

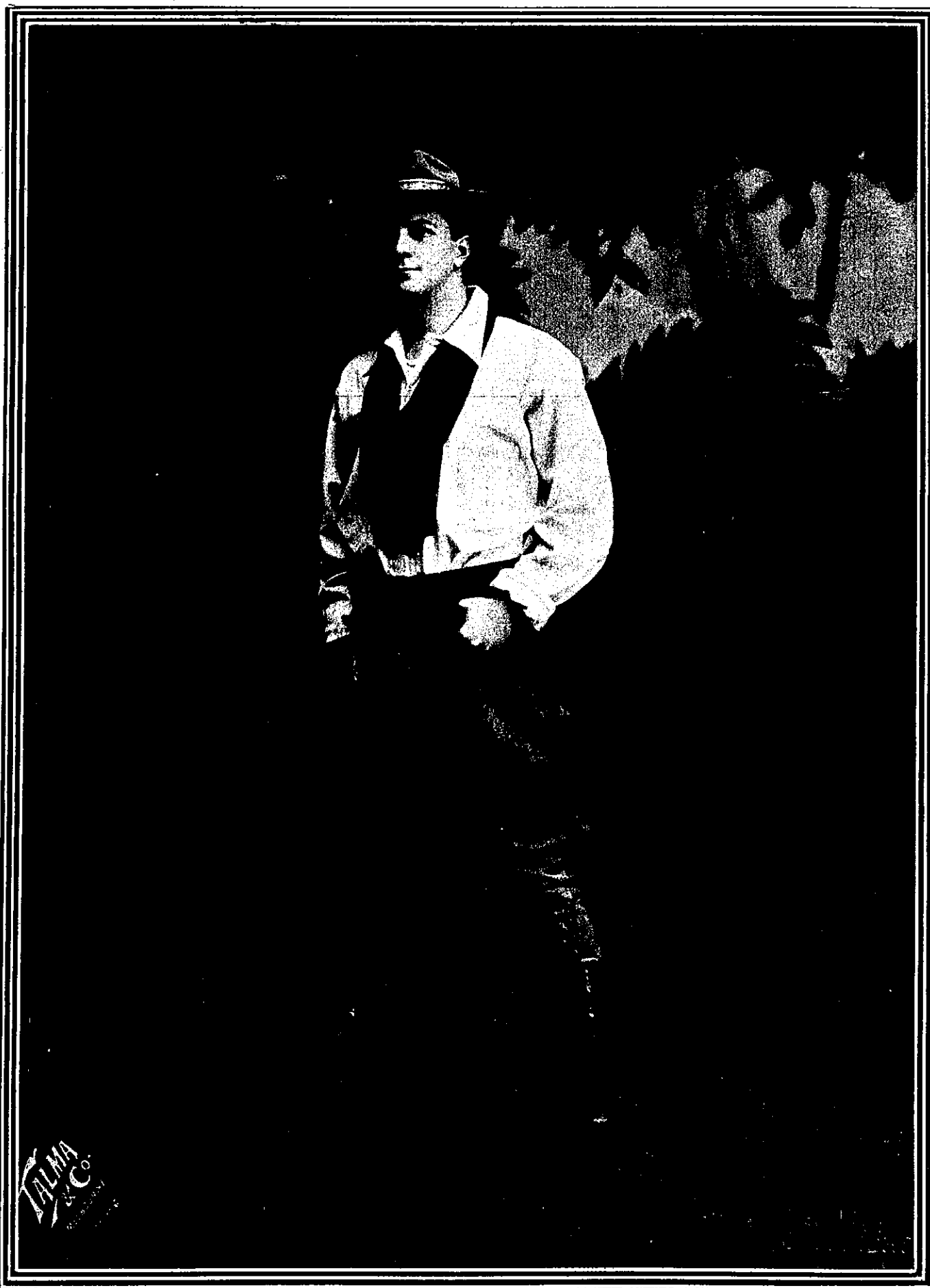
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PROGRAMME.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1st, 1907.

First race to start at 12 noon.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Colt, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1906, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1907, 2sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

EASTER HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 2sovs, and a final payment of 3sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race or flat races collectively of the value of 100sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry 3lb; of 150sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. One mile.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Two miles.

EDEN HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Seven furlongs.

ONSLOW STAKES (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs, at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

NELSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 50sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1907.

First race to start at 12 noon.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on first Friday in December, 1906, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1907, 2sovs forfeit. If left in after this date, liable for the whole 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs, and a final payment of 2sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

HUIA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov

each, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

MANGERE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. About three and a-half miles.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 1907.

First race to start at 12 noon.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

CRITERION HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 5sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

TOURIST HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1907.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, by 9 p.m. SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes, 2sovs; The Oaks, 2sovs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.—Easter Handicap, 1sov; Brighton Hurdles, 1sov; St. George's Handicap, 1sov; Autumn Handicap, 1sov; Autumn Steeplechase, 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th, GENERAL ENTRY, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Easter Handicap, 2sovs; Brighton Hurdles, 1sov; Autumn Steeplechase, 2sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Handicap, 1sov; Eden Handicap, 1sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1sov; Nelson Handicap, 1sov; Tramway Handicap, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1sov; Huiia Handicap, 1sov; Mangere Handicap, 1sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Criterion Handicap, 1sov; St. Helier's Hurdles, 1sov; Auckland Welter Handicap, 1sov; Tourist Handicap, 1sov; Buckland Handicap, 1sov; Victoria Handicap, 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesman's Handicap, 1sov; Eden Handicap, 1sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1sov; Nelson Handicap, 1sov; Tramway Handicap, 1sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 1st, at the Post. Champagne Stakes (Subs.), 5sovs; Easter Handicap (post payment), 3sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 1st, by 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1sov; Huiia Handicap, 1sov; Mangere Handicap, 1sov; St. George's Handicap, 2sovs; Electric Handicap, 1sov.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, at the Post. St. George's Handicap (post payment), 2sovs; Great Northern Oaks (subs.), 5sovs.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Criterion Handicap, 1sov; Autumn Handicap, 5sovs; St. Heller's Hurdles, 1sov; Auckland Welter Handicap, 1sov; Tourist Handicap, 1sov; Buckland Handicap, 1sov; Victoria Handicap, 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 11th, in Morning Paper. Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, Autumn Steeplechase. TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, in Morning Paper. Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap. MONDAY, APRIL 1st, by 8 p.m. Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Hula Handicap, Mangere Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Electric Handicap. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd, in Morning Paper. Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Criterion Handicap, Autumn Handicap, St. Heller's Hurdles, Auckland Welter Handicap, Tourist Handicap, Buckland Handicap, Victoria Handicap.

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, 8th AND 9th MARCH, 1907.

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PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, 8th MARCH, 1907.

- 12 noon.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
- 12.45 p.m.—JUVENILE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, 6 furlongs. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
- 1.30 p.m.—WESTMERE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Belcher's patent attached to each flight of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
- 2.15 p.m.—TAYFORTH HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Belcher's patent attached to each flight of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 3.15 p.m.—WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 600sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100sovs after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand as he thinks fit. It is only winners that will be re-handicapped. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Saturday, the 2nd March, 1907. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs on Friday, March 1st, 1907, at 9 p.m.; and 5sovs on Monday, March 4th, 1907, at 9 p.m.
- 3.45 p.m.—PETRE WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 8st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
- 4.30 p.m.—WIRITOA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 5.15 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.

SECOND DAY.

- SATURDAY, 9th MARCH, 1907.
- 12 noon.—AUTUMN HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
 - 12.45 p.m.—FORDELL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs; and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Belcher's patent attached to each flight of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
 - 1.30 p.m.—JACKSON STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winner after 1st August, 1906, of any race or races collectively of 250sovs to carry 5lb, 500sovs 7lb, 750sovs 10lb, and 1000

sovs. 12lb extra. Maiden two-year-olds allowed 3lb, three-year-olds and upwards 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows:—1sov if struck out on or before Monday, September 24th, 1906, at 9 p.m., or 2sovs if struck out on or before Friday, November 2nd, 1906, at 9 p.m.; all horses remaining in after latter date to pay the subscription of 5sovs on Friday, March 1st, 1907. Closed with 117 nominations.

- 2.30 p.m.—OKOIA HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Belcher's patent attached to each flight of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 3.15 p.m.—HARRISON WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
- 4 p.m.—WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.
- 4.45 p.m.—MATARAWA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 5.15 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb in a hurdle race, and the winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb, two or more such races 10lb penalty in a flat race. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS ENTRIES, AND ACCEPTANCES. And amounts to be forwarded to Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

AUTUMN MEETING.

8th AND 9th MARCH, 1907.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1907, at 9 p.m.—Nominations.—Wanganui Cup, 1sov; Wanganui Stakes Handicap, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1sov; Westmere Hurdle Race, 1sov; Fordell Hurdle Race, 1sov; Tayforth Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Okoia Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Wiritoa Hack Flat Handicap, 1sov; Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap, 1sov; Petre Welter Handicap, 1sov; Autumn Handicap, 1sov; Harrison Welter Handicap, 1sov; Farewell Handicap, 1sov.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1907 (on or about)—Weights for the Cup and Flying Handicaps.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1907—Weights for Stewards', Juvenile, Westmere Hurdle Race, Tayforth Hack Hurdles, Petre Welter, and Wiritoa Hack Flat Handicaps.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, 1907, at 9 p.m.—Acceptances.—Wanganui Cup, 2sovs; Stewards' Handicap, 2sovs; Juvenile Handicap, 2sovs; Westmere Hurdle Race, 2sovs; Tayforth Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Petre Welter Handicap, 2sovs; Wiritoa Hack Flat, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 3sovs. Subscription.—Jackson Stakes, 5sovs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1907 (on or about)—Revised Weights (if necessary) Wanganui Cup.

MONDAY, MARCH 4th, 1907, at 9 p.m.—Final Payment.—Wanganui Cup, 5sovs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, 1907 (on or about) 8 p.m.—Weights for Second Day's Handicaps.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, 1907, at 10 p.m.—Acceptances.—Autumn Handicap, 2 sovs; Fordell Hurdle Race, 2sovs; Okoia Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Harrison Welter Handicap, 2sovs; Wanganui Stakes, 3sovs; Matarawa Hack Flat, 1sov; Farewell Handicap, 2sovs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

TO WHICH THE ATTENTION OF PERSONS ENTERING HORSES IS PARTICULARLY DIRECTED.

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, names of owner and trainer, pedigree, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance moneys go to the funds of the Club.

Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity, otherwise a fine of 1sov may be imposed.

Owners, Trainers and others entering and accepting horses for the W.J.C. Meetings are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

This notification does not apply to Owners and Trainers who have standing arrangements with the Executive. Owners are responsible for all Penalties and Allowances.

All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary one half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule

shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20sovs, to the Race Fund.

Stakes are paid in full. All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing. Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, without the permission of the Stewards, will be fined 2sovs. No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.

WM. HALL, Secretary.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, FEBRUARY 27th AND 28th, 1907.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1907.

- 12 noon.—KAWAROA HACK HURDLES (Handicap) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles, about 3ft 6in high. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.
- 12.45 p.m.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 1.30 p.m.—PUKAKA HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.
- 2.15 p.m.—TARANAKI CUP HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. The winner of any handicap of the value of 250sovs after declaration of weights to carry 7lb; 150sovs, 5lb; 100sovs, 3lb extra. Penalties not cumulative. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a-half.
- 3 p.m.—WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile.
- 3.45 p.m.—KAITAKE HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.
- 4.30 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
- 5.15 p.m.—TRIAL PLATE (HACKS) of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Two years old and upward. Weight for age. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time of entrance. Entrance 1sov. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1907.

- 12 noon.—PUKOTORI HACK HURDLES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.
- 12.45 p.m.—GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.
- 1.30 p.m.—WHAREPAPA HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.
- 2.15 p.m.—PAUL MEMORIAL (late AUTUMN) HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Seven furlongs. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- 3 p.m.—SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.
- 3.45 p.m.—KAWAU HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.
- 4.30 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
- 5.15 p.m.—FINAL HACK FLUTTER of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Open to horses that have never won a race of any description at time of starting. Weight, 8st 7lb. Entrance 1sov. Five furlongs.

Winners of any handicap after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Winners of any Handicap Hurdles after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra.

Penalties for Taranaki Cup Handicap are published in programme.

DATES of ENTRANCE, WEIGHTS and AMOUNTS to be FORWARDED to the SECRETARY of the TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, FRIDAY, 1st of FEBRUARY, 1907, at 9 p.m.—Entrance, 1sov each.—Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Pukaka Hack Handicap, Taranaki Cup Handicap, Welter Handicap, Kaitake Hack Handicap, Flying Handicap, Pukotori Hack Hurdles, Grandstand Handicap,

Wharepapa Hack Handicap, Paul Memorial (late Autumn) Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, Farewell Handicap.

FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY (on or about)—

Weights for First Day's Handicaps. FRIDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, at 9 p.m.—Acceptances:—Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 2sovs; Pukaka Hack Handicap, 1sov; Taranaki Cup Handicap, 5sovs; Welter Handicap, 2sovs; Kaitake Hack Handicap, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 2sovs. Entrance:—Trial Plate, 1sov; Final Hack Flutter, 1sov.

WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1907, at 8 p.m.—

Weights for the second Day's Handicaps.

WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1907, at 10 p.m.—

Acceptances:—Pukotori Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Grandstand Handicap, 2sovs; Wharepapa Hack Handicap, 1sov; Paul Memorial (late Autumn) Handicap, 3sovs; Second Welter Handicap, 2sovs; Kawau Hack Handicap, 1sov; Farewell Handicap, 2sovs.

MUSSELL FLEETWOOD, Secretary.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1907.

THE AUSTRALIAN CUP.

Matters are somewhat slack locally as far as racing is concerned, so that the attention of sportsmen is turned elsewhere. The big autumn handicap at Flemington, the Australian Cup, is looming up in the near future, and a good deal of interest is being taken in it, as an Auckland Cup winner figures among the acceptors. Of the handicap, the well-informed "Terlinga" writes:—"West Australia has the honour of owning the top-weight in the Australian Cup. May King has 2lb less than he won the Perth Cup with, and he has 6lb more than Poseidon, who is asked to carry 15lb over weight for age. Poseidon's is not the heaviest weight ever given a three-year-old in the Australian Cup. In 1898 Aurum, who had previously run third with 8st 6lb in the Melbourne Cup, was given 9st 3lb. Although he did not win that Melbourne Cup, Aurum's performance was the best ever accomplished by a three-year-old in the great race. He was beaten by Gaulus and The Graftor, to whom he was giving 12lb and 13lb respectively. Both were old horses and weight-for-age horses. Bundook, the fourth, had 6st 11lb, and Positano, the favourite, was sixth with 7st 7lb. He had won at weight for age in Sydney. Considering the good horses that ran in this race with light weights, it can, I think, be put down as the hardest Melbourne Cup we have had to win, save that of 1885, when Sheet Anchor (7st 11lb), Grace Darling (7st 12lb), Trenton (7st 13lb), and Nordenfeldt (7st 5lb) were the first four horses. Aurum only ran third in his Australian Cup, but he would have done much better if he and Battalion had not been kept right out of it until Ayrshire had obtained a winning break. Poseidon had 7st 6lb in the Melbourne Cup, but he won easily, and the horses running just now are not up to the form of the old ones Aurum had to give weight to." The scratching pen has, however, been put through Poseidon's name, and he will doubtless be reserved for the Champ'on Race and St. Leger. With him out of the way Antonius has a good winning chance. "The consideration due to age is being extended to Revenue, who has been dropped to 8st 4lb. The old fellow has shown no form for years; but is a regular worker at Caulfield. Solution has been treated as a non-stayer. The best has, probably, been seen of Blue Spec; but he and Proceeder are not badly off with 8st 9lb. Misty Morn is decidedly a very useful young horse over a distance; but 8st 4lb is enough for him. Collarit is allowed 14lb from Poseidon. How form changes! This time last year Collarit would have had to give Poseidon 21lb. Benbow only gets 8lb from May King for a bad beating in the Perth Cup; but the handicapper could not go below 6st 7lb. Dyed Garments was racing like a useful stayer in the spring, and 7st 6lb is a handy weight. Booran and Kaffirpan are another pair that are leniently used, but, as far as that goes, everything from Booran down to Mira, at 6st 9lb, seems flatteringly treated. Realm, at 6st 13lb, has only hurdle form at present; but the Flemington people say he can make time good enough for the flat, and we know he can stay. Realm met with a mishap about Cup time, and was on the shelf for a time. He may turn out another Marmont."

An Australian writer seems doubtful as to Putty's staying ability, but has evidently overlooked the fact that he won the Auckland Cup run over two miles, beating a good field, for Mahutonga, Armistice, Quarryman, Paritutu, Gladstone, and Melodeon were among those who finished behind him. Antonius is in the same stable as Putty and may be preferred to him, but if really at his best the son of St.

Leger should have a chance with 7st 12lbs. He has, however, not been run to advantage for some time. Another Auckland-bred horse is in the race in Ellis, who, with 7st 3lbs, has a chance if he can stay over the long journey. The race will be run on March 5.

NOTES.

(By "The Judge.")

The Waiuku Racing Club will hold a meeting on the 28th inst.

Bonomiana, who won the Papakura Cup on Saturday, has been nominated for the South Auckland Cup.

Scotty and Pearl Necklet figure among the entries for the Taranaki Cup.

The attendance at the Papakura meeting on Saturday must have been a record for the course.

Judging from the way the Papakura special was rushed on Saturday, it looks as though two trains will be necessary for next year's fixture.

Excellent nominations have been received for the South Auckland R.C. Meeting, which takes place on March 2.

A good word is said for Aeolus, who ran so well at the C.J.C. Summer Meeting. The son of Euroclydon should win again before long.

General Soult is the name which has been bestowed upon the handsome yearling by Soult from Hotcherina.

Poseidon, who was a short-priced favourite for the Australian Cup, has been scratched for that event, and Antonius now stands at the head of the betting quotations.

Handicaps for the Wanganui Cup are due to see the light on the 16th inst. The result of Mr. Morse's cogitations on the subject is eagerly looked forward to.

That good pony Lucrece, together with Lucio and Morahi will be offered by auction by Messrs. Buckland and Sons at the Haymarket Yards on Friday.

The Aucklanders, Le Beau, Pearl Necklet, Fretwork, Engraver Integrity, and Aqua Regia are down competing at the Egmont Meeting. Soultmaid was to have gone, but could not be shipped.

Fitz-Grafton was beaten in the Cooch Behar Cup by the English mare, Paddy's Darling, but the Queenslander was giving the winner nearly 3st. Fitz-Grafton's time for the Viceroy Cup (3m. 3s.) was a record for the race.

By the Victoria Leonator was shipped to Sydney on Monday. The son of Leolantis figures among the candidates for the Doncaster Handicap to be run at Randwick at the end of next month.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Racing Committee held on Tuesday, trainers licenses were issued to the following:—J. J. Pennell, W. A. Scott, R. Neave, H. Rayner, and H. Phillips, and jockeys' licenses were issued to the following: H. Rayner, R. Harper, F. Moran, J. P. Collins, and apprentices' licenses to G. A. Webster and T. Perry.

The programme for the Te Puke Jockey Club's meeting on February 22, and the Waiuku Racing Club's meeting on February 28, were approved.

Bonomiana is by no means a beauty to look at, but she can gallop a bit when in the humour. The daughter of Soult was backed down to 6 to 4 in the Papakura Cup, and punters smiled when the good thing came off. Uhlander and Geordie gave the mare a good go for it at the finish, half a length separating the three.

That there is many a slip 'twixt cup and the lip was evidenced in the Maiden Plate at Papakura. Dogger Bank was an odds on favourite, and at the entrance to the straight looked a sure winner. The Soult gelding Kaitangata came with a rush at the end, and his opponent stopping all to nothing won by over a length.

RACING CALENDAR.

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FIXTURES.—1907.

- February 13 and 14.—Egmont R.C.
- February 14 and 15.—Poverty Bay T.C.
- February 16, 20, 23.—Otahuhu Trotting Club
- February 20, 21, and 23.—Dunedin J.C.
- February 20 and 21.—Woodville J.C.
- February 26 and 27.—Rotorua J.C.
- February 27 and 28.—Taranaki J.C.
- March 2.—South Auckland R.C.
- March 5.—Akaroa County R.C.
- March 6 and 7.—Dannevirke J.C.
- March 8 and 9.—Wanganui J.C.
- March 9.—Waihi J.C.
- March 13 and 14.—Napier Park R.C.
- March 15 and 16.—Tolaga Bay J.C.
- March 16 and 18.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 18.—Opunake R.C.
- March 18 and 19.—Greymouth J.C.
- March 18 and 19.—Horowhenua Hack R.C.
- March 20 and 21.—Southland R.C.
- March 20.—Waipawa County R.C.
- March 21.—Waimate R.C.
- March 21 and 22.—Masterton R.C.
- March 21 and 24.—Thames J.C.
- March 22 and 23.—Westport J.C.
- March 30 and April 1.—Wairarapa R.C.
- April 1.—Patea Racing Club.
- April 1, 2 and 6.—Auckland R.C.
- April 20, 24.—Avondale J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

- February 22.—A.R.C. (special events)
- February 22.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 11.—Patea R.C.
- March 15.—Auckland R.C.
- March 29.—Avondale J.C. (special events)
- April 5.—Avondale J.C.

HANDICAPS.

- February 15.—Taranaki J.C.
- February 15.—South Auckland R.C.
- February 16.—Wanganui J.C. (special events)
- February 23.—Wanganui J.C.
- March 5.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 11.—A.R.C. (special events)
- March 18.—Patea R.C.
- March 19.—Auckland R.C.
- April 1.—Avondale J.C. (special events)
- April 8.—Avondale J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

- February 22.—Taranaki J.C.
- February 22.—South Auckland R.C.
- March 1.—Wanganui J.C.
- March 8.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 15.—A.R.C. (special events)
- March 22.—Auckland R.C.
- March 25.—Patea R.C.
- April 12.—Avondale J.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Nominations for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, St. George's Handicap, Autumn Handicap, and Autumn Steeplechase to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club close with Mr. Hartand, the secretary, on February 22, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the Easter Handicap Brighton Hurdles and Autumn Steeplechase are due on March 15, on which date general entries for the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting are also due.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the annual meeting of the Patea Racing Club (other than local events) close with Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, on Monday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the annual meeting of the Ohinemuri J.C. close with Mr. H. Poland, secretary, Paeroa, on Friday, February 22, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the Avondale, Autumn, Steeplechase, and Railway Handicaps, to be run at the autumn meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club, close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, on Friday, March 29, at 9 p.m.

