a like number from representatives of the affiliated clubs, while seven rinks of the Auckland Club competed against the suburban clubs. The rinks were playing even better than on the first evening, but owing to a light drizzle setting in it was thought advisable to discontinue the games.

At this juncture Mr. Myers invited the bowlers into the club's spacious pavilion, and refreshments were par-taken of. Mr. W. Culpan (president of the Auckland Bowling Club) said he could not let bowlers part without saying a few words. He referred to the success of the function, and spoke highly of the qualifications of the Chief Magistrate of the city, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Myers for the splendid way in which they had entertained bowlers, their wives, and friends. Three cheers were called for the president of the A.P.B.A. and his wife, which were heartily given, all hands joining in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Myers, in mounting the table to speak to the assemblage, said he had now climbed to the highest pinnacle he had yet reached on a bowl-He suitably acknowgreen. ing ledged the compliment paid to himself and his respected wife, and stated they had experienced a great deal of pleasure in entertaining the bowlers and their friends. After a humourous and interesting speech the Mayor expressed his thanks to the Auckland Club for putting their beautiful green at his disposal—a spot that lent itself so much to the successful carrying out of the whole function. He also tendered his thanks to the Gas Company for the efficient way in which they had done their part in lighting the green, the whole affair going off without a hitch. To Mr. Osmond also he attributed to a large measure the success that had been achieved in working up the gathering. The secretary, he said, had given a vast amount of assistance in bringing the whole affair to a successful issue.

Cheers for Mr. Culpan (president) and Mr. Handcock (green superintendent Auckland Green) brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

The following games are posted on the notice board at

Mount Eden.

Handicap Singles: Hosking 21, v. Simpson 17. Club Championship: Rankin, 21,

18, 21, v. Martin, 15, 22, 19. \* \* \* \*

The two clubs mentioned below met and played on Saturday last, the rinks having dried sufficiently to permit of a roll-up:---

Mount Eden.

Miller, Wooller, Tutt, Mercer (skip), 15, v. Toy, Surman, Makay, Ross (skip), 12.

J. O. Brown, Hooper, Robins, Hudson (skip), 22, v. Phipps, Ferguson, Brookes, Burns (skip), 16. Culpan, Adams, 18, v. McIntyre, Monk, 15.

## CRICKET.

#### (By "YORKER.")

#### MELBOURNE V. WELLINGTON.

After easily beating the Wanganui and Manawatu districts en route, the Melbourne team arrived at Wellington to fulfil their engagement against the local reps. on the 23rd, 24th, and 26th inst.

On Friday, the first day's play, the weather was dry but boisterous, one of the Empire City's well-known gales blowing itself and the dust clean across the field.

Wellington, who were fortunate enough to win the toss, made little of their advantage, for though they occupied the wickets for the greater part of the day, the batting was of a decidedly scratchy order, and when the last wicket fell the total was only 124.

Six of the local men got into double figures, but no one at any time seemed comfortable to the bowling.

McLeod bowled unchanged against the wind for five wickets at a cost of 64 runs, a performance which can only be appreciated by one who has himself bowled against the gentle zephyrs which at times "pervade" the balmy "Basin."

On the other and easier end Armstrong bowled the best part of the innings, taking the other five wickets for 48.

As usual, McLeod adopted the off theory and Armstrong the leg.

With about an hour's play to go the Melbournites began their innings with Vaughan and Mailler. The former, who has not been too successful so far, was out in his second over, clean bowled by Monaghan, and his place was filled by Ransford.

Runs came slowly, but the day's play ended without another wicket going, the board reading as follows— 40 runs, 1 wicket; Mailler, not out, 29; Ransford, not out, 9.

Mailler batted nicely for his 29 not out, which, on resuming on Saturday, he increased to 57 before he fell a victim to Monaghan, caught by Weybourne at deep cover.

Mailler's crisp square cutting and neat driving were much appreciated.

A little rain fell on Saturday morning early, but not enough to damage the wicket, and before commencement of play the weather, from a cricketer's point of view, was perfect.

Apparently Armstrong found it so, and emphasised his appreciation by notching 175 in under two hours and a-half. Included in his score were 15 fours and one six.

15 fours and one six. He treated the Wellington spectators to a fine display, driving, pulling and cutting in his best form. He was seen at his best between luncheon and the tea adjournment on Saturday, when he scored at an exceptionally fast rate all round the wicket. No less than 100 were put on in an hour, and the bulk of them came from the champion's bat.

Melbourne realised 330 all told, but apart from Armstrong and Mailler's batting, the exhibition was not a remarkable one.

Monaghan secured seven for 95, clean bowling six of his victims. Monaghan is a very promising colt, whose success is chiefly due to a most peculiar off swerve. There are many bowlers nowadays who swerve from the on, but the Wellington colt, so far as we know, stands by himself in the possession of a curl from the off.

Going in a second time at 5 o'clock, Redgrave and Hickson were the openRedgrave, batting vigorously from the jump, while Hickson adopted his usual cautious tactics.

Both batted well, and were still there when stumps were drawn, Redgrave having 62 and Hickson 24 to his credit.

On resuming at 12 o'clock on Monday, the weather was somewhat raw, a cold southerly breeze being much complained of. Other conditions, however, were favourable, and the wicket still good, as the number of runs made amply testified.

Redgrave only succeeded in adding another 4 to his overnight total, finishing with 66, made by lively cricket.

After their poor display on the first day, little had been expected of the local side, and their splendid. score of 313 came as a pleasant surprise to all. It was hard to realise that the same men were batting.

same men were batting. J. P. Blacklock had the honour of being top scorer for his side with 97, and had hard luck in not reaching the century.

Blacklock's was a fine display, his runs coming chiefly from hard drives and forcing strokes to the on. His innings was marred by only one possible chance. He was well supported by Hickson (39), Tucker (33), and Barry (21). The last-mentioned gave a very stylish display while his innings lasted. Barron, it will be remembered, learned his cricket at the North Shore. Monaghan also did fairly well, batting confidently for 19 not out.

Wellington's innings ended shortly after five o'clock, leaving the Melbournites only 47 minutes to get the 110 necessary to win.

Armstrong and Mailler led off, and, as was to be expected, forced the pace at once, Armstrong in particular punishing everything that came along. It was a tight squeeze, and the Austrolians' side only exceeded in

tralians' side only succeeded in knocking off the runs required just on the call of time. Armstrong was again the thorn in the Wellington side, getting 66 not out. Mailler 20, and Aitken 21 not out, provided the balance of the runs, which were got for the loss of three wickets, thus leaving the Melbourne side winners by seven wickets.

The finish was a very exciting one, and creditable to the losers as well as the winners.

Wellington's effort in the second innings to avert defeat was an extremely fine performance, and had they not done so miserably in their first attempt, a draw at least would have been assured.

#### AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

New South Wales has this season proved itself by far the strongest State side in Australia, carrying everything before it from first to last. Their batting especially has been exceedingly fine. No less than six of the first 12 names given on the list of inter-State averages given below are New South Welshmen, and all show an average of over 40 runs per innings.

The figures of the first two, Mackay 6 innings, once not out for 559, average 111, and Noble 6 innings, once not out 551, average 102, are phenomenal.

From Noble we have learnt to expect great things, and be it said to his great credit he has seldom disappointed either his State or his county. He is possessed to a singular degree of that dogged perseverance which knows not defeat until the numbers are up in black and white, and many of his very best innings have been played when success seemed almost impossible.

vast amount of bunting and greenery was used to lend brilliancy and beauty to the display.

There must have been at least 2000 guests present, and some 14 rinks were utilised in the play, occupying the attentions of 112 bowlers.

Although the play was not up to the standard of that shown during daylight, yet some fine exhibitions of drawing were witnessed on some of the rinks. In many instances the players were charmed by the beautiful and unique surroundings, and observing the moving mass of handsomely-costumed ladies with their escorts as they wandered round the spacious pathways, than they were with the actual sport of the game itself. At an interval, about nine o'clock, suitable songs to the occasion were rendered by Messrs. W. George, W. Manning, and G. Higgott, the accompanists being Mrs. Coutts and Mr. Shoreland.

During the evening the First Auckland Battalion Band contributed a Rocky Nook.

White, Kayes, Haselden, Bouskill (skip), 22, v. Everitt, Ellisdon, Bryden Wakerley (skip), 18.

den Wakerley (skip), 18. Bouskill, White, Kayes, Haselden (skip), 12, v. Wakerley, Everitt, Ellisdon, Bryden (skip), 11.

#### ROTORUA V. TE AROHA.

A game between teams representing Rotorua and Te Aroha took place at Rotorua on Thursday last. Messrs. Wrigley, Bayliss, Forrest, and J. L. Jones (Rotorua), tried conclusions with Messrs. Manson, Walton, Court, and Maingay (Te Aroha), the result being: Rotorua 24, Te Aroha 17. Messrs. Biggs, Crowhurst, McFarlane and Hoyes (Rotorua) matched themselves against Messrs. Innes, Pairtt, Stanley and Somers (Te Aroha), the result being: Rotorua 21, Te Aroha 10. ing pair for Wellington.

Besides being such an excellent bat



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Noble is one of the finest points ever seen, and those who would send the to him and not retire would do well to see that it reaches him along the ground.

Mackay we have not seen in New Zealand, and until this season have heard little about him, but if half we read of him be true he is indeed a second Trumper come to light. Such a brilliant debut in inter-State cricket is unparalleled in the records of Australian cricket. He played six in-nings, scoring 194, 90, 105, 102 not out, 18, and 50, and not only topped the list with an average of 111.86, but created a fresh record by putting in the double century, 105 and 102 not out at Sydney against South Australia.

Noble's figures read: 281, 27, 43, 37 not out, 0, and 123, average 102, an excellent record, but nevertheless not so consistently good right through as Mackay's.

Another comparatively new name is that of Diamond, also a New South Welshman, who finished third in the list with an average of 76.

Little wonder is it then that with five such batsmen on their side as Noble, Trumper, Duff, Mackay and Diamond, with the Waddy Brothers to back them up, the mother State has beaten all previous records in run-getting.

Then, too, the bowling, though not so formidable, was not to be despised. With Garnsey and Cotter in the van, New South Wales was always sure of a good attack. The latter has improved wonderfully during his trip Home, and capable critics on the other side are hopeful that he may still be a star among international bowlers. In the Kelly benefit match he kept a good length, and main-tained his pace throughout New South Wales long innings in a manner equal to Jones or Richardson at their best.

As he is still but a boy and has a splendid physique, there is no reason why he should not be a power on the Australian side for many years to come.

Another very fine average is that of McAlister, of Victoria. He is an inter-State batsman of some years' standing, and has this year been in exceptionally good form. His figures read: 157, 128, 56, 53, 40, 13, and 0, average 64. He comes fourth in the list.

Armstrong, who made himself fa-mous during the English tour, is not far away either in bowling or batting.

After being so thoroughly beaten during the last tour in England, it is gratifying to all followers of the game in this side of the world to see such brilliant performances by the younger Australian players. During last year it was quite evident to all who watched the games at all closely that there was more than one back number on the Australian side, and their signal defeat makes the advent of such batsmen as Mackay and Diamond doubly welcome.

The following list gives a few of the best batting and bowling averages

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		In.	Т.В.	Avge
Mackay, N.S.W.		6	559	111.8
Noble, N.S.W.		6	511	102.20
Diamond, N.S.W.		4	229	76.33
McAlister,, Vic.		7	450	64.28
C. Gregory, N.S.	5.W.	2	127	63.50
Gebrs, S.A		4	178	59.33
Armstrong, Vic.		5	275	55.
Claxton, S.A.		8	347	49.58
Warne, Vie.		6	293	48.83
C. Hill, S.A.		4	191	47.75
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# AQUATICS.

#### (BY "THE REFER.")

A novelty is to be introduced next Saturday by the Power Boat Association, when all the competitors for the Whitney Cup must be steered by either the wife, sister, daughter, sister-in-law, or fiancee of the owner. This should cause a lot of additional interest in the race. In Melbourne the other day a very successful race of the kind was held, the competitors being sailing yachts, Sayonaca beating Hurrica by 15 seconds. It re-mains to be seen whether the power boats cannot beat this.

There are plenty of launches in process of construction at the various yards, and business all round is brisk.

At Logan Bros. there is a 30ft cabin launch being built, which should be ready by the 21st of the month for shipment to Fiji. An 8 h.p. Union engine will be the propelling power.

The same firm have just finished a 30ft launch for Mr. Banks, of Waihi. She is a very shapely little vessel, and is driven by an 8 h.p. Blake engine. A 26ft boat with an 8 h.p. De Dion for Mr. Prosser, of North Shore, and a 26ft boat with a similar engine for Mr. Roche, of Waihi, are also well advanced.

Charles Bailey, jun., has just built two fine surf boats for the Union Company, and two boats for the Melanesian Mission. He is finishing off a very handsome 35ft pleasure boat for a local owner. She will be driven by a 10 h.p. Standard engine. A 33ft launch with an 8 h.p. engine is also in course of construction for a Picton owner.

Messrs. Montgomery and Alexander's new 48ft cruising power launch was put afloat last week, and has been out for some preliminary spins. She has a 35 h.p. Union engine, which drives her at a speed of about ten knots per hour. In addition to a handsomely-finished saloon, there are two large cabins and a small cabin forward. When afloat the launch shows a high side, and looks like being a fine powerful seaboat. It is, however, possible she would have looked better with two masts with a nice rake instead of the one perpendicular stick, but the former would have meant the foot coming through the saloon. Now that the Queen of Beauty has left Auckland the Raroro is beyond question the finest power launch on the Waltemata.

