

When making his great score of 206 against N.S.W., Tarrant was out before reaching the century, but the umpire gave a wrong decision. He is a batsman of the patient order, taking just over seven hours to make the runs.

Curiously enough, S. E. Gregory has scored 201 runs in an innings at the Sydney Cricket Ground on three occasions, viz. against England, and Victoria, and for the Metropolis v. Combined Country.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The Onehunga Cycle Touring Club will hold a race next Saturday on Mr. Baker's track at Mangere. The following will compete:—H. Flewellyn, J. Foubister, O. Melvern, A. Flewellyn, T. H. Pardington, D. Howard, S. Prooking, W. Sayers, C. Denize H. Sayers, W. C. Hill, L. Palmer, J. Fletcher, S. Kitchen, N. Wadman, A. Ferrin, R. J. Sutherland.

Mr. Harry Rickards now owns a very fine 30-55 h.p. Daimler car, which is one of the best-known in the Sydney streets.

Mr. W. T. Clifford Earp in a 60 h.p. 6-cylinder Thames car, broke Mr. S. F. Edge's 50 miles (42min. 46 2-5 sec) 1 hour (72 miles 150 yards), and 2 hours (140 miles 1320 yards) records, and established a record for 150 miles, on the Brooklands automobile racing track on December 10. Mr. Earp's times were: 50 miles, 39min 10 29sec.; 76 miles 453 yards, 1 hour; 150 miles, 1hr. 58min. 34.1sec.; 151 miles 146.8 yards, 2 hours.

LAWN TENNIS.

West End have won the interclub champion banner, defeating Eden and Epsom by 2 points. The victory was a popular one as the latter club has held it too long to really benefit tennis. In the final round on Saturday West End beat Auckland by 24 to nil, and Eden and Epsom defeated North Shore by 19 to 5. The results were:—

AUCKLAND V. WEST END.

Men's A Doubles: Paterson and Upton (W.E.) beat Gillett and Hudson (A.), 6-3, 6-2.

Ladies' A Doubles: Misses A. Nicholson and M. Metcalfe (W.E.) beat Mrs. Palethorpe and Miss Woodroffe (A.), 6-2, 6-5.

Combined A Doubles: Dr. Keith and Miss Utting (W.E.) beat Porter and Mrs. Allen (A.), 6-4, 6-1.

Men's B Doubles: Oliphant and Smith (W.E.) beat A. J. Black and H. Cooke, jun. (A.), 5-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ladies' B Doubles: Misses Davies and Bagnall (W.E.) beat Miss Williamson and Mrs. Dr. Herz (A.), 6-3, 6-1.

Combined B Doubles: Hickson and Miss Holland (W.E.) beat Warner and Miss D. Metcalfe (A.), 6-0, 6-0.

EDEN AND EPSOM V. DEVONPORT

Men's A Doubles: W. Brown and Grossman (E. and E.) beat A. and K. Howarth (D.), 6-2, 6-2.

Ladies A Doubles: Mrs. Cooper and Miss Harvey (D.) beat Misses Udy and P. Gorrie (E. and E.), 6-5, 6-2.

Combined A Doubles: Billing and Miss Walker (E. and E.) beat Mackay and Miss Philcox (D.), 6-4, 6-2.

Men's B Doubles: A. S. C. Brown and Heather (E. and E.) beat Brabant and Young (D.), 6-0 6-0.

Ladies' B Doubles: Miss Martin and Mrs. Stewart (E. and E.) beat Misses Caldwell and Taylor (D.), 6-0, 6-2.

Combined B Doubles: Turner and Miss Buttler (E. and E.) beat Robson and Miss Handley (D.), 6-3, 6-4.

AQUATICS.

THE ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.

The sixty-eighth Anniversary Regatta, or rather, the regatta which celebrated the sixty-eighth anniversary of the founding of Auckland, took place on the 29th inst., and possibly proved the best yet held. The good ship Waimate (5610 tons) was flagship, and all day long her spacious decks were thronged with spectators. The entries were very large throughout, the number of vessels racing being about a record. As bad luck would have it, there was an entire absence of wind all the morning. This calm although it rather ruined the sailing races from a purely racing point of view, yet gave rise to perhaps the finest marine picture ever seen on the Waitemata. As race after race was started, and the competitors made virtually no progress by noon, the fleet had grown to very large proportions. To be exact, there were eight large scows, seven smaller ones, seven trading cutters, and sixty-two yachts within a short radius of the flagship all absolutely becalmed. In addition, there were numbers of other smaller sailing vessels endeavouring to work up to the starting-line, and a good many non-competitors were underweigh, while "in and out and round about" went motor launches innumerable. The Waimate, gaily dressed with bunting, and the cable steamer Iris—an apt name for the occasion, for she had a veritable rainbow of flags flying—formed the central figures in this marine pageant, which required to be seen to be appreciated. Our photographer has endeavoured to give some idea of the scene, but without the vivid blue of the sky and the intense ultra-marine of the sea sparkling under a torrid sun the scene as depicted by the camera, fails to realise the real beauty of the picture. No restrictions in canvas was one of the rules for the scow races, and it was amusing to see what some of the vessels carried to help them a little faster in so faint a zephyr. In addition to ordinary canvas, there were huge jackyard topsails set over jib headers, jib topsails, watersails, ringtails, raffees, bowsprit stunsails, in fact, every conceivable rag that would hold a little extra wind. The yachts were the same, and all this expanse of canvas materially helped to make up a great picture. In the afternoon came a nice sailing breeze, which, however, died away in the evening. The big scows in their race round Tiri Tiri took all night to complete the course but the other events were got off before sunset. Altogether the function proved a great success.

