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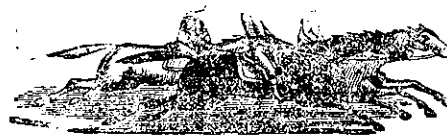
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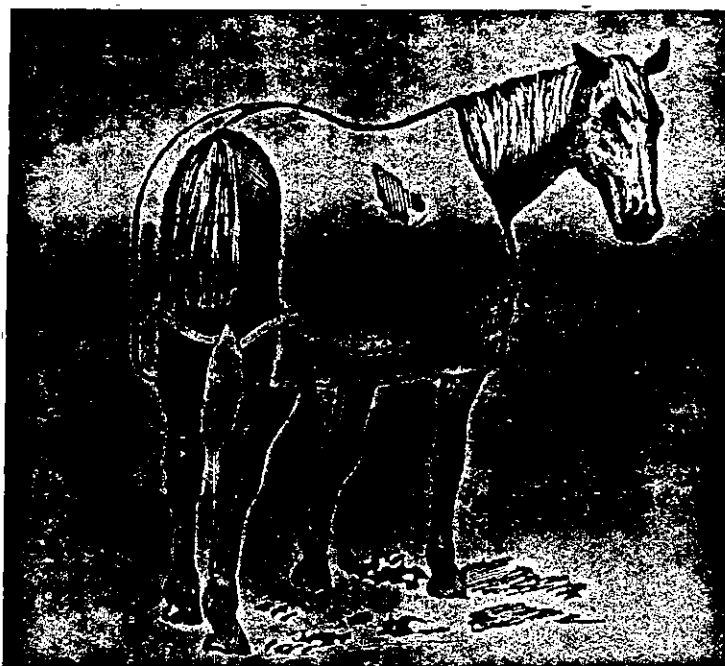
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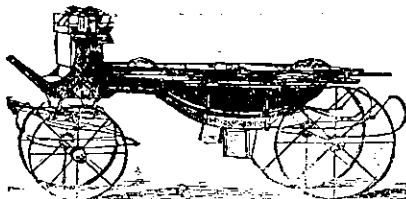
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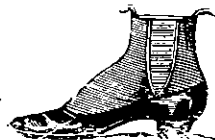
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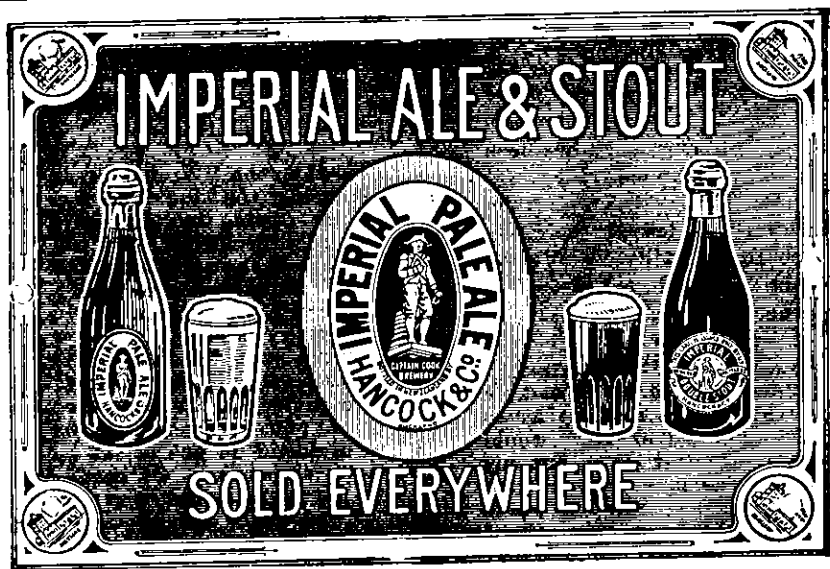
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OUR LATE PREMIER.

To-day the remains of our late Premier, Richard John Seddon, will be laid to rest at Wellington, and it will be kept as a day of mourning throughout the length and breadth of the land. Thousands there may be who disagreed with Mr. Seddon as far as politics were concerned, but none ever doubted his quality as a man, and even his greatest political opponents were among the first to acknowledge and deplore that from our midst has gone one who was a very tower of strength to the colony and its people. With all his mind fixed upon the advancement of New Zealand, Mr. Seddon had no great time, at all events in recent years, to devote to sport. In his younger days he proved himself a good athlete, and at all times he was pleased to attend any athletic meeting or big football match. His second son, Mr. T. F. Seddon, has inherited this love of pure sport, and is a most promising amateur athlete and a member of the committee of the Wellington A.A.C. Our late Premier was a firm believer in the totalisator, holding the view that it has done an immensity of good for racing and horse-breeding, a view which is generally shared by everyone who has any comprehensive grasp of the subject. Sportsmen throughout the land will mourn the loss of a true friend, of whom it may be written—

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THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Although many clubs might have favourably considered a policy of retrenchment after the discovery of very serious defalcations, it is not so with the Auckland Racing Club, whose committee, undismayed by the temporary check, are continuing to show a record of progress. The latest move, a particularly good one, is to purchase a property in Shortland-

street to be used as offices. It has been recognised for a long time that the present premises in Durham-street were quite out of date, so that the projected move will be a very welcome one. The new offices will be in a far more healthy locality, and will command an extensive view of the Waitemata. The building, which has been purchased, will be renovated and brought up to date, and should admirably answer the purpose for which it is intended. While attending to office requirements the committee have not forgotten the racecourse, and here numerous improvements are to be taken in hand. The scheme, as at present outlined, is the laying down in grass of the unsightly space at the back of the main stand, an alteration in the site of the house for the outside totalisator, an increase in the size of the birdcage, and very possibly the terracing of the hill near the mile post. All this, it is needless to say, means a big expense, but the members of the committee are one and all strongly of opinion that a forward policy is the right one in which all racegoers will cordially agree. The Auckland Racing Club is the strongest one in the colony, and no effort is to be spared in making all the appointments in keeping with its high standing. In other words, although the committee cannot command success, they intend to deserve it.

RACING EXPENSES.

A subject very often discussed by people who go racing is the question of expenses, and the point is very often raised that too much is charged for the sport. Take, for instance, the cost to a man going for a day's racing at Ellerslie. The bus fare, return, amounts to two shillings; entrance to course, one shilling; entrance to saddling paddock, ten shillings; race book, one shilling; and luncheon, three shillings. This means seventeen shillings for a few hours' amusement, and amounts to paying over two shillings for every race witnessed. The great body of the rank and file consider this too much, but the sport is so fascinating that the amount, although grumbled at, is still paid. The payment for the enclosure is less at Takapuna and Avondale, but otherwise the amounts are the same, although in the former case the admittance to the course ticket also covers the cost of the ferry. A great many people who go racing are of opinion that the sum paid at the suburban courses is quite sufficient to pay even for a metropolitan meeting. Whether the heavy increase in the totalisator percentage will enable the senior club to make this reduction in the cost to patrons remains to be seen, and it must not be forgotten also that the actual cost of running a big meeting is very considerable. It may also be pointed out that in many cases English sportsmen have to pay far more for their day's amusement. In the Old Country railway companies and racecourse executives seem to combine to squeeze the uttermost penny out of turfites, and sooner or later the long-suffering racegoer will rise in his wrath and demand a reduction all round. In this connection perhaps Epsom "takes the cake." To witness the City and Suburban or Derby in comfort it is first of all necessary to pay £1 for admission to the grandstand; if the visitor wants to bet he has to plank down another sovereign for admission to Tattersall's Ring; while, if anxious to do the thing thoroughly and patronise the paddock, a further ten shillings has to be forked out. With a preliminary 8s 6d for railway fare the Epsom voyage is out of pocket £2 18s 6d to start with—a pretty substantial "loser" with which to begin the day. In other respects the Epsom executive squeeze the last penny out of their customers. For a cold luncheon, which would be dear at half-a-crown, 6s is charged, and the tariff all round is fixed on the same exorbitant scale. In view of such facts as these it is not altogether surprising that the attendances at Epsom have latterly shown a falling off. Here, of course, such prices would not be tolerated for a moment, and the club charging them would soon go to the wall. Still, even as it is, the question of patrons' expenses, with a view to reducing the same, is one well worthy the attention of the executive, for an increased attendance would mean an increased totalisator return, so that instead of losing by the innovation, it might mean considerable gain to the revenue of the club.

THE RACING CONFERENCE.

The notices of motion which will be brought up at the coming Racing Conference do not contain matter for very much discussion, for with one or two exceptions the subjects brought forward are not of great importance. The Taranaki Jockey Club has a motion "That it is desirable the present arrangements by which the Christchurch 'Weekly Press' publishes the official calendar be terminated, and that the official calendar be published by the Conference itself, and that the president and secretary be authorised to arrange accordingly." The arguments in favour of this are so strong that it is difficult to see how anyone having the best interests at heart of racing throughout the colony can possibly reject so common-sense a proposal.

The Wellington Racing Club has tabled a motion that part 6, of rule III., be altered to "No club shall give a less sum in stakes than the net amount derived by such club from the use of the totalisator during the previous year." The principle here is a sound one, but it might prove unduly onerous for some of the smaller and more struggling clubs to carry out.

The Auckland Racing Club has two motions to be brought forward. The first of these is that Rule 2, part v., be struck out and the following rule be inserted in its place:—"The Metropolitan Committee shall have the power to appoint an advisory steward for any race meeting of a club in its metropolitan district that it may deem advisable, and the said committee shall, on the application of any club, appoint an advisory steward, whose fee in either case shall be paid by the club to whose race meeting such steward has been appointed or who has applied for the appointment of the said steward. In either case such advisory steward so appointed shall be entitled to demand an investigation by the stewards of the club of any matter occurring during the race meeting and may sit and vote as a steward at such investigation."

This is certain to be combated by the representatives of the smaller clubs, but such a rule would do much to prevent certain irregularities which from time to time crop up at country meetings. The clubs outside the metropolitan body would no doubt rather resent what might be considered too much interference from headquarters, but if this objection can be got over, the move seems a good one. The club also is to move that in rule 7, part vi., the following shall be inserted:—"The Metropolitan Committee shall have the power to refuse to approve of the programme of a meeting of any totalisator club which permits any bookmaker to bet on its course." Should this become law it will sound the death knell of the bookmaker, but there is a strong feeling growing that the fraternity are being over-harassed as it is, and therefore it is very doubtful indeed if the motion will be carried.

TEMPERS OF RACEHORSES.

A writer in a London daily gives some interesting items about the tempers of some famous racehorses. Ladas, he says, when at the stud, became a savage, his pet aversion being ladies, and he would go into a paroxysm of rage when in their presence. A sight in the paddock was to see Tristan saddled. He invariably had two men at his head, while another helped the jockey to mount, the horse lashing out with his legs, all four of which seemed to be in action at once. Lowland Chief was another who disliked being saddled for a race. When about to run for the Royal Stakes at Epsom, he sat on his haunches and screamed with rage, meanwhile fighting with his forefeet when anybody came in front of him. He became more savage with age, and after seriously mauling his attendant had to be shot. St. Maclou would not let the saddle be put on him when away from Newmarket, and would lie on his back for an hour. When at home, however, he would let them saddle him up without demur. A dog always slept in Lanercost's box, and accompanied him to the various meetings. Best Man always had a cat as company, but on one occasion puss was lost when returning from Paris. Another cat was substituted, but the horse refused to be consoled. When St. Symphorien was showing signs of temper it was thought advisable to introduce a cat to his box one evening. When the lad went in in the morning only a little fur and the tail

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES—1905-06.

June 22 and 23—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 Winter
 June 27 and 28—Napier Park R.C.
 Winter
 July 5 and 6—Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase Meeting
 July 11 and 14—Wellington R.C. Winter
 August 14, 16, and 18—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting

NOMINATIONS.

June 29—Gisborne R.C. Hack Events

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

June 22—Gisborne R.C.
 June 30—Wellington R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

June 29—Gisborne R.C.
 July 4—Wellington R.C. Winter

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Handicaps for the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting will be declared on June 30, and acceptances are due on July 4.

Handicaps for the Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting are due to appear on June 22, with acceptances on June 29.

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remained. The "Saint" had eaten puss! Grave and Gay had a donkey as a pet, and Pretty Polly has a cob as a playmate. Robert the Devil and a pony were great friends; the only thing that upset the pony was the racer's partiality for devouring his tail, which always presented a woe-be-gone appearance. "Robert" was passionately fond of watercress, and could almost be trained upon it. Winnipeg is very fond of tobacco, and if he could get to a person's coat he would search the pockets for cigarettes to chew. A lighted cigar is taken from a smoker's mouth and eaten, if possible. Dinna Forget has a very good temper, an Irish terrier being his constant companion, frisking round his heels, and playing with his ears.

NOTES.

(By "THE JUDGE.")

A cable from Sydney states that Melodeon, Starshoot, Chivalry and Savoury have been entered for the Canterbury Park Meeting, which takes place next Saturday. It is a nice course, and there are generally good fields.

Mr. W. C. Morgan headed the list of winning owners at the recent A.R.C. Meeting, his cheque amounting to £575.

The Waikato Hunt Club met at Hautapu on Saturday, when there was the largest muster seen out for a long time. After some good runs, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor entertained the company at their residence.

Up-to-date has been given 12st 7lb in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, which should about stop him. Old Dingo has 10st 9lb, or about 9lb more than he would have received here, while Miss King has been allotted 10st 5lb.

Now that the racing season has closed as far as Auckland is concerned matters are very dull locally, and it will be some time before they are stirred up again.

The entries for the Wellington Steeplechase must be deemed very satisfactory, as all the crack chasers in the colony are down to compete.

There is a likelihood of Achilles being sent to Randwick in the spring if the handicapper does not crush him out of everything.

Boomerang, Lyrist and Paritutu are in most favour for the New Zealand Cup, the next picks being Gladstone, Mrtello, Multifid and Solution.

In a schooling gallop at Hastings on Saturday Comfort and Lissa were no use to Kiatere, who jumped in quite his old form.

The Captain Webb mare Sleepwell has been striding along in great style at Hastings. She should about win the June Steeplechase at Napier on Friday.

The Pakuranga hounds will meet next Saturday at the Criterion Hotel, and on the following Wednesday at the creamery, Papatotetoe.

Among those which have been put into work recently after considerable absence from the training track are Lycia, Daffodil and Dolores.

Mr. J. Russell (owes 20) won the final of the Occidental Hotel billiard tournament on Tuesday night. He met Mr. F. Machattie (owes 40), and it proved the most exciting game of the series, Russell just getting the verdict by the narrow margin of two points.

There are 158 horses entered for the Melbourne Cup, which is fifteen more than was the case last year. The Caulfield Cup entry of 169 beats last year's total by 22.

The well-known firm of King and Flannagan, turf commission agents of Stratford and Hawera, have extended their operations to New Plymouth. Mr. Flannagan will reside there permanently, while Mr. Farrell will look after the Stratford agency. Mr. C. J. King remains in charge at Hawera.

The Workman gelding Shrapnel is a strong tip for the Hawke's Bay Hurdles on Friday.

The Winter Meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club will be held on Friday and Saturday next.

The jumper Irish was sent down to Napier by the Tarawera on Saturday. He should run well at the meeting on Friday, and especially looks to have a fine chance in the Steeplechase.

Spearmint is said to have met with an accident to his eye when travelling in the train after winning the Grand Prix de Paris, but it would seem it is not serious.

Mr. W. G. Nightingale, the well known Napier sportsman, who has been in Auckland on a short holiday, returned home on Tuesday by the Victoria.

McCombe is to succeed Hewitt as first horseman for Yaldhurst.

The projected match between Major and Loch Fyne will not eventuate, as the owner of the latter was unwilling to let his horse run.

An illustration of the lottery of breeding is gathered by the fact that Orello, an own brother to Ormonde, has proved such a stud failure in Hungary that he is in future to be used as a sire of half-breds.

Although Sais won the French One Thousand Guineas from her stable companion, Blue Fly, English exchanges say that the latter was eased up when it was seen nothing else had a chance of beating Sais. The two were coupled on the totalisator, so it did not matter much to the public which scored, and M. Blanc naturally preferred to win with Sais, whom he bred. The value of the race to M. Blanc was £3647.

In England it is possible for a horse to pay its way well by running second in selling races. C. Woods has been scoring in this fashion with a filly named Miss Mimic. At Sandown Park, at the end of April, she ran second in a 100 sovs selling race, and the winner was bid up to such a price that there was 450gs to divide between the owner of the second and the race fund. Less than a week later Miss Mimic again ran second in another selling race, the winner being knocked down for 810gs., and Wood and the race fund divided a surplus of 610gs., so that Miss Mimic returned her owner 520gs. as the result of two seconds in 100 sovs races.

Capable judges of racing agree that dozens of races are lost every year by the use of the whip. No less an authority than the late Duke of Beaufort expressed his opinion that the following sentence ought to be printed in large letters and hung up over the bed of every young jockey; and to those who did not profit by it, the whip they misuse should be applied: "When you feel that it is time for you to begin to set-to, take up your whip and throw it over the rails." It is only masters of the art that can hit a horse at the right moment without letting his head go—and letting the horse's head go frequently means his running out and losing two or three lengths. Archer often won a race by the whip, especially on Whipper In, a sluggish but game horse, who took his punishment and ran true. In 1863 Fordham on Todleben, a half-brother to Vauban, won a race in an extraordinary manner by the whip. He was on the near side, and locked to another horse. Unluckily, his whip was in his right hand, and he dared not shift his reins from his left. Two strides from the post he turned right round, and hit Todleben "a warm 'un" right over the tail; the horse made one bound and won on the post. The race was the Post Stakes, worth about £1500.

The announcement is made in England, that owing to indifferent health, Mr. J. Musker is about to give up racing and breeding, and that his entire stud will be disposed of by auction in July. This will mean the dispersal of an immensely valuable quantity of stock, the stallions alone including Flying Lemur (brother to Flying Fox), Henry the First, William Rufus and Admiral Breeze, while among the brood mares are some of the choicest-bred in the "Stud Book."

The coursing at Otahuhu on Saturday proved a great success. Next Saturday the sport promises to be even better, as the hares will be better schooled. A 16-dog stake has been added to the programme.

Mr. Hughes has leased the pony Lady French to Mr. Tilly, of Wanganui, and she was shipped down on Sunday to her new home.

In a recent London "Sportsman" a letter is published from Mr. Stead, in which he says: "I was recently asked by an Australian buyer if I would take 10,000gs for Multiform, but my reply was that the horse was not for sale. I doubt if any sire is worth 10,000gs in this country; but, as I am breeding for pleasure, and not for sale, I do not care to consider a proposal to part with a horse that has given me so much satisfaction. Although Multiform was only put to ten mares four years ago, he got Noctiform, Sungod, Isolt, Multifid, and Cruciform in one season. Multifid won the Great Northern Derby in record time. I doubt if any other sire has got five winners out of ten mares in one season in this colony." Mr. Stead, if correctly reported, has evidently made a slip of the pen in writing that Cruciform was by Multiform, as the sire of the famous mare was St. Leger (Ed. "Sporting Review.")

Curiously enough, another letter was received (says the "Special Commissioner") from Mr. Alex. Robertson, of Colesburg, South Africa, gives me information about Uniform, own brother to Multiform, and some time ago the property of Mr. Jersey. He says: "You will no doubt remember Uniform, an own brother to Multiform, and one that gets the most promising stock I have seen here. They are full of quality, big-boned, and look like galloping all over. The horse is sound as a bell, quiet as a lamb, and a certain foal-getter; he stamps every foal, and I am sure will be as great a success as his brother. To look at he is all quality, and better legs I have never seen on a horse."

When a colt favours a sire he is invariably viewed with much interest (writes "Milroy.") How often is the likeness of son to father pointed out with pride by a breeder or admirer of the youngster. Blood stock auctioneers, also, never fail to make a strong point of this when something that throws unmistakably to the old horse is in the ring. But is it not strange, and also indisputable, that among Carbine's Australian begotten progeny all that favoured him were not first-class, and the more they were like the old horse the worse they were for racing? Mr. Dan O'Brien gave a long price for a colt that was Carbine over again—though in looks only—for he was not speedy enough to win a bridle. Then there were others, such as Sensation and Prince Carbine, who were very like the old champion, but were not really good racehorses. Carbine's best hits in Australia were Wallace, Amberite, La Carabine, Fucile, and Charge. The firstnamed is a typical Stockwell or Birdcatcher. There is nothing of the Musket or Carbine about him, except that he was a corking good racehorse, who could get three miles. Amberite favours neither Stockwell nor Musket, nor does Charge or Fucile; and La Carabine was the antithesis of her sire in every way and everything except stamina. When Carbine went into the best stud in England, Welbeck, and was allotted a number of the bluest-blooded daughters of St. Simon and mares of Galopin descent that money could buy, a great future was predicted for the Australian champion; but, strangely, he was a comparative failure among these equine gems. He got his full share of middle-class winners, however, but none of his stock up till last season could with any degree of accuracy be described as first-class until Wargrave is reached. Wargrave won the Cesarewitch two years ago, and ran third for it last year. He was certainly the best Carbine sired till Spearmint came. Wargrave is a near relation to the Derby winner, inasmuch as he is out of Warble, the granddam of Spearmint. The interposition of Minting appears to have improved the Maid of the Mint line from upper middle class to the very top class, and the whole is the strongest argument in favour of inbreeding to a couple of good families.

King Paul was sent over to Sydney on Monday. He looked at one time like proving himself quite a high-class hurdler, but his subsequent form has been very disappointing.

I notice that the "Weekly Press" is again accusing the Auckland Racing Club of not paying out sixpences in the totalisator dividends. Of course, this is incorrect, as such amounts are paid, and have been for several years past. Perhaps the reason why the Southern writer has fallen into error is from overlooking the fact that since the introduction of a ten-shilling machine the dividends are computed on that basis, and rarely a race passes but the dividend on one of the horses includes a sixpence. Of course, in paying £1 tickets the amount is doubled, and hence the apparent disappearance of the sixpence. Perhaps it would be as well for the "Racing Calendar" to be certain of the facts of the case before denouncing our senior club for its alleged parsimonious methods.

After every close finish of a race there is always someone that can be heard disputing the judge's decision (says the "Town and Country Journal"). It is by no means a new topic; but it has caused attention to be directed to the placing of the judge's box on the tracks. In Mr. E. E. A. Oatley, proprietor of Warwick Farm, also a breeder and owner of racehorses, we have a gentleman who has originated many good ideas, and he is of the opinion that the position in which the judge is called upon to view the finish of a race is not the correct one. In a letter he says: "I have at all times maintained that the judge's box is not in a proper position on our courses. It abuts on the running ground, and the judge is often called upon to decide difficult tasks where horses dash up on the extreme outside, and finish under his box. Under such circumstances, I contend it is absolutely impossible to decide with precision and confidence. If the judge's box stood back from the running ground, say, 50ft, the judge would, like those in the official stand, be better able to see the finish, and discern every movement of the horses, foot by foot, on any part of the straight, as they approached the winning post. He would be in a direct line, and could then announce his verdict, without fear of any challenge." In this connection it is interesting to notice that the Newcastle J.C. have adopted the innovation. I should like to have Mr. Lusk's opinion on the matter. As a judge of amateur running, where it is always better to stand well back from the finishing line, he would probably favour the suggestion.

The "turf authorities of other countries" which have reciprocal agreements with the English Jockey Club are:—The A.J.C. (Sydney), the V.R.C. (Melbourne), the N.Z. Racing Conference, the Austrian J.C., Belgian J.C., Calcutta Turf Club, Dutch Racing Association, French J.C., Gibraltar J.C., Hungarian J.C., Italian J.C., Ontario J.C., South African J.C., Western India Turf Club, New York J.C., Union Club (Bermuda), the Sociedad de Fomenta de la Cria Caballa de Espana (Madrid), the Societes Imperiales des Courses de St. Petersburg et de Moscou, and the Khedivial Sporting Club (Cairo).

