

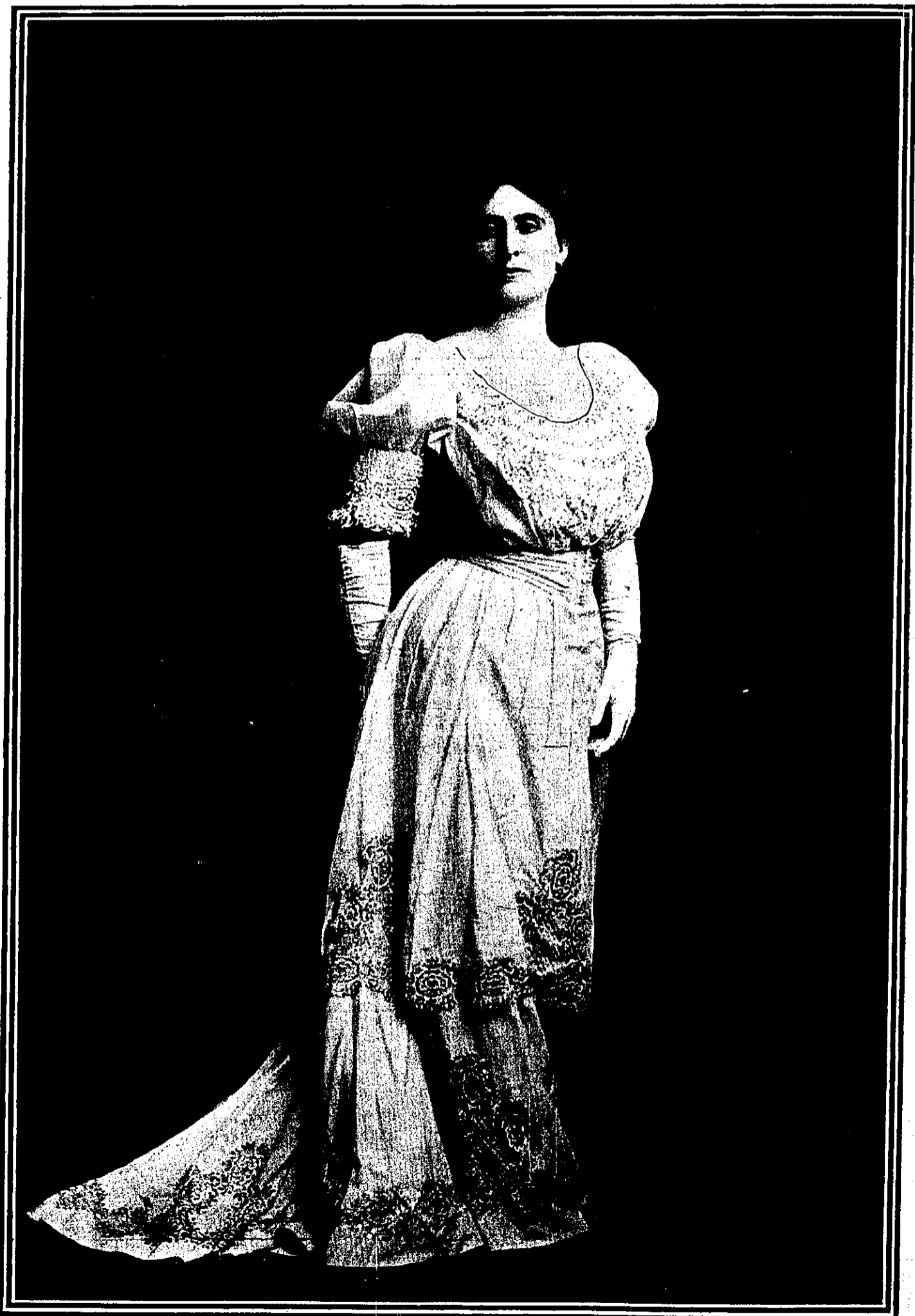
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PROGRAMME.

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.

ON-SLOW 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.

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.

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 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. HELLER'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-old 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.

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; On-slow Stakes Handicap, 1sov; Nelson Handicap, 1sov; Tramway Handicap, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1sov; HuiA Handicap, 1sov; Mangere Handicap, 1sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Criterion Handicap, 1sov; St. Heller'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; On-slow 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; HuiA 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, Huia 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 15sovs; 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 15sovs; 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.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, 1907.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HACK HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

OAKLEY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AVONDALE HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, 1907.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 30sovs, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

FLYING HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Winner of Flying or Autumn Handicaps to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING,

With Amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1907, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.—Avondale Handicap, 1sov; Autumn Handicap, 1sov; Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Railway Handicap, 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Oakley Handicap, 1sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Chevalier Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1/2sov; Nursery Handicap, 1sov; Mount Roskill Handicap, 1sov; Waitakerel Handicap, 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Oakley Handicap, 1sov; Avondale Handicap, 3sovs; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1sov; Chevalier Handicap, 1sov; Railway Handicap, 1sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, by 9 p.m.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Autumn Handicap, 2sovs; Nursery Handicap, 1sov; Handicap

Steeplechase, 1sov; Mount Roskill Handicap, 1sov; Waitakerel Handicap, 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1907.

Avondale Handicap, Railway Handicap.


ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 8. Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Oakley Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, First Pony Handicap, Chevalier Handicap.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, Morning Paper. Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Mount Roskill Handicap, Waitakerel Handicap.

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NOTES.

(By "The Judge.")

The recent meeting at Pahiataua resulted in a profit of £311.

The Hierarchy appeal case will be heard by the Racing Conference at Wanganui on March 8.

The big events to be run at the A.R.C. meeting have filled splendidly, there being an advance in four events on last year's figures.

Achilles has been scratched for the Wanganui Cup, a step which was generally expected when it was seen that he had been allotted 10st 7lb. by Mr. Morse.

Signalman continues to misbehave himself at the post. In the Dunedin Cup he once again played up, and was as usual, left behind when the barrier rose. Some of the many backers he has let down so often will wish him no more harm than a friendly bullet.

Master Delaval is to be given a run in the Wanganui Cup. He is very well just now, and will have to be reckoned with in the Southern race.

Acceptances for the Wanganui Cup and first day's events of the autumn meeting are due to-morrow at nine p.m.

The ex-Auckland Up-to-Date has been nominated for the big jumping event to be run at Onkaparinga on Easter Monday.

Among the Southern entries for the A.R.C. Easter Handicap are Pink'un, Marguerite, Aeolus, Cross Battery, Ballarat, Zimmerman, Sir Tristram, Intelligence, King Billy, and others of less note. The local brigade will have to be on its best behaviour to prevent the rich stake going South.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's recent meeting was the most successful in the annals of the club. The sum of £8761 10s went through the totalisator, which is very nearly double last year's figures.

First payment for the Maiden Stakes and All-aged Stakes, which will be run under the auspices of the North New Zealand Coursing Club in April, close with the secretary, Mr. C. R. Tapper, on Monday next at nine p.m. at the Pitt-street Baths.

The Auckland Cup winner Putty ran last in the St. George's Stakes at Caulfield. On that form his Australian Cup prospects are far from rosy.

How long will it be before Australasia sends its list of new 2min 10sec trotters to be included in the list published by the trotting authorities in the United States? asks a writer in the Sydney "Mail." Time was in America when nearly all the fast ones came from two States, Kentucky and California, but now the fast ones are spread all over the United States. We have blood in Australia equal to anything in America, and as the best of our horses do not leave for other shores, as is the case with gallopers, and given the opportunities for developing speed, the time should not be far distant when Australia produces a two-minute harness horse. Certain it is the product of the imported article, be it the animal or vegetable, thrives apace in our salubrious climate. The pioneers who settled on the Hawkesbury produced a race of giants. The racehorses imported here thrived apace until the best of them, Sir Modred, Trenton, Carbine, and others left our shores, and now again the imported horses sire most of our winners. The fox, the rabbit, the sparrow, the starling, the briar-bush, and prickly pear run such riot in growth that it costs thousands per annum in a hopeless attempt to eradicate. The trotter in Australia now has the blood and the power to go, but we do not appear to have the appliances or the skill to develop extreme speed. Take the careers of two horses alone, Sal Tasker and Lord Elmo. As two-year-olds they raced first and second in the same race, the former in 2min 20sec, the latter in 2min 24sec. And what have these two promising youngsters done since? Sal Tasker has won one race in comparatively slow time, and, it is stated, is now in the shafts of her owner's buggy. Surely there was the material in that mare for a 2min 10sec pacer?

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THE DOUBLE TOTALISATOR.

It is rumoured that the Auckland Racing Club is contemplating the installation of the double machine at the approaching autumn meeting. If this is really carried out it will unquestionably be a very popular step, for there is an undoubted fascination about the double totalisator owing to the tempting odds obtainable. The C.J.C. and the W.R.C. have both adopted the double machine, and have proved beyond question that it is a means for speculation which the public like to have. That this does not only apply to the Southern centres has been proved up to the hilt by the Takapuna Jockey Club, which club has tried the new method of betting for several meetings with conspicuously successful results. The Auckland Racing Club has not so far adopted the scheme; but signs are not wanting that pressure of public opinion will bring about its appearance at Ellerslie. The reason for the popularity which the double totalisator enjoys is not far to seek. It has long been realised that since the inauguration of the system of paying two dividends it is very difficult for the average punter to win money on a racecourse. Even when he manages to back the right horse the dividends for the most part rule small owing to thirty-five per cent. having been deducted from the amount invested on the machine. The small bettor is beginning to realise that if he is able to hold his own he has done very well, for the odds are invariably against him. This is where the fascination of the double machine comes in, for a lucky investment may set a man up for life. Thus when Captain Shannon and Star Rose won at Riccarton the dividend was one which ran into thousands of pounds. At Takapuna we have seen a dividend paid which was very close to four figures. It must follow that where there is a chance of this sort of return for a pound invested the public will flock to the machine in ever-increasing numbers. As to whether it is an additional incentive to gambling, we prefer to say nothing, holding emphatically to the opinion, despite the so-called reformers, that every man has a perfect right to do what he likes with his own money. It would seem that the double totalisator has come to stay, and its general adoption is simply a matter of time. All clubs are in reality merely catering for the public, and the successful ones are those which learn what the public want and give it them. No doubt this will be the case with the Auckland Racing Club.

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.—1907.

- 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.—Tologa 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 23.—Thames J.C.
- March 30 and April 1.—Wairarapa R.C.
- April 1.—Patea Racing Club.
- April 1.—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 1 and 2.—Feilding Jockey Club
- April 1, 2 and 6.—Auckland R.C.
- April 20, 24.—Avondale J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

- March 4.—Feilding Jockey Club
- March 8.—Thames J.C.
- March 11.—Patea R.C.
- March 11.—Waipukurau J.C.
- March 15.—Auckland R.C.
- March 29.—Avondale J.C. (special events)
- April 5.—Avondale J.C.

HANDICAPS.

- March 5.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 11.—A.R.C. (special events)
- March 16.—Feilding J.C.
- March 18.—Thames J.C.
- March 18.—Patea R.C.
- March 19.—Auckland R.C.
- March 21.—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 1.—Avondale J.C. (special events)
- April 8.—Avondale J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

- March 1.—Wanganui J.C.
- March 8.—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 19.—Thames J.C.
- March 15.—A.R.C. (special events)
- March 20.—Feilding J.C.
- March 22.—Auckland R.C.
- March 25.—Patea R.C.
- March 25.—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 12.—Avondale J.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

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 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.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the autumn meeting of the Thames Jockey Club close with Mr. W. H. Potts, the secretary, on Friday, March 8, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for the Easter meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club close on Monday, March 4th, at 8.30 p.m., with the secretary, Mr. E. Goodbehere.

Nominations for all events to be run at the annual meeting of the Waipukurau J.C. close with Mr. W. G. Nightingale, the secretary, Box 9, P.O., Waipukurau, at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

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Nominations for the Feilding meeting close with Mr. Goodbehere next Monday.

Handicaps for the opening day of the Ohinemuri meeting are due to appear next Tuesday. The entries are first-class.

The fine bay mare La Rosier, who has been missed from the trotting tracks lately, is undergoing a six months' spell.

The Gold Reef gelding Kuhu was made a warm favourite for the Stewards' Handicap at the Taranaki meeting, and the good thing duly came off.

The annual general meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club will take place on March 8.

Scotty went South on Sunday, his mission being the Taranaki meeting. He failed to get a place in the Cup.

Strathavon, the hero of many a good race, is now following the humble berth of buggy horse.

Glenullin, who yesterday won the Taranaki Cup, is a four-year-old brown son of Lochiel and Consistence. He had not many supporters in Auckland, the local punters sticking to Scotty.

Fretwork, the five-year-old Workman gelding, continues to pay his way. He won the Hack Hurdles at Taranaki yesterday and returned a nice dividend.

The veteran Haydn is jumping the big fences in good style at Ellerslie. The old fellow is hardly a back number yet.

Noctulform is entered for the City and Suburban Handicap, the Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap, and for the Ascot Gold Cup.

I had a look at the Rotorua course a few days ago, and must admit to being disappointed with it. No doubt the club is a bit weak financially, but nothing appears to have been done since last year, and the place seemed very neglected, while the grass badly wanted cutting.

£50 in prizes makes the largest prize list offered in Australia for photographic competition. Such is the amount to be presented by "The Weekly Press" as prizes in its photographic competition, which is open to amateur and professional photographers. Full details of the competition are given in our popular contemporary, "The Weekly Press."

The success of Mr. A. A. Apear's horses in India so far this season has been something remarkable. Fitz-Grafton having won him two good races, Ballark three, and Dea, Airloch, Martinique, Mallard, and Seclusion one each, the last-named accounting for the Indian Grand National Steeplechase. It is improbable that Mr. Apear will make any Australian purchases of account this year, as most of the horses named above should be good for at least another season's racing, and he will have an addition to his team in the English three-year-old Auber, who showed really good form in the Old Country last year.

Ellis comes into prominence by his success in the St. George's Stakes (writes "Umpire" in the "Referee"), not only in the fact that he beat a good field, but he won in most decisive style at weight-for-age over nine furlongs, a distance sufficient to be a fair test of his current abilities. In the Melbourne Cup Ellis ran well whilst he lasted, and is evidently developing considerable improvement. He is one of the New Zealand-bred colts bought in the colony by Mr. J. Wren, but he is now the property of F. Musgrave, who trains him at Caulfield. Ellis is a son of Hotchkiss from Edith Cureton, by Castor from Frailty, by Goldsbrough, and was bred by the Wellington Park Stud Company. Seeing that he beat May King, who put up such a good performance in winning the Perth Cup, and won easily by four lengths, after having the race in hand over the last half-mile, whilst behind him were Antonious, Booran Dividend, Iolaire, Pompous, Putty, Proceedor, and Stimoda, and allowing that these horses are not screwed up yet, there seems no reason to discount the performance of Ellis, and he is an Australian Cup candidate well entitled to be seriously counted, seeing that his weight is only 7st 3lb, and he was getting no allowance from the standard scale.

Stepdancer has now won the Dunedin Cup two years in succession.

The Thames meeting takes place on March 23, and Mr. Potts will take entries for it up to Friday next.

N.Z. Tattersall's Club is to be discontinued, the crusade against the bookmakers making this step necessary. It has been in existence nearly twenty-seven years.

The Waihi Jockey Club's meeting on March 9 promises to be a big success. Capital nominations have been received for it.

The Harmonist horse Corrobooree easily won the Tenth Caulfield Futurity Stakes on Saturday. The favourite, Newbury, was unplaced, while Collarit could get no nearer than third.

Fearing a breakdown, Solution has been scratched for all autumn engagements, and the daughter of Soult will be treated to a spell. She was asked too much in the spring.

The most successful cross-country horseman in England last year was F. Mason, who won 58 of the 254 races in which he had a mount. G. Goswell came second with 51 wins out of 100 attempts—a remarkably good average—whilst I. Anthony was third with 44 victories out of 154 mounts.

The Dunedin Jockey Club put £22,921 through the totalisator at the recent summer meeting as against £21,181 last year. The figures are slowly creeping up, and the Southern club should soon be in a position to launch out a bit in the matter of stakes.

A lady, Mrs. C. A. C. Kershaw, is responsible for a novelty in nomenclature. At Lingfield (England), a few weeks ago she ran a horse rejoicing in the name of Undecided Isaac in the Winter Hurdle Race, and he proved the aptness of his name by hesitating at the stand hurdles, becoming undecided whether to go or not, and then stopping at the next flight. The same lady also possesses a mare called Undecided Dolly.

A totalisator clerk was caught napping at the recent big meeting at Hobart. After the running of the Final Handicap at Elwick a backer hurriedly presented 13 tickets at the totalisator pay-window, stating they were on the winner, Cambridge, who paid a dividend of £3 15s. No sooner had the supposed backer of the winner left the pay-window than the paying-out official found that the 13 tickets were on the second horse, who only returned a dividend of 8s. The matter was promptly placed in the hands of the police, but very little hope is entertained of finding either the man or the money.

In England a subscription has been raised for the prominent cross-country jockey, A. Birch, who was so badly injured by a fall some time back that he will never be able to ride again. Up to January 6, the amount of £1024 had been collected. It was Birch who rode Moifaa when that horse won the Liverpool Grand National of 1904 for Mr. Spencer Gollan.

Such a demand is there in England for St. Simon sires that Desmond's list for the season is full at a fee of £145. Other sires that stand at a fee of £98 are Bill of Portland, Bachelor's Button, Robert le Diable, and John o' Gaunt, the latter's services for 1907 and 1908 having already been booked. Parthian is standing at Newmarket for 18 guineas a mare, and The Victory is advertised to receive mares in Kildare at £9.

The Auckland bred Ellis (Hotchkiss-Edith Cureton) won the St. George's Stakes at the V.A.T.C. Autumn Meeting at Caulfield on the 16th inst. He started at the nice price of 7 to 1 against and won by four lengths from a high-class field. Another Auckland in Putty ran last. Ellis may have to be reckoned with in the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup, in which he has 7.12 and 7.3 respectively.

There is a strong probability that, on the grounds of economy, there will be a considerable reduction in the value of the mammoth prizes in England. It is estimated that during the current season there will be a loss of £2021 on the Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket, £2634 on the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park, and £1155 on the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket.

D. Moraghan will take Master Delaval South to-day, his mission being the Wanganui Cup.

A number of ponies were shipped to Australia on Monday by the Wimmera, having been purchased by Mr. Allardice, of Melbourne. The list included Mataura, Inatore, Orella, and Waipiapi.

The London Press Association learns that Mons. Gaston Dreyfus, the celebrated French bloodstock breeder, in consequence of the lack of Herod blood in England, has decided to send his well-known horse Arizona to stand at one of the leading south country studs. Arizona, who will be well remembered by those who saw him win the Alexandra Plate at Ascot three years ago, was also a great winner in France, capturing over 200,000 francs in stakes. He represents the Flying Dutchman line of Herod, being a son of Omnium II., one of the most famous of that horse's descendants.

At a committee meeting of the Waihi Jockey Club on Monday, the chairman (Mr. Brown), on behalf of the club, presented Mr. Rabbidge, the retiring chairman, with a spirit case, at the same time referring to the club's regret at losing Mr. Rabbidge's services, and wishing him success and prosperity in the future. After Mr. Rabbidge's health had been drunk, he replied, thanking the club, and expressing regret at parting with many friends whom he had made in Waihi.

The New Zealand mare Lady Avon, who was such a success in India a year ago, is not as good now as then. At Calcutta on the 12th of last month she was sent out at 2 to 1 on in a field of twelve for the New Plate, five furlongs, in which she had 8st 9lb. She did not even get a place.

If the London "Sporting Times" is correct, another blow is to be dealt at turf speculation in England. It states that this year a new measure will be introduced under the name of the Gambling Advertisements Bill, 1907, with the sub-title, "An Act for the suppression of gambling advertisements in newspapers and circulars, and the public incitements to betting and gambling." It is aimed at persons who advertise any betting business, or agency, or any tipster's business, or any lottery, or any "stock-broking" business not under Stock Exchange rules, and it will prohibit any newspaper proprietor, editor, or publisher from publishing any such advertisement or any list of betting odds.

When a horse is brought in from grass it is a great mistake to treat him forthwith as though he had been in his stable and at work all the time his holiday had lasted. A dose or two of cooling medicine should be given to him, he should not be put to hard work at once, and his return to the conventional diet of grain, hay and chop should be effected gradually. The equine nature resents all violent and sudden changes of diet, and therefore no greater mistake can be made than to take a horse up from grass one day and put him on dry food the next one. Either Epsom salts or aloes are useful medicines at such a time; the former, being the pleasanter to use, as four ounces for a full-grown horse once a day in his food is easy to give, while aloes have to be administered as a medicine in doses of about six drachms, more or less, according to the size and strength of the animal.

It does not often fall to the lot of a brood mare to throw five winners of the same race, but this is the case with Lassuk, whose produce have carried off the Russian Derby on five occasions. Two of them, Galtee Boy and Galtee, are sons of Galtee More, who is by a long way the most successful sire in Russia. Lassuk, it goes almost without the saying, comes of English stock, her sire, Vederemo, being a son of Buccancer, while her dam, Rape of the Lock, was begotten by Victorious. Lassuk is in foal by Flying Fox, and her next alliance will be with Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's horse, St. Frusquin, who, good enough to have won five Derby's out of six, had the misfortune to be foaled in the same year as Persimmon.

THE SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The flags will be flying at Claudelands on Saturday next, when the South Auckland Racing Club will bring off the annual race meeting. This is invariably a popular fixture, not only with Waikato people, but also with town sportsmen, who enjoy a day up at Hamilton, where they can

always be certain of being well looked after, besides witnessing some good sport. The acceptances for Saturday are very satisfactory, and there seems a prospect of good fields in all events. A special train at excursion fares will leave Auckland early in the morning and return after the last race, and patrons may be assured that Mr. Gwynne, the secretary, and his assistants will have everything arranged for their comfort. The following may run well in their respective engagements:—Trial Handicap: Brooklyn, Azoff. Hurdle Race: Geologist, S.A. Cup: Bonomiana, Uhlander. Claudelands Handicap: Kola Nip, Freemount. Steeplechase: Kanaka, Perre. Tradesmen's Plate: Millie, Lord Seaton. Flying Handicap: Duart, Sweet Alice.

THE WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB.

Few clubs, especially those holding one-day annual meetings, have made such wonderful progress as the Waipukurau Jockey Club, whose record is one of which the secretary and committee may well feel proud. The next re-union will take place on Easter Monday, April 1. The programme, particulars of which may be gleaned from our advertising columns, runs out to eight well-endowed events. These are listed as follows:—The Maiden Plate of 50sovs, seven furlongs; the Easter Handicap of 65sovs, once round; the Hack Handicap of 60sovs, one mile and a-quarter; the Waipukurau Handicap of 150sovs, one mile and a-quarter; Two-year-old Handicap of 100sovs, four furlongs; the Ladies' Bracelet of 50sovs, one mile and a-half; Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, six furlongs; and the Final Hack Handicap of 60sovs, five furlongs. If for nothing else but that the club has raised the stakes and improved the course after every meeting, it deserves well of owners, who will doubtless nominate liberally. Mr. W. G. Nightingale, the secretary, will take entries up to eight p.m. on Monday, March 11.

WAIUKU MEETING.

The Waiuku Jockey Club hold their annual meeting to-day (Thursday), and as the acceptances are good, a fair meeting may be expected. Visitors can either avail themselves of the ten a.m. express to Pukekohe, or the s.s. Weka, which lands passengers on the town wharf. Mr. Chadwick apparently has not been so careful as usual in compiling the weights. For instance Geordie and Kola Nip met the other week at Papakura, when the former carried 9st 2lb and the latter 7st 7lb. They are now handicapped at 9st 2lb and 8st 6lb. Although Geordie ran third at Papakura and Kola Nip was unplaced, Mr. Chadwick did not see the performance, as he was away attending the Gisborne and Poverty Bay meetings.

The following should run forward:—Hurdles: Bowman, Murawai. Cup: Geordie, Kola Nip. Maiden: Manapouri, Lady Winnie. Two-year-old Handicap: Frontino. Langthou Handicap: Kola Nip, Lady Winnie. Otawa Handicap: Manapouri. Welter: Kaitangata, Bowman. Waipiapi Handicap: Kola Nip or Kaitangata.



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TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

A lot of useful work was accomplished this morning at Ellerslie by horses engaged at Rotorua, Waiuku, Taranaki and Wanganui. Kola Nip, with Gall in the saddle, led Lord Seaton for a mile on the sand in the slow time of 51 3-5sec. Dardanus spurted four furlongs on the sand track in 53 sec. Uhlander, who is very well at present, spurted over the same distance in 52 3-5sec, in company with Lady Winnie, but the latter tired to nothing. Bonomiana fairly bolted away from Geordie for three-quarters of a mile in 1min 22 2-5sec. The latter is a horse of moods, and cannot be depended on for track gallops. Octoroon (late Serf) spurted a few furlongs, finishing strongly. Master Delaval and Scotty, on the old grass track, jumped off from the three furlongs post and ran a circle in 1min 56 4-5sec, and completed the distance in 2min 24 1-5sec. Scotty led till five yards from home, when Master Delaval caught and defeated the bay, who was giving away a lot of weight. Quadron slipped away from Master Clements on the sand over half a mile in 51 3-5sec. Manapouri moved nicely for a few furlongs, and is on the improve. Duart galloped fast for a few furlongs. Others to do good work in view of the Easter meeting were Waitati, Necktie, Celtic, Cambrian, Cadence, Maheno, Conductor, Jolly Tar, Silicia, Nestator, Fabricator, Loch Fyne, Carl Rosa and Waipuna. Stenning's and Rae's teams did useful work.

TUESDAY.