Yachtsmen have had good reason to complain of the weather this season; in fact, many projected cruises have had to be abandoned uncondi-tionally. It is curious how each week-end the wind veers to the west-ward and the familiar thick bank of cloud-wrack hurries up to blot out the landmarks and send a slur of white caps from Kauri Point to the Each Sunday afternoon Thames. lately has seen the straggled fleet thrashing home wth storm jibs and two or three reefs in the mainsails, You can run up against a nasty jobble off Rangitoto and North Head occasionally.

Motor launch skippers should keep a weather eye raised when cruising among the wharves. One launch full of sports got a scare recently, their boat being filled with water and hat damaged in a collision with a steamer just off the end of the wharf. The other day the writer witnessed a near thing between a ferry boat and the Grey Witch. The latter shot out unexpectedly right athwart the bows of the ferry steamer, and but for the prompt action on the part of the ferry skipper, the Grey Witch would have tried a small submarine trip. As it was, the ferry steamer pulled up in a smother of foam within a couple of feet of the launch with nothing to spare, and a little comment on the ferry skipper's part closed the incident.

her antagonist throughout the race. We should like to hear how Rawhiti would perform in a good stiff breeze.

A cruise to Kawau, undertaken recently in the Mayourneen by some North Shore sports, turned out all right, though a nasty sea was met with on the run home. They reported passing the fine American ship Tillie E. Starbuck off the coast under a cloud of canvas, and say the sight was a very fine one. Unfortunately there wasn't a camera on board to record this all to rare spectacle.

. The Togo has lately blossomed out in a new form of distinct taniwha pretensions. She is no longer a thing of beauty, but romps about the harbour like a thing possessed, and is calculated to curl the hair of the average Maori into knots. Rumour has it that there is method in the madness of her disguise.

LA WN TENNIS

## (By "VOLLEY.")

Owing to the bad weather the interclub matches were postponed last Saturday until March 24. The Parnell Club have invited the Papatoetoe Club to play a friendly match next Saturday. These two clubs have met several times during the last few seasons.

The Taranaki Association are suggesting a match to be played against a representative team on March 17. The Eden and Epsom Club have kindly consented to the use of their lawns for this purpose. The visitors will probably include Messrs. Dickie and Wallace and Miss Powdrell, all of whom distinguished themselves in the recent tournament at Wellington. .

It is proposed to play eight men's singles and two or more ladies' singles, according to the number of ladies able to come to Auckland, and to follow these events with men's doubles, ladies' doubles, and combined doubles, according to the time available.

It will be interesting to watch the games of our local men, especially those of Keith and Grossman, who will probably have to face Dickie and Wallace.



ings left me, and I was completely cured."

If your appetite is poor, your digestion imperfect, and you feel nervous and weak, you ought to take

Miss D. Udy will also have an op-portunity of testing her strength against Miss Powdrell.

Final notice of the ability to send this team should be received any day from New Plymouth, and if arranged the Auckland Association range a return match against the visitors next season.

Why not arrange a meeting with Hawke's Bay; if too late this season the Auckland team might go on to Napier after New Plymouth next season.

Secondary schools' tournam**ent** starts at once, and will be played on the Eden and Epsom lawns on Saturday mornings, as last season.

The following matches have been played at Devonport during the week:-

Men's Doubles: Warner and Rish-worth (scratch) beat Francis Brabant and White (receive 15), 6-3,

Combined Doubles: Redman and Miss Alison (scratch) beat K. Howarth and Mrs. Swan (owe 316 15), 6----4. 6----2.

Ladies' Singles (semi-final): Mrs. Cooper (owes 40) beat Miss D. Metcalfe (receives 3-6 15), 6-3, 6-2.

In the ladies' singles Mrs. Cooper (owes 40) plays Miss T. Alison (re-ceives 30) for the final. With the aid of this handicap Miss Alison should win, but a close struggle may be expected.

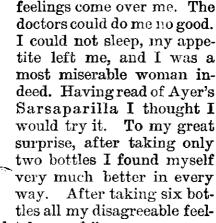
\* Several championships were to have been played on Saturday, but unfortunately were stopped by the rain.

The Devonport Club hold a progressive tennis tournament at their lawns on Saturday next. March 3. Members of outside clubs are cordially invited to compete. Those intending to compete should hand in their names to Mr. F. Brabant, care of the Bank of Australasia, as early as possible. The entrance fee is 1s, admission to gate 6d. A large number of gate tickets have already been sold, and the committee is confident of a good attendance.

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The final amount of the Kelly benefit is £1398 (says the "Referee.") The New South Wales Cricket Association paid expenses of the match, which amounted to £76. The Association executive made a suggestion to the beneficiare with respect to the investment of the money-or a large portion of it—in one of the Trustee companies. But Kelly was reasoncompanies. ably averse to the proposal. He de-sired it to be handed over to Mr. Philip Sheridan and Mr. John Portus as trustees for investment in pro-The two gentlemen named perty. were primarily responsible for Kelly's originally settling down in Sydney, Mr. Sheridan at that time being managing trustee of the ground and Mr. Portus hon. sec. of the association.

The old Halcyon, one time well known in Auckland yachting circles, still lies high and dry on the coast north of Auckland. She was one of the old school of yachts, deep and narrow, and was amateur built.

The race between Bona and Rawhiti ended in defeat for the latter, though the new boat hung close to

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Jhe Motorist.

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(By "PETROL.")

It now seems definitely settled that there will be no Gordon-Bennett Cup race in Europe this year. France and England practically killed the event by withdrawing from the field of contestants, France because she did not consider that she had suffi-cient representation compatible with her position in the motor world in teams of three cars allowed under the Gordon Bennett conditions. Eng-land's retirement was due to the land's retirement was use and Automobile Club of Great Britain and Automobile Club or Great the "Cup" Ireland voting against the "Cup" event in favour of their own Tourist Trophy Race, which is a speed con-test restricted to touring cars under touring conditions. As to the valu-able cup donated by Mr. Gordon-Ben-nett, of the "New York Herald," this fine trophy is at present in the hands of the Automobile Club of France through the agency of Thery, who won the event in 1904 and again in 1905, and these it seems likely to stay. During the six years' life of the Gordon-Bennett race, France won the Cup four times and England and Germany once each, so that even if the Cup remains permanently in the hands of France, she has well earned it. Having helped to squash the Gordon-Bennett event, France has decided upon instituting a big motor road race which will be open to all-comers without restriction as to number of repre-This speed race will be sentatives. the motor event of 1906, and will probably be held around the circuit Fontainebleau, which is stated to be eminently suited for such a speed event.

Mr. Henry Sturmey, one of the leading cycle and motor experts of Eng-land, recently wrote to "Cycling" (England) anent the possibility of the motor cycle as follows:—"We have been hearing a great deal lately about a decline in the demand for the motor a decline in the demand for the motor bicycle, or perhaps it would be better to say of disappointment that the demand for the two-wheeled motor vehicle has not more rapidly increased. Of course, everyone has not the same ideas upon things in general, or upon motors in particular, but I cannot help thinking that there is room for the introduction of what might be termed an "auxiliary motor" bicycle. I mean a bicycle in which the motor is purely an auxiliary to the pedalling mechanism of the machine. I know as a positive fact, from conversations I have had with many people, that in quite a large number of cases the motor bicycle of to-day is altogether too powerful for the requirements of Enthusiasts are apt to many men. ignore the fact that all people are not so enthusiastic upon any particular subject as they are themselves, and, whilst the motor bicycle, in fulfilment of the demands of the enthusiasts, has been gradually growing more and more powerful until it has more power in it than I had in the 30cwt outfit I drove in '97; it has been, at the same time, getting farther and farther away from the requirements of the more sober-sided members of the community to whom great speed has no attractions. Apart from the weight of these high horsepower bicycles, they are undoubtedly too fast for many people. Your keen enthusiast and practised rider de-lights in putting on all the speed he can get-and he can get a big speed out of a high-powered motor bicycle to-day-but to many men, although they have no objection to the fine hill work of a high-powered machine, the pace at which it is always wanting to travel is greater than the strength of their nerves will permit them to enjoy. More than one motor cyclist bas told me, in speaking even of his 8 h.p. machine, that it is really "just a little too fast" for him. Now, to go to the other extreme. I have always thought that the provision of quite a small horse-power-not more than 1 h.p.-if arranged as an adjunct to rather than the sole propelling power of a bicycle, might very well catch on. Many men like pedal cycling well enough when the work is easy, but it is the hard tugging on steep hills and against strong head winds or over heavy roads that they object to, and those who have ever had any assistance from another rider in the way of a push will know what a really very little help is needed to make all the difference between hard work and pleasure. It seems to me that, by making a very

small motor, with everything else on an equally small scale, so that the added weight should not be great, fit-ting it into the bottom of the frame over the crank bracket and so arranging that, when required, it could be brought into gear with an extension of the crank chain wheel, the rider with a three-speed pedalling gearcould switch in his motor whenever he required it, and would not neces-sarily have to lug about a tremendous amount of additional weight. He would naturally cut the motor out down hill. Somewhere about '95 or '96 I patented a two-cylinder motor bicycle arranged somewhat on this principle. I was fortunate enough at that time to sell the patent, so my connection with it ceased, but, so far as I know, nothing whatever was done with it even in the way of experiment, though why such a notion, carried out in the light of our present knowledge of motors, should not be put into practice, especially with some chance of commercial success, I cannot quite see, but I do think that if such an auxiliary motor bicycle were placed on the market as would enable the pedal cyclist to mount hills with as little work as driving on the level and would enable him to keep up, by the slight added help of the engine, a steady 18 or 20 miles' pace on the level, with a 10 or 12 miles' pedalling effort, a de-mand for it might very well be created."

Probably the most important question discussed at the two big recent automobile shows held in London and "Which is the best shaft Paris was, or chain drive?" The Exhibition at Olympic, London, showed a the slight majority in favour of the shaft drive, most of the high-powered cars being fitted with chain transmission, although such world-famed manufac-turers as the "Napier" still adhere to the shaft drive. Amongst the me-dium-powered car, the shaft drive held pride of place, such firms as the Talbot, Humber, Argyll, Swift, Rover, Ariel, etc., all giving the shaft drive the preference. From an English point of view, this form of drive with its quietness, cleanliness, and good wearing qualities, stands an easy favourite. In France, opinion appears about equally divided, with a growing preference for the shaft drive. The recent brilliant Paris Salon did definitely decide the question. Both styles of drive were erhibited, and each system of transmission had its warm adherents. Several of the leading French houses, such as Panhard and Levassor and Richard Brazier, are using both drives, evidently with a view to experimenting and trying to settle the matter for their own satisfaction. Shaft and chain had each a strong following. The Fiat, Germain, De Deitrich, Mercedes, Peugeot, and a score of other makers remained faithful to the chain, whilst houses like the Renault, Darracq, Decauville, De Dion, Clement, and numerous others resort to the shaft with its universal joints. For Australian use, the writer favours the shaft drive, the upkeep and wear being less, whilst there is no need for adjustment as in chains. Again, there is cleaning or greasing of chains. no

In the recent Dunlop Reliability Motor Contest, seven cars started with chain drive as against sixteen with shaft drive. In no single instance did the level drive give the slightest trouble, whilst one or two of the chain-driven cars had to tighten and adjust their chains. the five cars that remained in at the finish after their 1270 miles' drive, four were driven by shaft. Again the first, second and third cars in the previous overland contest were also so fitted.

## CYCLING.

The Dunlop Rubber Company state that their interesting competition, for which three prizes—£35, £10, and £5 are to be awarded—has "caught on" in great shape. Over 100.000  $x_{2}$  are to be awarded—mas caught on" in great shape. Over 100,000 booklets have already been distri-buted, and with the existing demand the probabilities are that this number will be doubled before the application of the public for the interesting and novel competition booklet is satisfied. If you have not already placed the 20 designs in order of merit from your point of view, send along for a booklet to the Dunlop de-pot at once (128, Lichfield-street, Christchurch), and they will post you a few copies free. Besides affording you an hour's amusement, you may succeed in carrying off one of the prizes, for someone must win them. Last day for receipt of competitive slips is Saturday, March 31 next.

Such is the great perfection in high-grade cycle working parts that one well-known English cycle firm is now issuing a four years' guarantee of the most liberal description with the cycle bearing its name. The guarantee covers nearly every part of the machine, excepting tyres, saddle, chain, and enamel, which are, as usual, covered by a 12 months' guarantee.

George Farley, the Australian track champion, has again demonstrated his right to the title by carrying off the five miles Australian Championship, held in Adelaide last week, from J. Sandberg and G. R. Morgan.

The English cycle trade is now recovering from the effects of the big slump in cycles that took place after the boom burst a few years back. The aggregate profit of thirty-five English cycle and accessory companies during last season amounted to the respectable sum of £720,000.

## **BOXING.**

It is gratifying to find boxing on the up grade in the Black Country (says a London writer). Wednesbury, with its population of 27,000, may not be a very extensive place, but it is a sporting centre, and draws from Dud-ley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and even from Brum. From Wolverhampton, close by, hailed the fa-mous Joe Goss; and Brown, of Bridgnorth, was a prominent figure in the ring when fights in the old style were almost as numerous as are glove contests to-day. Latterly pe-destrianism and dog racing have held sway, but, judging from the patron-age given Harry Cullis, there is plenty of money for boxing when the same is properly arranged and decided.

The boxer of to-day (says the London "Sportsman") is in many respects more favourably placed than was his predecessor of 15 or 20 years ago. In those times as much as  $\pounds 25$  used to be paid out simply for the use of a room or club. Purses were almost unknown, and the "gate" so limited, owing to the secrecy necessary, that at the finish there was little left beyond the stake, off which the backer invariably wanted a pretty big chunk. 