The Grand Prix was first run for in 1863, and has been run yearly since, except in 1871, then, owing to the Franco-Prussian war there was no race. The first race was won by an English horse (Mr. Saville's The Ranger). English horses also won in 1866 (Cremorne—Mr. Saville's second win), 1874 (Trent), 1878 (Thurio), 1880 (Robert the Devil), 1882 (Bruce), 1885 (Paradox), and 1886 (Minting). The famous Gladiateur won in 1865, the Hungarian horse Kisber in 1876, and the American Foxhall in 1881. Last year the race, worth £9934, was won by Mr. Michel Ephrussi's ch c Finas-senr, by Winkfield's Pride—Finande.

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Mr. Harry H. Hayr, the secretary of the Avondale Jockey Club and proprietor of the totalisator at the A.R.C. and other meetings, is perhaps one of the best-known and most popular of Auckland sportsmen. On Monday last was his birthday, and he took advantage of the occasion to entertain a large number of friends to a game dinner at his residence in Harbour-street. Among those present were Messrs. H. T. Gorrie (president of the Auckland Racing Club), J. F. Hartland (secretary A.R.C.), Robert Wynyard (secretary Takapuna J.C.), Richard Duder, Robert Duder, and many other well-known sportsmen. A very tempting banquet had been prepared under the personal superintendence of Mrs. Hayr, the menu being as follows:—

- Pukaka Soup.
- Bittern Soup.
- Quail on Toast.
- Wild Pigeon Pie.
- Roast Pheasant. Roast Wild Duck.
- Roast Teal. York Ham.
- Green Peas. Asparagus. Potatoes.
- Kumeras.
- Apple Pie. Apricot Pie. Jellies.
- Hot House Grapes.
- Pineapples. Oranges. Bananas.
- Dates. Apples.
- Muscateles and Almonds.
- Cheese and Celery.
- Olives.
- Tea and Coffee.

WINE LIST.

- Champagne:
- Heidsieck's Dry Monopole.
- Sparkling Burgundy. Roussillon,
- Reserve Cuvee, 1895.
- Port. Sherry. Claret.
- Whisky: Buchanan's.
- Robertson's. Gaelic. Watson's.
- Brandy.
- Ales:
- Kupper's Lager. Ward's Sparkling.
- Speight's Sparkling. Hancock's Imperial.

- Mineral Waters. Lemonade. Soda
- Water. Ginger Ale.

- Havana Cigars. Cigarettes.

When the good things had been done ample justice to, Dr. Sharman, on behalf of numerous friends, presented Mr. Hayr with a very fine solid silver tea and coffee service, while Mrs. Hayr was the recipient of an exceedingly handsome chatelaine. In making the presentation, Dr. Sharman referred to the good work done by Mr. Hayr, both for his club, the public and the sport generally, the sentiments expressed being warmly applauded. Mr. Hayr, who was completely taken by surprise by the presentation, feelingly thanked the donors for their valuable gifts, and also for the kindly sentiments expressed, after which the remainder of the evening was given up to cards and music.

According to an English publication, Carbine has got upwards of 200 foals since he went to the stud in 1897. Last year he got 16 foals, several mares put to him proving barren.

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INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, June 20.

At the annual meeting of the Ashburton County Racing Club, held last week, the report presented stated that the Spring Meeting was the most successful for some years past, returning a profit of £237, while on account of bad weather the Autumn Meeting resulted in a loss of £44. The club, however, is in a very sound position, as the liabilities only amount to £12, while the assets total £636 odd, including £410 on fixed deposit and £183 in cash. The club has wisely decided to recommend the incoming committee to expend money in erecting a new grand stand and erecting other improvements. At Ashburton, as at most other country clubs in this district, the totalisator plant is altogether inadequate to the demands made upon it, and if the clubs would only expend some money on improving matters they would find themselves well repaid. Mr. T. E. Upton, who was elected chairman of the Ashburton Committee, is now serving his eleventh year in that capacity.

H. Soloman has sold First View to a West Coast buyer. This gelding should not have been an unprofitable investment to his late owner, who secured several races with him.

In view of Hewitt's intended departure for the Old Country considerable curiosity has been expressed as to who would succeed him as first horseman for the Yaldhurst stable. It is now announced that at the termination of Hewitt's engagement in February next J. McCombe has been engaged to ride for Mr. Stead. I think it will be admitted that in retaining McCombe's services Mr. Stead has secured one of the very best horsemen in the colony.

Riccarton stables are pretty well represented in the Wellington nominations lists of candidates in the jumping events, including Rongoa, Eurus, Slow Tom, Phaetonitis, Wiwaka, Roller and Ability, while in the flat events

Sir Geo. Clifford has engaged Chryseis and Stronghold.

Ability has been accepted for at Hawke's Bay, and it may be taken for granted that he will give a good account of himself in whatever event he is started. The Conqueror gelding has made a most auspicious debut as a hurdler, for at his first attempt over sticks at Wanganui he ran second to Hydrant, following this up with a win on the second day. At Auckland he started twice, winning on the first day and running third on the second day of the meeting.

Affairs at Riccarton are still very quiet, and the weather experienced at the end of last week was not calculated to induce a great deal of work. Still a fair amount of jumping took place on Thursday last. The most notable event of the morning was Tirole's first performance over hurdles. The Captain Webb gelding was given a trial over small hurdles and shaped fairly well.

The Guesser and The Mohican were given some schooling, but their display was not brilliant.

Narcissus and Graduated Tax were sent over big fences and jumped well, though the latter was tiring at the finish.

Slow Tom, who is looking first-class, also did useful work.

Mason has taken up the yearling filly by Multiform—Helen Faucit, who is therefore full sister to Edna May.

Business quoted on the New Zealand Cup includes the following: 200 to 14 Boomerang, 300 to 18 Martello, 500 to 20 Lyrist, 600 to 8 Armistice, 500 to 15 Auratus, 500 to 15 Stepdancer.

Although the nominations for the principal events at the New Zealand Grand National Meeting do not close until Friday evening, backers are already at work trying to pick the double. Phaetonitis and Exmoor have been backed at 800 to 8, Comfort and Cavalry 700 to 6, Comfort and Exmoor 600 to 9, and Comfort and Shrapnel at the same price.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, June 20.

J. McCombe has accepted a retainer from Mr. G. G. Stead, and will become premier horseman to his stable when L. H. Hewitt leaves for England. McCombe has donned the yellow jacket and black cap on one occasion only, and that was when he rode Bloodshot second to Hippomenes at the Dunedin Cup Meeting of 1895, but he will not need much luck to prove himself capable of being mentioned in the same breath with the late Wally Clifford and other crack horsemen who did yeoman service under the same banner. For years past the writer has always been a strong admirer of McCombe's horsemanship, and it is not a case of saluting the rising sun to state that few are his equal in the saddle, and his superiors are yet to be found. He is equally at home over short and long courses. In the former, he is always amongst the first away from the barrier if his mount is inclined to jump out at all, and over long journey courses he rides with judgment and patience, whilst at the business end he is a very vigorous finisher. On top of this, he can go to the scale at a handy weight, and it is never any trouble for him to attend the tracks in the morning. It is rumoured that Sir Geo. Clifford was also after McCombe's services, and whilst wishing him luck when he dons the yellow and black it is to be hoped that he has not altogether laid aside the racing banners of the Hon. Geo. McLean or Mr. St. John Buckley, for both of whom he has ridden some good winners.

Owing to Mr. J. Sinclair Thomson having disposed of his property at Goodwood, the thoroughbred stock owned by him are to be placed under the hammer on the 26th inst. The stock includes a rising two-year-old colt by Pilgrim's Progress from the Albany—Miranda mare Vaultless, the dam of Pitch and Toss and Mountebank; a rising yearling filly by Saint Ilario from Black Cloud, a rising yearling by Obligado from Vaultless, and the brood mares Vaultless and Black Cloud. Vaultless is stinted to the Government stallion Basuto, and Black Cloud (King Cole—Wai) is stinted to Lord Rosslyn.

The Ashburton Racing Club have recommended their committee to expend a sum of money in the erection of a new grandstand on their course and making other improvements. A new stand on the course is absolutely necessary, as at present the club are in possession of the worst one in the South Island.

It is said that a Wellington gentleman who recently drew a first prize valued at £6000 in Tattersall's missed a boat running from Sydney to this colony, and as a consequence travelled via Hobart. At the latter place he took a ticket in the famous sweep for the fun of the thing, and bagged the above-mentioned sum as a result of his "unfortunate" accident in Sydney.

The Blackstone—Red Riding Hood colt is being ridden, and comports himself in the streets with the composure of a veteran. The youngster is furnishing nicely, and should prove a bargain at the figure which Mr. J. McKewen paid for him some few weeks ago.

Dame Rumour is busy with the name of a prominent and fairly wealthy North Island horse-owner, who, it is alleged, has indefinitely deferred payment to several metallicians operating both in this colony and Australia.

Someone is evidently of opinion that Welbeck will be after lepping honours shortly, as he has been coupled with Slow Tom in some of the busi-decided at Riccarton.

WANGANUI.

June 20.

An 18-months-old colt named Epsom Downs, belonging to Mr. Alf. King, is now being handled. The colt is chestnut in colour, and is a nicely-shaped thing, which should develop into a fine horse.

In view of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Clubs' annual race meeting, which will take place in August, Mr. J. Blair's Betty has been put in work again. Mr. Duncan Blair's Blanco is also in work.

I understand that Mr. George Morse will not be doing the handicapping for the Hunt Club Meeting this year, as he finds that he cannot spare the necessary time. In the past, Mr. Morse's handicapping for the club has always given the utmost satisfaction, and it is greatly to be regretted that he has found it necessary to relinquish the position he has filled so ably.

A half-brother to Ranana—Selector (which was in work on the local tracks—has been turned out, but will be taken up again later on.

Mr. Geo. Smith intends to race Parau at the forthcoming Hunt Club Meeting. Mr. Smith has bought Champion from Mr. Walter Young. The son of Crackshot—Juanita will probably be raced at the Hunt Club Meeting.

It was stated recently in a Northern paper that Jack Telford was acting as private trainer for Mr. L. G. Bremer, of Kakarama, but I fancy I am correct in saying that Mr. Bremer's horses have for some months past been in Harry Eva's charge. The horses include Kareroa (a rising four-year-old by St. Clements—Kohina), Fishmere and St. Cyress.

I hear good accounts of the way Black Reynard has been acquitting himself over the little sticks recently, and the son of Reynard gives promise, I am told, of being a top-notcher at the game, as he jumps faultlessly. He may be given a chance to distinguish himself at the Napier Park Meeting. The other big guns of A. Hall's team—Shrapnel, Kremlin and Kiatera—are also reported to be in capital nick, and between them should win a race or two at the Hawke's Bay Meeting this week.

The improved form shown recently by Martello has evidently inspired some people with confidence that the Hotchkiss colt is likely to have a chance in the next New Zealand Cup. Three local sports have between them secured £2000 to £6 about him. It is quite on the cards that the colt will yet make a name for himself on the turf worthy of his aristocratic lineage.

St. Lyra was progressing well in her work up to a couple of days ago, when the St. Leger mare began to show signs of having something wrong with her, and a vet. had to be called in. It was intended to send her over to compete at the Hawke's Bay Meeting, but I understand that it is now doubtful whether she will make the trip.

Little or nothing is being done here on the tracks at present, though a few horses are being got ready for the Hunt Club Meeting, which is being looked forward to with considerable interest, as this annual fixture is always a most enjoyable one.

The Fordell stable will be represented at the Hawke's Bay Meeting; Nova and Handsome Rose, who are both trained by Fred Tilley, have accepted for the first day.

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WELLINGTON.

June 20.

The nominations received for the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting are considered highly satisfactory, the jumping events having filled well. The principal race, the Wellington Steeplechase, has drawn 27 horses as against 21 nominated last year, and includes the whole of the chasers at present in training, with the exception of Defoe. The latter's owner engaged his horse in the hurdle events only, as he feared Defoe's lacerated stifle might become re-opened if raced over big obstacles before the wound had become thoroughly healed and callus.

Mr. J. Prosser, whose experience as a rider and trainer of chasers should add value to his opinion of steeplechase courses, recently inspected the Trentham steeplechase course. Mr. Prosser is satisfied that the course, when completed, will be a capital one. The approaches to the jumps are good and the going solid; moderately well-schooled fencers should easily negotiate the course.

For the first time for many years the Porirua stable has nothing engaged in the Wellington Steeplechase. Waitarere, the hope of the stable, developed unsoundness prior to the Wanganui Meeting, and Mr. Prosser, fearing permanent injury, at once threw him out of work and sent him to Mr. McDonald's farm at Horowhenua, where he will be allowed to run out until next summer.

Hydrant, Moccasin and Shrapnel Shell returned from their unsuccessful trip to the Auckland Winter Meeting. The former seems none the worse for the heavy fall which he received in the Great Northern Hurdle Race, and which no doubt militated against his later prospects of success at Ellerslie. Moccasin and Shrapnel Shell were not seen at their best when at Auckland, both being somewhat sore.

Mr. H. Brown, owner of Hydrant, Moccasin and Talune, has decided to retire from racing. The horses named are in consequence in the sale list. The trio, properly placed, should easily earn their oats. Their present owner has won by their aid a number of races, but was rather inclined to fly at too high a game. The Great Northern Hurdles and Steeple take some winning.

Black Reynard, who recently joined Alic Hall's team, is reported as having taken most kindly to the illegitimate game and all going well will be a runner in the Wellington hack hurdle events. Asteroid, another aspirant for jumping honours, also claims engagements in the same class of events. The pair mentioned may have to be taken into consideration when the settlement of the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdle Race comes along.

A number of women, whose time would be probably better spent if devoted to their homes and children, are reported to be busily engaged in a Southern city obtaining signatures to a petition for the abolition of the totalisator. The majority of those petitioning are children and those having no knowledge of the subject. This same course was adopted some years back, when it will be remembered counter-petitions were largely signed throughout the colony by the wives and daughters of thousands of influential colonists who realised the great improvement that had taken place in the conduct of racing since the introduction of the totalisator.

The death of the jockey Sam Fergus was a shock to his many Wellington friends. Mr. Wm. Davis, who has known Fergus since a lad, has opened a subscription list in aid of the deceased jockey's widow and fatherless children.

Supporters of pure sport have lost a staunch friend in the deceased statesman, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. All manner of sport claimed his warm admiration, and whilst he deprecated racing and other forms of sport being indulged in to the detriment of the welfare of the people he made no secret of his belief that to the introduction of the totalisator was due the reforms that have taken place in horse-racing during recent years. The late Mr. Seddon (himself a good athlete in his young days) and his family, whenever possible, extended their patronage to important football matches and amateur athletic contests. His second son, Mr. T. Y. Seddon, is a member of the committee of the Wellington A.A.C., and is one of the most promising amateur athletes in the colony.

NEW ZEALAND RACING CONFERENCE.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

RULES OF RACING.

By the President—

Page 28. Part VIII., Rule 4.—To strike out all the words after the word "interest" in the first line to and including the word "interest" in the sixth line.

Page 81. Part XXXII., Rule 1.—To strike out the word "and" in the last line, and add the following words to the rule, "and the date such arrears become due."

Page 81. Part XXXII., Rule 3.—That the word "by" be substituted for the word "to" in the eleventh line.

Page 82. Part XXXII., Rule 3.—That all the words after "such notification" be struck out.

Page 93. Part XXXV., Rule 3.—To insert after the word "meeting" in the first line, the words "at which the totalisator is used."

By the Canterbury Jockey Club—

Page 2. Part 1.—Interpretation "ar-rears." That the words "entrance and acceptance moneys" in the second and third line be struck out, and as a consequential amendment, at page 43, part XVII., Rule 3, before the word "ar-rears" in the 5th and 9th lines, to insert the words, "entrance and acceptance moneys and"

Page 51. Part XXII., Rule 2.—(a) To strike out clause "(a)" and substitute the following as clause "(a)":—"Who is under the age of twenty-one years, unless he is in the regular employment of an owner or a licensed trainer, or who has not ridden in twenty races in the preceding racing year, unless he is in the regular employment of an owner or a licensed trainer, or"

Page 50. Part XXI., Rule 3.—To insert after the word "ride" at the end of the first line the words, "in any flat race or"

Page 53. Part XXII.—That the following rule be added:—9. No jockey shall be weighed out for any race unless the amount of his minimum fee as for a losing mount in the race has been previously deposited with the secretary or clerk of the scales, or other official appointed by the stewards for that purpose. If he wins, the balance of his fee shall be deducted from the stakes, otherwise payable to the owner, and shall be paid to him. The club shall be responsible to the jockey for his minimum fee under these rules, less 2½ per cent. thereon, to be deducted by the club for collecting and paying, and for the responsibility hereby imposed.

By the Taranaki Jockey Club—

General.—That it is desirable that the present arrangements by which the Christchurch "Weekly Press" publishes the Official Calendar, be terminated, and that the Official Calendar be published by the Conference itself, and that the president and secretary be authorised to arrange accordingly.

Page 57. Part XXIII., Rule 9.—To strike out "and the fee of one sov" in the fifth line, and as a consequential amendment, on page 58 of same part, at the end of rule 10, to strike out the words "the fee payable for each certificate shall be one sov."

Page 62. Part XXV., Rule 1.—To add the following words to the rule:—"The starter may, with the permission of the stewards, employ an assistant to act under his own personal directions in starting the horses."

Page 81. Part XXXII., Rule 3.—To insert, after the word "immediately" in the eighth line, the words "thereon or on being otherwise satisfied that the arrears have been paid," and to strike out all the words after the word "calendar" in the tenth line, and substitute the following words:—"The date of the removal from the unpaid forfeit list of the notification of such arrears shall be deemed the date of its removal from the Official Calendar, and any letter or telegram purporting to be signed by the secretary shall be deemed prima facie proof thereof."

Page 12. Part II., Rule 9.—To insert after the words "Trotting Association" in the sixth line the words, "or pony races held by any bona fide agricultural and pastoral association."

By the Masterton Racing Club—

Page 42. Part XVII., Rule 3.—That

the word "may" in the first line be deleted and the word "shall" be substituted.

Page 75. Part XXXI., Rule 1.—That the word "fifteen" in the last line be deleted, and the word "ten" substituted.

Page 76. Part XXXI., Rule 5.—That the words "a quarter of an hour" in the ninth line be deleted, and the words "ten minutes" substituted.

Page 70. Part XXX., Rule 3.—That the words "fifteen minutes" in the third line be deleted and the words "ten minutes" substituted.

Page 31. Part XI., Rule 2.—That the figures "£80" in the third line be deleted and figures "£100" substituted, and figures "£200" in fourth line deleted and figures "£300" substituted.

Page 58. Part XXIII.—That the following rule be added:—"The fees derived from the issuing of gentlemen riders' certificates shall be retained by the Racing Club, through whom the application is made, and not as at present by the Metropolitan Committee."

By the Marlborough Racing Club—

Page 5. Part 1.—That as it is desirable for the Marlborough Racing Club to be transferred from the Metropolitan Canterbury district to that of Wellington, the rules be amended as follows:—"That the words, "the provincial district of Marlborough be erased from Rule 1, page 5, now under the heading of the "Canterbury Jockey Club," and the words, "and the Provincial District of Marlborough" be inserted after the word "River" under the heading of "The Wellington Racing Club."

Page 21. Part V., Rule 1.—To strike out the word "may" in the first line, and substitute the word "shall."

By the Waimate Racing Club—

Page 34. Part XIII.—That the word "fifty" in the third line be altered to "twenty-five."

By the Egmont Racing Club—

"That the uniform hurdle as adopted by a resolution of the Conference in 1900 be made absolute and incorporated in the rules."

By the Wairarapa Racing Club—

Part XXX., add to Rules of Totalisator.—"In the event of five or less starters the property of different owners, the dividend shall be declared on the first horse only."

Part XVI., entry and acceptance for races, add new rule:—"Every person entering a horse for any race shall state at same time the name of the person training such horse."

The Wellington Racing Club—

Page 22. Part VI., Rule 3.—That the rule be struck out and the following rule be substituted therefor:—"No club shall give a less sum in stakes than the net amount derived by such club from the use of the totalisator during the previous year."

"That under present Rule 3, Part VI., the leave of the Conference be granted to the Wellington Racing Club to apply the increased receipts received by it from the use of the totalisator at its summer meeting, 1906, in the increase of stakes at meetings in 1906-7 other than the corresponding meeting of next year."

Page 50. Part XXI., Rule 2.—That the following words be added to the rule, "Provided that in the case of an employee of a registered trainer taking charge on behalf of such trainer of any horse trained by such trainer for the purposes of any meeting or meetings at which such horse shall be deemed to be trained by such trainer cannot be personally present such horse shall be deemed to be trained by such trainer and such employee shall not require a license."

By the South Canterbury Jockey Club—

1. That the words "mutatis mutandis" be deleted where they occur and the meaning of the words be substituted in English.

2. That provision be made in Part XXI. to allow a person who is not a licensed trainer to train "his own" horse.

3. That a definition be given of what constitutes a "walk over" in a "flat" race.

4. That "shall" be substituted for "may" in the following rules:—

Page 53, Part XXII., Rule 8, line 4.

Page 56, Part XXIII., Rule 5, line 6.

Page 60, Part XXVI., Rule 2, line 8.

Page 55, Part XXIII., Rule 1 (d) delete all between the words "appeal" in line five to "or" in line nine.

By the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club—
Page 30. Part X., Rule 2.—After the word "until" add "the first day of March after."

Page 55. Part XXIII., Rule 1.—Delete the words "emergency rider."

Page 55., Part XXIII., Rule 1 (b)—Add after the word "or":—"As a gentleman rider or emergency rider."

Part VI., new rule.—"That the programme of every race meeting shall contain at least one flat race of not less than one mile on each day."

By the Auckland Racing Club—

Page 21. Part V., Rule 2.—That the rule be struck out and the following rule be inserted in its place:—"The Metropolitan Committee shall have the power to appoint an advisory steward for any race meeting of a club in its metropolitan district that it may deem advisable, and the said committee shall, on the application of any club, appoint an advisory steward, whose fee in either case shall be paid by the club to whose race meeting such steward has been appointed or who has applied for the appointment of the said stewards. In either case such advisory steward so appointed shall be entitled to demand an investigation by the stewards of the club of any matter occurring during the race meeting and may sit and vote as a steward at such investigation."

Page 23, Part VI., Rule 7.—To add after the words "connected with the hunt" in the eighteenth line, the following words: "The Metropolitan Committee shall have the power to refuse to approve of the programme of a meeting of any totalisator club which permits any bookmaker to bet on its course."

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COURSING.

(By "The Judge.")

NORTH N.Z. COURSING CLUB'S MEETING.

This club inaugurated on Saturday what should prove a very successful season at the new enclosure at Otahuhu. The day was a perfect one for the sport, the weather being fine, clear, and cold. The special train which left Auckland at 12.20 carried a large number of people, while the ordinary train was also well patronised, while many drove out to the ground, so that the attendance was excellent. Mr. C. R. Tapper, the hon. secretary, had made very complete arrangements, and his efforts, which were aided by a hard-working and enthusiastic committee, were crowned with entire success. Mr. F. W. Coombes occupied the judge's chair, and his decisions appeared to give entire satisfaction. Mr. L. Brennan acted as slipper in his customary successful manner. Messrs. J. Taylor and G. Steven were the slip stewards; Mr. James Tapper, identification steward; Mr. J. Coulson, call steward; and Mr. A. Wood, gate steward. The first and second round of the Maiden Stake were disposed of, some very close trials resulting. In the first round All Black scored a very narrow victory over Warrior in a smart trial. Ellerslie led Pickaninny rather easily to a strong hare, but the little bitch was very busy when she got in, and the dog had a bare point in his favour when puss escaped. Eureka had nothing much to spare from Butcher's Prig when the flag went up against the latter. Monogram led Magistrate to a tricky hare, but the latter had all the better of some smart exchanges, but just lost through the bitch killing. Another close trial was that between Helen Wood and Sungod, the former just getting home. In the second round perhaps the best trial was between Don Juan and Lochfyne, in which the latter showed fine working ability, but was just beaten by the superior pace of his opponent. The particulars of the trials were as follows:—

MAIDEN STAKE.—First dog, £25; second dog, £7 10s; third dog, £5. Two dogs at £2 10s each.

