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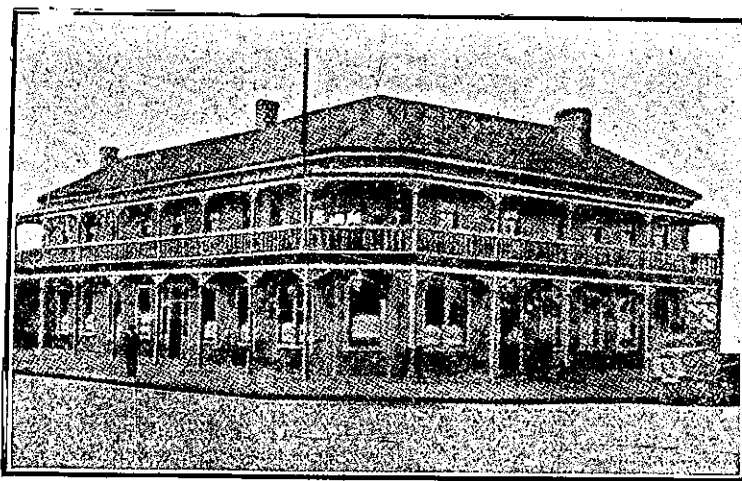
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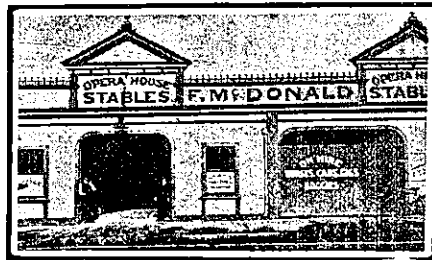
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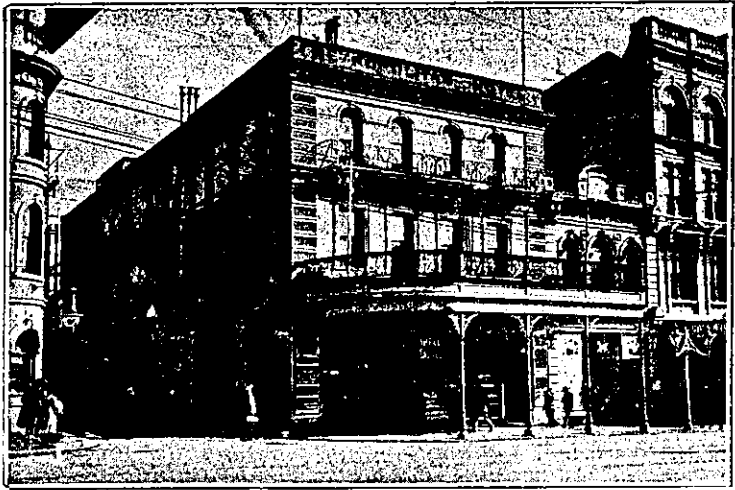
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FIXTURES.

Feb. 29—Papakura R.C.
 April 4, 8, 11—Auckland Trotting Club
 March 6 and 7—Wanganui J.C.
 March 6 and 7—Westport J.C. Autumn
 March 11 and 12—Dannevirke J.C.
 March 13 and 14—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
 March 16 and 17—Ohinemuri J.C.
 March 17 and 18—Greymouth J.C.
 March 17 and 18—Napier Park
 March 21—Thames J.C.
 March 25 and 26—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 26—Waipawa County
 April 18, 20, 21—Auckland Racing Club Autumn
 April 20—Patea R.C.
 April 20 and 21—Feilding J.C.
 April 29, May 2—Avondale J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

Feb. 28—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 6—Third Feilding Stakes
 March 6—Thames J.C.
 March 13—Auckland Racing Club (special events)
 March 14—Taranaki J.C. (hack events)
 March 20—Auckland Trotting Club
 March 27—Auckland Racing Club (general entries)
 March 30—Patea R.C.
 April 3—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 17—Avondale J.C. (general entries)

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

March 9—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 9—Ohinemuri J.C.
 March 18—Thames J.C.
 March 23—Auckland Racing Club (special events)
 March 23—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 3—Auckland Racing Club (first day)
 April 6—Patea R.C.
 April 6—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 20—Avondale J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

February 28—Wanganui J.C.
 March 12—Ohinemuri J.C.
 March 14—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 19—Thames J.C.
 March 27—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 13—Patea R.C.

THE ENGLISH WATERLOO CUP.

During the four concluding days of last week the English Waterloo Cup was fought out. This is the most noted event of the year in the world of coursing, and for it there is very keen competition. It is run over the Earl of Sefton's famous Altcar estate near Liverpool, and, in addition to the rich stake, a gold cup of the value of 100 guineas figures among the prizes, this being given every year by the Earl himself, who for many years has been president of the National Coursing Association. Out here our so-called society folk look down upon coursing, which is somewhat amusing when it is remembered that in the Old Country it is one of the favourite sports of many English noblemen, and even the King himself has attended meetings. To obtain a nomination in the Waterloo Cup is a very difficult matter indeed, and when a vacancy occurs it is balloted for. This great event was originally known as the Altcar Cup, and was first run in 1836 as an eight-dog stake only. In the next season it was for sixteen, and the following year for 32; and it remained as such until King Lear's year, in '57, when it became a 64, with Purse and Plate, and has remained so until this present time. The cable tells us that this year's winner turned up in Hallow'een, who beat Silhouette in the final and won the stake. The names of the winners of the Purse and Plate were not cabled.

THE CAULFIELD FUTURITY STAKES.

Owing to the presence in the race of the New Zealand-bred Munjeet and Seddon, a good deal of interest was taken this side of the Tasman Sea in the struggle for the rich Caulfield Futurity Stakes. For this fourteen out of the fifteen acceptors faced the barrier, and with the champion colt Mountain King in the race, punters were never in doubt which to back, even though the son of Wallace and Bonnie Rosette had the big load of 9st 5lb in the saddle—a great weight for a three-year-old. The race was run over seven furlongs, the Wallace filly Cleis being first away, with Colarit and Antonio next. Half a mile from home Clayton took Antonio to the front, while Mountain King, who

had not been too well away, made a forward move. A desperate finish resulted, Mountain King closing on the leader, with Turner diding Munjeet desperately. Antonio, despite his heavy impost of 9st 8lb, held out long enough to beat Mountain King by three-quarters of a length, with Munjeet, who finished gallantly, only a head away third, and Scotland fourth. The time, 1m. 29s., was half a second slower than Corroboree's record last year. The winner, Antonio, is a very handsome, although somewhat infirm, English-bred horse. He was got by the Isonomy horse Prisoner from Padua, and was picked up quite cheaply. The success of English-bred horses in Australia is causing more attention to be given to importing equines from the Old Country, where very fair handicap horses can often be purchased at a comparatively low figure. No doubt in the near future we shall have more of them carrying silk, as other English-bred ones in Sokinsha, a daughter of Florizel II. and Quick Fire, and Snowy River, a daughter of St. Serf and River Trent, were among the acceptors for the race.

THE TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

This fixture takes place on March 25 and 26, and owners are now reminded that nominations for the following handicaps will close to-morrow (Friday), 28th February, 1908, at 9 p.m., 1sov each:—Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Pukaka Hack Handicap, Taranaki Cup Handicap, First Welter Handicap, Kaitake Hack Handicap, Flying Handicap, Puketori Hack Handicap Hurdles, Grandstand Handicap, Wharepapa Hack Handicap, Paul Memorial Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, Farewell Handicap. Mr. Mussell Fleetwood, the secretary, should have a long list of entries to deal with.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

On Saturday next the Papakura Racing Club will hold their annual meeting on the old racecourse next Genora Park. This fixture dates back a good many years, and many a pleasant gathering has taken place at the well-known trysting ground. In the event of fine weather the special train from Auckland will need to be a very long one to hold the crowd who will want to make the trip. Mr. F. Yonge, the secretary, has been actively at work completing preparations, and everything is being put in good trim for the event. The acceptances were not due to close until some time after we go to press, so cannot be given. Mr. F. W. Edwards' handicaps are as follows:—

THE THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Thames Jockey Club has been fixed to take place on Saturday, March 21. As will be seen from the programme appearing in this issue a very good bill-of-fare has been provided. This is made up of the Maiden Plate, of 25 sovs, 6 furlongs; Hurdle Race of 40 sovs, 1½ miles; Autumn Stakes, of 60 sovs, one mile; Shorts Handicap, of 30 sovs, 4 furlongs; Steeplechase, of 60 sovs, 2½ miles; Railway Handicap, of 35 sovs, 6 furlongs; Hack Race, of 25 sovs, 5 furlongs; Welter Handicap, of 30 sovs, 7 furlongs. Mr. William H. Potts, the secretary, desires attention drawn to the fact that nominations for all events close on Friday, 6th March, at 8 p.m. As the meetings at the mining township are always well conducted, the fixture should be a very successful one.

A GREAT PACER.

The last American mail brings news of the death of Angus Pointer, 2.1½, the champion pacer of 1907. Angus Pointer was by Sidney Pointer, 2.7½, and during the past season was invincible one the Grand Circuit, after the meeting at Detroit, where he was defeated by Baron Grafton, this being his only defeat of the season. He was the winner of the fastest three-heat race by a gelding in 2.3½, 2.2½ and

2.4½. Held a matinee waggon record of 2.3½. The world's pacing record to waggon of 2.4½, and the fastest three-heat race to waggon, 2.6½, 2.4½, and 2.6½. In the opinion of the race-going public, Angus Pointer was as game and consistent a racehorse as ever looked through a bridle.

A GOOD BARGAIN.

When Bright Steel's number went up as the winner of the Oakleigh Plate, it was a tremendous surprise for the majority of those present (says the "Referee"), as there was really nothing to go upon with regard to his prospects. Sold as a yearling in England for 1700gns, he was never raced there owing to an attack of fever, and when offered at auction at Newmarket last year "Mr Stanley" secured him for 680gns, among the bidders being Mr G. G. Stead. Although Bright Steel is very aristocratically bred, being by St. Simon from Glare (dam of the One Thousand Guineas winner, Flair, and last season's crack two-year-old Lesbia), the "Special Commissioner" wrote that he was well sold at the figure mentioned, but as the Oakleigh Plate was worth £1000, the horse at his second appearance in public has returned more than his purchase money.

ENGLAND BEGINS TO SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE TOTALISATOR.