On Tuesday morning Kola Nip and Lord Seaton were given a round on the new grass track, which is a few yards over the mile. They completed the distance in 1min 48 2-5sec, and the latter, who had a light weight, finished in front. Uhlander had Lady Winnie in trouble all the way on the sand for five furlongs. The distance was covered in 1min 6sec. Lady Hune and Geordie jumped off from the mile post (outside the trestles) on the course proper, and the mare finished in front under a strong pull in 1min 54sec. Campaigner and The Mantle colt slipped over five furlongs on the same track in 1min 9 2-5sec, the former in front. Master Delaval had Bonomiana well settled for nine furlongs on the sand in 2min 4-5 sec. Cadence and Maheno, on the sand, finished together in a half-mile tatter in 50 2-5sec. Master Clements, Quadron, and Octoroon finished in this order from the five-furlongs post on the sand in 1min 5 3-5sec. Methuma, who has been absent from Ellerslie for the last 18 months, ran four furlongs in 50 1-5sec on the sand. Waipuna, Carl Rosa, Waitati, Jolly Tar, Tunehua, Port Light, Convoy, Turbine, Delania and others all did useful work.

AFTER THE RACES.

WOODVILLE RACES.

(By Our Hawkes Bay Correspondent.)

FIRST DAY.

A vile day, the rain coming down in no half-hearted style, made matters very unpleasant for patrons of the Woodville Club. Still, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory conditions of the climate the investments were only £1250 behind the sum handled at the corresponding meeting last season. Despite the advantages under which they laboured, each and every one of the officials did their level best, and did it well to make the best of a bad job for their patrons.

Montigo, who, in the past has showed powers of staying of a high degree, came at the business end of the trip for the Woodville Cup, and scored in a very solid manner. When making his final effort in the straight, where O'Brien gave him a reminder or two, he bored over on to Probable interfering with him. Ito, who showed prominently at the home bend, was a fair third, but Assayer, the favourite, was never up in front, and the further the field went the further he was left in the rear, finishing a bad last. He was piloted by C. Jenkins, who received the news of his mother's death just before getting into the hog-skin.

Local gee-gees were well to the fore in the Maiden Plate, honours coming to Lady Nell, who was steered by her trainer, F. Davis. Pluck got second berth, and a Karamu-bred mare, Routine (Sir Launcelot—Queen of Trumps) third.

All of the entrants, 18 in number, faced the music, and the excellent manner in which C. O'Connor got the big pack away gave further proof of his ability in the starting industry.

The Hack Hurdles was a poorly-contested affair, Fretwork, the first pick, never leaving the issue in doubt, winning with ease by quite a hundred yards.

A solid favourite in Mahoe got the verdict in the Victoria Hack, but at the finish of the argument it did not prove the extra good article that the betting prophesied, for Sandix, a good-looking son of San Fran and Minature, made matters sultry in the last furlong, and it looked open to argument that if Mahoe had not crossed

over on to him half-way down the straight that Mahoe would have reversed the position with Sandix.

Engraver, a half brother by the Workman to Convoy, was picked as the pea for the final argument of the day, the Telephone Handicap. He got badly settled in the final bit, for Sunbonnet, on the outside, was never asked for his best, and got there without an effort by a length. Gawain, who loomed big and lusty, made a fair show for half a mile, when he retired.

Mr. Gothard was the acme of perfection in the handling of his staff, and while on the subject I may say that he came in for a lot of good-natured chaff.

SECOND DAY.

With the day breaking fine it looked as if fair climatic conditions could be expected for the concluding day of the Woodville Meeting, but patrons were doomed to disappointment, for half an hour before the start of proceedings the rain came down in torrents, and continued till well on in the afternoon, when it cleared up. By this time the paddock was a sea of mud, and naturally backers met with a deal of discomfort in their efforts to pick winners. Mr. Gothard and his staff were on the spot in discharge of their many duties, and considering the climate speculation was fairly brisk, £5330 passing through the machines, a decrease of £1252 on the sum registered at a similar meeting last season.

Jolly Friar proved a great mud lark, winning the Autumn Handicap all the way, and scoring at the finish by quite half a dozen lengths. Probable again filling second place. Landwern, who was a slightly better favourite than Montigo, never appeared to have a winning chance, although his connections were very sanguine.

Marseillais flew in in the Settlers' Hack, for which event Maura was picked as the best.

The disappointing William I. of Prosser's lot, got second money. The race was run in a terrific shower, which quite obscured the colours of the riders, and consequently no one knew who was winning till the field got well up the straight.

Another easy victory was that gained by Gold Dust in the Hurdle. Munn's gelding played with his opponents all the way, capturing hard held by a couple of lengths at the finish.

Playmate, who had the services of Jenkins, was selected as the pea for the Ballance Hack Welter, but had no chance throughout the piece, the consistent Sandix triumphing easily.

D. Price, on Erl King was nearly caught napping in the Kumeroa Hack for he let Moata, who was not ridden a good race throughout the piece, get on speaking terms with him, and Price had to shake up the Karamu-bred colt to avert defeat. Had Moata won it meant a good stake for his owner, Mr. D. Martin, who came at him in good style.

The Shorts was only an exercise gallop, for Chicane, who hopped off quickly and had her opponents beaten in the first furlong. A real good go took place for second award between Westward and Lord Ullin, the former just getting the mastery of Lord Ullin by the barest of heads. Lord Ullin, who is a grey gee-gee by Bay King, the sire of Miss King (a well-known hurdler) should prove more than useful in the future, for though he was as green as a shamrock he fought the argument out in great style. He has now been taken in hand by Arthur Lord, and should assuredly benefit by the education he will receive at this capable mentor's hands. The well-bred Aorangī fell at the second fence, and his chance was gone.

Honyhnhnm was made a warm choice for the Whariti Hack, and the result proved that punters had located the right article to do their gold upon for the hard-to-pronounce named daughter of St. Hippo pulled to the front at the home bend, and then it was all over. Lomaria, who was also well backed, looked half-way down the straight as if it was a sure thing that she would get second place, but Monsieur Beaucaire put in a very brilliant run in the last bit, and just pipped Lomaria on the post for second money and dividend. Millennial got hung up in the tapes, and was the last to leave the mark. Lord got her away quickly when she got clear, but the effort to make up the lost advantage settled her prospects, and she finished a good distance away from the placed horses. The Hastings-owned and trained Robin Link showed a bold front for five furlongs. Dulcinea, as usual, did a circus act

before the send-off, which delayed the dismissal for some time.

Waicola, a TeMahanga-bred mare, is a daughter of Sheet Lightning (a mare who used to carry the late Mr. Caulton's colours) by Mahaki, won the hottest contested heat of the day by half a head from a pupil of Goosemans (Chicane). This was the County Hack Handicap, in which Armamento and Sweet Helen were also contestants. This pair, who had a poor following on the machine, were never prominent, and finished away down the straight. Robin Link was again stepped out in this event, which seemed, considering the heavy state of the going, a severe question to ask her for an hour and a-half previously she had been given a good test in the Whariti Hack. As might have been expected, she made no sort of a show.

Five lined up for the President's Handicap, Rosegrove having a 4lb call over Chatterer. The going apparently settled Mr. Armstrong's mare, for she was well gone before the straight was reached, and at this point it looked a million to a mushroom that Rosegrove would win. Hearty cheers went up when she came back to scale, showing how popular her owner is with sporting folk.

Waihuka, the favourite in the Hack Scurry, was evidently not at home in the going, for he slithered about and did not seem to be able to find his feet and use them. Toatuhi conquered in a very easy style, and really had the verdict in her keeping from the fall of the flag. Mota got second and Waratah, who was paying a hat-full, third.

Another popular victory brought the tixture to a close, Chatterer carrying Mr. F. Armstrong's well-known banner to the front, and again cheers went up for one of the best of sports.

TROTTING.

THE OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

The concluding day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting was held on Saturday, in ideal weather. The attendance was very good, and speculation was especially keen, the sum of £3275 being put through the totalisator. In fact, throughout the meeting, the totalisator was patronised most freely, and just double the amount was put through this year in comparison to last, the total for the three days being £8761 10s.

The President's Handicap drew a field of ten starters. Flora Mac was the popular fancy, though Agnes B and Manxman were strong tips. The race was an easy task however, for an outsider in Royalty, and from start to finish the son of Victor Royal had it all his own way. Agnes B and Flora Mac, both off scratch, put up a great fight for second place, the former wrestling second stake and div. from the chestnut mare by a short neck.

Fibre's success in the Pony Trot on the first day was no doubt responsible for the support accorded her in the Second Pony Handicap. With Wairere the grey mare was about an equal favourite. From a good start, Wairere was the quickest to settle into her stride, and led past the stand the first time round, with Huanui second. Wairere kept her lead right round the back, but nearing the home turn Huanui wore her down, and once into the straight, drew away and won how she liked. Tuxton trotted consistently throughout, and finished third. Jersey Lily and Awhiohio whipped the field in.

Only three starters faced the barrier in the Welcome Stakes. Glenora, after her victories on the two previous days, was backed as though there was nothing else in it. Mr O'Connor had some difficulty in getting the small field away. In a leading article not long since the frequency with which refractory horses get a flying start was referred to in the "Review." Mataura's performance on Saturday was another instance of delaying the despatch from the barrier, and the subsequent advantage gained by being first through the tape. The Sylvia Park mare got away with a length's advantage, and was never headed. The favourite made an attempt to get on even terms, and at the five furlong distance had the difference reduced to a minimum. Gladys Rose was at least five lengths behind. Entering the straight Griffin drew the whip on Glenora, but Mataura had plenty of finishing power, and easily drew away, winning with a length and a-half to the good. Gladys Rose finished very fast, but could not overhaul the winner, and had to be satisfied with second place.

There was a good field for the Criterion Trot. Nat Gould, the limit horse, moved off very quickly, and led past the stand with 40 yards to the good from General Election. Young McKinney, a red-hot

favourite, lined the field a treat from scratch, and ran into third position the second time round. The McKinney horse had been pushed over much, however, and he tired quickly in the last few furlongs. Nat Gould seemed to have the race well in hand until he shied and broke. General Election, who had been trotting very prettily throughout, took command, and led to the finish, winning by two lengths from Macquarrie, with Duke C a similar distance away third. Miss Dunmore trotted in great style, and finished a good fourth. Rosebud ran a bad last. Speculation on the event was brisk, 1187 tickets being held.

The Papatoetoe Trot provided the best finish of the day. Black Rose, Cora Victor, and Huon Leal had the race all to themselves, the rest of the field were having a look in. In the run down the straight Black Rose broke. Cora Victor looked to have the race well in hand, but Huon Leal finished with a rattle, and snatched the victory from the Albert Victor mare by a short head. Black Rose was a very close third.

The girths were tightened on eight ponies in the Manukau Handicap. Mighty Atom was the popular fancy, and the good thing ultimately came off. As in the previous galloway event, some difficulty was experienced in getting the field away. The favourite was the first to hop out of the barrier, and the son of Freedom was never headed, skipping over the four and a-half furlongs in 58 seconds. Mataura, under the impost of 9.7, ran second, and Norma, with 7.2 in the saddle, third.

A fourteen to one chance in Specialist landed the February Trot. Miss Wilson made the pace a cracker. Mint and Specialist, the scratch horses, soon got through the ruck, and the trio battled the race out between them. Once into the straight, Specialist left no room for doubt as to the result, but came right away and won comfortably.

Ballot was a quiet paddock tip for the Dash Trot, though Princess Ena was trusted with most of the public money. The Electioneer gelding was easily able to hold his own, and having deprived Olive of the lead, trotted past the post with three lengths to the good. Princess Ena put up a good performance, but could get no better than third.

The following are the details of the racing:—

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP. One mile.
Mr. W. C. Griffiths' blk g Royalty, 6yrs, by Victor Royal—Hippocampus mare, 3sec (Duncan) 1
Mr. T. Brady's b m Agnes B., aged, scratch (Hunt) 2
Mr. S. Hamilton's ch m Flora Mac, 4yrs, scratch (owner) 3
Also started: Dan 3sec, Manxman 5sec, Harold Huon 6sec, Mangere 7sec, Mack 8sec, Cleve 8sec, Huon Clair 9sec.
Time, 2min 2-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s 6d and 13s 6d.

SECOND PONY TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.
Mr. C. Baker's b m Huanui, aged, by Wilmington, 8sec (owner) 1
Mr. A. Williamson's b m Wairere, aged, 18sec (Hird) 2
Mrs. C. Ranger's b g Tuxton, 6yrs, 27sec (Mabee) 3
Also started: Cleveland's Pride 8sec, Fibre 13sec, Special Light 14sec, Plaintiff 18sec, Jersey Lily 18sec, Miss Sage 24sec, Awhiohio 27sec.
Time, 4min 2 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 3s 6d and 9s 6d.

WELCOME STAKES HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.
Mr. A. Morrow's ch m Mataura, aged, by Sylvia Park—Durus, 9.0 (Conquest) 1
Mr. E. Hussey's b m Gladys Rose, aged, 7.0 (Whittaker) 2
Mr. H. Barr's b m Glenora, 4yrs, 8.10 (Griffin) 3
These were the only starters.
Time, 1min 27sec. Dividend, £1 17s 6d.

CRITERION TROT HANDICAP. Two miles.
Mr. W. A. Scott's b g General Election, aged, by Electioneer, 16sec (Scott) 1
Mr. R. Webb's b g Macquarrie, aged, 15sec (owner) 2
Mr. A. C. Gilman's b g Duke C., aged, 7sec (Herbert) 3
Also started: Young McKinney scr, Miss Dunmore 6sec, Rosebud 7sec, Stranger 9sec, Weary Willie 12sec, Redleaf 17sec, Miss Huon 18sec, Nat Gould 24sec.
Time, 5min 14sec. Dividends, £2 and £1 11s 6d.

PAPATOETOE TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.
Mr. W. E. Singleton's rn g Huon Leal, 5yrs, by Huon Junior—Leila, 6sec (Lowe) 1
Mr. W. N. Paul's b m Cora Victor, aged, 16sec (Paul) 2
Mr. J. Burfoot's blk m Black Rose, aged, 13sec (Orange) 3
Also started: Baxter scratch, Torpedo II 5sec, Olive 10sec, Tableaux 12sec, Daydawn 13sec, Maureen 14sec, Wilhelmina 14sec, Iago 16sec, Avenal 21sec, Pukerimu 21sec.
Time, 4min 1sec. Dividends, £2 14s 6d and 14s 6d.

MANUKAU HANDICAP. About four-furlongs and a-half.
Mr. W. C. Ring's br g Mighty Atom, 4yrs, by Freedom—Jewel, 9.5 (Gray) 1
Mr. A. Morrow's ch m Mataura, aged, 9.7, including 7lb penalty (Conquest) 2
Mr. H. N. Weston's b m Norma, 4yrs, 7.2 (W. Chaaffe) 3

Also started: Glenora 8.5, Manoeuvre 7.12, Merrimanu 7.8, Dr. Quest 7.6, La Annie 7.4.
Time, 58sec. Dividends, £1 15s 6d and 17s.

FEBRUARY TROT HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. F. H. Ridder's br h Specialist, 5yrs, by Specification—Bonnie Vein, 1sec (Hamilton) 1
Mr. W. MacFarlane's b m Mint, 6yrs, scratch (Orange) 2
Mr. S. Jones' b f Miss Wilson, 4yrs, 4sec (Chisnell) 3
Also started: Robex 7sec, Waitekauri 9sec, Rosebud 9sec, Stranger 11sec, Silver Girl 11sec.
Time, 2min 21sec. Dividends, £7 8s and 7s 6d.

DASH TROT HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr. P. Williams' b g Ballot, aged, by Electioneer—Eos, 13sec (Duncan) 1
Mr. S. Tanners' blk m Olive, aged, 13sec (Tanner) 2
Mr. H. Stanley's b m Princess Ema, 4yrs, 2sec (Hird) 3
Also started: Specialist 4sec behind scratch (including 4sec penalty), Colenso 10sec, Macquarrie 12sec, Empress 15sec, Bert 16sec, Farewell II. 18sec.
Time, 2min 39sec. Dividends, £2 12s 6d and £1 1s 6d.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, February 27.

Handicaps for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps are not due until March 8, but they will probably not appear until after the Wanganui meeting is over.

The inclusion of so many horses entered for the two big Easter handicaps at Riccarton among the nominations for the Easter Handicap at Auckland has somewhat puzzled backers. It is very seldom so many horses are entered for events run at Riccarton and Ellerslie at the same time of the year as is the case this year.

The result of the Dunedin Cup came as a surprise to Christchurch backers, who went solidly for Cross Battery, and the winner, Stepdancer, had few supporters, while Lapland was also backed to some extent. This is the second year in succession that Stepdancer has won the Dunedin Cup. A year ago the Stepniak mare won easily with 7st 8lb, Thunderer (7st 9lb) being second, and Notus (7st 10lb) third. At the Canterbury summer meeting Stepdancer ran very poorly, but at Wingatui she was evidently in a galloping humour, and appears to have won comfortably from the favourite.

It is really surprising the way such a large number of backers get on to a good thing. Men who very seldom back horses put the money up when it became whispered round town on Saturday last that a niddy named Lupulite (pretty name, isn't it?) was something approaching a moral for the Warrington Hack Handicap. The good thing won, and backers were quite pleased with themselves over receiving a £4 2s dividend. They did not expect more than half that amount.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's horses are in splendid form just now. Buccleuch, Fireiron and Amboise each won a race on the second day at Dunedin, while Amboise scored another win on Saturday. W. Pine deserves credit for the way he has brought the stable's representatives to the fore in big races. In Buccleuch he has some excellent material to work on.

During the short period he was at the stud the English-bred horse Benzoin produced some good stock, Buccleuch and Balsam being two good ones. Benzoin was a smart performer up to six furlongs, and to-day Buccleuch is one of the best in the colony over the same distance.

The defeat of Glenculloch in the Dunedin Champagne Stakes clearly proves that this colt is not a top-notch. Bonny Glen, who beat the Clanranald colt, has now won the two races he has started in. He is probably a good one. The pair will have another opportunity of meeting again before the season closes. I should not be at all surprised to see the Stepniak—Crest colt again prevail.

The Chokebore stable had no luck at all at Dunedin, Signalman, De Witte, Golden Cairn and Cockleshell all getting well beaten in their races. As usual, Signalman failed to give his backers a run for their money, and they must be getting pretty tired of seeing their money continually left at the post.

Tahu, by Good-bye—Signal, is not as good as some people thought. After running well in two races at the

C.J.C. summer meeting he was taken to Dunedin and heavily supported for the races he started in, but he failed to run into a place in moderate company.

It is raining to-day, which is something sensational for Canterbury. Trainers have had to contend with hard tracks for some months past, and a few days' rain would make horse-owners and trainers almost stand on their heads.

The Akaroa County races take place on March 5, and will give racegoers in Christchurch an opportunity of spending a pleasant day in the country. Entries are good and the quality is better represented than is usual at county gatherings.

I had expected to see Aeolus in the Great Easter Handicap, but his owner has preferred to enter him for the big Easter Handicap at Auckland. After seeing this son of Euroclydon run at Riccarton I am convinced that he will win a big race. He is one of the gamest finishers I have ever seen.

The Hawke's Bay Stakes this year should be one of the best races on record. Since Glenculloch's defeat in the Dunedin Champagne Stakes, the Northern event bears a more open aspect. With Eona, Downfall, Elevation, Finery, Glenculloch, and Count Witte in the race, Hawke's Bay sportsmen should see an exciting contest. I know that Count Witte (Menschikoff—Problem) is a smart youngster, but he will need to be a really good one to be able to beat the tried two-year-olds.

Stepdancer has 7st in the Wanganui Cup, but the conditions of the race give the handicapper power to rehandicap any winner of the race of the value of 100sovs, and it is quite likely the Stepniak mare will be raised a few pounds. Stepdancer has run two good races in the New Zealand Cup, and being in good form at present may go for the Wanganui Cup.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, February 26.

Frank Moore now works his horses on his private track at Tayforth. All going well Armistice and Fontenoy will be started in the Cup here. Harry Jackson has these two horses looking very well at present.

Walter Raynor has got Fishermid in fine form at present, and this mare should score a win or two very soon now for her popular trainer.

Horses in Tilley's Fordell stable are reported to be showing first-class form, and Apa and Delamere have been taken very freely for the Cup and Flying.

The Lark and Polycaste should be in capital nick by Cup time, judging by their Egmont running.

St. Joe had to be eased in his work a week or so ago, but is now doing very solid work.

Arc Light was taken through to Woodville on Monday, but never got placed either in the Cup or Autumn Handicap.

Geo. Laing took Westward through also on Monday, but the Sou-wester gelding could only get a second in a poor field.

Ballarat's half-sister Ancycle, by Addington—Brown Spec, has been sold to a patron of Mr. W. Davies' stable.

Waihuku is now in T. Wilson's stable at Bulls.

Achilles was allotted 10st 6in in the Wanganui Cup, and not 10st 7lb as most papers reported. However, he was scratched on Thursday, as was generally expected here would be the case. However, Rosser's stable have two good ones left to represent them in Marguerite and Ghoorka.

The Eltham "Argus" had the following in their sporting columns the day of the Egmont meeting:—"We are not giving any tips on the events. The fact is, it is so hard to get the necessary information on the matter. To give reliable tips a writer requires to know which horses are 'after it,' which are running stiff in preparation for further events, which horses the jockeys are backing, and a whole lot of other information which is not available to the outsider."

Te Kainui (Tasman—Capucine) was sold the first day of the Woodville races to Mr. F. Pelling, in whose interest he ran the second day.

Ryves Webb has the local track and ornamental grounds looking a perfect picture at present, and those who visit us at Cup time should find the picturesque Wanganui racecourse looking better than it has ever done before.

Toa Tuhi proved a little gold mine for local punters on the second day of the Woodville meeting, and pencilers had a very bad run. This gelding was bought by Mr. J. Lambess, of Foxton, after the Scurry, for 141 guineas.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, Feb. 27.

The Dunedin Jockey Club held their Cup Meeting last week, and despite the fact that the weather at the opening was unfavourable the gathering was both a sporting and financial success. The totalisator figures ran out to 2291, or 1793½ above last year.

Stepdancer won the Dunedin Cup in decisive fashion, and recorded her second win in the race.

The Club made a profit of about £640 over the meeting.

Royal Shell, who paid £19 16/ when he scored in the second day's hurdle event, was picked in Auckland for something in the neighbourhood of £20. At that time he was suffering from an enlarged knee, which was the result of hitting a fence; but he is now apparently as sound as a bell.

Golden Cairn was produced once only last week, when he was made a good favourite for the Publican's Handicap, but ran disappointingly, as he was never dangerous in the run home. On his form at the Mid-Summer Meeting when he paced it with Buccleuch in the Craven Plate, and also ran well in the Middle Park Plate. Golden Cairn looked to have a good chance in the Publican's, but his supporters had to be content with an also started, and not a heap of gold.

Two winners at Wingatui last week claim close relationship to a couple of horses who have been filling the public eye lately, as Mr. J. F. Buchanan's filly Amboise is a sister to Marguerite, and Mr. Murray Hobbs' filly Aimee Soult is a sister to Grenadier, one of the ruling favourites for the Newmarket Handicap.

The recently-concluded Dunedin Cup Meeting was remarkable for the fact that it attracted an unusual number of visitors. Canterbury sports are generally found to be content with their own meetings, and it is to be hoped that their presence last week augurs well for the Wingatui gatherings of the future.

The downfall of Glenculloch in the D.J.C. Champagne Stakes was a bit of a facer to punters, but the colt's defeat did not come altogether as a great surprise, as it was whispered about that he had contracted a cold. He galloped with his customary dash for about four furlongs, but after crowning the hill it was noticeable that his stride was losing its length, and Bonnie Glen had him well beaten over a furlong from home. Nine stone ten is a goodly burden for a two-year-old to carry at Wingatui when the going is a bit loose and the load was not made any lighter by the fact that about 3st. of it was dead weight.

The form displayed by Bonnie Glen at Riccarton and Wingatui suggests that his defeat of Glenculloch was far from being a fluke, and further that the Clanranald colt was not altogether disgraced, as it is quite possible that the Stepniak colt is a bit out of the common.

The feature of the opening day of the Tahuna Park Trotting Club's meeting was the splendid race which was furnished by the field which went out to contest the High-Class Handicap, and it is quite possible that the falling through of the proposed sweepstakes which was struck out because it failed to fill was a blessing in disguise, as one could not wish to witness a better battle on a track than that which the different horses put up before the winning number was hoisted. The horses which furnish the best races are those who have about reached the speed limit, and there is generally very little between their records, and consequently they race in close order or should do so if all other things are equal; and these are the races which give the public good value for their money. Although by no means forcing the pace Fusee was always disputing the lead, his driver had the inside berth and exercised a good deal of generalship in order to retain it. More than once he was on the grass with one of his wheels, and Price undoubtedly had to drive a great race before getting his number on top, and the merit of his reinmanship is all the more pronounced because he had such clever manipulators of the ribbons as M. E. Albaugh, C. Kerr, M. Allan and M. Edward to keep at bay.

Buccleuch was considered good goods for the Anniversary Handicap, but his chance was wrecked by the suicidal pace set in the early stages of the race. The going along the back stretch was on the heavy side, and it was an error of judgment to allow him to run with Red Gauntlet over the first three furlongs with 7.9 on his back. The first quarter was

cut in 24secs, which was an impossible pace to set out over a mile journey, and it was not astonishing to find both stopping to nothing in the run home. When stripped at the Mid-Summer Meeting Buccleuch was very big and lusty. In his Wingatui Campaign he was improving in appearance with each race, and although defeated on the last day looked a better horse than at any other time during the week. He is evidently a gross doer, and the sort that English trainers would work in light clothing and be rarely given a stripped gallop.