Training expenses had also to be borne by the boxer or his friends. while now they frequently come out of the purse or the manager "springs" a bit after the screw has been put True, now and again, when a sport happened to find the money, the winner got all the stakes; sometimes, indeed, what had been put down for himself as well, but in smaller affairs, with three or four finding the cash, the boxer's share was small and very easily counted.

in New Orleans for the middle-weight championship of the world, John L. Sullivan was portraying the charac-ter of the hero in "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands" at a Chicago theatre. At the precise period when Sullivan was to perform a heroic deed he walked to the footlights and stood there staring vacantly at the audi-ence. The prompter repeated the lines several times, in the hope that John L. would perform his part, but to no purpose. After several mo-ments' silence, Sullivan belched out in a deep guttural voice: "Ladies and gentlemen, I was just thinking how our Jack is getting on with the Aus-The announcement made a tralian." decided hit, and many moments passed before order could be restored, so amused was the audience at the big fellow's explanation.



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Hennery, the crack driver of the Darracq racing cars, who recently carried off the Vanderbilt Cup in America, has now turned his attention to some of the world's records. On a new 200 h.p. Darracq, shod with Dunlop tyres, Hennery carvel out a kilometre (1094 yards) in 20 3-5sec, equal to a speed of 108½ miles an hour, which is a world's record for the road. Hennery's new mount, which weighs less than 2000lb, is fitted with eight cylinders set in two rows of four each-set at a V angle. Great things are predicted in the way of speed from this car when it is properly tuned up, for it accomplished its first record when practically delivered straight from the factory.

Big purses, however, are a thing of the past in England. The Corinthian, who used to come forward and throw his fifty or "century" into the manager's hat towards the "inducement" is no more, and the National Sporting Club, with some 600 members, every man possessing a right to see the show for nothing, cannot afford to give away hundreds week after week on its own. And with cash so tight and times bad, even the gatemoney promoters are in a similar position. \*

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It is told that on the night of the Jack Dempsey-Bob Fitzsimmons fight

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ATHENS. The American team for the Olympian Games in Athens promises to be extremely "warm" (says "The Re-feree.") The sprinters comprise C. L. Parsons, W. A. Schick, Clyde Blair, W. D. Eaton, Frank Waller, and One at once misses Harry Hillman. the name of Archie Hahn, of Milwaukee, the 220 yards champion of Ame-Chas. Parsons, of San Franrica. cisco, is the 100 yards senior champion of America, a title he won last August in 9 4-5sec, beating Hahn and Clyde Blair, the Chicago sprinter. He also won the 100 yards junior championship in 10sec. Schick is the fa-mous Harvard sprinter. Schick, Blair, Eaton, and Parsons are all credited in Spalding's Athletic Almanac with having run 100 yards in 9 4-5sec. Eaton and Blair between them hold records at 35 yards, 40 yards, 45 yards, and 50 yards. Frank Waller is 440 yards champion of the United States, having won the title in 49 He is also 220 yards hurdle 3-5sec. champion. Harry Hillman may be remembered as the hero of the Olympian Games at St. Louis. Trusting to memory, he did not compete in the American championships last August at Portland, but he won the 440 yards championship of Canada last September in 49 2-5sec.

The middle distance men are to include Lightbody, E. B. Parsons, and Valentine. Lightbody, of Chicago, won the 880 yards championship of America last August in 2min 3 3-5sec. H. V. Valentine, of New York, is halfmile champion of Canada, and he won the title at Montreal last September in 1min 57 2-5sec. I believe E. B. Parsons is the Yale student, who did 1min 59 3-5sec against Harvard last against year, and 1min 59 4-5sec Princeton. Lightbody is the best of the half-milers with a record of 1min For the 1500 metres Light-57sec. body (whose mile record is 4min 25sec), and Munson have been chosen. Last year for Cornell against Princeton D. C. Munson won the mile in 4min 24 2-5sec, and finished first in the "half" against Pennsylvania, but was disqualified. Hugo Friend, of Chi-

cago, is the 120 yards hurdles champion of America, and also running He won the broad jump champion. aurdles in 16 1-5sec. and the jump at 22ft 10 1-8in. Ral Ewry is a world's record-holder in the jumping depart-men, whiist "strong" men like Flana-gan, Coe, Plaw, and Mitchell require no word of introduction. High jumper H. W. Kerrigan, of Portland, is the running high jump champion of America. He won the title last August at 6ft 1½in. Taking the American team by and large, it will be warm, very warm. But I don't see anyone with a better chance than Nigel Barker over 400 metres, or Wheatley over 800 and 1500 metres. If Wheatley is to be beaten over 800 metres, K. Cornwallis, of Oxford, appeals to me as the man most likely to do the trick, for the said K.C. has run 880 yards in 1min 54 4-5sec.

Nigel Barker of the Sydney University A.C., who is to represent New South Wales at the Olympian Games, sailed in the R.M.S. Moldavia on Saturday week for Athens. There was a tremendous crowd on the wharf to see departing friends away, and probably several hundreds thereof where there to bid adieu to the Australasian sprint champion. The University of Sydney was strongly represented; also most of the clubs affiliated to the N.S.W. A.A.A. As the big liner cast off from the wharf there was a perfect fusilade of cheering, and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Barker was join-ed in Melbourne by G. A. Wheatley, of the East Melbourne Harriers, who is to represent Victoria at the Olympian Games .--- Sydney "Referee."

The Victorian A.A.A. has made strenuous efforts to send G. A. Wheatley and George Blake to Wheatley and George Blake to Athens. Their estimate of the cost for the two champions is £230, and towards this had raised some £150 by February 17. The Victorian body requested the Greek Consul in Melbourne to cable to Athens recommending that the Australians should participate in the grant of 5000 francs offered to the English A.A.A. by the Greek Government, and also share in the other offers made to the British athletes, such, for example,

as free board and residence. It has been pointed out that when Stanley Rowley competed in the Olympian Games in Paris the Victorians contributed somewhere about  $\pounds 10$  to the expenses fund, and that we might now reciprocate (says the "Referee"), as it is understood that Barker is well provided for. Personally, I should like to see the N.S.W. committee assist the V.A.A.A. if it be possible. Anyway, I understand that Wheatley has gone on with Barker, and that Blake may follow by the next steamer if sufficient money be raised.

## FOOTBALL.

#### ENGLAND V. WALES.

After the England v. Wales match, Gallaher is reported to have given his opinion of the play as follows:— "I carried away with me from Richmond three or four distinct impressions. One was that I never want to see a better forward than Hammond-he did as much tackling as Welsh forwards got the ball very much oftener in the scrum than the English eight; another, that the English halves, Gent and Jago, were much better than Owen and Bush, especially Jago; and another, that Raphael, although he runs straight and is a fine individualist, sticks to the ball too long to be of much use to his side. I was very much pleased with Jago's work, and I should say he is a permanency in the English team for some time to come. Apart from the question of getting the ball in the scrum, the English forwards quite held their own. Indeed, they had the best of it in the second half. was at three-quarters where England lost the game. I never saw one good bout of passing by them all As a matter of fact, even through. the Welshmen were only spasmodi-cally prominent in this department, cally prominent in this upper the though Gabe and Nicholls and Morflashes. The English backs should really learn to run straight up to their man. As a rule they passed their man. As a rule they passed long before there was any need, as

if the ball was burning their fingers. Raphael went to the other extreme, as if his hands were covered with glue. The Englishmen ought also to go for the man with the ball and down him, not run alongside him, expecting him to pass every moment. It is a good rule always to go for the man with the ball; but that is what the Englishmen did not do on several critical occasions. Speaking generally, the Welshmen played much the better 'head' game. Their attack was thought out, the result of calculation; the English attack was haphazard. Nicholls particularly knows how to use his head."

The New Zealand footballers are to arrive in Auckland from their re-cord Home tour on Monda, uext. That they will receive an enthusia scic welcome goes without siying and the banquet to be tendered them on Tuesday night at the Drill Hall should be a brilliant function.

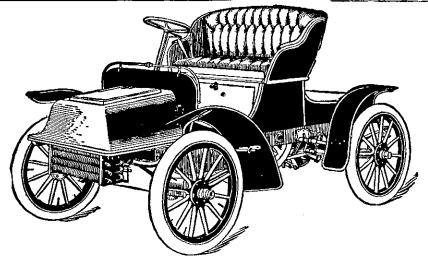
\* The French papers have been very eulogistic over the visit of the New Zealand team to France. "Les All Blacks" have left a firm impression behind them in "Gay Paree," and in connection with them the "Matin" says:---" They have not only given us a lesson in football; they have shown us the way to become strong, quick, adroit, and supple men."

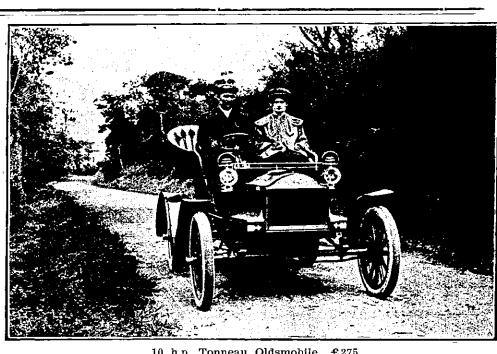
Gunnists are beginning to look forward t) the shooting season again, and from reports that have reached us from outside prospects are fairly bright. Ducks, as usual, seem to form a large part of the available game. They seem plentiful enough, in spite of the wanton slaughter that many pot-hunters indulged in last season. Happily, the scene of last year's carnage has been closed for shooting, so that the plucky birds will have a sanctuary in future. All true sportsmen will commend the policy adopted by the Acclima-Pheatisation Society in this matter. sents are unfortunately still retreating into the back country, and each season sees less of these lordly game birds. Californian quail are also disappearing in many localities, though we hear of some places where they are more numerous than In the meantime, thoughts are usual. turning to dog and gun in pleasurable anticipation.



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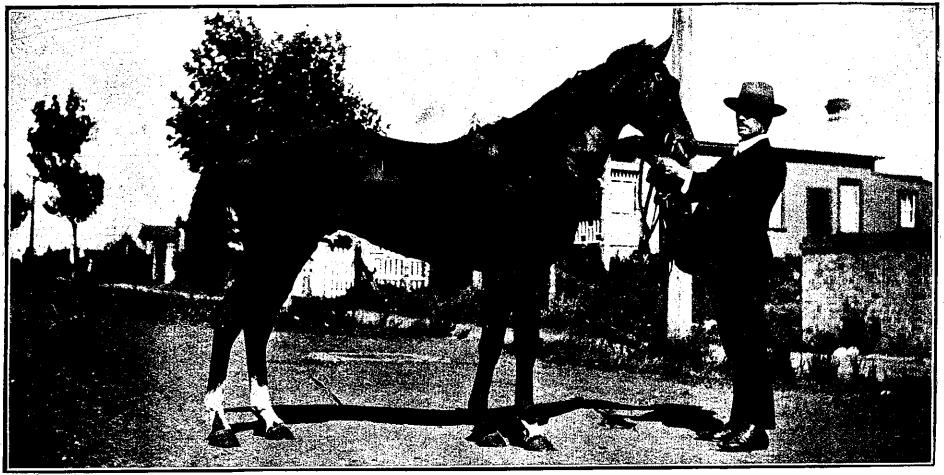
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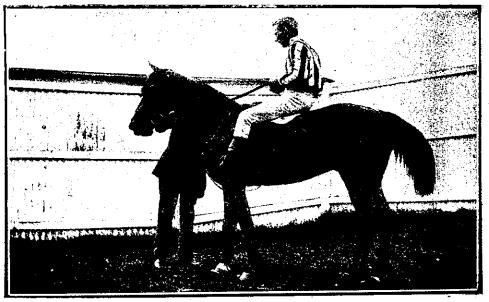
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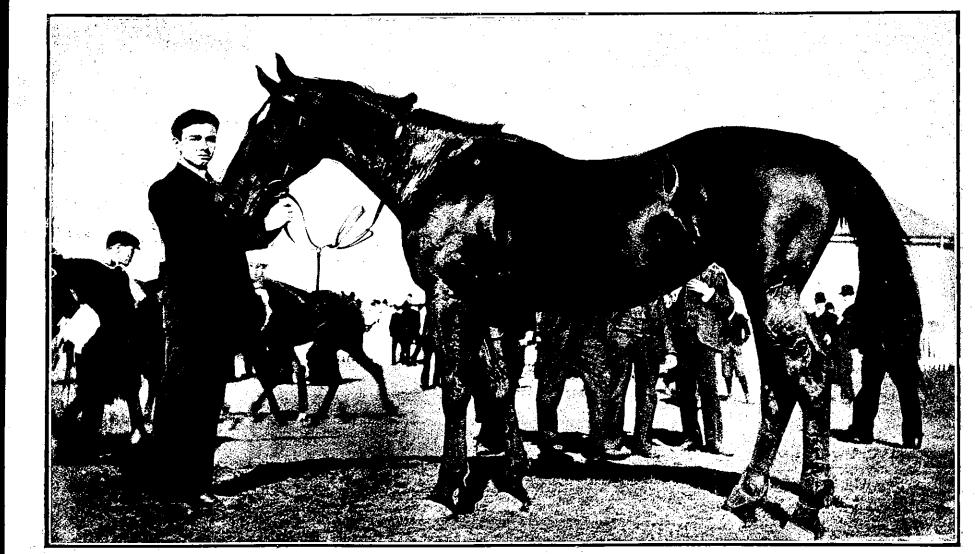
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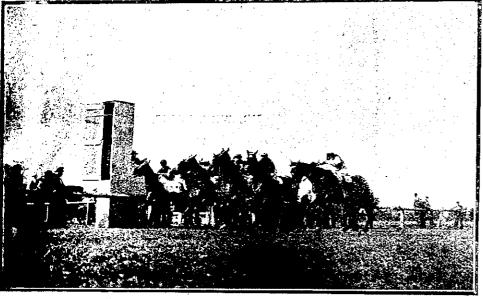
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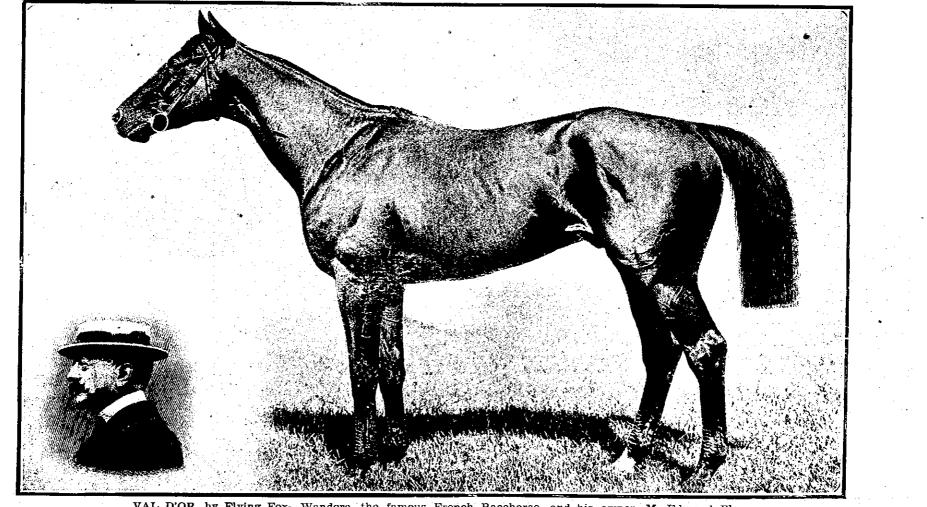
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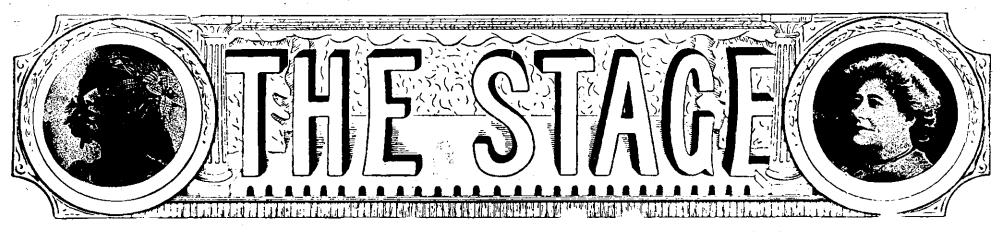