General entries for the Avondale J.C. Autumn Meeting close on Friday, April 5.

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Handicaps for the first day of the Taranaki J.C. Meeting are due to appear to-morrow.

Nominations for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, St. George's and Autumn Handicaps and Autumn Steeplechase to be run at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting are due on Friday week.

It is stated that the Hon. H. J. Saunders, of Perth, intends going in for horse-breeding on a fairly large scale at his place, Henly Park. He has three sires to begin with—Henly, by Malua, Pakaka by Hotchkiss, and Piata by Castor. The two last were bred in Auckland.

Acting on the advice of the trainer, I. Earnshaw, the New Zealand horse Apologue has been withdrawn from his V.R.C. autumn engagements.

It would appear that L. Hewitt refused a retainer of £500 a year from Messrs. Clark and Robinson, for whom J. E. Brewer trains, before he accepted double that sum offered by Mr. George Edwardes. It looks as though Hewitt may command a second retainer if he cares about tying himself down, and rumor says Mr. James Buchanan, of whisky fame, who owns Noctuniform, has made terms with the New Zealand rider.

Though it was said that Great Scot was to be relegated to the stud, the latest is that he is to be raced again next season in England. Speaking of his stud prospects, an English writer says:—"Not for years have I seen a horse more likely to perpetuate the great Blair Athol than this Australian-bred descendant of his, who in many ways resembles the Derby and Leger winner of 1864, and, unless I am greatly mistaken, Great Scott will make up into a typical high-class stallion."

The American jockey Shaw has closed with an offer of £3000 for this season and all expenses, to ride first jockey for Mr. Weinberg, in Germany. Mr. Weinberg last season easily headed the list of winning owners with a total of £36,874, won by 20 horses, who among them secured 53 races.

The Indian Grand National Steeplechase, run at Tollygunge, on January 1, was won by the Australian mare Seclusion, owned by Mr. A. A. Apar while two other Australians in Kipling and Olynthus finished a dead-heat for second place. There were nine starters, Kipling being an even money favourite, with Seclusion at 4 to 1. The other Australians competing were Look Out, Greenstone, Baron II., Aberfoyle, and Lamrock. During the day Australian horses in Footlight, Mistlebird, Lord Harry, Loch Lochie, and Colina won races.

Arthur Birch, a well-known steeplechase rider, was injured seriously at Gatwick, England, last December, and a subscription was started by the owner of the horse he was riding donating 50gs., which, when the latest English files had arrived, had totalled £134.

Chere Ami, who won the Doncaster Handicap at Randwick in 1904 is likely to be seen under silk in England this season. The Fucile gelding, who belongs to R. Wootton, has been racing in South Africa.

The conditions of the Newmarket (England) sales include clauses that "bids must be made in not less than guineas up to 20gs., 5gs. up to 200gs., 10gs. up to 1000gs., 50gs. up to 2000gs., and 100gs. thereafter. All disputes arising must be decided by Tattersall's, whose commission is 1/ in the £, whether the horse is sold by public auction or by private contract during the weeks of sale or prior advertisement.

The right to run a totalisator in Cape Colony was some time back tested in a case which resulted in the machine being declared illegal. The race clubs are fully equal to the occasion, for in lieu of "the tote" they now deduct 2½ per cent. commission from all sums passing through the bookmaker's books and this, together with a stiff license fee, is enabling all the clubs to pay their way. It is furthermore stated that the bookmakers, perhaps because of the lesson taught by their banishment from the race tracks, have, since their reinstatement, being laying more liberal prices than used to be the case.

The Poverty Bay T.C. Meeting takes place to-day and to-morrow.

Handicaps for the South Auckland Meeting are due to appear on Friday.

The Thames Jockey Club's autumn reunion has been fixed for March 23.

The Tasman gelding Discoverer picked up a double at Papakura on Saturday, winning the Flying Stakes and Railway Handicap. Julian had the mount on each occasion.

The Soult—Hotcherina gelding Grenadier (bred at Glenora Park), who won the Trial Handicap at Sandown Park, on February 2, carrying 9.11, is engaged in the Newmarket Handicap at Flemington at 7.8, or 27lb less than he won with, and has not incurred any penalty. So favourably weighted does Grenadier now appear that he would be in great demand for the valuable sprint were there not grave doubts as to his standing his preparation. He has been none too sound for a considerable time, and after his race on February 2, he pulled up sore, and shortly afterwards was a bit lame.

"A.W.N." writes: "Is snooker a game of skill? If so, why do the police stop the playing of it? Suppose four men play a game, each man paying for his own cue. Would that be called gambling?" Common sense would, of course, say that snooker is a game of skill, and if played in the way suggested by no possibility could it be called gambling. Unfortunately, the law and common sense are by no means always allied, and with our present system of swaddling clothes legislation it is difficult to say what is legal and what is not. Personally, I should say that snooker could be played under the conditions mentioned, and that interference by the police would not be justified.

The thoroughbred yearlings recently purchased here by Mr. C. Strettle, of Melbourne, are to be sent to India.

A horse running in Victoria called Vim, by Vengeance from Vindex II., is evidently fairly useful, as he has now won six races without a break.

The Rotorua J.C. Meeting will take place on February 26 and 27.

The C.J.C. have resolved that no time is to be cut to waste at the post through the vagaries of some pig-headed brute who refuses to face the barrier. For this reason Signalman was left at the post in the Midsummer Handicap. Southern writers sum up Sir George Clifford's horse as the most unruly animal in New Zealand. We have one or two in Auckland to whom the rule might well apply.

Personally (writes "Terlinga") I always think that in nine cases out of ten the handicapper is more likely to be correct than his casual critic. When the critic is an owner it is very long odds on the rights being with the handicapper. The former only judges through his own horse."

The Summer Meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club was perhaps the most successful ever held. The totalisator figures ran out to £11,563, as against £9594 for the corresponding meeting last year.

The disappointing Uenuku got himself among the list of winners at the Gisborne Meeting, when he annexed the Final Handicap from a weak field.

Douche is top weight in the Woodville Cup with 9st. She will have to be at her best to win.

In speaking of the operations of the Gaming Act in Victoria, the "Australasian" says:—"The Act does not stop betting. The bookmakers can send out the prices they are willing to lay, and, with the newspapers barred from making the odds public, backers have no protection whatever. The object of Messrs Bent and Judkins in insisting on this secrecy, was, of course, to lessen betting; but supposing that the business is slightly decreased, the gain in that way will not counterbalance the injustice done to those who will bet by giving the bookmaker the advantage of fixing his own prices. He cannot do this when publicity is given in the papers to what is going on. Already a horse is at a very short price for the Newmarket Handicap, but the Gaming Act forbids us to tell our readers the name of that horse."

The pony Lady Nannie was shipped to Sydney by the Victoria on Monday.

The Summer Meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club commences next Wednesday.

After standing a big season at the stud at Nelson, General Average has returned to Moberley's stable. He will probably be tried over hurdles.

It is expected that the new offices of the Auckland Racing Club will be ready for occupation by the middle of April next. The plans have been approved by the committee.

After having a long holiday the hurdler Khama has been put into work again at Ellerslie.

Landlock has been given a try over hurdles, and shaped very well for a beginner.

Mr. Cleland has leased Sweet Alice to Mr. H. Thompson. This fractious daughter of Soult must have cost the well-known metallician a nice penny since he bought her.

The question is often asked why is it that our country race meetings are not so well patronised by the local district people as they were in the past or the agricultural shows are now? (says the "Town and Country Journal"). The answer is very easily given. A race meeting some years ago was more like an old-fashioned fair so far as shows and games were concerned. Between the race events one could go in and see Black Perry, Dick Hunt, Hough, Chalker, or whoever was the leading boxer of the day, have a set-to with anyone that cared to have a "go," or a couple of locals would "put 'em on." Then there were the dancing booths, Aunt Sally, Punch and Judy show, and the many little games at which the player would have to be more than skilful to win. That did not matter. The people came there with money to spend. They disbursed it in the manner that pleased them best and enjoyed themselves. Now all that is changed. What attraction is there at a race meeting now to the young people, or the old either, unless they are as the majority—thinking of nothing else but what will win the next race.

Had Aurum not gone to England he would have commanded a position in an Australian stud, and probably have done better as a sire than he has done in England (says the "Referee"). He is now to return to Victoria as the result of his purchase by Mr. J. E. Stanley, and will do stud duty in that State. Aurum, it will be remembered, was purchased by Mrs. Langtry, and won races for her in Victoria before being shipped to England, where he did not keep up his form, and his stock have done nothing special. The Trenton horse has a fine record both as a two and three-year-old. His later performances in Victoria were winning the V.R.C. St. Leger and running third in the Australian Cup under 9.3. It will be interesting to note whether he will command any success as a sire after his lengthy sojourn at the other side of the world.

It looks as though a jockeys' ring is not unknown in the picturesque island of Tasmania, to judge from the following excerpt from the Tasmanian "Mail":—"The existence of a jockeys' ring" at last year's Cup carnival was strongly suspected, and rumour hath it that the best interests of owners, trainers, and backers "not in the know" was in more than one instance made subservient to the financial aggrandisement of a very undesirable class of visitors from across the water, not a few of whom are "known to the police" in the other States as rogues and vagabonds, but who on the occasion of their annual visit to this little island take a strong hand in "arranging" races, and who seem to have an influence with certain jockeys that can be neither wholesome nor desirable. It is, therefore, to be hoped the committee of the T.R.C. will this year keep a sharp look-out for "stiff" riding, whether arranged for by the jockeys, punters, or jockeys' employers. The general public finds the money that is run for, and every possible precaution should be taken by the management to, as far as possible, protect the general public from being robbed by a class of thieves, compared to whom highwaymen are highly respectable.

The following remarks from "Sporting Life" should be read by all New Zealand sportsmen, as they ap-

ply to racing in this colony:—One of the most remarkable things which those connected with the National Sporting League had to contend with when endeavouring to organise opposition to the Street Betting Bill was the apathy and ignorance of the matter displayed on all hands, not only by members of Parliament, but by racing men of all degrees. Less than a fortnight before the Betting Bill passed, Lord Downe, a steward of the Jockey Club, confidently informed the members and guests of the York Gimcrack Club that the Betting Bill would not pass. That was on November 30, and now the Royal Assent has been given to the measure. In gloating over their victory, the executive of the Anti-Gambling League, in a letter of thanks to Lord Davey for his share in the work, explain somewhat their insidious method of working, which has proved so successful, and which ought to serve as an object-lesson, and also to awaken those interested in racing to the evil doings of this meddling body of cranks, who, while racing folk have slumbered on, have been steadily working towards the goal they have in view. Thus, in the letter of thanks to Lord Davey, they say: "At the same time, we consider that the omission of racecourses from a Betting Act leaves the scope of any such measure incomplete; but, for this, influences other than yours are responsible."

Just so; any Act that does not stop betting on racecourses is incomplete—according to their lights. But surely this frank avowal will awaken racing men all over the country to the real danger which threatens the Turf. One hears so often the expression:—"They will never stop betting," that it is time people awoke to the fact that nothing short of that is the end of the Anti-Gambling League. And while one party is trying all the time, and the other is just jogging on unconcerned, you never know what can be accomplished. Be very sure, this first victory will serve only to whet the appetites of the faddists, who—like Oliver Twist—are quietly asking for more. Nor is the stoppage of betting the ultimate end of the Anti-Gambling League. In order to refresh the memories of my readers, I will reproduce the memorable sentence which appeared in their official organ some time ago:

"England will never be the England that she should be until horse-racing, and all that appertains to it, is swept away with the besom of destruction."

What have those noblemen and gentlemen who have hundreds of thousands of pounds invested in the choicest strains of thoroughbred blood stock, and in buildings and land for the rearing of the same, to say to this? What, again, have those who have money invested in racecourses to say? And, again, what have the many thousands who find employment by some means or other through racing, to say? Hitherto, the Anti-Gambling League have had matters all their own way, because none of these people have concerned themselves about the matter, and so it has come about that the thin end of the wedge has been driven in; and the opponents of racing are readying themselves to drive home the wedge. This time there will, I hope, be a fight—and it must be a fight to a finish!

Last week there was a wholesale weeding out of the V.R.C. St. Leger list (says the "Referee"). The occasion was the first declaration of forfeits, when, despite warnings in the Press, several were left by mistake. There were 19 altogether, but half of that number would be a big field for the Leger, and perhaps not more than three or four will be found opposing Poseidon and Antonius. Both those colts have been doing well in their preparation, and both have gone to Victoria to be finished off. The V.R.C. handicapper declared there was 8lb between them over the Australian Cup distance, and if this is correct, Poseidon will continue his victorious career on March 2, when the V.R.C. Meeting opens. The shock Antonius gave backers who had laid odds on Poseidon in the V.R.C. Derby by threatening to beat him at the distance will be remembered, and in the Melbourne Cup Antonius, though decisively beaten, chased the other home, and had not been raced into such ripe condition. These circumstances will suffice to make the meeting of the colts interesting, though at 8.10 the Cups' winner looks like holding his own. Banzai has improved a lot since the early Spring; so has Benbow; whilst Booran and Iolaire are more than useful. Anyway, the V.R.C. Leger looks like coming to Sydney and there will be a race worth going to see.

There are only five nominations for the Rotorua Cup, and the entries all round are rather short. Possibly the fixture was not sufficiently advertised.

Solution, Cuneiform, Menschikoff, Ellis, Captain Shannon, and Grenadier remain in the Newmarket Handicap, so that New Zealand will be well represented.

Diana, the two-year-old filly by the ex-Auckland Uniform—Queen of the Chase, owned by Mr. A. W. Bailey, won the Breeders' Plate of £1200 at the Johannesburg Turf Club's Summer Meeting on December 26.

On the fourth day of the Calcutta races the leading event—the Macpherson Cup—was won by Mr J. C. Galstaun's English gelding Dirty Boy, ridden by Andrew Fergusson, who is a son of the Australian trainer T. Fergusson, now in Calcutta. There were eight starters. Lamrock going out favourite at 6 to 4 on, The Master being at 2 to 1 against, the English horse Steinhager at 5 to 1, and Dirty Boy at 12 to 1. Dirty Boy beat Lamrock on the post by a head. The Australian pony Martin Bell won a race. Our State, who raced as a gallopway in Sydney, was successful in the New Year Plate, for which the English gelding Bundook was a strong favourite; while Amyas annexed the Chowringee Plate, easily defeating a hot favourite in the English gelding Sermon.

THE OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Next Saturday the Otahuhu Trotting Club will make a commencement with the summer meeting. The acceptances for the various events are very numerous, and include most of the best trotters in the district. Under the circumstances it may be expected that there will be a good attendance, as the prospect for a nice afternoon sport is of the best. In the Maiden Trot 16 are engaged, in the Pony Trot 11, Pony Cup 6, Otahuhu Trotting Cup 9, Sylvia Park Trot 13, Class Trot 8, Flying Stakes 10, and Electric Trot 15. The Electric Tramway Company will run a special service in addition to their ordinary cars, so no difficulty will be experienced in getting to Alexandra Park. Mr. F. Yonge, the able secretary, may be expected to have all arrangements for the comfort of visitors properly attended to, and everything in trim for a well conducted meeting. The first event is timed to commence at 1.15 p.m.

THE AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The Autumn Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club is fixed for Saturday and Wednesday, April 20 and 24. The western course is one of the best appointed in the colony, and the meetings on it are always of an enjoyable nature. For the fixture a very good list of events has been drawn up, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns. The items on the opening day are the Maiden Plate of 50sovs, 6 furlongs; Hurdle Race of 70sovs, 2 miles; Oakley Handicap of 50sovs, 5 furlongs; Juvenile Handicap of 60sovs, 5 furlongs; Avondale Handicap of 175sovs, 1½ miles; First Pony Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs; Chevalier Handicap of 50sovs, 4 furlongs; and Railway Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs. The programme for the second day is made up of the Maiden Hurdles of 60sovs, 1½ miles; Flying Handicap of 70sovs, 4 furlongs; Second Pony Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs; Autumn Handicap of 130sovs, one mile; Nursery Handicap of 60sovs, 6 furlongs; Steeplechase of 70sovs, 3 miles; Mount Roskill Handicap of 50sovs, 6 furlongs; and Waitakerei Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs. This is a satisfactory card, which should meet with the approval of owners. Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, will take nominations for the Avondale Autumn, Steeplechase and Railway Handicaps on Friday, March 29, while general entry night is on Friday, April 5.

AN UP-TO-DATE RACECOURSE.

In a very interesting article on the Kalgoolie racecourse, "Terlinga" writes in the "Australasian": Mr Cropper spends his annual holiday with a notebook in his hand. Flemington, Randwick, and Riccarton have all come under his notice since he took the secretaryship at Kalgoolie, and no idea worth annexing has escaped him. The public have perhaps

been Mr Cropper's chief consideration, but owners, bookmakers, jockeys, etc., have all been thought of. It seems so strange to hark back to what racecourses were, and see the mass of flowers of all sorts in the plant-house, which are produced and distributed about the various parts of the enclosure on race days. The well-known Currajong is prominent among the ornamental trees. It grows in the bush, and is brought in minus roots, and with the limbs lopped off almost to the trunk. They stick this tree into the ground, and it sprouts right away. Pepper trees, of course, do well in Kalgoolie, and so do the Moreton Bay figs, which Mr Cropper has a good many of. The grandstand is a handsome two-decker, not as large as that of Perth, but very nice. There is a trough along the front of the top part, and on race days this is filled with flowers. This is a Paris idea. There is a Leger stand at Kalgoolie, and a totalisator for each part. The totalisator building in the grandstand is roomy, and thoroughly up-to-date. They have an electric clock at Kalgoolie. The starting barrier sets the clock going, and it also rings the closing bell in the totalisator offices. There are all sorts of conveniences, and everything seems handy. The jockeys, in addition to their own room, have a room near the scales, where they wait for their horses after being weighed. This idea savours of suspicion, perhaps, but, on the other hand, it must be a great convenience to the riders. Instead of being pestered by people asking questions as they walk through the paddock to mount their horse, the horse is brought to them in the weighing enclosure, and no one save the owner or trainer can communicate with the jockey. They have six sets of numbered saddle-cloths—a clean cloth for each race. This plan should be adopted everywhere. The bookmakers have a room with lockers, in which they can deposit bags, tickets, etc. Mr Cropper smiled when mentioning his "field" telephone. That notion certainly does seem a little in advance of reasonable requirements, but, used with discretion, I suppose it does no harm. The main object is to enable the stewards to communicate with the starter. The training track is not much used, except at race times. Very few horses are trained on the fields. The track is sand, the artificial aid being crushed ore after it has been syandied. It is said to make a good track. The course is well turfed (couch) all the way round. I was shown all over the various rooms under the stands. They are certainly equal to anything I have seen anywhere.

The public have access to the Kalgoolie course on 358 days of the year. It is theirs except on the seven days devoted to racing, and on race days the flat is free, just as at Flemington and Victoria Park. The racecourse is used for picnics, garden parties, etc., and it must be a great blessing to the residents of such a dry, greenless spot. I should have thought the picnickers would occasionally do damage to the shrubs, flowers, etc., but Mr. Cropper says "No; they seem to regard the place as their own, and they are too proud of it to indulge in any acts of vandalism." Considering the use the townspeople make of the course, the committee have a right to complain of the liberality of the Government towards them in the matter of water. They have to pay 4s a thousand gallons. The club was the first to tap the main when it came to the course, and before the water reached the town reservoir. This was in March, 1903. Since then the K.R.C. has paid the Water Supply department nearly £3000, and last year they paid £1174 for 5,847,000 gallons.

WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

The acceptances for the first day of the autumn meeting of the Woodville Jockey Club are as follows:—

- MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Lady Nell, Toa Tuhi, Erl King, Grand Circle, Command, Secretary, Pixie, St. Killian, Monkey, Lady Adair, The Limit, Pluck, Waratah, Stepmar, Routine, Grand Salute, Deucalion, Chattel.
- HACK HURDLE RACE.—Gold Dust 11.5, Fretwork 9.11, Aorang 9.9, Westward 9.4, Matarika 9.3, Lord Ullin 9.0.
- WHARITI HACK HANDICAP.—Mientennial 8.9, Dulcinea 8.8, Truthful 8.4, The Voucher 7.13, Moloch 7.11, Lomaria 7.9, Aqua Regia 7.9, Honynhnm 7.8, Waitapu 7.7, Maura 7.7, Rendrock 7.4, Monsieur Beaucaire 7.3, Pluck 7.2, Robin Link 6.7.
- WOODVILLE CUP.—Polyanthus 8.8, Montigo 8.2, Probable 8.2, Assayer 8.0, Royal Blue 7.12, Arc Light 7.2, Ito 7.0, Barca 6.12.
- COUNTY HACK HANDICAP.—Sweet Helen 9.0, Scotch Reel 8.9, Armamento

- 8.9, Merriwing 8.3, Chicane 8.3, Marsellaise 8.0, The Squatter 8.0, Strathfillan, 7.10, Anycyle 7.9, Maid of Astolat 7.8, Chartrouse 7.4, Waicola 6.13, Moata 6.13, Robin Link 6.8.
- VICTORIA HACK HANDICAP.—Dan Leno 9.7, Pantaloon 9.6, Moloch 9.5, Mahoe 9.4, Aqua Regia 9.3, Sandix 9.1, Rendrock 8.13, South Star 8.11, Hatley 8.11, Satis 8.11, Pomegranate 8.9, Maidi 8.9, Tiwha 8.9, Arcadia 8.7, Top Rose 8.7, Parapet 8.7, Lady Stockwell 8.7, Speciosa 8.7.
- PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—Assayer 9.13, Aboriginal 9.4, Landwern 9.1, Moral 8.13, Victoria Park 8.10, Rosegrove 8.8, Roseal 8.7, Chatterer 8.6, Dulcinea 8.0, Te Kainui 8.0.
- TELEPHONE HANDICAP.—Lord Soult 9.9, Gawin 8.9, Aboriginal 8.9, Scotch Reel 7.9, Miretta 7.5, The Voucher 7.4, Sunbonnet 7.3, Engraver 6.9, Chartreuse.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The following nominations have been received for the South Auckland Racing Club's meeting, which takes place on March 2:—

- TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Waihou, Azoff, Golden Gem, Harkaway, Nokinoki, Flying Scud, Pip, Lady Freda, Leonette, Brooklyn, Octoroon, Chase, The Serf, Manapouri, Lady Mack, Master Clements, Geysler.
- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Bromide, Stepney, Tui, Geysler, The Frenchman, Bonomiana, Loch Fyne.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Lunetta, Repeater, Haeremai, Geordie, Lord Seaton, Uhlander, Bonomiana, Nervine, Sweet Alice.
- CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Fleramosca, Hikua, Te Taniwha, Nokinoki, Freemount, Nape-nape, Aristocrat, Sweet Alice, Lochbuie, Kola Nip, Lady Mack.
- STEEPLECHASE, about three miles.—Sophia, Stepney, Kanaka, Pierre, Bendigo, Baritone, The Frenchman, Loch Fyne.
- TRADESMEN'S PLATE, one mile.—Bromide, Lunetta, Taniwha, Freemount, Millie, Lochbuie, Geordie, Kola Nip, Lord Seaton, Uhlander, Bonomiana, Nervine.
- DISTRICT HACK RACE, six furlongs.—Waihou, Tira, Golden Gem, Harkaway, Nokinoki, Flying Scud, Araneum, Anna Lombard, Leonette, Crispnot, Bump, Geysler.
- FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Azoff, Fleramosca, Hikua, Certainty, Miss Crispin, Keep Step, Aristocrat, Brooklyn, Rough Diamond, Octoroon, Duart, Sweet Alice, Discoverer, Master Clements.