"We notice that the last year's turnover at the Pari Mutuels is officially estimated at the gigantic total of £12,000,000 (says "Country Life.") It is generally accepted that there is far more betting in England than in France, and, if that be so, one cannot help wondering what is the amount of money employed in betting transactions in the course of a year's racing in England. This system is the only method of betting permissible in France, and the reason for its adoption appears to be that by its means it is possible to lay a toll, in favour of several praiseworthy objects, on all who bet, and that by a very logical process of reasoning the French authorities argue: We do not approve of betting, but you will bet—that we know; therefore you shall bet in such a fashion that we can tax your betting operations. This is done by means of the Pari Mutuel, and the percentage levied on all transactions is divided in certain proportions between works of charity, the improvement of racing and racecourses, and, above all, the encouragement of horse-breeding in France. Thus, out of the impost levied on the huge total already mentioned, £120,000 was allotted to the Government Stud Commission for the purchase of stallions likely to be of service in the State-supported haras, which render such immense service to the cause of horse-breeding in France. Breeders in England receive neither recognition nor support from the nation. To those who are willing to read the writing on the wall, the time is not far distant when we shall suffer not only from a shortage of horses, but from a falling-off in the quality of what may be called horses for general purposes. In the enormous sums of money which annually change hands in betting transactions, there is a hitherto untapped source of revenue, some of which might, if rightly used, do much to maintain the national industry of horse-breeding at its proper level. Betting cannot be suppressed; men have wagered from time immemorial, and they will continue to do so until the crack of doom; but betting can be legalised, and in that lies the whole crux of the matter. With its legislation would disappear many of the undoubted evils which at present exist in connection with it, and upon the wisdom with which the legislation was effected would depend the accessibility of a not inconsiderable source of revenue to the State."

There is plenty of money to be won in jumping races in America. Last year J. E. Widener won sixteen events of this class, his prize-money coming to slightly over £9000, J. Hitchcock was next with £8700, and then John E. Madden with £8138.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

Maranui won the Kogarah Stakes at Moorefield on Saturday. It was high time this gay deceiver started earning his oats.

Canterbury owners had quite a picnic at the Dunedin meeting, nearly all the best races going their way.

There are 21 entries for the Napier Cup, included in the list being some very useful ones.

The Hikutaia Hack Racing Club will hold a meeting on Monday next.

Landlock made an inglorious display at the Rotorua meeting at Cambridge on Saturday. Has the once brilliant veteran lost all pace.

Master Delaval is being kept going at Eilerslie with a view to running in the Wanganui Cup. He looks well.

Handicaps for the first day of the Ohinemuri J.C. meeting are due on Monday, the 9th prox. The nominations, which are excellent, will be found in another column.

The Australian Cup will be run for on Tuesday next.

The Ben Godfrey gelding Pukenui won the Te Aroha Cup from end to end.

The fact must not be overlooked by owners that entries for the Third Feilding Stakes of 500sovs are due with Mr. E. Goodbehre, secretary of the Feilding J.C., on Friday, March 6.

The rain will have the effect of freshening things up at Eilerslie, but much more is wanted, as the ground is as hard as a brickbat, and horses have to be exercised on the sand.

First payment for the Wanganui Cup and acceptances for other events to be run on the opening day of the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting must be made to Mr. William Hall, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday), the 28th inst.

A subscription of 5sovs to the W.J.C. Jackson Stakes is due to-morrow.

The Newmarket Handicap will be run on Saturday next.

The King's famous stallion Persimmon, who was reported injured a short while ago, is dead.

Uranium won the Rotorua Cup on Saturday in something like her old style.

Seddon, although a long way from being the champion we fondly hoped for, is evidently a fair colt. He ran third to two good ones in Mountain King and Ebullition in the St. George's Stakes at Caulfield.

At a meeting of the Riddell's Creek Racing Club, held on February 3, the case of the horse Romsey Jack was dealt with. This horse, which was proved to be identical with Rawmore, a New Zealand horse, was disqualified for life, with its nominator, Mrs. S. Heildley, for the races last Boxing Day. Mr. T. H. Clark was disqualified for corrupt practices in connection with the horse.

Apologue's running at Caulfield has sent him out of favour for the Australian Cup, and Tartan is now favourite.

The New Zealand-bred sire Pygmalion claimed three winners at the recent Snowtown (S.A.) meeting.

According to the Johannesburg "Gunday Times," there are about 500 racehorses (including ponies) in training on the Rand, which means a keep and training bill for owners collectively of at least £60,000 per annum, added to which at the lowest estimate another £60,000 must be put down for entries, forfeits, and expenses.

Sportsmen going down to the races and Show at Opatiki should note that the Northern Co.'s s.s. Ngatiawa will run an excursion there on Monday next, leaving at 1 p.m. The excursions will be given an opportunity of seeing the famous White Island, one of the most uncanny spots in the world.

The fifth Test match is in an interesting stage. England, getting Australia in on a bad wicket, rattled them out for 137, and then made 281, Gunn getting 122 not out. The Australians are getting themselves out of the hole, having put on 357 for six wickets at the time of going to press. Trumper at last came out of his shell, and after many failures played a fine innings of 166.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, February 26.

Grandstand won two out of the three hurdle races he started in at Dunedin last week. The big Grand Cross gelding is just the sort of animal to make a first-class performer over hurdles, and he should distinguish himself in big company during the winter racing campaign.

What an improved horse Armamento is. Since the son of Lord Roslyn left W. Davis' stable he has won some good races, his latest success being the Dunedin Cup. The horse is now trained on the beach at New Brighton and is allowed to be hacked about just the same as any saddle horse. Evidently this is just the sort of work Armamento likes.

Husbandman was a cut above the other two-year-olds at Dunedin and won the Champagne Stakes in hollow style. He should win again in better company during the autumn meetings.

Canterbury-owned horses won nearly all the principal races at Dunedin. Armamento, Husbandman, Pretty Nell, Grand Stand, Cerise and Blue Sea King, Dabchick, Ilarita, Nancy Star and Thunderer, all won races, Grand Stand, and Sea King each scoring two wins.

F. E. Jones is fast getting to the top of the winning jockey's list. This promising young rider won six races at Dunedin.

All Guns and Tirole were both sold during the Dunedin Meeting.

Glenculloch is booked to leave for Wanganui on Monday next to take part in the Jackson Stakes. The Clanranald colt is very well just now and should be hard to beat in his next engagement. Millionaire will go to Wanganui with Glenculloch.

The champion filly Feetfoot, who was showing signs of lameness after winning the Middle Park Plate, has again resumed work. She went a couple of rounds the other morning and pulled up apparently quite sound.

Leaside gave a poor showing in his first hurdle race at the Tasmanian meeting, but on the second day romped home an easy winner. The crowd gave the horse and rider a bad time. The stewards held a meeting, but after considering the case, decided not to interfere with the judge's decision.

St. Joe was never prominent in the Hobart Cup.

Munjeet is one of the favourites for the Newmarket Handicap run on Saturday next. The Stepniak mare is reported to be in her best form and has been heavily backed by her connections for the big sprint event.

Clanchattan ran like a commoner in his races at the Dunedin meeting and is a hard horse to follow. He has won two races in two years and has probably proved the most expensive horse in the Chokebore stable.

Suttee got badly injured while running in the Berwick Hack Handicap at the Dunedin meeting and had to be shot. This was a piece of bad luck for the filly's owners who fully expected to win a good race with her. The filly had proved that she could gallop fast and was a good advertisement for her sire Tyranny.

The Benzoin horse Fireiron, who went over to Victoria when Munjeet left the Dominion a few weeks ago, broke down in a race at the Sandown meeting, and will have to be spelled for some time.

The New Zealanders, Pink 'Un 8st 13lb, Munjeet 8st 13lb, Dusky Morn 8st 3lb, and Captain Shannon 7st 2lb, have accepted for the Newmarket Handicap. Munjeet will carry a lot of Christchurch money.

A bookmaker told me that it would cost him nearly £2000 in license fees if he wished to attend the various race meetings. He is trying to ascertain how he can come out with a credit balance at the end of the year if he goes on with the game. One of the bookmakers doing business at Dunedin got in early and backed Armamento for a lot of money. The totalisator was also patronised by the said bookmaker whose face simply beamed

THE GREAT SCULLING RACE FOR THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

VICTORY FOR THE NEW ZEALANDER.

WEBB WINS BY 2¾ LENGTHS.

The great race for the sculling championship of the world took place on Tuesday on the famous Wanganui River. For weeks before, Wanganui had been in a simmer of excitement over the approaching contest, and with the constant influx of visitors, this was constantly added. It reached a climax when the local sculler prevailed, there being a wild outburst of enthusiasm such as the township has never seen before. The interest was by no means confined to Wanganui, but extended all over the Dominion. In Auckland for days past the race has been the chief topic of conversation, and when the time approached for the results to be wired through, great crowds assembled at the newspaper offices in anticipation of the posting of the winner's name. When it was gleaned that Webb had proved victorious, there was great cheering.

THE RACE.

Although rain fell in the morning at Wanganui, it had cleared off before the race, and the water was in perfect order. Webb was on the starting-line first, where he was soon joined by Tressider. The local man won the toss and took the inside berth, but there was nothing in it, the water being quite calm. The start was by mutual consent, and was a splendid one, Tressider striking 30 to the minute and Webb about two less. In the first three hundred yards there was nothing in it between the rivals, but then Webb's more machine-like action began to tell, and inch by inch he drew out. Amidst great cheering from the spectators Webb continued to get clear, and at the mile post was a length ahead, the time being 6min 1sec. Slowly but surely the Wanganui man drew away from his Australian rival, and at the two-mile post was three lengths to the good, the time being 12m. 6s. Getting farther away he crossed over into Tressider's water and gave the latter his backwash. Half a mile from the post the Australian spurred gallantly, and closed up the gap to a little over two lengths. Nearer than that he could not get, and when the winning line was crossed Webb was two and three-quarter lengths to the good.

There was continuous cheering at the finish, the defeated man getting a splendid reception from the crowd, who were not slow to recognise the grit with which he had fought a losing fight. That he was not rowed out by shown by the fact that he sculled back to Wanganui, distant over seven miles, immediately after the race, being cheered all along the route. Possibly if the Newcastle man had put a little more of that reserve strength into the race during the early stages of the contest, the finish might have been closer. A particularly pleasant feature of the race was the good feeling shown by both scullers, Webb speaking of Tressider in terms of warm praise, while the Australian freely admitted that the better man had won. The time for the race, viz., 20m. 28s., is 17 seconds faster than when Webb beat Towns on the Parramatta River, although the course is about 100 yards longer, but, of course, the conditions were somewhat different.