Cross Battery carried the coin and confidence of the public each time she started at Wingatui, but her supporters had to be content with a loss each time they staked their bullion. She ran a fairly good race in the Cup, on what appears to have been a remarkably light preparation, as she arrived in Dunedin on the Sunday before the race, and was very indulgently treated in the interim. In the Cup she ran a good mare under the circumstances, but was not unduly punished when Stepdancer had the race in her keeping. Her run over 12 furlongs, however, was evidently a severe tax on her powers, as she gave an inglorious display in the Wingatui Handicap, and was never dangerous in the race. Wairakel ran some great races on very little work, but the majority of horses have to gallop on the track if they are wanted to win under silk; and before Cross Battery can be given a chance at Riccarton she will have to do something on the track calculated to justify her being supported.

The judging at Wingatui last week was not an unqualified success. On the second day Gapon, who was second last in his race, was placed third, and in the Flying Handicap decided on the third day, many in a good position to see the finish were positive that Fire-iron was entitled to the winning verdict instead of Zetland. The press stand is placed on an awkward angle, but the writer was strongly inclined to agree with the racing experts who held that Fire-iron was the winner, as when a horse is running wide on the track he has to make a good win before he really looks to be first past the post. In a close thing it is practically impossible to give a fair opinion, but every one whom the writer queried, and whose names if mentioned would be a sufficient guarantee that they knew what they were talking about, were positive that Fire-iron won by anything from half a length to a length.

TARANAKI.

Very fair acceptances have been received for the forthcoming meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, and on the whole compare very favourably with those of last year.

Paritutu is the ruling favourite for the Cup, and the Castor gelding certainly appears to have a great chance with 6lb less than he won with last year.

The club will open a double machine on the third and fourth races on each day of the meeting.

The Metropolitan Committee of the T.J.C. met last week, when gentleman rider's certificates were granted to F. W. Webb and F. Barson, and a jockey's license to L. W. Graham and R. McNamara.

THE BETTING MARKET.

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

WANGANUI CUP AND FLYING.
600 to 4—Star Rose and St. Claimer
600 to 3—Bourrasque and Medalist
300 to 6—Eden and Full Rate
300 to 6—Marguerite and Achilles
300 to 6—King Billy and Delamere
300 to 2—Rifemaid and Contender
C.J.C. GREAT EASTER AND AUTUMN.

1000 to 4—Replete and Stepdancer
1000 to 2—Aimee Soult and Lapland
600 to 4—Cross Battery and Grenade
500 to 5—Buccleuch and Marguerite
500 to 4—Sir Tristram and Zimmerman
500 to 1—Helen Portland and Notus

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

WANGANUI CUP AND FLYING HANDICAP.
500 to 25—Marguerite and Delamere
500 to 17—Ghoorka and Delamere
400 to 13—Marguerite and Full Rate
400 to 12—Montigo and Full Rate
GREAT EASTER AND GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

600 to 1—Harvest and Chryseis
500 to 5—Fireiron and Cross Battery
500 to 5—Buccleuch and Eden
500 to 2½—Aimee Soult and Stepdancer
500 to 2½—Apollodoris and Signalman
500 to 2—Buccleuch and Truce
500 to 1—Astracian and Zetland

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NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY. SHORTS HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Ruakaka, Seabohn, Ngawai, Dardanus, Fieramosca, Crispinot, Kotiro, Hikui, Lucio, Octoroon, Azoff, Sabine, Discoverer, Lady Cressy, Sweet Alice, Duart, Aristocrat.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Sophia, Stepney, Yolette, Pierre, Geologist, Bromide, The Frenchman, St. Harp, Soultfish, Silica.

NETHERTON WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lady Mack, Freemount, Lunetta, Geologist, Napenape, Bromide, Syren, Agrapus, Convoy, Lady Winnie, Lochbuhie, Bully, Bump, Powhiri, Brooklyn.

KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Ruakaka, Soultine, Dardanus, Hikui, Fieramosca, Miss Crispin, Octoroon, Manapouri, Discoverer, Duart, Lady Cressy, Aristocrat, Brooklyn, Field Marshal.

OHINEMURI CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Lady Gladys, Lunetta, Millie, Syren, Agrapus, Haeremai, Geordie, Baltimore, Bonomiana, Bully, Lochbuhie, Storyteller.

KOMATA HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lady Mack, Leonette, Puranui, Seabohn, Toheroa, Harkaway, Golden Gem, Pip, Soultine, Crispinot, Waiheka, Freebird, Radalla, Lady Nannie, Octoroon, Sabine, Syren, Paroquet, Bump, Field-Marshal.

PAEROA STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.—Imagination, Straybird, Sophia, Pierre, Kanaka, Hylas, Bendigo, Baritone, Tul, The Frenchman, Loch Fyne, Brigham.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Freemount, Lunetta, Fieramosca, Cachuca, Syren, Certainty, Convoy, Azoff, Discoverer, Bully, Sweet Alice, Aristocrat, Storyteller, Brooklyn, Field-Marshal.

SECOND DAY. WAITEKAURI PLATE, five furlongs.—Ruakaka, Seabohn, Soultine, Dardanus, Fieramosca, Miss Crispin, Hikui, Octoroon, Azoff, Discoverer, Lady Cressy, Duart, Aristocrat, Brooklyn, Field-Marshal.

WAIKINO WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lady Mack, Freemount, Pip, Lunetta, Geologist, Napenape, Bromide, Syren, Agrapus, Lady Winnie, Convoy, Haeremai, Paroquet, Tito, Bully, Bonomiana, Lochbuhie, Bump, Powhiri, Brooklyn.

DISTRICT HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—Sophia, Stepney, Yolette, Pierre, Geologist, Bromide, Tul, St. Harp, The Frenchman, Soultfish, Silica.

HIKUTAIA HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Lady Mack, Leonette, Puranui, Seabohn, Toheroa, Harkaway, Golden Gem, Pip, Soultine, Crispinot, Waiheka, Freebird, Radalla, Sabine, Octoroon, Lady Winnie, Tito, Manapouri, Discoverer, Bump, Field-Marshal.

PAEROA HANDICAP, one mile.—Lady Gladys, Freemount, Lunetta, Geologist, Millie, Cachuca, Syren, Agrapus, Certainty, Geordie, Baltimore, Bonomiana, Lochbuhie, Sweet Alice, Bully, Aristocrat, Storyteller.

FLYING HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Ruakaka, Ngawai, Hikui, Dardanus, Fieramosca, Kotiro, Miss Crispin, Waiheka, Lucio, Convoy, Octoroon, Sabine, Discoverer, Lady Cressy, Duart, Aristocrat, Field-Marshal.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE, three miles.—Imagination, Straybird, Sophia, Pierre, Kanaka, Hylas, Bendigo, Baritone, Loch Fyne, Brigham.

FINAL HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Seabohn, Freemount, Lunetta, Millie, Fieramosca, Syren, Convoy, Azoff, Discoverer, Sweet Alice, Aristocrat, Lochbuhie, Bully, Field-Marshal, Certainty, Brooklyn, Storyteller.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

NAPIER CUP HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Bourrasque, Hipporofia, Gazeley, Pink-un, Douche, Mystification, Ito, Probable, Contender, Immolation, Polyanthus, Medallist.

BENNETT STAKES HANDICAP, one mile and a distance.—Ballyneety, Pretty Maid, Merriwing, Millennial, Hipporofia, Gazeley, Pink-un, Douche, Mystification, Probable, Immolation, Polyanthus, Ito, Medallist.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

EASTER HANDICAP.—Lucrece, Te Aroha, Pearl Necklet, Paritutu, Pink-un, Syren, Tui Cakobau, Waipuna, Carl Rosa, Cambrian, Scotty, Delania, Celtic, Volume, Marguerite, Ghoorka, Exmoor, Aeolus, Cross Battery, Glenullin, Apa, Multifid, Soultmaid, Lochbuhie, Landwern, Ballarat, Loftus, Omati, Claremont, Zimmerman, Sir Tristram, Intelligence, Medallist, Wai-kato, King Billy, Geordie, Bully, Regulation, Sweet Alice, Master Delaval, Miss Winnie, Uranium, Fontenoy.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE.—Pierre, Dolores, Landlock, Aqua Regia, Lady Hune, Swagsman, St. Harp, Heywood, Silica, Soultfish, Nestator, Cuir-agnon, Hautapu.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP.—Te Aroha, Pearl Necklet, Paritutu, Pink-un, Baltimore, Syren, Akarana, Waipuna, Carl Rosa, Cambrian, Scotty, Delania, Celtic, Volume, Marguerite, Ghoorka, Exmoor, Aeolus, Cross Battery, Glenullin, Apa, Multifid, Grenade, Uhlander, Soultmaid, Landwern, Loftus, Landlock, Claremont, Zimmerman, Sir Tristram, Wai-kato, King Billy, Geordie, Dan Leno, Bully, Henry Have-lock, Regulation, Master Delaval, Uranium, Fontenoy.

AUTUMN HANDICAP.—Pearl Neck-

let, Paritutu, Sir Gilead, Syren, Akarana, Waipuna, Cambrian, Scotty, Volume, Marguerite, Ghoorka, Aeolus, Cross Battery, Glenullin, Apa, Multifid, Grenade, Claremont, Zimmerman, Sir Tristram, Mungista, King Billy, Geordie, Dan Leno, Bully, Regulation, Master Delaval, Uranium, Fontenoy, Helen Portland.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE.—Pierre, Brigham, Nor-west, Haydn, Westward, Dolores, Aka Aka, Kiatere, Loch Fyne, Sol, Baritone, Inniskillen, St. Harp, Pharos, Silica, Hautapu.

HANDICAPS. WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

WANGANUI CUP.—Achilles 10.7, Advance 9.7, Multifid 8.13, Marguerite 8.12, Paritutu 8.4, Armistice 8.3, Master Delaval 7.13, Zimmerman 7.9, King Billy 7.7, Apa 7.7, St. Joe 7.6, Star Rose 7.5, Polycaste 7.4, Polyanthus 7.4, Ghoorka 7.3, Bourrasque 7.2, Truce 7.1, Stepdancer 7.0, Montigo 6.13, Claremont 6.13, Freeland 6.13, Rifemaid 6.13, Fontenoy 6.13, Blythemaid 6.13, Eden 6.12, Seal Rock 6.10, Lapland 6.10, Oasis 6.7, Gazeley 6.7, Southern Cross 6.7.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Achilles 10.8, Isolt 9.3, Ballarat 9.1, King Billy 8.13, Sir Tristram 8.0, Golden Gate 7.13, Kitchinmaid 7.13, Medallist 7.10, Delamere 7.9, Contender 7.8, Splendid Idea 7.7, Intelligence 7.7, St. Claimer 7.6, Regulation 7.5, Loftus 7.4, Full Rate 7.4, Martello 7.0, Tupono 6.12, Helen Portland 6.10, Pylades 6.10, Numa 6.8, Marguerite 9.0.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Aeolus 9.0, Exmoor 8.9, Delamere 8.1, Fontenoy 8.1, Wirral 8.1, Intelligence 7.13, Makakahi 7.13, Watershoot 7.12, Flotilla 7.10, Barca 7.9, Glenullin 7.9, The Lark 7.5, Gazeley 6.12, Arc Light 6.12, King's Birthday 6.12.

JUVENILE HANDICAP.—Downfall 9.8, Volume 8.9, Gold Crest 8.6, Moscow 8.3, Helen Portland 8.3, Lamsdorff 7.9, Pylades 7.8, Rangipapa 7.1, Happy Maid 7.1, Sir Frisco 6.13, Bunyan 6.13, Signor Vasa 6.10, Adventure 6.10.

WESTMERE HURDLE RACE.—Handsome Rose 11.2, Rookby 10.13, Shrapnel 10.13, Killarney 10.11, Capulet 10.11, Silica 9.11, Wind 9.9, Sen-Sim 9.9, Maui 9.4, Sammy 9.0.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Aeolus 10.5, Kuku 9.9, Wirral 9.4, Waikato 9.4, Makikihi 9.3, Claremont 9.3, Glenullin 9.0, Barca 8.13, Nova 8.13, Immolation 8.10, Somaroff 8.7, King's Birthday 8.2, Cata-pult 8.9, Highden 8.0.

TAYFORTH HURDLE RACE.—Pawa 12.4, Gold Dust 11.9, Peruvian 11.4, Sen-Sim 11.2, Mahoe 11.0, Lull 10.12, Aqua Regia 10.12, Bonheur 10.10, Fretwork 9.7, Aotea 9.0, Westward 9.0, Dalky 10.8, Sammy 9.9, Mooshen 9.3, Integrity 9.0, Cassiopea 9.0, Yeulba 9.0.

WIRITOA HACK HANDICAP.—Climax 9.0, Volume 9.0, Mahoe 8.12, Silver-shell 8.12, Devonla 8.7, White Lie 8.5, Filmsnap, 8.5, Sandix 8.5, Don Orsino 8.5, Seaman 8.2, William 8.0, Recreation 8.0, Tonderghie 7.13, Pearlle 7.13, Highden 7.13, Dear Dolly 7.7, Fisherm-aid 7.7, Kaluku 7.7, Gauze 7.6, Envoy 7.6, Catapult 7.6, Irish Rifle 7.6, Swimming Belt 7.2, Lingerer 7.2, Slavey 7.2, Aneone 7.0, Amal 7.0, Tau San 7.0, Linseed 7.0, Ramanui 7.0, Waione 7.0, Flint Gun 7.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

WAIUKU RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

HURDLE HANDICAP.—Khama 11.10, Muriwai, 10.5, Bowman 10.2, Mangamah-aki 9.9, Mangapapa (late Dom Pedro) 9.3, Remnant 9.3, Recampment 9.0.

MAIDEN HANDICAP.—La Mascotte 8.12, Lady Winnie 8.10, Morahi 8.0, Pukatea 7.13, Reminder 7.10, Mangapapa (late Dom Pedro) 7.10, St. Cyren 7.8, Paddy 7.8, Pincher 7.8, Manapouri 7.7, Impremist 7.7, Miss Grizzle 7.4, Poppy 7.4, Laddie 7.4.

WAIUKU CUP.—Geordie 9.2, Kola Nip 8.6, Rambler 8.4, Kaitangata 7.12, Remnant 6.12, Recampment 6.10.

TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE.—Frontino 8.9, Danbigh's Joe 8.0, Almathea 8.0.

LANGGUTH PURSE.—Kola Nip 9.0, Lady Winnie 8.3, Pukatea 7.6, Paroquet 7.6, Reminder 7.5, St. Cyren 7.3, Recampment 7.0.

OTAWA HANDICAP.—La Mascotte 9.0, Morahi 8.2, Manoeuvre 7.13, Awatea 7.10, Pincher 7.10, Manapouri 7.9, Impremist 7.9, Miss Grizzle 7.7.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Khama 9.12, Rambler 9.9, Bowman 9.2, Kaitangata 9.0, Lady Winnie 8.13, Reminder 8.7, Remnant 8.7, Mangamahaki 8.3, St. Cyren 8.3, Recampment 8.1, Paddy 8.0.

WAIKIPU HANDICAP.—Geordie 9.9, Kola Nip 8.3, La Mascotte 7.12, Kaitangata 7.6, Paroquet 7.0, Awatea 6.7, Pincher 6.7, Mangamahaki 6.7, Impremist 6.7.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

MARCH 2.

TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Brooklyn 8.2, Lady Mack 8.0, Azoff 7.12, Leonette 7.12, Manapouri 7.10, Golden Gem 7.9, Flying Scud 7.9, Harkaway 7.7, Lady Freda 7.7, Nokinoki 7.7.

HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Geologist 11.4, Tul 10.9, Stepney 9.12, Bromide 9.10, The Frenchman 9.4.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Uhlander 8.13, Geordie 8.12, Lord Seaton 8.0, Bonomiana 7.12, Haeremai 7.6, Lunetta 7.6, Repeater 6.7.

CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Hikui 9.4, Aristocrat 7.13, Freemount 7.12, Sweet Alice 7.12, Kola Nip 7.7, Lochbuhie 7.4, Fieramosca 7.4, Napenape 7.2, Te Taniwha 7.0, Lady Mack 6.7, Nokinoki 6.7.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, about three miles.—Pierre 11.4, Sophia 10.5, Kanaka 9.10, Bendigo 9.7, The Frenchman 9.7, Imagination 9.7.

TRADESMEN'S PLATE, one mile.—Uhlander 9.3, Geordie 9.1, Millie 8.6, Bonomiana 8.1, Lord Seaton 8.1, Lunetta 7.10, Freemount 7.10, Kola Nip 7.4, Lochbuhie 7.2, Te Taniwha 6.12.

FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Certainty 9.5, Discoverer 9.3, Hikui 9.3, Sweet Alice 8.0, Duart 7.11, Aristocrat 7.9, Fieramosca 7.8, Miss Crispin 7.8, Octoroon 7.8, Azoff 6.12, Master Clements 6.12.

TURF RESULTS.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY. The Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was commenced on Wednesday. The course was somewhat heavy. The sum of £7971 was passed through the totalisator, as against £8857 10s for the corresponding day last year. The following were the results:—

AUTUMN HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. F. Montalk's br g Narcissus, aged, 10.7 (A. Ayers) 1 Messrs. O'Neill and Davis' blk g Wild Cat, aged, 10.9 (W. Retter) 2 Mr. S. G. Inder's br g Wonderful, aged, 11.0 3 Also started: Antony 9.0. Won by nearly four lengths. Time, 3min 31 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 16s.

GLADBROOK HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. F. Nelligan's b g Harvest, 4yrs, 8.5 (V. Cotton) 1 Mr. W. T. Hazlett's b g Cuirossettia, 5yrs, 8.3 (J. Rae) 2 Mr. E. Griffen's ch h Count Gorton, 6yrs, 7.5 (F. Yarr) 3 Also started: Gypsobel 8.3, Grosve-nor 7.11, Somateria 7.5, Ouidaform 7.5, Sahara 7.3, Rio Grande 6.12, Sonia 6.10, Red and Black 6.10, Prince Loris 6.7. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 18 1/2 sec. Dividends, £2 10s and £2 8s.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES OF 250sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs. Mr. G. M. Aynsley's ch h Bonny Glen, by Stepniak—Crest, 8.10 (J. McComb) 1 Sir G. Clifford's br c Glenculloch, 9.0 (F. Jones) 2 Mr. R. O. Campbell's br c Jahangir, 8.10 (F. D. Jones) 3 Won by a little over a length. Time, 1min 19 3-5sec. Dividend, £4 4s.

DUNEDIN CUP of 400sovs. One mile and a-half. Mr. C. C. Dalgety's ch m Stepdancer, aged, by Stepniak—Pibroch, 7.9 (F. Jones) 1 Mr. E. T. Nicoll's b m Cross Battery, 4yrs, 8.9 (R. King) 2 Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Lapland, 3yrs, 7.3 (F. Yarr) 3 Also started: Signalman 8.13, Thun-derer 7.2, Notus 7.2, Tirole 7.2, Hero-ism 6.11, Secret 6.7, Astrakhan 6.7. Won by about a length and a-half. Cross Battery beating Lapland by half a length for second place. Time, 2min 39 4-5sec. Dividends, £5 6s and 16s.

TRIAL PLATE. Six furlongs. Mr. R. Moore's ch g Caveola, aged, 8.4 (J. Blythe) 1 Mr. A. R. Ward's b g Ard Reigh, 6yrs, 8.4 (J. Horn) 2 Mr. P. Power's ch g Jack Ashore, 3yrs, 7.11 (J. Beale) 3 Also started: Good Sight 8.4, Royal Shell 8.4, Marama 8.4, Chameleon 8.0, Lone Star 7.11, Pretty Face 7.11. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 21 3-5sec. Dividends, £6 6s and 12s.

STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b h Buccleuch, 4yrs, 10.8, (G. J. Pine) 1 Mr. H. J. Searle's b c Scrap Iron Jack, 6yrs, 8.13 (J. McGuire) ... 2 Sir G. Clifford's b c De Witte, 3yrs, 9.6 (F. Jones) 3 Also started: Brighton 8.12, King's Guest 8.9, Speculate 8.5, Abusive 8.5, Apprentice 8.0. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 33 3-5sec. Dividends, £2 12s and £1 8s.

BERWICK HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Messrs. A. R. and T. H. White's b g The Seer, 5yrs, 9.9 (J. McComb) 1 Mr. J. Bradley's b m Imaginary, 5yrs, 8.0 (J. McGuire) 2 Hon. G. McLean's ch g Afer, 2yrs, 8.3 (F. D. Jones) 3 Also started: Curiosity 9.7, Stepaside 8.9, Order 8.8, Takaro 8.8, Tahu 8.5, Lady De Vere 8.2, Oliver 8.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 6 1-5sec. Dividends, £3 12s and £2 10s.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. M. Hobbs' br f Aimee Soult, 3yrs, 6.13 (F. Yarr) 1 Mr. F. Nelligan's ch m Tessera, 5yrs, 6.7 (E. Cotton) 2 Mr. F. Dale's ch g Balsam, 4yrs, 7.9 (R. King) 3 Also started: Red Gauntlet 8.12, Re-plete 8.10, Manjess 8.3, Golden Cairn 8.3, Apollodoris 7.12, Fireiron 7.12, Red Morn 6.9. Won by a neck. Time, 1min 17 3-5 sec. Dividends, £9 10s and £6 2s.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was fine for the second day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, but the attendance was not large. A sum of £6158 10s was put through the machine, compared with £5625 10s last year. Results:—

LINDON HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. P. T. Hogan's Royal Shell, aged, 9.4 (J. Lindsay) 1 Messrs. O'Neill and Davis' Wild Cat, aged, 10.11 (W. Retter) 2 Mr. T. Montalk's Narcissus, aged, 11.9 3 Also started: Wonderful 10.13, Pipi 9.9, Antony 9.0. Won by five lengths. Time, 3min 25sec. Dividend, £19 16s.

HENLEY HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr. F. Moore's br m Order, 8.11 (A. McKay) 1 Mr. M. J. Bradley's Imaginary, 5yrs, 8.5 (J. McGuire) 2 Hon. G. McLean's Afer, 8.7 (J. McComb) 3 Also started: Curiosity 9.3, Ostach-koff 9.1, and Chameleon 7.10 (coupled), Takaro 8.1, Good Sight 8.0, Marama 7.10, Lady Devere 7.10, Oliver 7.10. Won by a neck. Time, 1min 6 3-5 sec. Dividends, £13 4s and 16s.

CITY STAKES HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br f. Amboise, 8.3 (A. Pine) 1
 Mr. L. C. Hazlett's br c Grafton 2
 Loch, 8.11 (J. Horne) 2
 Mr. R. McDonald's Gapon, 8.8 (J. McComb) 3
 Also started: Cockleshell 8.3, Santa Claus 7.9, Tremulous 7.4, Jahangir 7.0.
 Won by half a length. Dividends, £3 and £2 2s.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. R. J. Searle's b g Scrapiron Jack, by Mauser—Haka mare, 7.0 (F. Douglass) 1
 Mr. L. A. Knight's Lapland, 3yrs, 7.7 (F. Yarr) 2
 Mr. E. Griffith's Thunderer, 5yrs, 7.0 (G. A. Pine) 3
 Also started: Signalman 9.3, Stepdancer 8.7, Red Gauntlet 8.5, Astrakhan 8.7.
 Won by a length. Time, 2min 11sec. Dividends, £5 16s and £1 4s.

DOMAIN HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b h Buccleuch, 4yrs, 9.9 (C. J. Pine) 1
 Hon. G. McLean's Apollodoris, 7.11 (McComb) 2
 Mr. R. Sutherland's Replete, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) 3
 Also started: Balsam 7.11, Tessera 7.7.
 Won easily by a length and a-quarter. Time, 1min 16 3-5sec. Dividend, £2.

OUTRAMP HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Mr. I. Kett's br c Somateria, 3yrs, 7.7 (F. Jones) 1
 Messrs. A. R. and T. H. White's b g The Seer, 5yrs, 9.5 (J. McComb) 2
 Mr. F. Nelligan's b g Harvest, 4yrs, 9.5 (V. Cotton) 3
 Also started: Curiosettia 8.10, Gypsohel 8.4, Grosvenor 7.12, Count Gorton 7.8, Ard Reign 7.8, Sahara 7.5, Rio Grande 6.13, Lone Star 6.12, Sonia 6.12, Prince Loris 6.7.
 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 16 4-5sec. Dividends, £10 6s and 16s.

RAILWAY PLATE. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's br g Fireiron, 3yrs, 8.7 (G. A. Price) 1
 Mr. M. Hobbs' br g Aimee Soult, 3yrs, 9.0 (F. Thomson) 2
 Mr. E. Gate's b h Zetland, 5yrs, 9.0 (V. Cotton) 3
 Also started: Red Morn 9.4, King's Guest 9.0, Clementine 9.0, Sea King 8.7.
 Won by over a length. Time, 1min 3 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 8s and £1 6s.

SUBURBAN WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Mr. A. Dale's ch g Balsam, 4yrs, 9.5 (R. King) 1
 Sir G. Clifford's b c De Witte, 3yrs, 9.5 (F. Jones) 2
 Mr. Nat. Green's br g Speculate, aged, 7.13 (J. Rae) 3
 Also started: Manjess 9.9, Grandstand 9.4, Secret 8.11, Abusive 7.13, Ouidaform 7.10, Apprentice 7.10, Red and Black 7.10.
 Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 30 3-5sec. Dividends, £4 10s and 16s.

THIRD DAY.

The weather was fine and the course in good order for the third day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting. The sum of £8491 10s was put through the totalisator, against £6698 for the corresponding day of last year. The total for the meeting was £22,921, as against £21,181 last year. The following were the results:—

OWHIRO HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Messrs. O'Neill and Davis' Wild Cat, 10.13 (W. Retter) 1
 Mr. T. Montalto's Narcissus, 11.8 (A. Ayers) 2
 Mr. L. C. Hazlett's Abusive, 9.5 (J. Cotton) 3
 Also started: Royal Shell 10.6, Antony 9.0.
 Won by seven lengths. Time, 2min 55sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

FLYING HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr. E. Gate's Zetland, 4yrs, 8.10 (V. Cotton) 1
 Mr. J. E. Buchanan's Fireiron, 9.0 (G. A. Pine) 2
 Mr. F. Nelligan's Tessera, 7.13 (E. Cotton) 3
 Also started: Replete 9.7, Clementine 8.3, Toney 7.0.
 Won by a nose. Time, 1min 4 1-5 sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

WARRINGTON HACK HANDICAP. Four furlongs.