AFTER THE RACES.

PAPAKURA R.C. MEETING.

The annual gathering of the Papakura R.C. took place on Saturday last, being favoured by beautiful weather, and about 1500 people attended, while everything went off without a hitch. This old-time fixture is a favourite outing for the town folk, besides all the district people roll up in goodly numbers. The train arrangements were not quite up to former years, and vexatious delays took place, both on the up and down journeys. There were no protests or accidents, and finishes were fairly good. Several hot favourites got beaten, and the bookmakers all left the course with smiling faces. About 25 were doing business at the meeting, and these paid £3 for the privilege to ply their calling.

Business was opened with the Maiden Plate, only five facing Mr. Hanken, and Dogger Bank was made the principal medium of speculation. Even money was the best obtainable, 3 and 4 to 1 the rest. It was a pretty even start, and they were all together rounding the home turn when the outsider, Kaitangata, dashed up and finishing strongly never gave his opponents a chance, winning by two lengths from Dogger Bank, with The Serf third.

The Flying Stakes came next, and the way punters shovelled in the dollars at evens would have led one to believe the race was all over bar shouting for the Soult gelding Duart. Other betting was 2 to 1 Sweet Alice, 5 to 1 Discoverer and Klondyke, and 10 to 1 Manoeuvre. This race is easily described. Discoverer went to the front and was never afterwards troubled. He seemed to like the soft going. Sweet Alice finished second under punishment, Klondyke third, and the favourite a bad fourth.

In the Manurewa Handicap Trot the good field of nine faced the starter, and the intelligent punter immediately hit on Lady Brook as the good thing, and got the fair price of 2 to 1. The rest were from 3 to 20 to 1. Adelaide went off with the lead, and was in front until half a mile from home, when she was joined by the favourite, who came past the post all out. Colenso and Adelaide filled the places.

For the Papakura Cup five saddled up, and Mr. A. Tooman's Bonomiana (last year's winner) had the call in the market at even money, 3 to 1 Kola Nip, 4 to 1 Geordie, 5 to 1 Uhlander, 8 to 1 Lochbuie. Geordie found his

feet first, and dashed away, followed by Kola Nip, Uhlander, Bonomiana, and Lochbuie. Kola Nip made a forward move at the back of the course, but was run wide by Geordie. Bonomiana got near the leaders on the inside, and rounding the turn in a bunch the mare lasted the longest and won by a neck from Uhlander, who was coming fast, Geordie third, with the other two well up.

In the Hack Race the best field of the day gave Mr. Hanken a good deal of trouble. Several false starts were made, Sabine bolting a couple of furlongs, and this delayed the start, but eventually an even start was made; if anything, Catastrophe getting a little the best of it. She carried her field along at a good pace, and rounding the home turn it seemed anyone's race. Lady Cressy and Catastrophe fought out a stubborn finish, bumping slightly near the winning post. The daughter of Soult won by a head, Lady Cressy second, and The Serf third. The Serf was made a warm favourite at even money, 3 to 1 Lady Cressy and Dogger Bank, 8 to 1 the winner, and from 5 to 20 to 1 the rest.

Five was the main in the concluding event of the day, the Railway Handicap, and punters were puzzled which to select, but took 2 to 1 each Sweet Alice and Bonomiana, 3 to 1 Kola Nip and Discoverer, and 6 to 1 Lady Clements. The field moved away in line, and ran together for four furlongs. Then Discoverer, who was always handy, came away and won with something in hand from Bonomiana, with Sweet Alice a length off third. The meeting was well conducted by Mr. Yonge and his staff. Mr. Rutherford was in the judge's box, while Mr. Hanken despatched the fields. Taken altogether, it was one of the best meetings held on the old course.

The results were as under:—

- MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- Mr. H. O'Gara's br g Kaitangata, by Soult—Gladiator mare, 7.9 (G. Ross) 1
- Dogger Bank, 9.0 (M. Ryan) 2
- The Serf, 8.6 (Julian) 3
- Also started: Reminder 7.8, Catastrophe 7.0.
- Time, 1min 20sec.

- FLYING STAKES. Five furlongs.
- Mr. H. Burch's ch g Discoverer, by Tasman—Hippocampus, 8.10 (Julian) 1
- Sweet Alice, 8.2 (Seats) 2
- Klondyke, 8.0 (G. Ross) 3
- Also started: Duart 7.12, Manoeuvre 6.12.
- Time, 1min 9sec.

- MANUREWA TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.
- Mr. W. A. Scott's blk m Lady Brook, 20sec (owner) 1
- Colenso, 7sec (Herbert) 2
- Adelaide, 25sec (Speakman) 3
- Also started: Miss Dunmore 9sec, Cleveland's Pride 13sec, Iago 19sec, Lane Tommy 22sec; Manxman 24sec, Arenal 25sec.
- Time, 4min 22sec.

- PAPAKURA CUP HANDICAP. One mile.
- Mr. A. Tooman's br m Bonomiana, by Soult—Eileen Bawn, 7.11 (Seats) 1
- Uhlander, 8.11 (Conquest) 2
- Geordie, 9.0 (Julian) 3
- Also started: Kola Nip 7.7, Lochbuie 7.3. Betting: 6 to 4 against Bonomiana, 5 to 2 Kola Nip, 5 to 1 the others.
- Time, 1min 52sec.

- HACK RACE HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
- Mr. A. McMillan's br g Catastrophe, by Explosion—Miscalculation, 7.0 (McMillan) 1
- Lady Cressy, 7.10 (Seats) 2
- The Serf, 8.6 (Julian) 3
- Also started: Dogger Bank 9.0, Master Clements 7.10, Morahi 7.9, Kaitangata 8.1 (including 7lb penalty), Reminder 7.8, Charlie 7.5, Sabine 7.0.
- Time, 1min 7½sec.

- RAILWAY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- Mr. H. Burch's ch g Discoverer, by Tasman—Hippocampus mare, 8.9, including 7lb penalty (Julian) 1
- Bonomiana, 8.3, including 7lb penalty (M. Ryan) 2
- Sweet Alice, 8.0 (Seats) 3
- Also started: Kola Nip 7.6, Lady Clements, 7.3.
- Time, 1min 19¼sec.

THE CANTERBURY J.C. SUMMER MEETING.

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 13.

The Summer Meeting of the C.J.C. passed off very successfully last week. The fields during the two days were larger than is generally the rule at the "off" meeting, but the racing was very tame. Indeed, in 13 out of 14 events run during the two days the winners got home with something to spare, the only close finish being in the Craven Plate, in which Aeolus beat Golden Cairn by a head.

The only classic race on the programme, the Middle Park Plate, was spoiled owing to the Wairarapa colt Elevation whipping round at the start and losing over a dozen lengths. Glenculloch put up a great performance by beating his opponents point-less, running six furlongs in 1.15,

having a strong wind against him all along the straight.

Fine weather prevailed each day, but the strong east wind proved very disagreeable. A start was made on Thursday with the Trial Stakes (one mile), six horses lining up at the barrier. Mango, 8.2, was sent out a better favourite than Ilarita (7.11), Don Orsino, 7.11, Monkey Puzzle 7.11, were a duo well backed. Ilarita got best of the start, and soon got clear of the field, eventually winning by three lengths from Harvest (8.2), who was a length in front of Mango.

The Hornby Welter (seven furlongs) brought out five starters, of whom Blythemaidd (9.12) and De Witte (9.5) had the best public form to recommend them to backers. Count Gorton (8.8), Ordnance (8.0) were in the lead during the first quarter, but once fairly in line for home De Witte came through and romped home an easy winner six lengths in front of Blythemaidd, who was a neck in front of Farley Grove.

The Fly Stakes for 2 and 3-year-olds only drew four starters—Aimee Soult (8.10) being backed to such an extent as to suggest the other three had no chance of winning. As very frequently happens when such a red hot favourite is sent out, misfortune followed, for after giving some trouble at the post the favourite turned the wrong way when the barrier went up, and when she was got going others had a commanding lead. Athena (6.10), Amboise (7.2) ran together most of the way, when the former drew out at the distance and won by two lengths, Aimee Soult being a dozen lengths away third.

In the next race—Midsummer Handicap—a new regulation passed by the committee of the C.J.C. on the previous Tuesday was enforced for the first time. This was to the effect that in the event of a horse delaying the start of a race beyond a reasonable time the starter should be directed to send such horse back to the paddock and start the race without him. As only too well known to supporters of Chokebore Stable, Signalman is one of the worst horses that has ever faced a starter in New Zealand. His owner applied to the stewards to send a man out on horseback to lead Signalman up to the barrier or to allow the trainer to go to the post to assist in keeping the horse straight but the stewards declined both requests. Signalman gave a much quieter display than usual, but when the barrier went up was turned the wrong way, and his backers had the poor satisfaction of seeing him once again left at the post. The race is easily described. Chryseis (7.7) took up the running at the start, and making every post a winning one had no difficulty in running home an easy winner, two lengths in front of Lapland (7.7). Thunderer (7.7) was close up third, just clear of Stepdancer (7.12) and Idasa (7.12).

The Lyttelton Plate for two-year-olds run over six furlongs resulted in Bonny Glen (8st) gaining an easy

victory from Rose Noble (8.2), Williwau (7st) being four lengths further away third. Paragon (8st), The Lybian (7.3) and Mercy (7st) were the other starters.

In the Craven Plate Tessera (6.12), after bolting twice and galloping six furlongs the wrong way each time, was ordered back to the paddock, while Balsam (7.8) was left at the post. Golden Cairn (7.9) and Buccleuch (8.7) ran neck and neck for two-thirds of the distance, when the former drew out only to be tackled by Aeolus (8.1) at the distance. In a slashing set to the Euroclydon gelding, who finished up his task with marked gameness, beat Golden Cairn by a head. Buccleuch was two lengths away third.

A field of seven saddled up for the Halswell Welter (1 mile), Watershoot (9.2) and Tahu (7.7) being very evenly backed. Gypsohel (9.5), who has gained quite a reputation for her smartness in getting, hopped off in front and led round the top turn, Tahu and Watershoot being at the head of the others. Entering the straight Gypsohel retired, leaving Tahu in command. Watershoot came through from the distance, and easily settling Tahu won by two lengths from Farley Grove (8.3), who came with a late run and beat Tahu by a length for second place.

SECOND DAY.

Racing on the second day was little better than that on the first, but the way some of the horses ran suggested that they were either very backward in condition or were merely out for an airing. In one race, the St. Alban's Handicap, Cross Battery's running was reviewed by the stewards; L. W. King, who rode the mare, being cautioned as to his future riding. The mare's running was deemed peculiar in the eyes of the stewards, and it seems strange that they did not ask the owner and trainer for an explanation.

Proceedings opened with the Richmond Plate for two-year-olds. Cocks-shell (8.5) took the public fancy, and she was sent out a strong favourite. Nothing had a chance with Amboise (7.7), who, after leading all the way won easily by three lengths from Tremulous (6.7), who beat Cocks-shell by two lengths for second place.

In the Linwood Welter, Watershoot (9.2) ran into front place at the end of the first quarter, and easily stalling off a challenge by Thunderer (9.8) in the straight, beat him easily by a couple of lengths. Stepdancer finished third four lengths behind Thunderer.

A fairly strong field went out to contest the Middle Park Plate. The San Francisco colt Elevation looked the picture of health and condition, but the public went strongly for Sir George Clifford's combination, Golden Cairn and Glenculloch. Elevation lost whatever chance he had of winning by turning round when the barrier went up, thereby losing fully a dozen lengths. Glenculloch was soon in the lead and running along in front all the way he never let the others get near him, winning easily by half a dozen lengths from his stable companion. Gold Crest was two lengths further away third, just clear of William I. The start for the St. Alban's Handicap was considerably delayed owing to Signalman refusing to face the barrier. When the tapes went up this unruly brute, who is probably the worst-tempered animal in the whole of New Zealand, lost several lengths, the others getting away on even terms. Chryseis (8.4) was first to show out, and she led down back well clear of Harvest (6.7), and Stronghold (8.9),

Signalman (9.5) having been rushed into fourth place with Cross Battery last. Coming into the straight with a clear lead Chryseis held her own to the finish, winning by a length from Stronghold, who was a neck in front of Submarine (8.13), Signalman and Cross Battery being together just behind the son of Torpedo.

Alexis easily accounted for the opposition in the Selling Race, winning easily by a couple of lengths from The Seer, who was a similar distance in front of Athena.

The Flying Handicap brought out 7 starters, Buccleuch, 9.0, and Sea King, 7.11, both being strongly backed. The top weight was always well in front, and stalling off a strong challenge by Sea King at the distance, beat him in the run home by four lengths; Tahu (6.7) was third.

The Post Handicap (one mile) gave Aeolus (9.7) an opportunity of giving onlookers a taste of his quality. Ilarita (8.4) was leading the field at the distance when she was tackled by Balsam (8.4) and Aeolus. The latter finished very strongly, soon settling Balsam, and beat him by a clear length, with Ilarita four lengths away third.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Ross and Bradshaw (Wellington) report the following business on the

WANGANUI CUP AND FLYING HANDICAP.

- 600 to 3—Truce and Delamere
600 to 3—Montigo and Full Rate
500 to 5—Eden and King Billy
400 to 6—Marguerite and Full Rate
400 to 2—Multifid and Grenade
400 to 2—Apa and Tupono
400 to 4—Master Delaval and Delamere

GREAT EASTERN AND GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

- 1000 to 4—Buccleuch and Chryseis
1000 to 3—King Billy and Red Gauntlet
900 to 11—Cross Battery and Cross Battery
800 to 5—Sea King and Cross Battery
500 to 5—Cross Battery and Munjeet
500 to 4—King Billy and Eden.

Messrs. Barnett and Grant (Christchurch) report the following business on the

EASTER AND AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

- 500 to 10—Cross Battery and Cross Battery
500 to 7 1/2—Munjeet and Marguerite
500 to 4—Buccleuch and Cross Battery
500 to 4—Chryseis and Eden.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, February 13.

Waipunehu and St. Albert are still enjoying themselves in the paddocks at Te Mahanga. The appearance of the pair leads to the conclusion that their holiday is agreeing with them.

Boomerang has been taken up again. His respite from labour has had the desired recuperative effects, and Merriwee's son now looks the personification of ruddy health.

His trainer, T. Quinlivan, jun., has also got amongst others the Carbine—Revelry colt Campfire in commission, and his satisfactory replies to the questions put to him so far augur well for good results in his future career.

The half-brother to Mecca by Torpedo, who fell to the nod of Stewart Waddell when the last batch of Te Mahanga yearlings were put up for disposal, has been emasculated.

T. Quinlivan, jun., left Hastings on Friday for Hawera with Gazeley and White Lie, who are both engaged at the summer venture of the Egmont Racing Club.

King Billy leaves next week for Taranaki, and will be met there by Quinlivan, who will put him through his final facings there for the Taranaki and Wanganui meetings.

Mr. E. J. Watt has sold Tumut (Merriwee—Osmanie) to the Opaki trainer, M. McGrath. The same educator has also leased Osiris, the half-brother by San Fran to Tumut, from the squire of Karamu. The pair left Hastings last week for their new abode.

Zimmerman, who got galloped on in the Wellington Cup at Trentham last month, is still on the invalid list.

One of the most improved horses who are at present following their studies on the preparing ground at Hastings is Tigris, the two-year-old daughter of Birkenhead and Tigress. The filly, who is one of Verney Collelo's pupils, bids fair to develop into a performer above the average.

Ruaton, the half-brother by Mahaki to Moifad, Rhyt, Defoe, and Abergeldie, is now being used as a hack in

the Takapau district. The gelding, who has been having a long rest, naturally looks big and lusty.

Mr. R. Te Hianga, of Waipukurau, is now training his own horses, Tutaki and Ka.

Hazel, a younger full sister to Brenda, passed out last week at Takapau, an internal rupture being the cause of her death. The mare, who was the property of Mr. C. Symons, gave promise of developing into a more than fair sort over the obstacles.

The stewards of the Woodville District Jockey Club have appointed their secretary, Mr. E. J. Gothard, as a candidate for the country clubs' representative in the Racing Conference. A better selection could not have possibly been made, for Mr. Gothard's knowledge of racing is of an extensive nature, and is coupled with a lot of common, sound sense on matters generally.

The Takapau Racing Club made a good profit over their late race meeting; in fact, the venture was the most successful the club has had for years.

Olympus, who cost Mr. E. J. Watt 375 guineas when the 1901 crop of Wellington Park yearlings were sent up for sale, is at present being used by his owner, Mr. Gregory, for hacking purposes. The half-brother to Impudence is a rare-winded horse, and as he is sound, it is reasonable to presume that he will soon quit his humble, though useful, sphere for a course of studies on the preparing tracks.

British Navy, who downed the opposition at Woodthorpe on Saturday in three events, is a half-brother to Saracen, Loyalty, Bonnie Scotland, Moral, Arait-te-Uru, Kula and Co., by Torpedo. The gelding, who was bred at Mangatarata station, was bought as a yearling by Mr. E. J. Watt for 165 guineas. Up to Saturday British Navy was a maiden. His present owner, Mr. A. T. Ellingham, recently leased him to a couple of Puketapu sports.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, Feb. 13.

The Dunedin Cup Meeting takes place next week, and there is every prospect of the club experiencing a successful gathering. The acceptances have not fallen due, but at the present Cross Battery is fancied in both the Cup and Publican's, and she should about win which event may prove her mission.

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club also hold a two days' meeting, and the meeting has attracted a liberal nomination.

A remarkable feature of the C.J.C. Midsummer Meeting was that the yellow and black racing banner of Mr G. G. Stead was not unfurled at the gathering. Mr. Stead's colours are generally very conspicuous at Riccarton, and owning large studs and training stables does not necessarily mean owning a lot of cracks. Apparently the fighting force under Mason is at present hors de combat, or being held in reserve; and what makes the absence very remarkable is the fact that the stable had no less than 15 engaged in the Middle Park Plate when the nominations were declared.

The North Otago Jockey Club continues to add to the attractiveness of its programmes, and for Cup Meeting, which is to be held on May 23 and 24, the principal items are to be the Oamaru Cup of 230sovs, the Tokarahi Handicap of 120sovs, the Victoria Handicap of 150sovs, and the Otekaikae Handicap of 100sovs.

During the currency of the Midsummer Meeting Mr. J. B. Reid sold Sea King to 'Mr J. Case' at a figure which is understood to have been in the neighbourhood of £800, and purchased Watershoot at £300.

Aeolus, who displayed excellent form at the Midsummer Meeting, was bred by Mr. J. S. Thomson, and was got by Euroclydon out of Santa Clarina (a daughter of St. Leger and Puwerewere). He was one of the best horses seen at the meeting, and should be well worth watching in the future.

The two Cross Batteries is a combination likely to receive good support for the Easter and Autumn Handicaps.

Royal Artillery, who was one of our most brilliant horses under silk, has been slow in making a name for himself as a sire; but the form of Watershoot should give him a boost in the estimation of breeders. The filly Tremulous is also a promising sort that should prove a favourable advertisement.

Some of the riding which was displayed at Riccarton was not to be compared to the enviable reputation possessed by Caesar's wife. There



OTAHUHU TROTTERING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY NEXT, 16TH INST.

FIRST RACE STARTS AT 1.15 P.M.

Admission: 1s Each.

F. D. YONGE, Secretary.

THE HAYMARKET.

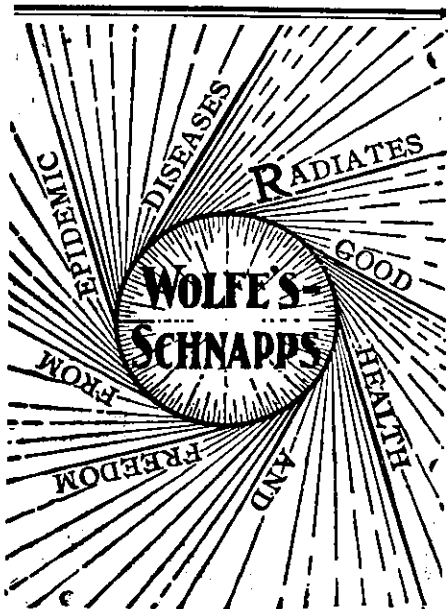
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was some very poor horsemanship displayed in one race; and strange to tell that shortly after the horses returned to the paddock the band commenced a melody in which "The Holy City" was the initial item, and "Do Not Forget Me" was trumped into the atmosphere at the finish.

