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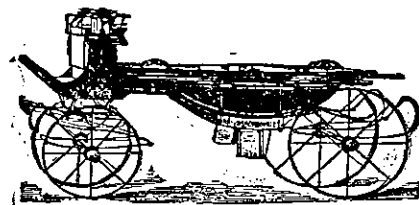
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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

Aug. 29—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
Sept. 4 and 5—Marton J.C.'s Hack Meeting
Sept. 11 and 12—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Sept. 11 and 12—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
Sept. 18 and 19—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Oct. 9 and 12—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring.

NOMINATIONS.

Aug. 23—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Aug. 24—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Aug. 24—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
Sept. 1 (1908)—Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, 1909 (yearlings of 1907)
Sept. 2—Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, 1908 (yearlings)
Sept. 2—Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, 1909 (yearlings of 1906)
Sept. 20—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Aug. 31—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Sept. 1—New Zealand Cup.
Sept. 2—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
Sept. 7—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Sept. 30—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring

ACCEPTANCES.

Aug. 24—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
Aug. 27—Marton J.C.'s Hack Meeting
Sept. 6—New Zealand Cup (3sovs).
Sept. 6—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Sept. 6—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
Sept. 12—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Oct. 4—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring.

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

Oct. 18—New Zealand Cup (6sovs).

THE C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND AND THIRD DAYS.

The prospect of seeing a fine race for the Grand National Hurdles attracted a big crowd to Riccarton on Thursday last. The weather was exceptional for winter, fine though a trifle chilly, as the afternoon wore on. The thousand pound hurdle event was full of interest, but after going a mile and a-half it was apparent that, bar mishap, Shrapnel, who was jumping beautifully, would win. Nothing had a chance with the Workman gelding in the run home, and he gained the double honour of winning easily, and of establishing a fresh record for the race. The other races provided plenty of excitement, while backers were in a speculative mood. The sum of £20,887 being put through the machine. This represents an increase of £3314 over the amount handled on the same day a year ago. The racing commenced with the Hunt Cup; Mr A. S. Elworthy's two fine looking hunters, Craigmore and Albury, were considered to have the best chances of winning. Craigmore was in the lead for nearly a mile when he was joined by Sir James, the pair running along in company over the next half-mile, when Sir James drew out, and easily holding the opposition in the straight, came on and won by three lengths from Wahine; Albury finished third, half-a-length behind Wahine. Deerslayer and Posthaste were fourth and fifth; Rosemorn and Stormy Petrel fell. There were ten starters for the Summer Handicap; Ancele was sent out a strong favourite, but never looked like having a winning chance. Mangrove was first away, but Giovanni and Czar Kolohol soon joined in; with two furlongs gone Steplink had run up into first place and showed the way round the bend with Giovanni, Czar Kolohol and Hinupal following in that order. There was little to choose between the leaders when the straight was reached, but at the distance Fandang, who got badly away, put in his claim, and after a short tussle with Czar Kolohol, beat him by a length and a-half, Outer was close up third, followed by Giovanni and West Wind. The August Handicap attracted fifteen starters, of whom Eons was made favourite, with Helen Portland and Jolly Friar next in demand. Mr Piper effected a good start, all getting away on even terms; Ingleneuk, De Witte, and Waihuku were soon prominent, the first-named singling herself out at the end of the first furlong, and continuing on in front, Ingleneuk

was well clear of Waihuku, Probable, and Jack Ashore by the time the straight was reached. But at the distance the Steplink filly fell right back, leaving Probable in charge. Waihuku, Jolly Friar, Jack Ashore, and Eons were all handy, with De Witte coming fast from the rear. A great race home resulted in Probable beating De Witte by a head, with Waihuku half-a-length away third, Jolly Friar fourth, and Jack Ashore fifth. After a short luncheon interval, backers were asked to do business on the Grand National Hurdles. Twenty-two horses figured on the card, Klatere was withdrawn because of his attention being confined to the Steeplechase; Le Beau was amiss, while Top Rose had broken down on the first day. Lull was installed favourite, Merriwai came a close second, then Shrapnel and Paritutu; the outsiders of the party being Levant, Stronghold, Stayboy, and Cavalry; this quartette having less than one hundred pounds apiece invested on them. It was a fine sight to see nineteen horses come down the straight almost in line. The first hurdle was rapped hard by several horses, the first over was Lull, with Stronghold, Te Uira and Shrapnel almost locked together. Passing the stand, Shrapnel had taken up the running, and at Cutts' he jumped the hurdle just clear of Te Uira, after whom came Sen Sim, Paritutu, Landlock and Lady Hune, with Idasa and Creusot bringing up the rear. Very little change in positions took place in the next half-mile, Shrapnel being still in the lead at the mile post; while Te Uira and Paritutu were just behind the leader, who began to put on pace go-

entrance to the straight. Soon afterwards Buccleugh drew out, and easily holding his own beat Medallist by two and a-half lengths; Clanchattan was third, then came Mataari and Whakewehi. In the Spreydon Hack Hurdles, Kaipetipeti and Waipu practically had the race to themselves. At the entrance to the straight the former winning comfortably by three lengths, Golden Comb was third, two lengths further away, Royal Shell fourth. A very poor lot faced the starter in the Woolston Plate; Takaro soon got in front, being hard ridden by Derrett throughout, and managed to hold this advantage to the finish, winning by four lengths from Jolly Roger, who was two lengths in front of Strathfillan, third. The third day turned out beautifully fine, the weather being more like that usually experienced in November. Speculation was again brisk, the sum of £19,199 being put through the totalisator, making a total of £61,641 for three days, as against £52,077 last year. There were one or two regrettable incidents in the Ladies' Bracelet; Merriwai bolted at the start, his rider, A. F. Douglas, straining himself so badly in attempting to pull the horse up, that he could not take part in the race. This left only three starters, Lull being opposed by two moderate animals in Last Ensign and Westwind. The latter stumbled after passing the half-mile post and broke his off foreleg, having to be destroyed. Lull won in an easy canter. In the Lincoln Steeplechase, Slow Tom, when appearing to be winning comfortably, broke down at the last fence, and swerving, interfered with Nadador, who was running second. In the run home

lead practically all the way, beat Shrapnel by three lengths; Ben Jonson, who made a faulty jump at the mile post, being another five lengths away third; with Idasa and Ability next. Landlock, who was with the leaders in the early part of the race, fell at the third hurdle. One of the best betting races at the meeting came next. In the Heathcote Handicap there were eight starters, six of them being well backed. De Witte and Medallist received most support, but neither finished among the first three. Manjess and Mataari came away from the field at the top of the straight, the former gaining an easy win by four lengths from the Saracen gelding, who was two lengths in front of Whakewehi, Probable came next. Another fairly easy victory was gained by Ingleneuk in the Selwyn Handicap. The Benzoin filly hopped away smartly and never being headed, beat Czar Kolohol by three lengths, Clanchattan heading the others, who were strung out at the finish. Neither of the favourites, Grandstand or Eons could get near the leaders at any part of the race. The Final Hurdles produced another spirited betting race, Leaside carrying the most money. Wild Cat cut out the running, and at Cutts she and Southern Cross were out by themselves, fully ten lengths clear of their field. Running along the back, Levant moved up to Wild Cat at the top turn and was out in front, with Lady Hune making up her ground. Levant easily maintained her advantage in the straight and won by three lengths from Lady Hune, who beat Ability by a length. The racing concluded with the Hunters' Plate, run over a mile and a-half on the flat. Makuri led for half-a-mile when the field closed up. Canton went to the front at the five furlongs' post and never being seriously troubled, won by three lengths from Pallada, who was half-a-length in front of Makuri.

TALES OF SPORT.

The story we publish this week has for its locale the Malay Peninsula, and for its subject the shooting of Seledang. With a store-house of knowledge, and experience concerning sport in every part of India, the author has woven together a highly interesting story on the effects of that passion-giving Malay fruit the Durian, when combined with love and jealousy, and an infuriated bull bison.

NOTES.

We beg most particularly to draw the attention of our readers to our Interprovincial Notes, wherein will be found all the latest turf news of the two Islands.

The New Zealand colts, Boniform and Maranui, created a good impression at Randwick lately, covering a mile on the grass in 1m. 46s., going easily.

The five-year-old mare Little Star, by Daystar—Lottie, arrived last Sunday from Taranaki on lease to R. J. Walton, from Mr Bateman, of Cambridge. She is a half-sister to Possum. The lessee intends putting her into work right away.

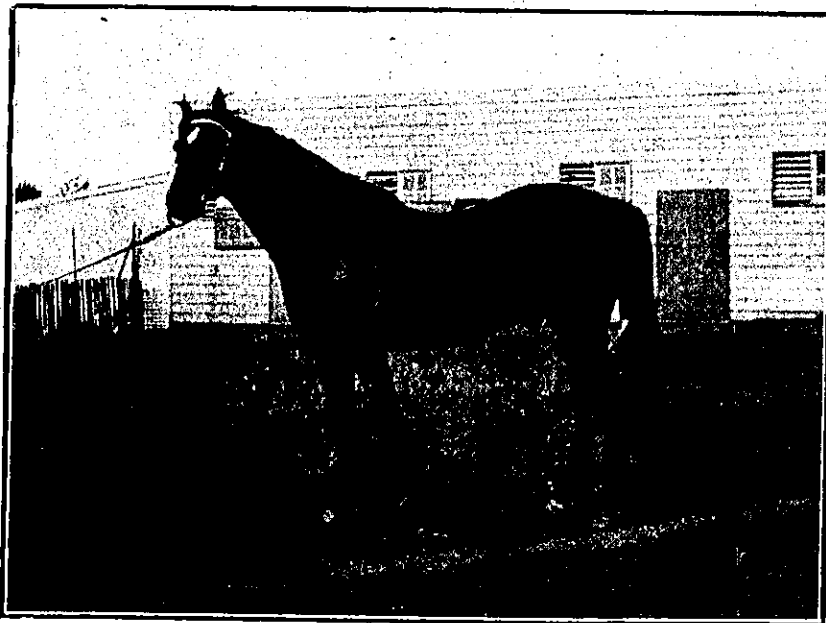
Kitroa, by Cyrenian—Hinemoa, has produced a colt to the imported Cambrian Park sire, Obligado.

Avondale J. C. nominations for the Avondale Cup, Steeplechase, Plump-ton Handicap, and Flying Stakes Handicap are due to-morrow.

Miss Annie, dam of Lady Annie—Cambrian, etc.; a filly to Soult.

Peace, by The Officer—Content; has foaled a fine colt to Obligado.

Handicaps for the Avondale Cup and Flying Stakes Handicap are due next Wednesday, the 28th inst.



OBLIGADO, one of the Sires at the Cambria Park Stud.

ing round the turn. He landed in the straight well clear of Sen Sim, Paritutu, Ability, Leaside, and Te Uira, the others being strung out. Once over the last hurdle, Shrapnel increased his lead and won easily by four lengths from Paritutu, who beat Ability by two lengths; next in order coming Leaside, Southern Cross, Sen Sim, Levant, Merriwai, and Te Uira, the last two to finish being Cavalry and Stronghold. Time 3.44 3-5secs., which constitutes a world's record. After the excitement of the National Hurdles had subsided, the Beaufort Steeples occupied attention. The supporters of Klatere were very strong, and sent him out favourite. When he fell at the sod wall just past Cutts', there was no end of disappointment. At this stage Irish was just in front of Nadador, after whom came Pipi and Hikaroa. Nadador was first into the straight, jumping the last fence well clear of Irish, and she had no difficulty in beating him in the run home by nearly three lengths; Hikaroa was third, and Pipi fourth. St. Kooringa, and Loch Fyne also fell, and Romany Lad ran off. The Islington Handicap brought out twelve starters, Medallist and Buccleugh going out first and second favourites. The latter with Mataari got off the mark smartly, and with White Cockade were leading at the

Slow Tom just managed to last long enough to win on three legs, by a length from Nadador, who beat Klatere by two lengths. A protest against Slow Tom for crossing, proved fatal, the stewards upholding it, and awarding the stake to Nadador, Slow Tom being disqualified. Several who saw what took place are strongly of the opinion that Slow Tom was winning easily when he swerved, and that he did not interfere with Nadador sufficiently to alter the result of the race. The stewards, however, are all powerful in matters of this kind, and Slow Tom had to go out. The race provided a pretty exhibition of jumping, Irish, Loch Fyne, and St. Kooringa came down, all the others completing the journey without mishap. Nine saddled up for the Styx Hurdles, Catch-em being selected favourite, with Kaipetipeti next. Catch-em and Kaipetipeti piloted the field along at a solid pace for a mile, when the favourite had had enough. Golden Comb joined Kaipetipeti at the last hurdle, and beat him in the run home by half-a-length; Stronghold was four lengths away third; and Southern Cross fourth. In the Sydenham Hurdles the public went strongly for the National winner Shrapnel with Sen Sim next in demand. After a good race, Sen Sim, who was in the

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a compact little booklet, issued by Messrs Barnett and Grant, entitled "Form at a Glance." This little pocket edition is full of the most interesting information, including Racing Dates, Information to Trainers, Fastest Times, Entries for the N.Z. Cup, past winners of the leading events on the N.Z. turf; and a tabulated list of the "Placed Performances of N.Z. Cup Horses for the past Two Seasons." A "Time Comparing Table," and "Betting Rules," and other valuable information make the booklet a most valuable medium of reference. A glance at Messrs Barnett and Grant's advertisement will show that a line to the publishers will procure this work by return post.

Henry Fairbrother, the jockey who was injured at the recent race meeting at Trentham, died in the Wellington Hospital last Thursday. The deceased was a single man, belonged to Hastings.

W. Young, who rode Shrapnel in the G.N. Hurdles, is the jockey who piloted the victorious Mahoe in the Century Hurdles.

An attempt at a dastardly outrage was discovered just prior to the running of the Adelaide G.N. Steeplechase last Saturday. It was found that two big holes had been dug on the take-off side of the last fence. The holes had been covered, and the boards top-dressed with earth. The ground was repaired before the race. There is no clue to the perpetrator, and police investigation is proceeding.

The following programmes have been passed by the A.R.C.:—Whangarei Racing Club, January 10 and 11 (conditioned); Northern Wairoa Racing Club, December 26 and 27. Trainers' Licenses have been granted as follows:—C. G. Tholome, F. Burns, D. Banatayne, P. Conway, J. Chaaffe jun., H. French, W. Gall, J. H. Howe, R. Hall, D. Hughes, R. Hannon, K. Heaton, W. G. Irwin, L. Morriss, W. Moberley, J. McHugh, D. Moraghan, A. S. McKinnon, R. McMiken, F. McManemin, J. Rae, W. Robertson, F. Stenning, W. A. Scott, W. Townsend, R. Thorpe, Jas. Twohill, J. B. Williamson, T. A. Williams. All applications for jockeys' licenses were referred to a sub-committee to report. Gentlemen riders' licenses were issued to Messrs D. B. Gorrie, F. P. Selby, and M. Wells. A meeting of the A.R.C. Committee was held subsequently, the Hon. E. Mitchellson again presiding. Mr George Dunnet was elected to the vacant seat on the committee. Messrs P. Butler and D. M. Forsythe were elected auditors. The following officers were re-appointed:—Starter, Mr C. O'Connor; clerk of course, Mr A. Selby; clerk of scales, Mr F. W. Marks; judge, Mr R. B. Lusk. It was decided not to run the double totalisator in future. The day for the monthly meeting was fixed for the second Monday. Accounts amounting to £340 were passed for payment. Five new members were elected.

Eclair's time, 7.11 2-5, establishes a record for the Grand National Steeplechase, the previous best being Slow Tom's, 7.14 3-5. The Steeplechase was one of the prettiest seen at Riccarton.

The following is a tabulated list of the winners of the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race:—

| Year | Winner | m. s. |
|------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1890 | Mr. R. Kildare's Ixion | 4 5 |
| 1891 | Mr. J. Maher's Couranto | 3 52 |
| 1892 | Mr. D. Rutherford's Kulinie | 4 0 |
| 1893 | Mr. M. Walker's Liberator | 3 55 |
| 1894 | Mr. P. Butler's Liberator | 4 5 1/2 |
| 1895 | Mr. R. Glover's Donald McKinnon | 4 5 1/2 |
| 1896 | Mr. F. Watson's Dummy | 3 59 1/2 |
| 1897 | Mr. G. Williams' Umslopogaas | 3 53 2-5 |
| 1898 | Mr. D. Rutherford's Social Pest | 3 53 3-5 |
| 1899 | Hon. J. D. Ormond's Defiance | 3 56 2-5 |
| 1900 | Mr. J. E. Thorpe's Record Reign | 3 46 4-5 |
| 1901 | Mr. J. Connell's Haydn | 3 55 4-5 |
| 1902 | Mr. Edwards' Treasurer | 3 55 4-5 |
| 1903 | Mr. Driscoll's Waitangi | 3 47 |
| 1904 | Mr. Oman's Medalist | 4 1 1-5 |
| 1905 | Mr. T. H. Lowry's Creusot | 3 49 2-5 |
| 1906 | Mr. W. Foss' Cuiragno | 4 4 |
| 1907 | Mr. M. Manton's Shrapnel | 3 44 3-5 |

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Mr W. G. Nightingale has been appointed secretary to the Wairoa Racing Club. This makes the fourth club with which Mr Nightingale is officially connected, the others being Waipukurau, Takapau, and Petane. We congratulate the Wairoa R.C. on obtaining the services of Mr Nightingale. He is the right man for them.

Owing to strained relations between owners and backers respecting the 15 minutes rule, recently introduced by Tattersall's, a large meeting of the Racecourse Bookmakers' Association decided, on Mr Joe Thompson's proposition, to pay immediately the winner passed the scales.

Mr J. E. Henrys has been re-appointed jockey and Mr H. Piper has again been appointed starter.

Cuirassier's death at Morrinsville last week was due to stoppage of the bowels. He was in good health up till a few days before his death.

The Napier Park Racing Club are increasing their stakes for the coming season to £1430, being an increase of £190 on last season's stake money.

Mr D. Buick has added a couple more mares to his thoroughbred stud at Palmerston North, having purchased Mr J. Birchley's two Officer mares, each in foal to the Australian-bred Patronus.

Among the Antipodean buyers at the Newmarket (England) blood stock sales last month was Mr G. G. Stead. His first purchase was a bay filly by Collar out of Miss Chaffinch, for which he gave 240 guineas, after which he paid 200 guineas for a bay yearling colt by Minstead, out of Yarrow, and secured a bay colt by Tarporley out of Maybud at the same figure. Having, so to speak, "warmed up to his work," Mr Stead paid 660 guineas for a colt by Ayrshire out of Seadown. This half-brother to Downshire and Sea Clover has a malformed ear, due to a mare biting him on it last year. A nice filly by Cyllene out of Lady Rose Garden fell to Mr Stead's bid of 270 guineas, and he also took a well-bred and good-looking filly by Orme—Presto at 350 guineas.

It is not surprising to find the stewards of the C.J.C. inquiring into the reversal of form shown by Needlework at the C.J.C. meeting, after his indifferent display at the W.R.C. meeting. It appears to be the fate of the Te Mahanga stable to be treated disappointingly by its erratic inmates. Merriwai at Wanganui and Auckland may be quoted as another instance.

J. Goodwin, the breeder of Volume, says that he has in hand the best horse he ever had. It is a brother to Volume, being by Sylvia Park—Lottie. It is certainly a fine looking animal, but will need to be a great horse to be the best of Goodwin's stable. It will take something very much out of the ordinary to beat old Sylvia Park's record.

We desire to draw the attention of owners and breeders to the advertisement, in this issue, of the Manawatu Racing Club's Palmerston North Stakes (third) of 500 sovs., to be run at the Summer Meeting of 1908; and the Manawatu Stakes (fifth) of 500 sovs., to be run at the Autumn Meeting of 1909. These two weight-for-age races are among the principal plums of the flat racing season, and are well worthy of the close attention of racehorse owners.

The Wanganui Jockey Club publish in the present issue their Spring programme for a two days' meeting on Thursday and Friday, September 26 and 27 inst. The two principal features of the meeting will be the classic Wanganui Guineas, and the Wanganui Handicap of 250 sovs. There are four Hack Handicaps, two Hack Hurdles, and two Open Handicaps on the flat. The amount of prize money offered is very liberal and should be the means of procuring a large number of entries.

After taking part in the Trial Plate at the Wellington meeting, Monkey (Sir Lancelot—Norsemaid) broke a blood vessel and expired shortly afterwards. Monkey was owned by Mr P. J. Quirk, of Pahiatua, and was engaged at the Woodlands Hunt Club meeting.

The following are the races won by horses sired by Seaton Delaval, who was at the head of the list of winning sires during the year ending June, 1907:—

Master Delaval.—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup, £1200; A.R.C. Spring, City Handicap, £250; A.R.C. Autumn, Autumn Handicap, £500; Wanganui J.C. Autumn, Wanganui Stakes Handicap, £240.

Akarana.—A.R.C. Summer, A.R.C. Handicap, £600; Avondale, Plumpton Handicap, £130.

Lord Seaton.—T.J.C. Spring, Trial Handicap, £50; South Auckland R.C. Autumn, S.A. Cup, £65; T.J.C. Summer, Maiden Plate, £50; Avondale J.C. Spring, Maiden Plate, £50.

Celerity.—T.J.C. Spring, Melrose Handicap, £45; Whangarei R.C., Kensington Handicap, £25; Avondale Autumn, Chevalier Handicap, £45; Avondale Autumn, Flying Handicap, £60; A.R.C. Winter, Farewell Handicap, £100.

Celtic.—A.R.C. Spring, President's Handicap, £90, and Maiden Plate, £90; A.R.C. Autumn, Steward's Handicap, £100, and Auckland Welter, £120.

Delania.—A.R.C. Spring, Handicap, £100, and Ascot Handicap, £200.

Idassa.—Christchurch Exhibition, Farewell Handicap, £60; Gore R.C. Summer, Gore R.C. Handicap, £55; Ashburton Autumn, Ashburton Handicap, £85; Geraldine R.C. Spring, Spring Handicap, £65; Hororata Annual, Hororata Cup, £35.

Gladstone.—Avondale Spring, Avondale Cup, £220.

King's Lynn.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer, Maiden Hack, £50, and Summer Handicap, £75; Waipukurau J.C. Autumn, Waipukurau Handicap, £100.

Carl Rosa.—Avondale Autumn, Avondale Handicap, £145; A.R.C. Summer, Alexandra Handicap, £125; A.R.C. Autumn, Buckland Handicap, £120; Avondale Autumn, Autumn Handicap, £115.

Sun Bonnet.—Masterton R.C. Autumn, March Handicap, £80; Wairarapa R.C. Autumn, Wardell Handicap, £100; Woodville District J.C. Autumn, Telephone Handicap, £50; Masterton R.C. Spring, Scurry Hack, £45; Taratahi Carterton R.C. Autumn, Belvedere Hack, £40.

Geordie.—T.J.C. Spring, St. Andrew's Handicap, £175.

Te Aroha.—Avondale Autumn, Waitakeri Handicap, £70.

Norania.—T.J.C. Spring, 1st pony, £50, and 2nd pony, £50.

De La Rey.—Lake County, Lake County Cup, £45.

Lady Landon.—Dunedin J.C. Summer, St. Andrew's Handicap, £125; D.J.C. Spring, St. Andrew's Handicap, £125.

Aristocrat.—A.R.C. Spring, Normanby Handicap, £90.