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VAL D'OR, by Flying Fox--Wandora, the famous French Racehorse, and his owner, M. Edmond Blanc.

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#### HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

#### "BILL ADAMS."

Mr. George Stephenson's English Musical Comedy Company opened at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening with what is very aptly described as the mu-sical extravaganza "Bill Adams, the 'Ero of Waterloo." A large audience assembled in honour of the occasion. A trifle critical at first, laughter soon enveloped all parts of the house, the mirth-provoking incidents of the play affecting the occupants of the family circle, the stalls and dress circle alike. It was Bill Adams' night out-the first of many such nights, we should imagine, for there is a piquancy and zest about this play without a plot, and almost without a theme, which has its irresistible side for the multitude, and since a good laugh is a better tonic than the average medical prescription, and "Bill Adams" abounds in laughter-provoking incidents, the comedy should have a healthy run and delight Auckland audiences for some time to come, unless, in-deed, the management withdraw it in favour of some of the other items of their repertoire. It matters not that the play is ridiculous to a degree, that the story will not bear even the most cursory inspection, or that the incidents are as mythical as the stories of a Rougemont. The absurdities of the extravaganza are almost too funny for words; the situations with which it abounds are so alluringly enticing that even the old-time un-dertaker's mute would be impelled to laugh were he paid to keep a still, sad and tearful countenance. The bright, sparkling music, the pretty dresses and costumes, the brilliant uniforms the graceful posings and swift movements of the ballerinas, the merry and, in some instances, eccentric dances, the varied limelight effects, adding to the many colour schemes, and the rich solo and chorus singing, all delight and entrance the eye and car alike, and complete the evening's enjoyment.

There is a freshness and vivacity about Miss May Beatty's impersonations which make her a favourite wherever she goes, and her re-appearance on the Auckland stage was marked by an outburst of applause which sufficiently attested her popularity. As Margot she was the life of the larity. As Margot she was the life of the play, acting spiritedly, singing well and dancing to perfection. She was heard to advantage in "Irish Molly" and "The Pretty Troubadour," and in the comical situations in which she was called upon to lead or second Bill Adams' (Mr. Edward Lauri) in amusing the audience she was particularly successful, the love scene being not the least delightful of these. Miss May Garstang made a good impression as Minette, dancing well and scoring one of the successes of the evening in her song, 'Moon, Moon." As Lady Bingo Barr, a eccentric elderly female who fancies that all the men have succumbed to her charms, Miss Ronald Watts-Phillips was also very successful, acting cleverly and with a sense of healthy contagious hu-mour, which sent ripple after ripple of laughter through the house. Miss Alice Pollard, too, sang well and sweetly, and Pollard, too, sang sweetly, and as Marguerite was distinctly popular, her the greatest misanthrope in Auckland had graceful acting and charming moods being enough to dispel the melancholy of he chanced to be present. Mr. Lauri, of course, although ably seconded by Mr. Charles McNaughton and others, was easile first amongst the male members of the company in his efforts to amuse the audience. The sublimely impudent character of the mythical Waterloo "'Ero" could hardly have found an abler exponent. He was intensely funny in his impersonation of the elderly female exchanging confi-dences—and scandal—with Lady Bingo Earr, over something stronger than the afternoon cup of tea, and in the mirthful interlude in which he took the part of the shopman he was also good. The troubles of Major Brussels Sprouts gave Mr. Charles McNaughton a particularly favourable opportunity of getting on good terms with his audience, and this he succeeded in doing admirably, his eccentric dancing adding greatly to his popularity. The character was responsible for many ludicrous scenes which simply convulsed Mr. Harold Reeves, as the the house. Duke of Brighton, filled one of the minor

parts of the play so far as mere acting was concerned, but his really capital baritone solos, and especially his "Dream of Love" won for him the enthusiastic approval of his hearers. Mr. Charles Bovis as O'Malley, Mr. Arthur Lissant as General Sir Bingo Barr, Mr. W. Bovis as the Rajah of Poonah Bey and Lightning, and Mr. Charles Albert as the Farrier, all performed well, and added greatly to the success of the play.

The solo and chorus singing were alike excellent, the music, indeed, being of a bright, sparkling character, admirably adapted to the play and yet in a sense far In comremoved from its absurdities. bination, however, the music and the absurdities proved as the very champagne of life, exhilarating and re-freshing. The musical director, Mr Alfred Hill, is to be congratulated upon the excellence of his orchestra. Excellently staged and well mounted, he would be a captious critic indeed who looked for better things in an extravaganza of the "Bill Adams" variety.

#### HOLLOWAY DRAMATIC COMPANY.

The Holloway Dramatic Company concluded a most successful season at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday night, when the "Two Little Vagabonds" was

A dainty serio and dance ing chorus. item, "My Lulu," was then given by Miss Ivy Goodwill, who made a first appearance in Auckland. She was followed by Mr. Lal Logie, who had already distin-guished himself in the opening chorus, and who gave a good comic song entitled, "Pulling 'Em Out." A vociferous demand for more brought him to the front in an A.B.C. song, and he was called ferward twice again before the audience would let him go. Miss Nellie Power next gave a bright serio item, "A Picnic for Two," which evoked an encore. She has one fault in her singing, which is that the words are rather indistinct, a failing that somewhat spoilt an otherwise good turn. Mr. Will Stevens then took the boards in a capital budget of songs, gags and parodies that caused much hilarity and applause. He was followed by Miss Dorothy L. Estrange, whose fine soprano voice was heard to considerable advantage Queen of the Night." Her rendering in. of "Comin' Thro' the Rye," which song she gave as an encore, was very good indeed, and evoked long and hearty applause. Miss Elsie Brown, whose coon songs were such a feature of the evening's entertainment when she last appeared in Auckland, sang "From Egypt to the Zululand," and in demand to a vociferous encore gave



MISS MAY GARSTANG, of Stephenson's Musical Comedy Company.

revived as a complimentary testimonial to Miss Beatrice Holloway. The piece was followed with keen interest by the large audience, the touching and dramatic incidents of the story being faithfully portrayed and calling for frequent and unstinted applause. Mis Beatrice Holloway, who took the part of Dick, played most naturally, and completely won over her audience. The company left by the s.s. Rarawa on Sunday for a tour through the Scuth.

"Keep a Cosy Corner in Your Heart for Me," the latter song being sung most convincingly. The Driscolls fairly brought down the house with their clever double song and dance "Back to Baltimore," their dancing being specially good. Recalled, they footed it at a furious pace, and charmingly. As an encore she gave "The Old-fashioned Cottage," both songs being loudly applauded. Miss Gertrude Emery, who next appeared, did some very clever work on the trapeze, and came in for considerable applause. She was followed by Miss Viola Price, whose Highland dancing was much appreciated, her sword dance being excellent. The evening's entertainment concluded with a clever sketch by the Driscolls that made an excellent finish to a first-class programme.

Mr. Frank Grist and his newly-formed dramatic company of Australian artists will shortly tour the Northern Wairoa, afterwards visiting Auckland. Mr. R. J. Oswald has been engaged to pilot the company through New Zealand.



MR. WILL BOVIS, of Stephenson's Co.

Kubelik leaves America in March for a 13 weeks' concert tour in Australia.

Madame Melba is taking a long holiday in Spain. She returns to London in April.

Miss Marie Narelle, of Sydney, who has been in America since the St. Louis Exhibition, returns to England early in March, and on the 17th of that month will make her reappearance in London at the St. Patrick's Day concert, for which she has been specially engaged.

Mr. Victor Kelly, the clever eccentric dancer who was here with the Rickards' Company under the direction of Mr. John Fuller, considers that the life of a theatrical artist in Australia is much easier than in England or America. He fears, however, that the customs prevailing in those countries will ultimately be introduced into the colonies. He considers America the best country to work in from a financial standpoint, although one has to hustle for it there. Mr. Kelly intends visiting America again at the conclusion of the Australian tour. His wife, who is a native of Sydney, accompanies him to the land of the Stars and Stripes.



#### OPERA HOUSE.

#### FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

It was quite like old times to find the genial John Fuller and his popular entertainers back once more at the Opera House. The tour of the Rickards' company proved a great success, and Mr Fuller has returned from the trip South intent on making the Opera House programmes even better than heretofore. Extensive arrangements are already being made for the steady importation of the best talent to be obtained from abroad, and the new year promises to be full of good things for patrons of this popular place of amusement. Saturday night's house was a bumper one, and Monday night proved very little behind it in point of audience. Mr. Frank Crowther presided as of old over the orchestra, and the curtain was raised with a lively overture on the company, who gave a rousing openthe curtain dropped on an excellent firstpart programme.

Part two commenced with an illustrated song by Mr. Chas. Howard, who received an encore. The pictures illustrating the songs were very clear, and Mr. Howard's voice was heard to good advantage. Maste Charles Hayes, a very diminutive con-tortionist, performed most adeptly, tying tortionist, performed most adeptly, tying himself up into most impossible positions with apparent ease. Miss Florrie Ranger, who next appeared, sang three songs, "It's the Business," "Men" and "Oh! Father." She has a good voice, and her turn was loudly applauded. Mr. applauded. Fred Rivenhall, whose appearance was the signal for a burst of applause, went through a lengthy budget of songs that foir's caught on with the audience. The versatile Fred, who leaves for America shortly, will b greatly missed by Opera House patrons. In addition to his comical make-up, Fred can sing a really good song and act it to the letter too. We join with his many friends and admirers in wishing him the best of luck in his venture, and hope before long to be able to record his complete success in America. Miss Stella Ranger, who is the possessor of a singu-larly clear voice, sang "Espanita" very

MR. EDWARD LAURI, of Stephenson's Company.