Mr. R. McKay's Lupulite, 3yrs, 8.9 (A. McKay) 1
 Mr. J. Bradley's Imaginary, 8.9 (McGuire) 2
 Messrs. A. R. and T. H. White's The Seer, 10.9 (McCombe) 3
 Also started: Curiosity 8.13, Disappointment 8.13, San Severo 8.1, Gypsohel 8.5, Stepside 8.2, Count Gorton 8.2, Takaro 8.2, Merrymaker 8.0, Goodlight 7.9, Rio Grande 7.7, Assault 7.7, Lady De Vere 7.7.
 Won by half a length. Time, 50 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 2s and £2 4s.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP. One mile.

Messrs. W. T. and L. C. Hazlett's Astrakhan, 4yrs, 6.7 (McDonald) 1
 Hon. G. McLean's Apollodoris, 7.3 (F. Douglas) 2
 Mr. D. Roberts' Somaroff, 6.7 (C. Hack) 3
 Also started: Buccleuch 9.9, Red Gauntlet 8.9, Balsam 7.11, Manjess 7.9, Scrapiron Jack 7.8.
 Won by a short length. Time, 1min 42 1-5sec. Dividends, £15 18s and £1 10s.

HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. F. Buchanan's Amboise, 8.13 (G. J. Pine) 1
 Sir G. Clifford's Cockleshell, 7.12 (F. Jones) 2
 Mr. R. McDonald's Gapon, 8.0 (J. McCombe) 3
 Also started: Grafton Loch 8.12, Tremulous 6.11, Jahangir 6.11, Santa Claus 6.10.

Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1min 5 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 18s and £2.

ABBOTSFORD WELTER HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Mr. H. J. Searle's b m Secret, 4yrs, 8.8 (F. Jones) 1
 Mr. R. Sutherland's br m Replete, aged, 10.8 (J. McKindry) 2
 Mr. H. Ellis' ch m Red Morn, 4yrs, 8.9 (L. G. King) 3
 Also started: Grandstand 9.7, Count Gorton 7.10, Lone Star 7.7, Sonia 7.7.
 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 18 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 4s and £2.

WAIHOLA HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr. F. Nelligan's br g Harvest, 4yrs, 9.5 (V. Cotton) 1
 Mr. J. Power's ch g Jack Ashore, 3yrs, 6.10 (F. Yarr) 2
 Mr. A. R. Ward's b g Ard Reign, 5yrs, 7.8 (J. Macdonnell) 3
 Also started: Curiosettia 8.9, Somateria 8.6, Order 8.3, Curiosity 8.2, Caveola 8.2, Afer 7.12, Takaro 7.7, Sahara 7.6, Rio Grande 6.10, Chameleon 6.7, Oliver 6.7.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividends, £7 6s and £2 18s.

WINGATUI HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Hon. G. McLean's b h Apollodoris, 4yrs, 8.0 (F. Douglas) 1
 Mr. M. Hobbs' br g Aimee Soult, 3yrs, 8.0 (J. McCombe) 2
 Mr. E. Griffith's br g Thunderer, 5yrs, 6.13 (G. A. Pine) 3
 Also started: Cross Battery 9.9, Tessera 7.10, Red Morn 7.7, Speculate 6.7.
 Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1min 30 2-5sec. Dividends, £4 4s and £1 6s.

WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The weather proved wet on Wednesday for the opening day of the Woodville Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, and the going was very heavy. The amount put through the totalisator was £5661, as against £6912 for the first day of the corresponding meeting last year. Results:—

MAIDEN PLATE, six furlongs.—Lady Nell, 8.4, 1; Pluck, 8.4, 2; Routine, 8.11, 3. All started. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £3 7s and £2 19s.

HACK HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Fretwork, 9.11, 1; Westward, 9.4, 2; Lord Ullin, 9.0, 3. Gold Dust was scratched, and Aorangif fell at the second hurdle. Fretwork won by half a furlong. Time, 3min 32 4-5 sec. Dividend, £2 11s.

WHARITI HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Honyhnm, 7.8, 1; Monsieur Beaucaire, 7.3, 2; Lomario, 7.9, 3. Scratched: Truthful, The Voucher, Moloche, Aqua Regia, Waitapu, Mauria, Rendrock, Pluck. Won easily by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 34 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £2 11s.

WOODVILLE CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Montigo, 8.2, 1; Probable, 8.2, 2; Ito, 7.0, 3. Scratched: Polyanthus, Barca. Won easily by a length. Time, 2min 13 3-5sec. Dividends, £3 13s and £1 6s.

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Walcola, 6.13, 1; Chicane, 8.3, 2; Marsellaise, 8.0, 3. Scratched: Scotch Reel, Squatter, Ancyle, Maid of Astolat, Chartreuse, Moata. Won on the post by half a head. Time, 1min 19 3-5sec. Dividends, £5 18s and 13s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Landwern, 9.1, 1; Rosegrove, 8.3, 2; Chatterer, 8.6, 3. Scratched: Assayer, Aboriginal, Moral, Victoria Park, Dulcinea. Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 34sec. Dividend, £6 9s.

VICTORIA HACK HANDICAP, one mile.—Mahoe, 9.4, 1; Sandix, 9.11b, 2; Haily, 8.11, 3. Scratched: Rendrock, Pomegranate, Tiwha, Top Rose. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 50sec. Dividends, £2 18s and £3 8s.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Sunbonnet, 7.3, 1; Engraver, 6.9, 2; Gawain, 8.9, 3. Won easily by half a length. Time, 1min 5sec. Dividend, £3 10s.

SECOND DAY.

The Woodville races were continued on Thursday, the weather being showery. The attendance was excellent, and the racing very interesting. A sum of £5350 was put through the machine, making a total of £10,991 for the two days, a decrease of £2503 compared with last year. Results:—

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Marsellaise, 8.2, 1; William, 8.9, 2; Honyhnm, 7.7, 3. Scratched: Chicane, Waitapu, Deucalion. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 25 1-5sec. Dividends, £8 and £1 10s.

HACK HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Gold Dust 1, Te Kainui 2, Fretwork 3. Also started: Lord Ullin. Won very easily. Time, 3min 3 1-5sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

BALLANCE HACK WELTER HANDICAP.—Satis 1, Routine 2, Pantaloon 3. Scratched: Mahoe. Won easily. Time, 1min 35 2-5sec. Dividends, £5 4s and £1 6s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP.—Jolly Friar 1, Probable 2, Ito 3. Scratched: Rosegrove. Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 2 1-5sec. Dividends, £6 4s and £1 13s.

KUMEROA HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Erl King 1, Moata 2, Robin Link 3. Won by three parts of a length. Scratched: Dulcinea, Mahoe, Marsellaise, Ancyle, Chartreuse, Pluck, Lady Stockwell. Time, 1min 21 1-5sec. Dividend, £3 19s.

SHORTS HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Chicane 1, Lord Soult 2, Miretta 3. Scratched: Sunbonnet, Engraver, Scotch Reel, The Voucher. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 4 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 3s.

SCURRY, five furlongs.—Toa Tuhl 1, Motoa 2, Waratah 3. Scratched: Chatfel, Rawhiti, Grand Circle, Command, Secretary, Miss Riwaka, Pixie, St. Killan, Monkey. Won from end to end. Time, 1min 5 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 18s and £5 13s.

MAHARAHARA HANDICAP, one mile.—Chatterer 1, Rosegrove 2, Roseal 3. Scratched: Aboriginal, Dan Leno, Te Kainui. The best race of the meeting; won by a head. Time, 1min 50 1-5sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

BOWLING.

Another Rotorua Tournament has been numbered with the past, and on the whole it proved very enjoyable for those who participated. The weather at the commencement was showery, stopping all play on Wednesday, but it was beautifully fine for the remainder of the week.

The Rotorua green is a very peculiar one in that it is in a hollow and has no ditch. After a heavy shower on Wednesday the green disappeared and a miniature lake took its place. Photos of this with a few bowlers paddling about in their shoes and stockings sold freely. The flooding of the green must have happened very often since Christmas, and the result has been to kill the grass, most of the rinks being quite bare.

The visiting bowlers were at a big disadvantage, and were beaten all along the line by the Rotorua players, who were in great form. McFarlane was in wonderful form, playing with the utmost consistency, and he had very hard work. On Saturday he he played no less than five matches, and won them all, an astonishing performance. "Mac" in fact, is quite the hero of the tournament.

The winning team in the Fours was Crowhurst, Woodward, Hoyes and McFarlane, the picked quartette of the Rotorua Club. They all played splendidly. It is possible they may compete in Auckland at the Easter tournament.

Kusabs and McFarlane won the Rotorua Pairs. The former, considering that he has had little practice this season, did right well, and when "Mac" tired at the close of Saturday, as well he might, Charley played up gamely and pulled the old man through.

The Auckland team had hard luck in that owing to accident they had to commence with two substitutes, and four wins out of five was not a bad record under the circumstances.

Rocky Nook showed up in good style, Fletcher's men all doing well, but in the play off in the semi-final against McFarlane they seemed to go to pieces.

A good deal of comment was made about the Carlton Club, whose teams played one game in the Pairs, then left, thus disorganising the draw all through. As the Carlton players knew they were leaving they should not have entered.

Of the visitors the Auckland pair, Coombes and Ledingham, were most successful in the Pairs, as they won their section, but were beaten in the semi-final owing to the Rotorua skip carrying the jack with his last bowl, and scoring four when the Aucklanders had been lying five.

Martin Taylor was playing a good game at the Rotorua tournament. The game was always full of life when the burly penciller was in it.

Brown, of Mt. Eden, played exceedingly well at Rotorua, his drawing game being very fine.

Olipphant, of the Auckland Club, unfortunately met with an accident just prior to the tournament, and was too unwell to take part in the Fours.

Secretary McLean, of the Rotorua Club, was presented with a handsome travelling bag by visiting bowlers as a mark of appreciation for the good work done by him at the tournament.

On the Auckland green the following matches have been played:—

Subscription Fours: Styak, Robertson, Hancock, Dr. King (skip), 20, v. Cooke, Littler, Carlaw, Spreckley (skip), 14. Robertson, Thompson, Culpau, Perritt (skip), 24, v. McDougall, Barnard, Hudleston, Hancock (skip), 23. Plummer, Blitz, Elliot, Mennie (skip), 22, v. Cooke, Steele, Gorrie, Holland (skip), 11.

Handicap Pairs: Jacobs and Forster, 31, beat Colthurst and Lyons, 12.

Ross-Ehrenfried Cup: Elliott, 22, beat Hudleston, 19.

Handicap Singles: G. A. Buttle 22, beat Huuddleston 13.

Championship: First game — Brookes, 21, beat Lyons, 15.

Mt. Eden tackled Devonport at an inter-club match on Saturday, and got home by 124 to 102, the game going as follows:—

Devonport—Miller, W. Crosher, R.

Mitchell, Ralfe (skip) 19, v. Mt. Eden—Wooler, Seabrook, Brookes, Burns (skip)—23.

Devonport—Reeve, G. H. Brookes, Lelievre, Eyre (skip)—24, v. Mt. Eden—Walton, Toy, Dickey, Mercer (skip)—13.

Devonport—Cooper, White, Warren, Warner (skip)—19, v. Mt. Eden—Gill McStay, Ferguson, Martin (skip)—14.

Devonport—Cameron, Johnson, McKenzie, Harvey (skip)—11, v. Mt. Eden—A. W. Jones, La Roche, Tutt, Ross (skip)—17.

Devonport—Barr, Bennett, Broughton, Harrison (skip)—19, v. Mt. Eden—Watkins, Newland, SImpson, Hooper (skip)—25.

Devonport — Erickson, Webster, Mason, Armstrong (skip)—10, v. Mt. Eden—C.C. Baker, Garland, Young, Hudson (skip)—31.

As even an inter-club match as it could be possible to conceive of was that between the new clubs Waitemata and Epsom, as the following scores will show:—

Waitemata—Fred Jackson, Clark, Newman, Campbell (skip)—23, v. Epsom—F. H. Harison, E. A. Pollard, W. W. Hill, F. C. Jones (skip)—12.

Waitemata — Taylor, Leonard, Shepherd, Kinnaird (skip)—13, v. Epsom—Smith, H. Craig, Kerr, E. A. Craig (skip)—19.

Waitemata—J. Jackson, Alexander, Reid, Peachey (skip)—15, v. Epsom—Burton, Lowe, Pollard, Eagleton (skip)—21.

Totals: Epsom 52, Waitemata 51.

Laurie has beaten McCallum in the Carlton Championship after three good games, the scores reading: Laurie 20, 11, 20; McCallum 12, 20, 15.

Onehunga had a fairly easy win on Saturday over the new Otahuhu Club, a result which of course was only to be expected. The games went as follows:—

Onehunga—F. Stewart, M. Friar, A. Ellison, T. R. George (skip)—23, v. Otahuhu—J. Hebden, T. Whitely, J. Harbutt, Everitt (skip)—15.


Onehunga—J. Robins, I. Lomas, Ed. Sutherland, E. R. Allen (skip)—25, v. Otahuhu—Bond, E. Whitmore, R. Crowe, Macindoe (skip)—16.

Onehunga—A. Grundy, J. Park, H. C. Yockney, J. Allen (skip)—20, v. Otahuhu—Robinson, Dr. Bewes, W. Todd, W. Auckram (skip)—18.

Totals: Onehunga 73, Otahuhu 49. Majority for Onehunga 24.

At a meeting of delegates to the Auckland Provincial Bowling Association, held at the Sports' Club last week, a discussion took place concerning an account of £57, in connection with the visit of the New South Wales bowlers, the point being as to the proportion to be charged to the

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various affiliated clubs. It was ultimately decided that the amount should be levied pro rata on the membership of each club affiliated with the association. A letter was received from the Auckland branch of the Union Steam Ship Company, Ltd., stating that their Wellington office had advised them that they had been negotiating with Mr. G. E. Prince, of Wellington, with regard to a team of bowlers which it was proposed to send to England and that the Orient Steamship Company had promised a discount of 20 per cent. if the party numbered not less than 12. Some half-a-dozen bowlers had already booked, and it was hoped that others might be induced to make the tour. The company asked to be advised of the names of any bowlers proceeding from Auckland. Any bowler who intended going home should communicate with the secretary (Mr. G. B. Osmond) as soon as possible. An application was made by the Richmond Bowling Club, whose green is near that of the Grey Lynn Club, for affiliation to the Association. After considerable discussion, a motion was moved, "That the Richmond Club be affiliated." An amendment, "That in the opinion of this meeting there is not room for two clubs in the Grey Lynn district, and therefore the application be declined," was carried by 10 votes to three.

ATHLETICS.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The great event in athletic circles has been the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Championships held at Christchurch on Thursday and Saturday. The result of these are that Wellington won by 74½ points, Canterbury came second with 39½, Otago third with 25, and the ever invincible Auckland last with 9. Lack of space prevents any detailed description of the meeting, but the actual results were as follows:—

100YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

- H. Henderson (Wellington) 1
 - R. Goodbehere (Wellington) 2
 - F. Bass (Otago) 3
 - W. Anderson (Canterbury) 4
- Won by 2yds, Bass being 3yds behind Goodbehere. Time, 10 2-5s.

LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

- L. McKay (Wellington), 20ft 6½in 1
 - W. H. Pollock (Wellington), 20ft 4½in 2
 - C. L. Orbell (Canterbury), 20ft 2½in 3
- The other competitors were: C. M. Gilray (Otago), R. J. Dansey (Otago), A. Halligan (Wellington), J. L. Anderson (Canterbury). The champion, G. P. Kedell (Otago), did not compete.

THREE-MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

- A. E. M. Rowland (Canterbury) 1
- P. H. Stubberfield (Canterbury) 2
- H. E. Kerr (Wellington) also started, but was called off during the ninth lap on account of breaking from the walk. Won easily. Time 22m. 51s.

PUTTING THE 16LB WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

- G. Thomassen (Wellington) 36ft 10in. 1
- L. McKay (Wellington), 36ft 8½in 2
- W. C. Dethier (Canterbury), 35ft 3½in. 3
- T. O. O'Grady (Auckland), R. G. Rains (Canterbury), and A. Juriss (Canterbury) also competed.

ONE-MILE FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

- H. G. Burk (Otago) 1
- J. Bradbury (Wellington) 2
- J. H. Prendeville (Wellington) 3
- W. Gosling (Wellington) 4
- C. S. McCully (Canterbury) and J. W. Moore (Canterbury) also started, but did not finish. Won by 15yds, Prendeville being about 25yds away. Time 4h 26s.

120YDS HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- A. Halligan (Wellington) 1
- J. Anderson (Canterbury) 2
- H. T. Cook (Wellington) 3
- H. St. A. Murray (Canterbury) also started. Time, 16 2-5s. Won by six inches.

440YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

- L. B. Webster (Wellington) 1
- E. E. Fisher (Wellington) 2
- H. G. Burk (Otago) 3
- E. J. Williams (Wellington), J. Wilton (Wellington), also started. Time, 52 1-5s. Webster won comfortably.

ONE-MILE CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIP RELAY RACE.

- Canterbury Centre (Murray, Binns, Williams, Ellis) 1
 - Otago Centre (E. Williams, A. P. Campbell, G. Brown, A. Hoar) 2
 - Wellington Centre (Gosling, Pollon, Bradbury, Webster) 3
- Won easily by several lengths. Otago just gained second place. Time, 3m 35 2-5s.

HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

- C. R. Orbell (Canterbury), 5ft 8½in. 1
- G. Thomassen (Wellington), 5ft 7½in 2
- G. H. Dawes (Canterbury) and H. T. Cook (Wellington), 5ft 6in (equal).... 3
- A. Halligan (Wellington) also competed.

THREE-MILE FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

- J. H. Prendeville (Wellington) 1
- H. C. Murray (Otago) 2
- S. W. Moore (Canterbury) 3
- P. McCallum (Canterbury), C. H. McCully (Canterbury), P. Scott (Otago), and W. Gosling (Wellington) also started. Won easily. Time, 15m 24 2-5s.

ONE-MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

Present champion, A. Crichton (Dunedin); world's amateur record, G. E. Larney, 6m 26s, 1904; Australasian and New Zealand amateur record, 6m 27 2-5s, F. H. Creamer, A.A.A. and C.C., November, 1897; standard, 6m 50s.

- A. E. M. Rowland (Canterbury) 1
- P. H. Stubberfield (Canterbury) and S. L. Kerr (Wellington) also started. Kerr was disqualified. Time, 6m 46 2-5s.

HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- H. C. Burk (Otago) 1
- J. Bridbury (Wellington) 2
- J. W. Ellis (Canterbury) 3
- G. W. Brown (Otago), W. Gosling (Wellington), E. J. Williams (Wellington), and H. St. A. Murray (Canterbury) also started. Won easily. Time, 2m 0 2-5s.

220YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

- E. E. Fisher (Wellington) 1
- H. Henderson (Wellington) 2
- W. Anderson (Canterbury) 3
- S. F. Bass (Otago) 4
- F. E. Drake (Canterbury) and L. B. Webster (Wellington) also started. Time 23 2-5s.

440YDS HURDLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

- H. S. A. Murray (Canterbury) 1
- W. J. O'Kane (Otago) 2
- T. S. Ruddock (Otago) 3
- H. T. Cook (Wellington), C. L. Orbell (Canterbury), and J. Anderson (Canterbury) also started. Won by about 20yds.

THROWING 16lb HAMMER CHAMPIONSHIP.

- J. Wallace, Auckland (127ft 1in) 1
- T. O'Grady, Auckland (123ft 1in) 2
- S. Baird, Canterbury (102ft 7in) 3
- G. Murdoch (Wellington), J. Juriss (Canterbury), and J. Davie (Otago) also competed.

POLE JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

- L. McKay, Wellington (9ft 6in) 1
- J. McLachlan, Otago, and T. R. Overton, Otago (9ft 3in), equal 2
- G. H. Davis (Canterbury), J. Davie (Otago), G. Balstone (Canterbury), and J. Wallace (Auckland), also competed. As a result of a jump off between McLachlan and Overton, the latter got second place.

THREE MILES HARRIER CHAMPIONSHIP.

- Otago Centre (Messrs H. G. Burk, H. C. Murray, A. Struthers, and P. Scott) 1
- Canterbury Centre (C. S. McCully, W. S. Jones, F. R. Jones, H. Jones, and A. L. Jones) 2

ONE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RELAY RACE.

- Wellington A. (Bright, Williams, Wilton and Fisher) 1
- Pioneer A.B. and A. Club (Murray, Binns, Williams, and Ellis) 2
- Canterbury College 3
- Dunedin College Harriers also competed. Time, 3m 35 1-5s.
- A number of handicap events were also run off.

Mr R. Coombes, President of the A.A.A. of Australasia, who has been attending the Championships at Christchurch, wires me that he will be unable to visit Auckland as intended. He leaves Wellington for Sydney by the Maheno on Friday.

The first of the series of Sheffield Handicaps took place at the new ground, Khyber Pass, and proved very successful. There were 67 acceptances, the result being as follows:—

SEMI-FINALS.

- First heat: Stewart (10yds), 1. Also started—Kelsall (8½yds), Hunt (6yds), McKean (11yds). Time 7 4-5s.
- Second heat: Kneebone (10yds), 1. Also started—Taylor, Purdy, MacDonald. Time 7 4-5s.
- Third heat: Kiho Newton (9yds), 1. Also started—Marriott, Davidson, Coles. Time 7 4-5s.
- Fourth heat: James (9½yds), 1. Also started—Laing, Hogan, and Harper. Time 8s.

FINAL.

- Kiho Newton, 9yds 1
 - H. Kneebone, 10yds 2
 - G. James, 9½yds 3
 - H. C. Stewart, 10yds 4
- The second handicap of the series took place last night after we went to press.

FOOTBALL.

The South Africans have been praised on all sides in the English press on account of the fairness of their play (says the "Referee.") In innumerable instances writers infer that the New Zealanders were not so fair in their methods and not such good sportsmen. Even writers who had nothing but the most complimentary references to make of the New Zealanders while the latter were in the Old Country have become infected. Some of the writers are manifestly prejudiced, and have viewed things with a powerful magnifying glass. Our New Zealand football friends are well able to look after themselves on or off the field. At the same time they will be well advised to be scrupulously careful in the future in the matter of illegal interference, in order to prove to the onlooking myriads that they are not justly open to the criticism to which they have been subjected.

Of the South African, "Judex," in the London "Sportsman":—"If they have taught us nothing else the one great lesson of the tour would in itself justify the undertaking, provided always we are neither too dull nor too insularly self-sufficient to profit by example. They have shown us that the playing of Rugby football in its most up-to-date, bright, open, and attractive form need not entail the least degree of unfairness in any of its many forms, and that pace, pluck, and resolution are qualities which make the road to success even broader and

smoother than low cunning, unscrupulous cleverness, and those studied methods and movements necessitating some subtle breach of the rules or violation of their spirit which have placed some successful sides of the past in an unmerited niche of the temple of footer fame."

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Prominence has been given lately in the columns of the daily press to the dust evil, and, of course, the motor car comes in for a large share of the blame (writes "Auto" in Melbourne "Punch.") It seems a waste of time pointing out that the epithet of "dust-creating motors" is not deserved, and is simply a verbal caper of doubtful sincerity on the part of irresponsible newspaper scribes. Lord Tennyson wrote that a straight-out lie can be met and defeated, but the lie built on a half-truth is far more difficult to fight. Because some motor cars in their rapid passage through the air do lift the dust from the roads and leave a cloud of dust behind them, it has been assumed by the public (and the delusion has been carefully fostered) that the motor cars "make" the dust. Nothing is further from the actual fact. The steel tyres on the wheels of horse-drawn vehicles and the steel shoes of horses cut the roads and cause the dust, which is merely "lifted" off the road by the suction caused by the fast-moving motor car. If there was no dust there would be none to be lifted by the car, for the tyres of a car cannot cut the roads to make dust. But, above all, faulty construction of roads brings the dust, and, given better roads, the evils of dust will be insignificant. Following their line of policy, the Automobile Club might profitably take some steps to investigate the dust-lifting propensities of motor cars, and thereby gain the goodwill of the public. It is recognised that a smooth, clear passage for the current of air passing under the body of a car moving at speed is the secret of success in keeping down the dust on the road. This is obtained by putting a shield made of metal or other material (linoleum is good) under the engine and gear-box, slightly curved at the front of the car, and by removing from the rear of the car such obstructions to the free draught of air as tool-boxes, silencers placed crosswise, and auxiliary tanks. Tool-boxes should be above the frame; silencers can be placed lengthwise; auxiliary tanks can be lifted and put

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under rear seats. Dust is caused by the currents of air striking the obstructions to its free passage and being deflected on to the roadway to disturb the dust, which is then caught up by the suction of the car, and a cloud results. A circular sent round the members by the committee, drawing attention to the agitation against the dust lifted by cars, and asking practical co-operation to minimise the nuisance, should produce distinctly beneficial results.