Sir Benson.—Waipawa County, Waipawa County R.C. Birthday Maiden Hack, £17.

Bonheur.—Manawatu R.C. Autumn, Linton Hack Hurdles, £70; Marlborough R.C. Spring, Blenheim Handicap, £90; Marton J.C., Hack Trial Handicap Hurdles, £35; Otaki Maori Winter, 1st Hack Hurdle £75, 2nd Hack Hurdle £65; Manawatu Autumn, Tiritea Hack Hurdles, £70.

La Cigale.—Avondale Spring, New Lynn Handicap, £35.

Ellerton.—Wellington R.C. Spring, Pearce Handicap, £220; Wellington R.C. Winter, Parliamentary Handicap, £300.

Loftus.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring, Flying Handicap, £85.

Ruaparatu.—Two brace's, £115.

118—Mr. J. Buckley's ch g Ability, aged, 10.0 (Higgins) 3

Also started: 295 Lady Hune, 353 Creusot, 249 Landlock, 310 Ben Jonson, 477 Merriwai, 208 Gold Stud, 70 Stronghold, 97 Cavalry, 494 Lull, 94 Stayboy, 113 Leeside, 154 Sen-Sim, 190 Idasa, 73 Levant, 143 Te Uira, 103 Southern Cross. Time, 3m. 44 3-5s. Dividends, £6 6s and £2 10s.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. About two miles and a-half.

134—Sir W. Russell's ch m Nadador, aged, by El Draque—Noyade, 10.5 (J. O'Connell) 1

92—Mr. J. B. Williamson's b g Irish, aged, 10.5 (Towers) 2

184—Mr. A. Masters' b g Hikairo, aged, 9.7 (Whitehouse) 3

Also started: 405 Kiatera, 170 Romany Lad, 197 Loch Fyne, 97 Pipi, 42 Hutana, 129 St. Kooringa. Time, 5m. 0 2-5s. Dividends, £7 6s and £3 10s.

ISLINGTON HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile.

416—Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b h Bueverie, 10.3 (J. Pine) 1

53—Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Medalist, 5yrs (F. D. Jones) 2

266—Sir George Clifford's ch h Clanchattan, 5yrs, 9.3 (F. Jones) 3

Also started: 386 Pas Seul, 102 Montigo, 132 Lapland, 227 Whakawehi, 153 Chatterer, 213 Gwendoline, 312 Mataari, 114 White Cockade, 35 Fancywark. Time, 1m. 43 4-5s.

SPREYDON HACK HURDLE RACE of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

569—Mr. J. Clark's br g Kaipetipeti, aged, by Monarco—Ponawa, 10.4 (J. Hall) 1

828—Mr. A. F. Douglas' br g Waipua, 6yrs, 10.0 (J. O'Connell) 2

392—Mr. R. M. Hempseed's ch g Golden Comb, aged, 10.0 (Telford) 3

Also started: 174 Royal Shell, 492 Catch-em, 174 Vizer. Time, 3m. 21 4-5s. Dividends, £3 6s 6d and 16s.

WOOLSTON PLATE of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

324—Mr. J. Leitch's b g Takaro, aged, by Castor—St. Mary, 10.3 (Derrett) 1

565—Mr. F. Holmes' b g Jolly Roger, aged, 10.3 (Donovan) 2

411—Mr. J. McGill's br m Strathfillan, 4yrs, 10.9 (McCombe) 3

Also started: 252 Petard, 626 Variation, 52 Rhine Gold, 165 Mangrove, 53 Calotype, 69 Wet Blanket. Time, 1m. 18s. Dividends £5 2s and £1. The winner was bought in for £75.

THIRD DAY.

LADIES' BRACELET of 60sovs. Two miles.

445—Mrs. A. Hall's b g Lull, aged, by Handsome Jack—Zephyr, 11.10 (Mr. A. G. MacDonald) 1

131—Mrs. R. Townley's b g Last Ensign, aged, 11.10 (Mr. G. Hardwick) 2

Also started: 305 Merriwai, 94 Westwind. Westwind broke his leg and had to be destroyed. Time, 3m. 47 4-5s. Dividend, £1 19s.

STYX HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. Once round and a distance.

246—Mr. R. M. Hempseed's ch g Golden Comb, aged, by Gold Reef—Loreli, 10.3 (Delaney) 1

477—Mr. J. Clark's br g Kaipetipeti, aged, 11.9 (J. Hall) 2

253—Mr. D. Rutherford's ch h Stronghold, 6yrs, 10.7 (Cahill) 3

Also started: 152 Stayboy, 316 Southern Cross, 680 Catch-em, 81 Magical, 84 Variation, 160 Roan Banner. Time, 3m. 1 1-5s. Dividends, £6 6s and £1 1s 6d.

SYDENHAM HURDLE HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

409—Mr. K. McKenzie's ch g Sen-Sim, 6yrs, by Chief Commander—Sensina, 9.3 (Telford) 1

703—Mr. M. Manton's b g Shrapnel, aged, 11.13 (Young) 2

269—Mr. C. Dawson's b g Ben Jonson, aged, 10.5 (Phillips) 3

Also started: 221 Lady Hune, 393 Ability, 218 Landlock, 284 Te Uira, 143 Idasa. Time, 3m. 16 1-5s. Dividends, £4 7s and 16s 6d.

HEATHCOTE HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

165—Mr. E. J. Smith's b g Manjess, aged, by Mannlicher—Jess, 9.1 (L. G. King) 1

300—Mr. J. Thomas' br h Mataari, 5yrs, 9.0 (Reid) 2

402—Mr. W. Murray's b g Whakawehi, 6yrs, 9.2 (Young) 3

Also started: 680 Medalist, 293 Probable, 388 Pas Seul, 708 De Witte 160 Anycyle. Time, 1m. 30s. Dividends, £12 13s 6d and £2 6s 6d.

TURF RESULTS.

C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

HUNT CLUB CUP of 100sovs. About two miles and a-half.

183—Mr. G. L. Rutherford's ch g Sir James, by Bay King—Jessie, 10.6 (Whitehouse) 1

55—Mr. Ensor's br m Wahine, aged, 9.9 (Neary) 2

501—Mr. A. S. Elworthy's b g Albury, aged, 11.4 (Corbell) 3

Also started: Craigmore (coupled with Albury) 268 Rosemorn, 120 Deerslayer, 212 Post Haste, 39 Stormy Petrel, 40 Purimu. Time, 5m. 9s. Dividends, £5 4s 6d and £5 16s.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile.

137—Mr. J. Grigg's ch g Fandango, 5yrs, by Gipsy Grand—Whirlpool, 10.5 (Retter) 1

399—Mr. J. Cairns' ch g Czar Kolo-hol, 6yrs (W. Price) 2

524—Hon. J. D. Ormond's br m Outer, aged, 10.8 (F. D. Jones) 3

Also started: 304 Hinupai, 121 Ruapehu, 65 Giovanni, 625 Anycyle, 94 Mangrove, 137 Westwind, 50 Steplink. Time, 1m. 46 1-5s. Dividends, £12 2s and £1 7s 6d.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 250sovs. Six furlongs.

82—Mr. G. Palmer's b h Probable, 5yrs, by The Possible—Primula, 9.8 (Ashby) 1

LINCOLN STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. About two miles and a-half.

235—Sir W. Russell's ch m Nadador, aged, by El Draque—Noyade, 11.0 (J. O'Connell) 1

332—Mr. S. Darragh's b g Kiatera, aged, 13.4 (McGregor) 2

399—Mr. J. Grigg's b g Phaetontis, aged, 11.12 (Higgins) 3

Also started: 220 Eclair, 249 Slow Tom, 239 Inniskillen, 226 Irish, 169 Loch Fyne, 73 Pipi, 165 Hikairo, 86 St. Kooringa.

At the kennels double Slow Tom was just behind Inniskillen and Phaetontis. He was first into the straight, and after a good struggle finished a length in front of Nadador. Kiatera being a length further back. Slow Tom was disqualified for crossing. Time, 4m. 50s. Dividends, £7 and £1 8s.

SELWYN HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

346—Mr. J. F. Buchanan's ch m Inglefuk, by Buchanan's Benzoin—Fireside, 9.6 (J. Pine) 1

213—Mr. J. Cairns' ch g Czar Kalahol, 6yrs, 9.0 (W. Price) 2

268—Sir G. Clifford's ch h Clanchattan, 5yrs, 9.6 (F. Jones) 3

Also started: 250 Jolly Friar, 303 Ivanoff, 254 St. Bill, 324 Friar, 154 Grandstand, 193 White Cockade, 212 Armento, 113 Jolly Roger. Time, 1m. 6 1-5s. Dividends, £5 6s 6d and £2 16s 6d.

FINAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Once round and a distance.

292—Mr. H. Whitney's ch m Levant, aged, by Natator—Roulette, 9.7 (Pritchard) 1

205—Mr. C. Weal's b m Lady Hune, aged, 11.9 (Cress) 2

320—Mr. J. Buckley's ch g Ability, aged, 10.12 (Higgins) 3
Also started: 741 Leeside, 23 Aqua Regia, 148 Southern Cross, 108 Wild Cat. Time, 3m. 1½s. Dividends, £5 11s 6d and £1 18s.

HUNTERS' PLATE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and a-half.

758—Mr. L. Rutherford's gr g Canton, aged, by Exile—Marbelle, 12.9 (Mr. McDonald) .. 1

332—Mr. C. W. Bourne's br g Pallada, aged, 12.13 (Mr. McCracken) 2

272—Mr. P. C. Rutherford's br g Makuri, aged 12.0 (Mr. Gordon) 3
Also started: 382 Crispinot, 418 Sir James, 187 Albury, 281 Hinemoa. Time, 2m. 50¾s. Dividends, £2 6s 6d and £1 15s 6d.

ADELAIDE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

The Adelaide Grand National Steeplechase resulted:—
Tarpon, 10.12 1
Cool Breeze, 10.7 2
Coat of Arms, 9.5 3
Nine horses started.
A mile from home the placed horses cleared right away from the rest of the field, and a good finish resulted in a win for Tarpon by a length and a-half. Dividend, £6 18s

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Idealist Sold—May Go to Australia—Manjess Sold—To Be Sent to India—Ability and St. Michael Sold—J. George's Opinion of Paritutu's Race in G.N. Hurdles—Glenculloch, Bonny Glen Wintering Well—Derby Prospects—McCombe Goes to Sydney to Ride Stead's Horses—The Libyan, Paragon, Pretty Nell, Mango, Rose Noble, Hilarity in Work—Phaetontis to go to Sydney—Volodia and Jack Ashore Worth Watching.

CHRISTCHURCH, August 21.

Idealist, the winner of the Winter Cup, was sold by auction at Tattersalls' on Monday. George Payne, of the Empire Hotel, being the purchaser. The price paid was 380 guineas. The son of Birkenhead may soon be sent over to Australia to join Price's team, which consists of Pink'Un, Subterranean, and Co.

Manjess was sold on Friday last for 86 guineas; one of the conditions being that the horse should complete his National engagements in his previous owner's name. Manjess won the Heathcote Handicap for E. J. Smith, and paid the nice dividend of £12 odd. It is stated that Manjess will be sent to India.

Ability changed hands yesterday at 130 guineas, while St. Michael, an ex-Auckland Cup winner, was sold for 15 guineas.

The party behind Eclair had a good win over their horse's victory in the Grand National Steeplechase; while those behind Shrapnel would not hear of their horse losing the Grand National Hurdles.

While in the C.J.C. rooms on Wednesday last I heard J. George remark that Paritutu would have won the National Hurdles had he not rapped two hurdles hard at the half distance. I hardly agree with George, being firmly of the opinion that Shrapnel won clearly on merit, and was the best horse in the race at the weights.

With the conclusion of the National Meeting things will be rather quiet at Riccarton for a week or two. The appearance of the weights for the New Zealand Cup in the course of a few days should give racing men plenty to think about.

Two Derby colts in Glenculloch and Bonny Glen are wintering remarkably well. The Derby prospects this season look particularly bright with such colts as Boniform, Count Witte, Glenculloch, Bonny Glen, Elevation and Downfall.

Grand Stand, The Seer, and Strathfillan are now located at Riccarton.

J. McCombe leaves on Friday for Sydney, to ride Boniform, Count Witte, Sun Glow, and Armllet in their Australian engagements.

The Libyan, Paragon, Pretty Nell, Mango, Rose Noble, and Hilarity are now on the active list.

M. Hobbs is training an English-bred filly imported by Mr Teschmaker, from England.

Phaetontis is likely to go over to Sydney to compete at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting.

Volodia and Jack Ashore are well forward for this time of the year, and should be worth following in their early spring engagements.

HAWKE'S BAY

Dannevirke J.C.—Napier Park J.C. Increase Their Stakes—Regret at Hearing of Fairbrother's Death—Burial of a Popular Jockey—Foalings in H.B. up to date—Death of the Brood Mare Mount Ida—John Rae Takes up Duties of Trainer to G.P.D.—Needle and Uenuku—Hickey and Eclair—Pleasure at Sir W. Russell's Win—The Tikokino Hack R.C.—Death of E. Beresford.

NAPIER, August 21.

At the annual meeting of the Dannevirke Jockey Club, Mr. Gordon Lloyd presided. The election of officers had been proceeded with when a point arose regarding validity of nomination. After discussion, it was decided to call another meeting 21 days hence for the purpose of filing the offices.

A committee meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club was held on Thursday afternoon, Mr. John McVay presided. The spring programme, as drawn up by the Programme Committee, was ordered to be printed. It was decided to increase the stakes from £1240 to £1430, being an increase of £190. Six new members were elected. The usual bonus of £2 2s was granted to the "Christchurch Press" Company for the production of the "Turf Register."

When the sad news came through from Wellington on Thursday that Harry Fairbrother had crossed the great divide, universal regret was expressed by the army of friends that "Fairy," as he was popularly called, had endeared himself to. For no matter how the week was going with him, he always had a hearty greeting for you and a genial smile. He was courteous both in and out of the saddle; straight as they make them in the pursuit of his calling, and always proud to look on the good side of a comrade's character rather than pass adverse comment upon him. Such was Harry Fairbrother personally. I have known him since he was a little lad, and as years advanced our friendship had grown solid and firm; and as I pen these few lines to the memory of the best comrades I cannot help but rebel against the power that removes the best from us and lets the derelicts float about on this planet of ours when they might easily be called and never missed.

The remains of the late Harry Fairbrother were interred in the Hastings Cemetery yesterday, and the funeral procession, which was quite a mile long, was representative of all classes of the community, and formed a sad tribute to the esteem in which the deceased was held. Over a hundred wreaths were received by the family from all parts of the colony; and the special carriage retained for their conveyance was unable to hold the full number of floral offerings. The Rev. Mr Hobbs conducted the funeral service at the church and the final rites at the graveside.

The following foalings have taken place in this district to date. At Crisoge, Pearl Powder (Captivator—Pearl Ash) a filly to Gold Reef. At Mangatarata Station, Hinenui Tepo (Carlyon—Namo) a filly to Waiuku. At Karamu, Temera're (Dreadnought—Sister Mary), a filly, Trentallo (Trenton—Montalto) a filly, Snooze (Flintlock—Lullaby), a filly, all to Birkenhead.

Mount Ida, one of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's brood mares, passed away last week at Karamu; she was in foal to Renown at the time of her death. Mount Ida, who was bred by her owner in 1891, thus making her 16 years of age, this foaling was best known to fame as the dam of Ideal, whose son Idealist annexed the Winter Cup last week at Riccarton.

John Rae arrived here last week from Auckland to take up the position of private trainer to Mr. G. P. Donnelly. Rae was accompanied by his son Herbert, and he also brought down a couple of equines in the shape of Needle and Uenuku, and the latter will form one of Rae's pupils here. Needle, who is an old pensioner, will be put to the humble though useful calling of a harness horse. Mr. Donnelly has just erected a splendid establishment at Taradale for his string, and a spacious and commodious home for his trainer, but has decided to let the ground attached to it to settle down before making use of it in the meanwhile. Rae and his charges are domiciled at Ngatarawa.

Had any one, when the chasing season started for the 1906-7 term, predicted that the three principal steeplechases at the Grand National Meeting would have come to Hawke's Bay, they would have been looked on in the light of being poor judges, but the unexpected has happened, and Eclair and Nadador have proved equal to the occasion. Sports throughout the land would I ween feel pleased when the signals went up that Sir William Russell had done so well with his home-bred mare. Harry Hickey is deserving of praise beyond a doubt for the loyal way in which he has stuck to Ec-

lair, and also for the persevering manner in which he has laid himself out to get the old gelding (he is ten years of age) well. Hickey has never tired of telling me that he would be sure to catch a big steeplechase some day with Mystical's son, but I did not profit by the advice which was constantly given me. Eclair won his first race at Wairoa, a Ladies' Bracelet, five years ago, his only start that season. He was then the property of Mr. Robert Smyth, a well-known member of the Wairoa Racing Club. Some time afterwards he was bought by Hickey, who has had him ever since.

At the annual general meeting of the Tikokino Hack Racing Club held last week the balance-sheet showed a profit of £35 over the last race meeting. The executive intend to greatly increase their stakes for their next gathering. Mr. W. G. Nightingale was unanimously re-elected handicapper to the club.

Mr. E. Beresford, who a few years back was associated with Messrs. Profit and Wilson in the bookmaking business in Napier, died suddenly last Saturday night.

His accuracy with which punters have been getting home of late has decided one of our leading metalicians to quit the game, as he argues it is no good working for years to get the ducats together, and then get up against it all of a heap. The sameness of the proceedings of late, only two horses in a race backed, and this couple finish first and second, makes it rather monotonous from a layer's point of view.

OTAGO.

Tod Sloans in the Saddle—Comments on the Perch Seat—W. F. Douglas Carpeted—Loses His Temper—Scratches all His Horses—Totalisator Supporters at Work—Eight-item Programmes—J. McCombe's Style of Seat—Taggart's Hard Luck—St. Koorlinga—Pip's Great Jumping Form—How the Tote was Run at the C.J.C. Meeting—Re Phaetontis—Shrapnel's Time—Enclough's Condition—Kaitere the Hero of the National Meeting.

DUNEDIN, August 21.

There is no rule in the laws of racing which permits a club to say what style of riding jockeys should adopt, but it is time that somebody stepped in and prevented Tod Sloans riding over country. On more than one occasion last week saddles were emptied simply because they were never properly filled, and a horse only required to rap a fence in order to part company with its pilot. The old style of horsemen would rarely leave the saddle unless a horse fell, but the Sloaners fly, like a missile from a catapult, even if a peck on landing does not follow a rap of the obstacle. The calf of the leg is shaped in a manner that assists a rider to sit a horse, and the perch seat will never be a complete success until its users disregard riding boots and grip the saddle with their toes in the same manner as the monkeys in a circus.

After the conclusion of the first race on the final day of the National Meeting the stewards requested Mr. A. F. Douglas, the owner of Needlework, to explain the difference in form exhibited by his horse at Wellington and Riccarton. It is understood that Mr. Douglas replied in effect that his trainer was the proper person to ask as he (the trainer) knew more about that sort of thing than the owner did, and followed up his remarks by scratching Waipu, St. Albert and Merrywal for the remainder of their engagements at the meeting.

The pro-totalisatorites were not idle during the National Meeting at both Riccarton and Addington, and during the progress of the racing at both places signatures for a petition in favour of the machine were gathered by the hundreds.

Despite the fact that each day's racing at the National Meeting started promptly at 12 noon, the final event was always run in a bad light. An eight item card is far too long at this time of the year, and the only thing which prevents so lengthy a programme deservedly receiving a severe condemnation, lies in the fact that a flat race was always made the final event. No doubt our clubs would not so strictly adhere to the eight-race card if they were free from the impression that they "need the money."

The well-known horseman J. McComb is to leave in the near future for Sydney, where he will ride Mr. G. G. Stead's horses in their engagements at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting. McComb has never ridden in Australia, and it will be interesting to note how critics beyond the water compare his horsemanship with that of Hewitt and other New Zealanders who have crossed the sea. Unlike other peers of the pigskin, McComb has not adopted the monkey perch on his mounts, but rather a sensible compromise

between the old and the new style, which permits of a horse deriving the benefit of both, and at the same time allows the rider to sit up to finish when it comes to a close thing. If there is one big fault the extreme disciples of Tod Sloan possess it lies in the fact that only about one in a hundred is of any use to a horse when it comes to a genuine battle at the finish of a race.

The trainer who is entitled to tell the best "hard luck story" of the past 12 months is W. J. Taggart, who has, unluckily, lost the fruits of two important races after winning them. Leaside won fair and square at the November meeting, but, unfortunately, the race had to be run again because it was started before the advertised time, with the result that he was defeated in the second go. And now Slow Tom has been deprived of the Lincoln Steeple on the result of a protest for crossing after landing over the last fence.

The Southland chaser, St. Koorlinga, found the company at Riccarton too good for him; he bumped his rider out of the saddle at his third fence, in his first race, and was pulled up on Saturday after negotiating a circuit of the course.

Old Pipi has raced at the last six National Meetings without once falling, and has compiled a reputation for safe fencing that it would be hard to equal; he fenced as capably as ever when he was stripped at Riccarton last week, but the pace was too hot for him at the finish of his races.

The horses had weighed and dispersed to the saddling sheds after running in the Winter Cup, but even after this lapse of time investments were being rung on to the totalisator. They had been made no doubt before the race was run, but several of the spectators passed some rude remarks about the dilatory method of registering them on the machine.

Phaetontis, who was a staunch ante-post favourite for the National Steeple, was travelling very well in the race until about half a mile from home. It was contended that if he had had the benefit of a race at Wellington another victory would have fallen to his lot in the big chase; but he again failed, after being held in reserve for the final day of the meeting. Perhaps Phaetontis does not like carrying weight, and this may be the real cause of his defeat, and not want of racing condition.

Jack Pot's 3.43 1-5, registered at the last N.Z. Cup Meeting, was the fastest two miles run over hurdles at Riccarton prior to Shrapnel making his record last week. Record Reign's 3.46 3-5, with 12st 12lb on his back, as a weight-carrying effort, will be hard to beat.

The appearance presented by Buccleuch was not at all suggestive of wanting form, as he was as big as the proverbial bullock in condition; nevertheless he ran a great race in the Winter Cup, and the gallop he received in it did him so much good that he cantered home in front of the weaker opposition he met on the second day of the meeting. It is only on very rare occasions that horses run so well when looking half trained.

Kaitere was the hero horse of the National Meeting, and he gave a display of speed, stamina and capable fencing that is seldom seen. His rider, Wilson, was probably more harassed than assisted by the riding orders he received on both the days he was in the saddle, and the over-confidence of his party appeared to be the chief cause of the Castor gelding's defeat.

WANGANUI.

Maniapoto Doubtful Starter for N.Z. Cup—Idolotrous and King's Birthday—Sedgemoor, Cassiopea, Anemone—Fishermid Expected to Run Well at Hunt Club Meeting—General Peel Doing Well—Irish Rifle Hard to Beat—Sylvan Park Good for Marton—Lady Sylvia in Work—Kavier Dangerous for H.C. Meeting—Kuroki and White Star Doing Well—Helen Portland, Armistice and Guiding Step—Marton Acceptances Due Tuesday Next—Rangitikei Acceptances Saturday.

WANGANUI, August 21.

Maniapoto, who started to work last week after a bad attack of strangles, looks very jolly on it, but it is very doubtful whether the son of Sout will run in the New Zealand Cup, since it seems almost impossible for him to be got fit enough in time, after such a severe attack of strangles as he suffered from.