FIRST ROUND.
Mr. T. Wyatt's Robin Hood beat Mr. G. Mills' Lady Waterford.
Mr. Middlemore's All Black beat Mr. J. Coulson's Warrior.
Mr. J. Smith's Ellerslie beat Messrs. Tapper Bros' Picanniny.
Mr. B. Lynch's Slim Jim beat Mr. J. Edgar's Peter Jackson.

Mr. W. C. Griffiths' Eureka beat Mr. W. Parker's Butcher's Prig.
Mr. T. Buckland's Pantry Girl beat Mr. G. Steven's The Freak.
Mr. J. Witheridge's Monogram beat Mr. J. Collingwood's Magistrate.
Mr. G. Mills' Waireka beat Mr. Middlemore's (NS) Tiburon.
Mr. H. Brierly's Sweetheart beat Mr. J. Coughlin's Rippling Water.
Mr. Middleman's Bally-E-Gren beat Mr. A. Gordon's Motto.
Mr. A. J. Searle's Nonsense beat Mr. C. Hannigan's Deception.
Mr. E. Crawford's Sweet Nell beat Mr. A. J. Searle's Wild Lad.
Mr. T. A. Wood's Helen Wood beat Mr. T. Bassett's Sungod.
Mr. A. Higgin's Bit-o-Blue beat Mr. A. Goddard's Miss Brandy.
Mr. F. Pearce's Loch Fyne beat Mr. S. Barnes' Glenmore.
Mr. W. C. Griffiths' Don Juan beat Mr. J. Collingwood's Pedicure.
Mr. S. Bright's Lagoon beat Mr. J. Elliot's Hiawatha.

FIRST TIES.
Robin Hood beat All Black.
Slim Jim beat Ellerslie.
Eureka beat Pantry Girl.
Monogram beat Waireka.
Bally-E-Gren beat Sweetheart.
Sweet Nell beat Nonsense.
Bit-o-Blue beat Helen Wood.
Don Juan beat Loch Fyne.
Lagoon had a bye.

Although the Maiden Stake has been reduced to nine, the result still looks remarkably open. Slim Jim, Don Juan and Lagoon are perhaps the most fancied, but anything could win.

The local hares ran wonderfully well on Saturday, the result being some grand trials. Some of those recently imported from Canterbury seemed a little bit weakly, otherwise the rate of mortality would have been very low.

A sixteen-dog Supplementary Stake is to be run on Saturday for dogs beaten in the first and second round of the Maiden Stake.

It might not be out of place to suggest to the committee that when a no-course or undecided is to be re-run, a blue flag should be hoisted at the slipper's box. On Saturday many of the spectators were at times rather in the dark as to the particular dogs competing.

If the weather is fine next Saturday a particularly interesting afternoon's coursing should be experienced at Otahuhu.

Some fairly keen judges are heard voicing the opinion that Bally-e-Gren will go close to winning the Maiden Stake on Saturday. He certainly ran two good trials last week.

The resumption of coursing on Saturday brought about quite a gathering of lovers of the game at the Otahuhu enclosure. There were to be seen men who had witnessed coursing in England, Ireland, Australia, and in this colony. Among the visitors was Mr. W. G. Nightingale, of Napier, whose grandfather judged at many a Waterloo Cup in days gone by in the Old Country.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, & ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

CANTERBURY J.C.'S METROPOLITAN MEETING.
NEW ZEALAND CUP, a handicap of 2000sovs. Two miles.
G. G. Holmes' ch m Blythemaide, by Clanranald—Blytheside, 6yrs
L. Williams' ch g Mahutonga, by Quilt—Maude, 6yrs
L. Pascal's b g Bourrasque, by Sou'-wester—Lady Isabel, 6yrs
Hon. W. W. Johnston's br c Moscow, by Stepniak—Coronal, 3yrs
Hon. W. W. Johnston's b h Flamen, by Sou'-wester—Balm, 5yrs
R. O. Campbell's ch g Tirole, by Captain Webb—Tireuse, aged
R. W. Paterson's b m Solution, by Soult—Problem, 5yrs
J. C. Colbeck's b g Ironmould, by Metal—Hopabout, 6yrs
C. Weal's ch h Gladstone, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Gladys, 5yrs
St. J. Buckley's br g Convoy, by Vanguard—Squib, aged
P. J. Quirk's b h Joe Chamberlain, by Bonnie Scotland—Lady d'Eau, 6yrs
E. J. Rae's br g Uenuku, by Stepniak—Rainbow, 3yrs
G. J. F. Palmer's b f Allegresse, by Hotchkiss—Aleger, 3yrs
Mrs. T. C. White's b m La Torpedo, by Torpedo—Javeline, aged
J. Armstrong's br f Chicane, by The Possible—Forlorn Hope, 3yrs
G. F. Moore's br m Armistice, by Mahaki—Mellinite, aged
H. E. Good's b h Maniapoto, by Soult—Lady Fisher, 6yrs
J. F. Buchanan's ch f Tsitsihar, by Stepniak—Tempest, 4yrs
J. F. Buchanan's blk f Assegai, by Benzoin—Corselet, 4yrs
R. Shore's b m Star Rose, by Daystar—Queen Rose, 6yrs
Wire Tokena's br c Martello, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington, 4yrs

F. Preston's br h St. Joe, by Handsome Jack—Muriwai, 5yrs
F. Preston's b g Apa, by Addington—Muriwai, 4yrs
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Lyryst, by The Officer—Lyre, 6yrs
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Idaeus, by Birkenhead—Mount Ida, 3yrs
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Zimmerman, by Birkenhead—Solitaire, 3yrs
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Wirral, by Birkenhead—Nixie, 3yrs
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Kairoama, by Birkenhead—Film, 3yrs
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Idealist, by Birkenhead—Ideal, 3yrs
E. J. Watt's blk c Boomerang, by Merriwee—Mousquetaire, 4yrs
W. Cragg's b g Letherin, by Lethe—Culverin, 6yrs
J. L. Carl's ch g Starshoot, by Hotchkiss—Crescent, 6yrs
Nettlefold and Price's b h Melodeon, by Medallion—Melodia, 6yrs
Nettlefold and Price's b h Savoury, by Simmer—Melodia, 5yrs
C. G. Dalgety's ch m Stepdancer, by Stepniak—Pibroch, agd
J. Monk's blk h Ghoorka, by Lochiel—Fiancee, aged
H. A. Knight's b c Lapland, by Finand—Neroli, 3yrs
H. Friedlander's b f Czarevna, by Stepniak—Britomart, 4yrs
C. O'Neill's br h Submarine, by Torpedo—Blue Water, 5yrs
Hon. G. McLean's ch c Notus, by Lord Roslyn—Mistral, 4yrs
W. O. Rutherford's b c Makaroff, by Stepniak—Arlene, 4yrs
J. A. Holmes' blk g Royal Crown, by Musketry—Crown Jewel, 5yrs
J. B. Reid's b g Sea King, by Sant Ilario—Seashell, 3yrs
D. O'Brien's b c Multifid, by Multifid—Heriot, 4yrs
W. H. Keith's blk g Teretonga, by Sou'-wester—Swift, 6yrs
J. George's b g Paritutu, by Castor—Yattaghan, aged
W. Davies' b or br c Landwern, by Stepniak—Leda, 4yrs
E. Gates' b h Welbeck, by Perkin Warbeck II.—Reverie, aged
E. Gates' b h Zetland, by Obligado—Lady Zetland, 5yrs
A. Dal's ch c Balsam, by Benzoin—Tinwald Beauty, 4yrs
E. Gates' b g Benzene, by Benzoin—Catherine, 3yrs
J. Dalton's br g Auratus, by Gold Reef—Pursestring, 6yrs
C. de S. Teschemaker's ch g Bulwayo, by Perkin Warbeck II.—Crest, aged
M. Hobbs' br c Field Gun, by Hotchkiss—Gannet, 3yrs

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

CAULFIELD CUP. One mile and a-half.—Lord Fitzroy, Roycroft, Hapsburg, Deutscher, Gwydir, Absentee, The Balm, Fairwind, Bluster, Scot Free, Pompous, Melodrama, Amphora, Bonnie Elsie, Magazine, Collarit, Eruption, Antonious, Dantzie, Rosmead, Yabba Gappa, Neirbo, Savoury, Melodeon, Starshoot, Pendower, Mira, Charger, Solution, Revolt, Sweet Nell, Emir, Benbow, Charles Stuart, Jack Smith, Tortive, Taunton, Katanga, Sylvan King, Canonised, Zoz, Seychelles, Wandir, Intruder, Lachlan, Sea Gem, Tom Moore, Laughing Water, Kamo, Lord Allendale, Voluna, Dyed Garments, The Infanta, Akim Foo, Bendigo, Stirling, Ellis, Famous, Lest We Forget, Poseidon, Heiro, Arlington, Cryde, Yo San, Little Toy, Westmead, Kyeaderie, Jolimont, Proceed, Oak Grafton, The State, Grand Somnus, Disaster, Grama, Luciana, Kaffirpan, Istria, Cockney Boy, Wee Laddie, Jim Dorset, Gapon, Graftondelle, Lexington, Booran, Prestonpans, Oporto, Tryst, Czarovitch, Blue Spec, Bon Grafton, True Scot, Dividend, Britannia's Pilgrim, Winchester, Duke of Preston, Tukeroo, Salerno, Kalnuck, Iolaire, Royal Scot, Sergt. Brue, Togo, Distraction, Lady Mary, Medallist, Postique, The Sun, Willy Wally, Infusion, Pallas, Boabdil, Circuit, Lucerne, Gladstone, Paralooh, Bright Beauty, Lady Wallace, Steel Trust, Clonsilla, Kilfera, Arctucus, Refrain, Marvel Loch, Binnia, Port Arthur, Noreen, Maniapoto, Panama, Mervell, Levee, Lochimo, Point Piper, E.L.C., Kirrinnor, Plus, Moan, Dandalla Menschikoff, Thackeray, Delaware, Pilgrim's Rest, Cashmore, Trelo Vouni, Demas, Gold Streak, Strome, Ben Jonson, Pliable, Two Step, Malevolence, Avalon, Gnarpurt, Orline, Wood Nymph, Teretonga, Torah, Charmant, Fowling Piece, The Amazon, Simoda, Position, Fifeness, Katoomba, Felcitta, Lord Amherst, Dynamite, Nipper, Sudbury, Scorcher, Grand Rapids, Durbar.

V.E.C. SPRING MEETING.

MELBOURNE CUP. Two miles.—Gwydir, Absentee, Fairwind, Amphora, Lord Ulin's Daughter, Woolloomooloo, Athy, Lord Fitzroy, Roycroft, Hapsburg, Bluster, Scot Free, Pompous, Melodrama, Antonious, Bonnie Elsie, Magazine, Disaster, Grama, Kaffirpan, The State, Mira, Pendower, Revolt, Charger, Queen's Cup, Emir, Benbow, Sweet Nell, Jack Smith, Taunton, Sylvan King, Tortive, Seychelles, Wandir, Intruder, Lachlan, Kamo, Laughing Water, Lord Allendale, Tom Moore, Voluta, Dyed Garments, Sea Gem, The Ribble, Akim Foo, Canonised, Zoz, Charmant, Fowling Piece, Stanley, Fuzzle, Zepho, Luciana, Cockney Boy, Gladstone, Paralooh, Bright Beauty, Lady Wallace, Steel Trust, Clonsilla, Refrain, Marvel Loch, Binnia, Noreen, Maniapoto, Panama, Mervell, Port Arthur, Levee, Heracles, Ossian, Eruption, Tatterdemallion, Ellis, Gapon, Bendigo, Sterling, Graftondelle, Tryst, Lexington, Booran, Prestonpans, Tukeroo, Salerno, Britannia's Pilgrim, Dividend, True Scot, Bon Grafton, Ebullition, Czarovitch, Blue Spec, Togo, The Infanta, Kalnuck, Iolaire, Royal Scot, Oreillet, Manason, Sergt. Brue, Fifeness, Torah, Lord Amherst, Quick March, Mont Pelee, Dynamite, Collarit, Neirbo, Piccadilly, Rosmead, Lest We Forget, Heiro, Poseidon, Arlington, Little Toy, Westmead, Kyeaderie, Jolimont, Wee Laddie, St. Francis, Kirrinnor, E.L.C., Point Piper, Kilfera, Arcturus, Proceed, Oak Grafton, Distraction, Oleaster, Postique, Demas, Cashmore, Trelo, Vonnit, Sudbury, The Sun, Lady Mary, Heather Lad, Strome, Pilgrim's Rest, Thackeray,

Delaware, Moani, Avalon, Plus, Boabdil, Circuit, Lucerne, Infusion, Lismore, Gnarpurt, Wood Nymph, Orline, Teretonga, Arlington, Solution, Melodrama, Mahutonga, Multifid, Simoda, Bewitcher, The Snail, Scorcher, Durbar, Grand Rapids.

ACCEPTANCES.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

JUNE STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs, about two miles and a-half.—Lurcher 10.5, Sleepwell 10.2, South Star 9.9, No Shot 9.7.

WINTER HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 60sovs, one mile.—Pushful 10.9, Nova 10.9, Silver Lead 10.7, Faro 10.3, Pantaloan 10.2, Montigo 9.12, Trent 9.7, Feude-Joie 9.4, Goldsmith 9.0.

LADIES' BRACELET of 75sovs, one mile and a-half.—Hippocrofta 12.7, Comfort 12.1, Cinque 11.10, Waipunehu 11.8, Hurimoana 11.7, Jack Pot 11.2, Benair 10.13, Merganae 10.12, Te Uira 10.9, Mischance 10.7.

WHAKATU HACK HURDLE RACE of 80sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Ability 11.9, Sardonyx 10.11, Jack Pot 10.3, Anadeja 10.2, Kaipetpeti 9.9, Rechabite 9.4, Whataroa 9.0, Gold Seal 9.0, Nogi 9.0, Paika 9.0, Brown Belt 9.0.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLE RACE of 150sovs, two miles.—St. Lyra 10.13, Handsome Rose 10.11, Ability 10.8, Shrapnel 10.5, Irish 10.3, Levant 10.0, Roller 9.0, Kohunui 9.0, Monarque 9.0.

SCURRY HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Eone 9.10, Trent 9.9, Linkless 9.8, Campfire 9.7, Tithi 9.4, Goldfield 9.2, Mrs. Crawley 9.0, McLean 9.0, Albuera 9.0, Waikoura 9.0, Te Arai 9.0.

HERETAUNGA HANDICAP of 100 sovs, one mile.—Whakawehi 10.4, Submarine 10.3, Polycaste 9.9, Pretty Maid 9.3, Gold Dust 9.0, Percivale 9.0, Gazelle 9.0, Chatterer 9.0.

HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE of 250sovs, three miles.—Kiatero 12.3, Comfort 11.2, Phaetonitis 10.10, Nadador 10.4, Irish 10.0, Sleepwell 9.7, Kohunui 9.7, Lissa 9.7, South Star 9.7.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

600 to 18—Armistice
600 to 6—Balsam
500 to 20—Lyryst
500 to 10—Sea King
500 to 5—Welbeck
500 to 5—Peretonga
400 to 8—Lapland
300 to 8—Martello
200 to 14—Boomerang

Messrs. Scott and Martindale (Wellington) report the following quotations on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

16 to 1—Boomerang, Lyryst, Paritutu
20 to 1—Gladstone, Martello, Multifid, Solution
25 to 1—Auratus, Armistice, Flamen, Ironmould, Letherin, Mahutonga, Stepdancer
33 to 1—Blythemaide, Czarevna, Field Gun, Ghoorka, Moscow, Maniapoto, Melodeon, Makaroff, Star Rose, Uenuku, Zimmerman, Zetland
40 to 1—Lapland, Landwern, St. Joe
50 to 1—Allegresse, Assegai, Apa, Bourrasque, Bulwayo, Convoy, Joe Chamberlain, Notus, Royal Crown, Submarine, Tirole, Welbeck
66 to 1—Balsam, Starshoot, Savoury
75 to 1—Tsitsihar
100 to 1—Benzene, Chicane, Idaeus, Idealist, Kairoama, Sea King, Teretonga, Warrall
200 to 1—La Torpedo

Also the following business:—

200 to 7—Letherin
100 to 4—Mahutonga
200 to 8—Martello
250 to 5—Notus
200 to 12—Paritutu
300 to 3—Sea King
500 to 5—Star Rose
300 to 3—Warrall
800 to 32—Zimmerman
200 to 8—Armistice
300 to 18—Boomerang
500 to 5—Chicane
1000 to 10—La Torpedo
500 to 25—Lyryst

Messrs. Ross and Bradshaw report the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

1000 to 30—Star Rose
1000 to 10—Chicane
500 to 35—Boomerang
500 to 15—Auratus
500 to 15—Stepdancer
400 to 10—Bourrasque

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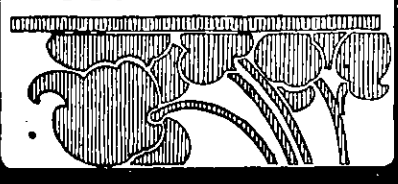
800 to 8—Phaetonitis and Exmoor
700 to 6—Comfort and Cavalry
600 to 9—Comfort and Exmoor, Comfort and Shrapnel
500 to 1—Medallius and Handsome Rose

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500 to 1—Lissa and Jack Pot

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BUY WHOLE BOTTLES

FOOTBALL.

Beautiful weather favoured the continuation of the district cup competition of the Auckland Rugby Union on Saturday. The prospect of an exhibition game of American football by sailors from the Baltimore attracted a good attendance at Alexandra Park, while the local games also proved rather more interesting than usual.

The chief attraction was the match between City and Devonport on No. 1 ground, and the supporters of the latter were full of hope that their men had improved so much as to have a good chance of defeating the all-conquering City fifteen. This was not to be, however, City winning by the good margin of 20 points to nil. The City men were soon out for a score, and a passing run by Magee, Smith and Gladding gave the latter an opening, and he dashed over, but Nicholson's kick failed. Shore attacked strongly, and there were some rapid exchanges. Eventually Nicholson got the ball from a line-out, and he got over the Shore line, but Magee's kick just failed.

After half time the game livened up, City making a series of fierce onslaughts on their opponents' line, almost scoring on more than one occasion. Ultimately Smith, by fast following up, got the ball and registered a good try, but Magee again failed with his kick. Again and again City attacked, faultily passing losing their chances. However, an opportunity came to Magee, which he was prompt to take advantage of, and he scored near the corner, but did not convert. From a free kick at the 25 Neighbour had a shot at the City goal, but missed; then Smith put in a fine run, being stopped near the line. A moment later Seeling took the leather across, but Magee's kick was faulty. The final City score was the outcome of a pretty piece of concerted play by Smith, Little and W. Tyler, the latter getting over. Magee at last kicked a goal, and then time was called.

Parnell and Ponsonby tried conclusions, an even game going in favour of the latter team by 8 points to nil. All the scoring was done by Francis, who scored a try in the first half, which he converted, adding a penalty goal in the second spell. The game was rather fast and interesting throughout, but both sides missed opportunities of scoring.

The once formidable Newton team appear to have gone to pieces, and on Saturday suffered defeat at the hands of Grafton by 6 points to nil. Grafton, however, put in the field a much stronger team than usual, some of their old champions coming to their rescue. Beale scored in the first half, but Huddleston failed to convert, while in the second spell Eaton kicked a goal from a mark by Renwick.

Parnell II. beat Ponsonby II. by 11 points to 3.

City II. and North Shore II. played a draw with 3 points each.

Newton II. rather easily defeated Grafton II. by 14 points to nil.

Playing in the secondary schools' matches Sacred Heart defeated King's College Old Boys by 6 points to nil (a try and a goal). University had a win over Southern Colleges, scoring 21 points to nil. Grammar

School met Prince Albert College and won, after a very close match, by a goal from a mark (three points) to nil. King's College II. defeated Grammar School II. by a try (three points) to nil.

Owing to the constant defeats of his old team, Grafton, "Scobie" McKenzie was induced to don a jersey again on Saturday. He got a nasty fall early in the game and went full-back for a while. Although short of condition, he at times showed all his old brilliancy.

Kiernan was another man who turned out for Grafton, playing a good game, despite lack of training.

None of the public schools' matches took place on Saturday on account of the death of the Premier.

The Canterbury and Otago Unions postponed all matches on Saturday as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Premier.

The City senior team has obtained permission from the Auckland Rugby Union to play a series of matches in Sydney.

The Cambridge Rugby Union has arranged the following list of matches for the season:—June 23: A and B teams match. Saturday, June 30: Rep. match, Te Awamutu v. Cambridge, to be played at Te Awamutu. Saturday, July 7: Cambridge West v. Maungatautari; play at Maungatautari. Wednesday, July 11: City Juniors v. Maungatautari Juniors; at Maungatautari. Wednesday, July 18: City v. West, at Cambridge. Saturday, July 28: Maungatautari v. City, at Cambridge.

Playing under Association rules Ponsonby defeated Tabernacle by 4 goals to 2.

North Shore beat Thistle by 2 goals to nil.

Olympic and Ivanhoe played a draw, each side scoring 3 points.

Ponsonby beat North Shore by 1 goal to nil.

Tabernacle II. failed to muster a team against W.Y.M.I. B team.

W.Y.M.I. A team beat City by 2 goals to nil.

Playing under Australian rules Eden defeated Austral by 6 goals 14 behinds to 5 goals 8 behinds. The game was very evenly contested throughout.

The senior team to visit Waihi next Saturday to play a match under Australian rules, will be chosen from the following players, who have given their names as available for the trip:—Eden: E. George, W. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, H. Callan, W. Davies, Kilduff. Imperials: C. Stevens, G. Glenister, J. McPherson, Stevenson, Edwards, W. Spence, E. Goodfellow. Austral: Abfalter, Wadsworth, Moss, Stewart, Wells, Ryan, egarty.

The following is the junior team to play against the Waihi juniors:—B. Bernie, A. Bettis, H. Bettis, T. Cole, G. Cotton, Fogarty, H. F. Forster, C. Harrison, D. Kell, T. Mason, F. Monk, D. McKay, C. Olsen, H. Rutherford, F. Rutherford, R. Sloman, G. Thwaites, D. Witer.

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HOCKEY.

(By "Onlooker.")

Auckland A beat United by two goals to nil. The game was very even right through.

University seniors beat Auckland B by one goal to nil. University had all the best of the game, and bad luck was the cause of the small score.

St. George A played United juniors, the former winning by three points to nil.

University juniors had an easy win from St. George's B by nine points to nil.

University seniors versus Auckland B was one of the keenest games I have seen this season. The Varsity men played a magnificent game, and although Auckland made several desperate attempts to score, the Varsity saved each time.

St. George's A did not play such a good game as usual last Saturday, and bad shooting lost them several goals. P. Steele is decidedly the strongest player St. George's have, and he made some splendid strokes, both in the first and second spells.

Auckland B are very much inclined to offside play. Several times on Saturday the referee had cause to pull up the Auckland forwards for this offence.

University juniors meet St. George's A on Saturday. This should prove a very hard tussle, as each has played well the whole season.

McClure and Speight, the University senior fullbacks, played splendidly against the big Auckland fellows. In fact, the whole University team could give the other senior clubs wrinkles as to combined play.

The Hockey Association hold their euchre party and dance on July 6 in the new Royal Albert Hall. All clubs are taking a very keen interest in this function, and it is to be hoped that a good profit is made towards sending the rep. team South.

Syd. Sellers is a very safe back playing for College Rifles A.

H. Laird, of St. George's B, plays a really good game, but this team lacks combination, and forwards and backs seem to all play of a heap.

Why do Auckland place those stupid canvas guards over the goals? It seems almost impossible for the referee to see when the ball crosses the line if there is a bit of a tussle, besides, they must throw a shadow over the line and make it difficult for the goal-keeper to see a swift ball come in.