WEBB'S RECORD.

Webb is 29 years of age, and among other records, has the following to his credit:—

when Armamento got first past the post. Bookmakers very seldom lose when they back horses they know something about, and the Christchurch bookmaker who backed Armamento last week, probably knows more about horses than anyone else.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, February 26.

Mr J. E. Henrys and Mr R. J. Mason leave for Melbourne by this week's boat. The former goes away for a brief holiday which will include an attendance at Flemington during the V.R.C. meeting, and the latter travels on to England in order to enjoy a lengthy rest from the labours which materially assisted on keeping Mr G. G. Stead to the fore as a most successful sportsman.

The three-year-old colt, All Guns, by Pallas—Greek Maid, was purchased by

1905-6.—1st Champion Single Sculls, and 1st Champion Double Sculls, at Pictou; 1st Senior Fours, at Waitara, 2nd Senior Fours, at Wanganui; 1st Senior Single Sculls, at Wanganui.

1904-5.—2nd Champion Single Sculls, and 1st Champion Double Sculls, at Wellington; 1st Senior Clinker Fours, 1st Clinker Fours in best Boats, and 1st Senior Single Sculls, at Wanganui.

1903-4.—1st Senior Fours, and 1st Senior Single Sculls, at Wellington.

1902-3.—1st Senior Single Sculls, and 1st Champion Single Sculls, at Wanganui.

1901-2.—1st Senior Single Sculls, and 1st Junior Single Sculls, at Wanganui.

1900-1.—1st Maiden Single Sculls, 2nd Junior Fours, and unplaced Clinker Junior Fours, at Wanganui.

1906.—Beat Jas. Stanbury on the Wanganui River on December 26.

1907.—Beat C. Towns on the Parramatta for the championship of the world on August 3.

1908.—Defeated R. Tressider for the world's championship, February 25.

WHAT TRESSIDER HAS DONE.

Tressider, who is eight years older than his opponent, has done a good deal of rowing in small handicap events, but his best races have been when in 1903 he beat Harry Pearce for £100 and the championship of Australia, and again three years later, when he defeated Thoroughgood for a similar stake, and the same title. George Towns beat Tressider in 1904 on the Parramatta for the world's championship.

BYGONE CHAMPIONS.

The first race for the world's championship, so far as is known, took place in 1846, when Coombes defeated Campbell on the Thames. He followed this up the following year by beating Newell, and four years later did the same to Mackinney. Coombes was beaten twice by Cole in 1852, and then Messenger and Kelley held it. Next that fine sculler Chambers came along, and in turn defeated Kelley, White, Everson and Green, but in '65 Kelley had his revenge, and also beat Hamill on the Tyne. They were doughty rivals, Chambers and Kelley, and there cannot have been much between them. Chambers won the title again in '66, but Kelley beat him once more in '67, only to be beaten by Renforth in '68. Sadler held it for two years till the Australian, Trickett, came on the scene, and in succession he beat Sadler, Rush and Laycock. The race against Rush in 1877 was the first championship rowed on the Parramatta River, afterwards the scene of many heroic struggles. The great Canadian Hanlan first won in 1880, and in succession he worsted Trickett, Laycock, Boyd, Trickett and Laycock, but met his Waterloo at the hands of William Beach. The writer will not readily forget the scene at Circular Quay, Sydney, when good old Bill Beach, as his admirers termed him, returned after the victory. At the very least a dozen crowded ferry steamers met the Orient liner at Sydney Heads and escorted her up the harbour. On landing a procession was formed, and finally Beach had to address a crowd of ten thousand people from the balcony of Deeble's Hotel. Since Beach's time the holders of the title have been Kemp, poor Searle, who died on his return from beating O'Connor, Kemp (again), McLean, Stanbury, Gaudaur, of Canada, George Towns, Stanbury (again), George Towns (once more), C. Towns, and now Webb. Truly the Wanganui man figures in a list of famous scullers.

Mr "C. Machell" during the progress of the racing at Wingatui on Saturday. The colt's price was £400, with an additional £100 out of the first win, and he is to be trained for future engagements by W. McDonald who, for some time, acted as private trainer to the Hon. G. McLean.

The thirty-fifth Dunedin Cup meeting must be marked down as one of the most, if not the most successful held in recent years by the Dunedin Jockey Club. The attendance on Cup Day was probably a record, and even exceeded the number that favoured Forbury Park in the old days. The Exhibition Cup Meeting alone takes precedence over last week's meeting; but the exceptional circumstances under which the former was held, makes the comparison unfair. A pleasing feature of last week's meeting was that there were present an unusually large number of visiting sportsmen from Canterbury and other parts of the South Island. A few Wel-

lington visitors also put in an appearance and they included Messrs A. E. Whyte, secretary to the Wellington Racing Club and Mr J. H. Pollock, handicapper to the same club.

The sport throughout was of an interesting nature. Armamento, the cast-off from W. Davis' stables, won the Cup in good style, but gave a very indifferent display in the Wingatui Handicap. Speculate won the principal handicap on the second day after a fine race, and on the concluding day, Sea King, the winner of the Publicans' Handicap, developed unexpected (to the public) staying and won handsomely. The Club achieved a financial success over the meeting, and that should inspire them in their efforts for next season.

L. G. King has abandoned the idea of journeying to Melbourne and leaves for the North this week.

Tirole, the winner of the first day's hurdles at the Cup Meeting, was sold on Friday last at 25gns at auction. He was sore after both his races, and it is doubtful if he will survive another preparation.

It is understood that the Wellington R.C. have paid the value of the stake, won by Suttee, from a start effected before time, to Messrs Harris and Solomon. Old St. Denis showed some of his old-time pace last week, but failed to last out his races. He hopped out with The Seer on the last day and was probably responsible for bringing about the latter's defeat, or at least he materially contributed towards that end.

Mr W. Quinn, of Tapanui, who bred Lone Star, has a twin three-year-old half-brother to the Stepniak gelding. They were got by Imperator, a son of Gipsy Grand out of the Medallion mare Corolla. It is understood they are not to be raced, but will be used as utility horses. Lone Star showed form last week that would make plenty of people anxious to own either him or his relations.

Sea King, by his brace of victories in the Publicans' Handicap and Anniversary Handicap, gave Mr H. F. Nicol a well-deserved turn of luck, as Cross Battery and the first-named horse, must have proved costly equines up to date. Sea King was both his races in good style and finished well when he won over a mile.

Lapland is accused of being a whistler and is unlikely to repeat the form he showed in the last New Zealand Cup.

Thunderer ran very consistently in his races last week, and his win in the Wingatui Handicap was well deserved. Judging by the manner in which he trotted round the saddling paddock prior to running in the Publicans' Handicap, and also by the fact that he stopped badly in his races, it would appear that All Guns was a bit short of work last week. He was improving as he went along and should be a useful member of his new trainer's team.

Luresome looked a bit light when she stripped on the last day of the Cup meeting. She is only a handful and has been kept well into the collar since she raced at the D.J.C. Xmas Meeting.

The Stepniak—Hermosa gelding Ooyoi won his races on the first day of the D.J.C. Meeting in a convincing manner, and should win again if he trains on.

The Obligado filly Octave has created a very favourable impression when running at the Tapanui Meeting, and considerably impressed those at Wingatui by the brilliancy she displayed last week.

Beneform, the winner of the two-year-old event on the concluding day of the Cup Meeting, is growing into a very handsome horse. He is a bit on the leg, but his chief fault lies with his contracted feet. With the sting out of the ground, he acted with much more freedom than he did in the Champagne Stake.

Lupulite was a pricked balloon after his match with Petrovna.

Clanchattan did not run up to expectations last week. He was rumoured to be as good as Stratagem in private, but in public however he was found wanting.

Grand Stand was the hero hurdler last week and both his winning efforts were comfortably accomplished. On the first day he jumped a bit big, but he did not lose much time at fences in his subsequent races.

Husbandman cantered home in the Champagne Stakes. He had weak opposition, but he looks susceptible to a vast amount of improvement. In fact he is a raking great colt who will probably require another couple of seasons on him before he is fully finished.

Hilarity ran two good races in the Dunedin Cup and D.J.C. Handicap, but her showing on the last day was on a par with her previous form. The manner in which she stayed out ten furlongs was a bit of a surprise, and she will win over that distance when the opposition is not too strong.

Dabchick did not have anything to spare when she won the City Stakes Handicap, but she finished in the resolute manner of a stayer. She reminds one a bit of Gladsome and shows a lot of quality.

Armamento, the winner of the Dunedin Cup, cost his present owner 100 sovs. He was sold out of W. Davis' stable, which was one of the biggest thorns in the s.p. merchants operating when "no reply" was a popular method of speculating. Davis evidently entertained an angel unawares—a grave error for a clever man.

The Lord Roslyn gelding Erskine who, in addition to winning at Wingatui, showed good pace in other races, was picked up by his present owner at a hack price.

The credit of converting Speculate into a D.J.C. Handicap winner, belonged to a great extent, to W. Buddicombe, who got the gelding when he was out of form and built him into a winner. A. McDonald took charge of the horse at the conclusion of the Gore meeting, and has had him in his stable since then.

Apollodoris was sore last week when carrying silk, and the game little son of Brica was consequently running under a double handicap.

Jack Ashore's race in the Dunedin Cup evidently took a good deal of the steel out of him, as his subsequent form was considerably below his first effort at the meeting.

St. Joe and Leaside were brought back from Tasmania by this week's boat and journey on to Riccarton.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, February 26.

Golden Comb, who has been having a long holiday, started work again last Monday.

Gold Dust is looking and going well at present.

Messrs E. J. Watt and T. H. Lowry leave to-morrow on a visit to Western Australia.

Float's rising three-year-old son by Merriwee has started on his labours under the direction of T. Quinlivan, junior.

Erl King has been set going once more.

J. Cameron brought back Supplement with him from Woodville. The gelding will only be under the guidance of the Hasting's mentors till the Dannevirke meeting.

A three-year-old half brother of Waiuku and Douche was railed down last Friday from Waipukurau to Hastings. The strangers will study under the able direction of W. Whitaker.

Golden Gate will shortly be placed under the control of a new trainer.

Clarence O'Neill was an onlooker at the Woodville Meeting last week though going a bit short through the mangling about he got when he had the accident to one of his legs. The game horseman was otherwise in excellent health.