Idolotrous and King's Birthday (in charge of W. Powell) are not only looking well, but are doing useful work.

Sedgemoor, Cassiopea, Anemone, and others of Belcher's team are in capital condition, and galloping well at present.

Walter Raynor has Fishermid well forward, and she is doing good sound work. She should run prominently at the Hunt Club Meeting.

Judging from the way General Peel is acquitting himself under the care of George Laing, he should run well at the

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Wanganui Club's Spring Meeting. George has been very careful with the gelding, and it is to be hoped he will reap some reward.

Irish Rifle will be a starter at the Hunt Club Meeting next Thursday, the 29th inst. Dunn has the half-brother to Shrapnel in capital nick, and he should be hard to beat.

Sylvan Park, one of R. Johnston's string, is engaged at the forthcoming Marton meeting, where he may be expected to run prominently, as he is in good fettle. In addition to a full sister to Golden Eagle and the St. Cyr gelding, which Johnston has also in his stable, he has just taken in hand the mare Lady Sylvia, who gave great promise in the Taranaki district.

George Smith has rather a promising, a sort hacking about the roads, viz., a chestnut half-brother (by Sylvia Park) to Explode. He has also a horse called Xavier, who bears a well-trained appearance, and should be dangerous at the Hunt Club Meeting. Smith has also Monte Peille (by Explosion out of Keep-sake) in work, and according to the way he is shaping on the track he promises to be fairly successful; which it is hoped he will be seeing the care and attention bestowed on him by his trainer.

Kuroki and White Star, under the care of Frank Lind, are going along very nicely. The former is engaged in the two big flat events at the Marton Meeting on the 4th and 5th of next month.

Harry Jackson has returned from the Grand National Meeting with Helen Portland, who ran a very fine race in the Winter Cup after getting anything but a good run. During Jackson's absence W. Andrews (the head lad) had charge of Armistice, Guiding Step and the rest of Mr. Moore's horses which are in work. The Mahaki mare is looking remarkably well, and all going well it is safe to say that she will take a power of beating in the New Zealand Cup.

The Marton Jockey Club have received such capital nominations for their annual meeting to be held on the 4th and 5th of next month, that it is quite safe to predict that the gathering will be a most successful one. Acceptances are due on Tuesday next.

Owners are reminded that nominations for the Rangitikei R.C. Meeting are due on Saturday, the 24th inst.

Considerable interest is being taken in the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club's meeting, which takes place on Thursday next, the 29th inst., on the Wanganui Racecourse. The entries received for the various events are good, and some capital sport should be witnessed.

WELLINGTON.

Hawke's Bay Wins at C.J.C. Meeting—Words of Wisdom re Auckland Horses at C.J.C.—Wellington and Wairarapa Horses at Same Meeting—Lull, Seaman, Armamento and Ancyle—The Voucher and Hiro Entered for Marton Meeting.

WELLINGTON, August 21.

It was generally anticipated that the North Island Contingent would annex the lion's share of the stakes offered by the C.J.C. at their Grand National fixture. Hawke's Bay had a specially good innings, the G.N. Steeple, Winter Cup, Enfield, Beaufort and Lincoln Steeplechases, Trial, Spreydon and Styx Hurdle Handicaps being won by horses hailing from Hawke's Bay.

Auckland sent a strong team, including Shrapnel, Kaitere, Irish, Inniskillen, Loch Fyne, Cuiragone, Vizier, Aqua Regia, Lady Hune, Landlock, Ben Jonson, Cavalry, Catch'em and Le Beau, the eight first-named were specially reserved by their owners for the Grand National Meeting, but with the exception of Shrapnel's victory in the G.N. Hurdle Race their mission was a disastrous one; their owners may realise now that they might just as well have had a cut in for the stakes offered by the Wellington Racing Club at their winter meeting. Of the fourteen Auckland horses only Shrapnel and Ben Jonson won a race at Riccarton; the latter with Lady Hune, Landlock, Cavalry, Catch'em and Le Beau were no doubt benefited by the racing at Trentham, and it is to be hoped that the C.J.C. programme will be so arranged in future that horses from the North can participate in both the W.R.C. and C.J.C. meetings without in any way detracting from their winning prospects.

The Wellington and Wairarapa owners secured three events with Sen Sim, Hinupai and Levant, the former's win

A "cocky" out west named McLure had suffered from coughing and chills. He saved up his money like bees getting honey. And never would spend on his ills. At last in despair and much pain, He opened his purse and did McLure. Some "hawbees" went bang, but the praises he sang Of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

was long overdue, whilst Levant came near to being looked upon as a "has been."

Lull, the Feilding representative, gladdened the heart of his owner's good lady by annexing the coveted bracelet; that race and the G.N. Hurdle Handicap being the only events for which the son of Handsome Jack was started.

The local trainer, W. Davies, has returned from the South with Seaman, Armamento and Ancyle. The former made a bold bid for the Winter Cup, and was not subsequently started at the meeting. Armamento and Ancyle, although allotted minimum imposts, never flattered their connections, who from the appearance of the totalisator supported them freely in their engagements; the pair mentioned are fine upstanding horses, and seemed in good racing condition, too.

But few local trainers have engaged the their vouchers at the Marton Meeting. The Voucher and Hiro being the only pair to patronise the inland club. The Horowhenua Meeting, which takes place a week later, will probably draw nominations from several local owners, whose horses have refreshed up since their efforts at Trentham.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

1000 to 40 Downfall; 800 to 15 Probable; 500 to 10 Silkweb; 500 to 7½ Buccleuch; 400 to 30 Seaman.

CUP AND STEWARD'S.

600 to 2 Harvest and Lupulite; 500 to 3 Armistice and Buccleuch; 500 to 1 Glenullin and Grandstand; 500 to 3 Boniform and Count Witte.

Messrs Ross and Bradshaw report the following business:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

600 to 4 Waione; 500 to 2 Silkweb; 500 to 7½ Probable; 500 to 20 Downfall; 500 to 30 Mahuta; 500 to 5 Fandango;

CUP AND STEWARD'S.

1200 to 2 Fandango and Ing'battery; 1000 to 2 Fandango and Cross Battery; 600 to 6 Armistice and All Red; 500 to 5 Master De'aval and Munjeet; 500 to 1 Probable and Pas Seul.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

To be held on the WANGANUI RACECOURSE, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th AND 27th.

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-President: H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: C. O'Connor. Handicapper: George Morse. Clerk of Scales: H. M. Speed. Clerk of Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Hatherly. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Jas. Watt, A. Higgle, E. A. Campbell, G. Marshall, James Higgle, D. Campion and Allan Cameron. Committee: President and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. E. A. Campbell, Allan Cameron, D. Campion, James Higgle, A. Higgle, H. W. Hule, G. Marshall, James Watt, J. F. Cotfield, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, and G. G. Russell. Hon. Treasurer: J. H. Nixon. Secretary: W. Hall.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

- 12 noon.—FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.
- 12.45 p.m.—MAIDEN HACK RACE of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, 5 furlongs. Open to maiden horses only. Three-year-olds to carry 7st 7lb; four-year-olds and upwards, 8st 2lb. Entrance, 1sov.
- 1.30 p.m.—WANGANUI GUINEAS. A sweepstake of 10sovs each for starters, with 300sovs added; second horse to receive 50sovs from the stakes. For three-year-olds. Distance, one mile. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200sovs after 1st September, 1907, to carry 7lb extra. Closed with 44 nominations. Acceptance, 4sovs and 5sovs at the post.
- 2.30 p.m.—OKEHU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 125sovs; 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. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 3.15 p.m.—GONVILLE HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 90sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 4 p.m.—PUTIKI HACK RACE HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Weights, not less than 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 4.45 p.m.—SPRING HANDICAP of 125sovs, second horse to receive

15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. One mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

SECOND DAY.

- 12 noon.—OWEN HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 12.45 p.m.—MOUTOA HACK HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 1.30 p.m.—BRUNSWICK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one and a-half miles, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 2.30 p.m.—ARAMOHO HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 4sovs.
- 3.15 p.m.—WANGANUI HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 4sovs.
- 4 p.m.—RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 4.45 p.m.—MARANGAI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

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 penalties will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, AND ACCEPTANCES, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED TO SECRETARY, WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1907.

At 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS — Flying Handicap, Maiden Hack Race, Okehu Handicap, Gonville Hack Hurdle Handicap, Putiki Hack Handicap, Spring Handicap, Owen Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Brunswick Handicap Hurdles, Aramoho Hack Hurdle Handicap, Wanganui Handicap, Railway Hack Handicap, Marangai Handicap, 1sov each.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1907.

(on or about)

WEIGHTS for First Day's Handicaps (Open Events).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1907.

(on or about)

WEIGHTS for First Day's Hack Events.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1907.

At 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES — Spring Handicap and Flying Handicap, 2sovs each; Wanganui Guineas, 4sovs; Okehu Hurdles, 1sov.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1907.

At 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES — Gonville Hack Hurdles, Putiki Hack Handicap, 1sov each.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1907.

At 9 p.m.

FINAL PAYMENT Wanganui Guineas, 5sovs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1907.

(at or about) 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1907.

At 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES — Owen Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Brunswick Handicap Hurdles, Aramoho Hack Handicap Hurdles, Railway Hack Flat, Marangai Handicap, 1sov each; Wanganui Handicap, 4sovs.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1907.

At 9 p.m.

SECOND FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1908, 2sovs.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1907.

At 9 p.m.

ENTRIES—Jackson Stakes, 1909.

WM. HALL, Secretary, P.O. Box 15, Wanganui.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES (Third), six furlongs. To be run at Christmas Meeting, 1908.

MANAWATU STAKES (Fifth), six furlongs. To be run at Autumn Meeting, 1909.

SUMMER MEETING, 1908.

PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES (Third) of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. For two-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1st, 1908, of any race or races collectively of the value of 150sovs to carry 3lb; of 250sovs, 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; of 750sovs, 10lb; of 1000sovs, 14lb 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 Friday, August 7th, 1908; 2sovs if struck out by Friday, November 6th, 1908. All horses remaining in after that date to pay their total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race.

Note.—No money required at time of entry.

Entries for Yearlings and upwards close with the Secretary, at Palmerston North, at 10 p.m. on Friday, 20th September, 1907.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1909.

MANAWATU STAKES (Fifth) of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Six furlongs. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1st, 1908, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb; 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; two-year-olds, 5lb.

By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely:—1sov if struck out by Friday, November 6th, 1908; 2sovs if struck out by 31st January, 1909. All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race.

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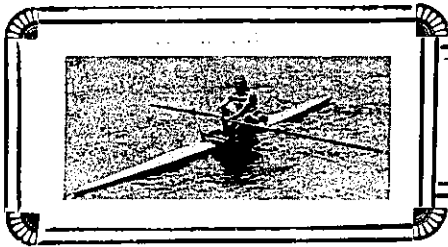
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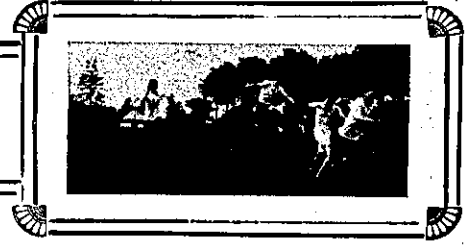
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SPORTING NEWS



BOXING.

(By "Head Stop.")

AUCKLAND GARRISON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WRESTLING AND BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The executive of the Auckland Garrison Officers' and Non-Com.s' Clubs are sparing no pains to make their coming boxing and wrestling tournament a success. The entries for the various events are large, and as every competitor has the honour of his company in his keeping, the very best and most exciting bouts may be looked forward to by the general public. There are many old and well-established boxers and wrestlers taking part in the tournament; some have even attained to the dignity of a championship, and there is any amount of young blood waiting to fill the ranks of the "Has Beens." The arrangements at the Drill Hall tomorrow and on Friday will be of the best class, and the public are assured of two evenings' splendid sport during the tournament.

The Canterbury Association has selected the following team to compete in the New Zealand championships at Auckland on August 30 and 31:—L. Watson (bantam), R. Mayze (light), J. Gilmour (middle), and J. Lloyd (heavy). It is possible that Tresize will be included as feather-weight representative.

The following will represent the Wellington association in the New Zealand Amateur Boxing Championships at Auckland on the 30th and 31st inst.:—Bantam-weight, B. Tracey; light-weight, G. McCarthy; middle-weight, H. Fletcher; heavy-weight, H. Sandow. The feather-weight representative is yet to be chosen.

It is reported that there are three entries from Invercargill, Southland, for the New Zealand amateur boxing championships, to be held at Auckland on the 30th and 31st inst.

A private letter received in Christchurch states that the Queensland

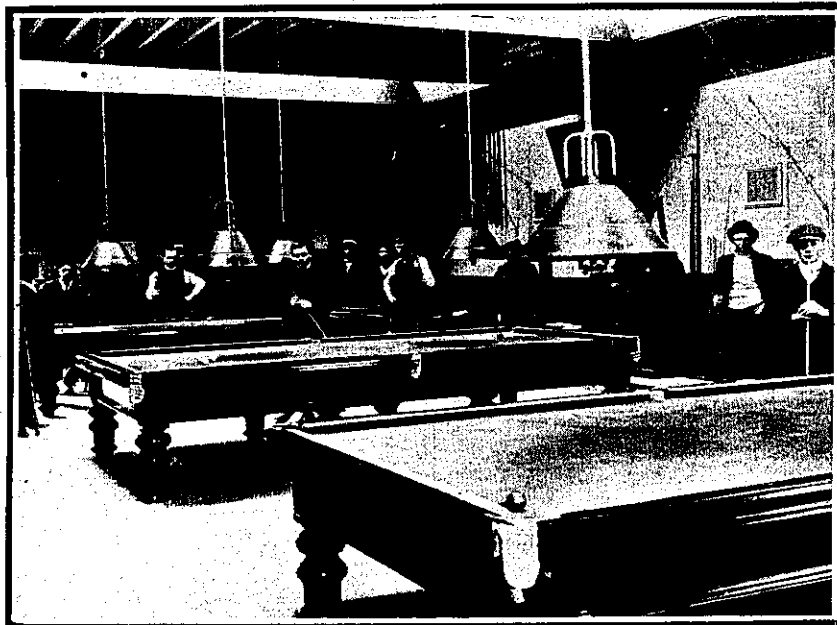
team to compete in the Australasian championships will be Cantwell (bantam), Bagley (light), and Scanlon (middle). No official word on the subject has been received by the secretary of the New Zealand Council.

Mr. Lindsay Cooke, who has for some time been an enthusiastic supporter of the Northern Boxing Association, has presented that body with a ballot-box and a brass gong, the latter being much in evidence during the various contests lately held under the auspices of the N.B.A. Mr. Cooke has always been a liberal patron of sport of all kinds, and the Northern Boxing Association are lucky in having so liberal a patron on their executive list.

There were some very interesting displays of sparring at the N.B.A. rooms last Friday night. Toohey, who recently boxed with Murphy in New Plymouth, sparred with Gibson, and later on gave a lively exhibition with Ross. The latter boxer had a good set-to with a stranger who was too light to extend Ross. The strang-

er race run at the gaslight sports recently, as to which of the competitors had really finished first. The judging machine turned "crook" on the management, and that usually reliable register was not there to give a verdict. Instead, the ordinary mortals from the executive were acting as judges. There were many present who declared that Nicholson "flew in!" Others were prepared to swear that the runner placed third was the actual winner. As we were not present we cannot give a verdict. But it is the unconscious humour of one of the competitors that so strongly appeals to us, and brings forth this par. When the executive sent for Nicholson to receive his second money dividend, that very much disappointed competitor refused the solatium with scorn, and requested the proprietors to forward his winnings, as a donation, to some charitable institute for the blind! Really good!

"Pakeha" writes to the "Taranaki News" as follows:—"Your leader of Monday morning, dealing with the



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er showed that he had been at it before. The Howard Bros. put up a lusty three rounds, and Messrs. McLean and Millen had a couple of rounds' go, which ended in favour of McLean. There was a representative attendance of the executive, and an enjoyable evening was spent both by the competitors and those who were privileged to be the audience.

ATHLETICS.

AUCKLAND ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Auckland Athletic Club ran another Novice Handicap last Wednesday in warm weather and in the presence of a large attendance. The events were got off with a smoothness even noticeable at this well-managed gathering. One hundred and eighty-four nominations were received and 153 acceptors faced the starter. Thirty-one heats were run, exclusive of dead-heats, in the first round; six heats, exclusive of dead-heats, in the second round; and two in the third round. The final placing was as follows:—

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| C. W. Mexted, 7yds | 1 |
| J. H. Hindman, 9yds | 2 |
| R. Stevenson, 10½yds | 3 |
| H. Davis, 10yds | 4 |
| M. Allen, 8½yds | 5 |

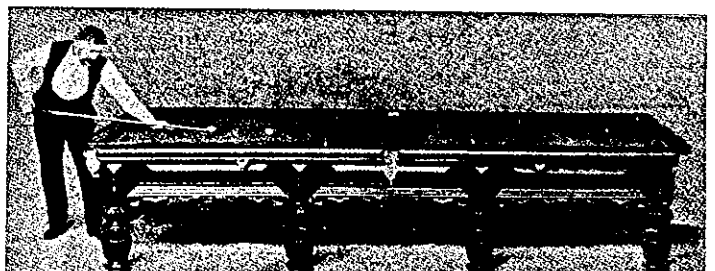
A good race, Mexted cutting down the field and winning by a foot, the others bunched together. Time, 7 4-5s. The stakes were impounded on Wednesday evening. Mexted, who was an odds-on favourite, signed the necessary "dec." on Thursday morning, and the stakes were paid over to him. The club intends to run a 100 yards handicap on the 28th inst.

There was some doubt expressed by those who saw the finish of a 75yds

native question, recalls to mind a happening of some years ago at the opening of a hall in one of the Taranaki kaingas. There was quite a large influx of Europeans. The Maoris seemed to have developed a craze for 'change.' Visitors were approached by a Maori in this wise: 'You got te two single shillin' and te ikipenny for te half-crown?' And the change would be given. Others wanted two sixpences for a shilling, two shillings for a florin, two threepenny pieces for a sixpence and so on. By-and-bye came dinner time. The pakehas trooped in and enjoyed their feed. A collection was taken up. Gee whiz! Not a soul of them had anything smaller than a two-shilling piece. That's how the 'child of nature' got home on the civilised product."

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BILLIARDS.

(By "Blue Chalk.")

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TALES OF SPORT

(BY F. D'A. C. DE L'ISLE.)

(Author of "Tales of Sahib Land," "Tales of the 28th B.L.," "Tales of a Turf Detective," "Sport the World Over," etc.)

THE MAJOR'S SELEDANG.

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"Six months' furlough!" so the Gazette announced; and I departed from headquarters in rusty health, and strong of spirit but painfully weak as regards my understandings, or, rather, my left support. The unnaturally large hole made by an expanding Ghazi bullet would take months to heal, and my regimental sawbones assured me that it would be quite twelve months before I should be free from the limp that was caused through my being plugg'd by the expanding shell of a sacked Kukri Kel's elephant rifle. So I packed up my sporting paraphernalia, and, clad in soothing mufti, betook myself to the Malay Peninsula, where I had a bosom "pal" who was British Resident at Pahang. I had always longed to do the Malayan States, and an imperative invitation from my friend Clogstoun decided me. I wired my departure from Belgaum, and followed swiftly in the wake of the wire. At Jelevu my friend met me, and our greeting was the greeting of the brethren of the white man's British. Pahang, a small State under British control, is bounded on the one side by the State of Selangor, and on the south by the Negri Sembilan State, of which Jelevu is the chief town. It is a famous sporting country, the principal attractions being elephant and seledang. The seledang is a buffalo of the Asiatic species, called commonly the gaur throughout India. In Burmah it is called the siang, in Malaya the seledang, in Siam the gnuadang. It is the largest of the species (*Bos gaurus*), and of uncommon ferocity. The sportsman who goes astalking after seledang has to be swift and an absolutely dead shot, for when once Mr. Seledang makes his charge he comes along like a cyclone and a tornado rolled into one, and everything in his path goes down like wheat before the scythe.

It was not my intention to indulge in the delights of seledang shikari for quite a while, for my infernal limp precluded the prospects of any sustained walking, and I was only able to move at the rate of about a mile an hour, with the auxiliary assistance of a good oak stick. Therefore it was with great pleasure that I discovered that my friend Clogstoun was billeted at the Club House at Jelevu, where he was likely to remain for some time. At Jelevu there was a chance of European society; in Pahang one would only see a white man once in a blue moon. So I became an honorary member of the Jelevu Club, and took up my quarters in two very comfortable rooms in that bungalow. It was the Durian season, and my friend Clogstoun had his hands full of law suits and native quarrels. He had a dual duty to perform, for he was Acting-Resident for the Negri Sembilan, as well as Resident of Pahang. The Resident at Jelevu was down with fever, and Clogstoun had taken up his work in the meantime. The Durian season is peculiar to Burmah and all the Malay Peninsula, and perhaps nowhere in the world does such a state of things exist as happens there during this season. The Durian is a fruit of a peculiarly fascinating nature. All who partake of it are seized with a mad exhilaration, becoming full of happiness of a singularly amorous nature, or of a murderous desire for battle and bloodshed. So attractive is the taste and action of the Durian that all animal life fights for its possession. Monkeys fight with desperation over Durian, and other animals of the jungle consume it greedily. A native who has the good luck to possess a Durian tree or trees on his property is assured of a good income; for the Durian commands a higher price in the markets than any other of the many exquisite tropical fruits. The natives enjoy it above all other fruit, and during the Durian season the otherwise calm and easy-loving Malayan becomes an amorous tiger, inflamed with passion, and eager to fight with all and sundry who would deprive him of his indulgence in Durian and love-making. Durian thieves and poachers were daily taken red-handed; and since the British Resident was judge, magistrate, and commander-in-chief in one, his time was occupied every day to its full in adjudicating on Durian rights and Durian wrongs, from petty larceny to even manslaughter sometimes.

I soon got tired of listening to my friend sitting in judgment at the Court House at Jelevu, and was infinitely delighted to welcome at the Club House a distinguished visitor in Major Horace Bloodgood, of the R.A. The Major arrived on shikari bent, and he informed me that it was his intention to sweep the Negri Sembilan from end to end after seledang. We fraternised over many "pegs," and eagerly and interestedly examined each other's sporting kits. He was quite a delightful personality, and I took to him immensely for the time being. He was short of stature, though broad of chest; the R.A. are not punctilious with regard to mere inches in a man's stature. His complexion was purple, or nearly so, for many Indian suns had tanned it and burned it, until brick dust paled before the fiery grandeur of the Major's face. He wore an enormous moustache, that gave him so fierce an expression that Clogstoun named him The Tiger as soon as he saw him; and The Tiger he remained with us ever after. He had sharp, penetrating, steely blue eyes, calculated to make the most case-hardened battery squad shiver in its boots; and no enemy, we opined, could gaze upon his ferocity and live. But, alas! all mankind is vanity, and the desperate-looking Major became a thing as of putty under the influences of Durian, and the entrancing glamour of a pair of wide-opened, grey eyes.