L.C.R. received a bye from Te Huia.

Kopana B beat L.C.R. juniors by 11 goals to nil.

Kopana met Moana at Onehunga, and after a close game the former won by two goals to one. Misses Dobbie and Taylor scored for Kopana.

Moana beat Te Huia by four points to nil.

Kopana A juniors met L.C.R. juniors at Epsom, and after a good game Kopana came out victorious.

By the Talune, arriving from the South to-day, will arrive a team of lady hockey players from the Gisborne Club. They are as follows:—Forwards, Misses Wacksmann, B. Goffe, Sherratt (2); centre, Miss E. Cussen; halves, Misses E. Matthews, Sherratt, and Reynolds; backs, Misses M. Wallis, N. Woodbine, Johnson; goalkeeper, Miss J. Jones; emergency, Miss L. Matthews. The team will be captained by Miss W. Reynolds and Miss B. Goffe will carry out the duties as secretary. They will play Kopana on Friday and Moana on Saturday.

College Rifles A beat Auckland juniors on Saturday by 5 to nil.

ATHLETICS.

The cause of athletics is not in too good a way just now in the colony, and it is beginning to look as though the enemy is not all on the outside of the walls. It is generally understood that the "Canterbury Times" is controlled by a gentleman who holds a high office in the Athletic Association. If this is the case the paper's constant leaning towards the N.Z. Athletic Union, or professional element, as against the Amateur Association is simply inexplicable. The following is from the pen of "Sprinter," who writes the column devoted to athletics in the Southern paper:—"Far more profitable than 'slanging' the New Zealand Athletic Union would it be for the various centres to spend the winter months devising some plan for making next season's gatherings appeal to the public more strongly than has been the case hitherto. Last season after the Pioneer Club, on a perfect day, carried out a sports meeting at Lancaster Park to less than 200 spectators, I drew attention to the necessity for some radical change in the programmes. It was evident that the public didn't care two straws whether the Pioneer Club held one meeting a year or five; whether they were 'evening meetings,' 'Saturday afternoons,' or full-blown holiday fixtures; whether the entries were large or small the man in the street wouldn't walk across the pavement to see the 'show.' The position was so clear that it couldn't be misunderstood, and I wrote then as plainly as pen could put words to paper that our athletic programmes must be revised. Yet what has been done? Our amateur sports promoters blunder along on the old-fashioned, stereotyped lines, praying for a 'revival of interest in amateurism,' and too blind to see that their utter lack of imagination and enterprise is at the bottom of the trouble. Messrs. Maryatt, Paape, Pollock and Co. talk glibly of fight as against the new cash body. Are they going to win a fight against the New Zealand Athletic Union by submitting to the general public—which must in the end decide the issue—a programme that the said general public has already declared most emphatically, whilst the bodies affiliated to the Union put forth a schedule of events that by its variety attracts all sections of the community? The state of affairs existing in Christchurch is reflected to a greater or less extent in other parts of the colony. In Auckland amateurism is practically defunct, and in Dunedin the championship meeting, carried out on a perfect day, only attracted about 3000 people. Wellington has shown an improvement in the last two seasons, but even there the results are not so satisfactory as they should be. One year I was at the Oamaru Caledonian Society's annual two days' gathering when the receipts from all sources totalled close on £1000: this in a town with less than 5000 of a population. It is by thinking hard over such an achievement and emulating it that amateur enthusiasts will be far better employed than by squabbling over a sentimental objection to a diplomatic move by the N.Z.A.A. Council."

"Sprinter" concludes his remarks with some rather personal remarks concerning the well-known Sydney writer "Prodigal," who is accused of knowing nothing, muddling, and various other crimes, because he in season and out of season has voiced the claims of pure amateurism. The Sydney scribe is so eminently fitted to take care of himself in any contest with "Sprinter" that he can safely be left to do it, but what is more important to us here is that it begins to look as though one of the very men who should be the mainstay of amateur sport in this colony is, to say the least of it, getting very faint-hearted in the cause. I should like to hear what Mr. Pollock will have to say on the question.

George Blake has returned to Australia (says the "Town and Country Journal.") He was leading in the Marathon race, of 26 miles, for nearly two-thirds of the way, when he was attacked by cramp in the leg. He continued, however, and finished eighth. The fact that the race was run on a hard bed militated against his chances. The arrangements at Athens were nothing like so good as at athletic meetings in Australia.

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At a meeting of the New Zealand Axemen's Association, held last week at Eltham, Carson, McIntosh, and McCann, of Invercargill, were disqualified for 12 months for competing at an unregistered meeting at Invercargill on Easter Monday. The directors of the association decided that all other axemen residing in the South Island, other than the three mentioned, will be eligible to compete at the Axemen's Carnival, to be held in connection with the Exhibition, at Christchurch, next January. The carnival will be held under the auspices of the New Zealand Axemen's Association, and it is anticipated that a large number of axemen from Australia, Tasmania, and all parts of New Zealand, will compete.

Complaint is also made by Wheatley, of Victoria, regarding the arrangements at Athens. He competed in the 800 metres race. In a letter he says:—"I ran my race, and failed. But I did feel it, though. I only got third in my heat. The track was simply a cruelty to run on; it would be fine for racehorses who train on the sand at Flemington. The times were rotten. I am in bad condition and bad health, but I have trained very hard, and did my best, which was not up to much. I believe, being well, I might have delivered the goods."

BOWLING.

THE AUCKLAND BOWLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Bowling Club was held on Friday, when the clubroom was well filled with members. President Culpan was in the chair. The report of the Management Committee (read by the secretary, Mr. J. Buttle) congratulated the members on a pleasant and successful season. The main green had been reconstructed, and was now as nearly perfect as could be. The club's representatives had been successful in winning the pennant flag in the inter-club competition, having played eight games, winning them all. The club scored a total of 802 points against 639, a majority of 163 points. At the Auckland Bowling Association's tournament the club was represented by two teams, and the shield was won by the team "skipped" by Mr. J. V. Dingle. The club's singles championship was won by Mr. R. James, Mr. Deans acting as runner-up. The membership had been well maintained. 18 new members having been received. The report closed with thanks to the treasurer (Mr. J. Carlaw), the auditor (Mr. G. Easton), the green superintendent (Mr. G. M. Handcock) and the caretaker (Mr. Smart). It was stated that the latter had carried out the instructions of the green superintendent in a conscientious manner, and had kept the green in good order.

The statement of accounts submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Carlaw) showed the club to be in a sound financial position. The actual surplus on the year's operations was £87 12s 10d. The figures for eight years showed an average annual surplus of £82 18s, and the treasurer intimated that a continuance of these satisfactory results would leave the club entirely free of debt in the next nine years. After the report and balance-sheet had been passed, Mr. James Carlaw got a pleasant surprise when the president rose, and after eulogising the good work done by the treasurer, presented him with a handsome gold watch and Albert, as well as a diamond ring for Mrs. Carlaw. These had been subscribed for by the members, and the gift was a very handsome one. Mr. Carlaw having returned thanks for the presentation, the election of officers was proceeded with. The positions were filled as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Menzies; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Oliphant and J. Thornes; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Carlaw; hon. secretary, Mr. S. C. Coldicutt; green superintendent, Mr. G. M. Handcock; Match Committee, Messrs. Carlaw, Elliot and Brooks. The retiring secretary (Mr. J. Buttle) received a vote of thanks for his work during the season.

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BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

[The writer of this column will be glad to answer any questions on the game.]

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A billiard and snooker tournament is in progress at the rooms of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. For general games the ladder system adopted here is proving a great success.

Messrs. Segedin and Ostoja, of Wellesley-street billiard saloon, have a very nice room. It is conducted on good steady lines. One fine feature is a marble marking board engraved by Mr. Segedin with an ingenious clock contrivance for marking the hundreds. The board is really a work of art.

The tournament at the Occidental Hotel has given rise to some good games, although, of course, here and there the handicaps worked out a little bit wrong. Owing to this sheet having to go to press early, I am unable to give the winner in this column. Mr. Vernon is busy getting nominations for another tournament to take place immediately.

There is a new amateur champion of New South Wales (says the "Town and Country Journal"), Mal Spencer having been defeated in the challenge round of the New South Wales Sports Club's tournament by H. Rumball. Spencer had held the title since 1904. Rumball was a surprise packet right through. After J. B. Belfield had beaten W. Squires by 29 in the first game, Rumball defeated Belfield by 16, although the latter held a serviceable lead until only 200 points were wanted by him. Then Rumball responded splendidly, and the spectators cheered when the scores were called, Rumball 899, Belfield 898. With less than 50 to go Belfield was leading by 1, and the finish was therefore very exciting. Rumball had little difficulty in gaining a victory against Squires by 1000 to 852, and he therefore had the right to meet Spencer for the title. The game was 1500 up. In the first 750 Spencer was consistent, but Rumball was patchy. Still, the latter secured a lead, and the game was called 200-105 in his favour. After that Spencer made up his lost ground, and he finished on June 8 with a lead of 751 to 547. Naturally Spencer was expected to win the championship again, especially as on June 9 Rumball failed to get going in the early part of the second half. Spencer also increased his score to 1014 while Rumball's was only 703. Then Rumball gradually crept up, and at 1282 caught his opponent. Afterwards he passed him, and eventually won by 1500 to 1436. Rumball's best break in the final was 91, and Spencer's best was 64.

CRICKET.

There seems every likelihood of a team of English amateurs touring New Zealand next summer. The last visit of Warner's eleven did a lot of good, and another such tour will tend to put further life in the game.

The latest news as to the cricket embroglio in Australia is that the Melbourne Club is showing signs of backing down from its quite untenable position. In the interests of the game it is to be hoped that the matter at issue will speedily be arranged.

A most interesting foot in England to present "Sammy" Woods with a handsome testimonial in recognition of his abilities as cricketer, footballer, and general athlete. Subscriptions, varying in amount from 100 guineas down to 50 each, have already come in.

The testimonial to Archie MacLaren was presented by Mr. A. A. Hornby on behalf of the Lancashire County Cricket Club and the many other subscribers. The amount raised exceeded £1200, and there was also a very handsome clock, with suitable inscription, and a diamond and pearl necklace and pendant for Mrs. MacLaren. The inscription on the clock set forth that the subscribers to the presentation included many friends and admirers in both Australia and New Zealand.

The Marylebone Cricket Club has arranged for three "test" matches with the South African team which will visit England next year. The matches will all be played to a finish.

The Marylebone Club has altered law 54 as follows:—"That in a two-day match the captain of the batting side has power to declare his innings at a close at any time, but such declaration may not be made on the first day later than one hour forty minutes before the hour agreed on for drawing stumps." The old rule allowed an innings to be closed only on the second day.

The Right Hon. Walter Hume Long, P.C., J.P., D.L.L., M.P. for South Dublin, the new president of M.C.C., was educated at Harrow, and on the eve of completing his nineteenth year figured in the eleven against Harrow at Lord's. He had the satisfaction of playing on the winning side, the Harrovians, after leading by a run on

the first innings, proving successful by five wickets. He was a free hitter, and his 36 in the first innings was most useful, he and F. L. Shand (36 not out) sharing the distinction of top score. Among his colleagues were W. H. Grenfell (now Lord Desborough), H. Leaf (the captain), P. F. Hadow, and A. J. Webbe, whilst the Eton eleven included the brothers, the Hon. Edward and Alfred Lytton, F. M. Buckland, and W. F. Forbes, who whilst at Eton created a record by throwing the cricket ball 132 yards. Mr. Long was also a fine cover-point. He afterwards proceeded to Christ Church, Oxford, but did not gain his "blue." Another favourite recreation has been hunting. In the late Unionist Government he filled the posts of President of the Board of Agriculture, President of the Local Government Board, and Chief Secretary for Ireland.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

(By "Petrol.")

A case of very considerable importance to motorists came up at the Police Court on Friday last. Mr. Cleave, hon. secretary of the Auckland Automobile Association, had just arrived from Wellington on his motor car, and, having some urgent business at his office, left the car standing outside in Vulcan Lane for thirteen minutes. On being told that a cart wanted to pass he immediately removed the car, but was summoned for causing an obstruction. Mr. Dyer, S.M., said that he was satisfied the breach of the by-law was an unintentional one, but there was obstruction, and defendant was fined ten shillings and costs. If the magistrate's decision is sound in law, and it must be assumed that it is, then it should put a sudden stop at all cars discharging goods on the side path as is so frequently done in Auckland. Also, it is difficult to see how any goods can be delivered anywhere in the city. Certainly they cannot in any of the narrower streets, such as High-street. In Vulcan Lane itself it is quite an everyday occurrence for a brewer's dray to occupy the whole street for twice as long as in the case above mentioned without any comment from the police, but now the men in blue will have to bestir themselves or run the risk of being accused of neglect of duty. If they have to prosecute in all instances the life

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of the policeman will be certainly "not a happy one." This sort of thing and the harassing of hotel proprietors will take up all their time, and it may then be expected that the cheerful burglar will go a-burgling knowing full well that the police have no time to spend on him, so much are their energies directed in watching citizens who are striving to keep the law. However, the Automobile Association recognise that the whole thing is so utterly opposed to common sense that it is probable an appeal will be made to the Supreme Court.

The Council of the League of Wheelmen has decided to send the secretary on a mission to re-awaken the cycling authorities in Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, Taranaki, and elsewhere to the sense of the desirability of remaining in touch with the league and to arouse more interest in the sport generally. A sum of £25 was voted for the purpose. I am afraid the work before the secretary will not prove a very light task.

This year the Dunlop reliability motor contest will extend from November 12 to 17, and be run over Victorian roads. The contest is to be in no way a race. No premium is offered for exceeding the speed averages set, for cars have to be handed into control as soon as they reach finish of each day's run. Special arrangements will be made for suitable accommodation along the route, also for petrol and oil supplies; while detailed maps of each day's course will be supplied all competitors. Dangerous turns and hills will be marked; while the speed through populous centres will be controlled, and heavy penalties enforced for racing through towns. The route selected totals a distance of 1007 miles, and is one that will appeal to all motorists, as it practically embraces some of the finest roads in scenery in Victoria. The classification of cars will be as follows:—Class A, single-cylinder cars; class B, multi-cylinder cars, with a cylinder capacity of not more than 130 cubic inches (equivalent approximately to 13 h.p.); class C, multi-cylinder cars, with a cylinder capacity of not more than 200 cubic inches (approximately 20 h.p.); and class D, multi-cylinder cars, with a cylinder capacity of over 200 cubic inches (approximately over 20 h.p.).

Great advances are being made with six-cylinder engines in England, in which country the principle originated, and is being followed in other countries. The latest pattern is one which, from its extreme flexibility, renders speed gearing necessary, it being possible to start the car on the one direct drive, even on a fairly steep incline.

Owing to what is considered the undue police interference with the motorists on the London-to-Brighton road, the Automobile Association now arrange to have the highway patrolled by scouts, specially instructed to warn drivers.

The oldest cycle club in America is the Boston B.C., and the oldest in Australia the Melbourne B.C., both founded in 1878.

The British championships this year will be decided in Belfast on the 30th inst.

In the United Kingdom last year 650,000 cycles were made, of which the Rudge-Whitworth made 50,000. This firm expects to double these figures this year.

Several kinds of little devices, such as a length of fine wire or catgut, or a metal hoop stretched across the back-stays for preventing nails, flints, pieces of glass, etc., from being forced into the tyre after being picked up by the cover, have been used by many riders, and there seems to be some reason for the adoption of such a fitment. It is generally conceded that it takes several revolutions of the wheel to drive an object through the cover and puncture the tube, hence if there be something fitted closely to the tyre surface it may be flicked out on the first revolution. As most of the punctures are caused by nails, these, from their length, offer easy facilities for being removed by the "puncture-preventer," as the device is termed. Many cyclists have on more than one occasion prevented punctures by quickly dismounting, and removing some foreign substance which has been driven into the cover,

and whose presence was made aware to them by its clicking against the frame. Prompt attention is at all times necessary in cases like this.

Pansy: "I hear you've got a motor car, dear. It's very strange that I never see you on the road."

Daisy: "Oh, that's because as soon as I land there I pick myself up and scramble back into the car again."

Owner of motor car (to chauffeur): "Have you any recommendation from your last employer?"

Chauffeur: "No, sir, but I guess I can get one in the course of a month or so."

"Why the delay?"

"He's in the hospital."

"My good woman," said the learned judge, "you must give an answer in the fewest possible words of which you are capable to the plain and simple question whether, when you were crossing the street with the baby on your arm, and the motor car was coming down on the right side and the dogcart was trying to pass the motor car, you saw the plaintiff between the carriage and the dogcart, or the motor car and the dogcart, or whether and when you saw him at all, and whether or not near the carriage, dogcart, and motor car, or either, or any two, and which of them respectively, or how it was."

GOLF.

On Saturday the Hon. Seymour Thorne George unveiled the tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Charles Gillies which has been erected at the clubhouse, Cornwall Park. In the course of a speech he eulogised the good work done for golf, and especially the Auckland Club, by Mr. Gillies, whose energy and enthusiasm were untiring as far as the interests of the sport were concerned.

The captain's prize tourney is in full swing. In the latest matches G. Bloomfield beat Dargaville, one up at the 20th hole. T. Ball succumbed to MacCormick, who won with two up. In the senior division J. C. Burns beat Colbeck in the final, four up and two to play. H. Clark beat Upton in the tie for the Fry trophy, being one down on bogey.

Among the list of entries for the English Ladies' Golf Championship appears the name of Miss M. Backhouse, the New Zealand champion, who is a member of the Harrowgate Club. Last year eight American ladies went over to compete, but this time there will be no representative of the United States. There are 111 nominations in all.

The record of the amount of golf played in one day was made in 1872 by Bob Ferguson and Mr. Bloxham, of Edinburgh, who did 18 rounds of Musselburgh's nine-hole course. "Fiery" carried on that occasion, but went on strike after the fourteenth round.

Great fun is being made at Home over the description of golf in Maxwell Gray's new novel, "The Great Refusal." Maxwell Gray retorts that the descriptions were intended to represent games as they are seen from the point of view of an ignorant and amused onlooker. "Golf Illustrated" says:—"There is much difference between such a description and one that is so grossly inaccurate and misleading in its facts as that of Maxwell Gray. Surely even the ignorant and amused onlooker should not see and describe things that do not take place, and that are opposed to the principles and conduct of the game."

A bogey match will take place at Cornwall Park on Saturday, when a large number are expected to compete. Entries close on Friday.

AQUATICS.

On Thursday last the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron held a Prize Night, this, as usual, taking the form of a smoke concert. Members and friends mustered in full force, the guest of the evening being the sailor lecturer, Mr. Frank Bullen, whose short address and songs were much appreciated, Messrs. George, Whitson, Phillipson, Battley, Lonergan, and others all assisted with pleasing items. Commodore Murdoch was in the chair, and distributed the prizes won during the season, which were

as follows:—Cruising Handicap Race, 32ft: First prize, Moana (Mr. A. Secombe); second, Thelma (Messrs. Jagger Bros). First Cruising Race, under 32ft: Ngatira (Mr. J. Frater); second, Waireke (Mr. Sutherland). Power-boat Championship: Togo (Mr. R. Spinks). First Ocean Yacht Race: First prize, Moana (Mr. A. Secombe); second, Thistle (Mr. F. E. Jackson); third, Thelma (Messrs. Jagger Bros). Second Cruising Race: First prize, Ariki (Mr. C. E. Horton); second, Emerald (Mr. A. Braund); third, Thistle (Mr. F. E. Jackson). Yachts, 26ft, tuck stern: First prize, Emerald (Mr. A. Braund). Power Boats, Handicap: First prize, Union (Mr. R. Spinks); second, Togo (Mr. R. Spinks), Ocean Yacht Race: First prize, Moana (Mr. A. Secombe). Power Boats, Cruisers: First prize, Blue Bell (Messrs. Bailey

and Lowe); second, Union (Mr. R. Spinks). Third Cruising Race: First prize, Moana (Mr. A. Secombe); second, Ariki (Mr. C. E. Horton); third, Ida (Mr. D. Murdoch).

I have to thank Mr. A. Quin, hon. secretary to the West End Rowing Club, for ticket of invitation to the West End Rowing Club's prize night. The function will be held on Friday evening at the boathouse, Herne Bay, when Mr. T. Peacock will occupy the chair. The prizes won during the season will be presented and a musical programme gone through.

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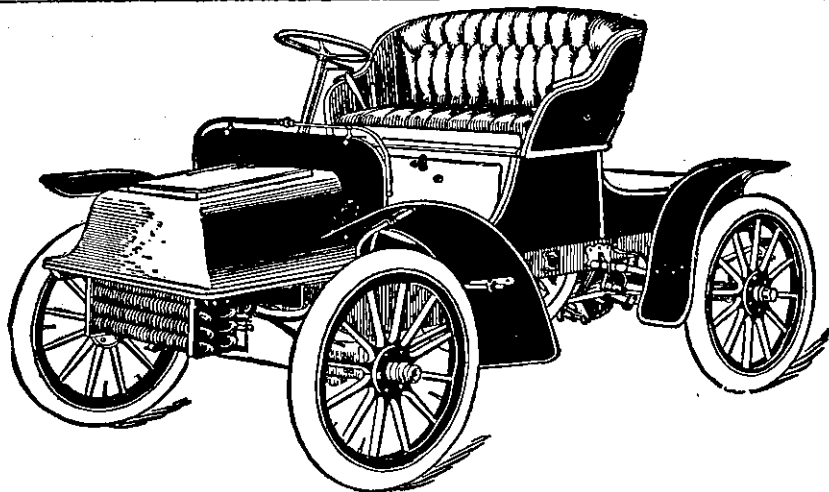
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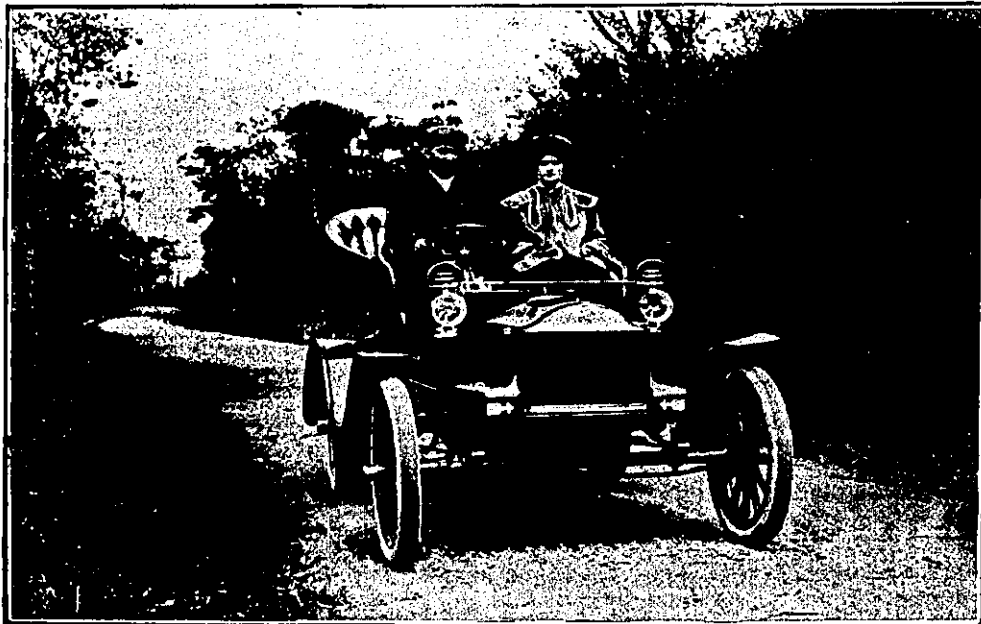
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"SINBAD THE SAILOR."