J. Rollos, who has been laid aside for some time past, was also assisting at the Woodville gathering.

John Quinlivan is going well and strong at Greymouth. In a chatty letter I had from him last week he informed me that he has Ellerton in great heart and the other members of his team, Barley and Tyshirar were also in good tackle. Quinlivan states that W. Moore, who used to handle Montigo and Miss Adeline has First View and Ahaura studying under him.

Handicappers Morse, Chadwick and Shannon, were noting facts at Woodville last week.

It is not often that W. Davies, the well-known Hutt trainer misses the bus, but he did so the other day when he made a mistake at Woodville in getting the wrong tickets from the machine in the Victoria Hack Race in which he had Ancycle representing him. The number of the gelding was six on the machine and Davies got his little bunch on number nine, Jet de More. Ancycle ran second and paid . . . (the Gaming Act comes in here); well, a good price, and those who know the Hutt mentor can imagine how he went on although the fault was his own. His bad luck did not stop here, for next morning Ballarat got out of her box and was not found for some time afterwards. Luckily she showed no signs of her liberty.

Two of the features of the Woodville fixture were the splendid starting of C. O'Connor, and the hospitable treatment of visitors by the executive of the club. Mr J. I. N. Mackie who had the looking after of the requirements of visitors never had an easy moment throughout the meeting and his courtesy and kindness stood out like a good deed in a naughty world. The hospitality of the Woodville stewards could be well copied by clubs not a hundred miles away from the breakwater.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, February 23.

The Woodville Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting resulted in a successful gathering viewed from a financial standpoint, the increased totalisator turnover being £6070 as compared with the corresponding meeting last year. The executive of the club demanded the maximum fee—£20—from bookmakers, with the result that only three turned up to bet. If the sum handled by the machine is any guide, there should have been ample business for



NO. 4.—MR. HARRY H. HAYR.

I suppose it would be impossible to visit any racecourse about Auckland without coming across Harry Hayr, who is one of the best known and best liked sportsmen in the district. Although one would hardly think it to look at him, H.H.H. is within a year of fifty, and is an Auckland by birth and education. With a keen love for the water, young Harry got his first billet in a congenial sphere with the New Zealand Shipping Company, which was not the company that bears the name today, but a much smaller one, running the Taranaki, Ladybird, and two or three other steamers. After a while these were added to the "red funnel" fleet, and Harry donned gold braid, and went as purser on the Taranaki. This boat was lost off Tauranga a good many years ago, but no one was drowned. Soon after H.H. proved again that he was not fated to feed

Time was when Mr. Hayr used to run a few neddies of his own, the best of them being that honest bay gelding Fishmonger, a son of Isaak Walton and Accident, who, with Sam Fergus in the saddle, in the early nineties carried Mr. Hayr's colours, salmon and blue hoops, often to victory in jumping events round Auckland. One or two fairly smart greyhounds also ran for him in those days.

Although the expression to run like a hare was perhaps hardly due to H.H.H., yet in his younger days he could leg it with the best of them. Older residents will remember Gramams Gardens, long since built upon, and the first mile race ever run on the old sports ground was won by young Harry in 1877.

At the present day it is perhaps as a totalisator proprietor that Mr. Hayr is best known to the majority of racegoers. For years he has run



the fishes, for after being on the ill-fated Taiaroa, he fortunately left her just prior to the time she was wrecked with such heavy loss of life. His next boat was the old Wanaka, since lost, and after this a much bigger boat, none other than the well-remembered Pacific S.N. Co.'s mail boat Zealandia. She was a comfortable old boat, but not an express, and when the Alameda and Mariposa came along could not pace it with them. Both the Zealandia and Australia were purchased by the Spreckles Co., and for years ran between San Francisco and Honolulu. Mr. Hayr remained on the Zealandia for four years, and then, tiring of the sea, purchased the Scott Printing Co. He commenced the publication of the "Sporting Review," and ran it for five years before selling out to the present proprietor.

Mr. Hayr was largely instrumental in promoting the Avondale Jockey Club, which, starting in a small way, has now become one of the best managed institutions of its kind in the colony. From its inception to the present day he has acted as its secretary. Indeed, secretaryships would seem to be a good deal in Mr. Hayr's line, as at one time or other he has acted in that capacity to the Pakuranga Hunt Club, the Auckland Coursing Club, the Amateur Athletic Club, and the Auckland Tattersalls Club

the machines at the Auckland Racing Club, Avondale Jockey Club Meeting, and several county clubs, and has invariably given satisfaction to clients. It may appear to many that it is an easy matter to work a totalisator, but this is very far from being the case. Under the old system, with eleven machines going at once, there was mighty little breathing time for H.H., who was going at top all day. Now and again all that hard work was wasted, when it was found that some employee had paid out a big dividend on the wrong ticket; yet Harry would stand the loss with unruffled composure. We can all win, but a good loser is rare—the ex-purser is as good a one as ever stood pat on a pair of twos. Mr. Hayr's favourite relaxation is a return to the old love—the water—and to enable him to do this he had the cruising oil launch Waitiri built. Many a day among the schnapper has he had on board with friends. Not having done amiss himself in the capture of the golden shekels, Harry is always in the first flight if an appeal for help comes along for some sportsman in low water, and he is ever ready to head the subscription list or take it round. If for no other reason than this (and there are a dozen others), Harry H. Hayr will always be looked upon as one of the best of the "Men We Meet" on a racecourse.

three times that number of layers, and although the licence fee was a heavy one, they probably would have come out on top. It is obvious that money is plentiful in the neighbourhood of Wellington, and the privilege of laying the odds here is good value for £20, as compared with clubs in the South Island, where money is scarce and speculation mostly limited to silver wagers.

Class was not too well represented at Woodville, but the evenness of the runners, rendered the racing interesting. The useful Seaton Delaval mare, Loiret, beat a moderate field in the Cup, the distance being covered, according to the club's timekeeper in 2min 8 3/5sec. Kairoma did not run up to his party's expectations, and King Lynn and the constant Waipaku filled the places. Gauge, an occupant of the Porirua stable, won the President's Handicap of 7 furlongs, beating the Gold Reef mare, Ballarat, at a difference of only 1/16, but the latter is not a good animal under welter imposts.

Playboy, whom Prosser purchased out of a selling race at the recent Trentham meeting, soon got his new owner a return of his purchase money by annexing both hurdle events. Kurawaka was the third of Prosser's charges to score. This she did in the principal event of the second day, the Autumn Handicap. The half-sister to Mahutonga has not proved too remunerative to her plucky and enterprising owner, A. L. D. Fraser, M.P. There was, however, but little merit in her win, as her opponents were well loaded with weights and at the same time were recruited from the ranks of second raters.

The times put up during the meeting were phenomenal, and either the track was fast or the timist's watch was slow. The time for the Hack Scurry, five furlongs, was given as 1min 23 5/5sec, and that for the Hack Handicap as 1min 12 5/5sec. This was capped by Cyrene carrying 8st 8lb, who was credited with traversing five furlongs in 60 4/5sec.

A change of trainers has effected a marked improvement in the Otago-bred horse Armamento. For nearly three seasons, Mr W. Davis has persevered with the son of Lord Roslyn, but failed to get him to the post in winning form. Finally, this fine-looking horse was discarded from the stables as a waster, and remarkable to record in less than three months he picks up a Dunedin Cup with a fair impost on his back. Armamento was bred in Otago by the Hon. Geo. McLean and prior to going into Mr Davis' hands, was tried to stay well. The latter probably tried to make a sprinter of the horse, and discovering he lacked pace, possibly neglected to test his galloping abilities over longer courses.

Messrs Prosser and W. Davis will make a move towards Wanganui early in the week. Both trainers will take strong teams. Gold Crest, Marguerite, All Red, and Swimming Belt will be included in the Porirua team; whilst Davis will take Ballarat, Yosami and perhaps a third.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SHORTS HANDICAP, four furlongs. —Aralia, Balgonie, Rosewood, Mighty Atom, Duart, Tenby, Hikual, Lady Aroha, Alba Rose, Melton Hall, Freebird, Lady French, Waihou, Frontino, Miss Crispin, Confide, Black and Gold, San Paulo, Keep Step.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Anna Lombard, Pukekohe, Nestator, Yvette, Pukenui, Myra, Tarakihi, Cinque, Ironmould, Loch Fyne.

NETHERTON WELTER, seven furlongs.—Leonette, Viking, Minna, Pukenui, Geordie, Melton Hall, Royal Scult, Manapouri, Freemount, Waiohau, Castadrift, Cyrettus, Le Beau, Aristocrat.

KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Rototi, Memo, Wauchope, Duart, Hikual, Azoff, Alba Rose, Waihekau, Freebird, Black and Gold, Keep Step.

OHINEMURI CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Sweet Alice, Certainty, Scotty, Delegate, Montigo, Pukenui, Geordie, Cachuca, Lady Hune, Le Beau.

KOMATA HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Nulla Nulla, Pukekohe, Tenby, Pengillan, Hard Rock, Miss Dawson, Moananui (late King Tom), Elizabeth, Fremantle, Waiohau, Agincourt.

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Mr. J. Grigg's ch g Spinning Flight, 5yrs, 8.2 (Reter)..... 3

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. H. F. Nicoll's b g Sea King, 4yrs, 7.7 (E. Emmerson)..... 1

SECOND DAY.

The weather was fine for the second day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

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

Mr. W. J. Marshall's Grandstand, by Grand Cross—Albany mare, 9.9 (H. Carr)..... 1

HENLEY HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. F. E. McLean's Erskine, by Lord Rosslyn—Tiara, 8.5 (J. Beale)..... 1

CITY STAKES of 100sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's Dabchick, by Formosan—Aqualis, 8.5 (F. Douglas)..... 1

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

Mr. N. Green's Speculate, by Banner—Spec, 7.4 (J. Wingfield)..... 1

DOMAIN HANDICAP of 140sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. T. Tansey's b g Ard Reigh, by Conqueror—British Queen, 6.13 (W. Emmerson)..... 1

OUTRAM HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. Puddey's ch m Octave, by Obligado—Quatorze, 8.0 (Jones)..... 1

RAILWAY PLATE of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. Jeff's ch m Petrovna, by Stepaniak—Irene, 9.4 (V. Cotton)..... 1

SUBURBAN WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. J. Richardson's br g Rifle Range, by Mannlicher—Merry Wife, 8.0 (H. Wilson)..... 1

THIRD DAY.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was concluded on Saturday.