It took the major three days to organise his staff of beaters and guides, and I assisted him with a heavy heart, for I knew that it was impossible for me to accompany him just then. He engaged some half-dozen beaters, two guides, and about a dozen carriers. On the morning of the third day he started for the seledang country, while I stood, leaning heavily on my oak stick, and drank him bon voyage in a foaming tumbler of Scotch and Polly. He took off his solar topee, as the cortege filed out of the club compound, and waved us a final adieu. In five minutes we saw them climbing up a hill, into the mountainous jungle, the Major stalking proudly in the rear. Then they all vanished from sight. Clogstoun chuckled grimly.

"Hello! What's that for?" I enquired.

"I'll bet you a gold mohur he's back inside of a week without even having seen a 'dang, he answered.

"How's that?" I asked.

"He has got the wrong men. Those two guides are the biggest duffers hereabouts, and the greatest cowards unhung. If they even knew of the haunts of the 'dang they would clear in the opposite direction. Depend upon it, the Major will return with an empty commissariat and a soul full of savage disappointment. Those loafers know no more about seledang than a Chocktaw squaw."

"By Jove, what a duffer he was not to consult you!" I murmured.

"Yes, I could have put him up to a few wrinkles. But I cannot call a minute my own just now. You must excuse me for leaving you so much alone. I'll get a gharri for you to-day, and you can wander about the jungle roads and get a pot at a poot-poot or a jungle fowl. They are very scarce, but you might be lucky enough to bag one."

I thanked him heartily. I was getting pretty sick of lying on the bamboo chairs of the Club verandah, and I welcomed the prospects of a drive through the jungle.

For the four following days I did nothing but drive about in the uncomfortable Malay gharri through the jungle, with my fowlin-piece across my knees, hoping for a shot. Sometimes we drove through taploca plantations, coffee plantations, and large paddy fields; at other times the Pegu pony attached to the gharri climbed laboriously over the jungly hills; but it was poor enough sport, for the game were few and far between. Of monkeys, there were thousands, the most prominent species being the wa-wa, or laughing gibbon. I soon tired of his horrid wail. A few poot-poot came within reach, and I shot a fine pair to add to my bird collection. Of the beautiful black-and-red jungle fowl I saw but one. He was streaking across a bare jaleng patch, and I brought him down with a snapshot that made me feel a shade less disappointed with my bad luck. But I returned to the Club House on the fourth evening after the Major's departure, sick of

the gharri and the fruitless drives round Jelevu. I was met on the verandah by Clogstoun. There was a light in his eyes and a quaint flicker about his mouth that told me of some important happening. He gave me his arm, and led me down into the compound.

"Fun for us, my boy," he began. "You'll have to get into a white shell to-night for dinner. We have a lady visitor here."

"No! Who is she?" I asked.

"A Mrs. Mackenzie, wife of a coffee planter up north of my place. She has just returned from a trip to Calcutta, and will wait here for Mackenzie to come and take her home. It's no joke for a woman to be travelling alone through the jungle roads at this season. I sent a runner away to Selangor this afternoon with her letter to old Mackenzie. It will take him two days to get there, and Mackenzie will take double that time coming down; so we shall have the lady here for at least six days more. How do you like the prospect?"

"It all depends. What's she like?" I asked.

"Very fascinating. She had half-a-dozen bow-wows in India, I've heard," replied Clogstoun.

I felt a curious interest growing in me. The "bow-wow" in Anglo-Indian chat is a follower, attendant, or courtier. An Indian lady who could boast of a squad of bow-wows should most certainly command some attention. As my friend Clogstoun and the Major were the only white people I had seen since my arrival at Jelevu, I felt relieved to think that we should enjoy the society of a lady for the next few days.

Both Clogstoun and I made careful toilets for dinner that evening. The easy and comfortable khaki patrol jackets were laid aside, and we both turned out in spotless white shell-jackets, a well-starched white shirt, with collar and tie, a crimson silk cummerbund, and immaculate, tight-fitting, drill trousers. Patent leather pumps and gaudy socks made us both look up to date. Clogstoun wore a fine black pearl stud in his shirt, and with a white wax flower buttonhole, he certainly put me in the shade. My centre stud was a jade stone only, and I had forgotten the buttonhole altogether. We adjourned to the verandah to await dinner. There we found Mrs. Mackenzie. Clogstoun introduced me, and we were all soon chatting away merrily about Calcutta and Calcutta society and its amusements.

Mrs. Mackenzie was a slim lady of middle height, with a pallid complexion, that showed the pearl cream upon it very perceptibly. She was far from pretty, but a fine head of curly chestnut hair and wonderful grey eyes relieved the plainness of her features. Her manner was very taking, and I could well understand her possessing a fascination for the bachelor element in Indian society. She was a brilliant conversationalist, and all through dinner she kept us both interested with an incessant chatter of small talk. When the dessert appeared she clapped her hands delightedly.

"Oh, that delightful Durian!" she exclaimed. "Do you know that those heathens in Calcutta never have it on their tables! It is one of the few delightful gifts that the gods provide us with as a compensation for our exile here. Have you acquired the taste for Durian yet?"—and she turned to me with a ravishing smile.

I had to acknowledge my remissness in that direction, and owned up to not having got into the Malayan fashion. But she pressed me so that I managed to get through a couple of flakes of the passion-giving fruit, much to my dislike and hugely to the amusement of my friend. Mrs. Mackenzie ate it with relish, and my uneasiness was accentuated by a very decided wink from Clogstoun.

"Try some more, old man!" he said, persuasively, and I hacked at his shins savagely. The "kit," luckily for me, intervened with a plate of mango-teens, and in refuge I proceeded to beslobber my face and hands with one of those delicious, though decidedly messy, creations of the tropics.

Mrs. Mackenzie was an epicure. She drank port with her Durian, and I soon perceived a hectic flush overspreading her pearl cream complexion. When she had satisfied her craving for the fruit we adjourned to the cool of the verandah—and the mosquitoes.

But the strong smoke of two fragrant Burmese cheroots and the aroma of my lady's tiny Frossard soon put the insect pests to flight, and we enjoyed the cool night and our "pegs" in peace. After the smoke we sat under the punkah in the cardroom and played dummey bridge. At length, after an enjoyable evening, Mrs. Mackenzie retired to her room, and Jack Clogstoun and I walked up and down the compound path finishing a final cigar.

"Well, how do you like her?" asked Clogstoun.

"She's a lively little woman, but her chatter would soon bore me. By George, what a twist she has for that awful Durian!" I answered.

"Most women get the taste. I can't stand it myself, but I know many Englishmen who go half mad over it," he said.

Well, Mrs. Mackenzie, if she does not prove too exacting, may last for a few days. At any rate, it is better than being alone nearly all day," I said.

"Poor old chap! I'm sorry I'm so busy. Anyhow, the change is doing you no end of good. I can see an improvement in you already. I am tied here for another fortnight, but after that I'll take you up into Pahang, and then you will get any amount of stunning sport."

I said I would endeavour to pass the ensuing fortnight with as much content as I could muster; and after some more desultory conversation we had a final "peg," and said good-night. Mrs. Mackenzie didn't appear until "tiffin" on the following day, and I spent the forenoon passably with an ancient copy of the Revue des deux Mondes. After tiffin, Mrs. Mackenzie inveigled me into taking a gharri ride to a waterfall in the hills, some five miles from Jelevu. We were squashed together in the diminutive Malayan cart, in very uncomfortable style, and I looked forward with anguish to a two hours' captivity in that racking vehicle. But Fortune favoured me. Just before we reached the waterfall a long string of coolies, beaters, and guides streamed down from out of a jungle path, and behind them came The Tiger, hot and savage, and using a flow of Hindustania that excited my profoundest admiration. Happily for his retinue, the majority of them failed to grasp the delicate points of his remarks, Hindi being practically Greek to them. When The Tiger spotted us he halted in astonishment. I hastened to introduce Mrs. Mackenzie. Then was The Tiger's wrath appeased. He told his tale of woe, and Mrs. Mackenzie was duly sympathetic. For five days he had wandered in the jungle, and not a sign of seledang had he seen. The natives ate ravenously, and the provisions disappeared as if by magic. Finally the party had to right about face, and quick march back to Jelevu. The Tiger had eaten nothing that day but two hard biscuits, and was in a half-famished condition. I vacated my seat in the gharri to him, and mounted into a doolie carried by two bearers. In five minutes the gharri and its occupants disappeared down the hill, and I stretched myself full length in the doolie and abandoned myself to reflection.

The Tiger, I saw, was entirely captivated by Mrs. Mackenzie's interesting chatter. He gaped, spell-bound, at her large innocent grey eyes, and I knew that for the next few days there would be some freedom for me. I devoutly hoped that the Major was a good bridge player. That would make the nights pass pleasantly and sociably. I myself delighted in a good game of bridge, and I knew that Jack also thoroughly loved good play. I began to think that Mrs. Mackenzie had her compensations, but, alas! I little guessed what an unconscionable and arrant little flirt that lady was.

When the doolie finally landed me at the Club House I found The Tiger indulging in an enormous "peg," and seated by his side, in a comfortable rocking chair, Mrs. Mackenzie was prattling away with all the divine freedom of a guileless maiden of seventeen summers. I would fain have left them together, but Mrs. Mackenzie pointed to a cane lounge on her vacant side, and insisted on my joining in the discussion of seledang hunting then on the tapis. Shortly afterwards Clogstoun appeared; he also was captured by the lady, and we three men sat round her, and smoked, and laughed at her witticisms, and

were deliriously entertained until dressing-time came. The Tiger was in the seventh heaven of joy; he found a most sympathetic listener in Mrs. Mackenzie, and he spoke authoritatively and loudly on all his great deeds in the field of sport. She, on her part, was delighted with her capture, and she employed a hundred winning smiles in order to wind her chains more securely around The Tiger.

Our burra khana that evening was one continuous simmer of merriment. The Tiger, on Mrs. Mackenzie's right, was excelling himself in his attentions to the lady. Jack, from the head of the table, was enjoying the fun tremendously, and I, opposite the grey-eyed lady, was treated to many languishing looks and ocellades, all calculated to fascinate and bring me to the lady's feet. It was when the desert appeared that the fun grew fast and furious. Mrs. Mackenzie proceeded to initiate The Tiger into the delights of Durian. Flake for flake he ate the creamy and smellful nectar with her. His face turned blue, then black; his steely eyes were starting from their sockets; he breathed stertorously, and only by copious draughts of port did he keep himself from choking. We all laughed uproariously at him, but he was enthralled by the grey eyes, and he smirked, and grinned, and bowed at her with overwhelming gallantry. Mrs. Mackenzie chided Jack and myself for shirking the Durian; she taunted us with being afraid of the power of the fruit. Thereupon The Tiger valiantly tried some more. He vowed that to sit by her side and eat Durian was the acme of all human blisses. She smiled divinely upon him. We adjourned to the verandah for cheroots and maraschino. The lady accompanied us. The Tiger enthused about the beautiful moonlight, the fire flies that lit up the jungle, the fascination of a woman's society, and the romance of the East. Clogstoun kicked my shins and chuckled. The Durian had worked The Tiger up to an extensively amorous pitch. We played bridge afterwards. The Tiger and Mrs. Mackenzie always proposed hearts. It was farcical what hands they proposed on. We beat them handsomely, but nevertheless The Tiger was delighted. His subjugation was complete.

For the following days they were always together. But the lady knew a thing or two. To my disgust she insisted upon my accompanying her everywhere. The Tiger followed as a matter of course. Thus I was made to play propriety for her, and also acted as a butt to fan The Tiger's jealousy. On the third day he was barely civil to me. The ass looked upon me as a rival. Every evening Mrs. Mackenzie devoured Durian at dessert, and The Tiger followed suit with immense gusto. Then, as things began to look serious, Mackenzie arrived to escort his charming wife home.

It was a bad time for The Tiger. He became morose and sulky. He consumed brandy "pegs" every fifteen minutes. But Mrs. Mackenzie had not done with him yet. She flirted with him openly, before her own lord and master. He, poor fellow, evidently knew her falling; and also appeared to have a whole-souled confidence in her. At her express desire he invited The Tiger and myself to Selangor to shoot seledang. I was anxious to see the termination of this Durian business, and, after consultation with Jack, consented to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie to their plantation. We started on the following day in doolies. The gigantic coffee planter walked contentedly by the side of his wife's doolie; The Tiger stalked along on the other side. She barely noticed her husband, devoting all her grey eyes' glances to The Tiger, with an occasional whisper of complete fascination. From a strategic position in the rear I studied the situation with an intense interest. It was a four days' march to Selangor over and across wild and hilly country, mostly mosquito-haunted jungle, with a patch of lalang here and there in an opening in the forest. Each night we camped out, in tents, and The Tiger grovelled at the feet of his Durian-eating captor. I really began to pity the poor fellow. Mackenzie himself took absolutely no notice of his wife's outrageous flirtation, but I could see The Tiger was beginning to get absolutely murderous with jealousy. Happily, the fourth day of our march provided a termination, dramatic, but final, to Mrs. Mackenzie's amusement.

The fourth day's march was through almost impenetrable jungle. The narrow footway was overgrown with creepers and frequently blocked with huge roots of trees; overhead the dense vegetation made the interior of

the jungle dark with shadows, and the bearers had the greatest difficulty in feeling their way along the narrow path, through the tangle of bamboo cane, and creepers.

At tiffin time we camped in a lalang patch, flat and grassy, and bright with the tropic sun. It was an intense relief from the dark and insect-infested jungle. Once again Mrs. Mackenzie primed The Tiger with Durian, and champagne was consumed by the tumblerful. I noticed Mackenzie in animated conversation with a couple of bearers who were marching ahead of us, and was surprised to see them unpacking a big elephant rifle and ammunition from one of the kits. Then Mackenzie approached us and said:

"You may get a shot at seledang at any time now. We are passing through the favourite camping place of a large herd, and the bearers have seen 'pugs' of many seledang not a mile ahead in the jungle above us. Better get your rifles ready. I'm going ahead; I understand the jungle. I'll give you plenty of notice if we sight any quarry."

The Tiger, Durian mad, was frothing for blood. In no time he had his rifle out and ready for action. I noticed, with some surprise, that he carried a somewhat light weapon—a small .50 calibre. Jack Clogstoun had posted me as to seledang shooting, and I was pleased that I had a really heavy elephant rifle with me—eight bore, with a smashing, bashing cartridge that would stop or turn a hippopotamus. Before leaving us Mackenzie gave us a few trenchant words of advice.

"Keep your eyes open and your feet clear of vines. If the 'dang charges take cover behind the largest tree you can get to. Remember, that he may come at you from behind any bush in the jungle, and be as wary as a cat! Good luck!"

He marched away ahead of the doolies, and after about five minutes we followed. The Tiger led the way with a guide, my doolie followed, and Mrs. Mackenzie's doolie was taken to the rear of all the kit carriers. I could see that we were climbing the side of a range. Nothing could be seen more than five yards ahead of us, so thick was the jungle. After we had travelled a mile or so, boring through the forest, one of Mackenzie's guides came panting back with the information that fresh spoor of seledang had been picked up, and the quarry could not be far off. We pushed on, and soon joined Mackenzie. He held up his hand for us to be silent. When we joined him he merely whispered the word "Listen!"

We plainly heard the breaking of branches and the crash of the game boring through the jungle. Luckily we were down wind, and were so far advantageously situated. But the dense jungle made it impossible for us to see the quarry, and it was a most dangerous matter to stalk the seledang at such close quarters.

Mackenzie stepped quietly and cautiously ahead. He was a giant of considerably over 6ft, but a long acquaintance with jungle shikari had made him a past master in stalking. Behind him The Tiger followed, blundering now and again over the tangled vines in the path. He had blood in his eye, and appeared determined to get a shot. My bearers palpably funk'd it, and gradually fell behind, and I could only get them to move along by cursing their cowardice freely. At length I saw Mackenzie halted, with The Tiger by his side taking aim at something ahead of him. A report followed, and Mackenzie immediately raised his rifle and fired also. There was a terrific bellow from the wounded quarry; my bearers promptly deposited me at the foot of a tree and ran for their lives. I saw Mackenzie dart for a large tree, at the same time yelling to The Tiger to run for it. The Tiger turned and ran for another tree, but his feet caught in some creepers, and he went smashing, face downwards, into some bush, losing his rifle in his fall. In an instant almost a huge bison, standing all of 6ft high, came crashing through the jungle, charging on to the unfortunate Tiger. I took a snapshot at it, and hit it high up on the shoulder somewhere—a really rotten shot, in spite of the disadvantage of my not being able to get a clear sight. The 'dang staggered for a pace or two, then, bending its huge head, rushed madly at the fallen man before it. I reloaded like lightning, but before I could get a second shot Mackenzie darted out from behind his tree, and, within five yards of the charging beast, let drive, and plugged a bullet fair into its ribs. Once again the huge beast paused, then, turning with a bound, charged down on Mackenzie. I got a fair shot at it, almost end on, and sent a bullet

crashing into its neck. But nothing seemed to stop the ferocious animal, and it charged over Mackenzie with awful strength. The unfortunate fellow was hurled to the ground with stunning force, and the seledang turned immediately to gore him and trample him to death. In my horror I lost all presence of mind, and stood paralysed by my doolie. Then, just as the immense animal lowered its horns for the finishing blow, I saw The Tiger come flying at it, rifle in hand. To be charged by this strange creature seemed to astonish the 'dang. It raised its head and bellowed savagely. Nowise daunted, but blood-hungry with Durian passion, The Tiger dashed up to the brute, jammed his rifle-mouth into its ear, and pulled the trigger. The shot blew off the whole top of the seledang's skull. The gigantic beast trembled for a few moments, then sank in its tracks, dead as a door-nail. I heard screams behind me, and saw Mrs. Mackenzie fly past and fling herself upon the body of her unconscious husband. Her agony was heartrending. I limped up as fast as I could and felt his heart. Thank heavens, it was still beating. The Tiger stood by his side, gazing wildly at the woman moaning and crying over her unconscious husband. In a short time the bearers returned, and I got some brandy. I managed to get a fair amount down Mackenzie's throat, and was rewarded by seeing him open his eyes. His wife's joy was unmistakable. She kissed him passionately, thanking God repeatedly for His mercy in sparing her husband's life. He smiled up at her and presently whispered:

"I'm all right. Rather badly smashed. Get me into a doolie and start back to Jelebu."

I examined him all over and found all the ribs on the left side fractured. That was where the 'dang had hit him when it charged. The Tiger turned out to be something of a surgeon, and he bound Mackenzie up in bandages as best he could. Then we got him into a doolie, and started on our march back to Jelebu and the nearest surgeon.

The seledang's head was secured, and the tape passed over its body. From hoof to shoulder-tip it measured 6ft 2in. Its horns from tip to tip went 17in. Truly a formidable beast to charge down a man.

On our return journey Mrs. Mackenzie was unremitting in her attention to and care of her husband. I never saw such devoted attendance in my life. She absolutely refused to leave his side. And the light in his eyes showed what he thought of her.

The Tiger was forgotten. She never even looked at him. Once only, after our return to Jelebu, when the district surgeon had been summoned and had fixed up Mackenzie, did Mrs. Mackenzie speak to The Tiger. She came up to him one morning, and, in halting, broken accents, thanked him for so superbly risking his life to save her husband. She praised his gallantry in the highest terms, and pledged him the gratitude of a lifetime.

The Tiger turned away after pressing her outstretched hand, and I saw a tear glisten on his cheek.

Clogstoun always said that it was the Durian working in The Tiger that compelled him to make that gallant charge; but whatever it was, I'll own to its being the pluckiest thing I ever saw in my life, and I fully agree with Mackenzie and his extraordinary wife in the opinion that the Major has every right to enlarge upon his prowess over the shooting of his first seledang.

AQUATICS.

RETURN OF WIRI WEBB.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD BROUGHT TO NEW ZEALAND.

Webb, the winner of the sculling championship, returned by the Monowai last week, and was met at Wellington by a large number of enthusiasts, including many Wanganui residents.

On being questioned by a "Post" reporter regarding the alleged foul, Webb said he did not regard it as vital to the race.

"What are your plans with regard to the challenges?" was the next question.

"Well, you had better ask Mr. Tuck about that," was the response. "I leave arrangements to him, but I can assure you the next race will be rowed on the Wanganui River."

Mr. Tuck stated that they had three months to decide what to do in the matter of the challenge by Tresidder. The race would come off almost for a certainty in February, and would, of course, be rowed at Wanganui.

Webb was accorded a most enthusiastic reception at the Town Hall at 5.15 o'clock. Parliament had risen half-an-hour earlier than usual to enable members to be present. A huge crowd of people attended, and the utmost enthusiasm was displayed.

The Mayor (Mr. T. W. Hislop) extended to the champion sculler the hearty congratulations of Wellington and New Zealand generally. It was a pleasing feature that the champion was the son of an old colonist, who was highly respected at Lyttelton, where he had lived for 40 years. He hoped Webb would retain the championship for many years, and when advancing years caused him to surrender the honour, it would be to a New Zealander.

The Premier expressed the great pleasure they all felt at having the champion sculler of the world in their midst. He congratulated Webb on his win. It was to the credit of the Empire that one little incident which had occurred was not allowed to stand in the way of the result, while his opponent had generously acknowledged in the spirit of a sportsman that the best man had won. He agreed with Webb that the next contest for the championship should be rowed on the Wanganui River. He hoped Webb would long continue to hold the championship.

Mr. A. T. Ngata, M.H.R., congratulated Webb on behalf of the Maori race.

Mr. W. H. Field, M.H.R., also spoke. Webb was vociferously cheered when he rose to respond. He said that but for his trainer, Barnett, he probably would not have won. He also praised the sportsmanlike way in which Mr. Tuck, of Wanganui, came forward and provided the money which enabled the match to take place.

After Mr. Tuck and Mr. Barnett had spoken, the audience broke into renewed cheering, waved their hats, and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

A unique feature of the reception was a speech of welcome on behalf of the Maori people, delivered by Mr. Ngata, one of the Maori members of Parliament. It was indeed the best of all the speeches, being excellent in sentiment and perfect in the correctness of its English. He said that in every Maori settlement throughout New Zealand Webb's victory would be known as the event of the year. He cleverly applied an old Maori proverb, "When the school of fish has passed Nakutaurua they do not go back." This place is well known as a point on the coast of the North Island. Modernising that old proverb, he would say that Mr. Webb, having brought the championship back to New Zealand, it would not go back. (Cheers.) Mr. Ngata concluded by dramatically reciting the famous "Ka mate" chorus, concluding with a free translation of the last line, "The sun shines on our victory." On resuming his seat he received quite an ovation.

In regard to the above, we clip the following from an exchange:—

At the meeting of the Lyttelton Borough Council during the week the Mayor (Mr. S. R. Webb), read the circular letter sent out by the Mayor of Wanganui, in reference to a public reception and testimonial to the winner of the champion sculling race. His Worship made the following statement in reference to the matter:—"I have received a circular from the Mayor of Wanganui inviting me in my official capacity to solicit contributions towards a memorial to William Webb, the Lyttelton-born sculler, who recently won the sculling champion-

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ship of the world at Sydney. As Mayor of the town which claims the champion as one of its sons, apart from the close kinship which exists between us, I would, naturally, be the last to throw cold water on any reasonable proposal to do him honour, and I have no possible doubt that his great achievement is fully recognised and highly esteemed among all classes of the people of Lyttelton. But, whilst saying this, I also wish to say that in my opinion the action of his friends at Wanganui has done much to bring into ridicule his undoubtedly magnificent victory. Had the good folk of Wanganui merely invited the co-operation of the various rowing clubs to assist them in honouring the champion, no very serious objection could have been taken, but they have for the time allowed their enthusiasm to outrun their judgment. I have ascertained that this view is also shared by the more immediate followers of aquatics at Lyttelton, who have already made some provision should Mr. Webb visit his birthplace at an early date, to provide a fitting public recognition of his victory. In these circumstances I do not think it necessary at present to take any other steps. In the name of the people of Lyttelton I sent a cable message conveying congratulations to Mr. Webb immediately the news of his win reached us." The members of the Council expressed approval of the Mayor's statement and also of his action in sending the cable.