Step-dancer appeared to be acting fairly well for about nine furlongs in the Midsummer, but she failed to come on when asked for a final effort. The racing she had at the meeting should, however, keep her up a bit, and it will not be surprising to find her doing better work at Wingatui.

The riders of Buccleuch and Golden Cairn in the Craven Plate made a suicidal hurry to get over the journey, and both horses stopped badly at the finish. The more haste the less speed at the finish.

Elevation was badly left at the start of the Middle Park Plate, or otherwise would at least have been a good second to Glenculloch. It is, however, doubtful if he could have beaten Sir George Clifford's colt, even if the pair had hopped away on level terms.

Cross Battery was travelling slowly in the early part of the St. Alban's Handicap, and entered the straight so wide that one would imagine that her rider had lost the helm. The rider, however, steered himself on to the carpet, and was strongly advised that he will have to give a more pleasing display of navigation in the future.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, Feb. 13.

The near approach of the Egmont Meeting, and also the Wanganui J.C. Cup gathering has led to some fairly interesting work being done on the local tracks, although there are not a great number of horses in work on the club's course. A very different state of things exist here now as compared with a few years ago, when there were several trainers here who each had big strings (and good ones, too) under their charge. Nowadays at ordinary times the tracks are almost deserted. Of course it must be remembered in this connection that at Fordell (only a few miles from town) Fred Tilley has a very big string which work on his own track, and recently Mr. G. F. Moore has had a track laid down on his own property at Layforth for his horses. If all these horses worked on the club's track the latter would be very busy.

The Warrenate Jockey Club, whose annual hack meeting takes place on March 21, have erected a new grandstand, and have the course in good order. The club numbers amongst its members some of the best sports Wanganui now possesses, and they are determined to make the

club a success, and their efforts are not likely to be in vain.

General Peel having developed a leg, he has been turned out for a spell. It is hoped that he will be able to race again during the winter, when a good hurdler such as he is should pick up a race or two.

The other morning Waione did a very good gallop on the local track. In company with Fishermid and the Musketry mare trained by Harry Alexander the son of Waiuku was given a spin over five furlongs. Waione was very slow to begin, being some four or five lengths behind when he got fairly going. Mr. Bennett's colt then put in a fine run, and overhauling the others was eased up before reaching the post, where he was well in front. It was a very satisfactory performance, and Mr. Bennett ought to see his colours in the van before long.

The Karioi Jockey Club's annual hack meeting attracted a few Wanganui racing men. The races were decided on Wednesday last in the presence of a goodly number of spectators. Bookies were there in plenty, some £47 10/ being netted in fees. A surplus of something like £100 is anticipated over the meeting. Proceedings opened with the Handicap Hurdles, for which only two started. Hokio was made a 2 to 1 on favourite, and had no difficulty in landing the stake from Firelight. The Ladies' Bracelet was contested by a field of nine, of whom Malosi was backed down to 6 to 4 on, and won by six lengths from Makino. The Cup was the "good thing," the betting indicated for Mahoe, who had no difficulty in beating Snip and Ruaputere, his only opponents. Malosi got home in the Manton Stakes easily, the betting being 3 to 1 on the winner. Firelight annexed the Maiden Hurdles from Reunion. The latter started at even money, whilst 6 to 4 was laid on Firelight. The Kaimanawa Handicap fell to Makino, who was at evens. Nine others ran. The Flying saw Mahoe installed favourite at 2 to 1 on, Snip being at 2 to 1 against. The former had no trouble in winning.

The mare Linseed, owned by Mr. Sam Woodill, has a very promising appearance at present, and the daughter of Linstock may be amongst the stake-winners shortly.

The same owner's two-year-old Phaeton has grown a lot lately, and the Wangaehu sportsman wisely intends to give the big son of Phaeton a spell until he is a three-year-old. If looks go for anything this youngster should make a name for himself.

Mr. George Morse has to declare the weights for the Wanganui Cup and Flying on or before the 16th inst., and needless to say his adjustments will be awaited with great interest. Mr. Morse has given so much proof of his skill as a handicapper that he may be confidently anticipated to give little room for complaint.

Fontenoy, who is engaged in the Cup, and for which event he has already been supported for a small amount, is doing good work on Mr. Moore's private track. If Harry Jackson succeeds in getting the handsome son of Haut Brion to the post in tip-top form the colt should be hard to beat in whatever event he is started in. Helen Portland is also progressing favourably, and the same remarks apply to Sweet Simon, Signor, and Armistice.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, Feb. 13.

The victory of "Dad" Peters' useful bit of horseflesh Aeolus at Riccarton, was well received here. Peters is credited with sending his horses to the post with winning orders each time they are saddled up, and when he scores the public are generally with him. Aeolus is nicely bred, his dam Santa Katarina and sire Euroclydon being full of the best strains of racing blood.

As the result of a decision arrived at by the committee of the C.J.C., instructions were issued to Mr. Piper, the club's starter, that no time was to be cut to waste through starts being delayed by the vagaries of fractious horses. The result was that at the start of the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap Signalman was allowed short shrift. The starter made a couple of appeals to Signalman's rider, V. Cotton, to join the other horses at the tapes. Cotton, however, was quite unable to get his mount to move in the desired direction, and Piper, acting up to his instructions, despatched the field, regardless of the fact that Sir George Clifford's horse was standing some distance down the

course with his wrong end to the barrier.

A question that arises is, should the backers of Signalman lose the money they invested upon him on the totalisator. Quite a number of racegoers express the opinion that when any horse is left at the post backers should receive a return of their investment, less the usual 10 per cent. On the other hand, it is contended that the public invest their money on such unruly horses as Signalman with their eyes open and are entitled to no consideration at the hands of racing authorities.

It would seem that if the nomination of unruly horses are to be received by racing clubs, no device for insuring their backers a run for their money should be neglected, and a contrivance recently devised for controlling refractory horses might well be given a trial. This contrivance was exhibited during the recent Trentham race meeting, and was approved of by many racing men, including the chairman of the Racing Conference, and Mr. Piper, the well-known starter. Undoubtedly a horse confined in the so-called breeching cannot in any way interfere with or annoy the balance of the competitors the delinquent must also remain there until the tapes fly up, when, unless the horse is of an unusually stubborn nature it must join the starters and take part in the race.

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Feb. 13.

A fair number of horses are in work at New Plymouth at the present time, and the local course presents an animated appearance in the morning.

E. Russell's horses are looking in great nick, although Cyrene's legs still cause the trainer a certain amount of anxiety. Waikato should win a race before long.

Southern Cross and Pangaroa (who is now trained by Edgar Russell) are to be put to the jumping game shortly, both having shown an aptitude for the business.

Albert Rhodes, who has severed his connection with R. Barlow, is now training Golden Eagle, who is looking exceedingly well.

The bookmakers who were recently fined in the local Magistrate's Court on charges of betting at the Christmas Meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, have decided to test the validity of the by-laws under which the informations were laid. The hearing of the appeal is set down for March 18th.

A considerable number of foreign horses have arrived at Hawera to fulfil engagements at the forthcoming meeting, for which good acceptances have been received. The following should run well in their different engagements:—Flying: Ballarat and St. Claimer. Whereroa Hurdles: Rocky and Handsome Rose. Ohawe Hurdles: Madie. Meremere Hack: St. Maria and Pearlie. Cup: Grenade and Truce. Hawera Welter: The Lark and Waikato. Waipapa Hack: White Lie and Highden. Produce Stakes: Flemsnap and Paul.

TURF RESULTS.

CANTERBURY J.C. SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was dull and cold for the first day of the Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting. Under the circumstances the attendance was not up to expectations, while the fields were small, and consequently speculation was not brisk, the totalisator investments reaching £5403. Results:—

TRIAL STAKES. One mile.

Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's ch f Ilarita, 3yrs, by Sant Ilaria—Miss Niente, 7.11 (J. Pine) 1
Mr. F. Nelligan's ch g Harvest, 4yrs, 8.2 (Cotton) 2
Mr. J. Westerman's b g Mango, 5yrs, 8.2 (R. King) 3
Also started: Don Orsino 7.11, Patuna 8.2, Monkey Puzzle 7.1.
Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 43 1-5sec. Dividend, £3 19s.

HORNBY WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Sir George Clifford's b c De Witte, 3yrs, by Stepnik—Illusion, 9.5 (Jones) 1
Mr. C. Machell's ch m Blythemaïd, 5yrs, 9.12 (McCluskey) 2
Mr. T. Sheehan's ch m Farley Grove, 4yrs, 8.0 (Derrett) 3
Also started: Count Gorton 8.8, Ordinance 8.0.
Won easily by four lengths. Time, 1min 30 1/2sec. Dividend, £2 19s.

FILLY STAKES. Six furlongs.

Mr. T. Sheehan's b f Athena, 3yrs, by Ben Trovato—Greek Maid, 6.10 (Chapman) 1
Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f Amboise, 2yrs, 7.2 (G. A. Pine) 2
Mr. M. Hobbs' br f Aimee Soult, 3yrs (J. Pine) 3

Also started: Tremulous 7.2.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 17 3-5 sec. Dividend, £12 2s 6d.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr. G. Palmer's ch m Chryseis, 5yrs, by Clanranald—Golden Crest, 7.7 (S. Reid) 1
Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Lapland, 3yrs, 7.7 (Yarr) 2
Mr. E. Griffin's b g Thunderer, 6yrs, 7.7 (McCluskey) 3
Also started: Signalman 9.0, Step-dancer 7.12, Idasa 7.2.
Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 2min 39 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 10s.

LYTTELTON PLATE. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Mr. G. M. Aynsley's ch c Bonny Glen, 8.0 (McCombe) 1
Mr. J. Brett's ch c Rose Noble, 8.2 (Derrett) 2
Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f Williwaw, 7.0 (G. A. Pine) 3
Also started: Paragon 8.0, The Libyan 7.3, Mercy 7.0.
Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 17 2-5sec. Dividend, £7 6s.

CRAVEN PLATE of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. A. Peters' Eeolus, 5yrs, by Euroclydon—Santa Katarina, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) 1
Sir George Clifford's ch g Golden Cairn, 3yrs, 7.9 (F. Jones) 2
Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b h Buccleuch, 4yrs, 8.7 (G. A. Pine) 3
Also started: Stronghold 9.0, Balsam 7.8, Tessera 6.12.
Won by a head. Time, 1min 29 4-5 sec. Dividend, £4 18s 6d.

HALSWELL WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. H. A. Knight's b f Watershoot, 3yrs, by Royal Artillery, 9.2 (Yarr) 1
Mr. T. Sheehan's ch m Farley Grove, 6yrs, 8.3 (Derrett) 2
Mr. F. H. Pyne's br c Tahu, 3yrs, 7.7 (McCluskey) 3
Also started: Gypsohel 9.5, Wild Cat 8.2, Ruapehu 8.0, Salaam 7.13.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 44 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 17s and £1 12s 6d.

SECOND DAY.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting was concluded on Saturday. The attendance was small and the fields poor. The totalisator investments amounted to £7220. Results:—

RICHMOND PLATE. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f Amboise, by Stepnik—Huguenot, 7.7, (G. A. Pine) 1
Mr. W. O. Rutherford's blk f Tremulous, 6.7 (Hack) 2
Sir George Clifford's b f Cockleshell, 8.5 (F. Jones) 3
Also started: Rose Noble 8.5, Paragon 7.7, Jahangir 6.12.
Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividend, £5 4s 6d.

LINWOOD WELTER HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. H. A. Knight's b f Watershoot, 3yrs, by Royal Artillery—Nenuphar, 9.2 (F. Yarr) 1
Mr. E. Griffin's b g Thunderer, 6yrs, 9.8 (G. J. Pine) 2
Mr. C. G. Dalgety's ch m Stepdancer, aged, 9.8 (McCombe) 3
Also started: Somaroff 8.9.
Won easily by two lengths. Time, 2min 11 4-5sec. Dividend, £2 5s 6d.

MIDDLE PARK PLATE of 500sovs. For two and three-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Sir G. Clifford's br c Glenculloch, 2yrs, by Clanranald—Madowia, 8.3 (F. Jones) 1
Sir G. Clifford's ch g Golden Cairn, 3yrs, 9.2 (McCluskey) 2
Mr. J. R. MacDonald's ch c Gold Crest, 2yrs, 7.10 (Derrett) 3
Also started: William I. 8.6, Elevation 7.12, All Guns 7.2.
Glenculloch and Golden Cairn were bracketed on the machine.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 15sec. Dividend, £1 14s 6d.

ST. ALBAN'S HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. G. Palmer's ch m Chryseis, 5yrs, by Clanranald—Golden Crest, 8.4 (S. Reid) 1
Mr. D. Rutherford's ch h Stronghold, 5yrs, 8.9 (F. D. Jones) 2
Mr. G. Payne's br h Submarine, 5yrs (McCombe) 3
Also started: Signalman 9.5, Cross Battery 8.10, Lapland 7.4, Harvest 6.7.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 42 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 14s 6d and £1 7s.

SELLING RACE. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. McCracken's br g Alexis, 4yrs, by Lord Roslyn—Plevna, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) 1
Messrs. White Brothers' b g The Seer, 5yrs, 8.11 (McCombe) 2
Mr. T. Sheehan's b f Athena, 3yrs, 7.11 (Derrett) 3
Also started: Fancywork 8.11, Good Sight 8.11, Monkey Puzzle 8.4, Salaam 8.4, Patuna 8.4, Orkan 8.4, White Shield 8.4, Lady Zoin 7.11, Athena 7.11.
Won by over a length. Time, 1min 16 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 16s and £1 12s 6d.

FLYING HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b g Buccleuch, 4yrs, by Benzoan—Reverle, 9.0 (G. J. Pine) 1
Mr. J. Case's b g Sea King, 3yrs, 7.11 (R. King) 2
Mr. F. H. Pyne's br c Tahu, 3yrs, 6.7 (Hack) 3
Also started: De Witte 8.3, Aimee Soult 7.11, Tessera 7.7, Silk Web 7.7.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 2 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 15s 6d and 16s.

POST HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. A. Peters' b g Aeolus, 5yrs, by Euroclydon—Santa Katarina, 9.7 (F. D. Jones) 1
Mr. A. Dale's ch g Balsam, 4yrs, 8.4 (S. Reid) 2
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's ch f Ilarita, 3yrs, 8.4 (J. Pine) 3
Also started: Blythemaïd 8.9, Idasa 8.4, Mango 7.9, Vardo 7.8, Count Gorton 6.9, Patuna 6.7.
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 42 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 3s and £1 4s.

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fine times were put up. The events were as follows:—

220Yds Australasian Championship: H. Baker (N.S.W.), 1; A. D. Hill (N.S.W.), 2; A. Harrower (Q.), 3. Time, 2min 38sec.

440Yds Australasian Championship: F. W. Springfield (Q.), 1; R. Healy (N.S.W.), 2; A. McMillan (N.Z.), 3. Time, 5min 56 1-5sec.

75Yds International Handicap: J. Harrower, 18sec, 1; H. S. Williams, 14sec, 2; H. Gibbons, 15sec, 3.

Australia beat N.Z. at water polo by 3 goals to nil.

The New Zealand rowing championships will take place on Lake Forsyth, near Christchurch, next Saturday. The clubs sending crews are the Lyttelton, Akaroa, Wellington, Union, Star, Avon, Otago, Blenheim, Christchurch Amateur, Picton, Wanganui, Canterbury, Waitemata, Invercargill, Port Chalmers, Oamaru, Civic and North End clubs. The regatta promises to be a great success.

I hear that Messrs. Bailey and Lowe are shortly to build a 7-metre boat for an Auckland yachtsman. The new rule encourages a healthy type of boat, and it will be good news to hear that the white-winged fleet is to be added to.

Mr. Thomas Fleming Day, editor of the American paper the "Rudder," has offered a cup to the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron. It is for competition by the power launches of the squadron over a course of not less than 100 miles. The committee have accepted Mr. Day's generous offer.

The Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron intend adopting the new international metre rule, and a sub-committee has been set up to deal with the matter. In reality the old rule has ceased to exist as far as Home waters are concerned, and therefore it behoves us to fall into line. For the benefit of those who have not seen it, I will repeat the formula for the new rule, which is—

$$(L + B + \frac{1}{2}G + 3d + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{V} - F) \div 2$$

In answer to "Racer," Rawhiti was designed and built by Logan Bros., of Auckland. Sayonara was designed by Fife and built in South Australia. In reality she is a much larger boat than Rawhiti but the rule under which they were measured brings them together, owing largely to Rawhiti's hollow section as against Sayonara's V section. Here Sayonara is debited with 3.2 as against Rawhiti's 7.58. This is the reason why Rawhiti received so small an allowance from her larger rival in the races for La Carabine Cup. The Logans could doubtless turn out a much faster boat than Rawhiti if built for the rule, which that boat was not.

Mr. J. M. Sanders, editor of the "Sunday Sun," and stakeholder for Messrs. Towns and Durnan in their match for the sculling championship of the world for £1000, informs me that the third deposit of £150 a-side, due on the 6th February, has been made good by the representatives of each man. The race takes place over the Nepean championship course on the 2nd March, and the final deposit of £200 a-side must be made good before noon on February 27.

ATHLETICS.

A NEW RUNNING GROUND.

A very considerable amount of interest is being taken in the series of professional handicaps which are to take place at the new ground, Khyber Pass, commencing on the 20th inst. A considerable sum of money has been expended in getting the ground into first-class order, and the executive have worked very hard, so that there will be no room for complaint on this score. The track will be brilliantly lighted by electricity, and the running will thus be very clearly seen. Entries close for the opening event, a Novice Handicap, on Saturday next, and handicaps will appear on Monday. As there appears to be a large number of men in training, the promoters expect that the entry list will be a very lengthy one. Mr. Buchanan will act as starter, and Messrs. Lackey and I. Hill as judges. If Wednesday evening proves fine there should be a large gathering at the new grounds, for the sport promises to be most interesting.

The main objection raised at the Athletic Union Conference to the proposed agreement with the New Zealand

Amateur Athletic Association was against the clause providing that an amateur should stand down for twelve months before being allowed a transfer to the cash ranks (writes "Sprinter"). Several members of the conference held that an amateur with a clean record should not have to undergo a term of probation, and they were prepared with reasons. They quoted the case of boys who go to school and college and compete as amateurs, but subsequently go to districts where they can obtain little or no amateur racing, and if they want sport must join the cash ranks. Or again, there are young men who begin to compete as amateurs and find the game too expensive and travelling prohibitive. Either they must be content with very little sport or they must make their sport pay their expenses, and the Union delegates are satisfied that there should be no restriction of their choice. The conference was emphatic in rejecting the clause, and it seems altogether unlikely that any such provision will find a place in an agreement between the Association and the Union. Actually the amateurs will not have to concede a great deal in the matter, for under the second clause anyone they disqualify for corrupt practices will be debarred by the Union.

The next Australasian Amateur Championship Meeting is to be held in Tasmania, but up to the present the T.A.A.A. has not fixed any date.

At the Port Nicholson A.A. and C.S. sports at Wellington on Saturday, Kerr is reported to have walked a mile in 6min 27 1-5sec, and two miles in 13min 55 4-5sec. It is somewhat significant that in a later telegram from Wellington it is reported that at a meeting of the N.Z.A.A.A. the members were strongly of opinion that the time was not opportune for seceding from the Australasian Amateur Athletic Union, and also expressed the opinion that, owing to frequent unsatisfactory decisions regarding the fairness of walking in walking contests, a photograph should be taken at a period of the race, as being the only effective means of coming to a satisfactory decision. The centre will also recommend that each centre appoint a judge of walking events held by the clubs under its jurisdiction.

Evidently the Americans are determined to be as well represented in the Olympic Games of 1910 at Athens as they were at the games held last spring. Of the 15,000 dollars raised to send out the 1906 team there is a balance remaining of 2889 dollars, and this sum has been placed in a savings bank to form the nucleus of a fund to defray the expenses of the next team. It is the intention of the United States to have particularly strong representation in the lawn tennis, fencing, and rowing competitions. President Roosevelt, who has expressed his strong approval of the Olympic Games movement, has accepted the honorary presidency of the American Committee.

Commenting on the question of the likelihood of the withdrawal from the Australasian Union of the New Zealand A.A.A., "Harrier," in the "Australasian" says:—"It is exceedingly questionable whether New Zealand would derive benefit from the right to form separate rules. The compulsory Union rules only relate to competing and to reinstatements; in all other respects each body has full powers of internal management. To alter competition rules is not sought, and it all appears to boil down to a few alleged cases of hardship in particular applications for reinstatement. Laxity in reinstatements occasioned unpleasant talk between the Associations before the Unions existed, and will do again unless the practice is kept uniform. The present demand from New Zealand for easier reinstatements is absolutely at variance with the uncompromising attitude of New Zealand's own delegates to the Union. These gentlemen were the strictest of the strict, and wished to make it absolutely impossible for an amateur who broke his status ever to be reinstated. What a whirligig, to be sure. Truth to tell, I think some one or other in New Zealand is pulling the strings to get out of the Union, for reasons far other than appear on the surface, and any gag is good enough to work the purpose if the centres can be gulled by it. After all, the Union is a purely voluntary one, and unless New Zealand considers its advantages outweigh the disadvantages, no other State would expect them to remain in."

In its review of English athletics in 1906, the "I.S. and D. News" says:—"Eventful, indeed, for the foot-racing fraternity, has been the year, which, at the time of writing, is all but closed. Bests on record in the walking way have been removed; and although rather fewer championships have changed hands than have been retained, the fact that these titles are no longer monopolised to the extent which once they were is shown by seven fresh holders having been found.

Of these the most wonderful man in the walking way was A. T. Yeomans, a Leicestershire man who took up his residence in Wales. Yeomans, according to the most expert judges, fairly walked a mile in 6min 19 4-5sec, and two miles at a relatively faster rate. The figures have yet to be accepted by the A.A.A., but it is worthy of note that the only people who have demurred to their adoption were people who were not there to see.