The Devonport Y.C. motor launch race gave rise to a good go between Edna and Snowflake, the former winning by 47 seconds. Banshee, Shadow, and Hula were the other starters.

Queenie (class 1), Olympic (class 2), Hetty (class 3), Wanderer (class 4), Colleen (class 5), Norma (class 6) were the winners in the North Shore Y.C. Class races on Saturday. The event was very successful, no less than 54 boats being entered for the different events.

Rainbow, which seems to be sailing in her old form this season, followed up her win at the Anniversary Regatta in the First-class Yacht Race

by annexing the Devonport Y.C. run to Awaroa on Saturday. She finished 40 seconds behind Thelma, but won easy on time, Thelma being second, and Nellie third. Eleven yachts completed the long course.

BILLIARDS.

A NOVEL STYLE OF HANDICAP.

Mr. John Lessels makes a suggestion for a "Blind Handicap" which might prove a novelty in club-room billiards. Eight makes the best number of players, and in addition to the competitors a competent individual must act as referee, handicapper and marker. Now, to begin with, the starts are drawn up exactly as they would be in a flying handicap of 100 up. The list of starts is shown to the players so that they may know how they stand relatively, but the first principle of this handicap is that every game is a different length, and may be made 50, 60, 70 or 100 as the handicapper chooses, and the points allowed are, of course proportionate to the starts allocated for 100 up. Before the commencement of each heat the handicapper writes down the number of points representing the length of the game, but this information is kept strictly to himself, and as he marks the game personally no one present is aware that the winning total has been reached by one of the contestants until he announces the fact and confirms it by showing the secret sheet. Everyone is thus "all out" all the time, for he has no idea where the game will end, and this gives rise to a lot of interest being maintained throughout.

CLIMBING UPWARDS.

One of the many interesting points to be found in connection with recording the passing events of the first-rank billiard exponents season by season is the gradual development of the younger men (writes the editor of the "World of Billiards.") It was my pleasure in the early nineties to see Dawson steadfastly fighting his way to the top of the tree. I saw him transform himself bit by bit from a spot-stroke artist pure and simple to an all-round exceptional stroke performer of the Mitchell school. Then he improved surely, if slowly, at the great spot-barred form of scoring, the top-of-the-table game. The evolution of it all is the very finished veteran scoring force we know to-day. I knew Hugh McNeil and William Spiller, too. With ordinary care both these naturally gifted players might have obtained very high, if not the highest, honour that the billiard world has to give. Stevenson's billiard training was of a more modern and therefore less thorough kind than his great rival, Dawson underwent. He learned the higher flights of the game before he was any too well acquainted with the elementary branches of it. The delicate close-cannon play and general neatness of his expositions, combined with his big breaks, cloaked Stevenson's weakness at the open all-round game. Not until he had strengthened himself in this department did he succeed in holding his own with Dawson. Reece has improved and is on the up-grade. There is still a wide gulf fixed between him and such as Stevenson, Dawson and Diggle. He will have to steadily pursue the path which will continue to bring restraint and steadiness. The old leaven—the real fault of his game—is not so conspicuous as of old. It is a sign that he is triumphing over a wayward temperament. But there are still lapses into an unsettled state which do his scoring no good. Reece reminds me much of Stevenson, in that great player's earlier days. He has the touch and the knowledge. His all-round game and his forcing strokes show a marked improvement. All that is now needed is a further measure of will-power—that great factor

towards success. Given that essential, Reece should be seen climbing steadily up the ladder of fame.

We wish to draw our readers' attention to the advertisement under this heading to Mr. Alf. Hoare's Billiard Parlours, Dunedin. This is really a first-class saloon, fitted up for the comfort of his many patrons. Mr. Hoare is very popular, and visitors and players speak in high terms of his many good qualities. Some fine players are engaged just now in finishing off a tournament, for which the entries were large.

Dawson seems to be in wonderful form this season. Following on his break of 823, he in a match with Raynor made five breaks of over 400, and strung together 1129 in three consecutive innings.

Billiards are still virtually a dead letter locally, a fact which cannot be wondered at with the thermometer soaring away sky high as it has done of late.

WHERE TO PLAY BILLIARDS.

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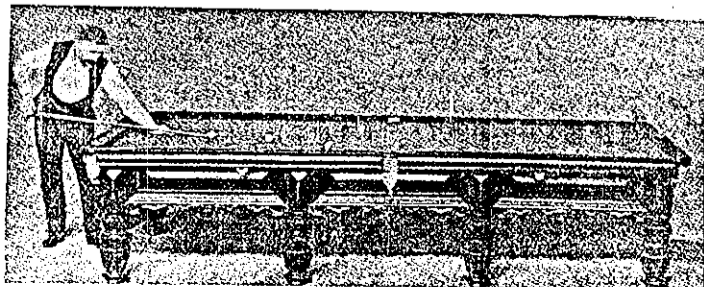
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