OWHIRO HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr. W. Marshall's Grandstand, by Grand Cross—Albany mare, 10.11 (H. Carr)..... 1

FLYING HANDICAP of 115sovs. Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's Ilarita, by Sant Ilario—Miss Niente, 7.10 (G. Douglas)..... 1

WARRINGTON HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Four furlongs.

Mr. J. Puddey's Octave, by Obligado—Quatorze, 9.3 (F. E. Jones)..... 1

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 175 sovs. One mile.

Mr. H. F. Nicholls' Sea King, by Sant Ilario—Seashell, 7.13 (R. King)..... 1

HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP of 100 sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. Ellis' b c Beneform, by Multifarm—St. Ouida, 7.0 (A. Chapman)..... 1

ABBOESFORD WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. R. G. Harris' ch g Lone Star, by Stepaniak—Evening Star, 7.7 (Yarr)..... 1

WAIHOLA HACK SANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. F. H. Pyne's br f Nancy Stair, by Soult—Chiara, 6.7 (Jones)..... 1

WINGATUI HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. E. Griffen's b g Thunderer, by Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta, 7.2 (Monk)..... 1

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

Registered under Auckland Racing Club and New Zealand Racing Conference.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1908.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st.

PROGRAMME.

Officers.—President: Hon. Jas. McGowan. Vice-president: Mr. A. Burns. Treasurer: Mr. C. J. Winder. Judge: Dr. Barclay. Handicapper: Mr. R. Wynyard.

1. MAIDEN PLATE of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs.

2. HURDLE RACE of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

3. AUTUMN STAKES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and about 30 yards.

4. SHORTS HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, four furlongs.

Waikato, Piako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames, and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to the day of nomination.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations will be received up to FRIDAY, 6th March, at 8 p.m.

Weights will be declared on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, at 8 p.m.

Acceptances will be received up to THURSDAY, 19th March, up to 8 p.m.

REGULATIONS.

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

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

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

WILLIAM H. POTTS, Secretary, Box 7, G.P.O.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

To be held on the PAEROA RACECOURSE. On MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 16 AND 17, 1908.

PROGRAMME, FIRST DAY.

1. SHORTS HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; acceptance, 12s. 6d.

2. HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 11.

3. NETHERTON WELTER of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; acceptance, 12s. 6d.

4. KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; acceptance, 12s. 6d.

5. OHINEMURI CUP of 125 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stakes; third horse 5 sovs. Winner of any race of the value of 40 sovs. after weights have been declared to carry 7lb extra; of 100 sovs. 10lb extra.

6. KOMATA HANDICAP of 25 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs. at the time of entry.

7. PAEROA STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 30s.

8. ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Karangahake Handicap. Shorts Handicap, or Ohinemuri Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb; or of two, 10lb extra.

SECOND DAY.

1. WAITEKAURI PLATE of 35 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.

2. WAIKINDO WELTER of 35 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb.

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3. DISTRICT HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 11. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

NOMINATION, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

1. Nominations for all events close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 21st day of February, 1908.

2. Weights will appear for First Day's Races on or about MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1908.

3. Acceptances for all events First Day's Races close at 9 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 12th day of March, 1908.

4. Weights for all events of Second Day's Races will be declared at 8 p.m. on the evening of First Day's Races.

Acceptances close at 9 p.m. on the same evening.

H. POLAND, Secretary, Paeroa.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

President: John Bollard, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-president: A. M. Myers, Esq. Judge: John Bollard, Esq., M.H.R. Stewards: Messrs. M. Foley (chairman), John Bollard, M.H.R., Robert Duder, Donald McLeod, Chas. Grey, Jos. May, J. W. Russell, A. Davis, C. S. H. McKinney, Dr. Sharman.

AUTUMN MEETING.

(Passed by the Metropolitan Club).

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1908.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

OAKLEY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

AVONDALE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1sov.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP of 60sovs; 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.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Win-

ner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1908.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

FLYING HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

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

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

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

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Winner of Flying or Autumn Handicaps to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.

Avondale Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov, Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Avondale Handicap 3sovs, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakerel Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, by 9 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, by 9 p.m. Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakerel Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1908.

Avondale Handicap, Railway Handicap.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Oakley Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, First Pony Handicap, Chevalier Handicap.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, Morning Paper.

Malden Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Mount Roskill Handicap, Waitakerel Handicap.

HARRY H. HAYR, Secretary.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

President: Captain Mace, N.Z.C. Vice-President: Mr. A. Standish. Stewards: The President, Chairman of Committee (Mr. F. Watson), Judge and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Thos. Elliot, E. Elliott, A. Hill, N. King, C. M. Lepper, S. McGuinness, W. L. Newman, Hon. O. Samuel, M.L.C., A. Standish, C. H. Weston, D. S. Wylie. Judge: Mr. A. W. Budge. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. G. Morse. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. Ab. Goldwater. Assistant: Mr. W. C. Weston. Clerk of the course: Mr. G. W. Heslop. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Fookes. Timekeeper: Mr. F. Stohr.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1908. 1. 12 noon.—KAWAROA HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half.

2. 12.45 p.m.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs.

3. 1.30 p.m.—PUKAKA HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.

4. 2.15 p.m.—TARANAKI CUP HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. In the event of any horse winning a handicap of the value of 100sovs or over, after the declaration of weights, the handicapper may, if he thinks fit, re-handicap each winner. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Friday, the 20th March, 1908. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

5. 3 p.m.—FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

6. 3.45 p.m.—KAITAKE HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

7. 4.30 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Six furlongs.

8. 5.15 p.m.—HACK SCURRY of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Weight, 8st. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time of entrance. Entrance, 1sov. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

THURSDAY, 26th MARCH, 1908.

1. 12 noon.—PUKETORI HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half.

2. 12.45 p.m.—GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs.

3. 1.30 p.m.—WHAREPAPA HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.

4. 2.15 p.m.—PAUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a distance.

5. 3 p.m.—SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.

6. 3.45 p.m.—KAWAU HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

7. 4.30 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.

8. 5.15 p.m.—FINAL HACK FLUTTER of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Open to horses that have never won a race of any description at time of starting. Weight, 8st 7lb. Entrance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Winners of any Handicap after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra, except the Taranaki Cup. Winners of any Handicap Hurdles after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra.

DATES OF ENTRANCE, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations for the following Handicaps will close on FRIDAY, 28th February, 1908 at 9 p.m., 1sov each:—Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Pukaka Hack Handicap, Taranaki Cup Handicap, First Welter Handicap, Kaitake Hack Handicap, Flying Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Wharepapa Hack Handicap, Paul Memorial Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, Farewell Handicap.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Handicaps will be published on or about MONDAY, March 9th, 1908.

ACCEPTANCES for the Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Pukaka Hack Handicap, 1sov; Taranaki Cup Handicap, 4sovs; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Kaitake Hack Handicap, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 2 sovs; and

ENTRIES for the Hack Scurry and Final Hack Flutter, 1sov each, will close on SATURDAY, 14th March, 1908, at 9 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All Entries will close at the Secretary's Office, New Plymouth, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.

All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Taranaki Jockey Club, New Plymouth, entrance money enclosed, with the name of horse, age at time of entry, pedigree, name of owner, colours of the rider, and name of trainer.

Every Gentleman Rider or Jockey must produce his license to the Clerk of the Scales.

All Races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing.

MUSSELL FLEETWOOD, Secretary.

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AUTUMN MEETING

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APRIL 4th, 8th, and 11th, 1908.

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PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.54 to the mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

TROTTER HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For trotters only. Limit, 2.48 to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP TROT of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. All horses will be rehandicapped to trot 5.18 or better. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won a race at better than 2.30 to the mile. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2.48 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP TROT of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.37 or better. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

FLYING HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the Autumn to receive a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.45 or better. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th.

NOVEL TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.54. For horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.

HILL TROT HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.48. For trotting horses only. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

MANUKAU HANDICAP TROT of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 5.18 or better. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

APRIL HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches or under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.

AUTUMN TROT HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.44 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the April Handicap to receive a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about four furlongs and a-half.

CLASS TROT HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Placed horses on the first day may be entered for this race. Such additional nomination must be made on or before the night previous to the handicaps being declared. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.36 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile.

THIRD DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 15sovs in value at time of entry. Limit, 2.54. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CAMPBELL HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Limit, 5.16 or better. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

PARK HANDICAP of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.

INNOVATION HANDICAP TROT of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won a race at better than 2.36 to the mile. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2.48 or better. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

HIGH-CLASS TROT HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.35. Placed horses at the meeting may be entered for this race. Such additional nomination must be made on the night previous to the handicaps being declared. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

BARN HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches

and under. The winner of the Park Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, five furlongs. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.45. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

CONDITIONS.

No Pony shall be allowed to race under the Club unless a certificate of height has been previously obtained from a measurer appointed by the Club. Ponies may be measured with or without shoes, and may be re-measured at the pleasure of the Stewards. No protest or dispute will be allowed in regard to the height of any pony after being passed by the Club's Measurer or Measurers. Any Horse After Winning may be Re-Handicapped.

STAKES PAID IN FULL.

The order of running is subject to alteration.

All Trotting Races Saddle or Harness. By the entry of, or endeavouring to enter, a horse, every person having, or subsequently acquiring, any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Club or other body holding a sports meeting or of any official of the Club or such other body in respect of such horse, or of any person connected therewith otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX of the Rules.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all Events Close on MARCH 20, at 9 p.m.

HANDICAPS for the First Day appear on March 23. For the Second Day on April 6. For the Third Day for all races on April 9.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day Close on March 27 at 9 p.m. For the Second Day on April 6 at 9 o'clock p.m. For the Third Day, April 9, at 9 o'clock p.m.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

OFFICERS:

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-President: H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: —. 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: E. A. Campbell (chairman), President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Allan Cameron, D. Campion, James Higgle, H. W. Hole, G. Marshall, James Watt, J. F. Cutfield, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, G. G. Russell, and A. Higgle. Hon. Treasurer: J. H. Nixon. Secretary: W. Hall.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1908.

First race starts at 12 noon.

1. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

2. PETRE HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

3. WESTMERE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles, over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

4. TAYFORTH HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

5. WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 600sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100sovs after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand as he thinks fit. It is only winners that will be re-handicapped. If the weight of any horse is altered the revised handicap will be published on or about Saturday, the 29th February, 1908. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs on Friday, February 28th, 1908, at 9 p.m.; and 5 sovs on Monday, March 2nd, 1908, at 9 p.m.