The most sterling champion of the year in the track-running way was Lieut. Wyndham Halswell. He gave a taste of his quality by winning the 100 metres and 250yds races at the spring meeting of the South London Harriers at Kennington Oval; then hied him way to Athens, and had the Stadion been less crowded by American competitors, whose method differed from those of the British athletes, would undoubtedly have won, instead of just losing, the events in which he there played a prominent part.

Another English athlete who did well both at the Oval and at Athens was Lieut. H. C. Hawtrey. He won the three miles race at the first-named, and the five miles race at the last-mentioned meeting.

As regards athletic performances of more than average merit on the path, the splendid running of K. Cornwallis, the Oxonian, and of the Cantabs, A. R. Welsh and R. P. Crabbe (who ran a mile in 4min 21sec, and a half-mile in 1min 55 4-5sec, at Cambridge), are worth remembering. The way in which Welsh won the mile for Cambridge against Oxford in 4min 21 1-5sec, on a heavy path, and in dismal weather, went far to alleviate his side's sorrow over the beating which Oxford administered by seven events to three. It was also a noteworthy double first which Cornwallis secured by winning the quarter in 51sec, and the half in 1min 56 2-5sec, on one and the same day. Since then, and, indeed, quite recently, Cambridge had its revenge by again defeating Oxford in the cross-country race, and supplying, in F. M. Edwards, the first man home.

CRICKET.

There was splendid weather for the continuation of the district matches on Saturday, and the wickets were in fine order. The match between North Shore and Eden attracted a large crowd across the water. The Shoremen were lucky to win the toss, for at the close of time they had the useful total on the slate of 286 for seven wickets. Haddon was caught when he was within three of the coveted century, while others to do well with the bat were Philson (51), Howden (28), Wallace (27), and Hussey (26).

Parnell started very badly against City, losing five wickets for 28, but the others came to the rescue, the fair score of 150 being the result, towards while Sale contributed 39 and Marcroft 20 (not out). City began wretchedly, the two star batsmen, Hemus and MacCormick, making 2 and 3 respectively. Dr. Neill showed good form, and when the bell rang the score read 56 for four wickets (Dr. Neill, 30 not out). It should be a close finish, but Parnell look like winning.

Ponsonby shaped very badly against the weak Grafton bowling, being all out for 90 (Robinson 24, Woods 22). Hay took seven wickets for 37. Grafton have virtually won the match, as they have 130 on the slate for four wickets. Mason came out of his shell again with a nicely put together 63 (not out), while Hay got 30.

The unbeaten Grafton II. played North Shore II. and made 222 (W. H. Graham 107 not out). North Shore have lost two wickets for 45.

For the great match between N.S.W. and the Rest of Australia for S. E. Gregory's benefit, the teams have been selected, and are as follows:—

N.S. Wales: M. A. Noble, V. Trumper, R. A. Duff, A. Diamond, A. J. Hopkins, E. L. Waddy, C. G. Macartney, M. H. Blaxland, A. Cotter, G. L. Garnsey, H. Carter.

Rest of Australia: H. Trumble (V.), C. Hill (S.A.), P. McAlister (V.), D. R. A. Gehrs (S.A.), W. W. Armstrong (V.), S. E. Gregory (N.S.W.), G. Hazlitt (V.), J. H. Pellow (S.A.), C. J. Eady (Tas.), H. Wright (S.A.), J. J. Kelly (N.S.W.).

I do not think that Gregory or Kelly should have been selected to represent the rest of Australia, as both are N.S.W. batsmen. Their in-

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clusion must tend to greatly decrease the interest of the match, the title of which is misleading. It should be a N.S.W. eleven v. Rest of Australia. In the event of Gregory or Kelly making big scores against their own State it is difficult to see where the credit to the other States comes in.

The chief attraction of the English summer of 1907 will be the visit of the South Africans, who since their tour in 1904 have managed to defeat the M.C.C. English team in four out of the five Test matches arranged there. This and the record of the last trip in this country (says the "Sportsman") have caused their claims to be thoroughly recognised, and though their drawing power may not be equal to that of the Australians, it has been decided to place them on practically an equality, and to arrange three Test matches, to be carried out on similar lines and under the direction of the Board of Control.

There is a chance of an Indian eleven playing in England this year, with Rangitsinhji as their captain. New Zealand has also been invited to send a team.

On Saturday at Christchurch the first grade cricket competitions were continued. The weather was fine and the wickets good. The results of the matches were as follows:—West Christchurch beat Sydenham by 93 runs in the first innings. West Christchurch, first innings, 301 (C. F. D. Cook 67, W. Reese 58). Sydenham, first innings, 208; second, 19 for five wickets. Riccarton beat Linwood by four runs on the first innings. Linwood, first innings, 367; Riccarton, first innings, 371 (K. S. Williams 61, E. T. Harper 182, W. A. Humphreys 57 not out). St. Albans beat East Christchurch by 85 runs. St. Albans, first innings, 264; second, 311 for six wickets (J. S. Barrett 71, B. B. Wood 150). East Christchurch, first innings, 179 (H. D. Goldsmith 79).

The return match between the M.C.C. Eleven and Otago resulted in the easy defeat of the latter. Going in first on a splendid wicket the visitors ran up 496, the highest score of the tour. Otago replied with 257, and accordingly had to follow on, when they could do not better than 144, thus losing a one-sided match by an innings and 95 runs.

It is bad news that Hemus will be unable to play in the test matches against the Englishmen, as he was expected to do particularly well.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The well-known Auckland motorist, Mr. George Henning, recently visited London on a business tour. Mr. Henning travelled via the United States, spending a week in New York en route. He visited the Olympia and Stanley motor shows during his stay in London, and has secured the agency for Daimler cars in New Zealand. By the Tokomaru Mr. Henning shipped six cars to Auckland, including a 40 h.p. six-cylinder Napier, a 24-h.p. Argyll, a 26-30 h.p. Sims, two 16-20 h.p. Humbers, and one French car—a De Dion. He expects to land five 28-36 h.p. Daimlers in the colony in June next. His observations at the Olympia show convinced him that English cars are just as good as, if not better than, those of foreign make. He has been disappointed, however, in not being able to find a car specially suited to the New Zealand roads. Those he has seen have been either too low or not wide enough between the wheels. He is therefore getting three cars built to his own specifications.

Despite the active—I might say frantic—pushing which the long crank has had from its exponents (remarks a writer in "Cycling," the English publication devoted to wheeling), the cycle public has not been convinced of its universal advantages. The fact is that while the long crank may suit a number—conceivably a large number—of riders, it most decidedly does not suit the majority, any more than a universal frame length would. In fact, all the tendency is for the adoption of a lower saddle position than is common, a shorter frame, and shorter cranks.

A puncture-finder of an entirely novel type has recently been introduced by a Home firm. It consists of a brass cylinder, which can be screwed on to the pump connection. At the other end of the cylinder a lighted fusee (of a special make) is inserted, and the smoke is blown through into the tyre and out of the puncture. A small metal vessel fitted with cold water is supplied to the place in the cylinder before introducing the fusee, so that the smoke is

cooled before entering the tyre. The device attracted a great deal of attention at the late Stanley Show in London.

On cars fitted with pressure-fed carburetors some difficulty may occasionally be experienced with leaks in the pressure-pipes, and it is no easy matter to locate these. The trouble is sometimes caused by dirt getting under the check-valve (points out "Fortis"), which controls the amount of exhaust pressure in the petrol-tank. Particulates of carbon get under this and prevent it from seating. It is good practice to take out this valve every few hundred miles and clean it thoroughly. At times the connections along the pressure-pipe will work loose and cause a leak, or a pin-hole will appear in the pipe at some point along its length. The best and easiest way to locate these leaks is to pump up 2lb or more of pressure, and then move along the line with soapsuds, covering the pipe at its joints, and over its entire length. The leak, if any, will betray its presence by forming bubbles, and when so located, may be easily repaired. The needle-valve in the float-chamber of the carburetor may occasionally become slightly leaky through the roughing of the conical valve surfaces, due to constant vibration, or on account of small, foreign particles lodging therein. The leakage may not be sufficient to cause any loss of petrol or flooding of the vaporising chamber while the engine is running, but may be sufficient in amount to lead to a constant slow dripping while the engine is stopped. As it is the practice of many motorists not to shut off when the car is left standing, there may be an escape of fuel in this manner amounting in time to a very considerable quantity. The petrol will usually evaporate from the floor or be absorbed by the road without forming any noticeable puddle, and unless the carburetor be very closely watched, the leak may continue undetected for a long time. The greatest supply of "spares" that forethought, based upon experience, can suggest, will sometimes not suffice to save a delay, but it goes without saying that the driver whose car is well provided in this respect is far better off in the majority of instances than the motorist who trusts to luck

to get to the end of his journey. Above all things, a supply of nuts and bolts of the sizes employed on the car should not be overlooked. Despite the most painstaking precaution on the part of the manufacturer to pin and lock every nut on the vehicle before it leaves the factory, there will be occasions when one or the other is missed, and few things are so trying as an attempt to secure duplicates of bolts or nuts of special types and sizes at out-of-the-way places. Even if the motorist carries nothing else, a liberal provision of these small essentials will often be the means of averting a deal of annoyance, as well as a waste of time.

The trans-Continental cyclist, Francis Birtles, who was endeavouring to ride from Perth, via the goldfields, through to Alice Springs, in the centre of Australia, has, after insurmountable hardships, been compelled to return to Laverton. After leaving Laverton, Birtles struck due east into the Victorian Desert, and endeavoured to get through to the nearest known water, 56 miles distant. He failed in the attempt, the country being found impassable, and after being away four days, during which period he cycled or pushed his machine 107 miles, Birtles was compelled to return to Laverton again.

Motor racing is to be properly organised as a sport in England by a new body under the title of the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club, whose programme has received the approval of the Automobile Club of G.B. and I., the leading motor body in England. The programme announces twelve meetings during 1907, and there is quite a horsey ring about the first meeting given by the adoption of turf style in setting out the conditions regarding entrance for the events. The first meeting is to be held on May 18 next on the special motor track, which is rapidly approaching completion. It will be interesting to see whether this attempt to make a sport of automobile racing will prove a success, but the matter is being approached in very earnest fashion, and a strong bid will be made for popularity. The prizes offered range from 300sovs. to 2100sovs, and there is a very strong committee in point of rank, wealth and influence.

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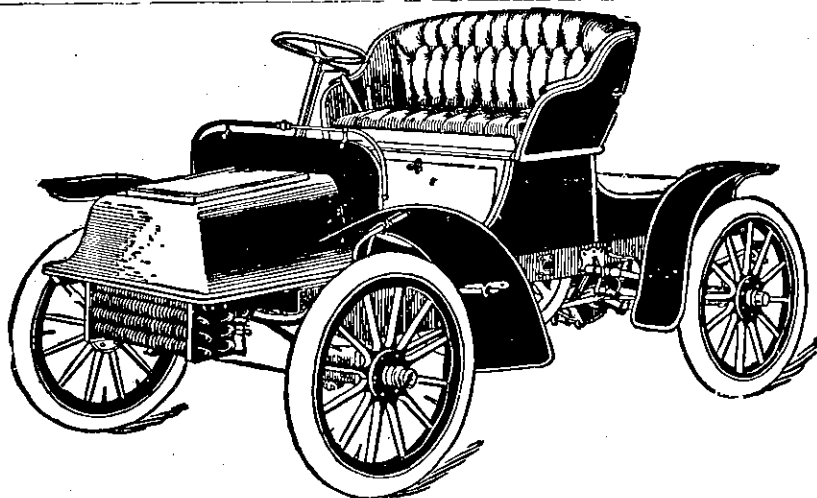
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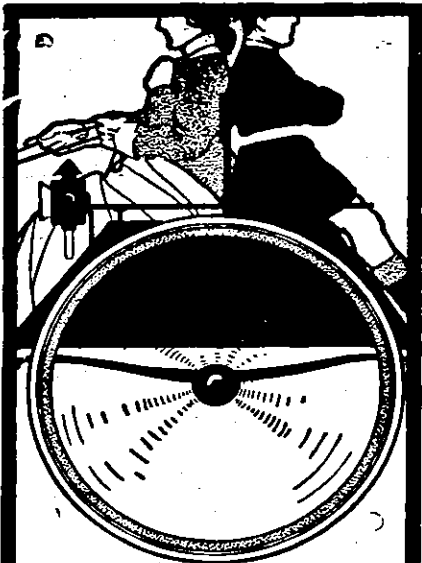
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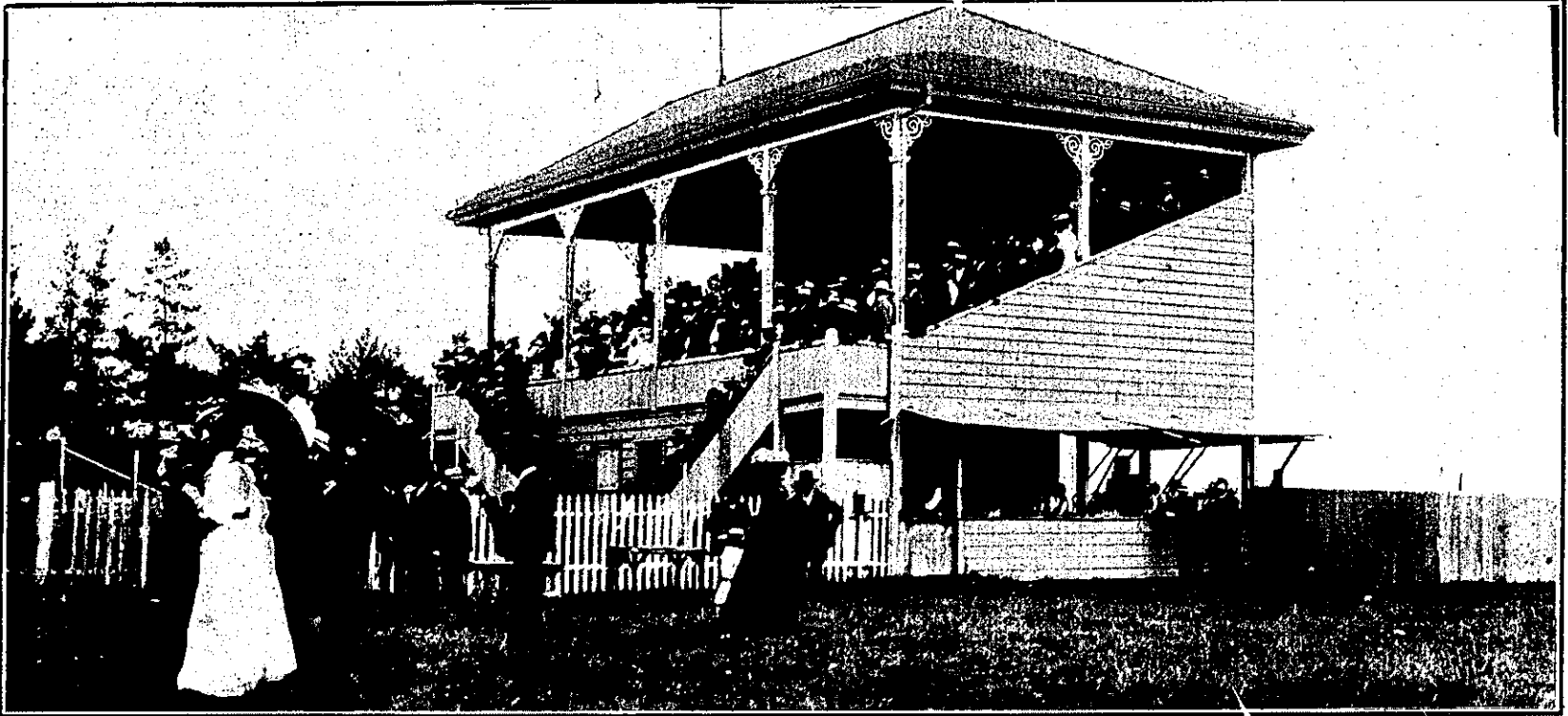
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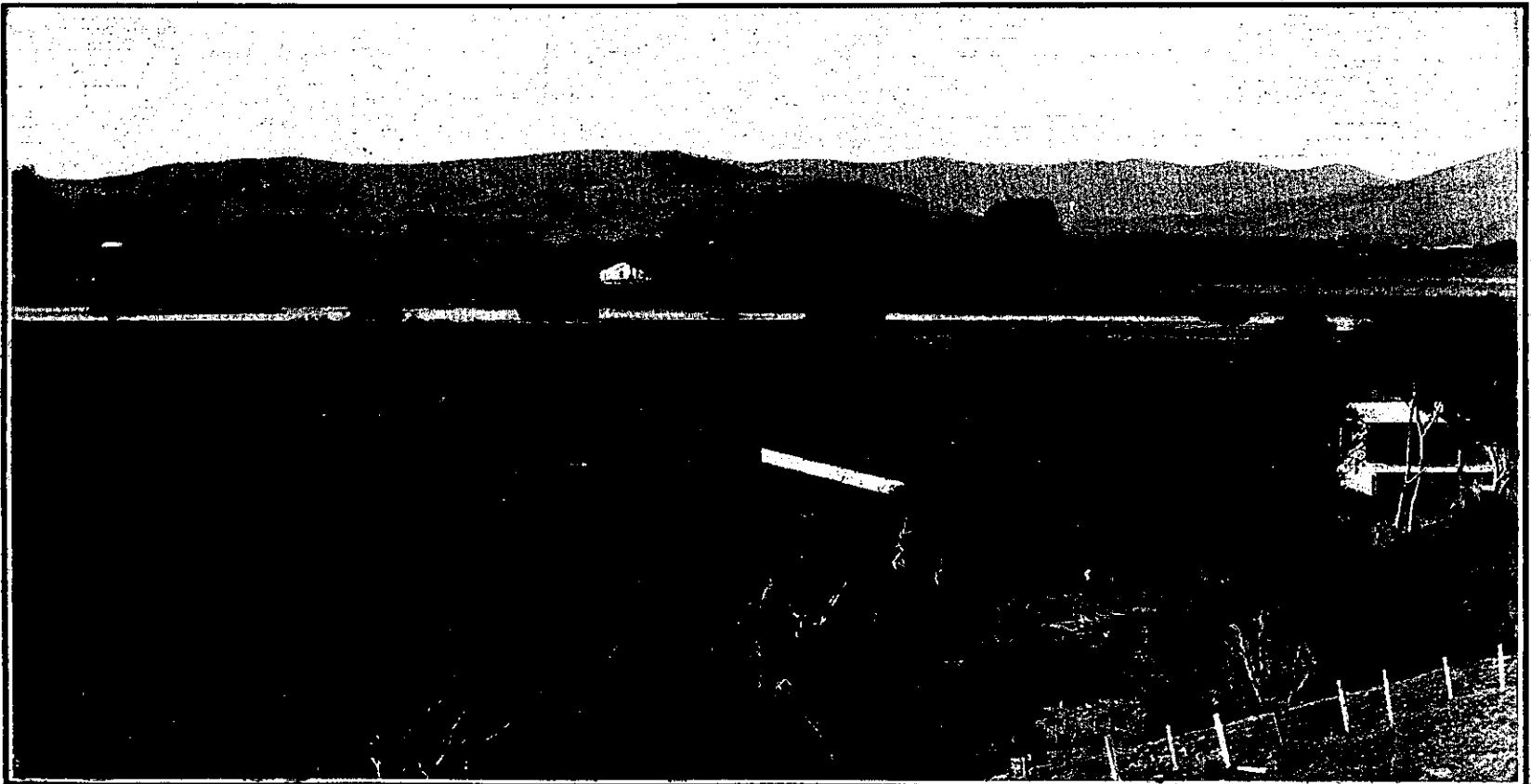
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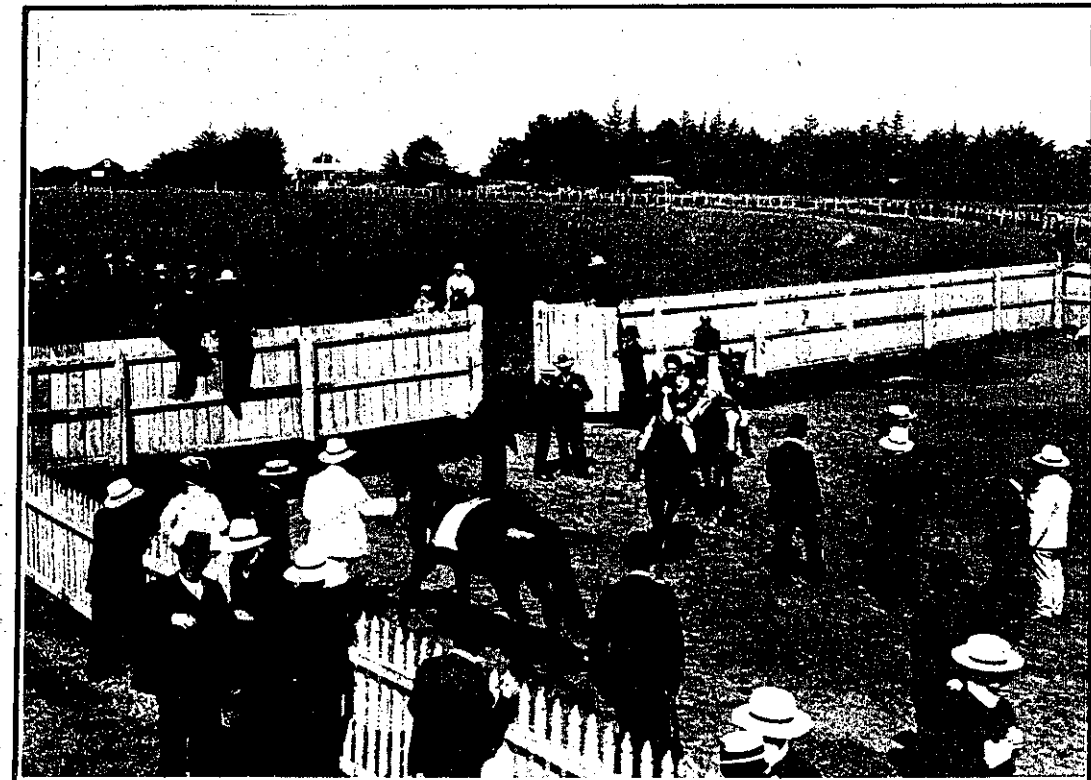
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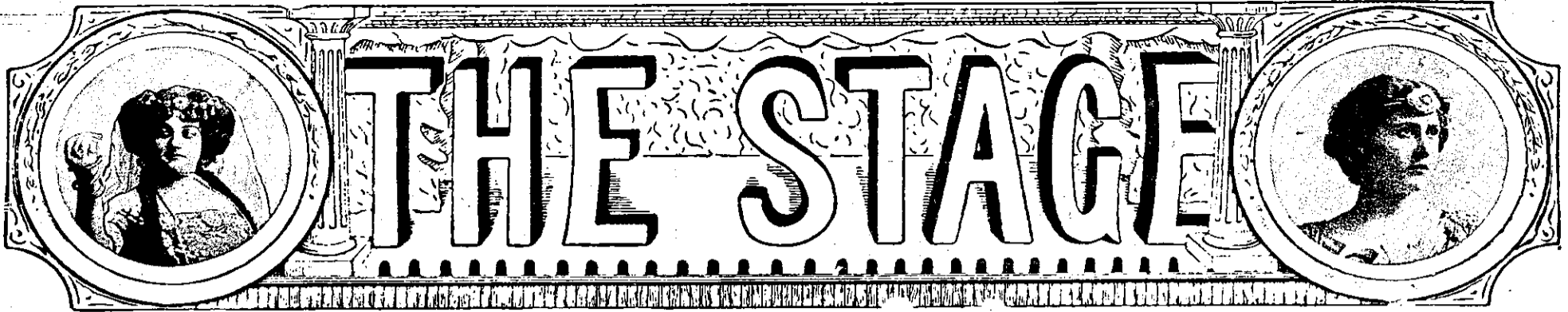
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"A COUNTRY GIRL."

