

100yds.—First heat: C. D. Cowan, 3yds, 1; C. B. Reid, 6yds, 2; E. R. Nutter, 5yds, 3. Time, 10 4-5s. Second heat: J. F. Wilson, 6yds and A. Rowe, 5yds, lead heat, 1; J. M. Carpenter, 3yds, 3. Time, 10 3-5s. Third heat: C. F. Burns, 5yds, 1; T. H. Henderson, 5yds, 2; A. C. Johnston, 6yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5s. Fourth heat: W. Dick, 4yds, 1; A. Williams, 6yds, 2; W. H. Davis, 6yds, 3. Time, 10 2-5s. Final: A. Rowe, 1; C. Reid, 2; J. F. Wilson, 3. Time, 10 2-5s. Secondary Schools' Race, 100yds: H. Mowbray, King's College, 1; T. M. Wilkes, King's College, 2; N. R. Jacobson, Grammar School, 3. No time taken. Secondary Schools' Race, one mile: G. N. Hill, King's College, 1; E. Rhodes, Grammar School, 2; J. Empson, St John's College, 3. Time, 4m. 39 4-5s.

The sum of £253 and nine gold medals is being offered in prizes in connection with the annual gathering of the Wairarapa Caledonian Society to be held at Masterton on January 1. As usual with such gatherings, an attractive programme has been arranged to suit all classes of competitors. Entries for all handicap events close on December 7.

The final ballot for the election of the Council of the Amateur Athletic Association held at Christchurch last week, resulted in the return of Messrs. W. G. Atack, H. S. Batchelor, C. J. Cooper, J. E. Green, J. F. Grierson, D. Hamber, G. H. Mason, E. Norden, and J. R. Olliver.

Record entries have been received for the axemen's championship carnival to be held at Eltham on December 26 and 27, being 15 above the total for last year. Axemen and sawyers to the number of 249 have been nominated for the eleven events, and late entries are expected from Victoria and Tasmania. There are 50 entries for the axemen's cup of £140, and 13 pairs for the double-handed sawing championship. Miley, the Australian champion axeman, and Thomas Pettitt, the world's champion sawyer, will compete at the carnival.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The Onehunga Cycling Touring Club held its third annual opening run on Saturday, quite 100 riders, some in fancy costume, taking part. The procession started at the Royal Oak and ended at Mangere Hill, where a short address was delivered by Mr. Chas. Bagley, vice-president of the Club. The club's sports resulted as follows.—Hill-climbing Handicap (12 entries): O. Melvern, 1; H. Flewellyn, 2; N. Wadman, 3. Free-wheeling Competition: R. J. Sutherland, 1; C. Denize, 2; Chas. Rushbrook, 3. Hill Climb (for ladies): Miss Flossie Pardington, 30yds, 1; Miss Ethel Pardington, 35yds, 2. Miss Ferguson (scratch), Miss Perrin (10yds), and Mrs. Godwin (10yds) also competed. The Misses Ferguson and Perrin collided and fell, while Mrs. Godwin dismounted, and went to their assistance. The following awards were made:—Most comic costume: J. Richardson and H. Campling (on a tandem as H.M.S. Bumprocker), 1; E. Pople (Sundowner), 2. Most original costume: G. Woolford (imported domestic), 1; Darktown Fire Brigade, 2. Best general display: Messrs. T. H. Pardington, C. Rushbrook, H. Flewellyn, V. Marks, L. Palmer and D. Howard (as Darktown Fire Brigade), 1; F. Roget (Victoria Cross hero), 2. Fancy costume: S. H. Brooking (cavalier), 1; A. Perrin (Pierrot), 2.

The opening run of the Rudge Cycle Club was also held on Saturday. The cyclists left the Ponsonby Reservoir and proceeded to One-tree Hill, where a number of races and competitions were held, and resulted as under:—Decorated Lady's Bicycle: Miss Maberly, 1; Mr. Matheson, 2; Mr. L. Mills, highly commended. Decorated Gentleman's Bicycle: Mr. J. Snook, 1; Mr. J. Kennedy, 2; Mr. G. Bridgens, 3. Most Original Costume: Mr. W. H. Taylor, 1; Mr. J. Rewcastle, 2. The winner was dressed so as to represent a bird, while Mr. Rewcastle, who was labelled "Old Nick," appeared with a pair of horns and a pitchfork. Mr. E. Park also gained a prize in this event, his representation of an Indian being regarded as excellent. Most Comical Costume: Mr. O. J. Ashton, 1; H. C. Dixon, 2; J. Hanner, 3. Mr. Harle Giles acted as judge. The cyclists and their friends received a visit from Sir John Logan Campbell, who was heartily cheered.

The Victoria Cycle Touring Club (Devonport) have decided to hold a sports meeting on the Takapuna Beach on December 7, the programme to include a maiden cycle race (open), half-mile; 75-yds flat race (open); Victoria handicap cycle (members only), three-quarters of a mile; 120yds hurdle race (open); Takapuna handicap cycle (members only), one mile and a-half; ladies' race (open), 50-yds, and a tug-of-war, Takapuna v. Devonport. A large number of trophies (including some valuable ones) have already been promised. The events will be run under amateur rules.

At the annual meeting of the Otahuhu Rudge Cycling Club the treasurer's report showed a highly-satisfactory financial position. The following officers were elected for the coming season:—Patron, Mr. A. M. Myers; captain, Mr. J. Foubister; sub-captains, Messrs. S. Brooks and J. Wright; secretary, Mr. A. V. Docherty; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. Fallwell; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Taylor; committee, Messrs. J. Grant, J. Foubister, E. Jenkins, G. Harvey, H. Doyle, and C. Doyle.