We have always advocated the employment of tyres of the heavy touring type on motor-cars on the ground of immunity from serious trouble and lower cost of maintenance (says "Melbourne Punch"), and are glad to note that this common-sense system is being increasingly practised by motorists. The cost of tyres is practically the only item of importance in the upkeep of a modern car, and therefore should receive the greatest attention, but in too many instances the first cost of the heavy type of tyre is allowed to sway judgment. This is a very great mistake, and is tantamount to allowing a penny-piece, by being held too close to the eye, to hide from sight the more valuable shilling. It affords us great pleasure to be in a position to give data on which full reliance can be placed which support to the utmost everything we have written in advocacy of the heavy type of tyre. These interesting results were achieved by using the heaviest type of touring tyre and by following the common-sense plan of putting every new cover on the driving wheels and keeping it there until unmistakable signs of wear showed themselves, then transferring to the front wheel to get a similar mileage out of it in that position. Thus every cover was made to do an equal mileage on front and rear wheels. The figures apply to Australian conditions because they were made in hilly country, with not by any means the best of road surfaces. They are as follows:—Size of tyre, 750 x 85 m/m, on driving wheels, 2000 miles; on front wheels, 2000 miles; total, 4000 miles, and cost per mile, 1.18d. Size 760 x 90 m/m, 3000 miles on each wheel; total, 6000 miles, and cost .93d per mile. Size, 760 x 100 m/m, 4100 miles on each wheel; total 8200 miles, and cost .80d per mile. Size, 765 x 105 m/m, 5100 miles on each wheel, and cost .69d per mile. Thus will be noted a gradual reduction in cost for tyres per mile of running as the weight of the tyres increased. The mileage cost was reduced by nearly half, and is equivalent to .75d (three farthings) in Aus-

tralia. The car was 10 h.p., and weighed 15cwt, unladen, which is about 2cwt. heavier than the usual type of 10 h.p. car. The heaviest type of tyre comes easily first in economy, but it possesses other advantages of great value to the practical motorist. These are the saving of inner tubes, easier running on rough surfaces, greater speed, and, above all, far greater freedom from roadside travellers. Many motorists have the idea that large tyres slow a car, but actually the exact reverse is the case. The practical motorist who supplied these figures on tyre upkeep, drawn from his own personal experience over two years of motoring, lays it down that 105 m/m is the smallest size of tyre that should be used on any car over 8 h.p., and nothing less than 90 m/m on motor-cars of 8 h.p. and under. This is going much further than our recommendations, but we have no doubt that his lead would be good to follow. He states that the last 25,000 miles he has covered cost him £66 2/6, equal to .63d per mile only, and that this extremely cheap upkeep is due to the use of 105 m/m tyres on all four wheels. We notice that on several cars a heavier tyre is used on the rear wheels than on the front, and we cannot believe that it is good practice in the face of the experience just described. Apart from the fact that lighter tyres on front wheels detract from the appearance of a car, it saves the carriage of an extra cover when touring to have all four wheels shod alike. Talking of spare tyres calls to mind the necessity of carrying spare covers in a case or wrapping to protect them from the action of light when not in use, and prevent cracking and perishing of the rubber. This is important.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

After a splendid race, S. Dye, O. Anderson, G. Seager, E. Bailey (stroke), and T. Grey (cox), won the North Shore Rowing Club's trial fours on Saturday. A better "go" has never been seen at the Shore.

The Manukau Yacht Club will sail off the sixth race counting for the handicap cup next Saturday after-

noon. Amua holds a big lead for the cup, with 36 points, after which comes Spray (25), Clematis (21), Endeavour (21), Mana (18), Ngaroma (16), Hilda (15), Petrel (12), and Mascotte (11).

J. Mark, P. Robertson, N. Falconer, G. Hogan (stroke) and V. Wilkinson (cox), were the winning crew in the Auckland Rowing Club's contests on Saturday for Mr. Coleman's trophies. The racing was good throughout.

The West End Rowing Club's trial fours on Saturday were won by H. Court, V. Pearce, T. Blomfield and J. Bigelow (stroke). Mr. M. McLean donated the trophies.

Mr. J. J. Craig's Cup was competed for on Saturday by the boats of the New Zealand Power-boat Association. The course was from off the end of Queen-street Wharf, round pile beacon off Chelsea, round Calliope Dock buoy, round Royal New Zealand Squadron mark off Bastion, round association's buoy off Judge's Bay, finishing at the starting point. The following were the times of starting:—Regel, 2h. 30m. 14s.; Marere, 2h. 35m. 55s.; Tawhiri, 2h. 39m. 35s.; Rippel, 2h. 41m. 45s.; Shadow, 2h. 52m. 40s.; Reality, 3h. 4m. 20s.; Baby Lozier, 3h. 14m. 25s. Regel kept the lead all the way in the first round. The times passing the Queen-street Wharf were:—Regal, 3h. 54m. 12s.; Marere, 3h. 58m.; Ripple, 4h. 2m. 18s.; Tawhiri, 4h. 5m. 18s.; Shadow, 4h. 5m. 30s.; Baby Lozier, 4h. 15m. 13s. On the second round Baby Lozier gradually went up into first place, and Shadow into second place, the finishing times being—Baby Lozier, 5h. 17m. 26s.; Shadow, 5h. 18m. 39s.; Regel, 5h. 19m.; Marere, 5h. 20m. 48s.; Ripple, 5h. 23m.; Reality, 5h. 30m. 1s.; Tawhiri, 5h. 32m. 40s. The winner, although only a midget, is a very smart little boat, and her Lozier engine sends her along in fine style. It was a very good performance on her part to give away the starts

Both the Devonport and the North Shore Yacht Clubs have races on for next Saturday, so that matters will be lively across the water at starting time.

The Devonport Yacht Club's annual picnic at Orakei, which took place on Saturday last, proved very successful, there being a large attendance, while the sports proved highly interesting.

BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

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

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As showing what a phenomenal player H. W. Stevenson is it may be mentioned that this season he has made 211 breaks of a century or over, 65 of 200 or over, 18 of 300 hundred, 10 of 400, and six of 500 or over. He has compiled 98,663 points for an average of 59 and 46 per cue.

Locally very little is doing in the billiard world, but with the coming cooler weather matters in this line will soon liven up.

Says the "Referee": Messrs. Andrew Usher and Co., of whisky fame, have offered a sum of £120 in gold, to be played for between eight or ten of the very best players in the colonies. The handicap is desired to be an invitation contest, and £100 to go to the winner, while the runner-up would take £20. Another well-known billiard enthusiast offers £10, to be given to the player making the highest proportionate break. The handicap will be made by the players themselves—i.e., each player to handicap all others in the contest except himself—and as there will be but eight or ten players, there should be little or no difficulty in this direction. In all probability the handicap will be formed from the following-mentioned players:—New South Wales: Frank Smith, Ted James, and Walter Parker. Victoria: Charlie Memmott, W. Sawkins, and T. Bragge. Queensland: Harry Gray. West Australia: F. Lindrum, jun., and Bert Teague. New Zealand: E. J. Campbell.

According to the "Referee" an exhibition match of 750 up was played in the Ideal Saloon in the basement of the Melbourne Coffee Palace, between the well-known professionals, W. Sawkins (champion of Victoria), and E. J. Campbell (the so-called champion of New Zealand). Both were slow at getting away, Campbell being first in with 36 and 48. Then Sawkins caught form in a nicely played 149, compiled with the assistance of some good all-round play. Campbell opened up and sent in a good break of exactly 100, comprising some fine top-of-the-table play, and almost immediately afterwards brought forward another excellent run of 81, which brought him well to the front, and he remained in this position until he finally ran out a winner by 84 points. Campbell averaged 13.7, and Sawkins 11.9. The latter player was not altogether at his best, for alterations in his saloon prevented him from practising. Campbell's best runs were 36, 48, 100, 30, 81, and 77. Sawkins made 30, 149, 35, 44 and 81.

A movement is on foot in Christchurch to promote a New Zealand Amateur Championship during the coming season, in which it is said most of those who are expert on the cloth of green thereabout will compete. A professional championship contest is also mooted.

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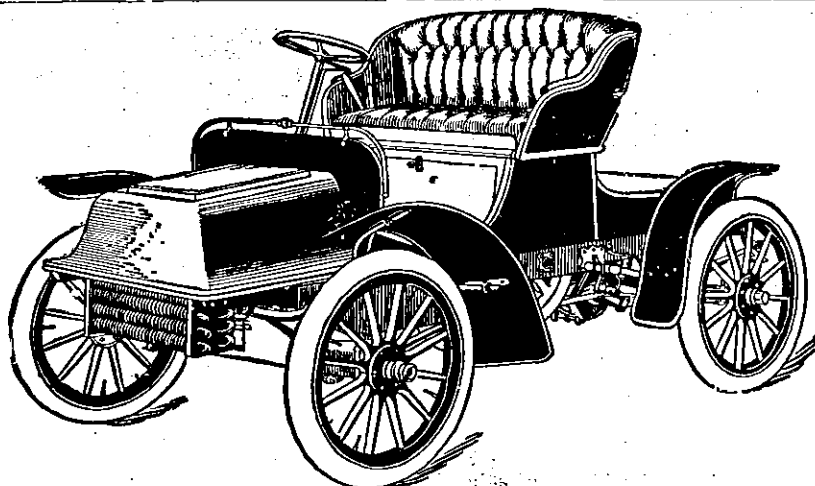
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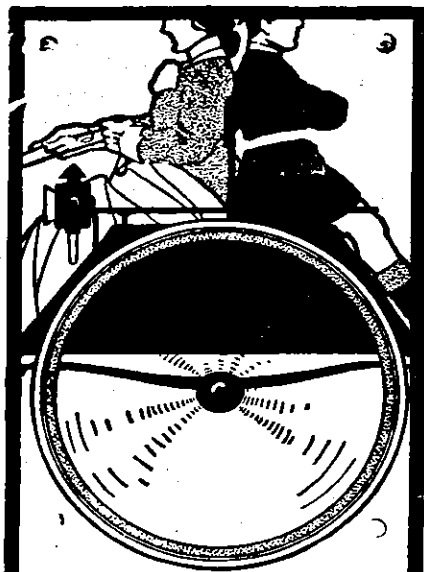
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CRICKET.

The weather was fine on Saturday for the resumption of the district championship matches, while the wicket was good. Parnell batted first against Ponsonby, and ran up the very useful total of 244, towards which Fairburn contributed 58, Robinson 46, Oliff 37, and Foster 26 (not out). Ponsonby commenced very badly indeed, losing five wickets for 37, so the match looks as good as over, and it is just a question whether Parnell will not secure a three point win.

City met Eden, and batting first fared badly, Mills taking six wickets for 19. R. Neill, who made 39, set the others a good example, but he was not supported, the result being a poor total of 90. Eden did much better, putting together 114 for three wickets. Relf made 52 and Brook-Smith 34.

North Shore visited the Domain to play Grafton. The latter batted first, but did none too well, the result being the moderate total of 135. Clayton 32, Horspool 28, and Kallender 21 were the most successful batsmen. North Shore soon placed themselves in a winning position, and when the bell rang had totted up 119 for four wickets, so that it would be difficult for them to lose the game.

Grafton II. look very like being defeated by Parnell II. The latter put together 139, and so far Grafton has only managed to get 52 for six wickets.

In a match between Tararu and the Combined Thames City and City South Clubs, Bachan, a Tararu bowler, put up a good performance, taking seven wickets for 7 runs. The combined clubs could only make 10 runs, Tararu replying with 94.

WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

E A S T E R M O N D A Y,
APRIL 1st, 1907.

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PROGRAMME:

- 12.15.—MAIDEN PLATE of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race exceeding 10sovs in value at time of entry. Weight-for-age. Entrance, 30s. Seven furlongs.
- 12.45 p.m.—EASTER HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s. Once round.
- 1.45 p.m.—HACK HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s. One mile and a-quarter.
- 2.15 p.m.—WAIPUKURAU HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- 2.45 p.m.—TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Four furlongs.
- 3.15 p.m.—LADIES' HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Nominator of winner to receive Gold Watch of the value of 20sovs, owner of winner to receive 20sovs, owner of second horse 10 sovs. Horses to be nominated by Ladies. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight, 10st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half.
- 3.45 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Six furlongs.
- 4.30 p.m.—FINAL HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s. Five furlongs.

HACK DEFINITION.

No horse shall be eligible to start in a hack race which has won a race of the value of 100sovs, or races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of nomination. The amount won by any horse in flat races, hurdle races, or steeplechases, respectively, shall not render such horse ineligible, except in the special class of race in which it has won such amount.

The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty, and of every additional race 7lb extra.

No entry will be received for any race except upon the condition that all disputes, claims, and objections shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards present, or whom they may appoint, and that their decisions upon all points shall be final.

In all nominations, descriptions, age, pedigree, and the colours of the rider must be given.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events except Maiden Plate, close by 8 p.m. on MONDAY, March 11th.

On THURSDAY, March 21st, WEIGHTS for all events will be declared.

ACCEPTANCES for all events, also Entries Maiden Plate, due by 8 p.m. on MONDAY, March 25th.

Telegraph Station at Waipukurau closes at 5 p.m.

All Nominations made by telegram must be confirmed by letter immediately afterwards (vide Rule of Racing No. 45).

W. G. NIGHTINGALE,
Secretary.

P.O. Box No. 9, Waipukurau.

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 29th AND 30th, 1907.

SECOND FEILDING STAKES, of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. For horses two-year-old and upwards at time of starting. Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after March 1st, 1907, of any race or races of the collective value of 250sovs to carry 3lb extra; of 500sovs, 5lb; of 750sovs, 7lb; of 1000sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb; three-year-olds 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely:—1sov if struck out by 1st July, 1907; 2sovs if struck out by 1st October, 1907. All horses remaining in after this date must pay the total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named. Five furlongs.

ENTRIES close with the Secretary at Feilding on FRIDAY, the 1st day of March, 1907, at 8.30 p.m.

The Committee of the Feilding Jockey Club reserve the right to withdraw this event in case that no more than 50 entries are received for same.

Note.—No money required at time of entry.

EDMD. GOODBEHERE,
Secretary F.J.C.,
Feilding.

February 5th, 1907.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

Registered under Auckland Racing Club and New Zealand Racing Conference.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1907.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd.

OFFICERS.

President: Hon. Jas. McGowan. Vice-president: Mr. Alfred Smith. Treasurer: Mr. C. J. Winder. Judge: Dr. Aubin. Handicapper: Mr. R. Wynyard. Starter: Mr. E. Hankins. Clerk of Scales: Mr. W. Taylor. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Bateman. Timekeeper: Mr. D. Twohill. Committee: Chairman of Committee, Mr. A. Bruce; Mr. C. J. Winder, Mr. E. J. Milnes, Mr. A. Burns, Mr. N. Ferguson, Mr. J. Loughlin, Mr. J. S. Hope, Mr. J. Inglis, Mr. G. E. Buckland, Mr. D. Stewart, Mr. J. Connolly, Mr. D. Twohill. Stewards: Messrs. A. Bruce, C. J. Winder, D. Stewart, G. E. Buckland, J. Inglis, J. Loughlin, D. Twohill.

PROGRAMME.

- 1. MAIDEN PLATE of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For three-year-olds and upwards who have not won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
- 2. HURDLE RACE of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.
- 3. AUTUMN STAKES of 50sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and about 30yds. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.
- 4. WELTER HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
- 5. STEEPLECHASE of 50sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-half. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.
- 6. RAILWAY HANDICAP of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Winner of Autumn Stakes to carry 7lb and of Welter Handicap 5lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.
- 7. HACK RACE of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Te Aroha, Thames, and Coromandel. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 10sovs at time of starting, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to the date of nominations. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
- 8. FINAL HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, four furlongs. Winner of Railway Handicap or Autumn Stakes to carry 7lb, and of Welter Handicap 5lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS will be received up to FRIDAY, 8th March, at 8 p.m. WEIGHTS will be declared on MON-

DAY, 18th March, at 8 p.m. ACCEPTANCES will be received up to TUESDAY, 19th March, up to 8 p.m.

REGULATIONS.

No bookmakers, their clerks or assistants will be allowed on the Racecourse or any part of the club's property on any pretence whatever.

All stakes paid in full. Owners responsible for all penalties. Penalties not cumulative unless otherwise stated.

All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames, or to Mr. H. B. Massey, 10, High-street, Auckland.

Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colour of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea.

All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final.

In no case will tickets of admission be issued to trainers or jockeys unless on production of licenses to the Secretary.

The Rules of the Thames Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to.

W. H. POTTS, Secretary,
P.O. Box 7.

PATEA RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(For Hacks Only).

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1st, 1907.

Judge: Mr. E. Derrett. Starter: Mr. C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper: Mr. J. E. Henrys. Stewards: Messrs. W. Gower, Jas. Paterson, J. R. Paterson, G. W. Booth, T. Jones, W. Jackson, L. G. Bremer, S. Gilligan, A. Pearce, Thos. Campbell, and G. Williams.

PROGRAMME:

- 1. 11.30 a.m.—HANDICAP HURDLES of 70sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1½ miles, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s.
- 2. 12.10 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s.
- 3. 12.40 p.m.—FARMERS' PLATE of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Distance, one mile. Entrance 40s on general entry night. For all horses that have never started for any other race (Farmers' Plates excepted, and the winner of those barred); welter weight for age; open to all horses trained in, and the bona-fide property of residents within the boundaries of Patea, Hawera, Eltham, and Stratford counties for the three months prior to the date of starting.
- 4. 1.40 p.m.—PATEA EASTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1½ miles. Nomination 30s, acceptance 50s.
- 5. 2.20 p.m.—KAKARAMEA STAKES of 55sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 4¼ furlongs. Weight, 8st. Winner of any race to carry 14lb extra. Entrance 40s on general entry night.
- 6. 3 p.m.—BOROUGH STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 7 furlongs. Nomination 15s, acceptance 25s.
- 7. 3.40 p.m.—ALTON HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s.
- 8. 4.10 p.m.—FINAL STAKES of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 4¼ furlongs. Open to any hack not nominated for any race at this meeting (Kakaramea Stakes and Farmers' Plate excepted), and winners of these to carry 14lb extra. Weight, 9st. Entrance 40s on general entry night.

Dates of Nominations, Acceptances and General Entries:—Nominations up to 8 p.m. on Monday, 11th March, 1907; weights declared on or about 18th March, 1907; acceptances and general entries up to 8 p.m. on Monday, 25th March, 1907.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. Definition of a Hack.—A Hack is a horse that has not at any time prior to the time of entry, won a race of the value of £100, or races of the aggregate value of £250 to the winner.
- 2. The winner of any flat race, after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, and of every additional race 5lb extra in all handicap flat events.
- 3. Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 4. Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting horses for this meeting are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
- 5. The Stewards reserve the right to alter the time or date of nominations, weights or acceptances.
- 6. The name of the trainer must in all cases be supplied at the time of nomination.

NOTE.—The Post Office closes at 5 p.m., Telegraph Office at 7.30 p.m. The Secretary will receive money for investment on the totalisator.

R. W. HAMERTON,
Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki Jockey Club this 25th day of January, 1907.

MUSSEL FLEETWOOD,
Secretary.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING,

To be held on the
PAEROA RACECOURSE
ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
MARCH 16 AND 18, 1907.

OFFICERS:

President: J. M. Coote, Esq. Vice-president: D. Waddell, Esq. Stewards: The Committee. Judge: Mr. J. Clarkin. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. F. Edwards. Clerks of Scales: Messrs. C. Trezise and H. R. Bush. Clerk of Course: Mr. C. Shaw. Timekeeper: Mr. M. Harris. Hon. Surgeons: Drs. Smith and Cheeseman. Committee: Messrs. A. McGuire, E. Shaw, W. Neil, H. R. Bush, J. Clarkin, W. J. Ellis, J. Hunt, S. Nelson, J. Nathan, C. Trezise, A. Montgomery, and W. G. Nicholls. Treasurer: Mr. W. J. Ellis. Secretary: Mr. H. Poland.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

- 1. SHORTS HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 12s. Distance, four furlongs.
- 2. HANDICAP HURDLES of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, £1. Distance, two miles.
- 3. NETHERTON WELTER of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. Distance, seven furlongs.
- 4. KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. Distance, five furlongs.
- 5. OHINEMURI CUP of 11sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stakes; third horse 5sovs. Winner of any race of the value of 40 sovs after weights have been declared to carry 7lb extra; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £2. Distance, one and a-quarter miles.
- 6. KOMATA HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s. Distance, seven furlongs.
- 7. PAEROA STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about two and a-half miles.
- 8. ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Karangahake Handicap, Shorts Handicap, or Ohinemuri Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb; or of two, 10lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, £1. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

- 1. WAITEKAURI PLATE of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.
- 2. WAIKINO WELTER of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, seven furlongs.
- 3. DISTRICT HANDICAP HURDLES of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, £1. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.
- 4. HIKUTAIA HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs.
- 5. PAEROA HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Winner of Waitekauri Plate to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, one mile.
- 6. FLYING HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, four furlongs.
- 7. TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE of 55sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, about three miles.
- 8. FINAL HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Waitekauri Plate or Paeroa Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra (or both, 10lb extra). Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

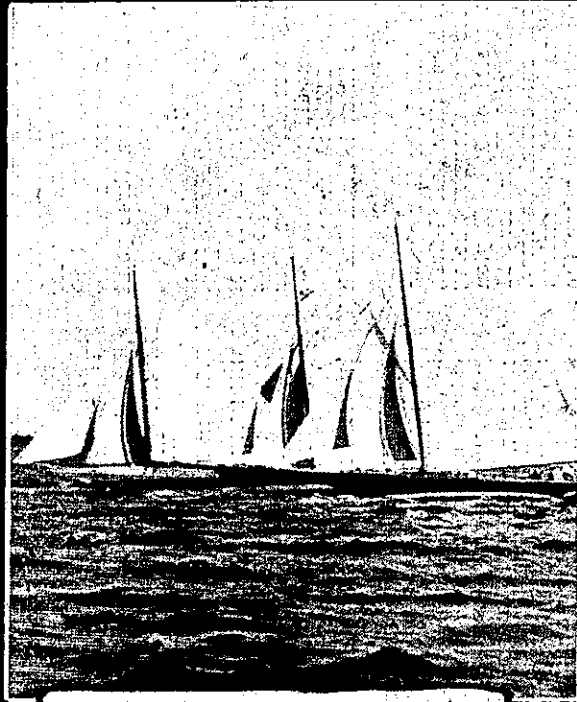
- 1. Nominations for all events close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1907.
- 2. Weights will appear for First Day's Races on or about TUESDAY, the 5th day of March, 1907.
- 3. Acceptances for all events First Day's Races close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 8th day of March, 1907.
- 4. Weights for all events of Second Day's Races will be declared on the evening of First Day's Races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. on the same evening.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

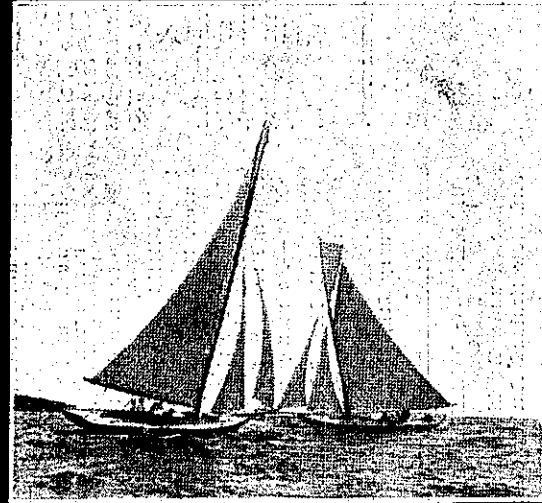
- 1. All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Paeroa, and must be accompanied by the advertised amount of Entrance Money.
- 2. Name, Age, Pedigree, Description and Performance of Horse, and Colours of Rider, to be sent with nomination.
- 3. In the event of two or more horses the property of one owner starting in any race, they will be bracketed on the Totalisator.
- 4. All races to be run under Rules of Racing.
- 5. All stakes will be paid in full.
- 6. All winning horses after declaration of weights are subject to be re-handicapped at the discretion of the handicapper.