The management made no mistake in including a revival of "A Country Girl" in the repertoire, and good business was done throughout the four nights' season. It is doubtful if any comic opera has been presented which surpasses this musical play of Mr. J. L. Tanner's, and it is one of the most universally popular ever presented to the public. As Geoffrey Challoner, Mr. Arthur Crane had plenty of scope, and he lost no opportunity. Miss Olive Godwin is probably at her best in the part of Marjory Joy, and her fulfilment of the role was most charming. In the delightful "Coo" duet with Mr. Crane there was such a perfect blending of voices, that it amounted to a musical triumph, and the audience was sent into ecstasies. Mr. George Lauri appeared in his original role of Barry, and with Miss Connie Milne as Madame Sophie, was responsible for no end of merriment. The applause which followed their clever duet, "Won't You Marry Me, Chic?" amounted to a furor. Mr. Claude Bantock seems eminently suited for such parts as the Rajah of Bong, and assumes the role with a kind of humorous stoicism which befits the conception. Miss Nellie Wilson was a decided success as Princess Mehelaneh, a part in which Miss Cecilia Ghiloni appeared the last time "A Country Girl" was staged in Auckland. Miss Wilson's singing and acting was in thorough accord with the character, and her conception of the Indian princess was one of the most creditable features of the piece. Mr. W. S. Percy had hardly his usual amount of scope in the part of the country-bred Douglas Verity, but, needless to remark, he made the most of it as a character study. As Nan, Miss Evelyn Scott was really excellent, and her "Try Again, Johnny," was simply splendid. Minor parts were taken in a way that combined to make the presentation of "A Country Girl" one of the most successful productions of the season.

"LA MASCOTTE."

Audran's charming opera, "La Mascotte," was staged on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and appeared, to judge by the unstinted applause, to have lost none of its old-time popularity. It abounds in beautiful melodies, the music throughout showing up in sharp contrast with some of the stuff given us in more recent years. Moreover, there is a coherent plot told in a picturesque way, and this is never allowed to be obliterated by the desire for broad farce or burlesque. The fun is there in plentitude, nevertheless, and from start to finish the opera went with all its old-time swing.

Miss Olive Godwin essayed the role of Bettina, the Mascotte, and succeeded in giving a capital impersonation of the turkey herd. What was wanting in vivacity was compensated for by her singing some of the numbers entrusted to her being a genuine treat indeed. In the famous "Glon Glon" duet with Mr. J. Ralston, the audience gave her a very hearty recall. Miss Evelyn Scott did good work in the comparatively small role of Fiametta, her representation being very bright. Owing to the illness of George Lauri the part of Laurent XVII. was undertaken by Mr. W. S. Percy. It is perhaps hardly the best of this talented comedian's characters, but he threw himself into the part with much vigour and succeeded in keeping the audience thoroughly amused while he was on the stage. He received a great reception on making his appearance on Monday, many of the audience, no doubt remembering Mr. Percy's many successes with the Pollards, being glad their old favourite should have a chance to show his ability. Mr. Bantock was entirely satisfactory as Rocco, a role

be invested with much humour. Mr. J. Ralston made a very manly Pippo, while his singing showed considerable improvement. Mr. Arthur Crane was excellent as the Crown Prince, the beautiful "Love is Blind" being splendidly rendered. This, of course, is a tenor song, and one remembers how sweetly Joseph Tapley used to render it. Very little was lost in the hands of Mr. Crane, whose light baritone was also heard to good effect in other fine items.

The dressing of the piece was lavish almost to gorgeousness, many of the costumes being particularly fine. The chorus work throughout was excellent, while a beautiful effect of lighting was introduced in the marching and counter-marching of the soldiers in the third act. If fault there was it might be that the orchestra was too loud, more than one of the vocal gems being partly ruined through this cause. Taken as a whole "La Mascotte" was probably the most enjoyable of the pieces staged during the present season.

To-night, Friday, and Saturday the ever-popular "Belle of New York" will go up, and this will bring the season to a close. The Belle is by no means new to Aucklanders but there is something about it which greatly appeals to the public taste. It is said that the present company do the opera very full justice, and under the circumstances it may be expected that crowded houses will result for the rest of the season.

"THE SQUAW MAN."

Mr. E. Milton Royle's four act comedy drama, "The Squaw Man," will be produced in Auckland at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening next, for the first time. This is Mr. J. C. Williamson's latest attraction, and it has been produced in crowded houses in Sydney and Melbourne and throughout the South of this colony. As an emotional revelation of life in distinct and stirring phrases, "The Squaw Man" is said to mark an era in modern play construction. A set of intense human probabilities distinguish the story, the incidents of which are welded into a dramatic episode. The opening scene is laid in England, and the succeeding ones in the Western States of America. Typical scenes of American life are promised in this realistic drama, and to help the presentation a number of real cowboys and several talented artists have been imported. The occasion will be notable in introducing to Auckland audiences Mr. J. C. Williamson's new dramatic company, headed by Mr. Charles Waldron, whose fine personality and talent have already won for him a "star" position on the stage; and Miss Ola Humphrey, a gifted leading lady, whose work has made for her a widely known and enviable reputation. Included in the company are a number of Australian favourites, in addition to the contingent of artists whom Mr. Williamson specially selected in England and America. The scenic investiture of "The Squaw Man" reaches the high water mark of excellence which has always characterised the firm's productions, while no detail has been neglected that might add to the artistic verity of the

representation. "The Squaw Man" will be followed by "The Virginian," "Under Two Flags," and "The Christian."

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An excellent programme is being presented at the Opera House this week. The song cycle which constitutes the first part is made up by attractive items of special merit. Miss May Wallace is making her first appearance, and creates a very favourable impression, her serio singing and step-dancing being clever. Mr. A. L. Cropp, though obviously suffering from a cold, is nevertheless appreciated, and his singing of "The Mighty Deep" was, as all his contributions are, a very acceptable item. Miss Beattie Macdonald sang a charming little song, entitled "I'd Like to Call You Sweetheart," for which she was encored again and again. Mr. Sam Wilson's popularity never wanes; the audience is always heartily glad to see him, and it is doubtful if there has ever been a more genuinely established favourite before Auckland playgoers. His jokes are mainly original, and he possesses a quaint drollery which never grows monotonous. "Just a Little Bit of Sugar-cane," was prettily sung by pretty little Eileen McLeod, who has, by her winsome ways, won a place in the hearts of Opera House habitués. Miss Florrie Leigh always chooses songs which become popular with the



MISS OLA J. HUMPHREY, OF "THE SQUAW MAN" COMPANY.

audience, and her items are always sure of a good reception. "Somewhere" was a pretty little ballad, sung by Miss Rubie Illingworth. Mr. Harry Linden really is funny. There's as much difference between genuine comedy and shouting a comic song, as there is between chalk and cheese; Mr. Linden is a comedian of some ability, and is likely to enjoy a successful season at the Opera House. The Four Rosebuds continue to high kick and sing, creating a furore each evening. "Lovely Girls," however, is a song into which a little more vivacity might be infused. Miss Ida Berridge is a bright little artist, and her singing of "Kiss all the Girls," "Come and Make Love," and "He Kissed I Once" was excellent. "Packing Up" is the talk of the town. It is a really clever sketch, and a cut above the ordinary. This fact, combined with the superior talent engaged in presenting it, makes "Packing Up" one of the most delightful comedies ever produced in Auckland. Mr. Fred. H. Graham, as John Chugwater, plays the part of the irascible hubby, and Miss Nellie Dent that of the patient partner of his joys and sorrows. The scene presented is one of confusion, the time being the morning of their departure for a holiday. Chugwater has spent rather a bad night of it, and makes things lively next morning. The sketch simply reeks with humour, and from the time the unhappy lord and master takes a lump out of himself during the process of shaving until he finally makes his exit in his pyjamas, a dilemma he is placed in through having packed up his trousers and sent them on to the station, the audience knows no peace, but rocks in the arms of incessant laughter. A feature that is missed, however, is the musical element. Master Norman Mudford is back again. The voice of Auckland's boy vocalist has lost none of its mellowness, and "My Nellie Darling" and "Believe" were most enjoyable contributions. Mr. Slade Murray, the comedy vocalist, appeared in several gems from his original repertoire, including "Mr. Brown of the Crown," "Gather Round Me," and "The Shipwreck." Next Saturday see some important changes.

CHORAL HALL.

THE BLANCHE ARRAL SEASON.

Madame Blanche Arral, the talented French prima-donna, whose recent appearances in Melbourne and Sydney took the musical world completely by storm, has been repeating her triumphs in New Zealand, the successes she has achieved being simply phenomenal from the artistic standpoint, though it is to be feared so far as Auckland is concerned, public appreciation of her marked powers of song leaves a good deal to be desired. The attendance at the Choral Hall on Monday evening when Madame Arral gave the first of a series of three operatic recitals, was not at all in keeping with the merits



MR. RAPLEY HOLMES AS BIG BILL IN "THE SQUAW MAN."



MR HARDEE KIRKLAND AS THE UTE CHIEF TABYWANA IN "THE SQUAW MAN."

of the performance, although the gifted cantatrice could not possibly have had a more appreciative and genuinely enthusiastic audience than that which assembled in honour of the occasion. Madame Arral is, without doubt, one of the most gifted singers that have ever visited New Zealand, possessing a voice the timbre and quality of which is remarkable for its flexibility, musical range, cultivation and adaptability to every class of operatic music. It comes as a revelation to Madame Arral's hearers to find that she is equally at home with the G in alt, which she reaches with perfect ease, as she is with her middle and lower notes. In ascending or descending the scales, in the gay sparkling music which proves so irresistibly attractive, and in the graver, more passionate and tragic moods of song, Madame's tones are full and rich and sweet, and there is no perceptible break in the registers. Madame Arral is undoubtedly a great artiste—one to the manner born—and a veritable Queen of Song, swaying her subjects at will. Those who neglect the opportunity of hearing her miss an unparalleled treat.

Monday's programme in other

hands would have been more than ambitious. But Madame Arral is so much at home in every branch of operatic art that what to others would be a severe task is to her pleasant pastime—such at least it seems. The opening numbers from Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots"—"The Page's Song," was splendidly given, and gave place to Saint Saen's "La Timbre de Argent," which seemed to be even more perfectly rendered. Then came Laura's song from "The Beggar Student" (Millock's), and incidentally it may be noted that Madame Arral created the role of Laura at Paris, where the play ran for 150 consecutive performances. Here, again, the singer proved eminently successful. In the selections from "Faust," Madame, attired as "Marguerite," gave further proof of her versatile powers, the recitative and song "King of Thule," and the brilliant "Jewel Song," being given with a power and abandon that was simply overwhelming. In the selections from "Mignon," the artiste gave further proof of her brilliant powers, the contrasts afforded by the recitative and romance "Connais tu le pays," "The Swallow Song," and the recitative cantabile "Elle est la! pres de lui," giving the singer ample scope for demonstrating her remarkable powers of song, which she did to the delight and admiration of all hearers. Attired as "Titania," Madame gave the final programmed number in the recitative and polacca "I am Titania," singing with a dazzling brilliancy beyond all praise. In each of her numbers Madame had been encored in the heartiest fashion, but at the close of this gem the audience overwhelmed the singer with their enthusiastic applause, and graciously enough, tired as she must have been with such an exacting programme, Madame responded with Varney's delightful "Bird Waltz"—an exquisite piece of vocalisation which made everyone loth to let the talented cantatrice go, the audience rising spontaneously and cheering her to the echo. Other of Madame's encore numbers were Gounod's "Serenade," a characteristic sketch "Manola" (Vasseau) and a selection from "Faust."

Madame Arral's company comprises some talented musicians, who make up a capital little orchestra, as perfect in its way as the prima donna is in hers. Signor Torzillo, the harpist, has a wonderful command over and perfect knowledge of his instrument. In his opening solo "La Hiron-delli Perdu," and in the succeeding number, a Scotch fantasia, he played with exquisite taste and precision, both solos being much appreciated and warmly commended. Herr Paans, the violinist, is also a very capable player, and was heartily applauded. His mannerisms, however, somewhat spoil the effect of his otherwise excellent performance. Mr. Harold Proctor (pianist), and Mr. J.

Stewart (flautist) complete the company.

The second of the series of recitals takes place this evening at the Choral Hall, when we hope to see a house full to overflowing. A rich musical treat may safely be anticipated.

Interviewed down South, Mr. J. C. Williamson gave a list of the companies which he would send through New Zealand during the next twelve months. The present Royal Comic Opera Company is being followed by the American company, playing "The Squaw Man" and "The Virginian." Andrew Mack, the Irish comedian and singer, will open in Wellington on Easter Saturday with "Tom Moore," "Arrah Na Pogue," and "The Way to Kenmare." Later in the year Julius Knight plays a return season, his repertoire including "Robin Hood," "The Scarlet Pimpernel," "Raffles," and "Brigadier Gerard." Then follows the pantomime "Mother Goose" at present being played with enormous success in Melbourne. Finally the New Zealand attraction for next Christmas will be "Peter Pan," now being revived for the fourth time in London.

Saturday next sees some important changes at the Opera House. The Herz Bros., trio vocalists and comedians, make their first appearance before an Auckland public. A vivacious serio in Miss Lillian Loftus will make her debut. Maxwell and Roberts come with good reputations as serio and dancers. Shaw and Gilbert, known as "the Sketch Team," appear for the first time; also Miss Lorraine Tansley, a charming contralto. The ever-popular Bicknells are making their reappearance, and Rex, the india-rubber man, comes back to further mystify Opera House patrons.

It is 25 years since the popular manager, Mr. J. C. Williamson, was last in New Zealand. He declaims any intention whatever of retiring from the eminent position he occupies in the theatrical world.

It is certainly not too much to say (writes Mr George Tallis) that "Parsifal" has proved itself the most successful play in the whole extensive repertoire of Miss Tittell Brune a position it has secured no. only by the triumphs of stage craft and the artistic beauty of its setting, but also because of the admirable rendering its poetically expressed plot receives at the hands of Miss Brune, Mr Thomas Kingston and the rest of their associates. The company are now in the last weeks of their Sydney visit which ends on the 1st March, and before they leave for Hobart (where they are due on the 4th of that month) they will stage revivals of "Dorothy Vernon," "Sunday," "Leah Kleschna," and "Merely Mary Ann."

Mr G. L. Peterson is in Auckland making arrangements for the visit of Wirth's Circus, which opens here on Tuesday, the 26th inst.



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"THE YELLOW PERIL."

The Messrs. MacMahon have made a most important addition to their already extensive repertoire, having secured the Australasian rights of a thrilling drama by Albert Newcomb, bearing the above title. The importance of this acquisition is apparent, when it is recollected that the present relationship of the yellow and the white races is a subject of world-wide discussion and interest. To us in the antipodes especially, the entente cordiale or otherwise between those of our own blood and the Asiatic is a matter of grave and serious import—and it is not at all unlikely that we may in the not far distant future be called upon to pay the deepest and most earnest attention to the subject. "The Yellow Peril" was submitted to a Christchurch audience on Saturday, 9th February, and this was absolutely its first performance in Australasia. The story told in the play is full of dramatic intensity, marked characterization strength of plot, and boldness of design. Vera Montgomery, the adopted daughter of Sir Richard Templeton, in a moment of pique and disappointment at the conduct of her lover Arthur Templeton, yields to the pleadings of one Marquis Tsao, a Chinaman of the highest caste, and a man of wealth and education, and marries him. Immediately after the ceremony, Arthur arrives unexpectedly on the scene, and denounces the Chinese Magnate, impassionately informing those present at the wedding breakfast as to what a horrible fate Vera has been condemned, for as he explains, her position in China will be merely that of a slave, "Wrecked in body, without even the remnant of a soul." Following this denunciation, a most novel and interesting scene occurs. The characters in the drama journey to the Swiss Alps (where an avalanche sweeps one of the dramatic personae into a chasm), then to China, where exciting incidents are met with, and finally back to England. Strenuous efforts have been put forth to ensure a complete and attractive presentation of "The Yellow Peril," and this enterprising and popular management are sparing no expense. Artists, stage carpenters, property-men, costumiers, orchestra and stage managers have been daily working in combination to bring about a notable result, and the theatre-going public of Christchurch have now emphatically demonstrated their interest in this novel theatrical event.

The Willoughby-Ward Company, which is now playing at Newcastle, N.S.W., will visit Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, and Albury before reaching Melbourne. An Easter season will be played in Tasmania, and after visiting Adelaide and Brisbane the company will re-appear at Sydney in August.

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Writing to friends in New Zealand, Mrs. Howard Vernon Miss Vinia de Loitte, late of the J. C. Williamson Repertoire Company, says that after spending some time on their farm "down the coast," they will probably visit London and return with a company of their own.

The Chicago "Record," writing of Mr. H. B. Irving's performance in "The Bells" in which he filled the part of Matthias for the first time on any stage, says:—"When, towards the close of the first act, Matthias muttered: 'Courage, Matthias, courage!' all doubt about the great performance vanished. With the passing of every subsequent situation he rose and rose in demonstrations of power until, in the dream scene, one could only gasp and say, 'The father is here.' This was to do more than imitate; imitation does not convince and intrall, as Irving did throughout."

Mr Clyde Meynell, of the firm of Meynell and Gunn, is at present in London, where he has engaged Miss Maud Hildyard, formerly of Mr Tree's London company, to tour Australia with her own company during the present year. Miss Hildyard will produce several English successes, including "The Great Awakening" and "A Beautiful Fiend."

That much photographed Spanish dancer, La Belle Otero, is to be married shortly to Mr Rene Webb, an English manufacturer, living in Buenos Ayres. The most romantic part of the engagement is that Mr Webb first fell in love with Otero by seeing her photographs on pictorial postcards, and had accumulated a collection of several thousands. The moment the original opened her tour of Argentina Mr Webb proposed to Otero, and was promptly refused. Nothing daunted he followed her on her return to Paris and repeated his offer. "I refused once more," stated Otero to the London "Daily Mail" correspondent, "but he would not take no for an answer. These

English are so persistent. Then," she added, ingenuously, with a shrug of her shoulders, "the thought flashed across my mind, why not try marriage, just to see what it is like?" Accordingly Mr Webb was accepted on his agreeing to settle a large marriage portion on his bride, submit to extravagant habits she admitted, and set up her younger sister in business.

On the termination of their Wellington season the Besses o' th' Barn Band will visit the West Coast of the South Island. The following are the towns to be visited, and the dates booked:—

Nelson—February 18 and 19.

Westport—February 21.

Reefton—February 22.

Hokitika—February 23.

Kumara—February 24.

Greymouth—February 25.

A return season will be commenced in Christchurch on the 28th February, extending until 13th March.

The Royal Comic Opera Company after leaving Auckland will tour the South Island, finishing there on the 22nd March. The alteration in the pantomime dates will necessitate the postponement of their visit to Sydney, which had been fixed for Easter time, and instead Mr J. C. Williamson has decided to give Adelaide the pleasure of their company at that time. The visit will obviously be only a short one, as their presence will be required in Sydney about the middle of April.

One of the two new playhouses in Shaftesbury Avenue, London, which is called the Hicks Theatre, was opened by Mr Seymour Hicks on Thursday, the 27th December with "The Beauty of Bath," which was transferred from the Aldwych Theatre. The handsome building was designed by Mr W. G. R. Sprague, and has accommodation for 1200 people. The interior has been treated in the Louis XVI. style, the decorations being carried out in an ivory-white tone, while the upholstery is of a deep shade of old rose.

The adjoining playhouse will be called the Piccadilly. This will be ready for occupation next March, but up to the present nothing has been settled as to who will be its first lessee.

It is understood that Mr Johnny Sheridan intends visiting New Zealand once more at an early date with some new attractions.