My Christchurch correspondent writes: The MacMahon dramatic-or, rather, melodramatic-season is proving a giltecged success. The opening attraction (February 17th) was "Saturday Night in London," and there was a very big house. The night of the next performance was pouring wet. The rain descended by the bucketful. And yet the attendance was bigger than ever-so big, in fact, that the city authorities stopped the sale of tickets long before the demand for same was satisfied. And it has been the same story nightly ever since. A large section of play-goers here prefer melodrama to any other form of theatrical entertain-ment, and prefer it "neat," and the Messrs. MacMahon serve up their pieces "all hot," and as said pieces are mostly new and are thoroughly well staged and really well played, they naturally enough "catch on." "Saturday Night in London" is full of spectacular effects and thrilling situations. It shows us life in the West End and life in the East End and the set scenes include "The Thames Embankment" at midnight and the exte-tior of a church (apparently) of solid gra-nite, and which, being brilliantly illu-minated for evening service (while the snow is falling fast and thick), presents a Then really very striking appearance. there is a scene showing a corner of Covent Garden Market, with a crowd of costers, street arabs, salesmen (and women), buyers of fruit, etc., and loungers. Also a policeman in full uniform. And there is a scene, also, showing Drury Lane on Saturday night, with a young coster and his donah, who perform a coster dance together so well that the audi-ence insists on "more." The story is of the good oldcrusted melodramatic kind, in which vice and virtue, comedy and tragody, smiles and tears, are delightfully blended to produce "the mixture as be-Abraham Shabner, a villainous fore." Jew money-lender, was very capably playe' by Mr. Harry Douglas; Jack Derring-court, a "pavement artist," provided Mr. Lambert with a capital character part to which the aforesaid J. Lambert did "ample justice," to employ a new and ori-ginal phrase. The persecuted hero was played by our old and esteemed friend Chas. Blake, and this scribe has never seen him to better advantage. Miss Maie Nelson, as the long-suffering heroine, was not the least bit "stagey," and played the part most sympathetically, and Miss Granville, as the daughter of that wicked, but interesting, Jew (Shabrer), made quite a large-sized hit. The coster and donah were enacted by Mr. Peter Saviere and Miss May Renno, and these two contributed not a little to the success of the show. I must not omit to mention that a "prize-fight" forms one of the attractions of this very attractive production, and that a couple of well-known amateurs fought to a finish, to the breathless delight of a packed pit. "Saturday Night" was followed by "The Kelly Gang," which latter is still going strong, the very realistic "effects" introduced including the sticking-up of a real coach and horses; in fact, there are eight horses on the stage in this scene at once, and the banging away of guns and revolvers is tremendous. Chas. Blake makes an ideal Ned Kelly, and Mr. Milton Power is excellent as Steve Hart; while Miss Granville is equally good as Kate Kelly. But I have no space left in which to tell you

any more just now about this production, which is doing really splendid business. 'On Active Service'' goes on next, and will be followed by "The Painted Woman." I congratulate the MacMahons heartily on their success here, and feel sure they will repeat it when they go North. Here's to them! . . One of our next attractions will be "Living One London," which will open shortly at the Royal, under the auspices of Messrs. J. This show is de-H. and Nevin Tait. scribed as "the most famous moving picture ever taken, depicting London and its wonderful living masses, its old-world institutions, its slums, its mansions, street life, etc., etc." Sounds interesting, etc." life, etc., doesn't it. John Fuller, "the has gone North silveryvoiced tenor," again, after delighting Opera House frequenters with his singing of all the old favourites-the songs which have become identified in New Zealand with John Full-Meantime the management of the er. popular variety theatre is putting in a very strong bill, and the packed houses it is drawing bear eloquent testimony to the appreciation of the public.

The "Era" says that Fred Sinclair and Gracie Whiteford have been offered a 40 weeks' tour in America this year or next by Mr. W. B. Leavitt. They are, however, unable to accept owing to their being so well booked up in England with their comedy duologue "Getting Even."

Mr. W. F. Grant, for long a member of Mr. J. C. Williamson's dramatic companies, and subsequently on his arrival in England engaged to play the lead in Wilson Barrett's last work, "Lucky Durham," is now a member of Mr. William Greet's "Sign of the Cross" Company, touring the English provinces.

An Australian visitor to the London Coliseum at a recent matinee created some excitement. It was a white cockatoo belonging to a lady in the stalls, who had brought her pet with her. The bird's strident screams led to its summary ejectment in the company of its mistress.

Miss Florence Esdaile met with a serious accident recently in London when returning from the Broadway, New Cross, where she is playing Princess Ivy in "Puss in Boots." The horse in her brougham bolted, and the vehicle collided with a tram. Miss Esdaile was badly cut and bruised about the face, her little girl Stella, who is playing Sioux, luckily escaping with a few bruises.

At a musical comedy in London, from his seat in the stalls, Clyde Fitch noticed a young man in one of the boxes laughing uproariously. His companion was a critic, and Mr. Fitch said to him: "I think he ought to have better taste than to laugh so loud." "Oh," said the critic, "he is the author, but he never heard these jokes before. They were put in by the comedian."—"Argonaut," San Francisco.

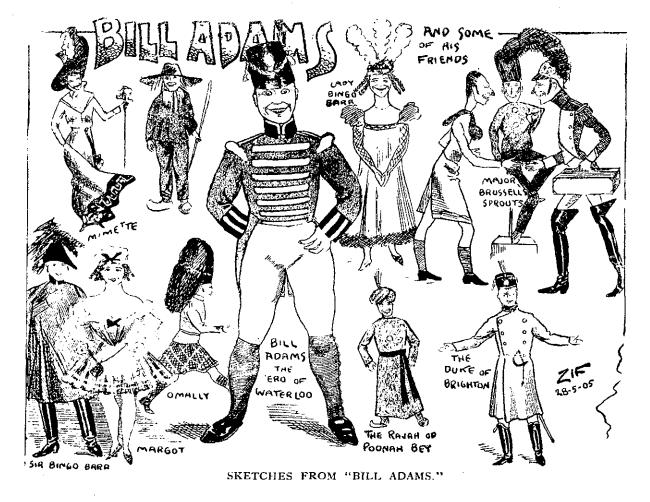
\* \* \* \* \* A query recently cropped up as to the holding capacity of the Paris theatres in comparison with that of the London houses. In connection with this the following particulars from a London paper of the Paris theatres are interesting — The Grand Opera House seats 2200 spec-



THE DRISCOLLS, now at the Opera House.

tators, the Comedie Francaise 1400, the Opera-Comique 1300, and the Odeon 1460. Then, after the four subventioned houses named, the Chatelet heads the list with 3000 seats, the Gaite coming next with 2000. The Sarah Bernhardt Theatre holds 1600 persons, the Ambigu 1800, the Porte-St.-Martin 1700, the Vaudeville 1300, the Varieties 1250, the Renaissance 1200, the Bouffes-Parisiens 1100, the Gymnase 1070, the Cluny 1100, and the Nouveautes 1000. The houses holding fewer than 1000 persons are the Antoine, the Palais-Royal, the Athenes, and the Dejazet.

The strike, which occurred during the production of "Faust" at New York Opera House, left the play absolutely without a chorus. The strikers were mostly imported singers, who demanded that their salaries should be increased to  $\pounds 5$  weekly, maintaining that the  $\pounds 3$  offered was insufficient as a living wage in New York. The manager offered  $\pounds 1000$  to any professional strike-breaker who could fill the



vacancies, but without success, though the chorus was replaced, after several incomplete performances, by recruits secured from church choirs.

One of the most interesting biograph films which Mr. R. G. Knowles has brought to Australia with him is called "The King as a Man" (writes Mr. Geo. Tallis), and the way in which it was secured reminds one of the stories of "working a beat" told of American journalists. When King Edward was last at Dublin Castle he held a reception of photographers-for business purposes only-and all the principal camera men in the city took advantage of the permission to add another to their pictures of the King and Queen. Among those who found their way into the Castle was ar enterprising young gentleman who, in place of a camera, carried a biograph apparatus. During the preliminary arrangements, while the King was quietly smok-ing and chatting to the Queen, the cinematograph was all the time quietly reeling off an excellent reproduction of his movements. The operator was entirely successful in getting in and out of the Castle undetected by anybody, but when the film was shown there was a great todo. Every effort was made to suppress it, and these partially succeeded. But the negative remained unsuppressed, and Mrs R. G. Knowles, who looks upon it as one of his most valuable properties, secured it from the original owner with the object of using it on his present tour.

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An interesting test of public opinion on the respective merits of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas has just been made in Tasmania. Tasmania. The seasons at Launceston and Hobart of Mr. J. C. Williamson's company being restricted to a few nights only, he determined to leave the choice Voting papto the play-goers themselves. ers in thousands were distributed round and about both towns, and play-goers were asked to mark on them the half-dozen operas they preferred to see out of the eleven in the repertoire. The choice fell eleven in the repertoire. The choice fell on "The Gondoliers," "Utopia Limited," "Mikado," "Yeoman of the Guard," "Princess Ida," and "Iolanthe," and those operas will accordingly be the ones that the company will perform. Mr. Williamson was so gratified at the success of the plebiscite that he has resolved to re-peat it in Bendigo, Ballarat and New-castle, and possibly in some of the New Zealand towns also during the forthcoming tour of that colony. The remarkable popularity of "The Mikado" is worthy of notice in this connection. It is the best known of all the operas, but despite this it is still practically second favourite, for

"Utopia Limited" is still quite new to as Australia it cannot be taken into account in a question of public favour. It was, moreover, most appreciatively received during the last two nights of the company's season in Melbourne, and so con-vinced is Mr. Williamson of its vitality that he has entirely new scenery and costumes prepared for the present tour.

"Comedy and Tragedy" and "David Garrick" will be the double bill with which the Knight-Jeffries Company will open their farewell season of three weeks at the Palace Theatre, Sydney, this evening (February 24th). Neither piece has yet been done by the company in that city, and as in both of them they appear to very conspicuous advantage a cordial reception may be confidently anticipated. After the Sydney season the company go to Bris-bane, Newcastle and Adelaide, breaking up in the latter city. .

No matter where one goes in Sydney at the present time some one or other of Mr. R. G. Knowles' stories are to be heardproof positive of the popularity with which his monologue entertainment has been received. He has, in fact, had a most successful fortnight's season at the Palace Theatre there, and leaves in a day or two for New Zealand. Commencing at In-vercargill in the South, he will work northward steadily through both islands until he reaches Auckland on May 12th. After appearing there he returns to Aus-tralia, Melbourne, in all probability, be-ing the first city he will visit.

Miss Florence Young gave a most en-joyable harbour picnic to the ladies of the Royal Comic Opera Company in Sydney week or two ago. The original intention was to make it one entirely for the fair sex, but no power on earth could either keep the rendezvous secret or prevent so many attractive personalities from exercising their magnetism, and in consequence some fortunate men did find their way to the function. Miss Margaret Thomas was the heroine of the day, for in a fishing contest she revealed an aptitude for catching fish little short of amazing. They hooked themselves to her line in a most reckless fashion, and if they could not swallow the bait they attached themselves by the tail or the fins. There was a full round of amusements going all day, and no one fell into the harbour-an incident which is usually the invariable accompaniment to a water show.

At the end of last month "A Royal Divorce," which has been an attraction for years in Australia under Mr. J. C. Williamson's direction, was once more revived at the Scala Theatre, London, and Mr. W W. Kelly, who owns the English rights of Mr. Wills' play, gave the Press some interesting particulars of the hardy peren-

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nial. His principal company has now played it continuously throughout the United Kingdom for nearly 15 years, in-cluding matinees. "A Royal Divorce" has been performed 8000 times to the ten milpeople in Great Britain, Australia lion and South Africa, 70 per cent. of whom were women.

Miss Tittell Brune added another to her long list of triumphs at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, last Saturday (Feb-ruary 17th), when she appeared for the first time in Australia as La Tosca. Her interpretation of Sardou's heroine marked by her usual intensity of feeling, full appreciation of the dramatic and emotional possibilities of the part, and the high sympathy and intelligence she invariably brings to her work. Her effort met with the most cordial approval from a crowded and enthusiastic house, and the encouragement of applause was extended to Mr. Roy Redgrave as Baron Scarpia and to Mr. Douglas Gerrard as Mario, and, indeed, to all the members of the cast.

\* \* Mr. Charles Kenningham, principal tenor of the J. C. Williamson's Repertoire Opera Company, was quietly married the other day to Miss Vera Buttel, of the same company.

Mr. Frank Curzon, the well-known London manager, commences an invasion of America this month with the two English successes, "Mr Hopkinson" and "Pub lic Opinion." If this experiment in dramatic retaliation is successful, Mr Curzon, in association with Mr. Hackett, a wellknown American manager, will produce in the States in direct succession other English plays.

¥ It is 25 years since the first American tour of Sarah Bernhardt. She was then 36. She is now 61 and the critics say she looks younger than she did a quarter of a century ago.

It is stated that Miss Annie Russell, the American actress, will tour Australia next year under the management of Mr. I Williamson in Mr. G. B. Shaw's play, Major Barbara," which is described as a "discussion in three acts."

× \* \* Mr. John H. Tait has arranged for a visit to New Zealand of the new biograph, "Living London." This comprises about 300 different views of the varied scenes to b. met with in the great metropolis. The show will start in Dunedin about the end of the month.

\* Messrs. Meynell and Gunn have acquired the Australian rights of Stanley Weyman's 'A Gentleman of France," in which Mr. Kyrle Bellew starred so long in the United States.

\* × A German firm is building a miniature fireproof theatre of armoured concerte, which is specialy intended for fire tests, and is to become a model theatre where any safety devices which have so far been suggested against the danger of fire, as well as any preventions that might be proposed in future,, will be demonstrated.

According to the "Lyttelton Times" the City Inspector had again to step in the other night and stop the sale of tickets downstairs at the Theatre Royal, when the MasMahon Dramatic Company pro-duced "Saturday Night in London" for the second time. This was all the more remarkable as the night was anything but an attractive one from the point of view of the average theatre-goer. The play went brightly and smartly from curtain to curtain, and the effective scenes of the drama were well brought out. The whole company worked hard, and the production was even better than upon the opening night of the season. "The Kelly Gang" was billed to follow. The company will shortly make a welcome re-appearance in Auckland again.

There seem ssome chance of Australia having secured at last a possible leading lady with voice, looks and ability, who is actually tall (says a writer in the "Bulletin"). Miss Olive Goodwin is a Williamscnian investment and a local product. She has recently stepped into Dolly Castles' shoes as the Princess in "Utopia Limited," and she does the work so nicely as to justify that expectation. We have a whole drove of fairly clever little ladies for light opera and burlesque, but a tallish girl who can sing sweetly, talk intelli-gently, and look as if she were really concerned with the matter in hand, is quite a new development so far as the present generation of playgoers is concerned. Miss Olive's Princess is a much more cheerful, dignified and Gilbertian Princess than Miss Dolly's was. It is the latter's misfortune that she is too dolly. Some kindly veteran ought to tell her how to make-up to tone down her too marked resemblance to a waxen cherub-that is if all the kindly veteran isn't monopolised by another little lady.

Caleb Porter, who will be remembered as playing Nero to the life with the Knight-Ferrar combination in "The Sign of the Cross" on its first production here, is playing in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Adelphi.