6. JUVENILE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

7. WIRITOA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

8. FLYING HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1908.

1. AUTUMN HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. To start at 12 noon.

2. MATARAWA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to

receive 15sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance 1sov.

3. JACKSON STAKES of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight-for-age. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows: 1sov if struck out on or before Friday, April 26th, 1907, at 9 p.m., or 2sovs if struck out on or before first acceptance night, Spring Meeting, 1907. All horses remaining in after latter date to pay the subscription of 5 sovs on first acceptance night, Autumn Meeting, 1908. Closed with 52 nominations.

4. FORDELL HURDLE RACE of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

5. OKOIA HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

6. WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.

7. HARRISON HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and one-quarter. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

PENALTIES.

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

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

AUTUMN MEETING,

5th AND 7th MARCH, 1908.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

NOMINATIONS.—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Petre Hack Handicap 1sov, Westmere Hurdle Race 1sov, Tayforth Handicap Hack Hurdles 1sov, Wanganui Cup 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Wiri-toa Hack Flat Handicap 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov, Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap 1sov, Fordell Hurdle Race 1sov, Okoia Handicap Hack Hurdles 1sov, Wanganui Stakes Handicap 1sov, Harrison Hack Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1908 (on or about)—

WEIGHTS for Cup and Flying Handicaps. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1908—WEIGHTS for Stewards', Petre Hack, Westmere Hurdle Race, Tayforth Hack Hurdles, Juvenile, and Wiri-toa Hack Flat Handicaps.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 2sovs, Petre Hack Handicap 1sov, Westmere Hurdle Race 2sovs, Tayforth Hack Hurdles 1sov, Wanganui Cup 2sovs, Juvenile Handicap 2sovs, Wiri-toa Hack Flat 1sov, Flying Handicap 3sovs.

SUBSCRIPTION — Jackson Stakes 5sovs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th, 1908 (on or about)—

REVISED WEIGHTS (if necessary) Wanganui Cup.

MONDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

FINAL PAYMENT—Wanganui Cup 5sovs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6th, 1908 (on or about) 8 p.m.—

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps Friday, March 6, 1908, at Noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Matarawa Hack Flat 1sov, Fordell Hurdle Race 2sovs, Okoia Hack Hurdles 1sov, Wanganui Stakes 3sovs, Harrison Hack Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 2sovs.

WM. HALL, Secretary.

P.O. Box 15, Wanganui.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

President: Hon. E. Mitchelson. Vice-president: Mr. H. T. Gorrie. Stewards: Messrs. Geo. Dunnett, F. Earl, A. M. Gordon, W. D. Holgate, Sir Robert Lockhart, Messrs. O. Nicholson, C. Ransom, T. J. Sinclair, W. C. Somers. Committee: Hon. E. Mitchelson, Messrs. H. T. Gorrie, S. Bradley, W. Davies, Richard Duder, Geo. Dunnett, F. Earl, John Marshall, M. McLean, N. A. Nathan, H. O. Nolan, E. A. Price. Judge: Mr. R. B. Lusk. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. T. Gorrie. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Clerk of scales: Mr. F. W. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Selby. Auditors: Messrs. Percy Butler and W. D. Forsythe. Handicapper: Mr. Geo. Morse. Secretary: J. F. Hartland.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs,

and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-quarter.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Two miles.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 5lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeit is declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1907, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1908, 2sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

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

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

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Five furlongs.

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

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

SECOND DAY.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeit is declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1907, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1908, 2sovs forfeit. If left in after this date, liable for the whole 5sovs. Winner of any race not a handicap since August 1st, 1907, of the value of 300sovs, 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; or of the collective value of 1000sovs, 10lb penalty. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

HUIA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

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

MANGERE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

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

THIRD DAY.

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

GORE-BROWN HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards, that have never won a flat race of the value of 100

sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

ONSLow STAKES (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile and a-half.

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

BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

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

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1908.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, by 9 p.m.

SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes 2sovs, The Oaks 2sovs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, Genera Entry, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 3sovs, Autumn Steeplechase 2sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Huia Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Easter Handicap 3sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, at the Post.

Champagne Stakes (sub.) 5sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 6sovs, Huia Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th, at the Post.

Great Northern Oaks (sub.) 5sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 5sovs, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, in Morning Paper.

Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, in Morning Paper.

Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, by 8 p.m.

Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Huia Handicap, Mangere Handicap, Electric Handicap.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th, by 8 p.m.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Gore-Brown Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Autumn Handicap, St. Helier's Hurdles, Buckland Handicap, Tourist Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

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PATEA RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(FOR HACKS ONLY).

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1908.

Patron: Mr. G. Williams. President: Mr. H. O. Clarke. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. Gilligan and G. V. Pearce.

Judge: Mr. A. Pearce. Starter: Mr. Coombes. Handicapper: Mr. R. E. McRae. Clerk of Scales: Mr. J. Paterson. Assistant Clerk of Scales: Mr. T. Jones. Clerk of Course: Mr. P. Eastbury. Timekeeper: Mr. G. Williams. Treasurer: Mr. G. W. Booth. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. W. T. Simmonds.

Stewards: Messrs. G. W. Booth, L. G. Bremer, T. Campbell, S. Gilligan, W. Jackson, T. Jones, J. A. McKenna, A. Pearce, Jas. Paterson, J. R. Paterson, and G. Williams.

PROGRAMME:

1. HANDICAP HURDLES of 70sovs;

second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1½ miles, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 7s. To start at 12 noon.

2. 12.40 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, ¾ mile. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.

3. 1.10 p.m.—FARMERS' PLATE of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. Entrance, 30s, on general entry night. For all horses that have never started for any other race (Farmers' Plates excepted, and winners of those barred); weight for age; open to all horses trained in, and the bona-fide property of residents within the boundaries of the Patea, Hawera, Eltham, and Stratford Counties for the three months prior to the date of entry.

4. 2 p.m.—PATEA EASTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and the third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1¼ miles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 40s.

5. 3 p.m.—KAKARAMEA STAKES of 55sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 4¼ furlongs; weight 8st. Winner of any race to carry 14lb extra. Entrance, 30s on general entry night.

6. 3.30 p.m.—BOROUGH STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10s out of the stakes. Distance, 7 furlongs. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.

7. 4.10 p.m.—ALTON HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.

8. 4.40 p.m.—FINAL STAKES of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 4¼ furlongs. Open to any hack not nominated for any race at this meeting (Kakaramea Stakes and Farmers' Plate excepted), and winners of these to carry 14lb extra; weight, 9st. Entrance, 30s, on general entry night.

Dates of Nominations, Acceptances and General Entries.—Nominations up to 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 30th March, 1908. Weights declared on or about MONDAY, 6th April, 1908. Acceptances and General Entries, up to 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 13th April, 1908.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Definition of a Hack.—A Hack is a horse that has not at any time prior to the time of entry, won a race of the value of £100 to the winner, or races of the aggregate value of £250 to the winner.

2. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, and every additional race 5lb extra, in all handicap flat events.

3. Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.

4. Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting horses for this meeting are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

5. The Stewards reserve the right to alter the time or date of nominations, weights, or acceptances.

6. The name of the trainer must in all cases be supplied at the time of nomination.

NOTE.—The Post Office closes at 5 p.m.; Telegraph Office at 7.30 p.m.

R. W. HAMERTON, Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki Jockey Club this 20th day of January, 1908. MUSSELL FLEETWOOD, Secretary.

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1908.

THIRD FEILDING STAKES of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Five furlongs.

For horses two-year-old and upwards at time of starting. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after March 1st, 1908, of any race or races of the collective value of 250sovs to carry 3lb extra; of 500sovs 5lb; of 750sovs 7lb; of 1000 sovs 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb; three-year-olds 7lb.

By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely:—1sov if struck out by 1st August, 1908; 2sovs if struck out by 1st November, 1908. All horses remaining in after this date must pay the total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named. Entries close with the Secretary at Feilding on Friday, the 6th day of March, 1908, at 8.30 p.m.

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

NOTE.—No money required at time of entry.

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

February 10th, 1908. Feilding.

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CRICKET.

EDEN BEAT PARNELL.

Saturday saw the conclusion of the seventh round of the district competition, and the result helped to make Eden certain winners of the championship. They played Parnell, and ran up 313 for eight wickets to Parnell's 144 compiled on the previous Saturday. Relf played a fine innings, and, in conjunction with Stenson, put on 130 for the eighth wicket. The best scores were: Relf, 85 not out, Stenson, 58 not out, Elliott 42, Brook-Smith 39, G. Mills 30.

CITY GO UNDER TO PONSONBY.

Ponsonby had a fairly easy win over City, thanks to the wretched batting display by the latter in their first innings. In this City could only make 76 on a good wicket. Ponsonby replied with 127 (Gallaher 27, Robinson 21, Jacobsen 20.) In their second attempt City's only chance was to go for the runs, and, taking liberties, all were out for 128 (Beechy 33, Ellis 27, R. Neil 25). This gave Ponsonby 78 to get to win, and this they managed with the loss of four wickets (Woods 27, Gallaher 22).

GRAFTON TOO GOOD FOR NORTH SHORE.

Grafton had a try for a three-point win against Shore, but could not bring it off. Grafton compiled 215, and against this the Shore men could not do better than 127 (Haddon 33, Philson 32). Grafton made a big effort to knock up runs quickly, and, with 89 for two wickets, declared (Graham, 39 not out, Sloman 27). North Shore easily played out time; however, losing one wicket for 67 (Philson 27).

FAST SCORING BY EDEN A AND GRAFTON.

In this first junior match, Grafton had made 168 and Eden A 138 for six wickets on the previous Saturday. Eden took their score to 192. Grafton went in to hit, and knocked up 164 for six wickets (Horspool 84) and declared. The effort was well meant, but failed badly, Eden A replying with 143 for two wickets (Somerville 41 not out, Bridges 38, Kavangah 34). Eden won by eight wickets.

THE GAME AT CHRISTCHURCH.

The ninth round of the first grade cricket matches was commenced on Saturday, the results being as follows:—St. Albans, 146, v. Sydenham, 189 for six wickets (W. Patrick 95, not out). Riccarton, 292 (E. R. Caygill 55, A. Parker 63) v. West Christchurch, 100 for one wicket (H. B. Lusk 55; not out, D. Reese 31, not out). East Christchurch 94, v. Linwood, 262 for nine wickets (R. Read 67).