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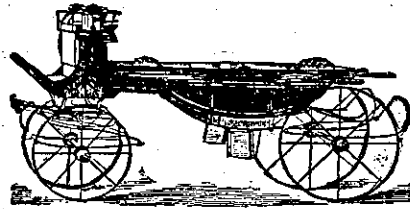
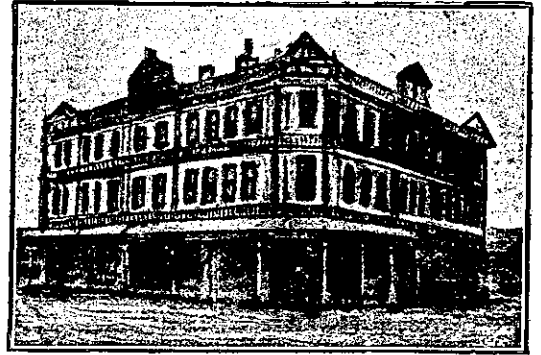
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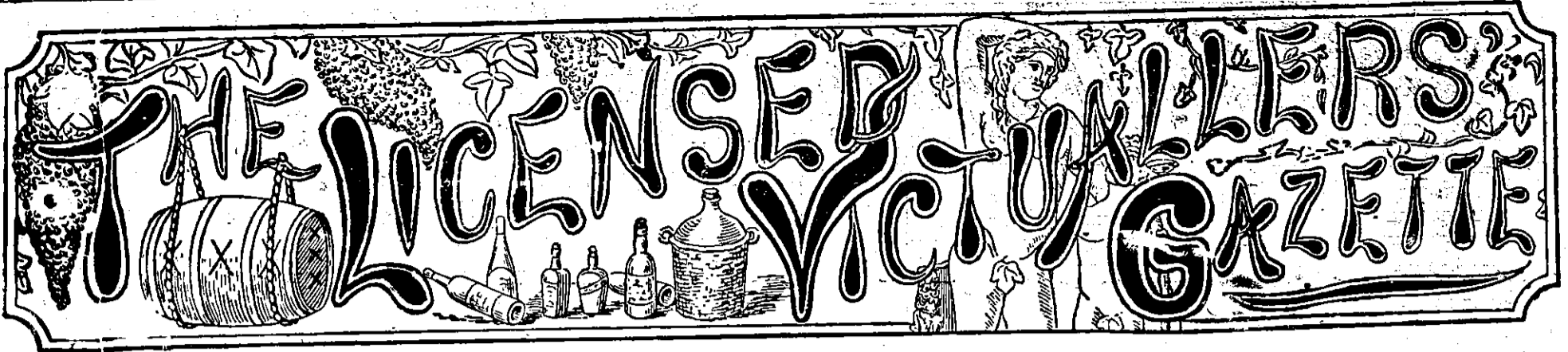
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It is reported that Mr. Harry Dyer, late of the Newton Hotel, is negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Phillip Cullen's interest in the Central Hotel, Dargaville.

At Hay (N.S.W.) last week a powerful whirlwind struck the Commercial Hotel verandah, and lifted some 50 odd feet of the verandah bodily up, twisted the iron and woodwork, and carried a portion of the roof over the building, landing it in the yard at the kitchen door. The roof carried with it in its flight one of the chimneys.

Owing to a certain undesirable element among the list of "paying guests" visiting the Exhibition, board and lodging has not been so very dear in some cases. And boardinghouse-keepers have learned another rule of the game, viz., "That down the fire-escape and over the fence is 'out.'"—*"Christchurch Star."*

An application for the transfer of the license of the Hibernian Hotel, Onehunga, from T. C. Christiansen to Charles Lomax will be heard at the March meeting of the Manukau Licensing Committee.

Last Thursday night a disastrous fire started in the Old Bond Distillery, Bundaberg, Queensland. No water was available, and the building burned fiercely. A large quantity of valuable machinery and the still were destroyed. A new bond adjoining was saved. The damage is very heavy.

In the Wellington Supreme Court last week a man named Alexander McLean was sentenced to two years imprisonment for breaking into a hotel at Martinborough and stealing some cash and bottles of whisky and brandy.

Last Friday judgment was given in the claim for commission case over the sale of the Kentish Hotel. This case has occupied a considerable amount of time, and judgment was given for defendants. The hotel in question was finally purchased by Mr. Joe Molloy, late of the Albion Hotel, Hobson-street, he being succeeded in that house by his son, Mr. Murray Molloy.

The many friends of Mr. Alex. Schultze, late of the Grosvenor Hotel, Hobson street, will regret to learn that he met with a most regrettable accident last Friday morning. It appears that while he was crossing Queen-street, near the Customs-street corner, he did not notice an approaching tram car, and was knocked down, being struck on the head by the step, which caused a nasty scalp wound. Mr. Schultze, we are pleased to say, was able to proceed to his home, after having been attended to at Mr. Hall's chemist shop.

The straits builders are sometimes placed in Wellington are exemplified at present on the site of the late fire on Lambton Quay. To take every advantage of the depth of the land, the plans for the new Commercial Hotel provide for a building with its back wall standing close up to the rear boundary of the section—a point some distance up the steep bank, 60ft or 70ft high. To effect this purpose a good deal of excavation has been rendered necessary, so much so, indeed, that Mr. W. H. Field, solicitor, owner of the property above, has applied for an injunction restraining the contractor from excavating more than is advisable. When the back wall of the hotel is up it is maintained that the land above will be safer than it has ever been, as it will practically guard against slips.

A London publican was fined recently for giving the "long pull." It was stated that one of the "pints" supplied measured over a quart.

At the next meeting of the Thames Licensing Committee, held on March 1, Mrs. Syme, of the Coromandel Hotel, Coromandel, will apply to have the license of that house transferred to Mr. Otto Hadrup.

England uses over 30,000 tons of tobacco yearly, but Germany gets through 85,000 tons in a twelvemonth.

The Masterton Licensing Committee have ordered certain hotels in Masterton to be rebuilt, but it is understood (says the "Wairarapa Age") that the owners of the hotels intend to fight the decisions of the Licensing Committee. This decision, it is said, is the outcome of a judgment delivered recently by Mr. Justice Cooper in connection with the rebuilding of certain hotels in the Wairarua licensing district. More will probably be heard of the matter at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

Two charges of breaches of the licensing laws preferred against Mr. T. B. O'Connor, of the Victoria Hotel, were dismissed last Friday by Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M. With regard to the one charge the Magistrate remarked that he was not satisfied that any person of reasonable observation would have that the man supplied with drink had had enough when the last glass was supplied.

The "Wanganui Chronicle" reports a curious circumstance which almost caused a serious accident. It appears that a carter was returning to a brewery with barrels, and the load started to shift when the cart was within a few yards of the railway crossing by Murray's Foundry. In trying to steady the barrels the driver did not notice the quarter past eleven a.m. outward goods train till it was just on him. With great skill and presence of mind he managed to turn the horse round, but the engine struck the back of the cart, smashing both shafts and a few spokes in one wheel.

The Representation Commissioners have intimated that it is impossible to alter the boundaries of the Newtown electorate as desired by a number of residents who have been taken out of the electorate and placed in the new suburbs electorate.

In the local Court last week an exemplary sentence was passed on a young man who was found guilty of refusing to quit the Queen's Ferry Hotel, and assaulting the licensee.

Mr. W. H. G. Wrathall has purchased Mr. C. A. Sansom's interest in the St. Helier's Bay Hotel.

The Alpha Hotel at Kihikihi is being taken over by Mr. George Wallace, late of the Pacific Hotel, Thames. Mr. E. W. Robinson having sold out his interest in that house.

Last week William Hogan, a young man, was fined £3 and costs 12/, or a month's imprisonment for kicking over a tray of glasses in the Newmarket Hotel.

Commerciais and others visiting Coromandel will find a change in the proprietorship of the Coromandel Hotel, which has recently been taken over by Mr. O. Hadrup. The hotel is well-appointed, the dining-room being large and bright looking, while the bedrooms are roomy and comfortable. This was formerly the commercial house in Coromandel, and with the present management there is no reason why it should not regain its former position. The wines and spirits are well-selected, and are of the best brands only. Mrs. Hadrup, with her pleasant manner, ably assists her husband in the conduct of the hotel, and patrons can rest assured that they will receive every attention.

The "blue," a measure used in Wales, holds two-thirds of a pint.

In Persia there are no distilleries, breweries, or public-houses, and native wine is the only intoxicating beverage used.

We are pleased indeed to hear that Mr. William Abbott, who was for some fourteen years in the Star Hotel at Otahuhu, has decided to return to business, he having bought Bennett's Masonic Hotel at Wanganui. Mr. Abbott being a thorough-going sportsman, and taking a keen interest in all branches of sport, will soon become extremely popular among his new friends and neighbours, while the patrons of the house will find that the Abbott family are second to none in running a hotel in a thoroughly up-to-date manner.

In the local police court last Monday, the adjourned cases against Edyard Richter, charged with being unlawfully on the premises of the Masonic Hotel, Devonport, on December 25, and Arthur Robinson, who was similarly charged with being on the premises of the Masonic and Esplanade hotels on the same date, were concluded, Mr. Landon stating that his client (Robinson) had not been able to come down to town to give evidence. The adjournment was for this purpose, but neither of the defendants appeared. Mr. Kettle inflicted a fine of 10s in each case.

The hot springs at Helensville are gradually being developed, and the new bath-house, fitted with porcelain baths imported from England, is to be opened, if possible, on March 2.

The Hotel Cecil in London is supposed to be the largest establishment of its kind in the United Kingdom, the Savoy coming next, and the New Manchester Hotel in Manchester third.

UNDESIRABLES.

Another instance of an undesirable customer came before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., in the Police Court last week, when William Hogan, a young man, was charged with wilfully damaging three glasses, valued at 3/, the property of William John Baker.

Sub-Inspector Gordon stated that on January 27 accused and another man went into the Newmarket Hotel and asked for liquor. The licensee (Mr. Baker) refused to serve them and ordered them off the premises. They refused to go, and when a man, who was carrying a tray with glasses on it, was passing, Hogan kicked the tray, knocking it out of the man's hands.

Hogan, who had a number of previous convictions against him for various offences, was fined £3, and costs 12/, or in default one month's imprisonment.

LICENSEES MUST BE PROTECTED

In the local Police Court last week before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., a case was heard which illustrates one of the annoyances and sources of danger that hotel-keepers are subjected to. In this instance a young man named William Cameron was charged with refusing to quit the Queen's Ferry Hotel when requested to do so, with assaulting Arthur Bach by striking him with his fist, and with using obscene language in Vulcan Lane. The accused pleaded not guilty to all three charges. Sub-Inspector Gordon said the case was a bad one. The accused entered the hotel in a drunken condition, and refused to leave. A police constable ultimately persuaded him to go, but he returned, and when the licensee tried to get him away, became violent, striking him several times with his fist. Outside he made use of the bad language. His Worship mentioned that Cameron had a very bad record, and deserved severe treatment. Licensees worked under a most stringent Act, and they must

be protected. For refusing to quit, Cameron was fined £4 or one month's imprisonment, sentence of one month in gaol was imposed for the assault, while, for using obscene language, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, the terms to be cumulative.

GREAT NORTHERN BREWERY EMPLOYEES.

The Great Northern Brewery employees held their annual picnic and sports at Squadron Bay, Waiheke, on Saturday. The weather proved just the thing for a picnic, and everything went off splendidly. The sports proved interesting, and there were some good finishes. Mr. Syd. Somerfield held the pistol, while Messrs. Luckie, Franklin and Brewin officiated at the tapes. On the voyage home Mr. John Mowbray, the managing director, handed out the prizes. The following were the results:—

Swimming Race, 50yds: H. McCullough 1, J. Smith 2, E. Lynch 3.

100Yds Handicap: L. Temperton 1, E. E. Harvey 2, H. Ellis 3.

75Yds Handicap (over 35): F. Weir 1, J. Hedley 2, J. Homan 3.

One Mile Walk Handicap: R. A. Armstrong 1, V. Brown 2, E. Curtis 3.

75Yds Handicap (under 35): W. Shaw 1, W. Rose 2, H. Ellis 3.

Boys' Race, 100yds: A. Temperton 1, A. Hendry 2, Barrett 3.

Sack Race: F. Brewin 1, W. Shaw 2, A. Temperton 3.

Manx Race: Smith and Barrett 1, Lynch and Temperton 2.

Steeplechase: A. Temperton 1, Barrett 2, H. McCullough 3.

Great Northern Brewery Departmental Shield, 450yds relay race: Brewhouse 1, Office 2, Wine and Spirit Department 3.

Points Cup: This was won by A. Temperton.

REASONABLE OBSERVATION.

In the Police Court last Friday, before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., Timothy O'Connor was charged that on December 15, being the licensee of the Victoria Hotel, he permitted drunkenness on his premises, and that on the same date he sold beer to James Moylan, a person already in a state of intoxication. Mr. J. R. Reed defended, pleading not guilty. Mr. Mays appeared for the prosecution.

James Moylan, a carter, said that before lunch he and two companions had two drinks, afterwards going to the Victoria Hotel, where witness had four small glasses of beer and a quantity of soda water. About four o'clock, witness and his friends went out, but Moylan came back, and asked O'Connor for a room, as he wanted to shake the other men off. All the drinks witness had that day were six small glasses of beer. A man named Winters was in the bedroom with witness, and, after coming out, he (Moylan) made an accusation of robbery against Winters, as he had lost his money. They went to the police station with a constable, but witness could not swear that Winters took his money. Cross-examined by Mr. Reed, witness said that when he went out into the street with Winters to find a constable he was perfectly sober, and knew exactly how much of his money he had left. Witness was with his wife all the evening, wheeled a perambulator with two children in it, and had a perfect recollection of all the incidents of the day. Sergeant Hendry suggested at the Police Station that witness was under the influence of liquor, but this was not the case.

Sergeant Hendry said that when Moylan and Winters came to the station with Constable O'Connor the former was in a state of advanced intoxication, and was not accurate in his statement about the alleged robbery by Winters, who, when he turned his pockets out, had no money answering the description given. In the sergeant's opinion Moylan was excited, but was in such a state that he should not have been supplied

with liquor or allowed to remain on licensed premises. To Mr. Reed witness said that Moylan was not staggering, and was able to take care of himself.

William Keane, a Kingsland labourer, said that when he first met Moylan he did not appear to be under the influence of drink. After having four drinks in the Victoria Hotel, Moylan drank soda water, saying that he did not want to get drunk, as he had to go out with his wife that evening. When Mr. O'Connor came into the bar, as Moylan was having his last glass of beer, he told the barmaid not to give him any more beer. In witness' opinion, Moylan went to lie down in order to get out of drinking any more.

John Keane, another member of the party, gave similar evidence.

William Winters, in the course of his evidence, said he could not imagine why Moylan made a charge of robbery against him. Witness would not say that his accuser was drunk, though he appeared to be excited.

Evidence was also given by Constable O'Connor to the effect that Moylan was suffering from the effects of drink, and was in a muddled state.

Mr. Reed contended that there was really no case to answer, for if a publican was to be convicted on such evidence as had been given for the prosecution the position of licensees would be intolerable. On the evidence before His Worship there was not sufficient to warrant a conviction on either charge.

His Worship said that it was entirely a question of fact, and it had not been established to his satisfaction that Moylan was drunk when he was supplied with his last drink. As far as the license was concerned, he had done quite right in telling the barmaid not to give him any more when he (O'Connor) thought that he had had enough. With regard to the other charge, he was not satisfied that any person of reasonable observation would have thought that Moylan had had enough drink when the last glass was supplied. The information would therefore be dismissed.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT.

Judgment was given by Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., last week in the case in which J. M. and J. Mowbray sued Wm. Abbot, executor in the will of Katherine Jones (deceased), for £80, commission on the sale of the Kentish Hotel, Waiuku.

His Worship said that the claim was for services alleged to have been rendered on behalf of Mrs. Jones, since deceased. Plaintiffs alleged that on December 11, 1905, they were instructed to sell the hotel by Mrs. Jones on behalf of her husband. The agents took along a Mr. Thomas, and were promised a commission of £100 if they sold the hotel for £3000. On the following day Mr. Jones died, and the instructions were renewed by Mrs. Jones. The hotel was subsequently sold on January 6, 1906, to a Mr. Schultze by Mrs. Jones and Mr. Abbot for £3150. Plaintiff alleged that before the sale to Mr. Schultze they had effected a sale to Mr. Thomas, and the decision of the case rested on the question of whether they still had authority to sell. In his opinion events showed conclusively that their authority to sell the hotel was revoked on January 5, the day before they contended the sale to Mr. John Thomas was effected. Mr. Mowbray admitted that Mr. Biss, solicitor for Mrs. Jones, had a conversation with him on January 5, in which reference was made to the sale, Mr. Biss stating that he informed Mr. Mowbray that the hotel had been sold. The authority to the agent to sell could be revoked at any time, provided it were done in a bona fide manner, without the object of preventing them earning their commission, or carrying out their duties. He was satisfied that the sale to Mr. Schultze was bona fide. Mr. Thomas had offered £2750 for the hotel, but this had been distinctly refused, and there was nothing done to indicate to Mrs. Jones that Mr. Thomas was a likely purchaser. Mr. Jones had a perfect right to sell, and the sale amounted to a revocation of plaintiff's authority, while the notice to Mr. John Mowbray was sufficient for both. Judgment would therefore go for the defendant on the ground that the authority was revoked before the agents had performed the services rendered. Judgment was then entered for defendant with costs, £4 10/6.

"What day was I born on, mother?"
"Thursday, child."
"Wasn't that fortunate! It's your day at home."

SMOKING AFTER FORTY.

Dr. C. Stanford Read, in his book, "How to Keep Well," has something to say concerning smoking. That tobacco used moderately is generally injurious seems improbable; at any rate, the mischief of it, he says, is not proved. But smokers do not altogether escape the effects of the nicotine. Among the slighter consequences are decay of the teeth, and this few escape; a tendency to a chronic inflammatory condition of the back of the throat and slight muscular tremor. In respect of severer consequences, "tobacco blindness" stands out prominently. Dizziness is not an uncommon sign of excess or intolerance of tobacco. This symptom is seen more in cigarette smokers, perhaps, because in this practice the smoke is generally inhaled. Tobacco hearts are very common in young men who smoke freely before becoming thoroughly seasoned, the main feature being palpitation, accompanied by a sense of discomfort in the cardiac region. Dr. Read also points out that tobacco, in common with most kinds of chronic poisoning, tends to produce anaemia. "Up to the age of 40 years much excess may be indulged in without permanent harm being wrought; but over that age much greater caution must be exercised. The continued inhalation of smoke is certain deleterious, for thereby more of the active constituents of tobacco tend to enter the system, and predisposition to catarrh of the respiratory passages is set up. Excessive smoking I believe to be prejudicial to the efficient working of the intellectual faculties. It tends to turn thought into reverie, and woe betide him whose work is of the mind and who allows himself to fall from thought into mere reverie."

MEN KILLED IN A SALOON.

As showing how rampant crime is in San Francisco, papers report the "sticking-up" of a saloon at Sixth and Brannan Streets in that city by two armed and masked men shortly before nine o'clock on the evening of November 15. The report says:—

A desperate duel to the death was fought during the attempted hold-up of a saloon at Sixth and Brannan Streets shortly before nine o'clock last night between an ex-policeman and one of the robbers. After sixteen shots had been fired the body of Frank Burke, an ex-convict, one of the men who tried to hold the place up, was stretched lifeless on the opposite side of the street. An hour later George O'Connell, the ex-policeman, died at the Central Emergency Hospital from bullet wounds inflicted by Burke. Steven Lynch and Louis Delatour, who were also in the saloon, lay at death's door at the hospital. Michael Kennedy, another customer of the place, was slightly wounded. Burke and a companion, wearing masks, entered the saloon, which is owned by John O'Connell, and demanded that everybody throw up their hands. For answer George O'Connell started shooting, and the revolvers of two desperate thugs rang out simultaneously in reply. Burke, who had entered the saloon from the Sixth-street door, staggered across the street after exchanging shots with brave O'Connell, and fell dead in his tracks. His companion kept up the fusillade, shooting at the other men in the place till his revolver was emptied. Then he disappeared in the darkness, leaving behind him his three victims. When the shooting occurred there were about a dozen men in the saloon. John O'Connell, a nephew of the proprietor, was behind the bar, the owner of the place having retired to his room above. Everybody was lined up at the bar, preparing to take a drink, when both doors of the place, one on Sixth and the other on Brannan-street, opened simultaneously, and a masked man, with drawn revolver, appeared at each.

"One, two, three. Throw up your hands, everybody!" yelled the man who entered by the Brannan-street door, each thug advancing toward the bar as this command was given in a cool and commanding tone. Everybody obeyed save George O'Connell. Instead of becoming terrorised like the rest, he whipped out his revolver and began shooting at the man who entered from Sixth-street. When the thugs saw him reach for his revolver both opened fire, the man at the Sixth-street door aiming at O'Connell and the other taking a pot shot at the rest of the crowd, all of whom were attempting to run for cover. After

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firing three shots O'Connell fell to the floor, mortally wounded. At almost the same moment the man with whom he had engaged in the deadly duel staggered out of the door. He managed to proceed across Sixth-street, where he fell dead, two of O'Connell's bullets having taken effect, one in the mouth and the other in the abdomen. Stephen Lynch and Louis Delatour, who were in the saloon, were wounded, the former being shot in the abdomen, while Delatour was in a critical condition, his lower jaw being shot away.

THIEVES AT HOTELS.

The London "L.V. Gazette" in December last says:—A most important case affecting the liabilities of hotel-keepers is mentioned in today's issue, and Lord Salvesen's summing up and judgment suggests the question whether it is not possible for hotel proprietors to insure against robberies by hotel thieves. The case in question refers to the traveller of a Birmingham jewellery firm, whose bag of valuables, after being placed in the office of the Imperial Hotel, Edinburgh, was carried off by some other guest or guests staying at the hotel—"the clever work of some swell mobmen"—(to quote Mr. McClure, K.C.)—who left in place of the bag stolen one containing a piece of wood, an old silk hat, a cloth travelling cap,

and two pieces of zinc piping to give it weight. The traveller's samples were insured by the National Burglary Insurance Corporation, who paid their value in full, and through the manufacturing jeweller, whose property the goods were, brought an action against the hotel proprietors for the amount, and have recovered a verdict for £1796. The robbery having taken place as far back as February last, it is not likely that any of the property will be recovered. If commercial travellers can insure their valuable samples, surely it should be equally possible for hotel-keepers to protect themselves against the loss of their guests' goods.

MOST EXTRAVAGANT WHIMS.

A weird form of extravagance was that of a woman named Hiller, who recently buried her husband in a £4000 coffin. The coffin was made of richly-carved mahogany with solid gold mountings (a single knob costing £350), and lined with silk which is said to have cost 3s an inch. The Nizam of Hyderabad has a set of false teeth for which he paid a Madras dentist £700; and Dixie W. Thompson, a wealthy rancher of Santa Barbara, Cal., not long ago spent £750 on a saddle, which is of the finest embossed leather, heavily and most elaborately mounted in silver. Henry G. Marshall lavished £10,000 on a grand piano, exquisitely

painted by Sir L. Alma-Tadema and studded with precious stones. Jan Van Beers has a piano, a miracle of painting, precious metals, and jewels, which cost him £6000.