The task of cycling round the world is unusual, but a Liverpool lady, Mrs. A. G. Homewood, at present in Auckland, is engaged in this undertaking. She cycled about 1500 miles in America, and then, owing to pressure of time, had to take the train for the remainder of the journey to the Pacific Coast, where she caught the steamer for New Zealand. After cycling as far South as Dunedin, she will cross over to Australia, and continue her tour there, finishing up at Adelaide. It was her original intention to proceed from Adelaide to Japan, and thence across Siberia and Europe to England, but this latter and most interesting part of the journey may have to be deleted. On Saturday week Mrs. Homewood started to cycle to Russell, but after proceeding as far as the Wade, she decided to return to Auckland, as the roads were in a shockingly bad condition. She had to walk 13 out of 20 miles.

FOOTBALL.

The New Zealand professional footballers suffered their third defeat yesterday week, when playing against Leigh they were defeated by 15 points to 9.

On Saturday they tried conclusions with Oldham, and a drawn game resulted—each side scoring 8 points.

The New Zealanders' record now stands as follows:—Matches played 14, won 9, lost 3, drawn 2.



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CRICKET.

The third round of the local cup competitions was commenced on Saturday, when the matches which came up for decision were City v. Grafton, Ponsonby v. Eden, and North Shore v. Parnell. In the first-named match City went in to bat, and remained at the wickets all the afternoon, and when play ceased had placed 380 runs to their credit for the loss of six wickets. R. Neill was batting in great style, and his score now stands at 204 (not out). In the Ponsonby-Eden match Ponsonby batted first, but were all got rid of for 110. Eden then went in, and when stumps were drawn had only two wickets down for 166. North Shore was at the wickets all the afternoon against Parnell, and put together 290 for eight wickets, the chief scores being J. Hussey 53, A. Haddon 45.

In the cricket match Waiuku East v. Waiuku West, played on Saturday, the former team scored 85, Waiuku West responding with 62. The chief scorers for the winning team were Playdell (24) and F. Webster (18), and for Waiuku West Mackey (18) and Aldred (16).

The English cricketers gave the New South Wales representatives a decisive beating this week, when the visitors succeeded in defeating the colonials by 408 runs. The scores were—New South Wales, first innings 101, second innings 96, total 197; Englishmen, first innings 304, second innings 301, total 605.

At a meeting of the Queensland Cricket Association recently a letter was received from the manager of a Fiji team declining an offer of 50 per cent. for a match at Brisbane on New Year's Day, and asking 70 per cent. on receipts from all sources.

The young Surey player J. N. Crawford must have been laying on the willow in the match against South Australia. In 58 minutes he had put together 114. Perhaps a better idea would be gained by giving the exact hits.—3, 4, 1, 4, 4, 4, 4, 1, 2, 2, 6, 4, 1, 4, 4, 2, 2, 6, 1, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 1 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 2, 6.

During their recent visit to England, several of the South African cricketers found it necessary to pay visits to Mr. Frank Matthews, a famous bone-setter, for the purpose of having casualties sustained in the field attended to. To mark their appreciation of his efforts, and the "Sporting Life," the colonials, before leaving for home, made an interesting presentation to Mr. Matthews in the form of a bat inscribed with the autographs of the members of the side.

The English fielding deserves a word. On the first day it was not perfect, but there was some excuse on account of the extreme heat, which struck the visitors rather suddenly. It was brilliant, but there were one or two rather serious faults. On Wednesday, however, when the Englishmen were playing a winning game, the fielding was seen at its best—close, brilliant and accurate.

BILLIARDS.

W. Lyons, Auckland's champion cueist, returned from Australia on Monday with his pockets well-lined with "Apologue money."

Commenting upon the oval table "A Mathematician" writes to the London "Standard": "Having had some mathematical training, I do not understand why there should be more chance play on this shaped table than any other, for the science of the angles of incidence and reflection of both squares and circles has been accurately and fully demonstrated for thousands of years, before billiard tables were thought of; therefore, there can be no ground for stating that there is any more difficulty about judging the

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Young Beddoe, who defeated Alfred Vockler in Melbourne during Cup week, is sure to make his mark in Australian billiards (says "Snooker," in the Sydney "Referee"). He has acquired a splendid soft touch, plays the winning hazard excellently, and is amazingly good in angle cannons and losing hazards. After recently studying George Gray, Frank Smith, jun., and this young Victorian, I am in doubt as to which is the better of the trio. Gray is perhaps the most skillful in the finer phases of billiards, such as the masse stroke; Smith excels in the winning hazard and power of cue; but Beddoe has a superior all-round knowledge of billiards and a better touch than his rivals. When these lads meet I feel sure the billiard-loving public will be delighted with their display.

In the first game between Weiss and Roberts on the oval table—which was won by Weiss—veteran Roberts played brilliantly at times, and was full of all his old-time dash. He made one excellent run of 291, which might have affected a less imperturbable player than Weiss. The reception given to Roberts clearly demonstrated that he is still a warm favourite with the public.

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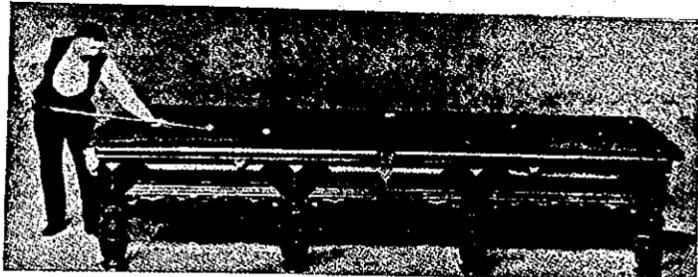
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