To which we respectfully add:

That many thousands of years ago the two most virile and important nations of the world, Greece and Rome, to wit, were always disposed to reward their athletic champions after a victory in the same fashion as the Wanganuians wish to reward Wiri Webb. These two nations were unrivalled as conquerors of the world, and had they stuck to their athletics might still have been "the golden suns that shine through years of night!" The woolly-whiskered "wowers" of Mr. S. R. Webb's stamp, who frown with green gums and narrowed brain on the enthusiastic reception of a national champion, will some day be instrumental in reducing God's Own Country to the level of Nero's Rome and the Greece of Agape.

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SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1907.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the 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.

FIRST HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

AVONDALE STAKES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st; fillies and geldings, 7st 9lb. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, four furlongs.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race after the declaration of weight to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs, and 3sovs at post. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

PLUNKET HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight of handicap, 8st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

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

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1907.

SECOND HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

AVONDALE GUINEAS of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, one mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

PLUMPTON HANDICAP of 160sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

KINGSLAND HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the 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.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of President's or Plumpton Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; of both races, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

THIRD DAY,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1907.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 40sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

NEW LYNN HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the 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, five furlongs.

WELTER HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Minimum weight of handicap, 8st. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP of 40sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,
SPRING MEETING,
With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1907, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Avondale Cup, 1sov; Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Plumpton Handicap, 1sov; Flying Stakes Handicap, 1sov.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Plunket Handicap, 1sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; President's Handicap, 1sov; Nursery Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Kingsland Handicap, 1sov; Mount Albert Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race, 1sov; New Lynn Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Second Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Third Pony Handicap, 1sov; Publicans' Handicap, 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENTS—Avondale Stakes 1907, 3sovs; Avondale Guineas, 1907, 3sovs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Avondale Cup, 2sovs; Plunket Handicap, 1sov; Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Flying Stakes Handicap, 1sov.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (at post).
Avondale Cup, 3sovs.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES—Second Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; President's Handicap,

1sov; Nursery Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Plumpton Handicap, 2sovs; Kingsland Handicap, 1sov; Mount Albert Handicap, 1sov.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; New Lynn Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Second Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Third Pony Handicap, 1sov; Publicans' Handicap, 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

On or about WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1907.

Avondale Cup, Flying Stakes Handicap.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Maiden Plate Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Plunket Handicap, First Pony Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, Morning Paper.

Second Handicap Hurdles, President's Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Plumpton Handicap, Kingsland Handicap, Mount Albert Handicap.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, Morning Paper.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, New Lynn Handicap, Welter Handicap, Second Handicap Steeplechase, Grandstand Handicap, Electric Handicap, Third Pony Handicap, Publicans' Handicap.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB, PALMERSTON NORTH, N.Z.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 2nd 1907, at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MEETING 1908.

MANAWATU SIRE'S PRODUCE STAKES a sweepstake of Sires' Subscriptions, with 1000sovs added. For Two-year-olds. Weight, 8st 10lb. Geldings allowed 3lb; fillies, 5lb; with penalties and allowances. First horse to receive 650sovs and 70 per cent. of Sires' Sweepstake; second horse to receive 100sovs and 20 per cent. of Sires' Sweepstake; third horse to receive 50sovs and 10 per cent. of Sires' Sweepstake. The nominator of the Sire of the winning horse to receive 125sovs; the nominator of the Sire of the second horse to receive 50sovs; and the nominator of the Sire of the third horse to receive 25sovs from the stakes. Six furlongs.

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PENALTIES—Winners after August 1st 1908, of any race or races collectively of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 300sovs, 7lb; of 500sovs, 10lb; of 1000sovs, 14lb extra. Maidens allowed 5lb. Progeny of mares that have not produced a winner at time of entry allowed 5lb in addition to maiden allowance, provided that such allowance is claimed at the time of entry.

SIRE'S NOMINATED AS FOLLOWS:—1908. St. Ambrose, Kilcheran, Conqueror, Clanranald, Treadmill, Merriwee, Birkenhead, Renown, Seaton Delaval, Stepniak, Field Battery, Multiform, Royal Artillery.

NOMINATIONS FOR YEARLINGS (progeny of nominated Sires) close with the Secretary Manawatu Racing Club on MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1907, at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MEETING, 1909.

MANAWATU SIRE'S PRODUCE STAKES, a sweepstake of Sires' Subscriptions, with 1000sovs added. For Two and Three-year-olds. Two-year-olds, 7st 1lb; Three-year-olds, 8st 10lb. Geldings allowed 3lb; fillies, 5lb; with penalties and allowances. Other conditions same as for 1908.

SIRE'S NOMINATED AS FOLLOWS:—1909. St. Ambrose, Kilcheran, Conqueror, Clanranald, Martian, Quarryman, Papakura, Merriwee, Stepniak, Sir Laddo, Birkenhead, Renown, Soult, Field Battery, Multiform, Royal Artillery.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1906 YEARLINGS (progeny of nominated Sires) close with the Secretary Manawatu Racing Club on MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1907, at 10 p.m.

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TERMS: 12 GUINEAS.

ETON, 2,

By Castor 2 (imp.), dam Lady Walmsley (sister to Carbine).

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GLUTEN was a fine performer on the turf, amongst his wins being the Lingfield Welter Plate (11st), Birmingham Autumn Handicap, Gatwick Oval Handicap (two miles), and Goodwood Stakes (2½ miles). In India he won the Bangalore Cup (1½ miles), carrying 9st 4lb. Four of his two-year-old get raced last season, and all are winners. Glucose started three times; twice second and once first, winning the Gang Forward Stakes in Adelaide.

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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

(BY "SCRUTATOR.")

The last rep. match before the Southern tour eventuated on Saturday, when the Goldfields got a tremendous licking from the weakest Auckland representative fifteen that has taken the field for many a long day. An uninteresting game resulted: Auckland, 32; Goldfields, 5.

Hall was in great kicking form in Saturday's match, and landed the ball over the cross-bar five times. He is a rattling good kick with either foot, and one of his best efforts was a left-footer from a difficult angle. Hall also managed to notch a good try.

Joe Twiname was in scoring humour on Saturday, crediting himself with three tries against Goldfields; an unlucky pass robbed him of a sure fourth. McDonald, McCormick, and Williams each notched a try, while Bater and Stuckey were instrumental on more than one occasion in making the said tries easy of accomplishment.

Young scored the one and only try placed to Goldfields' credit, and Dufty converted with a kick that was worthy of his old-time reputation. It was Dufty's only success, however, and his "boosting" was but a shadow of the glorious past.

The Auckland junior reps. got rather a bad shaking up on the trip down to New Plymouth. In fact, a message came through on Friday morning from one of the members that "half his corporation" had been lost.

Notwithstanding the ill-effects of mal-de-mer, the Auckland boys held their own in the match against the Taranaki junior reps., and though the game was closely contested, the visitors came off victorious by 8 points to nil.

Sprague was responsible for both tries awarded the Auckland juniors. The second was secured under unique circumstances. Sprague and a couple of other Aucklanders followed the ball over the line, and a certain try was on the tapis when a Taranaki man up-ended Sprague. The referee at once awarded a try for obstruction. Magee managed to put the ball over the cross-bar. The second spell was scoreless.

The fourth grade championship was decided on Saturday last, when Ponsonby met and defeated Newton by three points to nil. The game was most keenly contested, and the laurels of victory were only secured by the blue-and-black fifteen as the result of a cleverly-kicked penalty goal by C. Webb.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Rotorua plays an Auckland B team next Saturday.

Pat. Walsh, the Parnell forward, has taken up George Smith's position at the Amateur Sports Club.

Wanganui and Taranaki intend paying a visit to Auckland after the completion of the Southern tour. Wanganui comes to play for the Ranfurly Shield, but Taranaki has not issued a special challenge. The latter, by the way, is regarded as a stronger combination this season than for many years past.

"A hot combination" is the way in which the Sydney press sums up the "All Black" professional team. It is also significant that the newspaper comments allude in eulogistic terms to the fairness of their tactics and the clean manner in which they played in the first match in New South Wales, when they won by 12 points to 8.

The takings at the professional Rugby match, at Sydney, between New Zealand and New South Wales last Saturday, amounted to £602, of which the New Zealanders' share was £316.

It is stated that arrangements are being made for a visit to New Zealand by an English professional team in 1909 or 1910.

C. Dunning and George Smith were each the recipients of substantial presentations prior to their departure last Monday for Sydney, to join the professional team. The presentation took the shape in each instance of a purse of sovereigns. W. Wynyard also left by the Sydney boat on Monday evening to join the "All Black" professional combination.

A rumour was quietly going the rounds on Monday that suspicion hung like the sword of Damocles over four well-known players, in so far as it was known that they had written to the organisers of the professional team demanding a bigger percentage of the profits of the tour than they had been offered, in view of their superior qualifications.

The report went further, and stated that the incriminating correspondence was to come into possession of the Rugby Union, in which case that body would have no alternative but to disqualify, since evidence that any player had asked for payment classed him as a professional.

The sensation of the week in football circles that three well-known players refused to participate in the Southern tour of the Auckland rep. team unless the Rugby Union made it worth their while to do so.

Matters have now reached a climax, and the cat is right out of the bag. What will the Rugby Union do? There is only one course left open, and that is to disqualify the trio in question. It really looks as though we are on the eve of something exciting. Will next season witness the initiation of a Professional Union in New Zealand, or will these players tacitly stand down, and forever sink out of public notoriety as footballers?

The following Auckland rep. team, under the management of Mr. F. Murray, went South on Tuesday afternoon:—

Backs: Miller, Murray, Twiname, Dillamore, R. Magee, Stuckey, Farrant, Hogan, Ladner, Wilson, all of Auckland, and Coote, of Waikato. Forwards: McDonald, Maguire (City), Maguire (Grafton), Hooper, Pople, Francis, Hall, Kinder, McCormick, Williams, Herring, Walsh, of Auckland, and Hayward and Smith, of Thames.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the 1907 Auckland rep. touring team is weaker than it has been for a decade of years. Still, the opportunity has been provided for bringing out a number of young players, and the team is composed almost entirely of men who have never before toured out of the province.

In the back division, Southern clubs will be introduced to a great many young exponents of the game. Miller, the fullback, is only a boy, and won his rep. cap for the first time this season. On the threequarter-line several other young players will figure, Hogan and Dillamore only having come up from the junior ranks this season.

Hall is the star of the team, and though he has been playing in the pack, it is reported that he will find his way to the five-eighth position. Hayward and Francis are known in the South as rattling forwards, while McDonald, Kinder, Walsh, Smith (Thames), Hooper, Williams, McCormick and Pople have only this season won rep. honours. A couple of these latter players are not yet out of their teens.

The threequarter-line is not up to the standard of previous years. R. Magee is as clever a five-eighth as ever went South, but the half-backs are the weak link in the mechanism of the whole combination.

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WELLINGTON CHATTER.

My Wellington correspondent writes:—

Hitherto the footballing public in the Empire City have looked upon the match with Auckland as the match of the year, and for months beforehand practically nothing else has been talked about when a football theme is started. This season, however, a change has come o'er the scene, and the interest in the annual fixture has been, up to the present, as flat as a pancake. And the reason for this lethargy is not far to seek. It is all summed up in one statement—the departure of the professional team on its tour of the Northern Counties of England.

Both provinces have had some very severe losses from a representative standpoint, and as far as we are concerned in Wellington, the forward division has been knocked all to pieces. Of the team that played against Auckland last year, Callum, Gilchrist, Wright Cross and Byrne have all gone, and the only one of the five that was at all doubtful of his place in this year's team was Callum. The two front-rankers and the whole of the middle row gone will indicate how severe the loss is.

On the other hand, Auckland has also suffered considerably from the same cause, and the fact that neither team will be fully representative of the football in both cities has tended to weaken the interest in next Saturday's game.

Another factor that has worried the quidnuncs here is that the local selection committee is the weakest triumvirate that has filled that position for years, and many feel that there is not enough ability amongst them to make the best of the material available. I confess to a feeling this way, and was not surprised to find that when the team made its appearance last Saturday to find it not as strong a one as I think could have been got together. The fifteen chosen to uphold the honour of Wellington on this occasion is:—Fullback, G. Spencer; threequarters, J. Ryan, F. Mitchinson, and P. Anderson; five-eighths, P. Cleary and W. J. Wallace; half, F. Roberts; wing-forward, A. King; forwards, W. Reedy and T. Jordan (front row), J. Spencer, D. Rush (lock), and W. Alexander (second row), and D. Calcinaï and A. Wilson (back row).

J. Ryan is the best five-eighth playing in Wellington, both in attack and defence, yet every time he has been selected this year he has been placed on the wing-threequarter. And it is in the five-eighths that Wellington is particularly weak this year.

The selectors have acknowledged this by playing Wallace there. I have the greatest admiration for the Poneke "All Black," but as a five-eighth he is not comparable to Wallace as a wing-threequarter. The transposition of these two players would make the team a more solid one from my way of thinking.

Again, Anderson is a centre-threequarter, and has not played on the wing at any time during the season. Twohill has been showing excellent try-getting form this season from the position for which Anderson has been selected, and here again the selectors have not shown the least common sense.

If they wanted to experiment they could have played Roberts five-eighth, replacing the "All Black" at half by Green, the young Petone player, who has been showing excellent form during the season.

Shortly, then, a far better back team than the one selected would have been:—Fullback, Spencer; threequarters, Twohill, Mitchinson, and Wallace; five-eighths, Roberts and Ryan; half, Green.

Coming to the forwards, King, on the wing, gets down on to the opposing backs in quick time, but is inclined to start off too soon, with the result that he is penalised a lot. Wells, the ex-North Shore man, is better than he is in this place, but he has a tendency to play the man as often as he plays the ball.

The pack itself is a team of 'bus horses pure and simple, there being

but few amongst the seven who show any dash at all in the loose. The only two who are likely to trouble the Auckland backs to any degree are Wilson and J. Spencer. The former has the same blood in his veins as had Peter Jackson, the coloured fistic champion of our youthful days, and shows similar dogged persistency to what that worthy did when opposite his opponents in the ring. Spencer is the best forward in Wellington, in my opinion, though many ever that he has reached the veteran stage.

Reedy and Jordan, the hookers, are both as slow as they are made, and on on the fat side. Neither are good enough for a game of this description. Heenan and Hamilton, both young players, could have replaced them with advantage, and on their present season's form should have.

Jordan has been playing as long as I can remember, and as this is the first time he has won a representative cap, further comment is needless. Rush is worth his place, and I am not prepared to admit that Wright, the professional player, is even a better lock.

W. Alexander is not playing as well as he did when he won his cap before, and he is about on a par with Reedy and Jordan—not enough dash in his play. Calcinaï is a forward with a lot of possibilities in the loose, but he is inclined to over-train, and gets stale before the season comes to a close.

All said and done, then, I think the Selection Committee have failed to make the most of the material at their disposal. But enough; what we can expect is that the players who have been honoured with the confidence of the committee will do the best that is in them, and it will not be their fault if victory does not rest with Wellington. I have no doubt you will excuse me if I express a hope that the match will result that way, but, be that as it may, my wish is that the best crowd may win, and that the game may be as enjoyable as many of those that have preceded it.

A statement has been made that Edgar Wylie, the manager of the New Zealand team, has aged more than ten years as the result of the trip to Australia. These managerial experiences are never eager to be repeated by those taking part in them, as footballers are kittle cattle to look after. I have had two such experiences myself, and do not want any more.

Recently there has been an enquiry in Wellington for a copy of the latest rules of the game as issued by the English R.U. As the result of those enquiries it has been discovered that there is only one such copy in the Australasian colonies, and it is held by the secretary of the New Zealand Referees' Association, on loan from an Auckland referee. Who after this will dare to say that the English Rugby Union is not eager to keep in touch with its affiliated bodies in this part of the world?

I don't know how your representatives found the grounds in Australia, but the Wellington men are unanimous in the opinion that they never found them so hard before, being like flint in many places. The cricketers may like Bulli soil on the Sydney Cricket Ground, but the New Zealand footballers are not swearing by it. Wallace also tells me that the Sydney forwards put more devil into their play than in previous matches, bringing it in all the time. They also found them eager to play the man, whether he had the ball or not.

Petone won the junior championship last Saturday, defeating Melrose in the final match by 18 points to 3.

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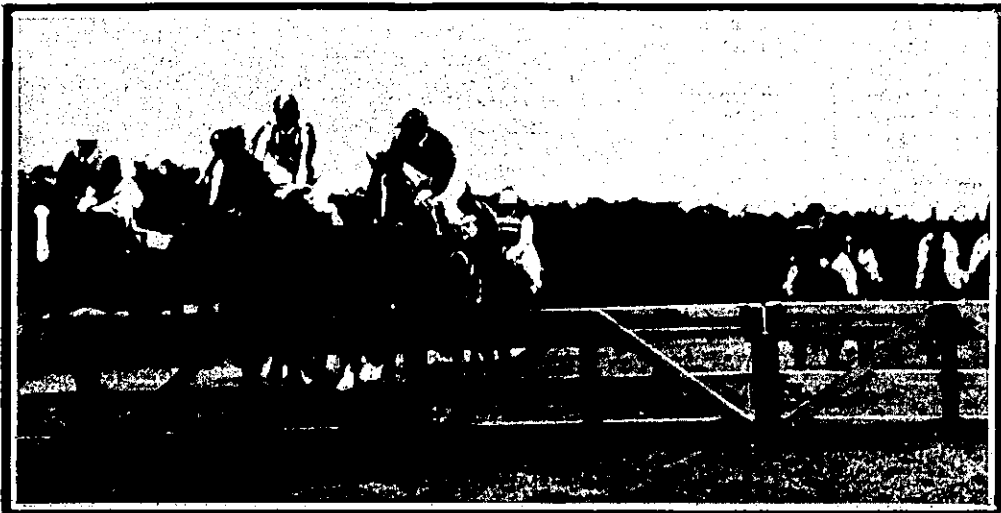
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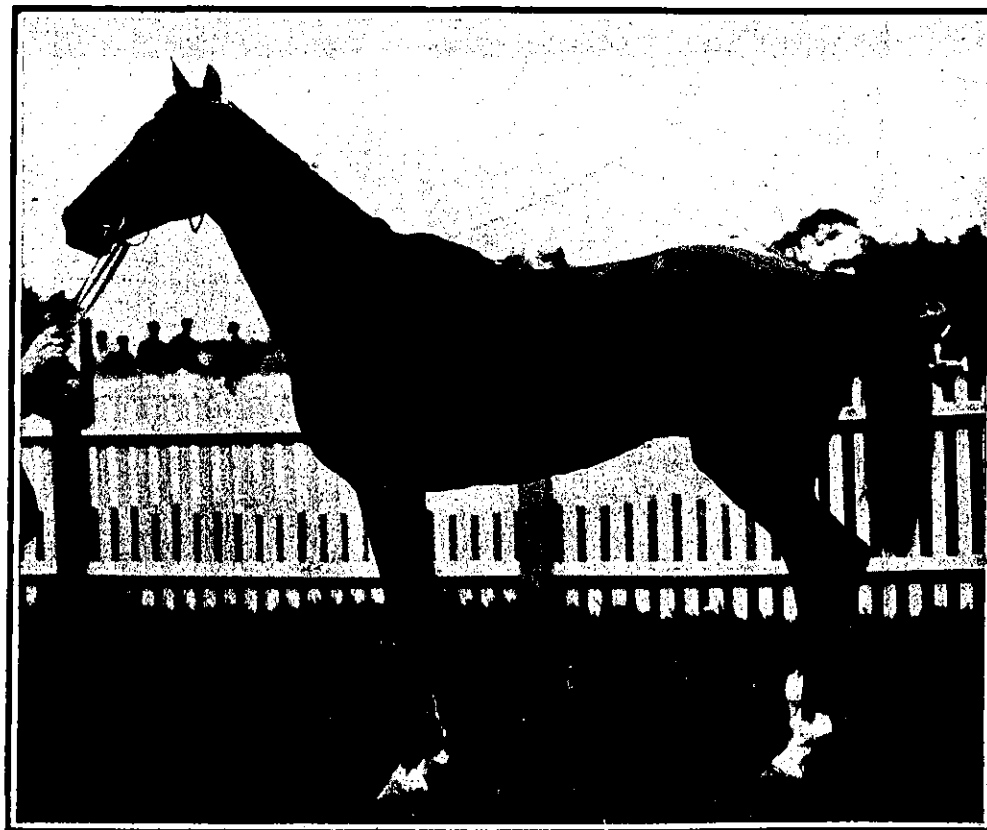
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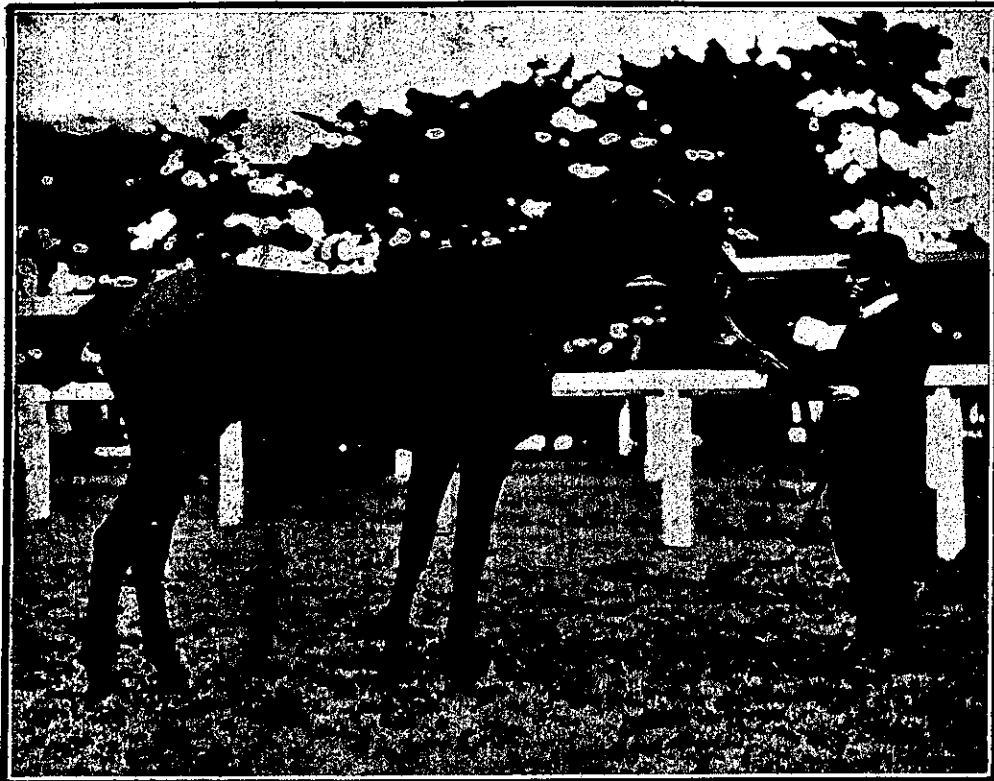