DUNEDIN DOINGS.

The district cricket matches were continued on Saturday. Carisbrook B made 141 against Carisbrook A (Siedeberg 56). Adams took three wickets for 3 runs. The A team lost five wickets for 46. In the Albion v. Opoho match, the former were disposed of for 123 (Williams 48), while Opoho made 124. In the Grange v. Dunedin match the former made 117, the latter only getting 68 (Eckhold 28).

THE WELLINGTON FINAL.

The final match for the senior championship was commenced on the Basin Reserve on Saturday, between Old Boys and Midlanders. The wicket was in good order, and the attendance large. Old Boys compiled the fine total of 345 runs for five wickets. Beechey played splendidly, contributing 158 runs. Tucker made 60, Monaghan 38 (not out), J. P. Blacklock 32, and S. Jacobs 26. In the other senior matches Phoenix, playing against Petone, put up 205 runs in their first innings, including 121 not out by Laws. Petone has four wickets down for 67 (Taylor 24, not out). Playing against Wellington, Gas company made 174 in their first innings (Tapp 36, Hodge 48).

A WONDERFUL VETERAN.

Mr. Charles Absolon, the famous English veteran cricketer, died on January 4 at his residence at Hermitage Road, Finsbury Park. In 1832, when he was 17 years of age, he scored 137 runs for Wallingford against Berwick. In those days, it should be remembered, wickets were not good, and a century was a comparatively

rare feat. In 1893, when he was 76 years of age, he took with his lob bowling, 209 wickets in club cricket—a truly extraordinary performance. What he did in the interim can be fairly well estimated from his form at these two extremes of his career. He gained just about every distinction that could fall to the lot of a club bowler, and, between the ages of 50 and 80 (he did not retire until he had completed his four-score) he made 28,000 runs and took 8500 wickets. Once, when he played for A Twelve against Three of All England, he dismissed the three, W. G. Grace, W. R. Gilbert, and H. Charlwood (a truly formidable trio in 1873) for 6 runs. Two testimonial matches were held at Kennington Oval in his honour. At the time of his death he was in his 91st year.—"I.S. and D. News."

Ponsonby II. defeated Parnell B by 104 runs. Scores: Ponsonby 160 and 84, Parnell B 77 and 63.

Parnell A beat North Shore II. by no less than an innings and 67 runs. Scores: Parnell A, 243; North Shore II., 112 and 64.

Eden B beat City II. by 228 (Gilmour 48) to 154 (Laird 35, Goulding 33).

In the Eden A v. Grafton II. match, 361 runs were scored in three and a-half hours. This is the sort of cricket to draw a crowd.

Bowling for City, Grainger took 7 wickets for 57. A good performance on such a true wicket.

Against North Shore F. R. Mason captured seven wickets for 60.

The return match between England and New South Wales was left drawn at a very interesting stage. England made 294 and 456 to N.S. Wales' 368 and 370 for nine wickets. N.S. Wales (who should have won easily but for bad fielding) wanted 12 runs with one wicket to fall when rain stopped the play.

BOWLING.

CARLTON BEATEN AT LAST.

The Auckland and Carlton clubs had a ten-rink inter-club match on Saturday, five rinks playing on each club's ground. The result was a win for Auckland, the champions going under by 221 to 202. The main factor in Carlton's defeat was Thornes' quartette, who routed Eagleton's team by no less than 34 to 13. Dingle was the only other skip to win for Auckland on the Carlton green, but as the defeats were by very small margins, the side was twelve up at the close. On the Auckland green Cutler's men beat the redoubtable Handcock badly by 25 to 14, the exact margin, by the way, by which Kilgour worsted James. Oliphant, however, helped to equalise matters, winning by 29 to 15, and the other Auckland teams also winning left Auckland seven up on their own green. This is the first defeat Carlton have experienced for twelve months.

MOUNT EDEN BEAT ONEHUNGA.

A six-rink match was played between Mount Eden and Onehunga, the result being a win for the former. If the figures sent in are correct, McIntosh must have been right off his game, for he got a fearful drubbing by 34 to 4. This seems so terribly one-sided that perhaps the figures were wrongly given. Brookes went down badly at the hands of Neill, who beat the crack by 29 to 16, but the other games were well fought out.

AN UMPIRE'S DUTIES.

What are an umpire's duties? He is asked first of all to straighten the jack. If a player throws it into the ditch, he should not look enquiringly to the other end, but return it immediately. He should not venture to say that the length is not 60 feet, or indicate in any way that he thinks it is under.

After putting kitty in line he should retire to the side, out of the line of play, and never approach to chalk a bowl until the other delivers.

A man who understands what is required of him from the point of view of both players will not give any information unless asked. That is to say, if Brown asks, "Am I shot?" and he is lying 4, an umpire should simply say, "Yes!" He might be asked, "Is the shot against me?" and, though there may be 4 against, by the same rule he would reply only "Yes!" and not, as a good many say, "Yes, there's 4 against you!"

A player will often tell the umpire

that he "was sure he was lying shot" in a tone of voice that suggests "Why didn't you tell me I wasn't?" The umpire under those circumstances would be quite in order in telling such player that he had a tongue.

In conclusion, there's one thing that all umpires should strictly avoid. When an end is close, most men will approach with every bowl that appears to have beaten the last. He suggests by such movement that the previous shot is beaten. He should remain stationary at the side of the end until the other asks for information.—"Boomerang," in "Melbourne Punch."

A very close three-rink match was that between Epsom and Rocky Nook, the latter winning by 2 points.

McLeod, Smith, Baddiley, and Parsons, of the Ponsonby Club, now hold the Edwin Stars, Wright's four, of the Onehunga Club, making a feeble effort to defend them, going under by 28 to 12.

Rocky Nook First-year Players beat Epsom by 37 to 11, and Auckland First-year men defeated Carlton by 24 to 12. In the latter game Young Carlaw (a worthy chip of the old block) played a shot that made a difference of 11 points to his side. The other side were lying 6, and it looked bad for the skip. He trailed the jack and scored 5.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

THE ONEHUNGA CLUB'S RACES.

The Onehunga Touring Club held a couple of races on Saturday which were well fought out. The results were:—

Special Bicycle Handicap, three miles: J. Foubister, scratch, 1; H. Flewellyn, 125yds, 2; H. Sayers, 500 yds, 3. Other starters: O. Melvern, 100yds; N. Wadham, 160yds; A. Flewellyn, 160yds; D. Howard, 240yds; L. Palmer, 260yds; T. H. Pardington, 275yds; H. Thompson, 275yds; H. Christini, 300yds; C. Denize, 340yds; S. Kitchen, 350yds; W. Sayers, 480 yds; W. C. Hill, 500yds; S. Brooking, 530yds; J. Fletcher, 620yds. A good finish, the scratch man riding well. Time, 8m. 22s.

Consolation Handicap, one mile: S. Lecky, 130yds, 1; H. Flewellyn, 20yds, 2; H. Wright, 140yds, 3. Also started: O. Melvern, scratch; N. Wadman, 50 yds; L. Ginn, 75yds; D. Howard, 110 yds; T. H. Pardington, 110yds; A. Henwood, 300yds. Won after a good race. Time, 2m. 42 4-5s.

THE RECENT SIX DAYS' "GO."

Much has been said against the six-days' race in New York, chiefly on the alleged harm it works on the participants; but according to the N.Y. "Bicycling World," whatever of belittlement may be said of it, the big race not only attracts an enormous crowd and stirs its enthusiasm to a high pitch, but it gives the bicycle more publicity than all other of the year's events put together. It receives columns where others receive inches or no mention at all.

THE CAR IN WARFARE.

The French War Office has despatched a 30 h.p. Panhard war car to the scene of the Morocco campaign. The car carries three Hotchkiss machine guns and 60,000 rounds of ammunition. It will be interesting to note the behaviour of the first war automobile that has been brought into actual use, but the French war authorities appear to have made a blunder in sending an armoured vehicle to the scene of the outbreak in Morocco, instead of a properly protected car, in which the driver and gunners could operate with the minimum risk of injury.

GOING AHEAD.

The editor of the English motor paper, the "Car," Lord Montague, estimates that there are 346,000 motor vehicles in present use in the world; but as he has credited only 3000 to Australasia, Canada, Egypt, the Transvaal, and other British dependencies combined, he has most likely underestimated the number. It has been computed that there are 3000 motor vehicles in Australasia alone, while Canada has a very liberal quota. Britain has 125,000, United States 130,000, France 32,530, Germany 22,000, and other countries in proportion. The figures indicate the immense strides of automobilism in a single decade.

AQUATICS.

VOLUNTEER'S END.

The well-known yawl Volunteer was broken up at Levuka a few weeks ago, when it is said the lead on her keel fetched more money than the price given for her by the late Mr. Hennings. Volunteer was built in Sydney from a design by Mr. Walter Reeks. She was originally a cutter, and among other wins beat the 40-rater Era in the race for the Centennial Cup of 500sovs. Some time afterwards she sailed across to Auckland, where Mr. Tom Henderson had her for some seasons. Volunteer's next owner was Mr. Alex. Alison, who on one occasion took the Governor (Lord Ranfurly) and party for a cruise. I had the good fortune to be on board, and yet remember the very pleasant time that was spent on the big white yawl, for our late Governor was a keen sportsman and an adept at spinning yarns. Mr. Alison ultimately disposed of Volunteer to Mr. Hennings, of Fiji, and the yacht made a fast trip of 6½ days to her new port. Not long afterwards Mr. Hennings died, leaving the yawl to his nephew, and I suppose that it is by his orders she has been broken up. Volunteer was one of the last of the old straight-stemmed yachts, and was a fast boat of her type.

A LONG DISTANCE OCEAN RACE BY THE ROYALS.

From Auckland, round Canoe Rock, Waiheke, Ponui, and back to Matiatia, distance 71¼ knots. That was the course mapped out for the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron's ocean race on Saturday. For some unknown reason the big boats fought shy of it, and a race specially designed for boats like Viking, Thelma, Ilex, Rainbow and Co. found them absent, while even the old yawl which won it last year did not try her luck. This was distinctly disheartening to the committee. Still, half-a-dozen yachts were on the line when the starting gun was fired. These were: Moana, scratch; Heartsease, 50m.; Ngatira and Kotiri, 100m.; Aorere, 120m.; Wairere, 140m. There was a nice fresh-nor'easter at the start, which was a good one, and fast time was made down the harbour, but as the afternoon drew on all the weight went out of the breeze, and for the remainder of the race it was a case of looking for catspaws. The paltry breeze seemed to suit Wairere, and she was the first to round Canoe Rock, 8½ hours out. All night the same weather conditions prevailed, and the race was a very tedious one. Ngatira was in first place passing Pufiki, but before Matiatia was reached Wairere had forged to the front again,



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and she crossed the line at 12h. 17m. 30s. on Sunday, Ngatira following two minutes later. Aorere was 8m. 40s. behind the second boat, Heartsease 1m. 40s. later, while Kotiro took 26 minutes more to complete the course. Wairere won without her handicap, Aorere being second, and Ngatira third. Moana gave up. Mr. C. P. Murdoch took the times on board the Rehuta, and had a very long wait for the yachts to turn up.