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Mr. Oscar Asche, writing in "London Opinion" under the heading "Does It Pay to Play Shakespeare?" says :---"London audiences do not care about tragedies. . . . Tragedy is rather heavy fare for people who have to work at high pressure for their living; but there is no more delightful form of mental relaxation than to witness a really good comedy. . I think at the present moment the public are not only just as capable as they ever were of appreciating a good play, but prefer it to the purely frivolous sort of entertainment classified under the head of musical comedy."



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London's dramatic habits come under severe censure in the New York "Dramatic Mirror," where Miss Kate Masterton complains bitterly that imagination is not featured in the English life, and an American misses at the theatre that delicious rustle, the mental whoopla, the perfumed thrill that is part of the fashionable audience in New York. London, she says, de-spite the delightful plays it continues to send to America, has nothing to compare with the actual theatre in the States, and its importance as a phase of American social life. The reason for this, according to Miss Masterton is the late and great English dinner. Long ago, she says, managers gave up the idea of getting the London public to forsake their dinners until long after eight, and so the curtainraisers drone along dully to empty seats, interrupted constantly by arriving parties. By this time the true Britisher, man and woman, has accomplished four meals, and is looking forward to the fifth-not greedily nor anxiously, but surely, seriously, placidly, with a serenity bred of many sturdy generations of five-meal ancestors.



Men who have wasted the exhilarating spirit of young manhood, men whose eyes are dulled, whose brains are muddled and weary, whose nervous energy is exhausted from dissipation, overwork, indiscretions, excesses, or disobedience to Nature's laws, who have lost the sprightly enjoyment of life, who have sleepless nights, dull, gloomy, despondent days, who have lost courage, ambition, and the grit which is so evident in perfect manhood; men who have BLOOD and SKIN TROUBLES, and diseases of a special nature. If you have failed to derive any benefit from other treatments, and have wasted both time and money, we offer you a COMPLETE and PERMANENT CURE, which will not COST YOU A PENNY UNLESS CURED. If you suffer do not put this aside, and say I will see to it later on, but at once take advantage of our PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH, and have a personal interview. Our Rooms are open MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; SUNDAY by special appointment only.

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Another subject for this fair American critic's condemnation is the absence of the discipline and clean-cut stage management of the American theatre. The English actor-manager, she points out, surrounds himself with his wife, his own and his wife's relatives, and there is a sort of familiar tea-and-muffin esprit between the people on the stage that robs the occasion of its glamour.

The practice of giving command performances, such as those which have taken place at Windsor, dates from a remote period. In the early days of the system the players were apt to view the honour of thus privately appearing before their

sovereign anything but favourably,

since the privy purse was not al-

ways inclined to meet their claims for

remuneration with promptitude or libera-

lity. The scale of payment, when George

I. sat on the throne, was fixed at the

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modest rate of  $\pounds_{20}$  for the entire company. When Charles Kean played before the late Queen Victoria, at Windsor, the amounts allowed were as follows: Leading lady or gentleman,  $\pounds_{10}$ ; second lead,  $\pounds_{5}$ ; and utility,  $\pounds_{3}$ . Nowadays considerably more satisfactory arrangements are in force.

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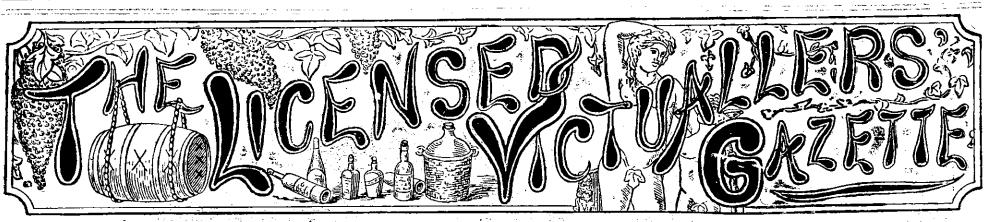
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Trade Topics

The Royal Commission on the tobacco industry of the Commonwealth recommends that the industry be made a  $\widehat{}_{3-}$ vernment monopoly, and estimates that a sum of  $\pounds_{1,400,000}$  will be obtained in duties.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Anyon, late of the A1 Hotel, Wellington, left that city by the Maheno last Saturday, en route for the Old Country.

It was reported from Cambridge, early last week, that Mr. W. Regan, late of Putaruru, has bought out Mr J. Bathurst, o' the first-named place. A later and more authentic report is that Mr. Regan has for a substantial sum bought out Mr. W. Abbott, of the Star Hotel, Otahuhu.

It is estimated that fully 3000 persons have done the Wanganui River tourist route since the beginning of December.

Two men named Ernest Baker and Joseph Turner have been committed for trial at Hamilton on personating charges, which are alleged to have taken place at the last general elections.

The privileges for the Papakura Racing Club's annual meeting, which is to be held on the roth inst., were sold last Friday by Messrs. Gabriel Lewis and Co. The rights of the publican's booth were bought by Mr. W. Abbott for  $\pounds 26$ .

In a London police court recently a woman stated that her husband worked for the unemployed.

The Otago and Southland licensed victuallers are anxious to work in conjunction with the nolicense people, with a view of securing the election of licensing committees representing both sides.

In the local Court a prohibition order has been issued against an elderly man named James Johnston, alias James Nelson.

A large boarding-house at Palmerston North, occupied by Mrs. Peters, was destroyed by fire.

In the Cambridge S.M. Court last week William Clifford and Frank Higgins were each charged with a breach of the borough by-laws, the' former for keeping his billiard saloon open after the prescribed hour for closing, and the latter for failing to take out a license. In the first case a fine of  $\pounds 2$  and 7s. costs was imposed, and in the latter case a conviction was recorded, and an order for the payment of costs, 7s., was made.

For the theft of three billiard balls from the City Hotel, William Henry Stafford was convicted last Saturday, and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon. The Probation Officer furnished a favourable report. A prohibition order was also issued against the accused. An effort to solve the problem "What is whisky?" having, it is stated, had something to do with the offence.

The New South Wales Alliance has practically resolved to contest the State elections on the no-license "ticket." \* \* \* \*

Arrivals in the Commonwealth from New Zealand last year totalled 20,317, while the departures for New Zealand only numbered 18,046.

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A prohibition order has been issued locally against James Scanlon.

Jane Wheelan was added to the list of

prohibited persons in the local Court last week. \* \* \* \* The Grey Lynn Borough Council have

decided not to hold an election for the election of a licensing committee. \* \* \* \*

A young man named William Henry Stafford pleaded guilty in the local Police Court to a charge of having stolen three billiard balls from the billiard room of the City Hotel.

A prohibition order has been issued against David Mellis locally.

Messrs. L. D. Nathan and Co., Limited, the owners of the Harbour View Hotel, Ragian, have presented Mrs. Reid, the late licensee of the house, with a handsome jewel casket, as a token of their appreciation of the manner in which she conducted the house.

The Rev. N. A. Davis is at present touring New Zealand in the interests of the no-license movement.

Mr. Jos. Molloy, of the Albion Hotel, Hobson-street, has purchased the publican's booth rights at the Ngaruawahia annual regatta for  $\pounds 40$ .

A young man named Charles Robinson was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in Wellington recently for having induced a barmaid to let him have a look at one of her rings and then taking it away and pawning it. Accused had been previously sentenced for exactly a similar offence.

\* \* \* \* Englishmen drink five times as much tea as coffee; Americans eight times as rouch coffee as tea.

Great Britain at the present time is spending twice as much on its army and navy as it was spending ten years ago.

Owing to larrikinism prevailing amongst the younger members of the Y.M.C.A. at Masterton, the age limit of members has been fixed at eighteen.

The new railway station at Dunedin will be lit throughout with electric light.

During the past five years the membership of friendly societies in the United Kingdom increased by 2,000,000.

In another column will be found the dates and places of the quarterly licensing meetings for March.

Mr. E. A. Chiboust, who recently resigned his position as submanager of the Empire Hotel, Wellington, was presented with a souvenir by the guests of the hotel and friends.

#### SOUTHERN CHANGES,

A goodly number of changes in Southern hotels have been recently reported by Messrs. Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Wiltis-street, Wellington, who have sold Mr. 'homas Sowman's interest in the Railway rotel, Eketahuna, to Mr Alfred Carter, well known in the engineering trade; Mr. Thomas Wilkinson's interest in the Princess Theatre Hotel, Tory-street, Wellington, to Mr. William Nidd; Mr. David Sullivan's interest in the lease and goodwill of the Post Office Hotel, Grey-street, Wellington, to Mr. A. McVenish, formerly of the Lower Hutt, and latterly of Inver-cargill; Mr. S. J. Flewellyn's interest in the lease and goodwill of the Alhambra Hotel, Cuba-street, Wellington, to Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, well known in this city; Mrs. J. Ormsbee's interest in the Quay lease and furniture of the Clyde Hotel to Mr. Julius Plitsch, who is well known in the theatrical profession as "Ajax"; the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Family Hotel, Rangitikei Line, Palmerston North, conducted by Mr. Thomas J. Nott for some time past, to Mr. Martin Ryan, formerly of Kumara, and late of Wellington; Mr. Shanahan's interest in the Takapau Hotel, Hawke's Eay, to Mr. F. J. Bassett, of Hautauma; and the sale of the Caledonian Hotel, Adelaide-road, on account of Mr. George Allen, to Mr. James Chulow, late of the Railway Hotel, Lower Hutt.

#### QUARTERLY LICENSING MEETINGS.

The following are the dates and places of meeting for the month of March, 1906, in the following districts —Grey Lynn, Thursday, 1st March, Public Hall, Eden Terrace; Waitemata, Friday, 2nd March, **Borough** Council Chambers, Devonport; Thames, Friday, 2nd March, Courthouse, Thames; – Bay of Islands, ~ Friday, – 2nd March, Courthouse, Kawakawa; Eden, Monday, 5th March, Epsom Hall, Epsom City of Auckland, Tuesday, 6th March, S.M. Court, High-street, Auckland; Franklin, Tuesday, 6th March, Courthouse, Mercer; Kaipara, Tuesday, 6th March, Courthouse, Dargaville; Marsden, Tuesday, 6th March, Courthouse, Whangarei; Parnell; Wednesday, 7th March, Borough Council Chambers, Parnell; Manukau, Wednesday, 7th March, Courthouse, Ozehurga; Waikato, Wednesday, 7th March, Courthouse, Hamilton; Ohinemuri, Wednesday, 7th March, Courthouse, Daehurga; Waikato, Wednesday, 7th March, Courthouse, Tauranga.

## AN EQUAL PROPORTION.

At a meeting of the Otago and Southland Licensed Victuallers' Association, held last week, it was resolved to respectfully ask the incoming Licensing Committee that 10 o'clock be fixed as the hour at which hotels should close in Dunedin, South Dunedin, Caversham and Port Chalmers. With respect to the election of the Licensing Committee a motion was passed that in justice to the community the Licensing Committee should embrace an equal proportion of men who represent the moderate and no-license sections, and with a view to securing harmony and avoiding unnecessary expense to the public the secretary was requested to interview the

#### IN GREY LYNN.

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The question of whether or not a licensing committee should be elected for the Grey Lynn district, in view or the carrying of nolicense in that district, was discussed at a special meeting of the Grey Lynn Borough Council (the local authority under the Act) which was held last week. and presided over by the Mayor (Mr. J. Farrell). The legal position in regard to the matter is very doubtful. The Act of 1895 provides that in cases in which nocense has been carried it shall not be necessary to elect a committee, but the repeal of this provision in the Amending Act of 1904 renders the matter uncertain. The Borough Council's solicitor, to whom the matter was referred, advised that the Council had the power to exercise its dis-cretion on the subject. This the Council accordingly did at the meeting by deciding that the election should not be held.

#### THE NEW GEYSER.

Last week great excitement was caused at Rotorua when it became known that a new geyser had burst out, near to where the world-renowned Waimangu was wont to play. Anything to add to the already numerous attractions at Rotorua is hailed with delight by residents. The new geyser has broken out in an old crater, the latter being remarkable as the only one that did not break out during the Tarawera eruption of twenty years ago. Afer breaking out the geyser played for about four hours, some of the shots being ejected, it is estimated, to a height of about 250ft.

#### THE OFFICIAL RETURNS.

At the convention of nolicense-workers.held in Wellington-last week, the follow-ing resolution was unanimously agreed to:—"This convention of representatives. A colonial nolicense workers regrets that notwithstanding the magnitude of the issues involved, the licensing poll returns have at every successive poll been rendered comparatively valueless by gross inaccu-racy, especially in the matter of the record of valid votes, and it is greatly disappointed that, despite the reforms made in the Electoral Department during the past year, many returning officers have persisted in wrongfully adding invalid voters to the totals returned, thus rendering the whole return incorrect, while the official returns published by authority in the 'New Zealand Gazette' of February 15 record the number of valid votes cast in-stead of the valid voters, a very gross inaccuracy, and also wrongfuly assert that in no electorate did the returning officer declare continuance carried, whereas it was so declared in some 17 electorates."

#### A SEVERE RULING.

In a recent Court case at Feilding, which is reported elsewhere, the Magiswate ruled that the fact of a person being found drunk on any licensed premises would be sufficient to convict the licensee of those premises. In the case at Feilding the defence was that the man had not been supplied with any drink in the hotel but had arrived drunk from another hotel. No coubt the Magistrate meant his remarks to carry a certain amount of qualification in conjunction with surrounding circumstances. To interpret his fuling strictly would leave hotelkeepers at the mercy of every inebriate who invaded their premises. A result would be that convictions would be more plentiful and easy to obtain. With the many pitfalls and dangers that now surround lintelkeepers, the time is not far distant when a licensee will have to add to his staff a sort of shopwalker or patrolman to patrol his bars and premises, in an endeavour to keep out persons the worse for liquor and prohibited persons. An employee with a knowledge of the latter persons would be a most valuable acquisition, and rank equal to the most liberal accident insurance policy that ever was invented.