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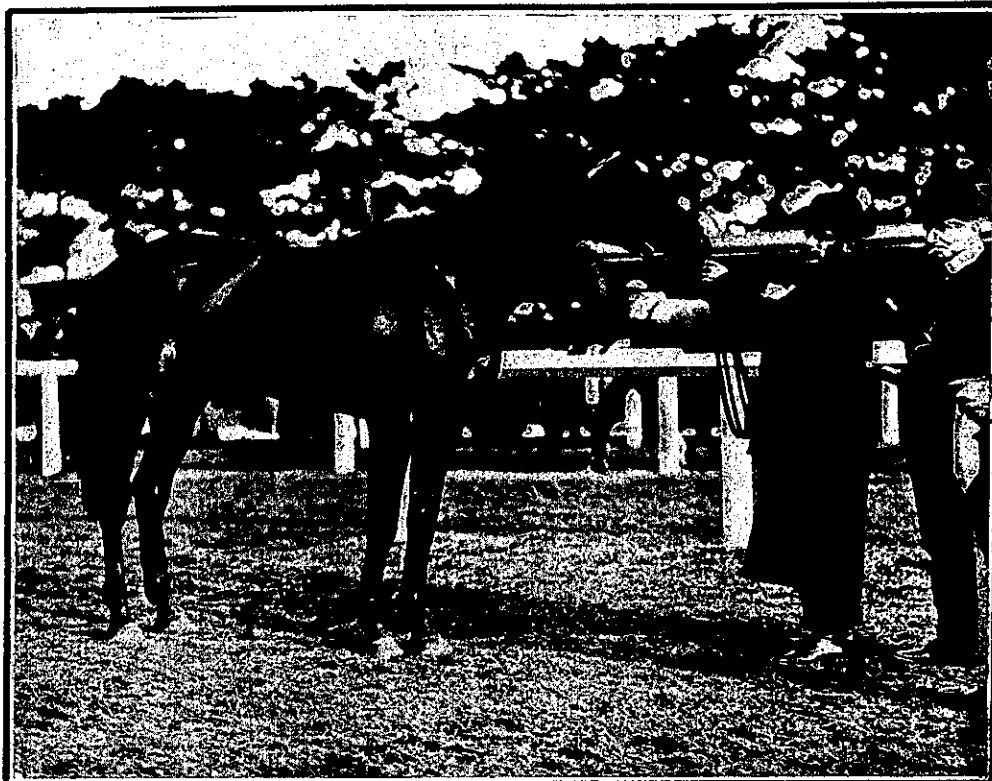


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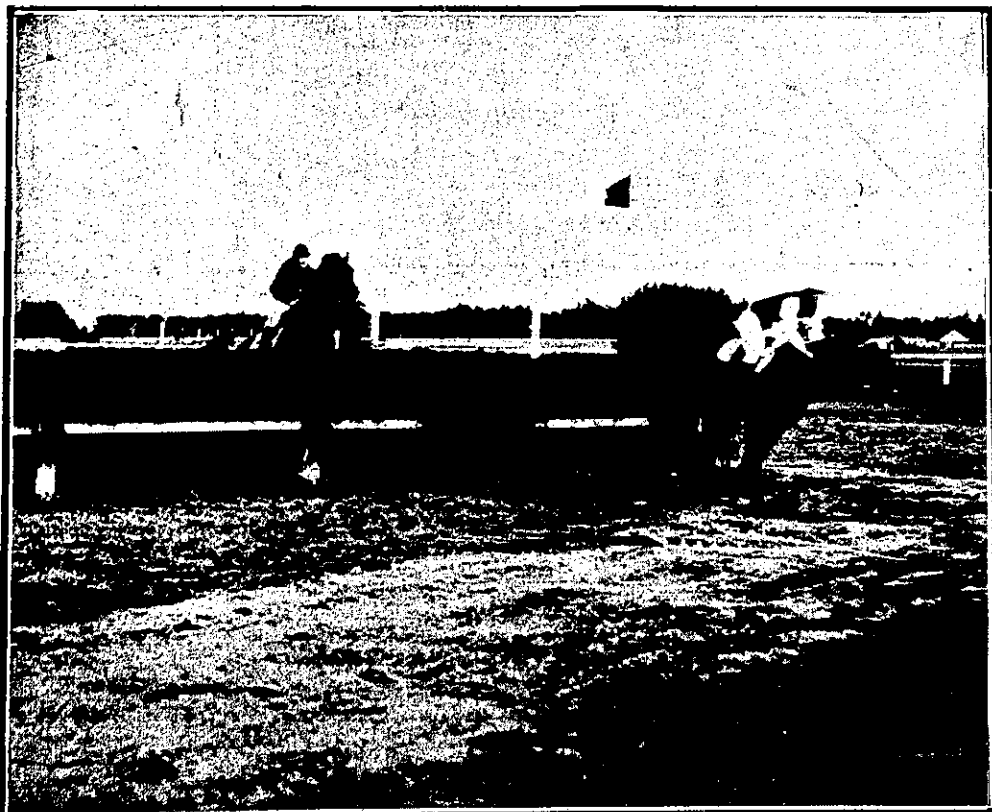
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THE STAGE

(By "O. P. Cyde.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**RICKARDS' COMPANY.**

The popularity of Rickards' Vaudeville Company continues undiminished, and nightly huge crowds assemble at His Majesty's to applaud the fine performances of the "stars" appearing there. Last Monday evening the company presented a fresh programme to a large and enthusiastic audience. Miss Ada Sadler opened the first part with a contralto song; of which only a part could be heard, the major portion being inaudible owing to the strenuous work of the orchestra. Mr. George Dean followed with his descriptive songs, "Heard in Court" and "It's a Funny Feeling." They were both good items, and were rendered in the expressive and telling style that is one of Mr. Dean's best features. He acted the various parts, and his facial expression was just as good as it well could be. He was enthusiastically recalled. Rochfort and Hart were heard to advantage in "Flow Gently Deva," and in response to an imperative recall sang the ever-popular "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust," in fine style. Charlene and Charlene took the house by storm in their musical and juggling act. Charlene introduced several new features into his extraordinary juggling, the most attractive of which were the easy tossing about of silk hats, and the juggling with about half a dozen balls that are finally all tossed high into the air and caught, one after another, in a silk hat. Madame Charlene played a difficult overture on the xylophone, and after many determined recalls was compelled to return and play a fine selection of Scotch airs. Her handling of this quaint instrument is more than remarkable, it is wonderful; and the encores that follow her renderings are a tribute to the popularity of this gifted actress. Mr. Harry Hart filled in with a very pleasing rendering of "Let Me Forget," and Miss Cassie Walmer concluded the first part with her character impersonations. The first impersonation, "Moving Day," was most realistically carried out, and to a furious encore Miss Walmer responded with "Don't Cry Little Girl!" Encore succeeded encore, and a "coon song" was followed by a dance, for which this captivating dusky princess received her full share of approbation.

The second part was commenced with the usual lively orchestral selection, and Mr. Harry Rochfort followed with the evergreen "Bedouin's Love Song," capably rendered and cordially applauded. Then Mr. Fred Russell appeared with his talkative and critically minded comrade Coster Joe. We must congratulate Mr. Russell for such a complete change from his turn last week. The improvement was novel, clever, and a decided variation from the hum-drum everyday ventriloquical entertainment of the minor stars. The setting and arrangements were mirth-provoking and original, and for the all too few and brief minutes that Mr. Russell occupied the stage we were indulged with a running fire of witty "gags" and funnyisms that made life worth living. We wish to add to our encomiums of Mr. Fred Russell, as published last week; he is an eight-pointed, gem-set, twinkling star of absolutely the major magnitude, and fit to rank with such delightful planetary personalities as Jove and Bacchus. Following came Miss Ada Sadler again, with a quaint little song that sounded to us something like "In the Shelter of the Willow Tree," but that confound—pardon—the brilliant orchestra achieved a magnificent triumph with a display of maritime fireworks that effectually asphyxiated Miss Sadler's effort. Then King and Benson appeared in their double turn, entitled, "Just for Fun." The lady in a ravishing frock fresh from London, and looking like Venus escaped from the Venusberg, in spite of her indisposition. No one can deny the popularity of this pair. From first to last, while they occupied the stage, salvos of applause rent the auditorium, and the duettists had to return again and again. Of Mr. King's efforts in vocalisation we



MISS JENNIE BENSON (King and Benson), THE CHARMING SERIO AND DUETTIST, NOW APPEARING AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

have nothing but admiration; he trifled with top notes as a gourmand trifles with caviare, and his extraordinary voice echoed through the theatre ahead of all the demonstrative efforts of the "willing" orchestra, that, for once in a way, found itself out rivalled. In the piano passages the singer also showed to advantage, and in conjunction with his "chic" partner, treated the audience to a really delicious interval of refined music. As to Mrs. King, or rather, Miss Benson (as she appears on the bills), we can only add that he has seldom been our lot to meet with so natural, so charming, and so entirely fascinating a personality on the stage. As a serio, Miss Benson is entirely in a class by herself, a class that enthralls and delights, and a class, we humbly regret to remark, that is far too conspicuous by its absence from serio business. We know that Miss Benson is a remarkably clever dancer, and we most poignantly lament not having been able to see the little lady perform, owing to her indisposition. Some day we may be gladdened by another visit—but, alas! it must be a far-distant day, for this popular pair are booked for tours up to 1911. We can only hope for a recurrence of the pleasure now being granted us. George Dean brought the programme to an end with "How They Say Good-bye," followed by some splendid bioscope pictures, and we quitted the theatre with something like sorrow, wishing, child-like, for more.

PEERAGE AND DEARAGE.

The cablecrammer has informed New Zealand of a marriage in high life between Miss Genise Orm, an actress in London, and the Hon. J. R. L. Yarde-Buller, son and heir of the present Lord Churchill, of Lupton House, Devonshire. Our daily newspapers can hardly be forgiven for turning dear, dainty Denise Orme in Miss Genise Orm.

OPERA HOUSE.**FULLERS' ENTERTAINERS.**

The programme at Messrs. Fullers' still keeps up to a pleasing standard, and each night well-filled houses assemble to witness the performance. Mr. Carlton Cooper, the lightning ventriloquist, provides some genuine amusement with his family of dolls, and the rapid way in which he changes his voice is particularly clever. Mr. Percy Denton, who makes his last appearance in New Zealand to-morrow night (Friday), has been in general favour with Opera House patrons, and his comic and other songs have always been well received. Raleigh and May appeared this week in their slack wire-walking act, and met with a good reception. The Maynards are seen in some pleasing song and dance work. Mr. Joe Woodward's plantation sketch is a rather unique turn, the singing of the coon melodies producing a most realistic effect. Mr. A. L. Cropp sings the "Clang of the Forge," and as an encore his fine bass voice is heard in "The Rebel." Hammon and Wyatt, the Sandow girls, make a great hit with their Mexican specialty "Pepita," while their singing of "Algy" fills the audience with delight. The Ahlbergs are here again, performing acrobatic feats which require no mean strength and dexterity; the turn is intermingled with a good deal of humour. Mr. Clarence Tisdale's pleasant tenor voice finds full scope in "Silver Whispers," and on being recalled he sings "Love Me and the World is Mine," a number in which he excels himself. In the sketch "200 Wives," Mr. Tom Armstrong and Miss Priscilla Verne are seen at their best, and roars of laughter and applause greet the clever pair for their successful efforts. Mr. Armstrong is responsible for some excellent singing which helps considerably in making the turn the enjoyable one it is. The biograph pictures show-

ing a torpedo attack on H.M.S. Dreadnought are of a high standard, and only arrived by the last English mail.

Last night a biograph film depicting the race between Webb and Towns for the sculling championship of the world was shown, and will continue for a number of evenings. On Saturday night the "Robing of the Gods" will again be seen in Auckland, the season being limited to one week.

Messrs. Musgrove and Anderson are reported to have entered into partnership for the production of comic opera.

Percy Denton, who is one of the greatest favourites on the Fuller circuit, will join Messrs. Anderson and Musgrove's New Comic Opera Co. at Sydney next Christmas. Mr. Denton will be missed by his numerous admirers, who are at the present busily engaged in making redemands nightly for "Oysters," a comic song that the singer has popularised here. This week Mr. Denton is singing a song of his own composition, entitled, "Oh! Ain't it Cold!" His first part in the new opera company will be the Baillie in "Les Cloches de Cornville."

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" is to be included in the repertoire of Allan Hamilton's Dramatic Co. "Little Baby Watson" will essay the title role, and to quote George Carey's letter to Mr. Hamilton "You have certainly found an ideal Fauntleroy in this child, who rehearses the part admirably."

There are signs of a "boom" in theatrical matters next year. Attracted by the prosperity in Australasia any number of new attractions are arriving from England and South Africa. There is not an available "date" to be had in 1908 in one of the leading centres of Australia or New Zealand.

The Musical Comedy Company finished its fortnight's run of "Lady Madcap" at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, last week, the final fortnight being distinguished by large audiences most appreciative of the unlimited fun of that gay and festive piece. For the remainder of the month Bendigo and Ballarat are to have "the benefit of their services," the former city from August 19th to 23rd, and the latter from 24th to 29th inst. A three weeks' season will commence in Adelaide on August 31st. The company were rehearsing right up to the day of their departure from Melbourne, with the result that "The Three Little Maids" was "tuned up" to the stage of a full-dress rehearsal, and will be performed for the last night in Ballarat, while considerable progress was made with the preparation of "Kitty Grey," and that piece will probably be staged during the Adelaide season. With these four pieces, all of which are entirely new outside Melbourne and Sydney, the company's touring repertoire is undoubtedly a fine one.

Herbert Flemming has left for England, and will return with an entirely new company in time to open the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, on Boxing Night when "Olivia" will be produced. The Melbourne season will be under the direction of Allan Hamilton.

The other night an enthusiastic Irishman, who had been born within a mile of Kilkea Castle, startled the audience at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, by standing up and cheering vociferously when the curtain rose on Mr. Coleman's picture of it in "The Ragged Earl." On another occasion the horses employed in the last act ate up nearly all the property ivy, and then not satisfied with that tried to devour the tainted imitation on the next set, with the result that they were very sick and sorry for it next morning.

Miss Maud Hildyard, supported by Meynell and Gunn's Dramatic Co., will commence her New Zealand tour in Auckland on Monday, September 16. Her repertoire will include—"The Great Awakening," "The Beautiful Fiend," and "A Warning to Women."

HANS MOHWINKEL.

Our frontispiece this week is a picture in character of the magnificent singer who so lately charmed us all at His Majesty's Theatre in Grand Opera. It represents Herr Hans Mohwinkel as Der Fliegender Hollander. It is one of Herr Mohwinkel's favourite roles. In this role, and those of Wotan in the "Walkure" and Hans Sachs in the "Meistersingers," he stands unrivalled in Europe and he has appeared as a "star" in special performances throughout Germany, and the Royal Opera at Covent Garden, London. Aside from the above parts he has been especially engaged to sing all the leading Wagnerian parts; Don Giovanni, Almaviva, Tell, Iago, and many other leading characters at the Royal opera houses in Berlin, Munich, Dresden, Karlsruhe, and Mannheim, as well as for the Wagner performances which were classed "Muster Vorstellungen" (model performances), and for which the greatest artists in Europe were engaged, regardless of expense. When singing in St. Petersburg Hans Mohwinkel was the recipient of special attentions and honours. It was in 1901 that he was engaged for the Bayreuth Festival. He was one of the galaxy of stars gathered from all corners of the earth. Fate, however, served him a trick, for, while as Telramund, he was duelling with Lohengrin, this last-named knight, forgetting that he could overcome his antagonist by the power of the Holy Graal, gave Hans Mohwinkel a blow on the nose with his sword, which ended his performance, and caused him to be laid up for repairs for fourteen weeks. Mr. Mohwinkel still carries the scar very prominently on his nose. Frau Wagner, upon hearing of the sad affair, immediately wrote him a letter of condolence regretting his inability to participate in Bayreuth, and added: "Th's accident has disturbed one of my happiest and best plans." Thus Frau Wagner, to which we might add, that as a gem in the mediocrity of Mr. Musgrove's stars, who disappointed us here with an annoying persistency, Hans Mohwinkel came as a waft of the Hesperides—a voice from the islands of the blessed—

"Noch einmals lat uns spraken,
Gode Abend, Gode Nacht!
Die Mand schient oop die Daken;
Uns Herr Gott halt die wacht!"

KING AND BENSON.

It was purely accidental my meeting with Mr. Charles King, the senior partner of the firm of King and Benson, those two delightful vaudeville artists who are creating a furore nightly at His Majesty's Theatre. After my introduction to him in the street our acquaintance quickly ripened, and I found Charlie King a cheery and most happy fellow, full of self-contained modesty and assurance, the evidence of a world-wide

experience and of success. Then I found out some things about him and his clever little wife. This man of the top Cs and Ds was born in Savannah, was educated in California, studied under Winfred Stetson, the famous Italian teacher, and was tenor soloist at the Church of the Transfiguration, 5th Avenue, New York, when he was 18 years of age. Many noteworthy managers urged him to take up opera, and he joined the Daniels Opera Co. Later on he became a member of the famous "Manhattan Four." He met his clever wife while still with the Four, about 7½ years ago, and they joined forces and took up double turns. Since then they have practically toured the world together. Miss Jennie Benson comes of the celebrated Benson family. Her first professional appearance was at the age of five years. Her father was a great dancer in his day, and he taught his daughter all her dancing. To-day she steps unrivalled in the dancing arena. She can sing coxeter, Lancashire, Scotch, French, Italian and Dutch songs, and can do almost any style of dancing in vogue. This pleasure-giving pair have shown in London for 42 weeks in a year at a stretch, and have played in many pantomimes in England. Their turns are so original and fetching that they cannot but help commanding success, and when, to their extraordinary brilliancy on the stage is added a genial and charming personality, we get a husband and wife in the profession who would be difficult to outshine. We publish a portrait of Mrs. King (Miss Jennie Benson) in our present issue.

MADAME TERESA CARRENO.

"Carreno, in her beauty and wonderful control of the piano, is a living embodiment of the art divine." So says the "Daily Telegraph," London. And the "Berlin Courier" adds: "In her art she is unrivalled. An Australian visitor to Vienna a few years ago asked the great teacher Leschetitzky to name the artist whom he considered the best pianist in the world. "There are five best pianists," replied Leschetitzky, "d'Albert, Carreno, Busoni, Paderewski and Sauer. The sixth place is still open." The second name on Leschetitzky's list is that of the illustrious artiste whom Herr Benno Scherek has now the privilege of introducing here.

As a pianist himself and a concert manager closely familiar with the tastes of Australian audiences, Herr Scherek believes that his judgment in musical matters may confidently be trusted, more particularly as he has just completed a round of tours embracing practically the whole of Europe and the United States. In the course of these visits he naturally seized upon every opportunity of hearing all the greatest virtuosi of the day, and his deliberate opinion is that Carreno possesses in an eminent degree all those intellectual qualities which attract the cul-

tured musician, while her virility, sensational magnetism and personal fascination delight equally that critical section and also the great general music-loving public to which the impresario in this country must successfully appeal. This remarkable woman's unique position in the musical world has, during the last fifteen years, remained undisputed. What Sarah Bernhardt is in the world of drama, what Adelina Patti was in the realm of song, that Carreno is in the bead-rol of pianists—she stands at the head of her chosen art.

Carreno has received some of the highest distinctions from the crowned patrons of music in Europe. Queen Alexandra is one of her warmest admirers and Carreno holds several Court appointments. She is "Hofpianistin to the King of Wurtemberg" and "Kammervirtuosin to the King of Saxony." She has been decorated with the Gold Medal of the King of Sweden, who has also bestowed upon this wonderful woman the coveted Order "Literati et Meriti," whilst the Government of her native land has decorated her with the Order "Busto di Bolivar."

Carreno is now in the very prime of her splendid powers and the height of her immense popularity. The English and Continental tour, which she has just concluded, has even surpassed all her previous triumphs in the immense and wildly enthusiastic audiences which have everywhere thronged to listen to her.

Mail news received by Messrs. J and N. Tai regarding Madame Cara Butt's final concert in the Albert Hall, indicate that in more ways than one it must have been a positive unique event. For one thing a thunderstorm raged through part of it and the great contralto sang "Abide with Me" with the thunder crashing outside as if in unison with the great organ, and with the lambent flame of the lightning seeming to play all round her. After her first song a solemn procession of attendants filed on to the platform with an array of enormous floral tributes, including a horse-shoe nearly as big as Madame herself. These were supplemented at the end of the programme with the model of a steamer made in flowers, which was five feet long, and required two men to carry it. The huge audience which filled the hall would let neither Madame nor her husband depart, and after a score of recalls the two sang the duet "The Rays of Heaven," which has an added sentimental significance with them, for it was the song in which the two realised a few years ago that they were all in all to one another. It may be mentioned



MISSSES WYATT AND HAMMON, THE SANDOW GIRLS, ON THE FULLER CIRCUIT.

that Queen Alexandra had intended to be present at the concert, but was prevented by a State engagement.

Allan Hamilton returns to Sydney at the close of the present Rickards season, which has proved phenomenally successful. Having superintended the final details "on the other side" of his Maud Hildyard and "Home Sweet Home" Companies, Mr. Hamilton leaves for Hobart, where he intends to remain during the coming summer. "I have been catching trains and steamers for several years without a spell, and feel the time has come when I must take one."

Mr. George Butler and Mr. Fred Duncan will represent Allan Hamilton during the Maorland tour of Miss Maud Hildyard, while Mr. Herbert Leigh and Mr. M. Marcus will be in charge of the "Home, Sweet Home" Company.

Just before they left for Australia, Messrs. Frank Merrick and Carl Barre, the two young musicians who are to accompany Clara Butt on her tour, gave a recital in London. The former is spoken of by the "Times" as a pianist in whom earnestness of purpose and high artistic aims are joined with a fine command of the resources of the keyboard, and the latter as a violinist with a beautifully-finished style.

One of those periodical general posts that seem to come round about every three months is imminent with Mr. J. C. Willamson's organisations, and last week the advertisements of four of them contained the words "Last nights." The new musical comedy company has just completed their initial season of 8 weeks at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne under the most auspicious conditions possible, and the launching of them as an Australian attraction of the first water has been effected in the most gratifying manner. At the end of the month Mr. Andrew Mack says good-bye to Melbourne, and opens in Sydney on the 31st at Her Majesty's Theatre, supplanting the Royal Comic Opera Company which takes his place in Melbourne. Mr. Julius Knight is winding up a long and very successful New Zealand season at Dunedin. Even the two companies not actually in their last nights are effected by "the epidemic." The Pantomime Company is approaching the end of its Australian (as distinct from its Australasian) career, and the end of the month will see it leave the Commonwealth for New Zealand, while the Brune Company, as everybody knows, has a bare month of its existence in its present form left to it.