It is a good many years since we had a good old-fashioned pantomime in Auckland, so that when Mr. William Anderson's Pantomime Company opened on Saturday night in "Sinbad the Sailor" it was not surprising to find that the theatre, large as it is, was inadequate to hold all those applying for admission. Commencing at a quarter to eight and ending at nearly half-past eleven, the members of the audience certainly got quantity for their money, while, as the production was an Andersonian one, it may be readily understood that quality was not lacking; indeed, the popular manager would seem to have fairly let himself go with the most absolute disregard to any such sordid detail as expense, the result being a somewhat bewildering display of beautiful scenes, rich costumes, dazzling spectacular effects, and a perfect wealth of variety talent. The famous Arabian Nights story was little more than hinted at, and what little there was of it was constantly interrupted by many introduced variety turns, some of these being quite exceptionally good. Miss Marie Campbell enacted the role of Sinbad, the impossible "boy" of the piece who tradition says must always be dressed in an equally impossible if glittering costume. Mr. Fred Graham was excruciatingly funny as Mrs. Sinbad, his facial expression alone earning many a laugh. He is one of the mainstays of the production, and whenever he was on the stage there was unceasing amusement for the audience. Mr. Harry Quealy made a good deal of the part of Hinbad, his dancing being particularly clever. Miss Celia Mavis and Miss Edith Maitland, as Badoura and Zoe, looked a pair of very charming maidens, while the Misses Nellie Dent, Reba Bicknell, Eileen Capel, Doris Williams and quite a host of others were in the cast proper. Of the numerous variety turns, nearly all were good, while some were quite exceptionally clever. For example, the acrobatic feats of Messrs. Lennou, Hyman and Lennon were so exceedingly difficult that they must be seen to be believed. The most remarkable things were done with such humour and apparent ease that it was at times difficult to realise the years of training for such wonderful tumbling. Small wonder that the applause was simply deafening. The company is very strong in talent of this kind, for the acrobatic turn by Morris and Williams proved remarkably clever, and fairly captured the audience. The Musical Gardens contribute an item which proved very enjoyable, the three members of the troupe playing on many different instruments, finely bringing out their skill as musicians. The fantastic dancing of the Bicknells proved as fascinating as of yore. The Gotham Quartette contributed several items, Mr. George Deon, Miss Eileen Capel, Mr. Tod Callaway, and others helping to keep the ball rolling. The piece being too long, it might not be amiss to omit one or two of the interpolated songs, some of which are not overpoweringly comic, such, for instance, as the Captain Cook song. There is any amount of dancing interspersed all through the piece and some of this is very pretty, notably the "Hundred Fathoms Deep" ballet, the lighting and dressing giving a charming effect. The "March of All Nations" also gave a good chance for spectacular display, the bearers of the standard showing the silver fern being especially applauded. The transformation scene, "From Flowers to Fairyland," was really beautiful, and the piece might well have ended with it, but pantomime traditions demand a harlequinade, and this, "Fun At the Zoo," was carried through very briskly, and at least served to delight the younger members of the audience. A pantomime is a difficult thing to review, and it is far better to go and see it, which

is a step to be cordially recommended, for there is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Anderson has given us a particularly fine production "Sinbad" will hold the boards until further notice

MR. FRANK T. BULLEN.

This popular lecturer concluded his Auckland season of four nights on Friday last. The lectures included "Romance and Reality of the Sea," "Whales and Whale-fishing," "The Mighty Ocean," and "The Way They Have In the Navy." All were much appreciated, but, if anything, the best was kept to the last. Mr. Bullen possesses the art of telling a story in a manner which compels attention, and his audience invariably found that the evenings passed all too quickly when listening to him. The sailor-lecturer left for Gisborne on Saturday, after which Nelson and Dunedin will be visited.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

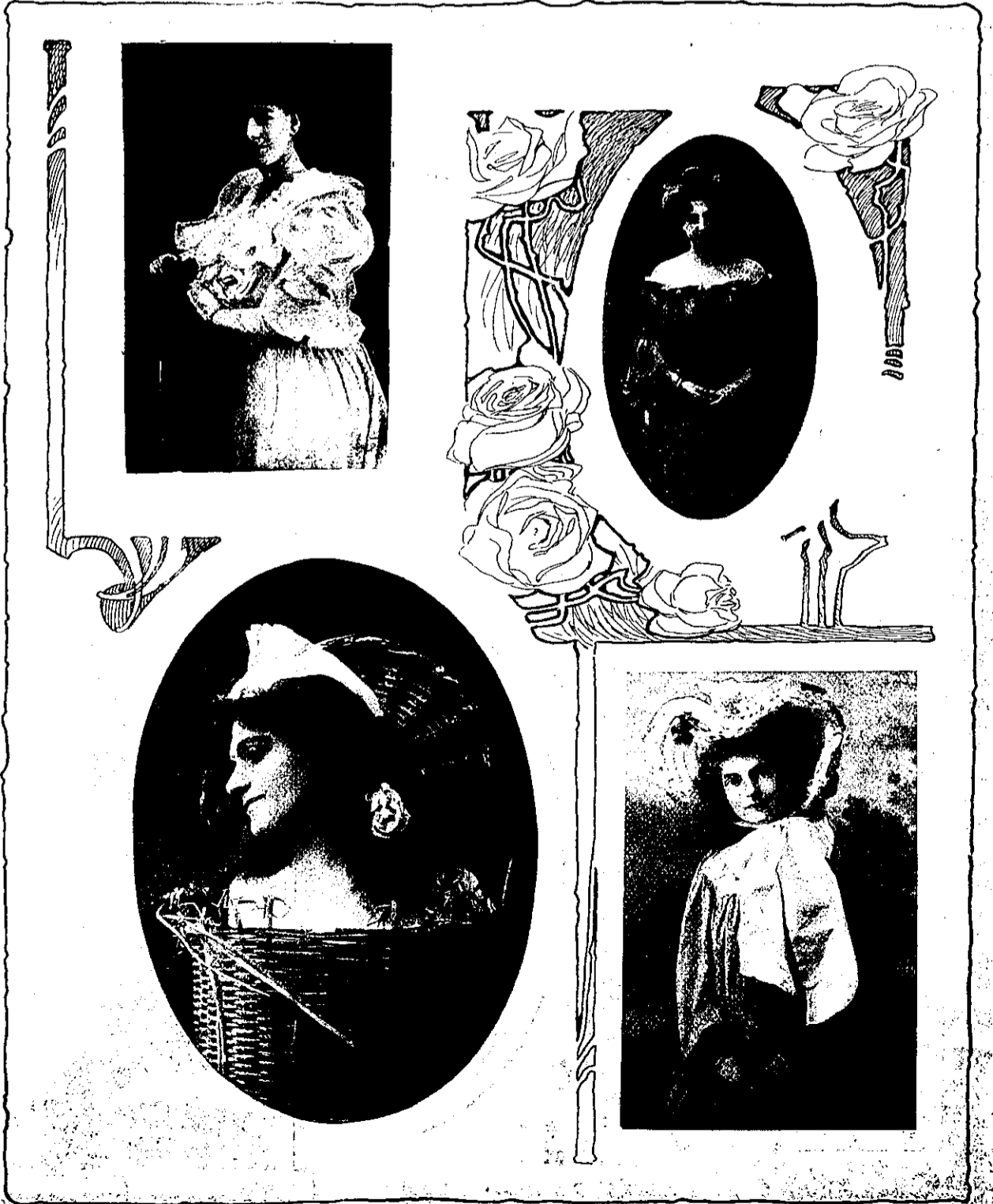
FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

There was a good attendance at the Opera House on Monday evening, in spite of the number of counter attractions now in Auckland. By the time that Mr. Frank Crowther's orchestra had discoursed an appropriate march, "United States for Ever," the house was comfortably filled, and then

the curtain rose on the company, who sat outlined by Mr. Hutchinson's bright Venetian garden scene. The opening chorus was a good one, and led up to the appearance of Miss Clara Keeting, who gave a couple of lively serio and dance items that called for hearty applause. This dainty artiste dances very gracefully and sings with much expression and vivacity. Mr. Lal Logie, who made a re-appearance, livened up his corner to good purpose, and sang a couple of comic songs with plenty of dash and spirit. Miss Violet Frawley earned applause for her serio turn, "I'se a-Picking my Company," and was recalled for another item. Miss Violet St. Clair sang a ballad very sweetly, and was applauded and recalled for her efforts. Miss Phyllis Fay gave a novel song and dance item, "Julie, My Julie," that went well, and proved her possessed of considerable powers of contortion. Mr. Ward Lear started the fun going as soon as he took the floor, and, indeed, kept the house in a simmer of amusement throughout the first half with his comical facial expressions. The first half concluded with a specially bright and attractive double song and dance by the Rowell Sisters that earned them a most emphatic recall. These clever dancers have established themselves firmly with Opera House patrons, and are strong favourites. Part two was ushered in

by a dainty gavotte, "In Summer Time," played by Mr. Crowther's orchestra, and the curtain rose on the two Kraits, who gave a fine exhibition of trick cycling. The first appearance of the tramp, who rises yawning from a heap of straw on the advent of the tourist, is a very effective piece of work that leads up well to the subsequent clever display of riding. Both give an excellent turn, and the tramp's neat tumbling is among the best we have seen. Miss Pearl Lovell, who makes a first appearance, gave three dainty serio items that went well, and found immediate favour with the audience. Her acting of the songs was good, and her work fresh and bright. Marschel and Carlyon, two clever sketch artists, caused a considerable amount of amusement with their interpretation of the comedy, "A Field of Clover." Their acting was sound throughout, and the subject was never lost touch with. They earned a hearty round of applause for their efforts. Mr. Jack Hagan, who possesses a good voice and has a very catchy style about his work, sang several comic songs with a freshness and vigour that quite won the favour of the house, and for which he received hearty applause. Ajax, whose startling contortionist act was so well received on his last visit to Auckland, gave a

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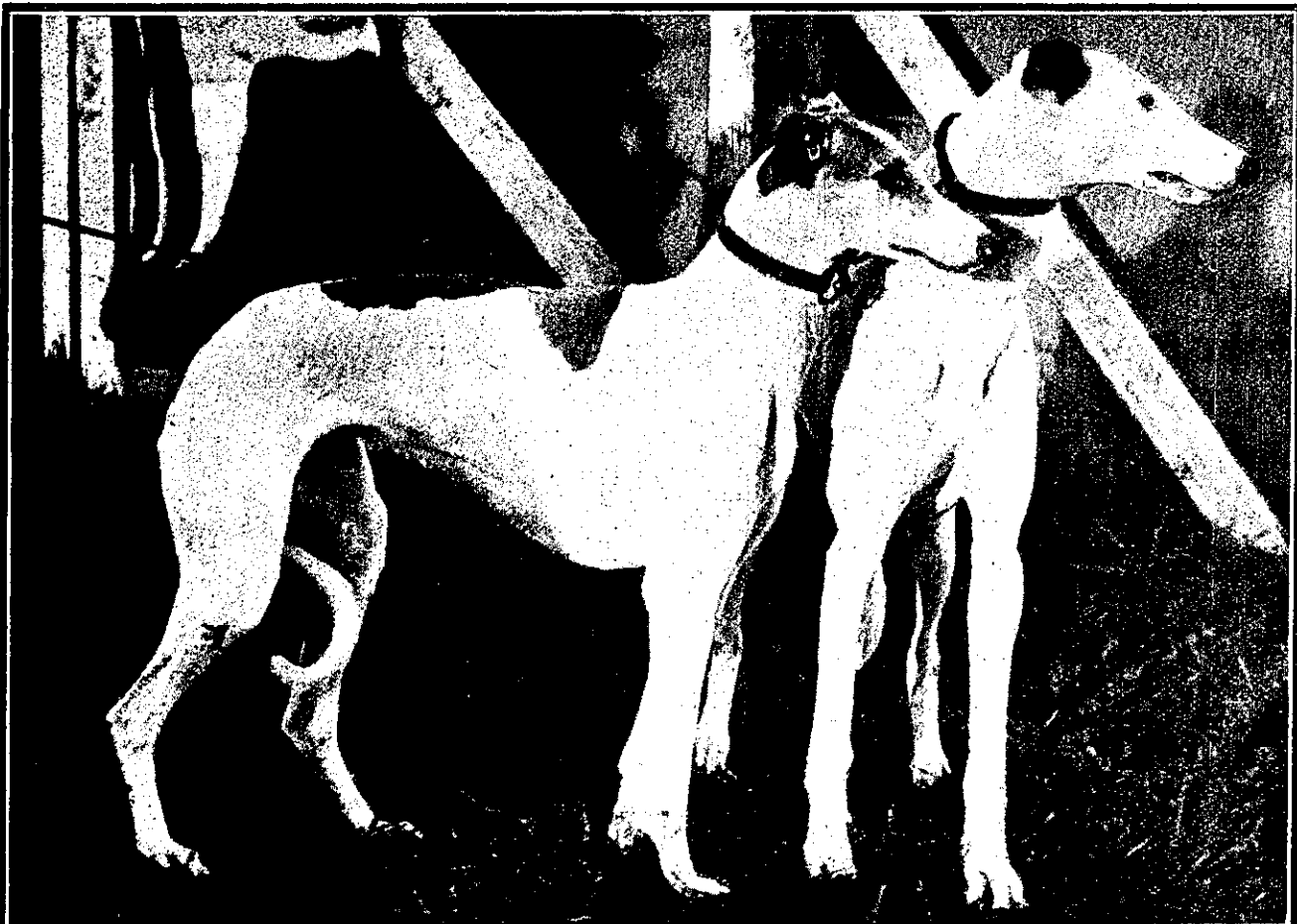
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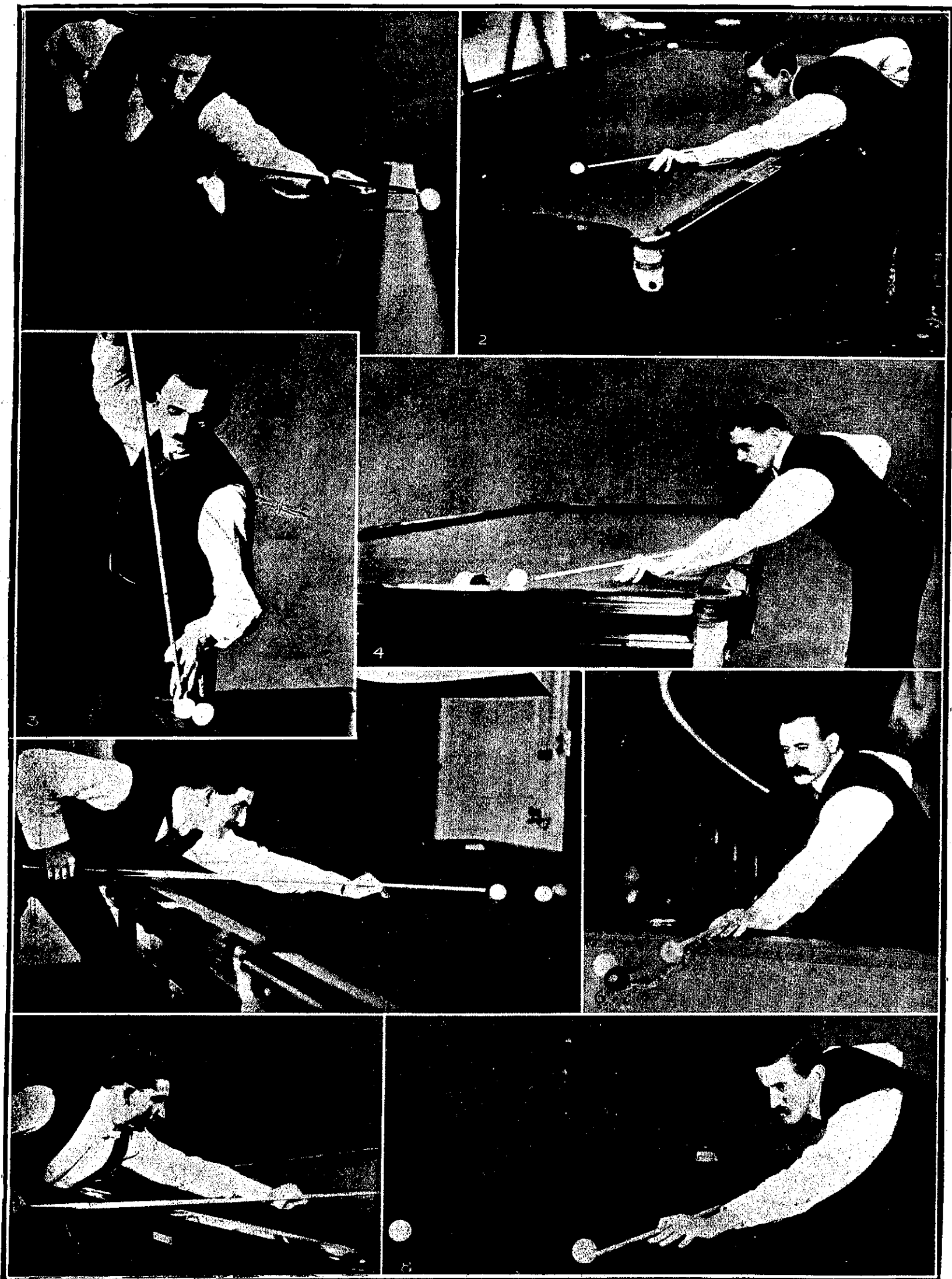
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somewhat creepy exhibition of his skill that proved quite a sensation. His first appearance, in the garb of a brilliantly-habited crocodile, was most effective, and the apparent ease with which his body wound sinuously about the platform held the audience almost breathless. His culminating feat, that of revolving his body swiftly from the hips, was not the least astounding of his evolutions, and his turn was warmly applauded. Mr. Ward Lear gave some excellent examples of mimicry that went well. His imitation of a Chinaman robbing a fowl roost was quite the best thing he has shown us for some time, and the antics of the eager Celestial were acted to the life. Ward Lear's make-up is always in strict harmony with his work, and he not only aped the Chinaman, but put a lot of clever individuality into his turn. Mr. Frank King delighted the audience with his rendering of several descriptive songs, and earned warm applause for his efforts. The Rowell Sisters gave a fine specialty song and dance, "In the Pale Moonlight," that was much appreciated, their dancing, as before, being very dainty and finished. The evening's entertainment closed with a comedietta by Mr. Ward Lear, that caused much hilarity.

For Saturday next Mr. Fuller announces the appearance of the Bovis Bros., two clever comedians whose names are a sufficient guarantee as to their work, which is well known both in Australia and New Zealand. Lex McLean, described as an athlete and heavy weight-lifter, is also billed to appear.

BOSTOCK AND WOMBWELL'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

After a very successful season of a fortnight, this fine combination packed up on Saturday and left for a country tour. It is without doubt one of the best shows of the kind which have ever visited Auckland, and therefore it is not surprising that business remained exceedingly good all through, while on the concluding day no less than three performances were given. The circus was at Hamilton on Monday and Tuesday, while Cambridge was to have been visited last night. The other dates are as follows:—Rotorua, June 21 and 22; Te Aroha, June 23; Paeroa, June 25; Waihi, June 26, 27 and 28; Thames, June 29 and 30. The circus and menagerie will leave for Sydney on July 2.

OLYMPIA RINK.

The popular pastime of rinking does not appear to in any way lose its hold in public estimation, judging by the number which nightly occupy the floor of the Olympia Rink; indeed, the reverse would almost seem to be

the case, so excellent have been the attendances. All sorts of novelties have been introduced, some of the racing having proved very exciting. It has now been determined by the management to open a branch rink at Onehunga, and this will be open every Wednesday, both afternoon and evening. A special effort will be made to render this as attractive as possible, so that rinkers will now have the choice of two places to go to. This is a move which should tend to increase the popularity of the pastime.

Mr. Geo. Cathro is acting as business manager for a series of song recitals by Te Rangi Pai and a strong concert party in the Hawke's Bay, Manawatu and Taranaki towns, which the great contralto is giving prior to her departure for Australia.

The Rowell Sisters, now appearing at the Opera House, are proving a strong attraction at that popular place of amusement. They dance and sing most daintily before the footlights, and their work is most attractive throughout. They have established themselves as firm favourites with Opera House patrons.

The Taylor-Carrington Company will open in Whangarei on Friday with the drama, "Unjustly Sentenced." The season will be one of four nights.

The Albert Hall, which has just been opened, will supply a much-felt want for an up-to-date and commodious dancing room. The hall itself will accommodate 1500 persons, and the supper room is even larger than the hall.

From the author of "The Lady Typist" comes a brochure containing notices from many well-known actors and others anent this latest musical play, which we are to see for ourselves before long. Among those whose remarks are quoted are Herbert Flemming, the late Robert Brough, Bert Royle, Fred Graham, Charles Kenningham, George Hall, Arthur Towsey, Violet Mount and Horace Lingard. One and all speak in terms of the warmest praise of "The Lady Typist," so that it is not without reason we are looking forward to seeing the piece ourselves, for a good comic opera is a rarity nowadays.

My Christchurch correspondent writes.—Many people prefer an arm-chair by their ain fireside to turning out these nights in quest of outdoor amusements. But "own correspondents" cannot afford to study personal inclinations, and must, perforce, don their war-paint whenever a new show comes along, and hie them to the festive scene. So I hied me, accordingly, to the ancient Theatre



THE ROWELL SISTERS, Series and Dancers, appearing with success at the Opera House.

Royal on Thursday evening to witness "Veronique." The rain was falling in torrents all the evening, but nevertheless there was a splendid house, and an enthusiastic one. We may not be able to appreciate high musical art, but we do on comic opera, and roll up in our thousands to witness anything really good in that line. And "Veronique" is distinctly good. Dolly Castles, looking more bewitching than ever, plays the title role, and both sings and acts so admirably that it is hard to realise she is the same Dolly who sang here two or three years ago. She has made a lot of headway since then. It's worth turning out on even as bad a night as Thursday to hear her sing "The Swing Song." Miss Olive Godwin also deserves honorable mention. Her lovely soprano is heard to great advantage in "The Bloom of an Apple Tree," which is a really pretty song, and a little superior to the ordinary run of comic opera ditties. Of course, Miss Celia Ghiloni (one of the best artistes of her class on the colonial boards) makes the usual hit. She sings "The Garden of Love" delightfully. Other members of the cast who cannot be passed over are: Miss Argie Thorne (who song, "My Little Hubby," always brings down the house), Mr. Frank Wilson (magnificent in the tuneful "Letter Song"), our good old friend Howard Vernon (whose appearance is always the signal for a hearty round of applause), and others. "Utopia Limited" will follow "Veronique." The only other show here just now is the one always with us, and which we could no more do without than we could do without whisky and Apollinaris, cigarettes, nice girls and other agreeable things—Fuller's. I venture to predict that during the approaching Exhibition season my old friend John Fuller and his clever sons will simply coin money here.

Mr. Edward Lauri, Mr. Charles McNaughton, Miss May Beatty and Miss May Garstang were passengers by the China.

A theatre is shortly to be constructed at Rio de Janeiro solely for the entertainment of children. Many of the plays produced will be adapted from the stories of Grimm and Anderson. The municipality will erect the building and subsidise the enterprise.

Miss Decima Moore has returned to England from West Africa, where she accompanied her husband, Major Guggisburg, and met with many interesting and novel experiences. Miss Moore has not been seen on the stage since her marriage.

The money collected by the London "Tribune" for the fund to commemorate the jubilee of Miss Ellen Terry amounted to over £2350.

In the opinion of the celebrated Teresa Carreno, a new musical prodigy has arisen in Budapest in the person of Mdle. Mignon de Mars-Chalks, a pianist of 12 years of age, of whom Mdme' Carreno writes that "she is the greatest musical genius that has ever lived."

An action is pending in the Supreme Court in which Clyde Meynell, of Menzies' Hotel, Melbourne, sues Miss Addie Pearce, of Nelson-road, South Melbourne, respecting his proprietary rights in the play known as "The Fatal Wedding." He claims £100 damages, and also an injunction to restrain the lady from advertising or producing a play called "The Fatal

Wedding" or "The Fatal Wedding Day." Mr. Justice Cussen last week granted the injunction, and said that he did not consider the slight difference in the title worthy of consideration. He thought the defendant would be wise to change the name of her play to perhaps, "The Tragic Marriage," and let it stand upon its own merits.