The Tobacco Monopoly Commission, it is understood in Sydney, has decided, by four votes to one, to recommend the nationalisation of the tobacco industry. It is considered that the State could make an enormous revenue out of the monopoly. The Commission has come to the conclusion that the existence of a strong com<sup>2</sup> bine is detrimental to the interests of both consumers and producers.

Before shooting himself a Cincinnati man composed an ode to his favourite briar pipe. The last two lines were as follows :---

"You, like myself, have had your day— You remain briarwood; I return to clay." \* \* \* \*

South Australia has taken 1000ft, at the Christchurch Exhibition for wine exthibits. At Dunedin the no-license party have decided to nominate the present No-license Committee for re-election as the Licensing Committee for that city.

A Wanganui brewer mentioned at a local banquet that a minister had informed him that if no-license had been carried he would have packed his traps and -oaken the dust of New Zealand off his seet.

Local option polls were heat in Adelaide (S.A.) last week. Reduction was carried in five out of six city and suburban districts, Adelaide City district being the only one voting a majority for continuance.

The Rev. Father Hays, temperance lecturer, at present in Melbourne, returns to England some time this month. His 'sit to New Zealand has made great imcovernent in his health.

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cretary was requested to interview the leaders of the no-license party to secure that object.

#### THE CITY LICENSING COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. J. Craig is the only member of the present Licensing Committee that will not seek re-election. Mr. Jno. Court will, in all probability, be non-instead for the vacancy left by Mr. Craig's retirement. The other members of the present Bench -consisting of Messrs. P. Cheal, A. Rosser, M. Casey and Graves Aickin-will be nominated for re-election. There being no questions upon which the trade and its opponents are at variance, it is improbable that any other candidates will be put forward. Should the present nominations not be added to, no election will be necessary, and the city finances will be saved the expense of a contest. If, however, by further nominations an election has to be held, the date for such election is set, www.for.the 13th inst-

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#### A SUGGESTION.

Speaking at Wanganui recently, Mr. J. W. Palmer (president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association) observed that the difficulties hotelkeepers had to contend with "are so numerous that I scarcely know where to begin with them. One is in regard to prohibited persons. There are at the present time some 63 orders current, out of which I know about ro persons. That being so, how is it possible for me to recognise the remainder unless I am assisted by some means? The law can, and should, come to my assistance, and fill this breach by making it compulsory for the person prohibited to wear some kind of a distinguishing badge in a prominent place."

#### A CONVICTION.

In the Feilding Magistrate's Court one day last week before Mr. A. D. Thompson, the licensee of the Denbigh Hotel (Mr W. T. Hook) appeared to answer a charge of baving permitted drunkenness on his licensed premises. The defence was that the man received no drink in the hotel, but came there from another hotel. The Bench, however, ruled that the fact of being found drunk on the premises was sufficient to convict, and Mr. Hook was fined  $\pounds_2$  and costs,  $\pounds_2$ -185. 6d.

#### AMERICAN HOTELS.

Mr. R. C. Long, St. Petersburg correspondent of the "New York American," says that the American hotel system is far inferior, to that of advanced European countries, It looks well at first. The hotels, are, well built, well furnished—in a tasteless, way—and far ahead of those of Europe, in labour-saving devices. Unfortunately the personnel is even more advanced in labour-saving devices; and for laziness, loutishness and general unlicked shiftlessness nothing sinks deeper than the free-born American who condescends to pretend to be a hotel servant. He is unreliable and insolent, and the civiller you are to him the bigger fool he thinks you, and the ruder he behaves. The charges of American hotels are much higher than those of Europe. The summer hotel, with its unchanging menu, its grinning black bell-boys, and its boarding-house limitations upon guests getting what they want, even if they are willing to pay liberally, is a barbarism that would not be tolerated in Europe. It is a barbarism and a thriftless waste of time to expect



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guests to sit idly on a high throne while their shoes are being blacked. In cookery, service and real comfort the best European hotels are better than those of America.

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#### IN ADELAIDE.

The news that in Adelaide and suburban districts reduction has been carried in five out of six of these at the recent local option poll will not occasion much surprise. It was a foregone conclusion that some houses would have to go, this end no doubt being attained with the aid of many in the trade, who could plainly see that Adelaide and its suburbs were over-stocked with hotels. It is strange, however, that Adelaide, with its 126 hotels to a population of 45,000 persons, has voted continuance. The number of hotels to each of the five suburban districts that have voted reduction are not to hand, but if they are supplied with hotels in the same ratio as the city, then the reduction vote comes as no surprise. And it must be remembered that the hotels in that town are not nearly such fine buildings as those

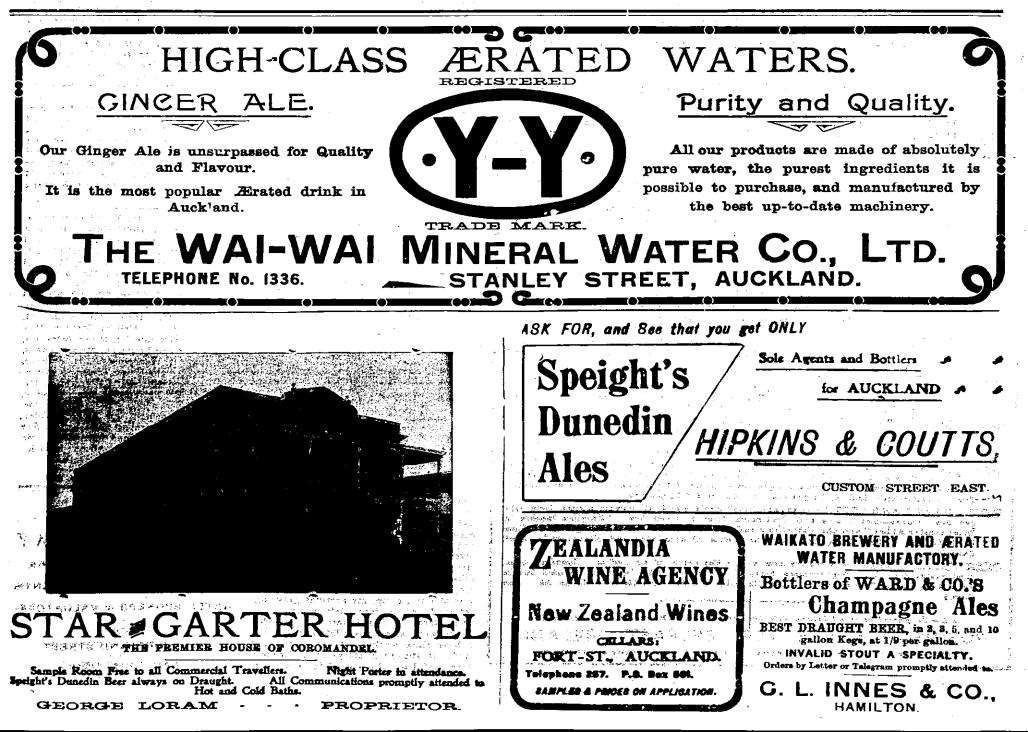
of like business in our leading New Zealand towns. The Act giving notice that a referendum would be taken this year was passed 15 years ago; the issues to be, whether the number of licenses be reduced by one-third or by one-sixth, or to remain as at present. Which of the two former issues have been carried has not as yet become known to us in New Zealand. Ir the Act mentioned as having been passed so long ago, it was decided that should reduction be carried no compensation would be paid for loss of license, the lengthy notice given being considered in lieu of compensation.

#### CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Paris consumed a fabulous quantity of food on Christmas Eve. Nearly 100,000 dozen oysters were taken to the Central Markets on December 23rd, and over 57,000 dozen the next morning. There were not many left of the total of nearly 1,900,000 by Christmas morning. On the 23rd and 24th, 15,000 turkeys were sold, but some of them went to London. Parisians also ate some 7000 geese. During the three days preceding Christmas, the Central Markets sold 116,743lb. of game and 1,029,323lb. of poultry. Last year, however, the Parisian Christmas appetite was heartier still. Then 990 more pounds of game were eaten, and 215,780 more pounds of poultry. Eggs, on the other hand, have kept up to a fair average, 300,000 having been consumed. But inere was a falling-off in black sausage, and some of the 120 odd miles of it prepared for Reveillon remained in the market after Christmas. Only a trifling quantity of 105,457lb. of what is called pigs' pudding, but is supposed to be frequently horse, was eaten on the 24th, whereas last year Paris managed to put away 156,673lb. of the same delicacy.

#### 60,000 BOTTLES OF WINE AT A PARIS FEAST.

A monster banquet was held on November 5th in the Machinery Hall of the Champ de Mars, Paris, near the Eiffel Tower, when no fewer than 50,000 delegates of mutual aid societies sat down to



- dinner. They were attended, says a correspondent, by an army of 5000 waiters, and there were provided :---
  - 25,000 bottles of red wine.
  - 25,000 bottles of white wine.
  - 10,000 bottles of champagne.
- a5,000 bottles of beer.

10,000 bottles of milk, 50,000 bottles of mineral waters.

30,000 cigars. 5000 boxes of cigarettes

The cost to each delegate for the dinner was only 3s. The delegates, with bands and banners, first mustered in the Tuileries Gardens and marched to the Trocadero, where they were addressed by President Loubet. After a concert the vast army of delegates, who came from all parts of France and from foreign countries, resumed its march across the river to the venue of the banquet. The seating of the 50,000 naturally took a considerable time, and the earliest to arrive were kept in good spirits with the music from the massed bands, and with glasses of wine which they found poured out for them. President Loubet entered the building when all were seated, and on a raised platform drank prosperity to mutual aid societies amid enthusiastic applause.

#### AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON THE PRODUCTION OF WHISKY.

Dr. Wiley, the chief of the United States Fureau of Chemistry, recently visited Scotland, on the instructions of the United States Secretary of Agriculture, to study Scotch whisky and its production on the spot, and he has now presented a report,

in Scotland were carefully studied. Scotch whisky is made exclusively from barley malt. There are four great divisions of malt. distilleries namely, Lowland, Highland, Campbelltown and Islay. The malt is prepared always in the distillery, and is dried over open peat-fires. The empyreumatic vapours from the peat are absorbed by the malt, and when finally, after fermentation, the products are submitted to distillation, the volatile empyreumatic cdours come over with the whisky, giving the well-known smoky taste which is characteristic of the Scotch whiskies. The

distillers rarely ship to the United States. The whole of the product is practically taken by the so-called blenders. By them it is mixed with what is known as "grain' or "silent" spirit, distilled in Great Britain from Indian corn imported from the United States. The product is a highly rectified alcohol or "silent" spirit, of rectified alcohol or "silent" spirit, of about 94 per cent. of alcohol by volume. This spirit is mixed in all proportions with the genuine Scotch whisky, both for consumption in Great Britain and for export to the United States. In some cases only small quantities-say, 20 per cent. of grain spirits—are used, while in other cases as high as 80 per cent. are employed. The blend or mixed product therefore is not pure Scotch whisky, but Scotch whisky mixed with grain or silent spirit.

After dealing at some length with the warehouse regulations, Dr. Wiley pro-ceeds. Briefly summarised, the present condition of the trade seems to be as follows :---

1. Practically all the pure-malt whisky niade in Scotland, except that of local consumption, is sold to the so-called blenders. It is mixed with varying proportions of silent spirits, coloured if desired, and reduced by water to an alcoholic strength of about 45 per cent. by volume. It is generally labelled as if it were unmixed malt or Scotch whisky. The average age of the malt whisky when blended appears to be about five years, although there is no prohibition of the blending of young spirits. After blending it is stored for some time, usually a year, in order for the marriage to be complete.

2. These whiskies are bottled in a blending or bottling warehouse in harmony with the regulations governing domestic consumption. Only such goods are really admissible in our ports.

3. The mixing and compounding may also be done in warehouses specially provided for ex port work. Such goods under our law are inadmissible to the United States, because forbidden to domestic consumption.

4. Irish whiskies are often prepared for export without any manipulation, except colouring and reducing with water to about 45 per cent. by volume. There are, however, bottling warehouses where Irish



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courses configure on in the same way a as scorch.

5 In the press a state of the regulations i is not possible to get a certificate from the Excise Office officials of the character the manipulation to which the spirits have been subjected.

In regard to labels on bottles, the British regulations give the merchant a free hand. He may use any form of label or statement he likes, except that he must not ascribe any responsibility to the Inland Revenue.

Paragraph 389 reads: "Officers are not t interfere with labels used on bottles or cases filled or made up in bond, beyond seeing that no label or inscription contains such expression as 'Bottled in bond,' Bottled in Customs (or Excise) warehouse,' or any other indication implying official countenance or guarantee of the correctness of the statements made." In other words, any misstatements the bottler wishes to make are to go unchallenged; but if he wishes to tell the truth-namely, that the spirits were bottled in bond under the supervision of an officer of the Revenue-he is forbidden to do so. When one carefully studies the character of the labels affixed to these packages, bottled under the supervision of the Excise officers, he easily understands why it is the British Government refuses to be held responsible therefor .-- "The British Trade Review."

#### LETTERS.

From W. H. McGlew, Esq., J.P., Springside, Smith's Mill, W.A., 11th November, 1903.