MISS PRISCILLA VERNE, ON THE FULLER CIRCUIT.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes.—Congratulations to Tom Pollard. The new lilliputians seem likely to eclipse the glories of the old lilliputians! At all events "Blue Bell in Fairyland," produced during "National Week" at our dingy old Royal, proved a gilt-edged success, and the future of the new Juvenile Opera Co. seems to be assured. There is very little in the acting, singing and dancing of the members of the present company to suggest that they are untrained raw little amateurs who have never faced the footlights before. So far from this they impress one with the notion that they are all old stagers, and, as a matter of fact, I believe that the principals have all, to use a military phrase, "smelt powder." The plot of "Bluebell" is very slight and decidedly pathetic. Ever since the days of "Joe" and Jennie Lee the street waif has been quite a popular character with playgoers, and the little flower girl who plays such a prominent part in this production is certainly an attractive little thing. But the pathos of the piece is largely relieved by the variety business so skilfully introduced. Miss Minnie Toffing, in the name-part, scored an instantaneous success and brought down the house with her song of "Only a Penny." Miss Lily Thompson's "Dickey" was another splendid impersonation, and indeed Miss Thompson may be said to have been the life and soul of the piece. She was heard to great advantage in the duet with "Bluebell," "Oh, My Bluebell," and in the solo "The Only Girl I Love." Bert Nicholson, as a coster boy, was grand, and his song "Ackney with the 'ouses took Amy," was quite in the chevalier style. The Aldous Sisters contributed materially to the success of the piece, and Masters Nicholson and Drummond got a lot of fun out of the drums "Blib" and "Blob," their topical duet "Why, of Course" creating roars of laughter. Little Cissy O'Keefe was very good as the fairy "Water Lily," and sang "Dreamland" very prettily. The grown-up performers included our old friend "Insect" Albert (the reigning queen, and very funny) and Mr. E. Schatz (the reigning king). Features of the show were the "doll" ballet, the "Pierrot" ballet, the "autumn" ballet, the Dutch sabot dance, and the pas seul by Miss D. Rodgers. The scenery was gorgeous, the dresses magnificent, the effects elaborate and striking, the music delightful, and the entertainment as a whole thoroughly wholesome, amusing and enjoyable throughout. Well done, Tom Pollard!

Baritone Ernest Fitts and Irving Sayes are on the bill at the Sydney Tivoli.

SMOKE

Old Judge

TOBACCO & CIGARETTES.

Perry's Biorama Co. showed a new and original film in the Opera House, Wanganui, last week, that was peculiarly appropriate to the occasion. It was a cinematograph picture of the sculling race for the world's championship between Webb and Towns on the Parramatta River on the 3rd inst. The picture was taken from the umpire's boat by Mr. West, of West's Pictures, and is, we are told by some of those who saw the race, a true representation of what happened. It depicts, first of all, both men going out to train, in which the gentleman "Denny" Barnett is most prominent; then follows the start, portions of the race, and the finish. The whole presents a fine, clear picture, and the management deserve a deal of praise for the expeditious manner in which they have produced it.

Miss Rosina Buckman has accepted an engagement with Mr. George Musgrove, the Australian impresario.

Allan Hamilton's new dramatic company specially organised for the production of Frank Lindo's famous domestic drama "Home, Sweet Home," will commence their Tasmanian and New Zealand tour towards the end of September, reaching His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on November 18. An unusually strong company, has been engaged, and special scenery painted for the tour.

The first playhouse in Melbourne, the Pavilion, was erected in 1842, on the site of the Bull and Mouth Hotel.

"Les Cloches de Corneville" was first produced at the Folies Dramatiques, Paris, on April 19, 1877.

Comedian Fred Graham is at present appearing with Rickards's Company at Melbourne Tivoli.

A Ballarat exchange has the following par:—Mr. and Mrs. R. Steele, of the well-known Steele-Payne bellringing and variety combination, leave to-morrow for Newcastle, and after a week will commence a tour of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. At the conclusion of the South-street competitions this year they will be joined by Miss Frances Hanrahan, the young lady who has carried off so many prizes in elocutionary and dramatic contests in Ballarat and other cities and towns. Mr. and Mrs. Steele has done much for local aspirants to fame in the his-trionic art, for they have up to the present been the means of giving the much-desired professional from this city—which is something to be proud of. Many of them are now earning handsome salaries—even though some of the ladies so started in life eventually gravitated to matrimony.

"Home, Sweet Home" will be a pleasant relief from the average blood-and-thunder melodrama one so often meets nowadays. This is what a Sydney contemporary has to say about the piece:—Favoured by fortune in regard to the audience the new company was absolutely lucky in the selection of "Home, Sweet Home" as their opening piece in Australia. To say that Mr. Frank Lindo has given the world a great play in this stage story of an English fishing village would be ridiculous overpraise, but it is the due of the author to acknowledge that the "domestic drama," as it is styled, has the admirable qualities of strength and simplicity with the added attractiveness of sentimental charm. There is always a warm welcome for clean, healthy, and straight-forward plays of this class. The saving of a baby girl from a wreck, the bringing up of the child as his adopted daughter, Joan, by old David Armitage, one of the simple fishfolk, the marriage of the

girl to the fisherman's son Stephen, the discovery, after eight years of married life, that Joan is the daughter of the proud Duke of Ancaster, the flight of Joan from her husband and little child Dora to the ancestral house of the Ancasters, and the return of Joan to the humble cottage by the sea, as a true wife and a loving mother—these are the materials out of which "Home, Sweet Home" has been built.

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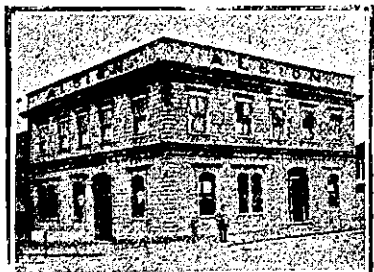
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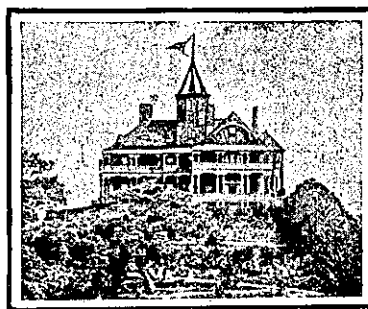
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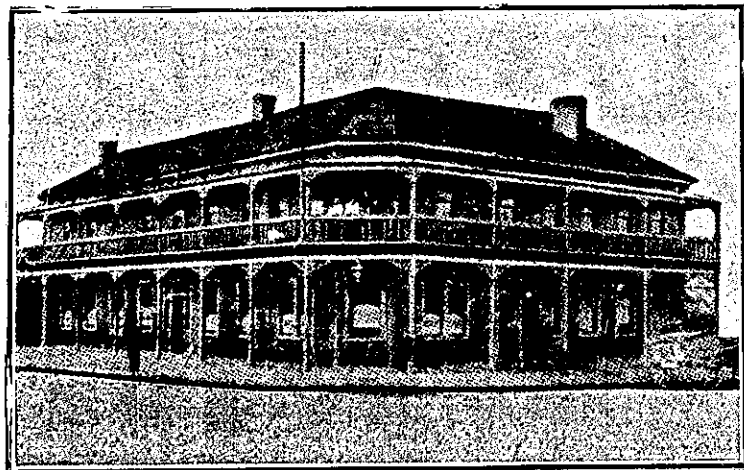
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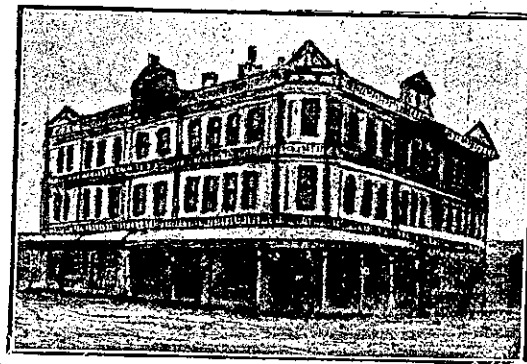
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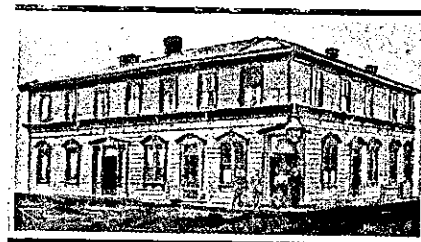
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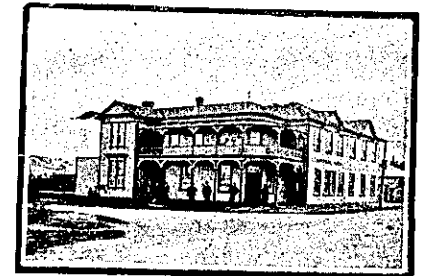
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We regret to learn that Mrs. Martin, wife of the proprietor of the Hot Springs Hotel, Okoroje, met with a painful accident last week. Whilst walking along the verandah she slipped and broke a small bone in the leg, also dislocating the ankle joint.

At Wellington last Friday James White, forecabin steward of the Rotoiti, was charged in the Magistrate's Court with supplying liquor to a probationer constable while the vessel was alongside the wharf. The packet license only permits liquor to be sold on the vessel during the passage from port to port. Defendant stated that he refused to serve the man several times before finally serving him. A fine of 40s was imposed.

Frederick Weiss was convicted last Friday in Wellington for selling alcoholic wine without a license, and was fined £1 and costs. This charge was in connection with similar charges against Mrs. Weiss, which were reported last week.

At the Hamilton Magistrate's Court last Thursday judgment was given in the case against Albert Powell, charged with allowing pool to be played in his licensed billiard room at Hamilton. The Magistrate said that though the game in itself may be absolutely innocent, if played for money it became illegal. He fined the accused 40s and 35s costs.

In the local Police Court the other day an offender who pleaded hard not to be sent back to the gaol, said that he was not on speaking terms with the gaoler. However, he was sent back, so that he will have to inform the gaoler that in future he is "not at home" to him.

James Johnston, a prohibited person, was last Friday fined £2 and costs, or a month in gaol as an alternative, for being found on licensed premises.

The commercial travellers of Victoria made a request to the Attorney-General that they be excused from service as jurymen, as it interfered with their business arrangements. Mr. Davies replied that the duties of a jurymen were for the public benefit, and could not be modified to suit the convenience of individuals.

At the Paeroa Magistrate's Court last week five men were charged with having been on licensed premises on a Sunday. It was explained that they had not gone into the houses for liquor but for the purpose of seeing some friend. The Magistrate accepted the explanation, and inflicted a fine in only one case against one of the defendants, who did not appear. The other four appeared at Court to answer the charges.

In the Christchurch Supreme Court last Thursday, Elizabeth Annie Reid was committed for four months imprisonment for robbing a guest in a hotel in which she was a domestic servant.

Mr. David Robinson, who took over the Post Office Hotel at Neavesville after Mr. R. Gibb, left for Honolulu, has sold his interest in that house to Mr. M. J. Gill.

Some astonishing statements were made before the Acting-Collector of Customs in Melbourne, when several importers were called on to answer charges under the Commerce Act. Imported rings which were stamped "9 carat" were found to be very thin cases of 2.5 carat gold, filled with wax, and leather for the manufacture of books was found to contain 22 per cent. of barum and 11 per cent. of added oil. It was stated that the adulteration of leather sometimes exceeded 50 per cent. by weight.

The British-American Tobacco Co. has suspended production at its Melbourne works. The cause is the uncertainty of the trade with the increase of duty and excise. Five hundred hands will be affected.

It is no often that an application for a prohibition order is opposed, but an instance was furnished last week at Waihi, where the alleged user of alcohol to excess, successfully combated the application.

At the Ashburton Magistrate's Court last week Isabella Burgess was fined £10 for sly grog-selling, and Edmund Morley was fined 20s and costs for sending liquor into a no-license district insufficiently labelled.

The New South Wales Premier speaking at Balmain (Sydney) a few days ago, pointed out that the public indebtedness of the State to-day was nearly a million less than three years ago.

Margaret Turner, keeper of a Wellington boardinghouse, was last week fined £2 at the Magistrate's Court for supplying liquor to a Maori woman.

At the annual meeting of the Council of the Churches at Dunedin recently, the subject of the bottle licenses at that place came up for discussion, the fact of the police not being able to enter premises was commented upon, and the opinion was expressed that there should be legislation in the matter.

The magisterial district of Waikato is likely to be divided, and Mr. Cruickshank, formerly of Te Awamutu, may officiate at Hamilton and south of that town, Mr. Northcroft taking the remainder of the district as defined at present.

We hear that Mr. W. J. Brewin who for many years successfully conducted the Edinburgh Castle Hotel in Symonds-street, has purchased Mr. R. T. Michael's interest in the Manukau Hotel at Onehunga.

Some of the members of the finest club in the world, which is the House of Commons, are sadly deficient in the Imperial spirit. They drink Scotch and Irish whiskies, French and German wines, foreign brewed Lager beer, and British ales, and have been known to sample Australian wines, and fruit in season, without murmuring. But the other day Mr. Rees (of "Wales was Wales before England was born look you") asked the chairman of the Kitchen Committee to consider the propriety of substituting Welsh mutton for Canterbury lamb. Sir J. Jacoby, the chairman aforesaid, was not prepared to adopt the suggestion, though he was willing to supply the Welsh article to the House between the months of October and March, when, he understood, Welsh mutton was on sale in the London market. Mr. Dewar then pressed the claims of "Scotch black-faced," and Mr. Weir put in a claim for the mutton of the Western Highlands, and both received promises that their suggestions should be considered. Not one solitary English M.P. voices the claims of mutton grown south of the Cheviots or east of the Welsh border, but Mr. O'Shaughnessy, amid the cheers of his fellow Nationalists, demanded to know why the claims of Irish mutton should be overlooked. The Irish claim was, of course, not put forward seriously, but Messrs. Dewar and Weir were in earnest. New Zealand lamb, how-

ever, seems likely to hold its own in the House against all-comers, in spite of the efforts of "Taffy" and "Mac" to oust it in favour of their own product.

Failing health, we understand, is the cause of Mr. R. T. Michaels' retirement from the Manukau Hotel, at Onehunga. Mr. and Mrs. Michaels are so well and favourably known in the Trade, that it is hoped their retirement will be of the briefest, and that Mr. Michaels will very soon be restored to perfect health.

Painting, repapering and renovating is being carried on at some of the hotels at the Thames.

Mr. W. Woodward, who has recently taken over the Royal Hotel, Victoria-street, is one of the best-known and most popular hotel-keepers in the Auckland province. "Rocks" Woodward, as he is familiarly known among his friends, and they are legion, has had many years of successful hotelkeeping at the Thames and Rotorua. Whilst at the Thames he made himself exceedingly popular with all classes, taking a prominent active interest in all branches of sport and racing. After a successful period as proprietor of the Mackaytown Hotel, Mr. Woodward proceeded to Rotorua, and assumed the management of the Grand Hotel, where he and Mrs. Woodward soon proved that they were adepts in the art of keeping a hotel in first-class style. We predict for them successful business in the Royal, their undoubted abilities in catering and hospitality making their success assured.

It is not generally known, but it appears that playing billiards in hotels for trophies at tournaments is illegal. Quite recently a Waikato licensee was fined by Mr. H. N. Northcroft, S.M., for permitting a billiard tournament to be played in his hotel.

Rumour has it that Mr. T. J. Buxton, who has sold out of the Naval and Family Hotel, has purchased Mr. T. B. O'Connor's interest in the Thames Hotel, Queen-street.

Mr. D. Nordern, well-known among the Auckland hotelkeepers, goes back to his old house the Naval and Family Hotel, he having purchased Mr. T. J. Buxton's interest in that hotel. It is not long since Mr. Nordern sold out to Mr. Buxton.

The "Manchester City News," of June 20 publishes the following:—"From the Albion Hotel in Piccadilly, to New Zealand's a far cry, and between the elevation of our antipodean colony to the dignity of a 'Dominion' and the hostelry at the corner of Oldham-street, the connection is not at first sight very apparent. But a link does exist, and in this way. Early in the last century, on March 7, 1826, to be accurate, a young lady was abducted from a boarding school in Liverpool, and brought to the Albion Hotel by Edward Gibbon Wakefield and his brother, afterwards being taken to Gretna Green, where a form of marriage was gone through. The lady was then taken to France, and was rescued by her uncle, and her abductors were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each. After his release from prison, Edward Wakefield assisted in the colonisation of South Australia, and then became manager of the New Zealand Association formed for the founding of settlements in those islands. Learning that a French expedition was at work annexing islands in the Pacific, Wakefield hurried on the preparations for colonisation, and landed and hoisted the British flag where the City of Auckland now stands some few hours before the French ships cast anchor in the bay. Although the country had been discovered by British seamen, no attempt had been made to assert our rights to it until Wakefield's expedition, and it is probable that had he not devoted his attention while in prison to the study of colonial questions, the new Dominion under the Southern Cross would, to-day, have been a colonial establishment under the French Republic."


HOTEL BURNED DOWN.

By the burning down of the hotel at Te Puke recently that place loses for the time-being its only public-house. The building was owned by Mr. T. Kenealy, wine and spirit merchant, of Swanson-street in this city, and was, we understand, insured for £1000. Mr. Kenealy conducted the hotel most successfully for many years. At the time of the fire Mr. C. A. Martyn, well-known in Auckland, was the licensee. The fire was discovered in a bedroom about half-past seven in the evening, and within two hours the building collapsed. The granddaughter of the licensee was rescued from a bed upstairs just in time. Several boarders and employees lost all except the clothes they were wearing. Practically nothing was saved from upstairs, and only some liquor and a few articles of furniture was saved from below stairs. The building was valued at £2000. The licensee is said to be a heavy loser, the furniture and stock being valued at £1000 and were insured for £500.

IMPORTANT HOTEL SALES.

Messrs. Dwan Bros., Willis-street, Wellington, report having made the following hotel sales:—Mrs. M. Blythe's interest in the Royal Tiger Hotel, Taranaki-street, to Mr. F. F. Dakin, late of the Customs House Hotel, Nelson, who has already taken possession; Mr. Arthur Haywood's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Wellington Hotel, Molesworth-street, to Mr. William Nidd, late of the Princess Theatre Hotel, Tory-street; Mr. James Biggin's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Taratahi Hotel to Mr. Patrick Cosin, late of the Halswell Junction Hotel, Christchurch; Mr. T. V. Procter's interest in the Herbertville Hotel to Mr. F. Mair, of Paekakariki; lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Tikokino Hotel, Hampden, Hawke's Bay,

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to Mr. Thomas Condrick, well known in Wellington; lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Palace Hotel, Willis-street, to Mr. A. W. Harrison, late of the Argyle Hotel, Hunterville; lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Club Hotel, Stratford, on account of Mrs. Kirkwood, to Mr. D. Moynihan, late of the Makuri Hotel, Pahiatua; Mr. W. Nidd's interest in the Princess Theatre Hotel, Tory-street, to Mr. J. Sullivan, late of the West Coast; valuation of furniture and effects of the Star and Garter Hotel, Cuba-street, Wellington, on account of Mrs. Minogue, to Mr. Dooley, late of Waitara; Mr. William White's interest in lease, goodwill, and furniture of the All Nations Hotel, Kaiwarra, to Mr. Walter Middleton, late of the Grosvenor Hotel, Blenheim; Mrs. Roberts' interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Foresters' Arms Hotel, Greytown, to Mrs. M. Cauton, well known in Wellington; Mr. P. Petersen's interest in the Aohonga Hotel to Mr. F. O'Donoghue, of Hastings; Mr. Pickering's interest in the Masonic Hotel, Havelock, to Mr. T. Midwood, well-known in Wellington; Mr. W. E. Grantham's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Masonic Hotel, Waitara, to Mr. J. McDuff, Hastings; lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Weraroa Hotel, Levin, to Mr. F. G. Meagher; Mr. Frazer's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Pier Hotel, Kaikoura South, to Mr. Lacey; lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Shamrock Hotel, Hawera, to Mr. James Biggins, well-known in Wellington; lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Napier Hotel, Napier, on account of Mr. Gleeson, to Mr. Robert Finlay, late of Auckland; freehold and furniture of the Argyle Hotel, Hunterville, including shops, theatre, stables, etc., on account of Mr. A. W. Harrison, to Mr. H. McManaway, well-known in the Wairarapa (price £10,000); Mr. Welch's freehold of the Tikokino Hotel, and land, to Mr. Robert Coneys, of the Tavistock Hotel, Waipukurau; valuation of the furniture of the Clyde Quay Hotel, on behalf of Mr. Julius Plitsch, to Mr. Naylor; Central Hotel, Otaki, to Mr. McKegg, of Waikanae; Mr. P. E. Debrecey's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Club Hotel, Carterton, to Mr. P. Scanlon, well known in Wellington.

Messrs. Dwan Bros. also report having valued, on behalf of the Property Tax Department, the brewery, hotels, and business in Harley's Estate, Nelson, and also the brewery, hotels, etc., in the estate of the late J. Paul, of New Plymouth.

SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO A MAORI.

At Wellington last week Margaret Turner, keeper of a restaurant and lodging-house in Molesworth-street, was charged with having supplied liquor to Maori woman, in contravention of section 24 of the Alcoholic Liquors Sales Control Act Amendment Act, 1895. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan prosecuted and Mr. Wilford defended.

The evidence showed that Mrs. Turner, who, Mr. Wilford stated, acted in ignorance of the law, having been engaged in her present occupation for only six months, was asked by a Maori woman named Te Ra, lodging on Mrs. Turner's premises, to send for a bottle of gin, being given money for that purpose. Mrs. Turner sent a man for the liquor, and Te Ra proceeded to make herself intoxicated. When she had done so, Te Ra missed a sum of £158. Mrs. Turner sent for the police, so that a thorough search could be made for the money. The latter was found under the mattress of Te Ra's bed, where the Maori had evidently placed it when sober. In the course of their inquiries, the police learnt about the bottle of gin, and accordingly laid an information against Mrs. Turner. In the circumstances, His Worship considered that the infliction of the minimum fine provided by the Act, £2, would be sufficient, with costs (19s).

LONDON'S CHANGE OF TASTE.

There has been an extraordinary falling off in the amount of wine drunk in the big London clubs, says a contemporary. Whisky and soda is the popular drink. It has completely ousted sherry, port, and even champagne. The little port now drunk is wine from the wood, of a light character, and the Carlton is one of the few clubs where the members still ask for the old heavy bottle port, drunk so much fifteen or twenty years ago. About a month ago, the Navy and Military Club, in going over its stock of wine, found about twenty dozen bottles of port which had laid in the cellars since the year 1876. No one in the club cared for the wine or asked for it. The wine was priced as low as 8 dols. a dozen. The club committee decided that

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Frootoids are immensely more valuable than an ordinary aperient, in so far that they not only act as an aperient, but do remove from the blood, tissues, and internal organs all the waste poisonous matter that is clogging them and choking the channels that lead to and from them. The beneficial effects of Frootoids are evident at once by the disappearance of headache, the head becoming clear, and a bright, cheery sense of perfect health taking the place of sluggish, depressed feelings, by the liver acting properly, and by the food being properly digested.

Frootoids are the proper aperient medicine to take when any Congestion or Blood Poison is present, or when Congestion of the Brain or Apoplexy is present or threatening. They have been tested, and have been proved to afford quick relief in such cases when other aperients have not done any good at all. It is of the utmost importance that this should be borne in mind, for in such cases to take an ordinary aperient is to waste time and permit of a serious illness becoming fatal.

Frootoids act splendidly on the liver, and quickly cure bilious attacks that antibilious pills make worse. Many people have been made sick and ill by antibilious pills that could have been cured at once by Frootoids. People should not allow themselves to be duped into contracting a medicine-taking habit by being persuaded to take daily doses with each meal of so-called indigestion cures that do NOT cure. Frootoids have been subjected to extensive tests, and have in every case proved successful in completely curing the complaints named.

A constipated habit of body will be completely cured if the patient will on each occasion, when suffering, take a dose of Frootoids, instead of an ordinary aperient; by so doing, the patient will require doses only at longer intervals, and will so become quite independent of the necessity of taking any aperient medicine.