Miss Nellie Stewart will, according to present arrangements, be in London next month, but she intends returning immediately to America for a second tour.

Among the many revolutionary ideas of Wagner, and one which he contrived to carry out, was the abolition of the ballet, which once formed a great feature of all operas. Wagner, aiming at his music telling a continuous story, objected to any interruption, and the ballet passed, disappearing from other operas as well as Wagnerian productions. This season at Covent Garden Opera House, London, however, witnessed a revival of the ballet, the management having decided upon the experiment of reverting to the old system. Should the ballet prove a success this time it is likely to stay, except, perhaps, in the works of Wagner.

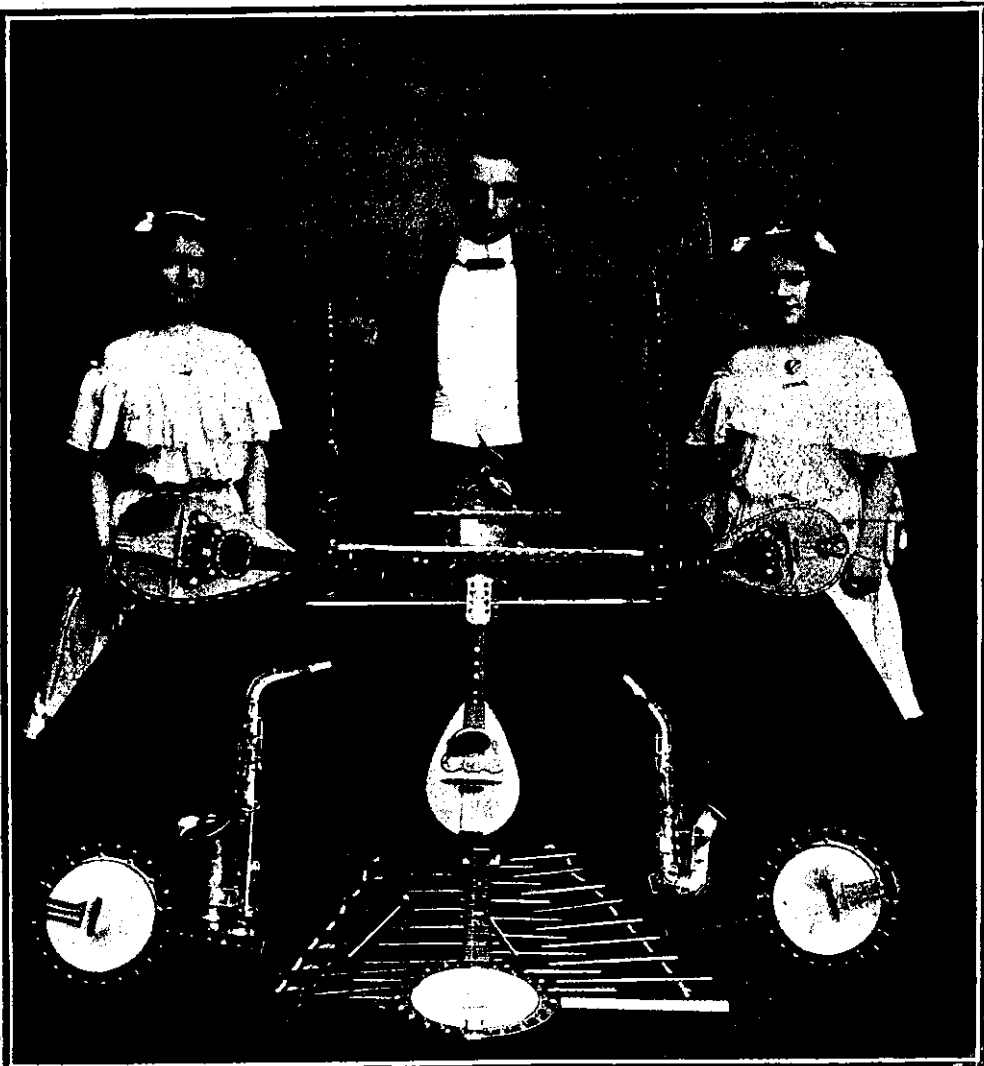
Mr. Alfred Ward and Miss Maud Williamson are to appear in London in the dramatised version of Mrs. Humphrey's Ward's novel, "The Marriage of William Ashe." It is being produced by the American manager, Mr. Frohman.

A daughter of Mr. Bert Royle, who collaborated with Mr. J. C. Williamson in such well-remembered Christmas spectacular burlesques as "Djin-Djin" and "Matsa," recently made her debut as a pianist at the Albert Hall. The many Auckland friends of Mr. Royle will be glad to know the performance was a great success, the young player getting several encores.

Miss Billie Burke, one of the most promising of musical comedy artists in London, and known to Australia by means of multitudinous pictorial postcards, has just inherited a fortune of £7000 from an old family friend. Miss Burke announces that she will remain on the stage, in spite of her good fortune.

Mr. Wal. Rockley has received a letter from his brother Alf., who is in India with Bert Flat's American Stars (says the "Referee"). "You can have India as far as I am concerned," he writes. "I have no use for it. Tom Liddiard brought a lot of little kiddies here from Australia, their ages ranging from four to 16. They all got smallpox, and at the latest report five of them had died. I don't know all their names. One was Ivy Niccols, another Nellie Steward, one of the Waddrell sisters, a little boy baritone, and another girl. We ran right into the same town, where they left Nellie Steward, and put up at the same bungalow. Were there two days before we found she had smallpox. You should have seen us skin out for the next town, 100 miles away, at four in the morning, to escape being quarantined."

Charlie Albert, who first showed promise of his abilities as a comedian as The Insect in "Paul Jones" with Tom Pollard's Opera Company, and who was recently through New Zealand with Stephenson's Opera Company, now disbanded, has sailed for Manila.



The IBSON FAMILY OF MUSICIANS. A clever turn lately at the Opera House.

With only a season of less than six weeks in Melbourne, three of which have already gone, Mr. William Collier has naturally had to curtail the run of "The Dictator," and that brisk, buoyant and breezy American farce comedy saw its last performance on Friday. To-night (Saturday, June 16) (writes Mr. George Tallis) Mr. Collier and his clever company will stage another piece of much the same delightful humour, which the star comedian has had as a strong attraction in his repertoire even longer than "The Dictator." "On the Quiet" is a farce comedy by Augustus Thomas, the hero of which is an alert young American, Robert Ridgeway by name, who has fallen in love with an heiress worth 16,000,000 dollars. Unfortunately for Robert, however, the lady's brother is also her guardian, and he has other plans for her, which include a husband of title or of high social position. Neither of these distinctions belongs to Ridgeway, but the young lover is so pertinacious that the brother gives a promise that his suit will be taken into consideration, if Robert goes back to college. That gentleman consents, but, in case there should be any forgetfulness, he persuades the heiress to a secret marriage beforehand. The subsequent proceedings, when the young Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway are torn between the necessity of observing the proprieties and the inclination to indulge in exhibitions of affection, are of so exciting a nature that the brother is glad at length to strike his colours and consent to the union of his sister with Robert, whose keen wit and resourcefulness has met all the situations with an imperturbability worthy of the cause. Mr. Collier will, of course, play the young gentleman, a part in which he has already scored heavily, both in London and the United States, while the other members of his capable company are all fitted with parts calculated to show them off to the best advantage.

Mr. J. C. Williamson produced "The Little Michus" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, a week or two after the same delightful piece had celebrated its first anniversary at Daly's Theatre, London, where it had been running continuously for a year. All the London papers noted the event, and most of them are confident to prophesy that the fresh and fragrant comic opera is likely to continue its prosperous career in that city for a long while yet. It was always delightfully bright and amusing, says one paper, while another (the "Daily Express") comments on it in the most flattering terms: "Dainty, fragrant, sweet, this memorable comic opera . . . must be accounted undoubtedly the most charming, melodious, tasteful and humorous entertainment in town." Judging by the audiences which have greeted it every night since the opening performance, that opinion is destined to be more than confirmed on this side of the world, and though the run may not be quite so long, it will not fall far short of 12 months when its successive seasons and revivals throughout Australasia are totalled.



BARRIE MARSCHEL AND IRENE CARLYON, who are now contributing a popular turn at the Opera House.

The Royal Comic Opera Company have begun rehearsals of "La Mascotte" in earnest. The old favourite will scarcely be needed for the Sydney season, which ends on July 6th, but it will form with "The Little Michus" and "The Shop Girl" one of the early attractions of the Melbourne visit.

When "Leah Kleschna" was produced in Adelaide by the Tittell Brune Company, Mr. Thomas Kingston played Kleschna, the Austrian criminal, and made the part one of the greatest of his successes on the Australian stage. He drew the character on lines very distinct from those made

familiar by Mr. Redgrave to Sydney and Melbourne audiences, and his idea of the man as a sly, incisive and sleek individual, who only blustered towards weaker vessels than himself, and was obsequious to those who might injure him, certainly seemed to be the more correct one. The performance was, indeed, a most artistic one.

The Brune Company will receive an accession of strength for their West Australian tour in the person of Mr. John Beauchamp, whom Mr. J. C. Williamson engaged to play "old man's" parts, a class of character in which he is said to be the best exponent on the English stage. Mr. Edward Mackay, a young actor who came out in the same steamer as Mr. Beauchamp, will be attached for the time being to "The Squaw Man" Company.

Miss Tittell Brune was most cordially farewelled in Adelaide, and is now on the eve of commencing her West Australian tour. That State will have the pleasure of her company until July 21st, and barely a fortnight later she will be at the other end of Australasia—New Zealand to wit, where she opens on August 7th.

Mr. Charles Waldron and the American members of the company engaged by Mr. J. C. Williamson to play "The Squaw Man" and "The Virginian" through Australasia, passed through Auckland by the Sonoma. On arrival in Sydney they will proceed straight through to Melbourne, where the tour opens at Her Majesty's Theatre on July 7th.

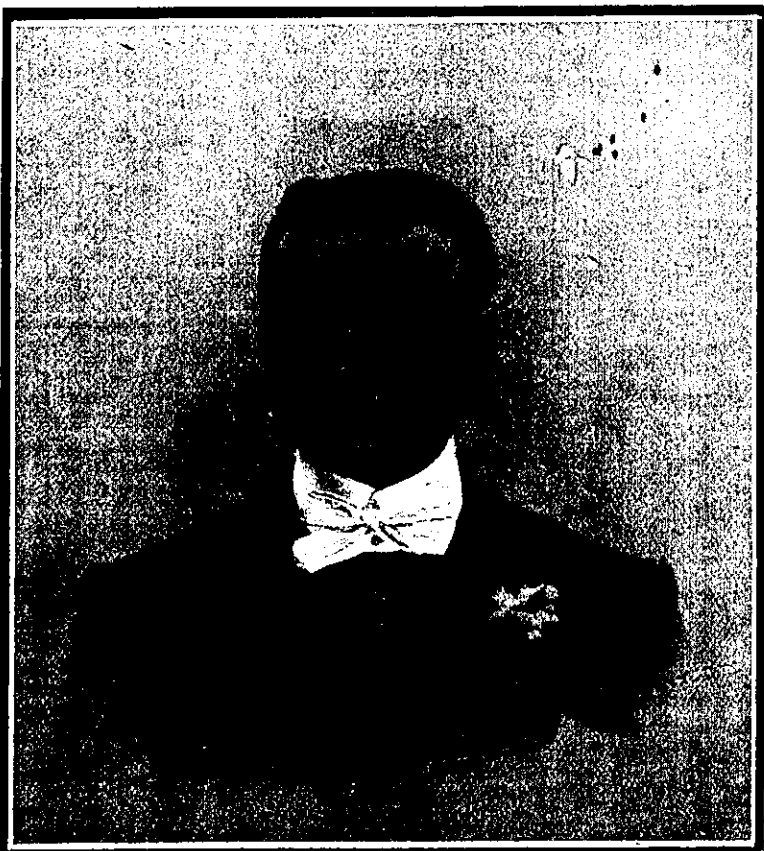
All the Australian booksellers agree in ascribing to Owen Wister's fine novel, "The Virginian," the distinction of being one of the best selling books of the past decade, and even now, five years or so after its first appearance, its popularity remains at a consistently high level. The vigour and manliness, no less than the humour and sentiment, contribute a blend which has a very decided attraction

for Australian readers, and everyone is therefore looking forward eagerly to the dramatic presentation by Mr. Waldron and his company.

Some of the London critics give very high praise to the turn of "Milo" and Cruickshank, who will be remembered as appearing at the Opera House some months ago. They are now showing at the London Pavilion.

A cable received a few days ago states that at the jubilee benefit to Miss Ellen Terry no less a sum than £6000 was taken, and that some people (whose enthusiasm must have outrun their common-sense) waited outside from 24 to 30 hours to obtain a front seat. The performance took place at Drury Lane, and there was a very strong management. Mr. Arthur W. Pinero was the chairman of the committee, which included Mr. George Alexander, Sir Squire Bancroft, Mr. Arthur Boucher, the Hon. Stephen Coleridge, Mr. Arthur Collins, Mr. Alfred Courtenay, Mr. Henry Dana, Mr. Frederick Harrison, Mr. Sidney Smith, Mr. Bram Stoker, Mr. J. E. Vedrenne and Sir Charles Wyndham. Mr. Acton Bond was hon. secretary, and at the request of the committee Mr. Austin Brereton undertook the duties of hon. press manager. A feature of the performance was the appearance, acting together in one play, of the entire Terry family.

"The Dairymaids" is the title of a new musical comedy recently produced at the London Apollo Theatre by Mr. Robert Courtneidge. It is very highly spoken of by some of the critics.



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A monument is to be erected in Central Park, New York, in memory of the late Joseph Jefferson, the well-known actor, at a cost of £10,000.

It is reported in latest London files that Mr. Kyrle Bellew's great and increasing success in America will prevent him from making his expected re-appearance in London in the dramatisation of Mr. E. W. Hornung's "Kames," which will shortly be produced at the Comedy. Mr. Gerald Du Maurier takes his place.

"The Fascinating Mr. Vanderveldt" is Mr. Sutro's latest play, which is now running at the London Garrick Theatre. The story Mr. Sutro has to tell is slight; so slight, indeed, that one wonders how he manages to prolong it over four acts (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). Briefly, it relates the history of the duel between Lady Clarice and Mr. Vanderveldt, which culminated in an old-fashioned abduction in a new-fashioned motor-car. Lady Clarice never has any doubt on the score of her admirers' reputation and methods. He is a notorious lady-killer—his path is strewn with broken hearts and blasted characters, and when he openly sets himself to subdue Lady Clarice he is as openly ambitious to wed her. But, knowing him as well as she does, and recognising that even if she capitulates to his blandishments honourable marriage will be her portion, the interest in the struggle of wills is discounted to begin with. But finding he is making very little headway with this gay, garrulous, bewitching widow of 31, he has recourse to strategy. Having, by a device, denuded a distant part of the country of all its horses, he invites Lady Clarice to take a run with him in his motor-car. If the lady, who is anything but a fool, and has no delusions on the score of her lover's chivalry, had declined the invitation, Mr. Vanderveldt would have been done in the eye, and so would the play. But Mr. Sutro is too wise to admit the possibility of the wily widow's exhibiting so much discretion. When they arrive at a place situated about a hundred miles from nowhere—the place where the horses are gone from and the telegraph office isn't—Mr. Vanderveldt removes the sparking plug from the motor and declares that they won't go home till morning. Lady Clarice sees through the caddish trick, and—with a grace that saves both the situation and the play—she laughs. But a sparking plug is to a motor (so I gather) what a bridle is to a horse, and when Mr. Vanderveldt removed the plug and presents it to

Lady Clarice she accepts the services of the local curate to replace it—when the owner's back is turned—and goes quietly back to dinner and the sedate colonel, whom (she says) she has always intended to marry. Miss Violet Vanbrugh is Clarice and Mr. Bourchier Mr. Vanderveldt. The piece has been drawing big houses.

The plot of "The Little Michus," recently produced in Sydney by the Williamson Opera Company, is as follows: "The Two Little Michus" are schoolgirls who were changed at, or soon after, their births. Monsieur and M^{me}. Michu keep a glorified ham and beef shop in Paris. Years ago an old noble, named Des Ifs, flying from the revolutionary persecution, left in their charge a young baby girl to be brought up with the Michus' child. The husband, in giving them a bath, managed to mix the babies up. This is where the play begins. The noble, now a Napoleonic general, returns and demands his daughter, Which of the two is his child? One the general is determined to have to marry to his aide-de-camp, Gaston Rigaud; he leaves it to the Michus to decide "which is which." The head of Marie Blanche—who is really Mademoiselle Michu, and who loves her parents' shopman, Aristide Vert—is turned by a visit to the General's chateau; and she announces that she is the aristocrat. Gaston is enamoured of the other damsel, Blanche Marie; but he obeys orders, and prepares to marry Marie Blanche. In the last act she finds she cannot sacrifice her love to her ambition, and dresses up Blanche Marie so as to reproduce exactly the portrait of the General's late wife, the Marquise. He is convinced and accepts Blanche Marie as his child, and the couples pair off properly.

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Mr. Wm. Anderson, of the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, has reason to think that there is some unseen fairy watching his interests in connection with his hobby as a racehorse owner as well as with his business as a theatrical director (says the "Referee"). He had a horse listed to run at the Bendigo races lately, but unfortunately he was laid up with a cold, and the doctor would not allow him to go to the quartz city to witness the event he was interested in. But heavy rain fell on the day fixed for the meeting, and it was postponed for a week. By that time he had quite recovered, the day was fine, and he went to Bendigo, saw the races, and had a good time generally. Did his horse win? Those who want to know can look up the turf reports. There they will see that he pulled off the double, and struck the proudest moment of his life.

A new musical comedy has been produced at Wyndham's Theatre, London, entitled "The Girl Behind the Counter." The plot is non-existent, but (says a Home exchange) the entertainment, that is to say, the songs, the dances, and the general stage business with which it is embellished, is a tremendously merry and inspiring concoction, the numbers are rendered with spirit and lively humour, and the music is the most melodious, graceful and scholarly that has been heard in musical comedy for some time. Indeed, this score, especially in the concerted pieces and finales, is of a class seldom found in this class of play, and Mr. Howard Talbot may be cordially congratulated on his well-earned success. The scenic effects, especially again in the second act, are exceedingly pretty, and, in fact, the whole thing is extremely well done.

A theatrical manager "is known by the company"—that keeps him.

Miss Ada Reeve has left for South Africa for a nine weeks' season, receiving the record fee of £5000.

Mr. Haddon Chambers has gone to New York to superintend the rehearsals of his new play, "Sir Anthony."

Messrs. G. L. Goodman and Edwin Geach are the secretaries to the movement for the erection of a fountain in Sydney to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Robert Brough. The memorial is to be erected by contributions from members of the theatrical profession only.

The burlesque actress, Miss Millie Hylton, recently gave a fine example of how the motor car can assist an artist in getting about. After her appearance at the Coliseum in the afternoon, she was asked to sing at Stratford Empire for a sister artiste who had suddenly fallen a victim to influenza. Without demur she consented, and was received with enthusiasm at Stratford. No sooner had she left the stage than a favour was once more asked of her. Mark Sheridan, the humorist, fell suddenly ill, and was unable to appear at Holloway Empire. Miss Hylton was asked to oblige. Jumping into a motor car she completed the journey in 30 minutes, and again was the recipient of an ovation. Back she rushed to Stratford, and after appearing there, back once more to Holloway, reaching the Coliseum just in time to don her walking-out clothes before that place of entertainment closed for the night. How's that for rapid transit?

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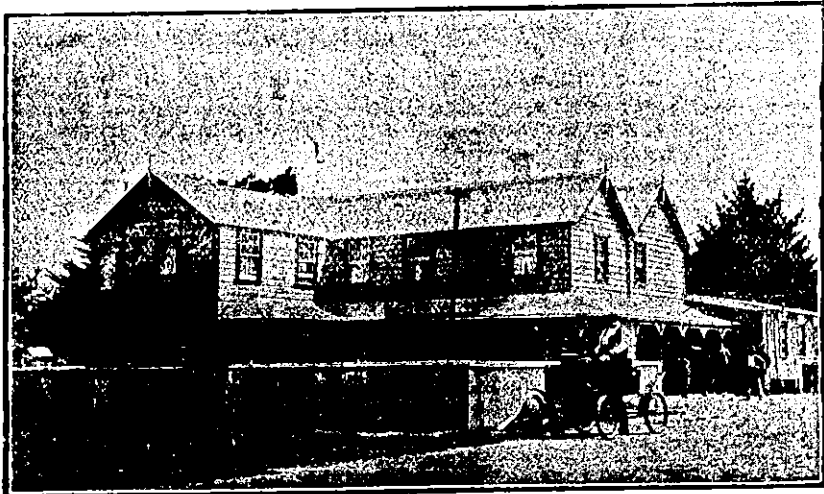
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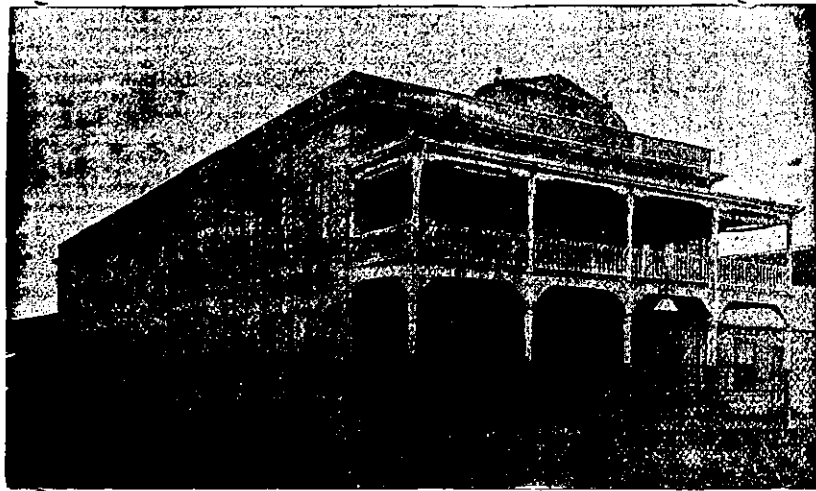
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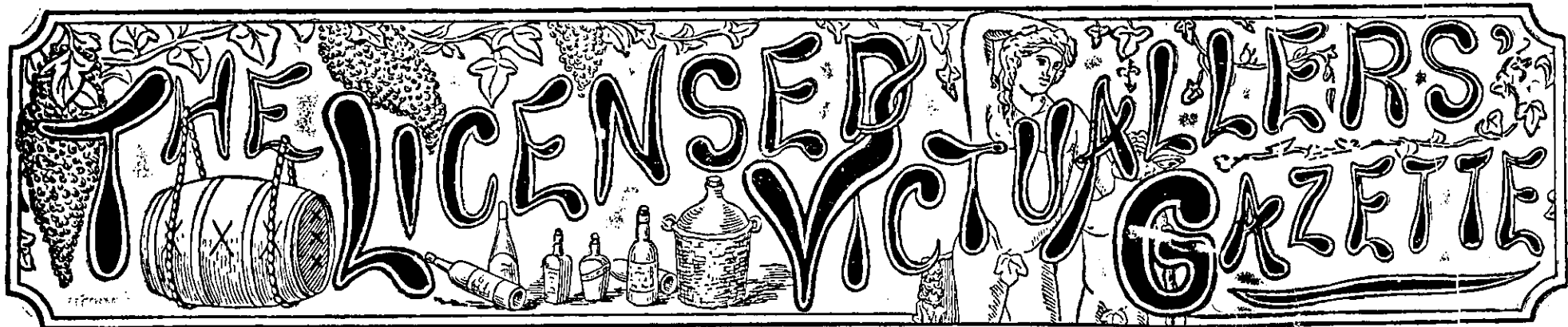
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THE SLY GROG CASES.