One of the most remarkable cases of extravagance on record was the indulging by the Sultan of Turkey of a child's whim. One day the Sultan found his small son in tears because though he had been promised to be made an admiral, he could not see his flag hoisted on a particular ship from his nursery windows. The Sultan promptly had the vessel brought up and moored in front of the Dalmabaghteh, to the child's great delight. In order however, to bring the vessel to the required position it was necessary to pull down a newly-constructed bridge, which, at the Sultan's bidding, was done at a cost of £100,000.—"Good Words."

A RUM TRUST.

The public of late has been called upon to express its views on the Soap Trust; the public-house trade will, it appears shortly have to deal with a Rum Trust. It may suit the pockets of a few enterprising speculators to make a corner in Jamaica rum, but it is extremely doubtful whether in the long run the producer, the Trade or the public will benefit. However, it appears from information received by the West India Committee that the syndicate recently formed under the title of the Colonial Traders' Association, with a capital of £150,000 have now entered into contracts for the purchase of about 75 to 80 per cent. of the common clear production rum of Jamaica, including all the well-known Wedderburn and Plummers estates, thus providing for upwards of 1,000,000 gallons at the average price of approximately 2s 1d per gallon paid in Jamaica. At the present time the best Jamaica rum is fetching retail as high a price as the finest Scotch whisky, and it is argued that the price to the consumer need not necessarily be raised, as in handling such a large quantity the company hopes to materially reduce rates and other charges. It also has under consideration the question of dealing direct with the public-house Trade. Thus the whole course of business is likely to be changed. The experiment is a hazardous one, and

is calculated to bring about strained relations between the merchants and the Trade.—"London L.V. Gazette."

A FAIR DEPUTATION.

The New South Wales Licensing Act possesses many peculiar features. Some little time back the Licensing Court in a northern town held that a young man who was courting a girl employed in a hotel had a perfect right to be on the licensed premises during prohibited hours while he was attending strictly to the original business which attracted him there. That decision has had its result. While Mr J. W. Fletcher relieving police magistrate at Maitland was at Bulahdelag a few days ago he was waited upon by a deputation of young ladies who, in the most charming and modest manner possible, asked would it be lawful for members of the deputation, who were engaged at hotels, to see their "boys" on the premises on Sunday nights, and could the aforesaid "boys" visit their "girls" at the hotels without transgressing the regulation of the licensing law. Mr Fletcher, with an eye perhaps to future developments, assured the young ladies that the course of true love would be permitted to run unbrokenly so far as the law was concerned, adding so long as nothing was done in contravention of the Act. The members of the deputation were delighted.

METHUSELAH'S DIARY.

Year 687. since opening day at the Garden of Eden. Am thirty years old to-day; just cut my last eye-tooth. Ma gave me a piece of Adam's suspender buckle to chew on while it was coming through. After Pa gave me the bottle I went to sleep.

Year 697.—Celebrated my fortieth birthday yesterday by going to Adam's funeral. Pa carried me on his shoulder, 'cause there was so many animals present. They buried Adam close to the garden wall in the shade of the old apple tree which Eve loved so well. Pa said Adam looked just as natural as he did four hundred years ago, when Pa and little Cainy killed snakes together. Most everybody on earth was at the funeral. Ma and Mrs Eve sat together. All the

animals that Adam had named marched in the funeral procession, except the serpent, and Eve wouldn't invite him. He was awful mad and sent in a bunch of apple blossoms, but Eve just turned her back and said, "Fruit gratefully declined."

Year 757.—Just seventy years old; went to school for the first time to-day. Little Noah and me sat together. He got licked 'cause he spent all his time making boats out of birch-bark. I don't like Noah very well, 'cause he keeps saying all the time: "It's goin' to rain pitch-forks." He's got a regular managerie in his backyard. My teacher is Mrs Abel. She is the first widow ever ed. Once I heard Pa say he wished Ma made. She seems so happy and content was a widow, but Ma said: "Cheer up, pa, you've only got six hundred more years of it." Pa only said: "How time flies." To-day I walked home from school with Eve's little granddaughter, Serpentina. She is just ten years younger than I be, which makes her sixty, but she don't look it. She still wears short dresses and her golden hair hangs down her back.

Year 987.—I now feel I am old enough to look out for myself. Just celebrated my three hundred and first birthday this morning. I voted for Noah as head of the Department of Animal Industry and Commissioner of the Water Department. His habit of predicting rain grows upon him, so that he now carries an umbrella and a life preserver everywhere he goes. Old man Enoch came to me to-day, and said he wanted to have a little confidential talk with me, so we sat on the banks of the Euphrates, and he said: "Methuselah, now you have been courting my daughter nearly two hundred years and Ma and I begin to wonder if you really mean biz or just passing the time away. Serpentina will be 281 years old coming next wash-day and we feel we hadn't orter be supporting her more than another hundred years just to entertain you." He said: "You see, Noah has offered her the job of sorting animals and getting the right two together, against the time he's goin' on the road with 'em." Well, I told him I'd been building me a hut for the last forty years, and the architect promised it would be done eighteen years ago, but he had gone to his dinner and I had not seen him for three years. I told him I would run over home and shave and would be back in six months and then we would talk business.

Year 1000.—Been down to the Euphrates to bathe; stayed under water four days. I can beat Noah by nine hours; first bath I've taken in twelve years. Am going to marry Serpentina early the next century. My heart palpitates so I can scarcely write just at the thought of its close approach. Noah is going to stand

me we can go with him on his voyage for our honeymoon, even if it doe' rain, 'cause he wants another pair of cooing doves aboard. He promised that we could keep our wedding trousseau in the elephant's trunk.

Year 1487.—I am now a grandfather. They have just finished taking a census of my children and grandchildren. As near as we can count and estimate, there are 946 of them. Everybody says Noah has gone clean batty over the indications for the weather, predicts rain every day in the year. He has covered three farms with a boat he calls the ark. Says if I don't take some stock with him on the deal, I'll be sorry. Says I can have a rain-check if I don't want to stay. Don't believe he'll ever float it. The bulls and bears are already fighting which'll get in on the ground floor.

Year 1587.—Feel awful lonesome. Every feller who was born anywhere near me has been dead two hundred years. My descendants have been calling upon me all day for the last five years, and I have not seen half of them yet. Wouldn't know 'em if I did. Guess I won't leave a will, 'cause if they quarrelled over it, there would be a revolution in Asia Minor. Have just sent out invitations to my funeral. Noah says I was wise to get in out of the rain, 'cause it is surely coming.

The ark stock has not yet been floated. If I wasn't so old I'd wait and see him float his managerie boat, but I guess I have got my money's worth and won't wait for any side-shows. Serpentina says I must not die until she finishes telling me for the eight hundred thousandth time how her grandmother Eve was dressed when she and Adam were married.

P.S.—As the oldest inhabitant in the village I feel that more respect should be accorded my opinions of Noah and his foolishness.

—De Witt C. Wilcox.

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CURES OF KIDNEY DISEASE.

From Mr. Thomas H. Roach, 24 Margaret Street, Enmore, Sydney, N.S.W., 16th March, 1906:

"About seven years ago my little daughter, now ten years of age, contracted scarlet fever in a very severe form. She recovered from the fever, but her constitution was left very weak, and some years later she began to suffer from Bright's Disease of the kidneys and dropsy. Her appetite at first became very capricious, then her body and head began to swell and her face became pallid. We were alarmed by her condition, especially when the doctor, after a thorough examination, pronounced her to be suffering from Bright's Disease in a bad form. She was taken to the hospital, where her disease was pronounced by the doctor to be quite incurable, and that they could do nothing for her. Her urine by analysis, showed much albumen. We tried every possible means of alleviating her sufferings without result. It was an awful and anxious time for us to see her dying and to be able to do nothing to help her. As a last resource we decided to give her Warner's Safe Cure, having heard such good reports of the efficacy of that medicine. The result proved the reports to be correct, for after she had taken one bottle we were delighted to find the medicine was doing her good. We persevered with the medicine, and she continued to grow better and stronger. Every week showed great improvement. Repeated tests proved that the quantity of albumen in her urine was decreasing. We continued to give her Warner's Safe Cure until all trace of albumen and sediment had disappeared, and all signs of dropsy had left her. She has now fully regained her health and strength, and looks more robust than any member of the family."

From Miss M. Cornish, Storekeeper, 352 High Street, Bendigo, Vic., 24th August, 1905:

"For many years past I had been suffering from kidney complaint. The pain in my back and sides was so intense at times that I could not lay down, and sleep was out of the question, whilst food was revolting to me. I also suffered from severe chronic headaches, recurring two or three times each week. Doctors' medicines did me no good, so I started to try the effect of Warner's Safe Cure. Soon after commencing to take this medicine I obtained relief, and gradually began to mend, until all pain had left me and I could eat and sleep without distress. I am now in the best of health."

From Miss Elizabeth Newbery, Bangor S.A., 3rd August, 1905:

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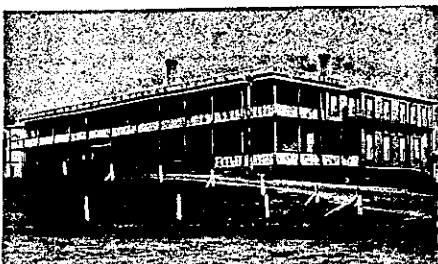
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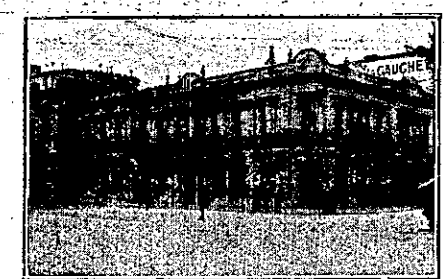
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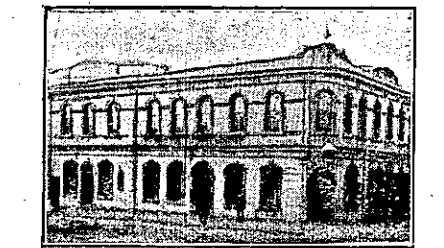
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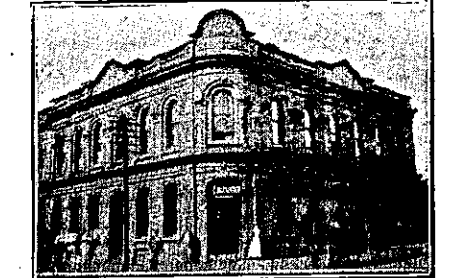
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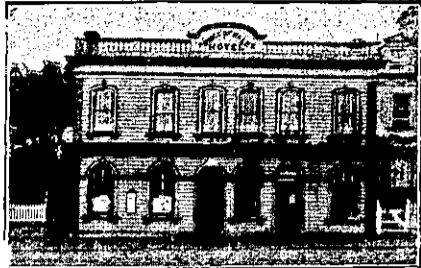
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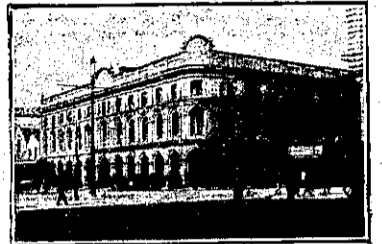
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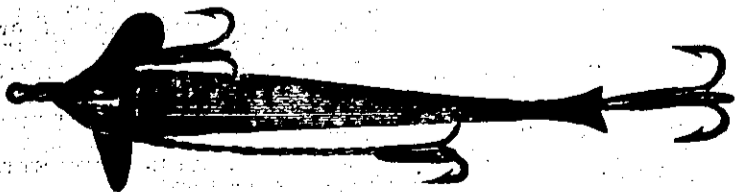
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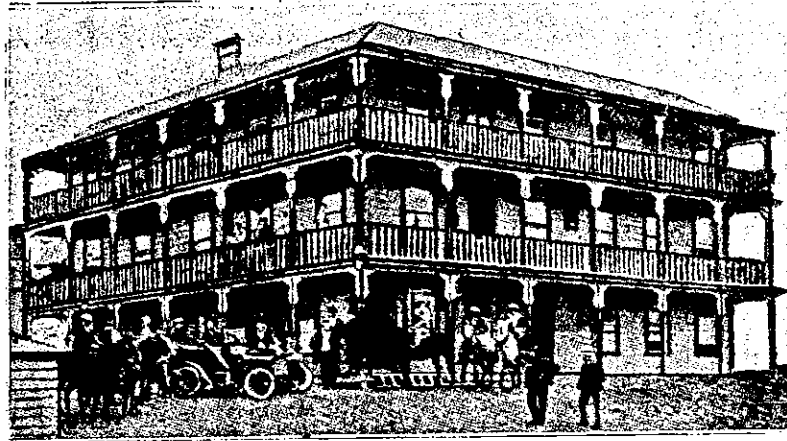


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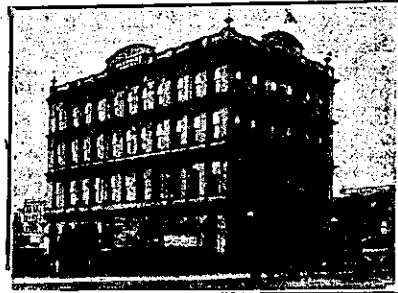
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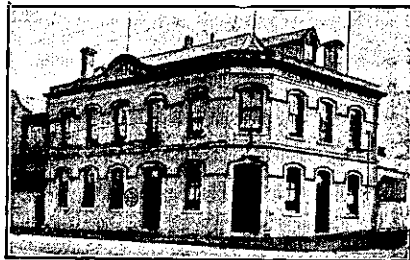
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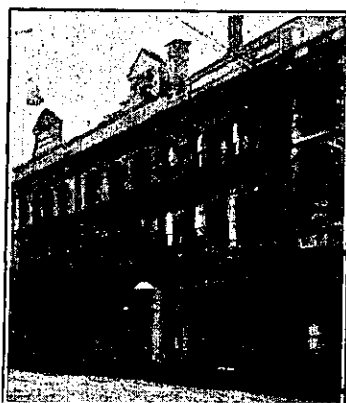
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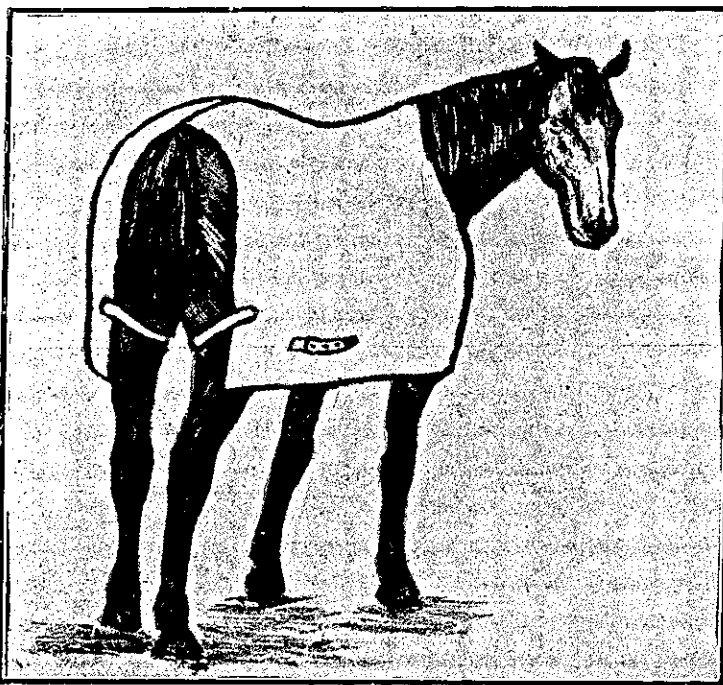
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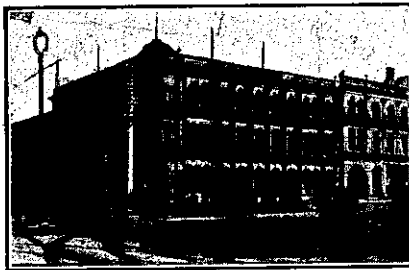


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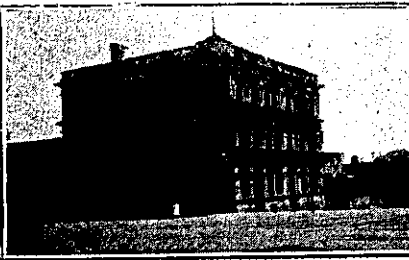
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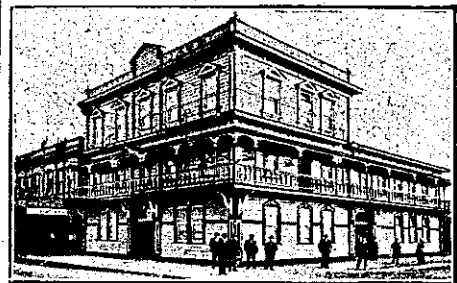
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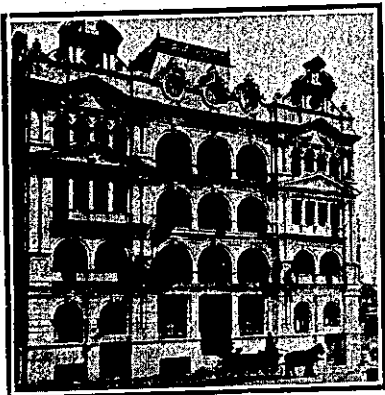
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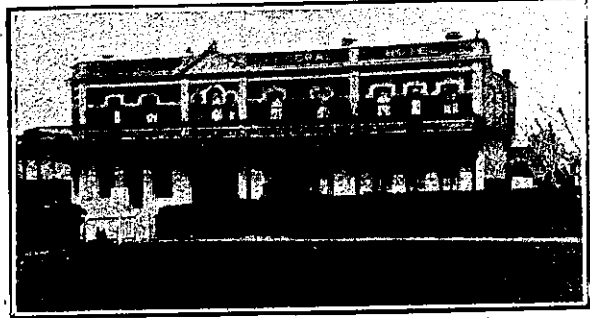


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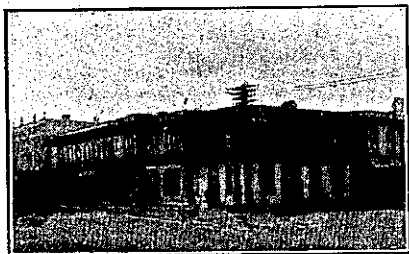
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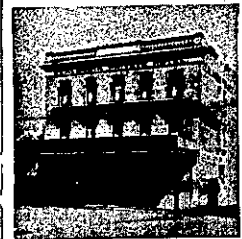
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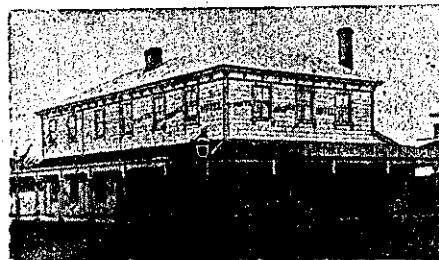
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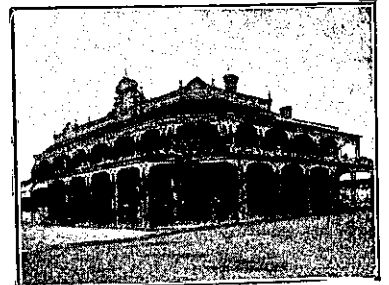
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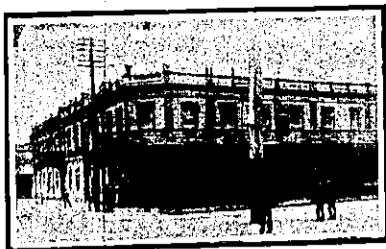
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A. J. JURY Proprietor.

The Proprietor (lately of the Okalawa Hotel, and formerly of the Shamrock), begs to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken over the above popular Hotel, and trusts that, by strict attention to their comfort, and by keeping only the best of liquors, to retain their patronage.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
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Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Billiard Rooms.

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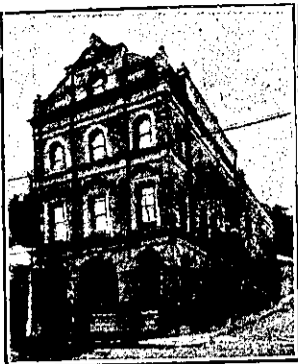


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(Late of Working Men's Club, Ashburton), Proprietor.

CAVE ROCK HOTEL, SUMNER.

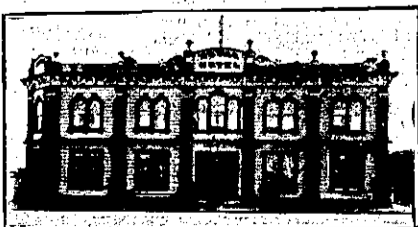
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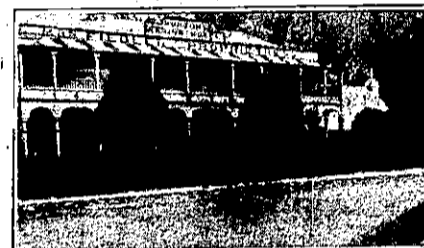


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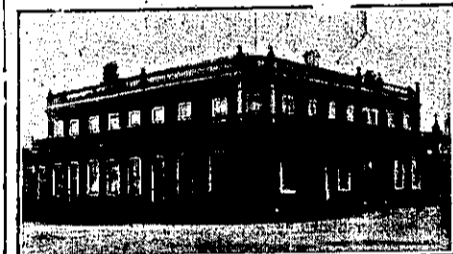
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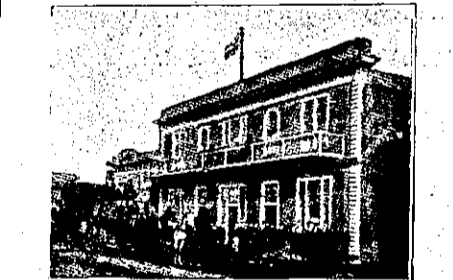
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