H. POLAND,
Secretary, Paeroa.

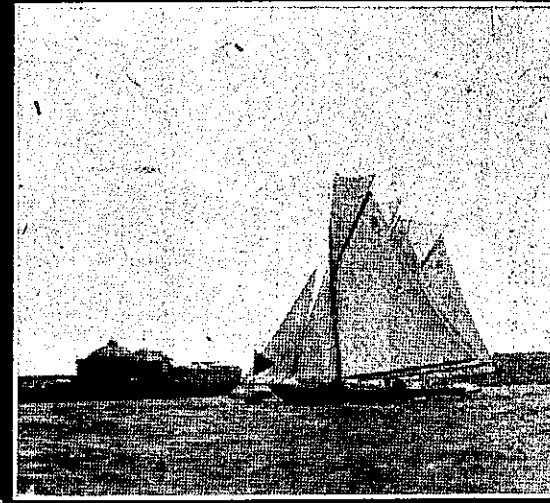
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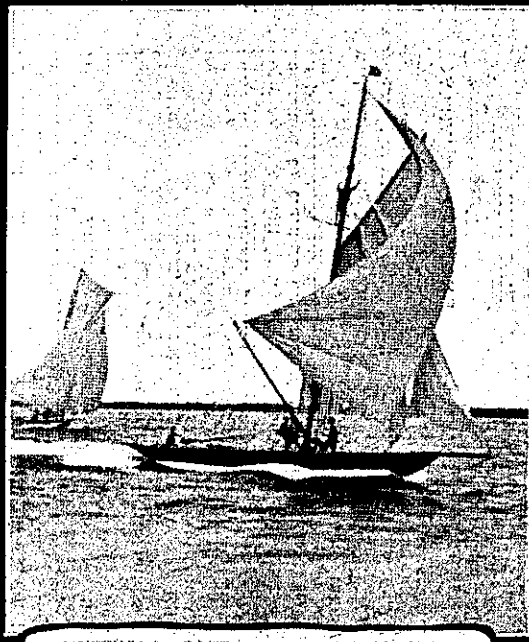
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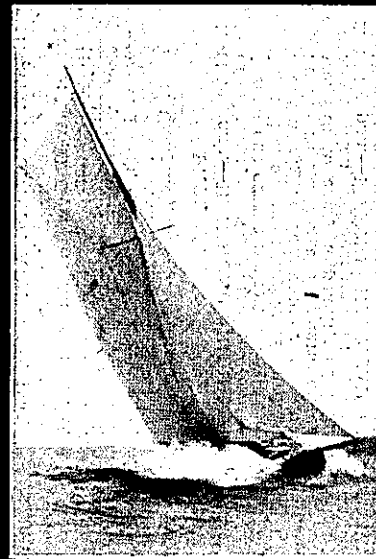
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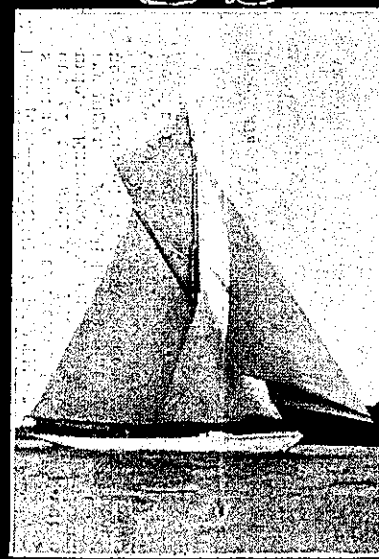
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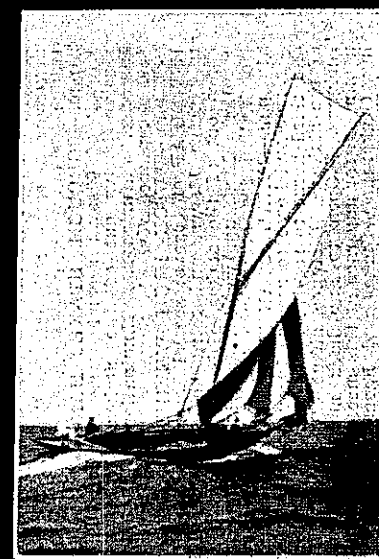
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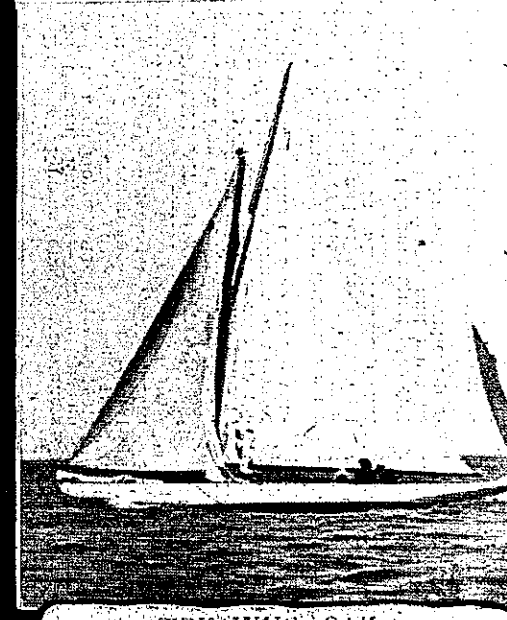
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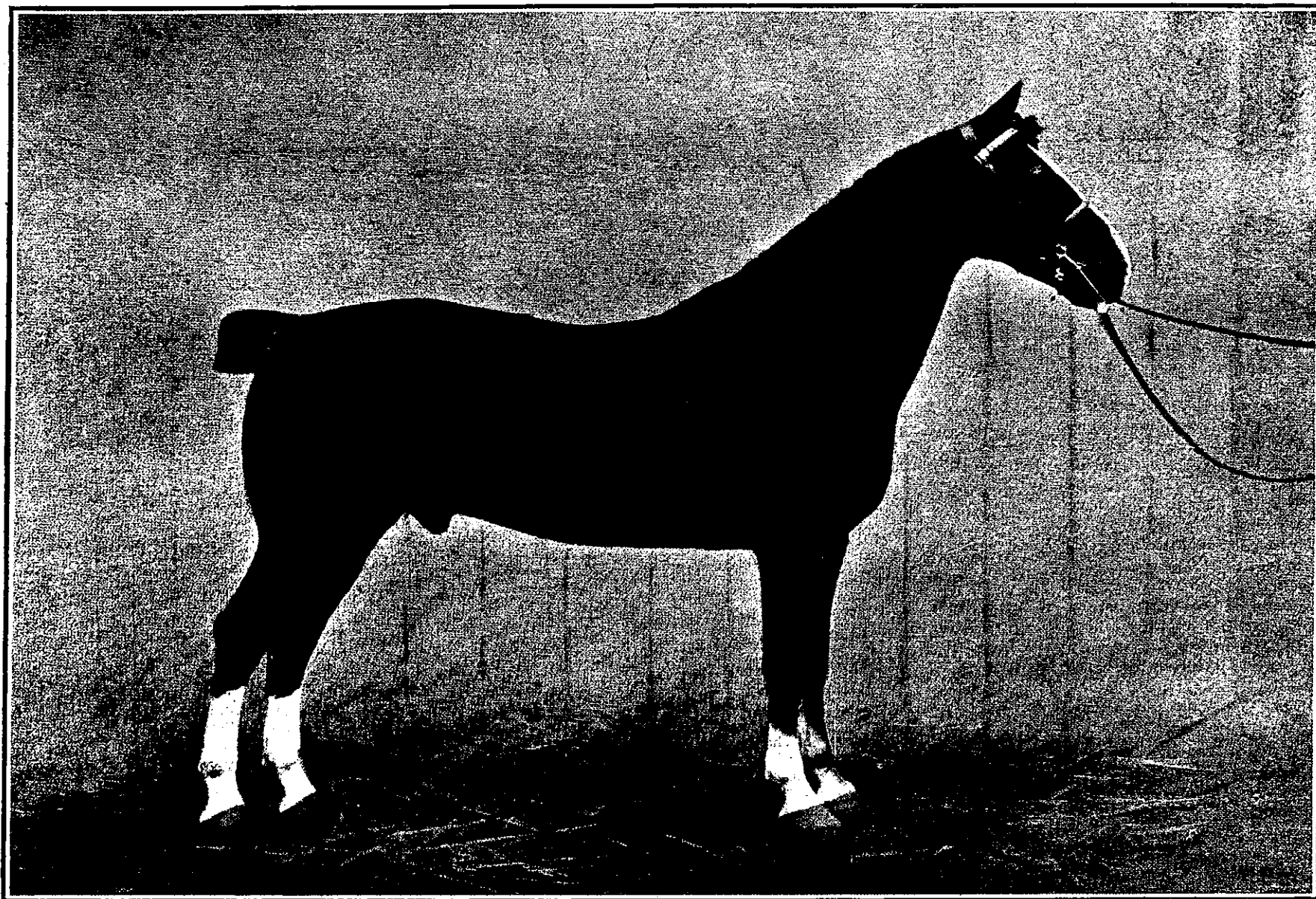


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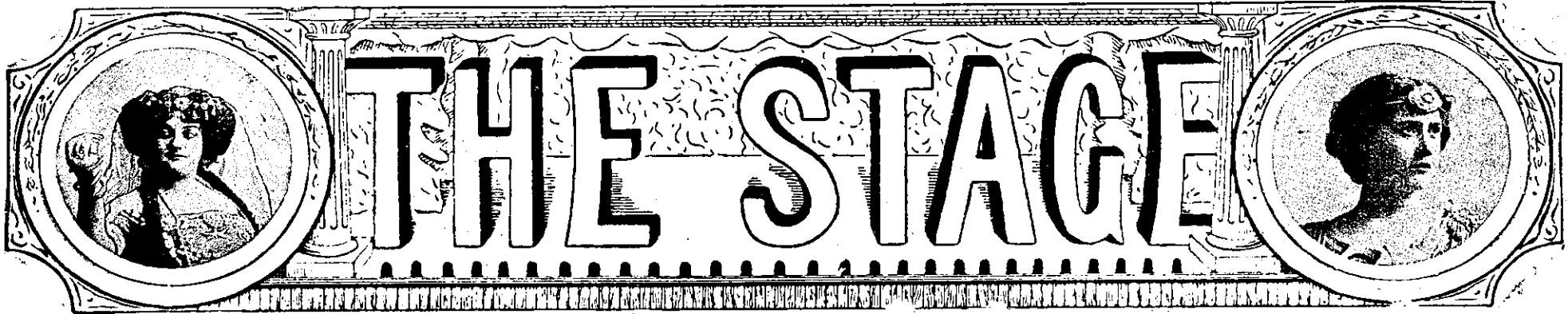


—From the Sketch.

THE ART OF MANOEUVRING A YACHT.



A FINE TYPE OF ENGLISH HARNESS HORSE.—LANGTON GRANGE, A BIG SHOW WINNER.



THE STAGE

(By "Footlight.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"UNDER TWO FLAGS."

The dramatisation of Ouida's famous novel, "Under Two Flags," is nothing more or less than melodrama. It is a play of startling effects and unnatural situations, unrelieved by a single touch of humour. American plays, like American novels, have come very much into favour of later years. Arizona, Barbara Freitche, Sunday, and other similar good things—"The Squaw Man" may be counted amongst the number—have made Yankee plays exceedingly popular. Therefore just why a genuine American company, able to present American plays with a richness of originality and colouring, born of long understanding, should descend to English melodrama, is hard to understand. The piece is splendidly mounted—as anything produced under the Williamsonian management invariably is. But while that materially assists, it does not suffice to carry the piece through. "Under Two Flags" is essentially a mixture of English and French. The Stars and Stripes never once entered Ouida's thoughts as she wove her romance round a scion of English peerdom and the French tricolour. Perhaps it is a revised version that the present company appears in. Anyway there is a decided American flavour about it all. Mr Waldron, as Bertie Cecil, the persecuted hero, was as much confined as a wild prairie bird in a cage. He appeared to be afraid to let himself go, and after his refreshing portrayal of Jim Carston in "The Squaw Man" was a disappointment as the typical melodramatic hero. It is a milk and water part to play, and Mr Waldron evidently felt it so. As Cigarette, the centre figure of the piece, Miss Ola Jane Humphrey had a better oppor-

the brutal commander, she found opportunities for a display of histrionic power and ability. The concluding scene, where the bullets intended for Cecil's heart pierce her body, was one full of pathos and tragedy, and as the culminating situation, lost nothing in Miss Humphrey's hands. In "The Squaw Man" Mr Rapley Holmes was delightfully original as Big Bill, and his presentation of the part was one of the most pleasing in the piece. But as Rake! Mr Holmes is an American, and the atmospheres in which the cowboy and the English valet exist are as totally different as the directions in which the sun rises and sets. The mixture doesn't go down at all. Mr Hardie Kirkland played a rather good part as Black Hawk, the blackguard military chief, but even in his instance the best scenes were marred with the nasal twang. The other characters were well sustained. "Under Two Flags" finishes to-morrow night. On Saturday night "The Virginian," which is said to be the strongest play in the company's repertoire, takes the boards, and will be succeeded in turn by "The Christian."

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLERS' ENTERTAINERS.

This week there has been no change in the Opera House programme of artists. Good business has nevertheless been experienced. Miss Lorraine Tansley, the pleasing contralto, and late of the Steele-Payne Co., has gained a place in the hearts of the Opera House patrons, and her singing of "The Dear Home Land" merits emphatic approval. Mr Sam Wilson has established something of a record. During a long season of something like four or five months, he has never been guilty of cracking a stale joke, or giving a repetition. His budget of original funnyisms is apparently inexhaustible. And just here a word of advice might be given to the would-be comedian. A stale joke is unpardonable, and though the audience may silently tolerate it, there is always a chance of the withering storm of



MISS PRISCILLA VERNE, who appears at the Opera House next week.

last penetrated, and, like the immortal Scotchman, the house might have exclaimed, "I see it noo." On Monday the first change of bill will eventuate, when "The Cingalee" will be put on for four nights. . . . Slade Murray, the Driscolls, A. L. Cropp, Nellie Power, Les Warton, A. Tanaher, the Lewis Sisters, Dorothy Lestrangle, and the Rollos are all contributing to the present Opera House bill—and keeping the ball rolling right merrily.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE

Wirth's Circus and Menagerie deservedly takes high rank amongst travelling shows as affording an almost inexhaustible fund of amusement. There is always something to interest and hold the attention of visitors from the merry patter and doings of the clowns, whose really clever burlesque feats are always good fun, to the feats of horsemanship of the skilled riders, the daring exploits of the wire and rope walkers and dancers, and trapeze performances of the acrobatic troupe, whose daring flights through the air thrill and entrance the crowd. Apart from these things there is the menagerie, or wild beast show, always specially interesting in a country devoid of such animals as comprise the collection, and particularly so in New Zealand where we are without anything approaching the character of a zoological garden or gardens. The mere announcement, therefore, of "Wirth's" advent is sufficient to draw crowds from every direction to view the elephants, the tigers, the camels, the water buffaloes, the zebra, the Japanese Polar and Himalayan bears, the boxing kangaroo, Indian leopard, the jackal, the guanaco, the baboon, ape and monkeys, the jaguars, the Royal Bengal tigers, the lions, the wildebeeste, the boars, the goats, and the zebu, to say nothing of the "freaks" and performing dogs.

The great tent erected by the Wirth Bros. at Freeman's Bay, forming such a capital amphitheatre, and capable of seating in comfort 1200 people, was well filled on Tuesday evening, when the circus opened for a short season in Auckland, and for fully three hours, with only a ten-minute interval, the large audience was kept in a simmer of excitement as item after item was unfolded from the unique programme provided. What was termed "A Grand Oriental Parade," introducing the whole of the company in procession around the hippodrome track was followed by a toreador dance, in which the equestrians and equestriennes of the company took part, the horsemanship displayed being excellent. Miss Phillipina's hurricane hurdle and somersault acts, and her daring horsemanship aroused great enthusiasm. Miss Marziles Wirth was no less well received in her serpentine dance on bare horseback, and a little girl, May Martin, did some really good trick riding, while Master Edie rode and drove six ponies with a skill far beyond his years, and was deservedly applauded. Miss Cook on the dancing horse "Major," gave another capital exposition of feats of horsemanship, which are usually regarded as bordering upon the impossible, and added greatly to the interest of the evening's performances.

M. Sampei Osado, "the Japanest Wonder," is rightly described. He gave some remarkable exhibitions of balancing powers, doubling himself up in the most extraordinary fashion on a table and stand, which left him barely room for his foot to stand upon. Hugh Patrick Lloyd again, danced, turned somersaults, played the violin and tambourine, jumped through a hoop and over articles held in both hands, all on a tightened rope—the "corde elastique," as it was termed—just as easily as if he were on solid ground, giving a really astonishing performance. The "Flying Herberts," or "Human Sky-rockets," as they are termed on the play-bills, gave a very daring and thrilling entertainment, flying from trapeze to trapeze in extraordinary fashion, turning somersaults in mid-air, one moment joining hands with the man suspended from his heels in the centre of the tent, and the next flying back to the swinging trapeze from which they had started.

The performances of the animals were

hardly less interesting, trained elephants, camels, tigers and lions performing feats which simply astonished and delighted the audience, one of the most clever of the tricks being the mouth organ performance of Toby, the big elephant. Herr Lindo evidently has his savage troupe well in hand and must be congratulated upon the astonishing results secured. The most thrilling moment of the evening was, perhaps, that in which he placed his head in the lion's jaws, while the fascinated crowd held its breath and wondered what would happen next. Altogether the show was a great success.

EDISON'S POPULAR PICTURES.

BESSIE SUTTON.

At His Majesty's Theatre on Monday, March 11, Edison's Popular Pictures will open with an entirely new series of "America at Work," and "America at Play." In speaking of this entertainment the Otago "Times" says: The excellent bioscopic entertainment running at His Majesty's Theatre drew another good house last night. To all lovers of brightness and the picturesque, the unusual and the instructive, the animated and the droll, this charming show is again with confidence commended. The films are admirable in quality as in variety and novelty. The accompaniment of sound, while never exaggerated, is strikingly effective. The pictures are steady and brilliant, focussed to a nicety. Some of the most characteristic American films now showing are wonderfully humorous and droll. The Coney Island series is especially to be commended. Coney Island is the popular watering-place of New York—popular in the broadest sense. Thither on holidays

ordinarily popular run at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, with a record behind it of eight weeks of business that has never even been approached before (writes Mr George Tallis). With the close of this week it will have registered over 70 successive performances, at none of which has the attendance fallen below the level of crowded houses, and there is so far no evidence at all to indicate that the production has lost a hairsbreadth of its hold on the public. Recently moreover the introduction of several new features seems on the other hand to have increased its attractiveness—if indeed, that were possible. Miss Florence Young now sings a spirited song, "Cupid is the Captain of the Army;" Miss Celia Ghiloni has a fine ballad, "If You Only Knew," and Miss Pressy Preston has changed "Gretchen von Wetchen" for another, "Little Dutch Colleen." Mr Victor Loydall warbles a ditty about "Parting on the Shore." Little Sadie has a song about the band, and Lennon, Hyman and Lennon put in some work alternately, clever and comical with Indian clubs for the benefit of the inhabitants of Goose Island.

It is not often nowadays that serious drama in Australia can achieve an uninterrupted run of eight weeks, and the fact that "Parsifal," which was withdrawn last Friday from Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, was able to do so speaks volumes for the drawing power of this artistic and admirably done play. This week Miss Tittel Brune is appearing in a revival of "Leah Kleschna," a role she has always maintained to exceptional advantage, and she is being supported by

son, which commences on Easter Saturday, the chief attraction will be "The Spring Chicken," and this most modern of musical comedies will be followed by "The Belle of New York," "La Mascotte," and others of the revivals in which the company has of late so distinguished itself. Mr Reginald Roberts his friends will be glad to hear, will rejoin the company for the season. In addition to the severe operation of a few months ago he has recently had to undergo another slight one, but he is ensured by his doctors that he will be perfectly well again in a few days.

Another result of the popularity of the pantomime is the further extension of its touring arrangements by Mr J. C. Williamson, who has decided to take in New Zealand as well as Brisbane, Adelaide, and West Australia—a move which will keep the company employed till the end of the year.

As everybody knows, superstition is a marked characteristic of nine out of ten members of the theatrical profession, a fact vividly instanced in a recent experience of Miss Florence Young. She received a solemn circular intimating that unless she copied out daily and sent to a friend one of the nine prayers attached thereto, something awful would befall her. Impressed with the intimation and with her feelings worked upon by her fellow players who took the most serious view of the situation, she proceeded to faithfully carry out the instructions, her task being zealously watched by every member of the Mother Goose Company, *Αρρητοι ειναι οι ρητοι ορθη ορθη* of her duty from day to day, and otherwise took as many precautions as she did to avert the impending doom. When it was averted and the ninth day passed without incident, there was much rejoicing. It is not on record what the recipients of the daily prayers thought of it.

"There are many reasons," says Mrs T. P. O'Connor in an article in the "Daily Mail," why English companies in America can no longer look to America for a rich harvest of dollars. America is rapidly finding herself; she has discovered her own value, her own individuality, and her own independence, even in the subject of plays. The fashionable and the cultivated set, who wish to be au courant with every movement abroad, no doubt still go to see English plays, and profess to admire and to understand them, but deep down in their heart of hearts they prefer an American atmosphere, which, in spite of the same language, is quite different from England; they are as widely asunder as the two poles. One of the most prominent managers in America, who has successfully fought the theatrical combines, said to me: "It isn't necessary for us to have one English play in this country. When you realise that if an American play is successful it takes five years to exploit it, with companies travelling from Maine to Florida, and from California to the East, you can fancy that an American success is worth working for." There are plays in America that have had a twenty years' run. "The Old Homestead" has run in America for twenty-five years, and "Shore Acres" has had a success of similar duration.

Mr Andrew Mack has left San Francisco with the new company he has organised for the reconquest of Australasia. They begin that campaign in Wellington at Easter, and will remain in the Colony until July, when they are due in Melbourne.

Messrs J. and N. Tait announce Madame Clara Butt and Mr Kennerley Rumford will commence their Australian tour in Sydney early in September next. It is expected that the visit of these famous singers will be very successful. Both Mr and Mrs Rumford have appeared at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, and are, in fact, great favourites of Royalty as well as being exceedingly popular throughout the United Kingdom. Madame Butt is the greatest contralto of modern times, and Mr Kennerley Rumford is a magnificent baritone.

Rex, the human conundrum, having completed a five months' tour of New Zealand, returns to Sydney on Monday. It is only 18 months since Rex, on the suggestion of the medical fraternity, made his first appearance on the stage. He never goes through any preparation or training, and all his acts are simply exhibitions of double-jointedness.

William Anderson, of "bellowdrama" fame, is simply coining money with his "Wonderland" show at Bondi, Sydney. One of his latest attractions was the performing of a marriage ceremony on an elephant's back. The happy couple were dressed in Oriental costume, and the novel ceremony drew thousands. As a wedding gift the management presented the pair with a furnished house and a honeymoon trip to the Blue Mountains.



MR. H. R. ROBERTS, in "The Prince Chap," with which play he will shortly tour the colonies.

go Chimmy Fadden and the girl, extraordinary creatures who must be seen to be believed. The fine flower of American civilisation blooms with excessive quaintness in Chimmy Fadden. He is the nearest prototype of the London coster class. His ideas of enjoyment are crude, but of infinite development in their order. He loves intensely (in his fashion) as any epicurean could desire. He dresses wonderfully. He knows what he wants, and he does not always want what he gets. He talks his own speech, and hates the limitations of the merely fashionable. At Coney Island you see him at his best. He is wonderfully well worth seeing. There are other marvellously beautiful coloured films. There is a tremendously dramatic series, and in addition to these splendid pictures an excellent entertainment is given by Miss Bessie Sutton, who has reached the age of eight years. Notwithstanding the weight of so many summers, little Bessie sings like a dainty music hall artist, and dances like a fairy. Her voice is a surprisingly powerful one for so small an individual, and she is well versed in all the coquetties and fetching tricks of the experienced lady before the footlights. Her second act, in which she appeared as a juvenile man of the world, accoutred in evening dress and top hat, was too good for words, and her concluding step dance was worthy of Lauri himself. Bessie had to respond to treble encores on each appearance, and the audience was even then inclined to have more. One way and another, this show—the statement is honestly made—is the best picture show Dunedin has so far seen.

a cast almost entirely new to Sydney, among them Mr Thomas Kingston in particular, earning unanimous praise for his finished performance of Kleschna. The rest of Miss Brune's Sydney season will be devoted to short revivals of old favourites.

Owing, of course, to the success of the pantomime in Melbourne, to Ballarat fell the duty of welcoming Mr Julius Knight back to Australia, and very worthily they fulfilled their responsibilities, when "Robin Hood" was produced before an absolutely packed house, which followed the course of the stirring and romantic drama from first to last with the closest attention and the warmest appreciation, giving Mr Knight himself and to every member of his new company the most enthusiastic recognition of their respective efforts. The piece indeed, justified entirely the high expectation formed of it, and there is no possible doubt but that it will be popular throughout Australasia. The occasion was of a doubly important character, as it marked also the re-opening of His Majesty's Theatre after a complete overhaul, which has made it one of the best provincial theatres in the Commonwealth, equal indeed, to the metropolitan houses in the adequacy of its stage arrangements, which will allow the biggest spectacles being produced there, and in its electric lighting modelled on that of Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne.

Having finished with Auckland the Royal Comic Opera Company are now filling in the last month of their New Zealand tour with a round of the South Island centres. For their Adelaide sea-



MR. G. BRYANT, stage manager for "The Squaw Man" Company.

On February 16, "Mother Goose" entered upon the ninth week of its extra-

MR MUSGROVE'S GRAND OPERA COMPANY.

As Mr Musgrove's Grand Opera Company is now on its way out to Australia, coming by the steamer Bulow, the following particulars taken from the "Argus" will be read with much interest:—

Mr George Musgrove's new opera company consists of four sopranos, two mezzo-sopranos, four tenors and four basses and baritones. There are to be two conductors, one of whom is Herr Arthur Bodansky, of Vienna, who is completing an engagement at Lortzing's Theatre, Berlin. The number of principals is rather large, but Mr Musgrove is providing against a breakdown through illness of one or two of the principals. Moreover, he intends to produce Meyerbeer's "The Prophet," which requires a very large cast. Thus there are in the company four artists who can sing "Tannhauser" or "Lohengrin" at a moment's notice; three ladies who can play Elsa or Ortrud; and three ladies who are now studying the part of Juliet in English.

Herr Karl Studemann, the principal tenor, lately singing at the Royal Court Theatre, Berlin, has had 15 years' stage experience, and his repertoire consists of 60 operas. Herr Massina, the second tenor, is a Russian, who sang formerly at the Imperial Theatre, St. Petersburg. He has sung at nearly every important theatre in Germany, also at Covent Garden, London. The third tenor is Herr Richard Oeser, aged 30, who will play Lohengrin, Faust, Romeo, and Don Jose in "Carmen." Originaly Herr Oeser devoted his abilities to the dramatic stage, and joined the famous Saxe-Meiningen Company. Subsequently he went on the lyric stage, and has occupied the position of principal tenor at the Dresden Theatre. The fourth tenor is Herr Karl Foller, and Austrian by birth.

Herr Hans Mohwinkel, the principal baritone, is Court singer of the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt, Court singer to the Kaiser, Royal Court singer at Mannheim, and principal baritone at the Stadt Theatre, Hamburg. He will play the King in "Lohengrin," the Landgraf in "Tannhauser," Wotan in "The Walkyrie," and Vanderdecken in "The Flying Dutchman." In the operas to be produced in English Herr Mohwinkel will sing the part of the Friar in "Romeo and Juliet," Zuniga in "Carmen," and Zachariah in "The Prophet." The other baritone is Herr Fritz Rupp. He is principal baritone at the Hof Theatre, Berlin; the Stadt Theatre, Madgeburg; and the Stadt Theatre Cologne; He will sing Wolfram in "Tannhauser." His principal work will be in the English operas. Herr Julius Runger, a basso-baritone, will play Hündling in "The Walkyrie," Telramund in "Tannhauser," and Daland in "The Flying Dutchman." In English he will play Capulet in "Romeo and Juliet,"

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Zuniga in "Carmen" and Mathison in "The Prophet." Herr Emil Greeder, a basso, is described by Mr. Musgrove as a great artist, who was principal basso at the Dresden Theatre for three years. His speciality is stage managing of Wagnerian opera, and he will occupy the position of manager in Mr. Musgrove's new company. It was Herr Greeder who was specially imported by Herr Conried to produce "Parsifal" in New York. In Germany he occupies the positions of Royal Court singer of Prussia, Saxony, and Wurtemberg, but besides his vocal capacity and general knowledge of operatic literature, he is one of the best known of tragedians on the German stage. Whilst with the Saxe-Meiningen Company he made a great reputation as an exponent of Shakespearian characters, especially that of Julius Caesar. He will play in Australia Mephistopheles in "Faust," the Landgraf in "Tannhauser," Daland in "The Flying Dutchman," and the Friar in "Romeo and Juliet."