The revelations in connection with the sly grog cases, which were heard in our local Court last week, form a striking illustration of what our town would be like under no-license. Although we live in a fully-licensed district, with every facility for buying liquor in a respectable manner during six days of the week, we find that on the seventh day a huge sly grog business is being carried on, and that under the most disreputable circumstances, and under the very noses of our authorities. Little imagination is needed to imagine that under no-licenses these sly grog dens would increase a thousandfold, and the nefarious traffic carried on every day of the week. The astounding part of the whole disclosure is that the business seems to be carried on in a thoroughly systematic and established manner. There is no haphazard sales about it. Apparently these shops have their regular customers, who enter and demand their liquor with an effrontery which can only have been gained by a long period of usage. It may be instructive to our wise men

on the Licensing Bench that there was no evidence forthcoming to show that barmaids or maids of any kind were employed to induce the youth of Auckland to drop in on a Sunday morning. Naturally the suggestion comes that there is doubtless a good deal more of this sort of business being carried on, not only on Sundays but on week days, the number of prohibited persons who apparently easily obtain liquor bearing this suggestion out. No doubt there is also a big business done at night after the hotels are closed, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the police will soon unearth some more of these evil-doers. The fines, though fairly substantial, are hardly sufficient deterrent punishment; in fact, in comparison to the punishment of fines and endorsements sometimes inflicted upon hotelkeepers they are absurdly low. However, the Trade generally are delighted that some at least of the sources of Sunday supply have come to light. The eyes of the general public will now be open to the fact that the cases of drunkenness on Sunday which have been painfully frequent are not attributable to the misdoing of hotelkeepers, and that the blame which has hitherto been showered on the latter has been totally undeserved. The whole disclosures will no doubt cause serious thought to those who are inclined to be led away by the cry of no-license. The latter condition in Auckland could only result in sly grog-selling being conducted to such an extent that the authorities would be unable to cope with it.

Trade Topics

The Caledonian Hotel, Napier, was recently totally destroyed by fire.

A fire in the rear portion of the Oroua Club, Feilding, was fortunately discovered and extinguished before any serious damage was done.

The Hawera Licensing Committee refused all applications for 11 o'clock licenses.

Mr. S. F. Hedlund, late of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Hobson-street, has purchased a lease of the Turanganui Hotel, at Gisborne.

Alterations are being effected to the entrance doors of some of our local hotels to comply with the wishes of the present Licensing Bench.

Messrs. A. H. Nathan last week removed to their new premises in Customs-street East.

It is reported by cable from London that a scheme is in progress for the amalgamation of the brewing firms of Burton and Co., Thomas Salt and Co., and Allsopps Company.

In connection with the big sly grog raid, which was recently made in this city, no less than 36 persons were summoned to appear at Court.

The Rangitikei Licensing Committee met last week. The renewal of the license of the Hunterville Hotel was adjourned for three months, and the Court ordered that meanwhile the house should be thoroughly repaired. The license of the Harris Hotel, at Taihape, was also adjourned for three months. The police reported that the house had not been properly conducted, but if the improvement now being shown was maintained the license would then be granted. An application for another wholesale license at Hunterville was refused, and a new application for a wholesale license at Taihape was also refused.

During the hearing last week of a charge of drunkenness against a prohibited person named Thomas Reynolds, it was stated that defendant was fond of taking fits outside hotels, so as to obtain medical treatment.

For being found on licensed premises during the currency of a prohibition order, Jane Fleming was last week fined £2 and costs.

The new Grand Hotel in Willis-street, Wellington, and which is now rapidly approaching completion, is the tallest building in New Zealand.

Sergeant Williams, of the local police force, has been transferred to Gisborne.

The man Riley, who murdered a barmaid named Rose Arnold in Sydney last March, and then attempted suicide, has been pronounced insane.

At the Hunterville Court recently a Chinaman named Ah Duck pleaded guilty to two charges of sly grog-selling at Mataroa. He was fined £15 and £20, or in default one month's imprisonment on each charge. The Taihape constable called on the Chinaman in the disguise of an old man, and pressed for a drink on the ground that he was ill. A small amount of grog was seized.

At the annual meeting of the Dunedin City Licensing Committee several licenses were granted conditionally on certain improvements being effected. Three applications were adjourned, ten bottle licenses were renewed, and one application was adjourned, as the Court was doubtful if the members of one firm could hold two licenses in different shops.

The Wakatipu Licensing Committee has decided not to issue conditional licenses in connection with sports gatherings or affairs of the kind.

The disclosures at the recent sly grog prosecutions led to Sub-Inspector Gordon declaring that he attributed cases of Sunday drunkenness to the sly grog shops.

Tenders are called for alterations to the Waverley Hotel, in Queen-street.

The premises adjoining the Waitemata Hotel, on the Queen-street frontage, are being dismantled with a view of enlarging the bar accommodation of the hotel.

Mr. Arthur M. Myers, chairman of directors of the Campbell-Ehrenfried Company, Ltd., is due to arrive from Sydney next Sunday.

William Richardson figured among the defendants in the recent sly grog cases. We are informed that this is not the gentleman of the same name who says things in Queen-street on Sundays and incidentally passes round an inverted bell-topper.

Samuel Walker, lately hotelkeeping at Dargaville, has called a meeting of his creditors.

Auckland hotelkeepers were the first in the Trade to decide to close their front doors in honour of the funeral day of our late Premier, also their bars during the time of the memorial services.

The inquest concerning the death of the Rev. Father McGrath, who lost his life in the fire at Tapanui, was held last week. The jury's verdict was that Father McGrath's death was due to misadventure through the accidental destruction by fire of the Farmers' Club Hotel on the morning of June 8.

Mr. Fred W. Brunette is now mine host of the Commercial Hotel, Normanby. This hotel is one of the most up-to-date houses in the Taranaki district. Electric light has been installed, and travellers may rely on receiving the best attention. Being only a short distance from Hawera, those attending the race meetings may find it especially convenient to put up at this hotel, as the stabling is second to none. Mr. Brunette is well known throughout the colony, and was engaged in the Railway Workshops for a period of 16 years. He will also be remembered as bandmaster of the Newmarket Band and the Napier Garrison Band, and will no doubt receive a fair share of the public patronage.

ORGANISED HOTELKEEPERS.

Within the past few years the hotelkeepers have given ample evidence that they have taken to heart the constant advice of their friends and of the "moderate" party in liquor matters that the best way to save themselves from extinction is to cooperate with "the enemy" in the matter of keeping undesirable characters out of the hotelkeeping business. For this they deserve such credit as is due to common-sense when it goes hand in hand with righteousness but it is plain that a system of self-inspection by the Trade is open to abuses. In a case heard before the Bruce Licensing Committee, in which Richard Cornish applied for the transfer of a license, his counsel complained that unfounded rumours had been circulated against his client, and hinted that the Licensed Victuallers' Association was endeavouring to damage Cornish by way of reprisal for his refusal to join its ranks. Counsel urged that as a matter of general policy all objections against applicants for licenses or transfers should come through the police. Theoretically, the contention is a perfectly sound one, and, so far as we know, it receives the support of actual practice. The Licensed Victuallers' Associations, properly managed and organised on a policy of rectitude, can do much to exclude improper persons from the ranks of hotel licensees. In this respect there is something to be said in favour of compulsory membership of the Association. But it is revolting to every instinct of liberty to force a hotelkeeper, whether he likes it or not, to join any private trade association whatever. The instinct of a "close corporation" is to boycott outsiders, and to coerce them into surrender. Were the Licensed Victuallers' Associations purely Good Conduct Associations, organised primarily and solely to ensure the hotels being in the hands of men of high character, such coercion would be as proper as the coercion would be as proper through its laws, applies to every member of it. This high aim, however, is not the sole business of the associations, and the intrusion of other aims at once destroys the virtue of such compulsion as is alleged in the case of the Bruce licensee, and makes it a positive impropriety. While giving the organisations of the Trade every credit for the improvement effected in the conduct of hotels, we hope that they will not undo that good by injudicious "boycotting" tactics.—"New Zealand Times."

TAKING CHARGE.

A sailor named Alfred Betts, belonging to the U.S. warship Baltimore, pleaded guilty before Mr. W. G. Riddell, S.M., at the Police Court last week to damaging several articles of furniture, valued at £2 2/6, the property of Patrick Quinlan, licensee of the Thistle Hotel, and further to assaulting the licensee.

Sergeant Hendry, who prosecuted, stated that at about a-quarter past 10 p.m. on Tuesday the accused visited the Thistle Hotel, and on being asked whether he had paid for his

bed, he replied that he had. The licensee's daughter said Betts had not paid for his bed, but his mate had. Accused got very excited, and his mate offered to pay for the bed, but this did not satisfy him. A scuffle then took place between the accused and his mate, and they had to be separated by the licensee. Betts then turned his wrath on Miss Quinlan, and picking up a chair he threw it at her, but fortunately the chair did not strike her. The article was considerably damaged. Accused immediately seized hold of the top of a marble table and smashed it to pieces. After this he got beside a box of empty bottles and threw them in all directions. One of the bottles struck the licensee. A constable was sent for, and when Constable Armstrong arrived the accused threatened him with a bottle, but the officer rushed at him and arrested him before any further damage was done.

On both charges Betts was fined 20/ and costs, or in default seven days' imprisonment, and was also ordered to pay the cost of the damaged furniture, £2 2/6.

HOTELKEEPER'S BANKRUPTCY.

Samuel Walker, of Auckland, late hotelkeeper of Dargaville, filed a petition in bankruptcy last week. He states that his liabilities amount to £458 14/, and assets £296 15/10, including book debts valued at £140; cash in the hands of L. D. Nathan and Co., £130 16/11; and cash in hand, £25 18/11. There is a deficiency of £161 18/2. The bankrupt says he has been an hotelkeeper for two and a-half years. His first hotel was the Masonic Hotel at Cambridge. He sold out in May, 1903, after having been in the hotel for seven months. He left the hotel with close upon £1100 and debts totalling £150. He then took over the Central Hotel, Dargaville, paying £2000 for the goodwill and about £800 for the stock and furniture. He put in £1100, the whole of his available cash, and to make up the balance borrowed £300 from Mr. W. J. Boylan at 20 per cent. on his own and his wife's promissory notes, and £400 at 8 per cent. from L. D. Nathan and Co., giving them as security a bill of sale for the furniture and a mortgage over the lease. He took over the hotel in June, 1904. His takings at first were between £70 and £80 a week. The rent of the hotel was £5 per week, and of the hall attached £1 per week. He paid the rent up to about six weeks before he left the hotel. He paid considerable sums to L. D. Nathan and Co. every month by cheque. The trade fell off considerably during the past 12 months. In spite of this he would have been able to pay creditors in full had it not been for two police prosecutions brought against him in April last. He was convicted on both prosecutions, but the license was not endorsed. L. D. Nathan and Co. and Hancock and Co. insisted on his selling out, and the sale was a forced one. He received only £1000 for the goodwill, and the furniture and stock sold for £664. All the money was paid to L. D. Nathan and Co. They deducted the amount of their account, and also paid Hancock and Co. the sum of £204 14/9 claimed by them for rent and goods supplied and about £140 due by the bankrupt to W. J. Boylan, leaving a balance in his favour of £130 16/11, which they have still in hand. He could make no offer, as he had given up all the property he possessed. His failing he attributed entirely to having to sell out of the hotel at such a low price. Had he been allowed to go on he would have been able to pay all his creditors in full.

HOTELKEEPER'S ENEMIES.

The hearing of the charges of illegally selling, and of illegally assisting in the sale of intoxicating liquors, was heard at the Police Court last Thursday.

Wm. Jones, Wm. Burgess, Chas. White, John Nobelo, Hector Munro, Anthony Vuicch were next charged with being on the premises of Nicholas Green (previously convicted for sly grog-selling) for the purpose of illegally assisting in the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Sergeant Carroll, who executed the search warrant in the premises of Nicholas Green, stated that he found Jones upstairs in a filthy room, quite drunk; Burgess was in the dining-room, and said he came for breakfast. It was then 11 o'clock, and there was no sign of breakfast. Nobelo was also in the dining-room. He stated that he bought a bottle of whisky there

the night before. This whisky was found in a case under the shop counter. Vuicch and White were also in the dining-room. Munro was there in a state of intoxication. Burgess did not appear. Constable Anderson, who accompanied Sergeant Carroll, corroborated, and Sergeant Carroll proved the sale of liquor.

His Worship stated that the law presumed the men were there for an unlawful purpose unless they could prove that they were there for a proper reason.

Jones stated that he went into Green's for breakfast at 9 a.m., and afterwards lay down on a bed and went to sleep.

His Worship: And you a married man with a wife and home on the other side of the city. I don't believe you.

Munro stated that he went into the house with a friend and had a glass of beer there. Nobelo stated that on Saturday night he took a bottle of whisky to Green's, intending to take it to Waipu to shout for his mate. He went to the house next morning to get it.

His Worship said that he was satisfied the whole lot of them were there for no good purpose. They were there to get drink. The only thing that commended itself to him was Munro's frank admission. He would convict the whole lot of them, and would fine them 40/ and costs 7/ each, with the exception of Munro, who would be fined £1 and costs. He made this difference to mark his approval of a man guilty of a crime owning up to it. The default was fixed at one month's imprisonment, and in the case of Munro at a fortnight.

Thomas Davis was next charged with illegally selling liquor on May 27, with assisting in the illegal sale of liquor on June 3 (two charges), and with being on premises for the purpose of illegally dealing in liquor on June 3. His wife, Caroline Davis, was also charged with the illegal sale of liquor. Mr. Reed, who appeared for defendants, and pleaded guilty, suggested that as Mrs. Davis was acting on behalf of her husband she should be discharged, otherwise the infliction of a heavy penalty in each case would mean that both would have to go to gaol.

Sub-Inspector Gordon stated that the circumstances were similar to those in the case of Green. The constables were told to follow the stream, and they did so, entering Davis' house, where they purchased liquor without any difficulty from Mrs. Davis, the husband being absent at the time. He came in later on, and after putting out a drunk joined in a general drink. He suggested that the woman should be convicted and discharged, and the man dealt with on each charge. His Worship agreed to follow that course. It was, he said, possible for him to inflict such fines that defendant could not possibly pay, and must go to gaol, and if that were necessary to put the offence down he would do it. But for the first offence it was desirable that they should be given good stiff fines, and the effect noted before sending them to gaol.

Mr. Reed: These defendants are liable to fines totalling £500.

Sub-Inspector Gordon said that they did not wish to crush the woman, and had charged the man with aiding and abetting in order to relieve her. He proposed to withdraw the other charges when a conviction had been recorded on her.

His Worship, speaking to the male defendant, said that if he came before him again he would be sent to gaol without the option of a fine. "Why did you go into the sly grog business?" he asked.

"I always kept a little for friend," was the reply; "but two or three came up and I sold the drink for money."

His Worship said he would treat Davis the same way as Green, and would fine him £12 and costs 7/ on each of the three first charges. On the charge of being on the premises where liquor was illegally sold, he inflicted a fine of £2 and costs, a total of £39 8/.

Defendant asked for a month to pay.

In answer to the Bench, Sub-Inspector Gordon said that the case was a bad one. Many complaints had been received in connection with the place, and the scenes which occurred were simply disgraceful. The police saw drunks going about, and knew where the supply was being obtained. They had to take steps against the persons supplying, and so shut their eyes to the drunkards so as to get at the source of the supply.

On the suggestion of counsel, de-

fendant was given till next day to secure a bondsman to sign a bond that the fines would be paid within a month. The woman was convicted and discharged on the first count, the others being withdrawn. His Worship pointed out that he had treated both defendants as first offenders, although there had been several sales. If ever they came before him again and were convicted of sly grog-selling, they would go to gaol without the option of a fine for the full term the law allowed.

Thos. Wilson was similarly charged, but as there was no proof that he had received the warrant, the case was adjourned.

Jas. Wilson, represented by Mr. J. R. Reed, pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license.

Mr. Reed said his client was only 19, and was on a different plane to the other defendants, as he had no interest in the sale, and was selling for his elder brother. He suggested that a small fine would meet the case.

Sub-Inspector Gordon said that defendant sold liquor to the constables and to private persons in their presence. This case was one of the worst of all.

His Worship: The town seems rotten with sly grog shops.

Mr. Reed: I had no idea it was so bad. It comes as a surprise to me.

His Worship: There are sly grog shops all over the city.

Sub-Inspector Gordon: In this locality there has been a lot of sly grog-selling. The persons who frequent these shops are mostly of the criminal class and prohibited persons.

His Worship said that in the present case the other man was the principal, and this was the assistant. It was quite clear where the drunks came from. These people kept them going.

Sub-Inspector Gordon: There is no doubt about it.

His Worship: It is not the hotel-keepers but these people who supply us with our drunks every morning. Accused was fined £5 and costs 7/, in default a month.

Jas. Maxwell pleaded guilty to illegally selling liquor on April 27. Sub-Inspector Gordon said the man had cleared out when he knew the summons was coming and had only recently returned. The case was exactly the same as those of Green and Davis.

His Worship said that he would treat accused the same as the others. He had no doubt that although there was only one charge, the trade had been carried on systematically. He inflicted a fine of £35 and costs, in default a month, and declined to give time to pay.

Nicholas Heith, for whom Mr. Reed appeared, pleaded guilty to assisting in the illegal sale of liquor. Mr. Gordon stated that defendant was on the watch outside, and was getting the men away as quickly as possible after they had had their drink, before the police could see them.

Mr. Reed said that accused derived no benefit from the sale. He was on the look-out, more for the sake of sport than gain.

His Worship: Pretty expensive sport. He would make some distinction between this case and that of those who actually profited by the sale. The fine would be £10 and costs 7/, in default a month. "If you carry on the game of sly grog-selling you will have to pay or go to gaol," he concluded.

John King, Jas. Richardson, Jas. Armstrong, Jas. Pitkeithley, Wm. Dalziel and Thos. Fletcher were charged with being on the premises of Thos. Wilson for the purpose of illegally dealing in liquor. Others charged did not appear, the summonses not having been served.

Sergeant Hanson stated that on Sunday, 3rd inst., he entered Thos. Wilson's premises, and found 25 men, not including the two Wilsons. Several of those on the premises had been convicted of theft, being illegally on the premises, drunkenness, resisting the police, and other offences. The house contained seven rooms, and there were five children in it. Three of those found in the house were very drunk, and others were under the influence of liquor.

Armstrong said he came to see the boss, Richardson to see a friend, Dalziel to see the boss, Fletcher to see members of a football club, King to get a drink, and Pitkeithley to see the boss.

In reply to a question, Sergeant Hanson stated that Richardson was not under the influence of liquor.

District Constable Rowe corroborated.

In defence, Armstrong stated that King asked him to go to his boarding-house, stating that he had a drop of liquor. They went to Wilson's, and the raid took place directly after.

Richardson stated that he met a friend named Dalziel, and went to look for a friend of the latter's from the King Country. They were directed to Wilson's, and were asked inside a few moments before the police arrived. He saw no signs of liquor. Dalziel made a similar statement, and said that he had no need to go to a sly grog shop, as his mother kept a hotel, and he could get all the drink he required.

His Worship said that he believed that every mother's son of them went to the house to get liquor, whether successful or not he could not say. He convicted the whole of them, and fined each £2 and costs 7/, in default a month's hard labour. Richardson asked to be given until noon next day to raise the fine, stating that he had an office in Customs-street. The application was declined.

HOTEL BURNED DOWN.

The Caledonian Hotel, Napier, owned by the White Swan Brewery Company, and occupied by Mr. A. C. Barnes, was completely destroyed by fire last week. The fire started shortly after 5 p.m. in one of the upstairs bedrooms, and spread with great rapidity, completely demolishing the hotel and the upstairs portions of the business premises of Messrs. T. W. Bear (painters), P. C. Jones (machinist), and the Dresden Piano Company, which all form part of the same block of buildings as the hotel. So rapid was the spread of the fire that very little was saved, and most of the boarders lost the whole of their effects. The insurances on the buildings amount to £3500, and on the furniture to £1000, but the losses of both the owners and the licensee will be very considerable. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a candle left alight in the bedroom for a few minutes while the occupant of the room went downstairs.

Of the insurances the United held £1000, of which £750 is re-insured, as follows: New Zealand, Standard, and Victoria, £250 each. The Phoenix had a policy of £3600 (including £1000 on the furniture), of which sum £3100 is re-insured as follows: Commercial Union, Imperial, Sun, and South British, £500 each; Yorkshire, £360; Guardian, North Queensland, and New Zealand, £250 each.

AN INTERRUPTED DRINK.

Last Friday, in the local Police Court, Samuel Edward Buchanan pleaded not guilty to supplying liquor to a prohibited person, and guilty to being on hotel premises during the hour when the hotel should be closed without lawful excuse. Sergeant Moore stated that he saw Buchanan come out of the Railway Terminus Hotel on a Sunday morning with a bottle of beer in his possession. He entered a stable, and on witness following he found Frank Hill, a prohibited person, drinking a bottle of beer. When asked what he meant by it, Buchanan said that he did not know that the man was prohibited. There had been no suggestion that the man was prohibited until then. For the defence witness stated that he procured liquor for himself, and that Hill picked it up and drank it. Hill stated that he saw the liquor there half an hour before the policeman took it away from him. Sergeant Hendrey: "And Buchanan has just said that he bought the beer a moment before. Remember, you are open to a prosecution for perjury." His Worship said that it was a contemptible thing to tempt a man whom the law sought to protect from himself. He inflicted a fine of £5 and costs on the first charge and £2 and costs on the second.

MUCH LESS DRINKING.

According to statistics the English people are becoming sober and temperate. A great change is steadily coming about in the habits of the country. Those who belong to the well-to-do classes drink much less than their fathers, who were abstemious as compared with their thirsty forebears, and a like change is going on in lower social strata. A score of influences are here at work, and their cumulative effect is now everywhere visible. Not the least potent of these, remarks the "London Times," are factors far outside the region of philanthropy. Thus the bicycle has been a useful

agency for temperance among the young. Those who would scoff at appeals to their better nature appreciate the fact that in a long run the water-drinker more than holds his own with one who takes his glass at three or four inns in the course of a day's ride. Athletics generally have been the enemy of boozing and tipping and promiscuous "drinks," which are incompatible with success in any sport. Not a few publicans are, perhaps unawares, unaccredited temperance missionaries. They are aiding in the good work, and not always reluctantly. They offer their customer something else than beer, gin or whisky. They do not disdain to supply tea or coffee. The publican who has no other thought than to fill his customers with as much drink as they can pay for will soon, it is to be hoped, be a marked man, a pest to society, and the worst enemy of his class, in its opinion. The conviction shared by almost all who mingle freely among the poor that they drink less is confirmed by remarkable figures. They show for six consecutive years a decreased expenditure on alcoholic liquors—in all, during that period, a decrease in the nation's drink bill of £21,759,286. In fact, the decrease is really greater. Had the consumption according to the 1899 standard kept pace with the growth of population, the expenditure would have risen in 1905 to £198,012,495. It was in reality only £164,167,941, so that we may say that the true decrease has been £33,844,554. The actual figures are, no doubt, large. They work out an average of £3 15/11½ a head, or for a family of five £18 19/9½. A considerable part of the community drinks no alcoholic liquor, or very little. What must be the thirst and consumption of the residue?

HAWKE'S BAY MEETING.

The Hawke's Bay Licensing Committee's annual meeting was held at Hastings last week. No applications for renewals were refused, but some were granted on condition that improvements were effected. The Committee ordered the rebuilding of the Pacific Hotel to be completed within 12 months. The police reports were favourable with the exception of the Pacific Hotel, and the application of renewal was adjourned for evidence. With reference to the Railway Hotel, which has been in the course of reconstruction for 12 months, three months' extension was granted. This hotel contains 100 rooms, and cost £12,000. When completed it will be the most up-to-date building in the district. The Committee decided by a bare majority to adopt the 10 o'clock closing hour.

FROM THE SLY GROG CASES.