"Seventeen years ago I was suffering with Bright's Disease of the kidneys. I was treated by two doctors, and by them was given up as incurable. They had been attending me for some time, and finally decided that it was impossible for me to recover, and told me that I must prepare for the worst. The announcement came as a great shock to me, and more so to my wife and family, who were greatly distressed. At that time my head and body were in an alarming state, being swollen right up to the eyes. I had difficulty in passing my water, which was of a dark-red colour. I had a vague feeling of unrest and tenderness in the kidneys; I suffered from extreme wakefulness and gradual failure of strength also, as I was not able to keep anything in my stomach. The fact that I am alive to-day is, however, proof that doctors are not always correct when they tell you you are going to die. I did not give up hope myself, and was determined to live as long as Providentially, about this time, possible. one of Warner's Sale Cure pamphlets was placed in my hands, and in it I read a letter from someone who had suffered from the same complaint, and had been cured by taking Warner's Safe Cure. I at once decided that, as the doctors said they could do no more for me, I would give Warner's Safe Cure a trial and see if that would do me any good. I sent immediately for a supply of Warner's Safe Cure and a vial of Warner's Sale Pills, and commenced taking these medicines without delay, keeping strictly to the diet rules given, which I believe to be most important, in order that the medicine may do its work without hindrance. I did not at first inform the doctors that I was taking Warn-Safe Cure, for fear that they might object to my doing so. After taking a few bottles I began to feel better, and this gave me faith to continue. The swelling in my head and body went down gradually, and the urine, which I previously had some difficulty in passing, now came from me freely, to my great relief. I continued to improve in health, gaining strength each day. The doctors were delighted at\_ my rapid and almost miraculous recovery, but when I informed them what medicine had produced the result they would scarcely believe me. In a few more weeks I had quite recovered my normal strength, and have since had no return of the complaint, and am in as good health to-day as ever I was in my life. To prove that this is so, agents for insurance companies have offered to insure my life for any amount."

ance, without being loaded, after-stating what had been the matter with me and no trace of the disease being found. resided at Saddleworth at the time of my iliness, and many people there would remember my case. I have recommended your valuable medicine, or death-saving remedy, to a great number of people, some of whom have travelled many miles to hear details of my case."

From Mrs. Ellen Judkins, Glenhuntlyroad, Glenhuntly, Vic., 29th August, 1903.

"For many years I was suffering with kidney complaint, having pains in my back and under my shoulder blade, so severe that I could scarcely stand to do my household work, and sometimes at night in my bed the pain was so great that I could not turn over or move my limbs. I tried many advertised remedies for kidney complaint and also change of climate, but could get no relief. At last I was advised to try Warner's Safe Cure, and after tak-ing a few bottles I was relieved from all The medicine seemed to put new pain. life and vigour into me. I can now work and sleep well, and and in the best of health. My husband was a great sufferer from gravel. He consulted a doctor, who was honest enough to tell him that it was no use taking his money, as he (the doctor) could do nothing for him. He then commenced to take Warner's Safe Cure, and experienced relief almost immediately. After taking a few bottles he was quite relieved from that painful complaint,"

From Mrs. V. Williams, 50 Howe Crescent Albert Park, Vic., 7th January, 1904.

"For many years I suffered greatly from intense pain in the small of the back, and under the shoulder-blades. I had spells of jumping and fluttering of the heart, which caused me great anxiety and depression. One day, in one of your pamphlets, I read statements of some remarkable cures ef-fected by Warner's Safe Cure, so I bought two bottles of that medicine, and a vial of Warner's Safe Pills, and commenced taking the Safe Cure regularly, and one pill on going to bed. I could feel, almost immediately, that there was a change for the better taking place in my system. Before I had finished the second bottle I was free from pain and dizzy spells, and in good health. I have heard of many others who have taken Warner's Safe Cure with good result."

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The following is the list of guests staying at Waiwera Hotel during the past Snook and week :--- Messrs. Campbell, G. Martin, Warkworth; Mrs. Shelley, St. Heliers; Mrs. Gilbert T. Smith, Miss and Master Smith, Paeroa; Mr. and Mrs. Bodle, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson, Re-muera; Misses Goddard, Pike (2), Mr. and Mrs. Pike, England; Mr. and Mrs. Somers. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrick, Misses Lingard, Sinclair (2), Agnes, Hellaby, Menzles, Mrs. and Misses Wingate (3), Major Ashworth, Drs. Walshe and Ferguson, Messrs. Lyons, Reeves, W. E. Woodward, A. H. Bethune, A. W. Blakiston, Ching, Bates, A. Grierson, Auckland; Mr. W. R. Mowbray, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson, Mrs. Rissling, Misses Earnes and Lyons, Parnell; Mr. and Mrs. Manchee, New South Wales; Mrs. Tanton, Devonport; Mr. Fegan, Svdrey; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Shaw, Mr. Shaw, jun.; Mr. E. W. Alison, M.H.R., Takapuna; Mr. Bull; Mr. Bruce.

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#### THE WHISKY TRADE.

"Expert," writing in the London "Standard" of a recent date says :- There can be no doubt that the whisky trade is passing through a serious crisis, not occasioned by the remarkable decline in consump-The causes spring from internal as tion. much as from external sources, and are likely to produce results which may alter the whole face of the trade. Movements are going on behind the scenes which are considerably affecting the relations hitherto existing between the blenders, the patent still and Highland malt distillers. private and informal meeting of the lat-ter, to which the Irish pot distillers were invited, was held in London for the purpose of furthering, amongst other things, the movement recently initiated, in favour of the compulsory detention of all spirits it, bond for a period of at least three years. "The Standard" published a short time ago the circular emanating from the Glasgow Bonded Warehousekeepers' Association advocating this proposal, which, it appears, has been warmly taken up by the Highland malt and Irish distillers, and active steps are about to be commenced to press the matter on the attention of Parliament. The primary object, of course, is to lighten the market of the exclusively heavy stocks of Highland malt with which it is at the present time loaded, and which are reducing prices to an unprecedentedly low level; and, having done so, it is expected that a greater control could be exercised in the future in regulating the output and preventing the re-currence of such accumulations. This, the patent still distillers are already enabled to do, since the Distillers' Company effected its gigantic deal some time ago and obtained control of nearly all the patent still distillers in Scotland and Ireland. The result is that the prices of patent spirits have gone up, and are expected to go much higher. But here comes in a third and a very powerful interest-the blenders, who, naturally, are strongly opposed to any increase in the very low prices at which for years they have been enabled to buy their supplies for the public. The outcome of all this is a considerable clashing of opposing interests, a probable new grouping of parties, and the destruction of that harmonious co-operation in the Scotch whisky trade which has existed. outwardly, at least undisturbed ever since the failure of the Select Committee of 190-1 gave the Highland malt distillers their coup de grace. Another most curious circumstance is that the Distillers' Company have thrown in their lot with the Highland malt people in support of the three years' compulsory bonding. For the first time in any cause, the pot and the patent still are in alliance.

The public cannot remain indifferent spectators of all this, for everyone would welcome, as of the greatest importance to the country, a movement which would put an end to the new deleterious spirit which now forms such a large proportion of the whisky sold in this country. Not alone is it the custom to blend spirit at a very early age, but it enables Highland malt, when blended with it, to be sold at a much earlier maturity than would be otherwise possible or desirable. For instance, Highland malt, at one or two years of age, is, by itself, scarcely potable, so rank, coarse and unwholesome is it. When co-

piously biended with flavourless patent spirit its asperities are softened down without losing any, of course, of its injurious qualities.

When a man flatters himself that he knows a woman, he-flatters himself.

"It's a good day for washing, but not inside here," was the remark made by the Magistrate in the Police Court last week, during the hearing of a case in which two sisters appeared anxious to relate family secrets.

"The Clancys is givin' a tin weddin' to-morrow avenin'," said Mrs. Casey. "Phwy do they call it a tin weddin'?"

inquired her husband. "Because they've been married tin years, av coorse."

"Oh, is that so? I see, I see. Thin I suppose ye'd betther run down to th' tin cint sthore an' buy thim a tin weddin' present."

Mr. Mulligan, who refereed this contest of wits, decided that the bout was a draw, and that refereeing were dhry wur-rk. Whereupon little Micky was despatched to the corner with a tin and peace was restored.

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The following is the newest definition of a kiss :--- A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to steal it, and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right,, the lover's privilege, the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl faith, to a married woman hope and to an old maid

charity. ¥ In Russia, it is sometimes the custom at a big dinner for each lady to smoke a tiny cigarette after each course. This is said to not only assist digestion, but it also removes the flavour of the previous course from the palate.

¥ ¥ Acting on the advice of the Crown Law Officers, the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the returning officers for the licensing elections throughout the colony that the provisions for exercising absent voters' permits cannot be applied to the licensing elections. The rolls used at the general elections will be used also for the licensing elections. Names can be added until the 10th inst. \*

Sergeant Ramsay, of Dunedin, has been transferred to Auckland.

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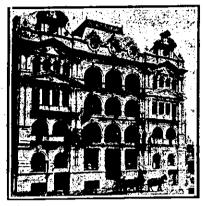
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There are weather prophets and weather prophets, but there is a stone which it is asserted unfailingly foretells changes in the weather. This stone was found in Finland many years ago by an explorer, and has been watched by scientists with great interest. It is known as the samakuir, and presents a white mottled appearance in sunshine, gradually turning from grey to black as a rainstorm approaches. The samakuir is made up of clay, nitre and rock salt. In dry weather the salt in the stone is prominent, but when the air is filled with moisture, the salt absorbs the moisture and turns black, thus acting as a barometer.

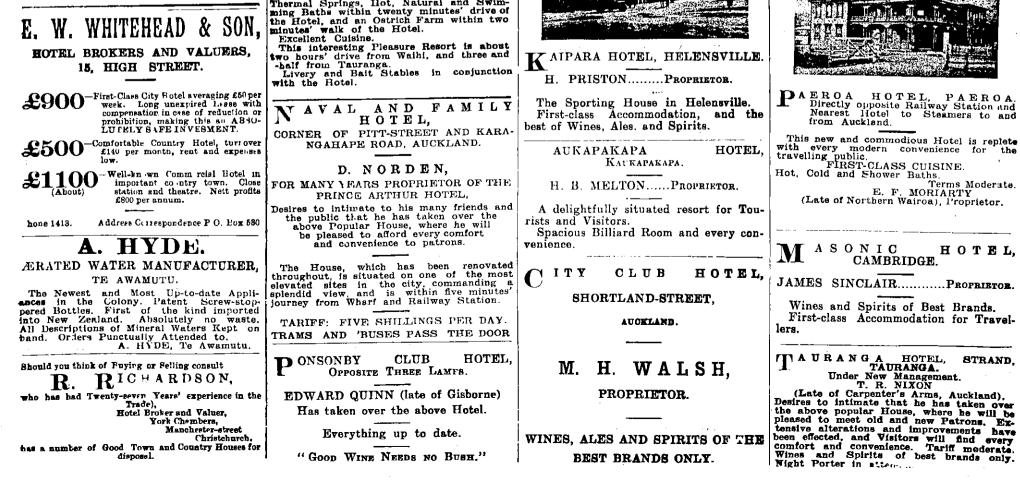
The natives of Java have a natural poison to aid them in avenging themselves against their enemies. It is a strong fluid found in the bark of the upas tree. The bark is over an inch thick, and is very spongy. A drop of the fluid on the skin causes intense irritation. A private revenge is satisfied by hiding a cup of this fluid in the room of the enemy, and then the avenger flees, for well he knows that by morning his victim will have crossed the high divide. The fluid produces stupor, which finally ends in death.

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The biggest snow lake is seen from the summit of Hispar Pass, in the Karakoran Range. It is more than three hundred square miles in area. In Switzerland the sea of ice might better be called the sea of snow, as the surface is broken up by solar heat, which makes a minute fissuring in the ice, giving it the appearance of snow.

There is a huge natural magnet in Upper Burmah, India, covered with great blocks of iron ore, which travellers notice has a tremendous attraction which ren-ders compasses and watches useless. In Spain there is a spring of water said to cure lovesick people. Another queer spring is situated in Mexico, the waters of which cure alcoholic cravings, so the legend runs. Hinter Mountain, near Fort Davis, Texas, produces an effect which would counteract the good work done by the Mexican spring, with none of the evil effects. People go up this mountain and they suddenly become conscious of a sort of anaesthetic which takes possession of them and makes them act as if intoxicated. If a traveller reaches the top he staggers like an old toper, and many have been known to fall in a stupor on the rocks. This mountain has a following, which returns season after season to enjoy this harmless dissipation.

A man who, after being addicted to drink, had taken the pledge, was persuaded to attend ambulance classes. The Bishop of London, who told the story at a meeting recently, soon afterwards called on the man's wife and asked her how her husband was. "He's a changed man, sir," said the wife. "Instead of spending his evenings in the public-house he stops at home every night and bandages the cat!"



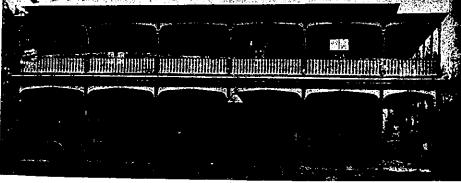




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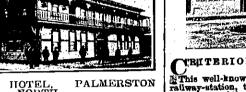
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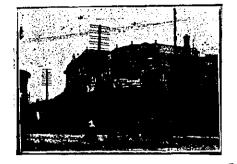


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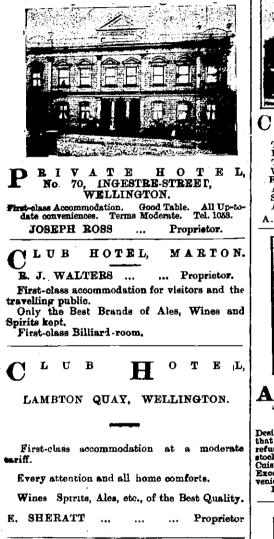
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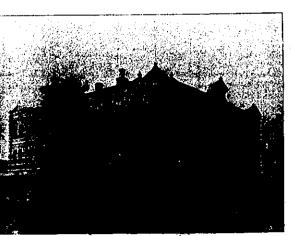
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