The ladies include Fraulein Mary Stoller, a fine lyric soprano, for eight years on the German stage, who will play Sieglinde in "The Walkyrie," Elizabeth in "Tannhauser," and Elsa in "Lohengrin," and in English Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet," Marguerite in "Faust," Bertha in "The Prophet," and Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel"; Fraulein Sara Andersen, another fine soprano, who will appear as Elsa in "Lohengrin," Elizabeth in "Tannhauser," Sieglinde in "The Walkyrie," and Senta in "The Flying Dutchman"; Fraulein Beatrice Steillon, only 22 years of age, lately prima donna at Lortzing's Theatre, Berlin, who will appear only in the English operas as Marguerite in "Faust," Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet," Siebel in "Faust," Milcaela in "Carmen," Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel," and the page in "Romeo"; Fraulein Mia Barckon, who has been singing at the Royal Theatre in Mannheim, and the Western Theatre, Berlin; Fraulein Johanna Heinze, a dramatic mezzo-soprano, who is said to be the most viva-

cious Carmen and the best Brunhilde in Germany, and will play Brunhilde, Ortrud in "Lohengrin," Venus in "Tannhauser," and Elizabeth in the same opera alternately, while in English she will play Carmen, Fides in "The Prophet," and the witch in "Hansel and Gretel," and, finally, Fraulein Waller, who will play Frika in "The Walkyrie," in which she made a great success, at the Stadt Theatre, Leipzig, Venus in "Tannhauser," and Marie in "The Flying Dutchman," while in English she will play Fides in "The Prophet," and the witch in "Hansel and Gretel."

Madame Clara Butt had a signal honour paid to her by His Majesty the King at a State concert in honour of the recent visit of the King and Queen of Norway. Madame Butt was commanded to appear at Windsor Castle especially to sing the "Lost Chord," and at the conclusion of her magnificent rendering of the famous song King Edward specially requested Madame Butt to repeat it. Such a request from Royalty is considered an exceedingly great honour.

La Milo the Australian Venus, has left London, and has been succeeded by another sensation in variety theatreland—the Zancigs. They are Americans, and they are doing marvels at the Alhambra with the second-sight business. Mr and Mrs Zancig have performed in the presence of the King and Queen, and the various themes propounded in the press to account for their astonishing feats have given the show a big advertisement, and crammed the Alhambra every night to overflowing.

Excessive devotion to his art has led to Rankin Duvall, an American actor, lying in a dying condition in a New York hospital, when the last mail left. Duvall had been paying Kara in "The Darling of the Gods," and was engaged in a dispute with some other actors as to the

correct method of performing the Japanese hara-kari. To clinch his argument, he picked up a cheese-knife, and went through the ceremony as he considered right, concluding by falling on the weapon. It proved sharper than anticipated, and to the horror of everybody, penetrated Duvall's abdomen, and disembowelled him.

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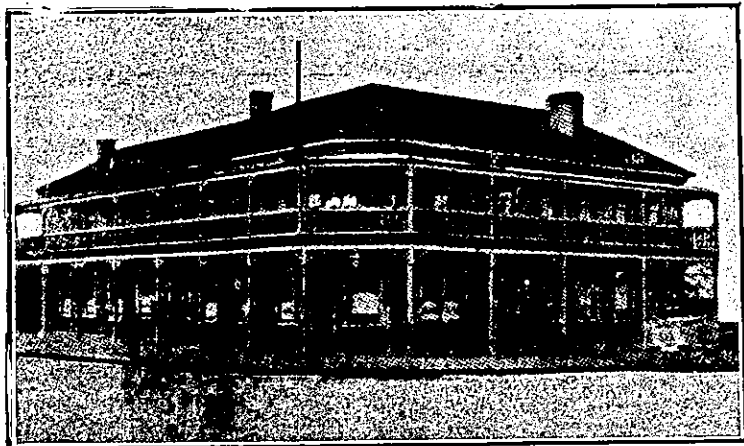
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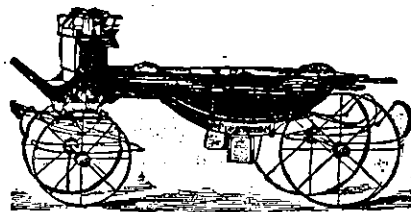
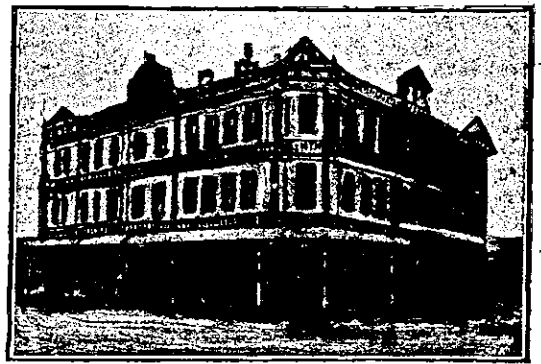
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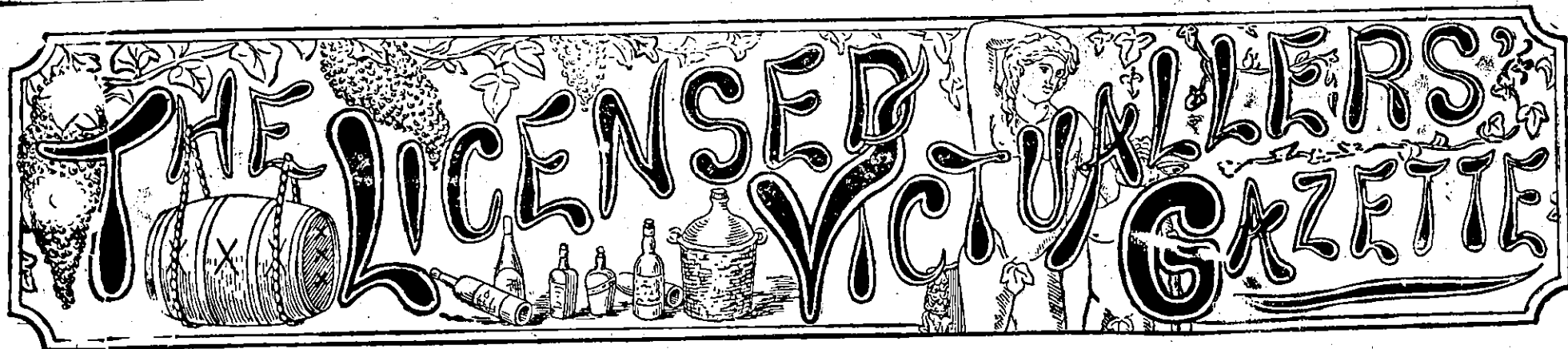
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At Rotorua recently a Maori was fined £3, in default three months imprisonment, for stealing a bottle of whisky from the Grand Hotel.

An offender who appeared before Mr Kettle, S.M., last week to answer a charge of drunkenness, was asked by the magistrate, "How about a prohibition order?" "No, no, your worship, it against my grain," the accused broke in quickly. The Magistrate decided not to issue the order.

With regard to the discovery in Ireland of a pipe-line conveying whisky from a distillery to a duty paid Customs building, which was reported last week, it is now announced by later cable news that the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Asquith) stated in the House of Commons that the Inland Revenue Department was in possession of information indicating extensive irregularities in connection with dealings in spirits at Tullamore. Proceedings would be instituted and a court of law would investigate the whole matter.

Three of the local police, says the New Plymouth "Herald," were rather harshly treated the other morning. They were watching for carts taking spirits to Parihaka and had one particular vehicle under observation for some time; but investigation proved that all on board was sugar, flour, and tea.

At an inquest last week at Opunake, a Maori witness was asked what deceased drank when in the hotel. "Raspberry," said the witness, thinking to get out of a difficulty. The native interpreter said it was nonsense to say that, as he could not get drunk on raspberry. "Oh, well, beer" said the native.

Hop-picking commenced in the gardens at Spring Grove, Nelson, early this month. Despite the care taken by the growers to prevent the depredations of the red spider (by pulling off and burning the lower leaves and syringing the berries), this pest, says the "Colonist," is very prevalent in the district, and will affect the yield considerably.

Mr J. Molloy purchased the privileges of the publican's booth at the South Auckland Racing Club's meeting for £43. Tenders have been called for the re-painting of the Pacific Hotel at the Thames.

Las: Thursday the lease of the block of buildings comprising the Imperial Hotel, the Colonial Mutual Life Offices, and sundry other offices, was put up for sale. The property was withdrawn from sale after £14,000 had been reached. The lease is for 44½ years. It is understood that a sale has since been made, the figure being £16,000.

Mr J. H. Garrick, a visitor from Fiji, died very suddenly at the Royal Hotel, Victoria-street, early last Saturday morning.

Mr Thompson, S.M., in giving judgment at Taihape in a case in which defendant was being sued for the cost of a banquet, said if a person was present at a committee meeting, and consented to an expenditure, he would be personally liable for the whole amount.

Lord Lorne a century ago bet 15,000 guineas that a punch-bowl flung against a wall would break into an odd, and not an even number of pieces. He won.

Julius Lindauer, a German brewery worker of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who committed suicide recently, leaving £620, directed that £220 be spent in cremating his body, and that the other £400 be spent in buying drinks for the members of the Brewery Workers' Union, who were requested to drink his health at the funeral.

Mr J. J. Graham, proprietor of the Pukekohe Hotel, who is laid up with blood-poisoning, we are pleased to hear making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

One shilling in every pound of what the British workman spends in food is paid for tea, one shilling for milk, and tenpence for potatoes.

Mr C. Smith, a grazier, while asleep, jumped over the balcony railing of a hotel at Narrabri N.S.W.), and fell over 20ft on to the roadway. He dreamt he was chased by a cow in a stockyard, and so jumped the balcony rail. His injuries included dislocation of the hip, thigh, and arm.

Wanganui had the pleasant and creditable record during a recent week of not having a single case of drunkenness before the court during the whole week.

In Christchurch recently two men were brought before the Court on charges of smuggling tobacco and cigars. Fines of £27 in one case and £10 in another were imposed.

The average income of English people is £38, of Scottish people £45.

It is reported that Mr S. Atkins of the Commercial Hotel has sold out to a gentleman from Wellington.

At the last meeting of the Auckland City Council, a communication was received from the City Valuer, with reference to the valuations for 1907. The present valuations totalled £476,415, against £442,303 last year, representing an increase of £34,112. The Mayor said that was very satisfactory, and they would see that the annual valuation for the City of Auckland was now nearly half a million. The increase was considerably more than it was last year, and he hoped that when the detailed report came before them, that the increase would be accounted for by the erection of new buildings.

Mr and Mrs Draffin took over the Waipa Hotel at Ngaruawahia last week, as they have many years of hotel-keeping experience they will no doubt soon become very popular in their new venture, and do good business.

It is reported that Mr W. Derham of the Freeman's Hotel, will succeed Mr T. B. O'Connor in the Victoria Hotel. Mr O'Connor takes possession of the Thames Hotel early in March.

Mr Harry Dyer, late of the Newton Hotel, proceeds to Dargaville this week to take over the Central Hotel from Mr P.P. Cullen. Mr Dyer is so well known and popular in the trade, that any words of praise from us are unnecessary, and we have no hesitation in saying that we feel sure his new venture will turn out a most profitable one.

Some time ago a deputation from the Wellington tobaccoists waited on the Minister of Labour and made a request that the Labour Department should move in the matter of the sale of tobacco and cigarettes by Chinese storekeepers and fruiterers after 8 p.m. The Minister then informed the deputation that he would inquire into the matter and obtain the opinion of the Solicitor-General as to whether proceedings could be taken with any prospect of success. In answer to a further letter from Mr Fisher, M.H.R., upon the subject, Mr Millar replies "that an opinion has been obtained, but the opinions supplied by the officers of the Crown Law Department are intended only for the information of Ministers. An amendment of the law would be necessary before any successful action can be taken." Mr Millar's communication means that the present anomaly of allowing Chinamen practically to sell tobacco after 8 p.m. will continue until legislation is passed to stop the abuse. An amendment of the Act is almost certain to be made this coming session.

The tobacco monopoly has yielded the Austrian Government the enormous net profit of £5,000,000 for one year.

In Melbourne an extraordinary position has arisen in connection with the Licensing Act. Mr Justice Hood, in reviewing a case, decided that the hours prescribed under the Act during which the sale of liquor is prohibited do not include day time on Sunday.

Mr Abbott, of the Masonic Hotel, Wanganui, so well known in hotel life and in Otahuhu, who catered at the races, and shows so oft is up to his old games. No sooner landing than he secures the booths at the Wanganui races next month. There's nothing like push!

Mr Bennett, late of the Masonic Hotel, Wanganui, is about to take over the Albion Hotel in Patea. We wish him the best of luck.

QUARTERLY LICENSING MEETING, MARCH, 1907.

Waitemata, Friday, March 1, Borough Council Chambers, Devonport.
Thames, Friday, March 1, Court House, Thames.
Bay of Islands, Friday, March 1, Court House, Kawakawa.
Eden, Friday, March 1, Epsom Hall, Epsom.
Kaipara, Friday, March 1, Court House, Dargaville.
Manukau, Friday, March 1, Court House, Onehunga.
Marsden, Tuesday, March 5, Court House, Whangarei.
City of Auckland, Tuesday, March 5, S.M. Court, High Street.
Franklin, Tuesday, March 5, Court House, Mercer.
Parnell, Wednesday, March 6, Borough Council Chambers, Parnell.
Waikato, Wednesday, March 6, Court House, Hamilton.
Ohinemuri, Wednesday, March 6, Court House, Paeroa.
Bay of Plenty, Wednesday, March 6, Court House, Tauranga.

NEW ZEALAND WINE.

At a meeting of Auckland grape-growers who had met in the Federal Hall last Thursday for the purpose of protesting against the proposal to allow Australian grapes to be imported into New Zealand. Mr Bollard, the member for Eden, who is one of those strongly against the proposal, said in the course of his remarks, that he thought every grape-grower who made wine should be allowed to sell a bottle of it to his neighbour, and that every restaurant should be permitted on payment of a small license fee, to sell customers a glass of New Zealand wine at a moderate price. The encouragement of wine-drinking would be a step towards temperance.

SOUTHERN CHANGES.

Messrs P. A. Zohrab and Co. report the sale of the following hotel properties:—The freehold of the Crown Hotel, Amberley, Canterbury, to Mr H. Franks, formerly of Carterton, Wairarapa; the lease and furniture of the Ferry Hotel, Spring Creek, Blenheim, to Mr H. W. Worger, late of the Strand Cafe, Wellington; the freehold of the Club Hotel, Carterton (subject to the present lease), to Miss E. F. Crawford, of Wellington; Messrs Whitworth Bros.' interest in the lease and furniture of the Pier Hotel, Wellington, to Mr P. J. Griffen, late of the Imperial Hotel, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay; Mr Thomas Costen's interest in the lease and furniture of the Hastwell Junction Hotel, Christchurch, to Mr Maurice Kenny, late of the Telegraph Department, Christchurch; Mr Edward Ahern's interest in the lease and furniture of the Grand National Hotel, Petone, to Mr William Redmond, late of the Island Bay Hotel; and the freehold and furniture of Middleton's Grosvenor Hotel, Blenheim, to Mr A. E. Brunette, formerly of the Foresters' Arms Hotel, Wellington.

A CLUB'S DIFFICULTY.

The Victorian Gaming and Licensing Acts are seriously affecting the position of the Victorian Betting Club, and a circular issued to members states that the club cannot be longer used for betting purposes, though it is permissible for members to settle in the club on all past events. It is not, the circular says, the Gaming Act, but the Licensing Act of 1906, which makes it necessary to alter the constitution of the Victorian Club. Under the Act all clubs have to be registered, otherwise the club cannot keep or sell liquor on its premises to members. In order to be registered, application has

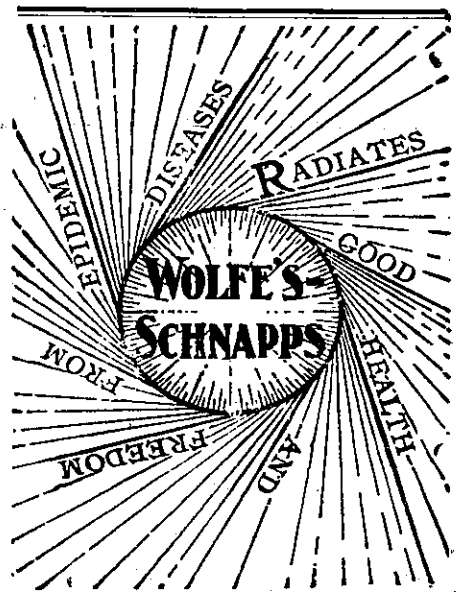
to be made to the Licensing Court for registration. On the face of it, it is clear that the Victorian Club is not an association contemplated by the Act, and the rules do not contain all the provisions which the Act requires. The Victorian Club has been advised that it would be hopeless to apply for registration under the Licensing Act with the present constitution and rules. The matter being one of such great importance to the club, the committee submitted it to their solicitors, and upon their advice the necessary alterations to the rules were decided upon.

THE NEWEST GAMBLE.

The New York correspondent of the Auckland "Star" in last mail's letter, say that he asked a "man about town" the other day what was the principal game attracting attention. "Oh, at Canfield," (one of the most prominent gambling houses), said he. "the 52-solitaire is the thing. You buy a pack of cards for 52dol, and after they are shuffled begin by playing out a row of seven, the first face up, the others face down. Then a row of six, similarly; then a row of five, and so on till the row consists of but one card, making seven rows. The exposed cards you examine, and, if there are any that fit, place the next lowest red on a black and vice versa. A black queen on a red king, then a red jack, black ten, etc. When you transfer a card from one row to another always turn up the one underneath, and see if it will fit anywhere. When a vacancy occurs in the top row always put a king in it as soon as one shows up. Having transferred the exposed cards and turned others as far as they will go, now begin turning over the remaining cards in your hand, and see if any of them will fit anywhere. When an ace turns up, put it aside, and begin building upon it with the deuce, tray, etc., as soon as they show in the same suit. The object is to get the whole deck in complete suits, if possible. When this comes out at Canfield's the player gets roodol, and when all four aces come out he gets roodol, besides 5dol a card for each card on any of the aces that do show up. One man recently got two roodol wins in 12 lay-outs, but a dozen others at the same time lost."

"SENSATIONS" AT FEASTS.

Sages of all time have assured us that excitement of any sort during meals is fatal to digestion—especially, it may be presumed, when they express themselves in action. The truth of this being admitted, the melancholy conclusion is forced upon us, that throughout the ages history has been made, and fiction written by people absolutely regardless of their own epigastric economy, or that of any one else, for meal times have been chosen with malicious frequency for the enactment of some of the most sensational incidents in history and romance. A god many early instances might be quoted, but perhaps the most picturesque of all was that banquet scene in the Palace of Ulysses, where the suitors were disposing themselves to feast with copious cups of the wine they so appreciated, when the long absent-hero revealed himself on the threshold, and from his mighty bow flew hurling the arrows of death. There was



admittedly a good deal that was sensational and dramatic in the banquets of the Romans—collapsing seats, the sweet stifling with rose-leaves, the "surprise" dishes, swimming fish, perfume-scattering birds, and costly gifts descending from the roof—but there were tragic sensations enough and to spare, where those who came to feast remained to die. And none is more lurid than that banquet in the halls of Nero, at which young Britannicus was done to death. The boy had a slave to taste for him, but the precaution availed nothing to the apt pupil of Locusta. A dish was danded so hot that, though the taster duly performed his office, it was unpalatable to Britannicus. So water was added to make it cooler. Cooler in truth it was, with the cold of death; there are gasps, convulsions, change of colour, and then—exit the rightful heir to the throne of the Caesars. One can imagine the sensation when, at that Easter Feast at Winchester—so, at least, said the Norman tradition—the mighty Earl Godwin prayed that the mouthful he was about to eat might choke him if he had ought to do with young Alfred's death. Men said that the saintly Confessor blessed the morsel, and that Godwin could never swallow it, but choked and died. And almost more sensational at any rate in its bearing on English history, was that banquet at York where Harold, victor at Stamford Bridge, was feasting among his thanes, when a breathless messenger arrived with the news that the Normans had landed. The history books, indeed, are full of these sensations a meals, instances of which will occur to everyone. Not so familiarly known, perhaps, is the pretty dramatic trick played by Frederick William of Prussia on his old general, Koeckewitz. The fiftieth year of the latter's military service found him alone in the world and by no means overburdened with riches. After a review held in his birthday honour, the King invited himself back to lunch with his old officer. Koeckewitz thought with dismay of his frugal table, and stammered out all manner of excuses. But the King was affectionately insistent, and would not even allow him to go and make preparations. And so the Royal party with their miserable host arrived at the latter's humble quarters. And lo; a whole retinue of servants met them, a blaze of trumpets announced their arrival, flowers crowned the entrance, and an elaborate banquet, with costly wines, graced the unaccustomed table. Nor where the King and his suite the only guests, for awaiting him in the dining hall were three old men, who hastened to embrace him. They were three friends of his early days, with whom he had fought side by side in many a fierce battle, but had lost sight of for many years till now, when the royal kindness and endeavour had brought them together once more.

So highly appreciated is the value of sensation at meals in fiction that the choice of samples is embarrassing. Intensely dramatic, with the right note of a happy ending was that wild banquet in the castle of huge Earl Doorm, with shameless license and coarse riot holding orgie over the rude plenty on the boards, and, a little apart, a girl in the first flush of womanhood weeping over the lifeless body of her lord. There is the sound of an unknighly bow, a pitiful little wail, and the seeming corpse springs into life with flashing glaive and gleaming eyes, and, "like a ball, the russet-bearded head" of the would-be ravisher rolled upon the ground. There are a whole family of sensational feasts of the hyper-gruesome sort to be found in the old balladists and romancers, of which the hideous repasts in "Titus Andronicus" and "The Lady Isabella's Tragedy" may stand for samples; feasts in which the principal dish is a human body, the victim of lust, revenge, or cruelty—but the subject is scarcely inviting enough to dwell on. Occasionally the sensations are due to supernatural agency. There was the marriage feast of young Lycius to the beautiful Lamia. Never had the assembled Corinthians seen such beauty as the bride's, seldom gathered at a more sumptuous board. But among them was the magician Apollonius, and at the height of the festivity he was seen to fix his cold eye on the bride. A silence fell, a sense of terror brooded over the room, flowers and lights faded, and the bride seemed to wither under that stony gaze. Then, in awful, pitiless tones, the old man uttered the word, "serpent," and with a scream of anguish the wretched Lamia vanished, and Lycius, bereft of his love, swooned and died. Something akin to this, though burlesqued, is the familiar Ingoldsby Legend of St. Nicholas, when a too hospitable abbot entertains too sumptuously—not to say affectionately—a vagrant lady of bewitching charms. Fortunately for the good cleric's reputation, St. Nicholas happened to look in the nick of time, sprinkled some holy water on that lady fair, and she stood—or sat—revealed as the foulest of all imaginable fiends. Still more sensational, though not so lurid, was a banquet gravely described in a history of Norfolk: one of the guests produced an

acorn which after it had been inspected, he planted in the middle of the hall. Before the company had time to empty another bumper a stately oak tree sprang up to its full height. Wonderful as this was, it was obviously in the way, and a couple of workmen were summoned, who with infinite labour felled the tree. But to get it out of the hall baffled everybody's endeavour, till the same marvel-working guest called in a couple of young geese he saw outside, who promptly and unaided walked off with the ponderous mass.

Scott gives us a good many sensations at feasts; those in "Ivanhoe," at the Sack of Liege and the Court of Burgundy, in "Quentin Durward," and the happy finale to "Waverley" will at once suggest themselves. But for dramatic effect nothing equals the scene at Saladin's banquet, where the guilty Templar is killed by his royal host ere his lips can touch the p.e.dge cup. There was plenty of sensation, too, in that marriage feast in "The Lord of the Isles," when the chance guest stood revealed among his enemies as the Royal Bruce. Marryatt has a most effectual "situation" in Percival Keene, where Mammy Criscobella revenges herself on her turbulent and undesired guests by telling them the meal they had just partaken of had been poisoned, and that she herself, to avoid the penalties of the law, had taken a similar fata. draught from the glass she then held in her hand. The scene is pure comedy, and, like most of Marryatt's work, admirably executed. There was, unfortunately, more fact than fiction about the grim "sensations" the Borgias were in the habit of providing at their banquets. The "food of the gods" of the old Romans had survived the deities of Olympus, and, as one of Dumas' characters puts it, death sentences were no longer conveyed in the formula, "Caesar orders you to die," but "His Holiness requests you to sup with him." In this connection one recalls that dainty meal in "The Honour of Savelli," where d'Amboise and Machiavelli are about to drink the choice old Faernian which Alexander has so kindly sent. Luckily the Italian statesman bethinks him of testing it. Had they drunk they would have been dead in a few hours. It was, perhaps, less a feast than an impromptu drinking bout that Blackmore tells us of when, in the ruined Hall of the Warren, Carver Doone rose, glass in hand, to propose a health to the ghost of the murdered squire, and then "in the broken doorway stood a press of men with pointed muskets covering every drunken Doone."