His Worship: The town seems rotten with sly grog-shops.
 Mr. Reed: I had no idea it was so bad. It comes as a surprise to me.
 His Worship: It is not the hotel-keepers, but these "beauties" who supply us with our drunks every morning.
 Mr. Reed: The liquor was not "doctored," as was sometimes done in sly grog-shops.
 His Worship: If you carry on the game of sly grog-selling you will have to pay or go to gaol.
 The fines totalled £150 and costs. Applications for time to pay declined.
 The look-out man was fined £10 and costs.

LETTERS FROM WOMEN.

From Miss B. McIntyre, 33 Simmons-street, South Yarra, Vic., 5th September, 1903.
 "I have taken Warner's Safe Cure and Safe Pills when suffering from extreme weakness and prostration, caused by general debility, followed by loss of appetite, headache, depression of spirits and constipation. I was obliged to give up work a trial. I took, in all, five bottles, and am thankful to state that I am perfectly cured. The medical man was genuinely surprised at such a wonderful result. I am now as well as it is possible to be, and give Warner's Safe Cure the whole credit for accomplishing what doctors deemed impossible. Hoping that ladies, suffering as I did, will profit. I am writing to you now. My mother considered that her life was saved by the use of Warner's Safe Cure in a somewhat similar complaint."
 From Mrs. Annie Harris, of Charlton, George-street, Norwood S.A.
 "About seven years ago I contracted a

severe internal complaint and was in a very critical state. The doctor attending me told me that if I lived I should be a sufferer all my lifetime. His treatment was quite useless in giving me relief. After two or three years I got tired of paying doctors' fees for no benefit, and hearing of Warner's Safe Cure I gave it temporarily. The suffering I endured, and the terrible condition I was in, can only be known by those women who have undergone the same experience. I then heard of Warner's Safe Cure and Pills, and had only taken a few bottles of the former, and a few of the latter, when I was completely restored to health and my usual vigour."

From Mrs. M. A. West, 89 Duke-street, Burnley, Vic., 17th February, 1903.
 "For several years I was prostrated by a disease the doctors could give no name to. I was treated by some of the leading physicians in England, but not one of them gave me any hope of recovery. The symptoms were extreme nervousness, loss of appetite, great depression of spirits, chronic pain in my back and head, general weakness, loss of flesh, and my urine was thick and ropy. As the doctors could do nothing for me it was decided that I should go to Australia, in the hope that the change of climate would benefit me, though our family physician said that I might not live out the voyage. However, I started, accompanied by my husband. I was very ill all the way over, and landed in Australia in a very weak state. I was again treated by a doctor, but gradually got worse, and began to think that death would be a relief. At this time an old lady advised me to try Warner's Safe Cure. As a last resource I did so. After taking the third bottle I began to improve in health, getting stronger and brighter each day, greatly to the surprise of myself and friends. All pain and weakness left me, my appetite returned, and in a short time I was quite cured. I gained several pounds in weight, and thanks to Warner's Safe Cure, I am now in good health."

From Mrs. R. L. Head, Vine Cottage, Second-street, Port Pirie, S.A.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to tell you of the great and lasting benefit I derived from the use of Warner's Safe Cure, for I feel that, but for that medicine I should now be in my grave. I had been suffering for a very long time from a complaint common to women of middle age. I was losing flesh at an alarming rate. The doctors could do nothing for me, and I commenced to use Warner's Safe Cure, with a very forlorn hope. Greatly to the surprise of myself and friends I began to improve in health from the first bottle. I continued to take the medicine, and gained health and strength every day. In a few weeks I was up and about my household work, and am now quite stout and in good health."

From Mrs. A. Frenz, Piper-street, South Broken Hill, N.S.W., 14th January, 1903.

"A few years ago, when in Victoria, I suffered excruciating pains in my body, especially in the chest and left side around the heart. I consulted three doctors; one said I had a tumor in my side, another that my heart was affected, and the other something else. Medicine was prescribed for me by one of them, which I took for some time. I then came to Broken Hill, and still continued to take the same medicine, but all to no purpose, for I was getting worse and weaker all the time, and became so low that I thought I was going to die. I had read about Warner's Safe Cure, and decided to give up the doctor's medicine and try the former. The first bottles I took gave me so much relief that I continued the treatment, in conjunction with Warner's Safe Pills, getting better and stronger each week. My appetite returned, I could eat and sleep well, and all bodily pain left me. I have gained in weight and am now quite cured."

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DRINKING THE KING'S HEALTH.

It has long been known, unofficially (says the "London L.V. Gazette"), that his Majesty considers the toast of his health is duly honoured by being drunk in water or any fluid best suited to the moral and material well-being of his loyal subjects. Ahasuerus, who reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, about 521 B.C., set the

royal fashion of giving the people full liberty to drink or to refrain, "according to every man's pleasure," and the most sage and judicious monarch in Europe is not likely to be behind the King of Ancient Babylon in his respect for men's scruples in digestions. But the Army Council, who apparently have less faith than the majority in his Majesty's tolerance, approached the King on the subject, and have received his express permission to make known privately to the officers of the army that "total abstainers can always drink his health in some non-alcoholic drink to his entire satisfaction." Accordingly the Council desired commanding officers to convey this permission to the right quarters "as privately as possible," and somebody, evidently in the belief that everything that appears in a newspaper is relegated to the depths of unplumbed privacy, has communicated this order to the public press. The army is supposed to have learnt much since the South African war, but they have, apparently, some things yet to learn—that a newspaper is not a dead letter office, for instance.

THIRSTY SINNERS.

An Australian exchange relates that the hotelkeepers in the Valley, Brisbane, and also South Brisbane, Queensland, have been closing their premises against the sale of liquor on Sundays for several weeks. This is a total of 37 out of 49 hotels closed in the city of Brisbane. It was discovered by the thirsty sinners that those who could not get liquor at the hotels, could get it at the railway refreshment room at the Central Station, which is opened at certain times during the day. The demand was made principally during the Sunday evening. The Home Secretary, however, has pointed out that the Government are very much in earnest regarding the closing of hotels on Sunday, and as a result the Commissioner for Railways issued orders that the bar at the refreshment room indicated is to be closed in the evening. This instruction has taken effect, and as a consequence a number of persons who visited the station in the expectation of being served were disappointed. Their woe-begone faces were a picture.

THE COST OF AN OVERSIGHT.

The "London L.V. Gazette" reports that the owner of a valuable license and the owners of the licensed premises should have failed to put in an application for renewal at the annual licensing sessions is almost incomprehensible, yet such an "oversight" is reported from Sparkhill, Birmingham. Section 42 of the Licensing Act of 1872, which states that the applicant for a renewal need not attend in person unless he is served with a notice that he is required to attend by the licensing justices, seems to have been taken too literally, and it is surprising to find counsel urging that in the absence of any notice the applicant for a renewal would be entitled to presume that his license would be renewed in the ordinary way. Clearly, if there be no application at all either personally, by letter, or by proxy, the Bench might well come to the conclusion that the owner of the license desired it to lapse. Application was made to the magistrates at the Sparkhill Police Court the other day for a renewal, but the Bench, after duly considering the matter, came to the conclusion that they had no authority to accede to the request, and the only thing to be done now is to apply to the High Court for a mandamus commanding the justices to hold a further adjourned meeting to hear the application for a renewal. Beyond the worry and anxiety—for the Bench would not even allow the applicant a temporary authority, though they did not think the police would interfere—this "oversight" will cost the licensee a pretty penny. The case should be a warning to all.

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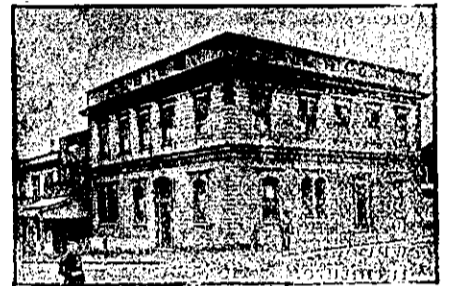
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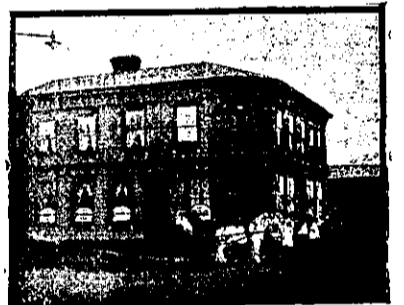
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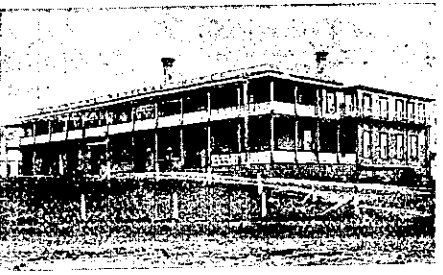
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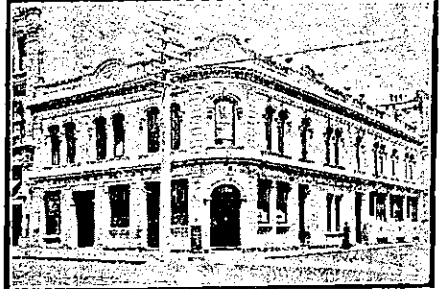
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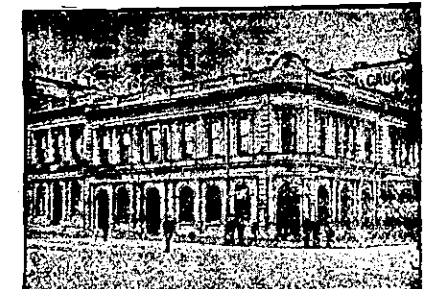
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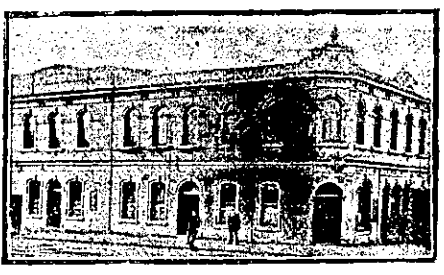
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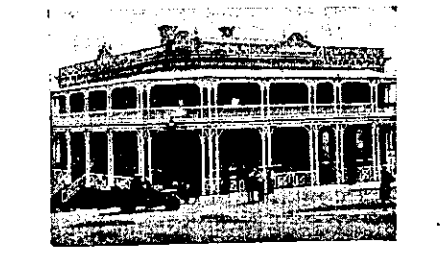
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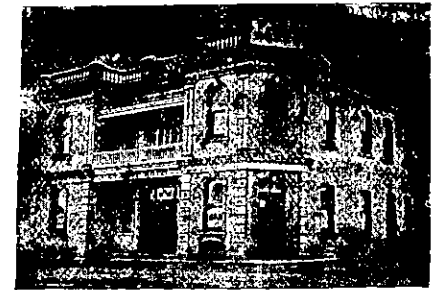
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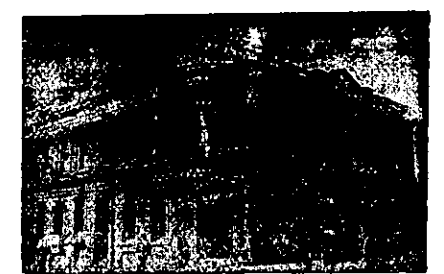
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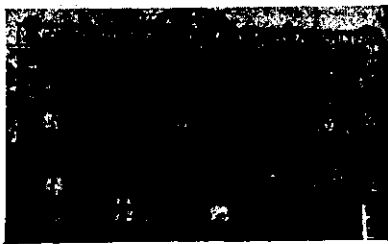
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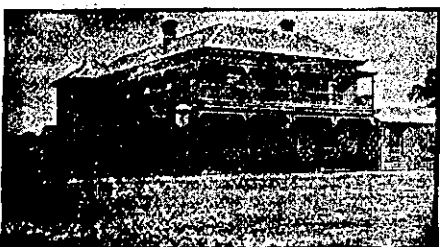
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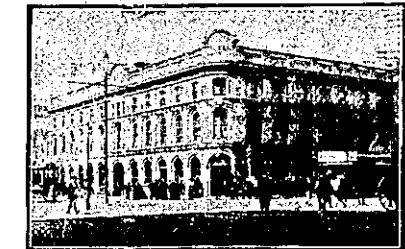
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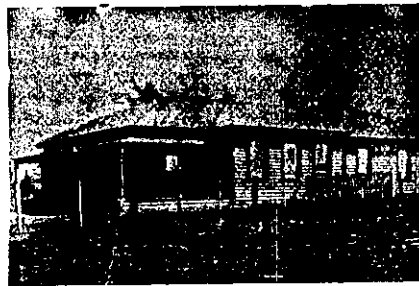
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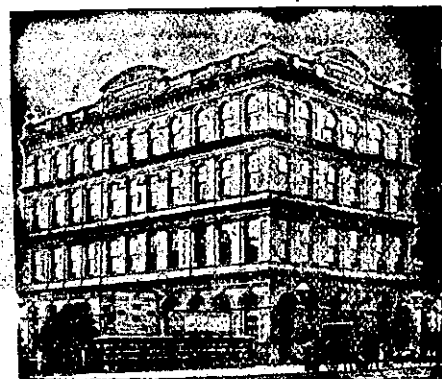
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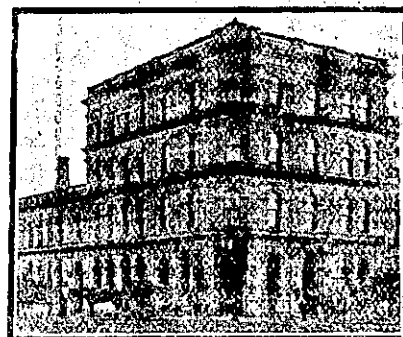


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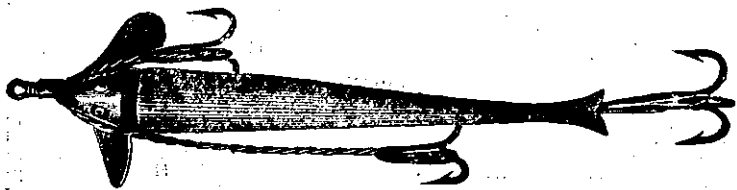
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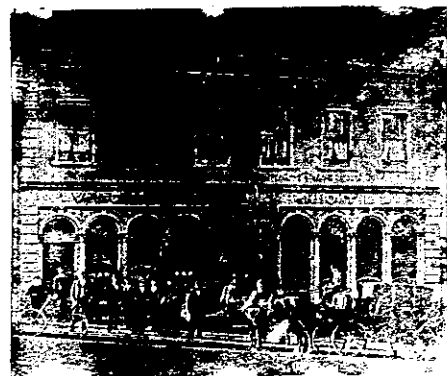
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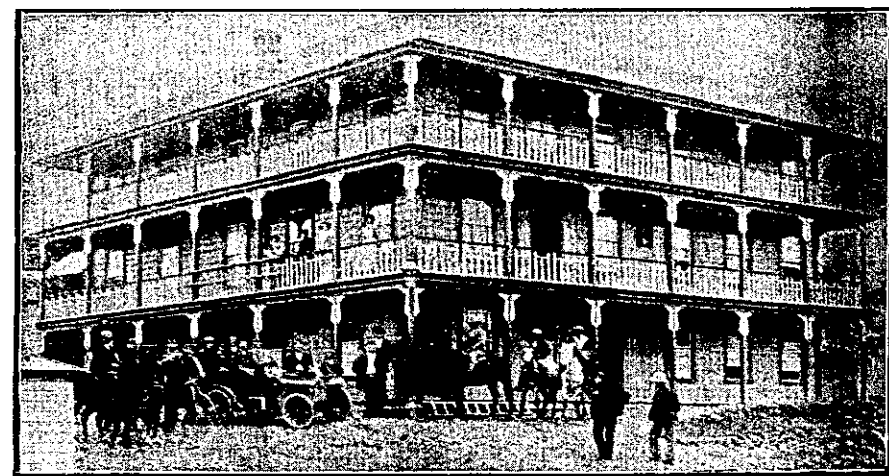
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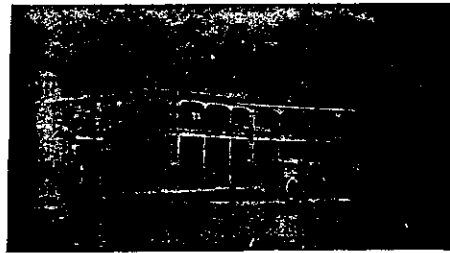


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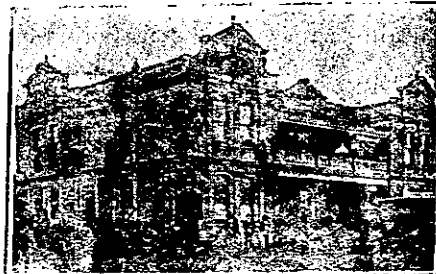
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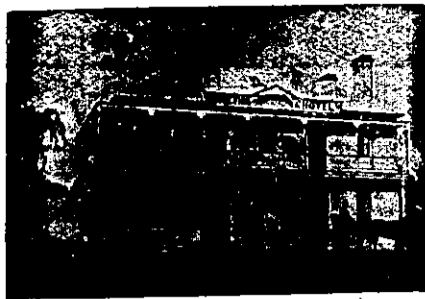
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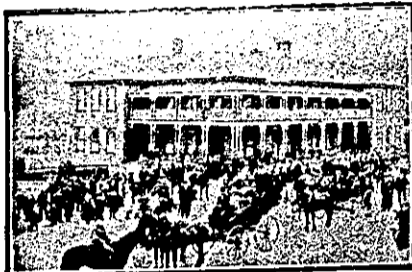


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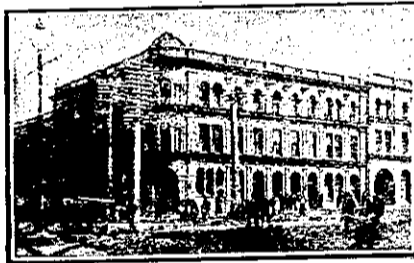
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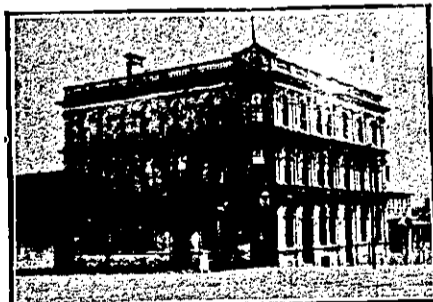
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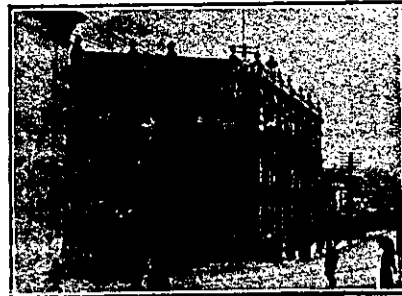
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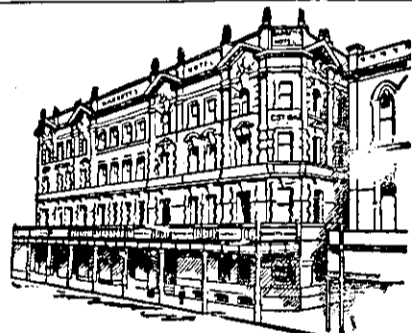
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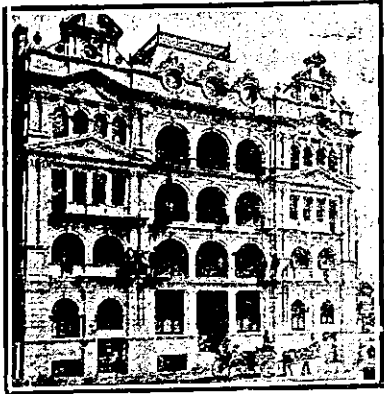
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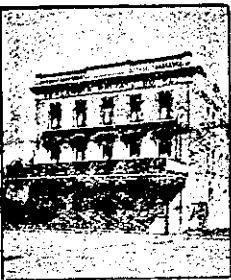
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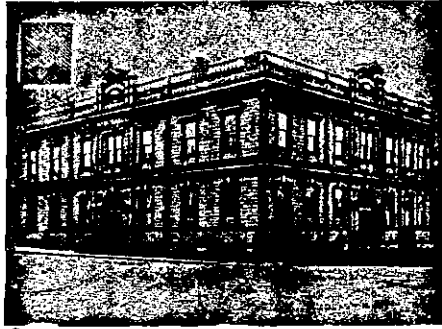
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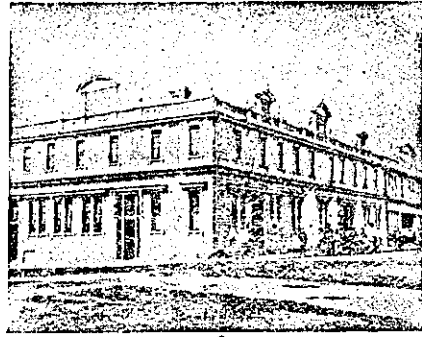
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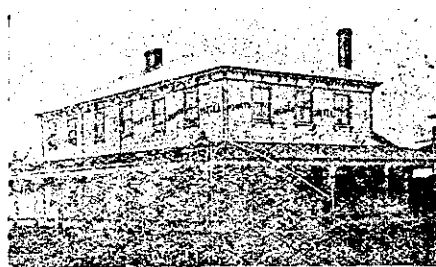
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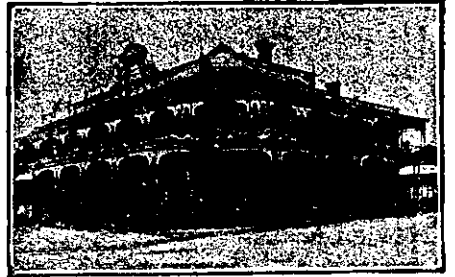
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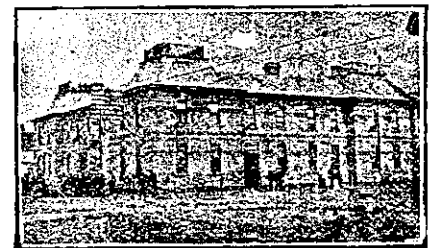
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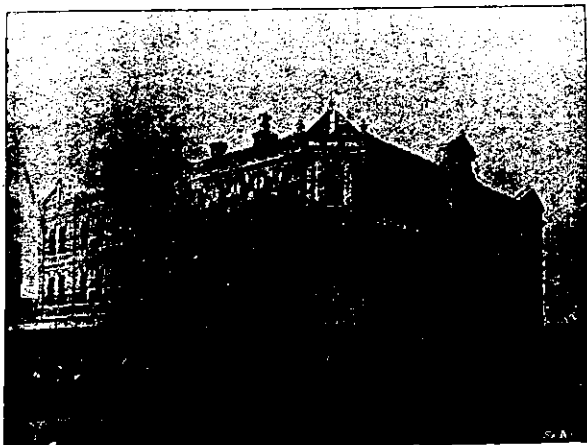
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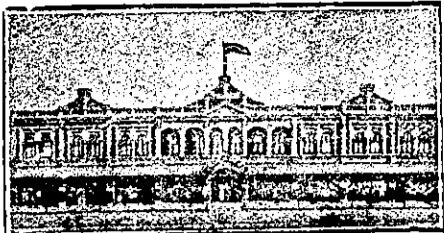
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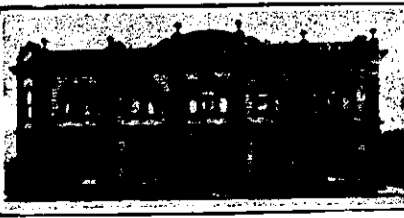
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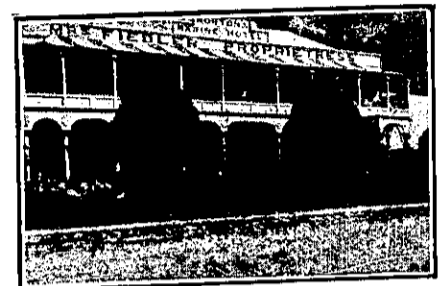


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