Frootoids are only now being placed on the Australian market, consequently you may at present have a difficulty in getting them from your local chemist or storekeeper; but ask for them, and if you cannot get them at once, send stamps or postal note for price, 1/6, to W. G. Hearne, Chemist, Geelong, and a bottle of them will be immediately forwarded to you post free. Chemists, storekeepers, and wholesalers can now obtain wholesale supplies from W. G. Hearne, Chemist, Geelong, Victoria.

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they had better sell the lot, and called an expert to taste the wine. The expert promptly bought the lot at 18 dols. a dozen, and sold it to a South African magnate at 25 dols. a dozen.

WHY PEOPLE DRINK.

"The notion that reduction of the number of licenses means an equivalent reduction in the amount of drinking is fallacious. Upon the whole, people do not drink because the public-house is there, but because they want to drink. Reducing the number of licenses throws more patronage into the hands of the remaining licensees, or leads to the establishment of a greater number of clubs, where people can conveniently get what they want."—"The Times."

GOOD BEER AND A BAD MAN.

A petitioner for a divorce from his wife told Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson, in Sydney, a strange story of a threat that had been made against his martial happiness. He and another man were courting two sisters, but, apparently, the other man was either dissatisfied with the girl he had, or was desirous of the favours of both. He suggested an exchange of lovers, but petitioner did not take the suggestion seriously. "Very well," said the other; "you'll be lucky if you have her in six months' time!" In due

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course the four were married, and on the marriage day petitioner told his wife of the threat that had been made. An agreement was then made between them that the other man—now their brother-in-law—should not be allowed into the house. For eight years this was observed, so far as the husband knew; but one night, on coming home earlier than he was expected, he found the back door locked.

His suspicions being aroused, he burst the door in, only to catch a glimpse of a man scuttling out at the front door. "What did you do?" queried the judge. "Well, your Honor, there were two bottles on the kitchen table, one of them full of beer, and I picked up the full one and heaved it at him as he ran." "What!" said his Honor; "beer and all?" "Yes," replied the injured one; "beer and all."

A CURIOUS PROPOSAL.

At the great temperance rally held at the Town Hall, Sydney, Mr. Frank Lock asked the chairman (Canon Boyce) the following questions:—"If I lay before you a plan which will enable you to close up every liquor bar in this State within four and a-half years, without costing those who do not drink a single shilling, and without doing any harm to any member of the community, will you consider that plan with a view to its adoption by your party, if the plan is found feasible?" Canon Boyce replied, "Yes." It now transpires that Mr. Loch has submitted to Canon Boyce the basis of three plans. The first provides for the closing of all retail bars; the second for total prohibition; and the third for the continuance of the present Liquor Act, provided the forfeiture of license is expunged, and the principle of compensation from revenue derived from the trade is conceded. Mr. Lock undertakes to obtain the consent of the trade to either of the propositions if the Temperance Alliance will agree to adopt one of them. The proposals are now under consideration.

SOME EFFECTS OF OPIUM.

Comparatively few persons know what opium really is, says "Chambers' Journal." When they turn to a dictionary and glean therefrom that it is the "inspissated juice of the somniferous poppy," they are still likely to be in the dark. The process of obtaining it is to score the pods at fixed intervals during a certain period. The milky liquid which comes out soon turns to a darker hue and thickens, and is then scraped off and moulded into cakes with poppy leaves for an outside covering. It was ascertained from evidence afforded to the Indian opium commission of 1896 that in some States

of India not a few of the natives took as much as 40 to 80 grains of opium daily, and that consumption of 40 grains was common.

Contrary to the impression that death results from a sudden cessation of the habit, it has been proved that when confirmed opium-eaters have been imprisoned for awhile and thereby deprived temporarily of their favourite drug their health has not usually suffered. The article has a varying effect on different faces and constitutions, exciting some and stupefying others. It reduces the average Chinaman to a state of torpor if he takes it plentifully, and not infrequently causes the Malay to run amok. It has been recorded that the Japanese regularly took it before going to fight, so as to work themselves up to a pitch of excitement.

Most of the drug that is imported into England is much stronger than what is ordinarily consumed in India and imported into China. The stipulation of the British Pharmacopoeia is that all opium used medicinally shall yield at least 9½ per cent. of anhydrous morphine.

The morphine percentage in much of the opium prepared in India for consumption there and exported to China is less than half this specific strength. This is a detail which novelists who are addicted to poisoning their characters should note. It is rather striking that opium does not seem to be largely resorted to in India as a means of suicide. The evidence of the largest insurance company was to the effect that after twenty years' experience there the company had decided that it was not necessary to impose any extra premium on the lives of moderate opium users.

WHISKY FOR HORSES.

At the Colchester Town Council the members of the temperance committee objected to an item in the finance committee's report of £8 10s, under the head of "Whisky for sick horses." One councillor asked how many animals had been ill, as it seemed a large amount of medicine. The chairman of the roads and drainage committee replied that the horses had influenza, the veterinary surgeon recommended whisky, and the committee could not shake his opinion. Another councillor thought the best beer ought to be good enough for any horse. It was explained that the horses had only consumed a bottle and a-half each, and had swallowed their refreshers at respectable intervals. The item was passed, and it was understood that none of the horses had been the worse for liquor, and were now convalescent.

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MAY GET DRUNK ON BREAD.

"You could get drunk on fresh bread if you could eat enough of it at once," said a chemist to a woman with a white ribbon in her button-hole.

"I don't believe it," the woman answered.

"And yet it is a fact," the chemist continued. "It used to be thought that tion generated all passed out in the baking; but Thomas Bolas, a distinguished scientist, has proved that bread, after it is ready for eating, still contains alcohol. The other day twelve loaves of fresh bread were examined, and found to contain, on the average, alcohol in the proportion of .314 per cent. When, therefore, you have eaten 100lb of bread, you have consumed five ounces of alcohol. That is quite as much alcohol as you would get in a pint of whisky. You, madam, eat, I fancy, about 350lb of bread a year. That is 3500lb in ten years. In these 3500lb

there are 175 ounces of alcohol, which is the same as seventeen quarts of whisky. Think of it! Every ten years you consume seventeen quarts of whisky with your bread."

"I don't believe it," said the woman with the white ribbon, and then she went out to get signers to remonstrances against Kokomo saloonkeepers.

A husband was being arraigned in court in a suit brought by his wife for cruelty.

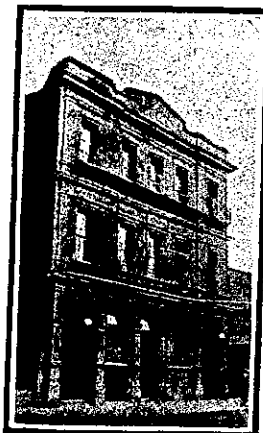
"I understand, sir," said counsel, addressing the husband, "that one of the indignities you have showered upon your wife is that you have not spoken to her for three years. Is that so?"

"It is," quickly answered the husband.

"Well, sir," thundered the counsel, "why didn't you speak to her, may I ask?"

"Simply," replied the husband, "because I didn't want to interrupt her!"

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| BACKACHE | BILIOUSNESS | GENERAL DEBILITY |
| SCIATICA | JAUNDICE | SICK HEADACHE |

The pains caused by this long list of disorders are but Nature's means of letting us know efficiently that the kidneys or liver are for some reason unable to perform their work properly, for all of these disorders are produced by the retention in the system of urinary and biliary poisons, which would be thrown off naturally if the kidneys and liver were doing their duty. Few people realise how important in the scheme of life is the healthy action of the kidneys and the liver, therefore the following description of the functions of those vital organs will be of the deepest interest to many.

The kidneys filter and extract from the blood about three pints of urine every day. In this quantity of urine are dissolved about an ounce of urea, ten to twelve grains in weight of uric acid, together with other animal and mineral matter varying from a third of an ounce to nearly an ounce. When the kidneys are in health, all this solid matter is in solution and is invisible. Directly the kidneys, through either weakness or disease, become unfit to do their duty properly, a proportion of the solid matter remains in the blood, becomes actively poisonous, and causes us to suffer from uric disorders such as Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Gravel, Stone, Bladder Troubles, and Bright's Disease. A simple test to make as to the condition of the kidneys is to place some urine passed the first thing in the morning, in a covered glass, and let it stand until next morning. If it is then cloudy, or there is a brick-dust like sediment, or if particles float about in it, or if it is of an unnatural colour, the kidneys are not healthy, and no time must be lost in adopting remedial measures, or Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or some less serious but more painful illness will result.

The Liver.—In the liver various substances are actually made from the blood. Two or three pounds of bile are thus made from the blood every day. The liver takes sugar from the blood, converts it into another form, and stores it up so as to be able to again supply it to the blood gradually, as the latter requires enrichment. The liver changes uric acid, which is insoluble, into urea, which is completely soluble, and the liver also deals with blood corpuscles which have lived their life and are useful no longer. When the liver is inactive or diseased we suffer from Indigestion, Biliousness, Anaemia, Sick Headache, and Blood Disorders.

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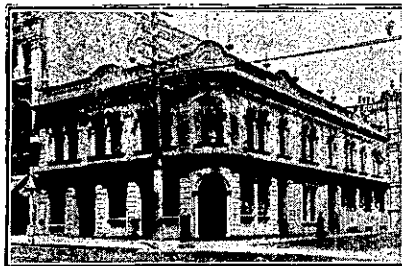
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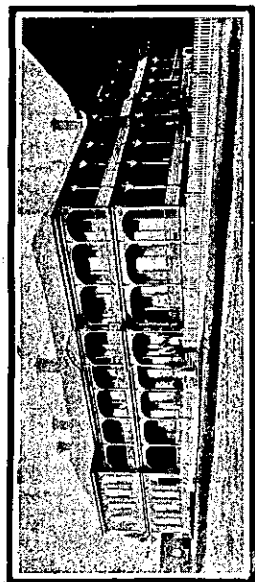
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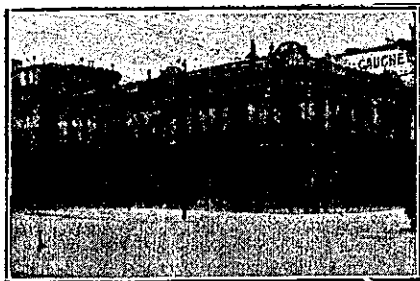
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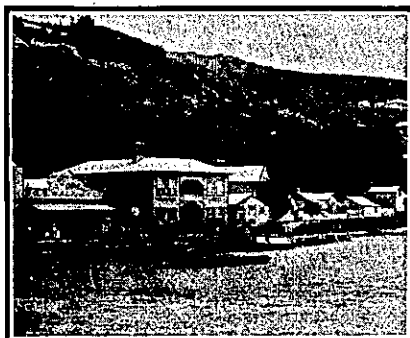
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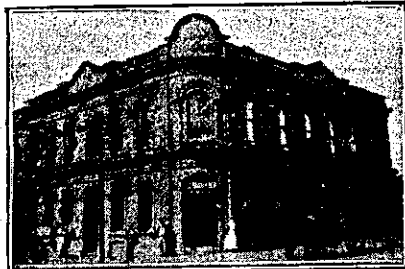
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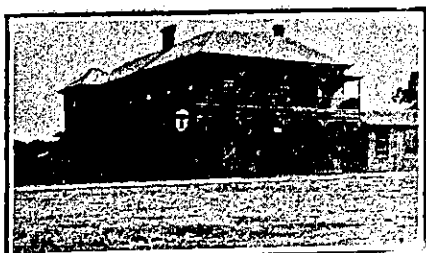
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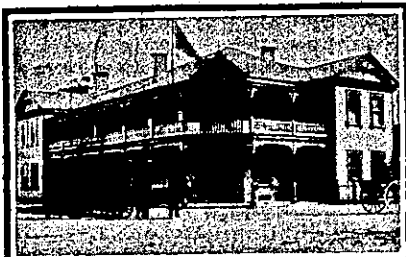
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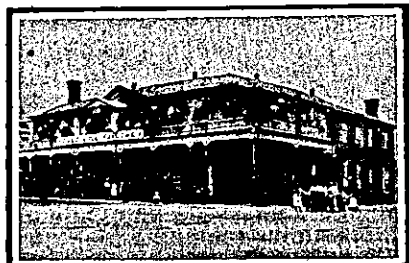
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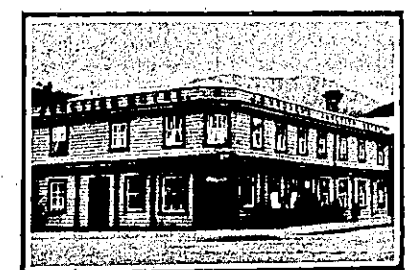
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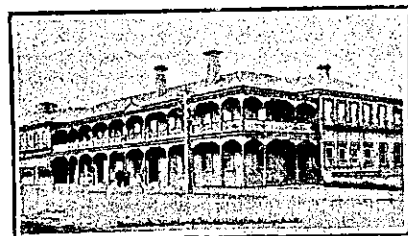
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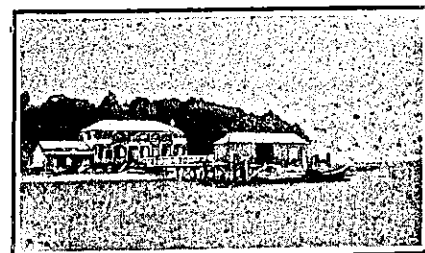
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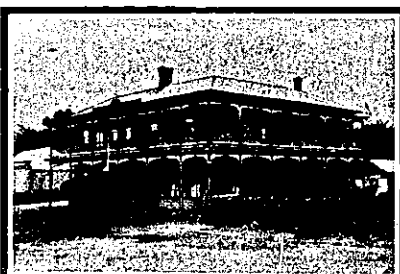
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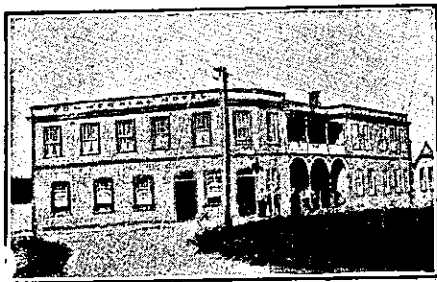
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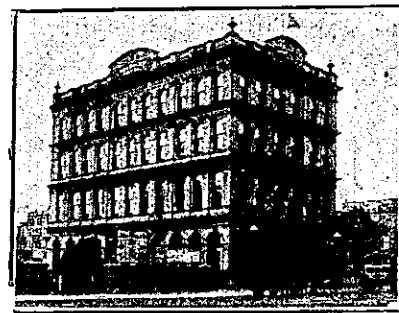
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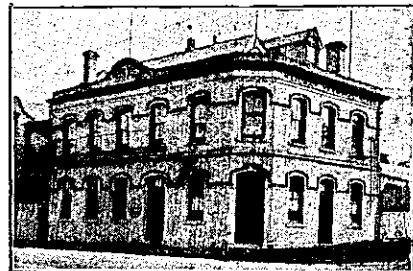
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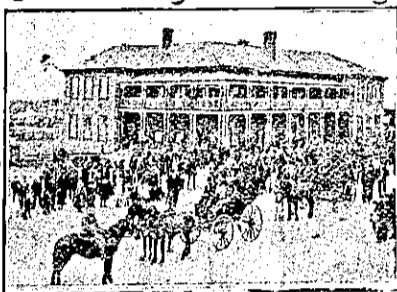
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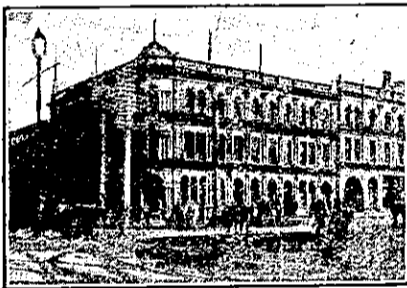
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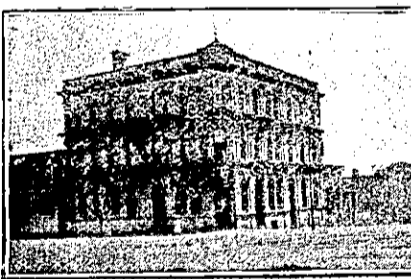
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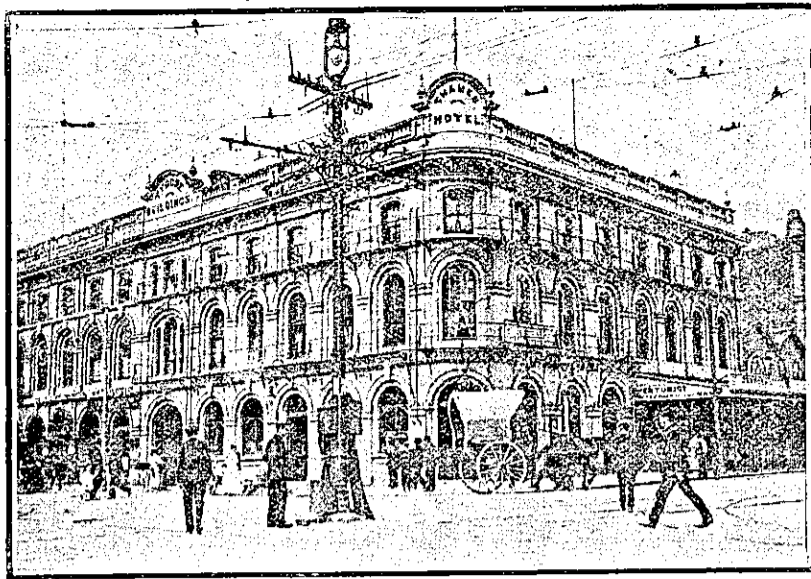
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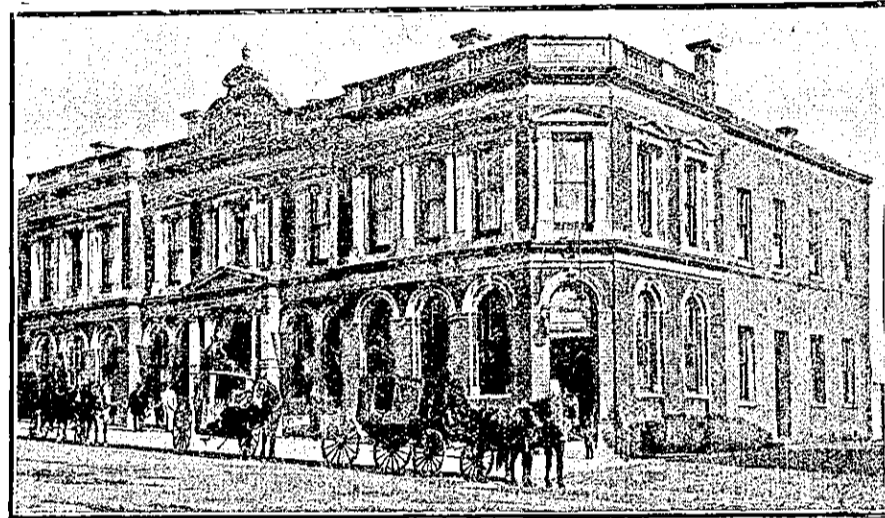
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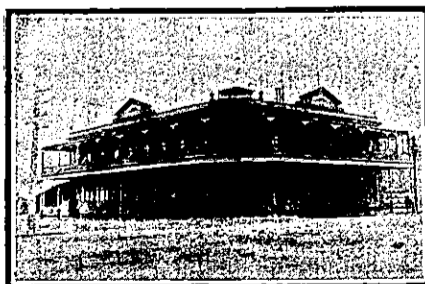
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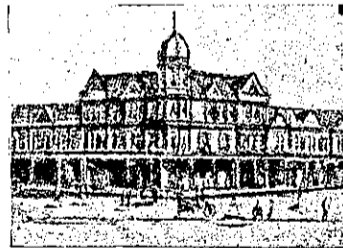
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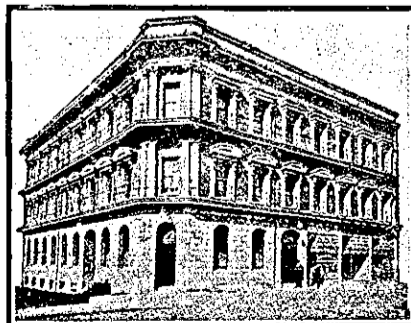


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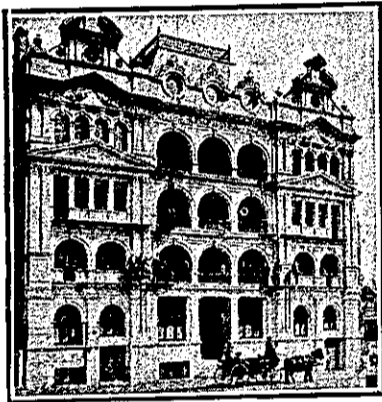
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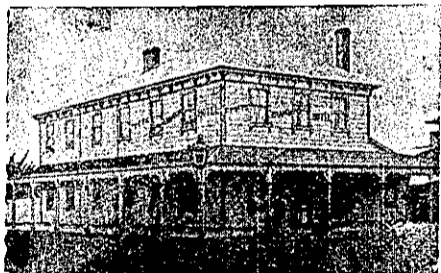
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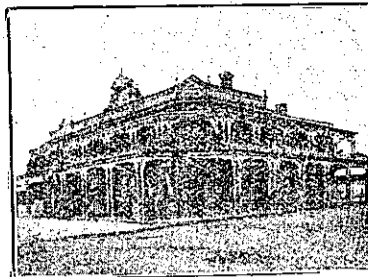
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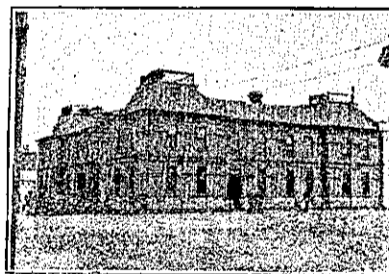
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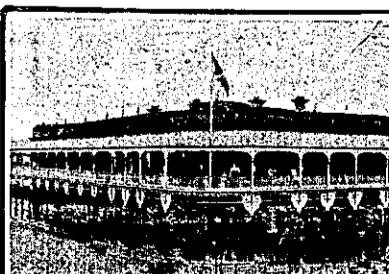
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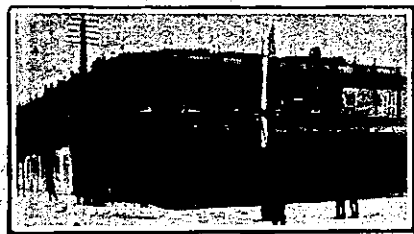
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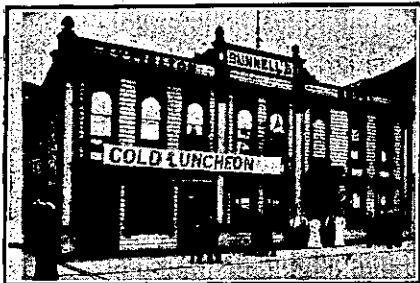
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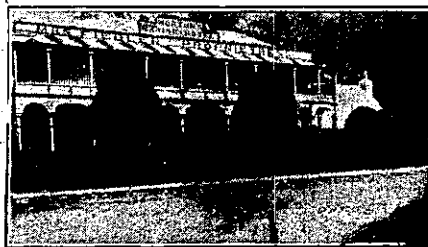
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