So many and graphic are these sensations at feasts in fiction that it is no easy task to choose one, on the principle of keeping the best to the last, to terminate the selection. But one seldom goes amiss when one trusts to Charles Reade for dramatic colour and virile force, and a certain dinner scene in "The Cloister and the Hearth" will, in sporting parlance, take a deal of beating. Gerard had just learned of the treachery of his brothers, by which, believing his love, Margaret, to be dead, he had taken Holy Orders. Eli and his family are just about to dine when, like some whirlwind of wrath, a Dominican friar rushed into the room, and, throwing "his tall body over the narrow table, and with two hands hovering above the shrinking heads like eagles over a quarry, he cursed the delinquents by name, soul, and body, in this world, and the next." It is not surprising to learn that this sensation effectually put an end to the feast.—"The Globe."

CHRISTMAS SALES IN GERMANY.

Germany's traditional reputation for simplicity has, writes a Berlin correspondent, been swept away by the extent and extravagance of this year's Christmas celebrations. Shops, everywhere, from the great emporiums in Berlin to the humblest corner grocery store in the country districts, report unprecedented sales. The widespread prosperity had loosened the country's purse-strings, and in many families where simple remembrances were formerly exchanged, such things as motor-cars, pianos, furs, jewels, stocks, bonds, and cheques have this year been scattered with a profusion entirely out of keeping with the German reputation for frugality. Unparalleled prosperity has blessed every class of the population. Statistics just published show an increase in the Prussian savings bank deposits in the past year of £26,000,000, the largest increase on record. In 1870 the Prussian savings totalled £25,000,000; to-day they amount to £415,000,000. It was upon this enormous store of hoarded wealth that the great middle and working classes drew to give themselves a Christmas commensurate with Germany's mounting national fortune.

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novel about them (says Mr. Richard Le Gallienne in the "Reader"). Many clever and industrious men are daily employing the same methods—as far as we can see—without achieving any such substantial success. Wherein lies the difference; Is it mere luck? No, that explanation will not suffice. Your Liptons and Wanamakers never wait for Luck. No doubt they have their share; but, as one reads the stories of their success, he finds no evidence of any special providence or luck attending them. Such "luck" as they have had seems to have come through the capacity for fearlessly taking opportunity on the instant. They are men of rapidly-working imaginations, or of great courage; for imagination and courage are qualities which one can safely set down as indispensable to any form of success. The part played by imagination in business is but little recognised; yet a moments thought will show how important it is. A business man like J. Pierpont Morgan possesses enough imagination to set up a dozen poets.

CHINS AND CHARACTER.

Dr. Louis Robinson, writing in Blackwood's Magazine on this subject, rather knocks on the head the old notion that a strongly developed chin necessarily means a strongly developed will. At least, we must modify, if not upset, our notions. The chin, of course, is a distinctively human characteristic. What is not generally recognised about it, however, is how much it may be modified by the nature of the food taken. In the case of the primi-

tive savage, for instance, the shape of the jaw is generally influenced by the extremely hard work his teeth have to do in masticating coarse food, just in the same way as a blacksmith's arm and collarbone become almost abnormally developed by striking his anvil. Until recently sailors have had to live on "hard tack"—food which gave them much severe chewing to do—and consequently "one never sees a sailor with a weak jaw." Some years ago the writer had to pass a number of boys from a London parish district for the navy. From time to time these lads revisited their old homes, and the most noticeable change in them, especially when contrasted with their companions who had never left the streets, was, next to their taller stature and healthier appearance, "the total change in the shape and expression of their faces. On analysing this, one found that it was to be mainly accounted for by the increased growth and improved angle of the lower jaw. The fact that so many otherwise pleasing young faces nowadays are marred by a certain weakness in the outline of the jaw is due, Dr. Robinson thinks, probably to our elaborately-prepared food, needing so little mastication; and he wonders that none of the clever "beauty specialists" have ever seized on this fact and made capital out of it. A weak mouth is certainly not a beauty. Whether a square jaw denotes laudable strength of character or mere "pig-headedness" depends on the presence or absence of certain brain cells, those necessary for the manifestation of other mental and moral faculties, quite distinct from the nervous mechanism of the strong will.

THE STURGEON.

The writer of an excellent treatise on fish tells us that the sturgeon is styled "royal" on account of his rarity; but his title is of much more definite origin. To be sure, he shares it with the porpoise and dolphin, both of which were accounted great dainties in the Middle Ages, when no English table of the first order was thought to be royally spread without them. They were served at a magnificent banquet prepared for Richard II.; they figured at the wedding supper of Henry V., and at the Coronation feast of Henry VI. Queen Elizabeth was extremely fond of them, boiled or roasted, and made into puddings or pies, the "seasoning" of which demanded a marvellous miscellany of ingredients in obedience to the canons of taste then prevailing.

The Crown has a very ancient claim upon the whale, porpoise, dolphin and sturgeon, when captured in certain circumstances in England. This still forms a part of the Royal prerogative, and is protected by a statute passed in the reign of Edward II. But the fish must be secured within three miles of our shores, or "in creeks or arms of the sea; for if taken in the wide seas they belong to the taker." So little culinary value, however, now attaches to the sturgeon in this country, that his "royalty" is little more than an antiquarian curiosity. That in ancient times he should have been accounted "excellent above his fellows" is not perhaps to be wondered at. But the great choice of fish which Nature and modern science enable us to command has created a more fastidious national taste. The Greeks and Romans rendered high honours to the sturgeon; the latter sent it to table garnished with flowers and to this day a small one served in jelly is a much appreciated dish in Rome. In Berlin, also, it is greatly esteemed, and choice fish of from thirty to forty pounds weight sometimes realise as much as £5 or £6 each. These are brought alive from the Dwina, by Archangel and St. Petersburg, to Berlin; their less valued relatives of the Volga being generally reserved for home use. The flesh strongly resembles veal, and no method of cooking it is better than that recommended by Ude—"roast it thoroughly before the fire, and baste with plenty of white wine." It was in this

fashion that Izaak Walton treated his large pike, which thus became "a dish too good for any but anglers, or very honest men." The great Careme recommends champagne, which most modern connoisseurs would now put to a very different use. But in spite of every assistance from the cook, royal sturgeon is not accounted a lordly dish in England; and even the delicious soup which it undoubtedly makes it almost unknown to our national palate.

Whether we are more nice than wise in this respect is an open question. Doubtless, if the sturgeon were again made a fashionable dish, he would by leaps and bounds attain to something of his old renown. But nowadays no great lady of the land orders "sturgeon-pie and rosemary mead to breakfast." Like the pike, however pleasant to the taste, the sturgeon is not so lovely an object to the eye, which the magician of the kitchen now seeks to capture. It would be unfair, in point of appearance, to compare either with the salmon or trout, perhaps two of the most beautiful fish that swim. Tough fighters as these are in the water, when once brought to bank they seem to suggest a feeling of happy acquiescence in their destiny. The look of either betrays a natural affinity with the grid or the fish-kettle. They were clearly made to be eaten, and they look just as good as they are. As much can hardly be said for the sturgeon and pike, which—well enough in their way—are felt to be "not everybody's money." But here intervenes the accomplished chef, who tells of the wonders he can work with the former, if only he is fortified with a little encouragement, and—a few kitchen "extras." He speaks of the sturgeon cutlets with which some of the Parisian artists still know how to delight their American patrons, and which even a famous English epicure pronounced "supremely excellent." A learned authority on gastronomy says that the plagiarism of writers on cookery can be tracked for at least 400 years, "as a wounded man by his blood." It is certainly easy to trace the progress of the sturgeon during that interval, and to note how substantially similar are the recipes for treating him to those relied upon by our ancestors. Of the thirty or forty different ways of dealing with the fish in France, few are strictly modern, and several have been practised for ages. As

might be expected, Careme's method is by far the most expensive and complicated, and the dish named "Esturgeon a la Napoleon" is not to be lightly taken in hand. After expending three bottles of champagne upon his preparatory education, the fish as presented at table is an obvious excuse for a super-adulatory sauce, which itself requires the adventitious aid of crayfish, truffles, carps' tongues, and mushrooms. Alas! poor sturgeon. In England he has at least stood upon his merits. We have roasted, baked or boiled him for centuries; and it is almost pathetic to find how the laborious compilers of cookery books still condescend to details in reference to a fish which fashion has declared obsolete. Franactelli gives us at least one honest recipe, but of course he cannot refrain from the stereotyped alternative known to civilisation as "another way." But his sturgeon soup is really excellent, and ought to be much better known.

To find under the heading of "royal" sturgeon a reference to "smuggled" sturgeon, is rather suggestive of an infringement of Crown rights. But it is only a novel method of evading the baker's fee. Alexis Soyer tells his more humble readers that, when sending a piece of meat to the bakehouse on a stand in a dish, it is easy enough to smuggle a piece of sturgeon underneath, with a little chopped shallot to the usual covering of potatoes. The notion seems queer enough to be original, and would be almost laughable but for the authority who suggests it. And even thus backed one can hardly escape from the doubt whether each of the viands will retain the integrity of its own flavour. Or will the result be a little mixed? It is an enigma which one is more disposed to "give up" than to put to the proof.—"The Globe."

An elderly gentleman was strolling in the East End when a woman rushed up to him. "Oh, sir, will you please come at once! There's three brutes of men jumping on a poor organ-grinder."

"Is he a big organ-grinder?" queried the old gentleman calmly.

"No, no, sir, quite a little man. Oh, come at once, or it will be too late!"

"I don't see why I should interfere," replied the old gentleman. "If he's a small man the three men don't need my help."

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"I was, sor," replied the witness.

"Did you take recognizance of the bar-keeper at the time?"

"I don't know what he called it, sor, but I took what the rest did."

"Boo-hoo, boo-hoo!" cried the little boy.

"What is the matter?" asked the kind lady.

"My farvers been be-beating me."

"Well, cheer up, my little man; most fathers have to beat little boys at times, if they are naughty."

"But you don't know my farver. He ain't like other farvers. He's in the brass band, and beats the big drum. So it hurts ever so much more!"

A Bishop, who was travelling through the wilds of Canada, stopped at a log-cabin to have a rest. "Are there any Episcopalians about here?" he asked the woman who lived in the cabin. "Well, sir, I hardly know," she said with hesitation. "The man did kill something yesterday in the barn, but whether it was one of them things or not I cannot say!"

To-day's story.—The census-taker in an American township visited an Irish-woman's house. One of the questions asked was: "How many males have you in this family?" The Irishwoman replied, "Three a day, sir!"

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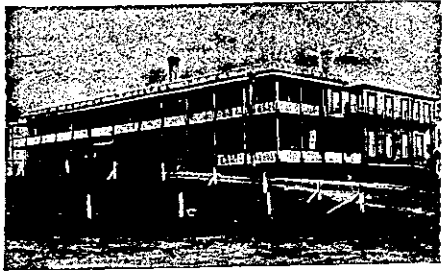
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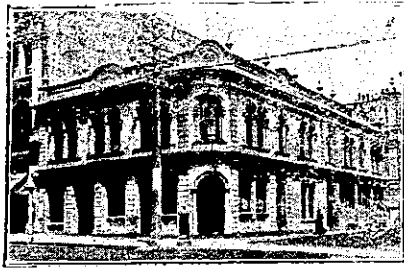
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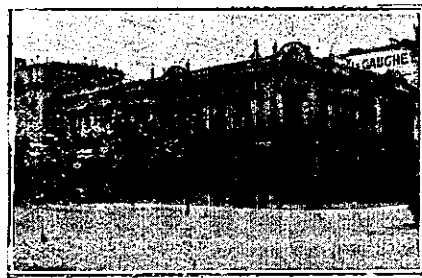
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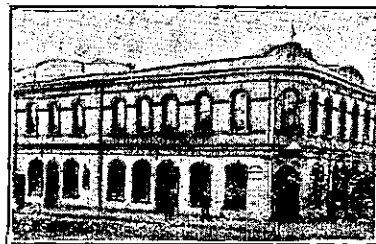
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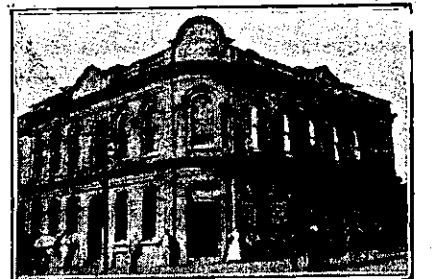
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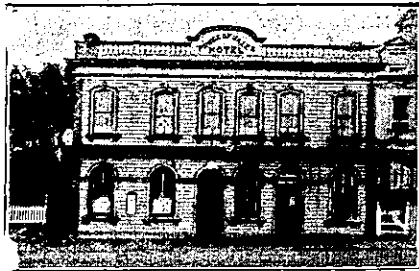
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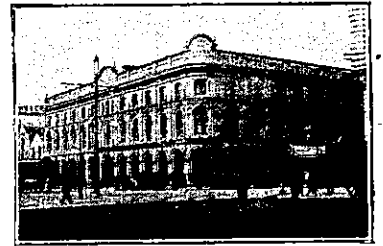
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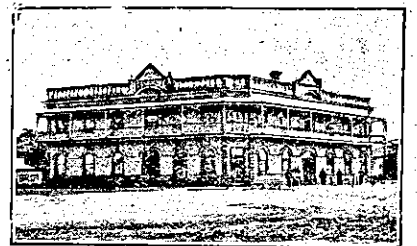
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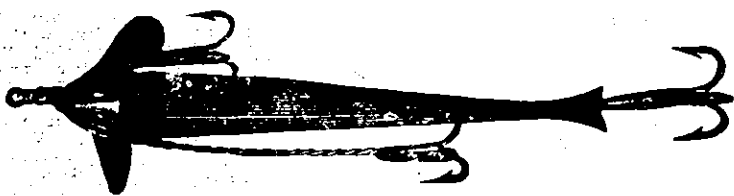
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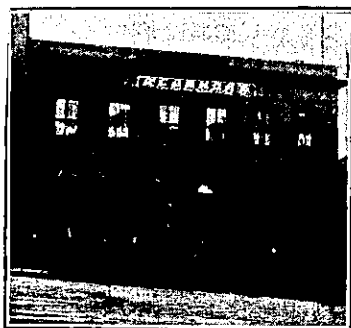
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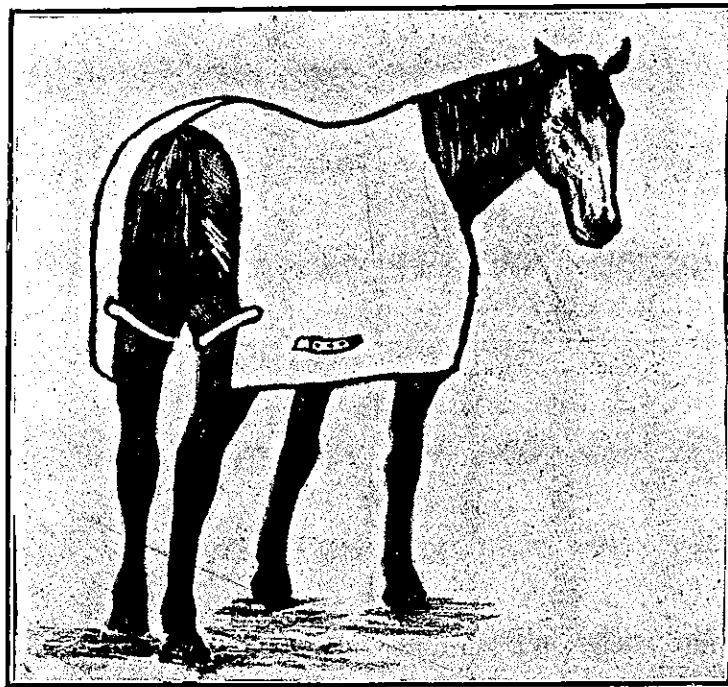


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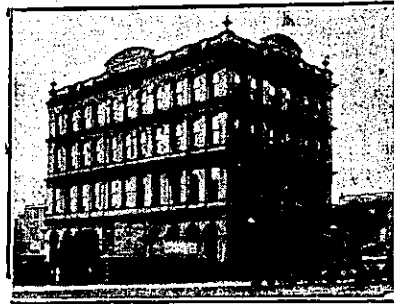
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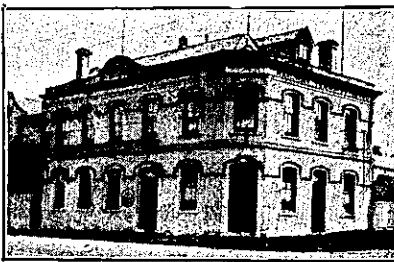
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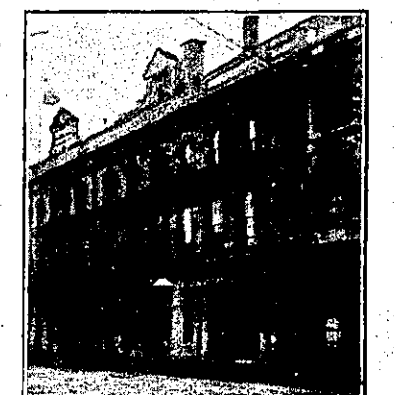
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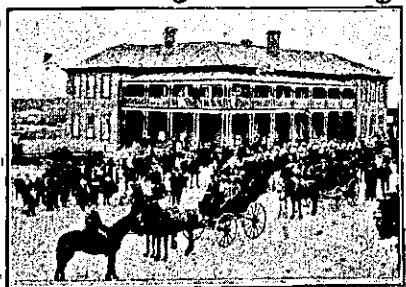
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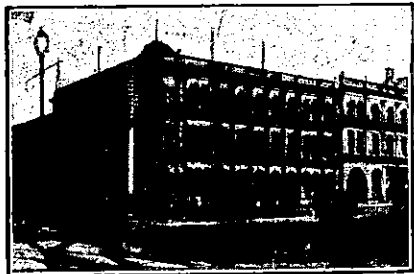
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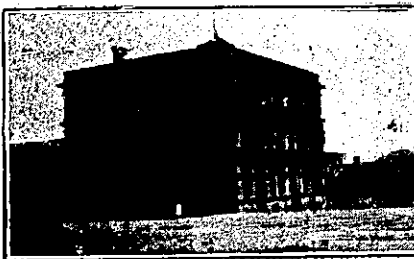
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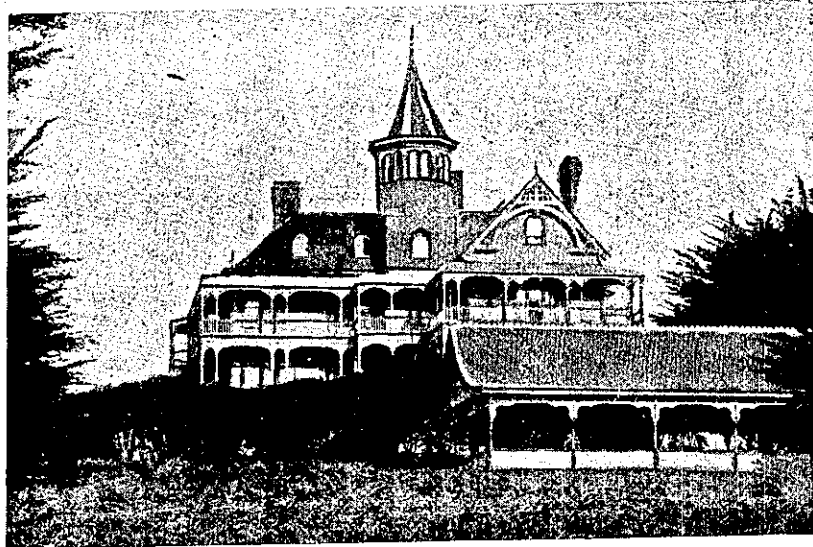
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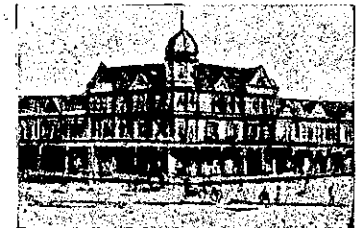
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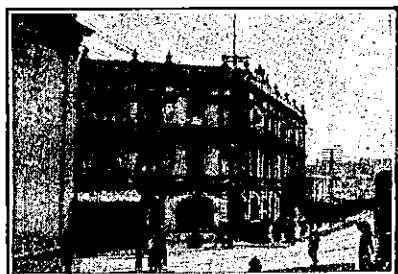
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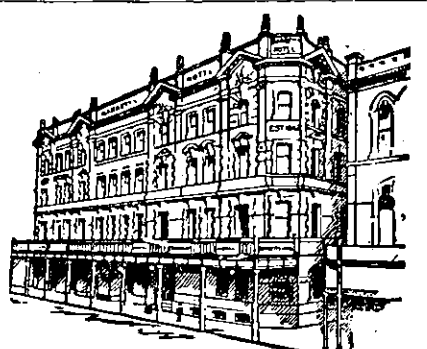
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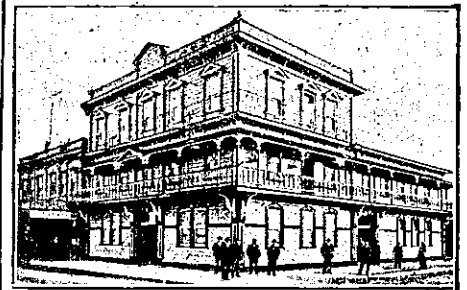
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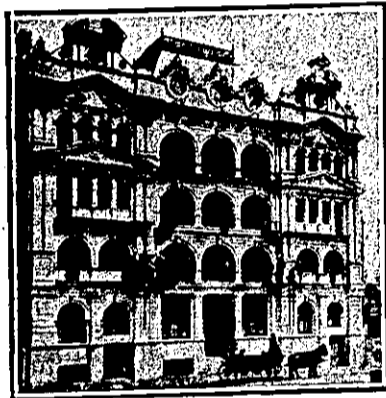
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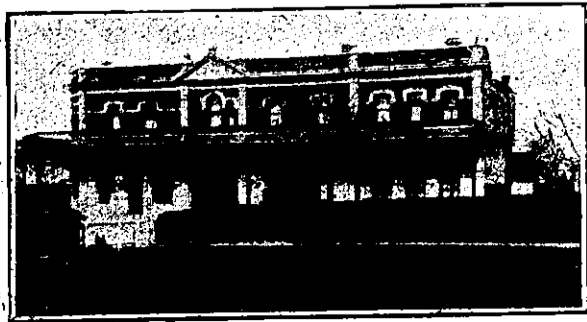
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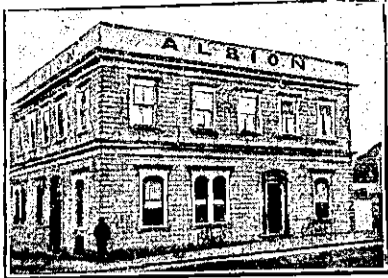
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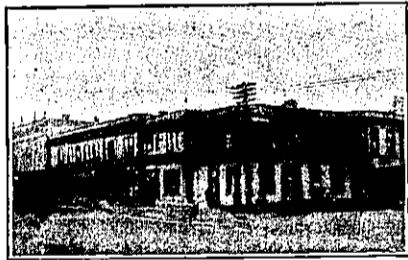
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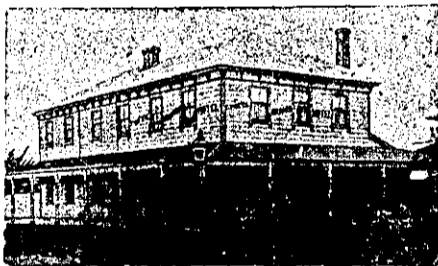
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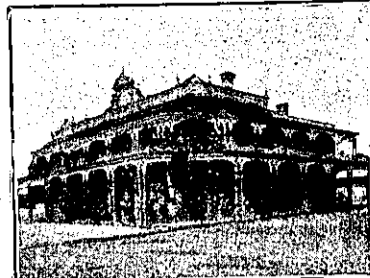
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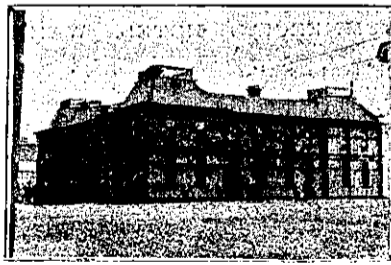
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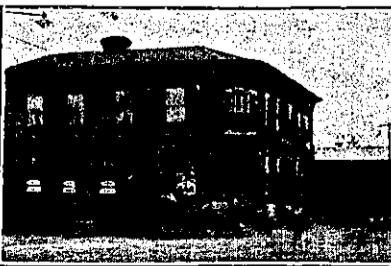
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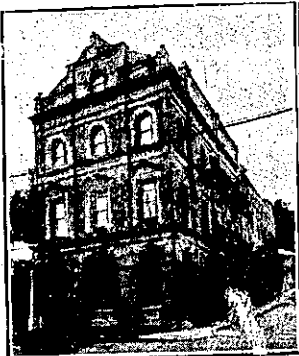


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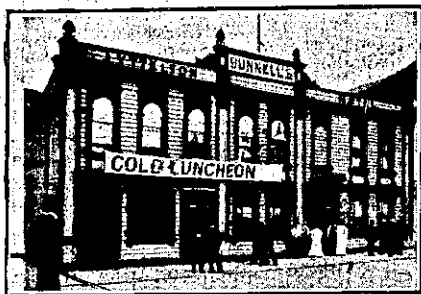
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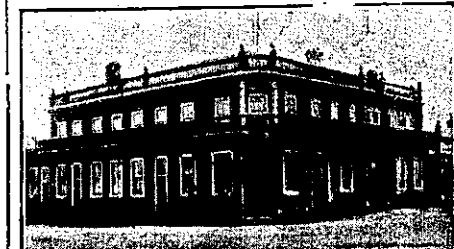
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