The long-distance motor launch race over the same course was a failure, Winsome going the course by herself, the other boats entered (Matareka and Kotiro) not coming to the post. A whisper reaches me that the handicap was a bit too stiff, but whether this is so is another matter. Matareka had to give Kotiro 45m. and Winsome 135m. The latter boat, without being pressed, ran the course in 9h. 33m. It is obvious that to beat her Matareka would have required to do it in something under 7h. 18m., which, for a 7 1/4-knot course, works out at a little more than 9 3/4 knots per hour, a speed I do not think the scratch boat could have maintained. It is, however, easy to be wise after the event, and the handicapper had not these figures available before the race, or he might have reduced the limit.

FAST TRAVELLING.

Recent European experiments with hydroplane motor-boats have given some remarkable speeds. In one instance an Italian hydroplane attained a speed of over 50 miles an hour, whilst M. Santos Dumont has built a fine boat for the purpose of winning a £2,000 wager that he will attain a speed of 60 miles an hour on the water. At the rate experiments are progressing, Dumont has a good chance of winning his wager. The ideal hydroplane craft, according to the inventors of these boats, is that in which the hull, when under propelling power, is raised by the planes clear out of the water. This happy realisation would seem to have been reached in recent experiments, for at a speed of 20 miles an hour the hull of the craft was right out of the water, whilst at forty an hour there was quite 18in. clearance between hull and water. When travelling at a fair speed the hull is virtually suspended upon two stilts. Naturally, a hull carried in this fashion has to be made extremely rigid. In the case of small boats this rigidity is easily obtainable, but whether one could build a large ship on this principle, capable of carrying a number of passengers and heavy cargo, is another question. At present the Continental marine engineers are of opinion that the theory is only practicable for small boats and smooth water. The propelling power is supplied by one or more immense aluminium aerial propellers, driven by high-powered petrol motors, ranging from about 50 to 100 h.p.

The North Shore Yacht Club postponed the race to Waitera on Saturday, as, with the wind in, the roadstead at the "hot water" resort is an open one.

Seventeen boats took part in the Manukau Y.C. race on Saturday, the winner turning up in Mana (60m.), with Heather (scratch) second, and Clematis (35m.) third.

FOOTBALL.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS' RECORD IN ENGLAND.

The following is the full list of matches played by the New Zealand team in England:—

Bramley	Won	25-6
Huddersfield	Won	18-8
Widnes	Won	26-11
Broughton Rangers	Won	20-14
Wakefield Trinity	Drawn	5-5
Leeds	Won	8-2
St. Helens	Won	24-5
Merthyr	Won	27-0
Keighley	Won	9-7
Wigan	Lost	8-12
Barrow	Lost	3-6
Hull	Won	18-13
Leigh	Lost	9-15
Oldham	Lost	7-8
Runcorn	Lost	0-9
Dewsbury	Won	18-8
Swinton	Won	11-2
Rochdale Hornets	Won	19-0
Bradford	Lost	2-7
Halifax	Lost	4-9
Yorkshire	Won	23-4
Warrington	Lost	7-8
Hunslet	Drawn	11-11
Salford	Won	9-2
Wales	Lost	8-9
Hull K.R.	Won	6-3
Cumberland	Lost	9-21
England	Lost	16-18
Lancashire	Lost	4-20
N. Union	Lost	6-14
Yorkshire	Lost	3-5
Ebbw Vale	Won	3-2
N. Union	Won	18-6
N. Union	Won	8-5
St. Helens	Won	21-10

Played, 35 matches; won, 19; lost, 14; drawn, 2. Scored 414 points (72 goals 90 tries) to 294 points (39 goals 70 tries).

The cable brings word of another victory for the New Zealanders in England. St. Helens was met on Saturday and defeated by 3 goals 5 tries (21 points) to 2 goals 2 tries (10 points). From this it would appear that our boys had pulled themselves together, and at the very close of the tour were showing their true form.

A cable states that on Saturday a terrific hailstorm in England stopped hundreds of football matches, three grandstands being unroofed.

The English team for New Zealand sails in the Athenic on April 2, coming out by way of the Cape.

The Rugby football match England v. Ireland was played on February 8, and resulted in the defeat of the Irish team. The scores were: England, 2 goals and a try; Ireland, a penalty goal.

Some little difficulty is being found in allotting the dates of the Sydney University v. New Zealand Universities matches to be played here in July (says the Sydney "Referee.") The S.U.R.F.C. requires two Saturdays, and a ready provision is made for one by giving the club a bye in the competition. No doubt the M.R.U. will meet the club in the matter, as it is in the interests of the game. The New South Wales Union has given its sanction to the matches.

The Welsh Rugby Union has written to the New South Wales Rugby Union offering a hearty welcome to the team to Wales, and asking that the number of matches on the programme in Wales be extended to the number played by New Zealand and South Africa.

LAWN TENNIS.

AUCKLAND BEATS TARANAKI BY 11 TO 8.

The great event of the week has been the interprovincial games between Auckland and Taranaki. These were played at the Eden and Epsom greens, which were in fine order. Messrs. Holmes, Le Sieur, Stewart, and Patterson were in charge of the arrangements, which were admirably carried out. Mount Eden being as yet off the tram line, precluded any thought of a large attendance, but there was a fair attendance. The results were as follows:—

Men's Singles.

- Wallace (T.) beat S. Upton (A.), 6-4, 10-8, after a very fine contest indeed.
- Dickie (T.) beat Grossman (A.), 6-1, 6-2.
- Dr. Keith (A.) beat Nicholson (T.), 6-3, 6-1.
- Billing (A.) beat Smith (T.), 7-5, 6-4.
- W. A. Brown (A.) beat Powdrell (T.), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
- J. H. Turner (A.) beat Caplen (T.), 8-6, 6-3.

Men's Doubles.

- Dickie and Wallace (T.) beat Dr. Keith and Grossman (A.), 6-3, 6-4.
- Upton and W. Brown (A.) beat Nicholson and Smith (T.), 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.
- Turner and Billing (A.) beat Powdrell and Caplen (T.), 10-12, 6-0, 6-0.

Ladies' Singles.

- Miss Powdrell (T.) beat Miss Gray (A.), 6-1, 6-5.
- Miss Payne (T.) beat Miss D. Udy (A.), 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
- Miss Cooper (A.) beat Miss E. Dickie (T.), 6-2, 6-1.
- Miss A. Dickie (T.) beat Miss Harvey (A.), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Combined Doubles.

- Dickie and Miss Powdrell (T.) beat Billing and Miss Udy (A.), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.
- Dr. Keith and Miss Gray (A.) beat Wallace and Miss E. Dickie (T.), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
- Nicholson and Miss Payne (T.) beat Turner and Mrs. Cooper (A.), 6-1, 6-3.
- W. A. Brown and Miss Harvey (A.) beat Smith and Miss A. Dickie (T.), 6-3, 2-6, 6-5.

Ladies' Doubles.

- Misses Gray and Udy (A.) beat Misses Powdrell and E. Dickie (T.), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
- Mrs. Cooper and Miss Harvey (A.) beat Miss A. Dickie and Miss Payne (T.), 6-4, 6-3.

BILLIARDS.

"TOO HOT TO PLAY."

Locally there is nothing doing in the world of billiards. "Come to have a game," says A. "No, weather too hot, let's have a tonic instead," says B, and that just about expresses it. Still February is the last summer month, and with the advent of the cooler weather, the knights of the cue will be going in for strong practice. The amateur championship should be a great contest later on.

MEMMOTT GETTING READY.

Australia's champion, Charles Memmott, is practising hard for the coming season. Each day he puts in several hours at Alcock's Rooms, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, teaching pupils. Among them is his accomplished niece, Miss Ruby Roberts, who may shortly make her debut before the Australian billiard public. She possesses a fine style, and is a really fine player for one so young.

A BOY OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

The great spot player, Billy Mitchell, is in South Africa giving exhibitions, and it is just possible that he may turn his attention towards these States next season (says the "Referee"). The arrival of such a great player as Mitchell (Bradley's Boy) would be hailed with much satisfaction out here, and it is, therefore, to be hoped that our anticipations may be realised. During a game in Cape-town, he put up a fine break of 455, and received £10 for same from the Bonzoline Billiard Ball Company, having made the break with bonzoline balls. Mitchell made a break of 1621 (536 spots) at the Westminster Aquarium in November, 1885.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE LOBSTER.

A gentleman had just lost a game at billiards, and went into the bar to soothe his soul. He had been soothing that unplaced part of his being pretty well all day, but it could stand a lot of comforting. Presently a young man entered the bar from the billiard saloon, and the loser asked him to have a drink.

After the "Good Healths" had been toasted, the loser said, feelingly: "I have just lost a game in there! Never saw such a bally fluker as the fellow who played me. S—hic!—imply couldn't miss the ball or pocket!" "Hard lines," said the other chap, quietly. "You didn't see the game, did you?" asked the vanquished. "Oh, yes." "Where were you sitting?" "I didn't sit—much. I was the fellow that played you!"

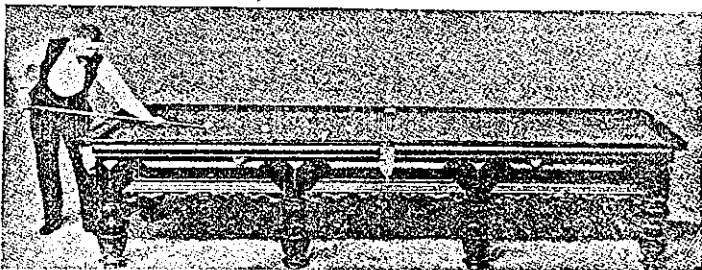
A NOVEL MATCH.

A somewhat novel match took place at King's Lynn, England, recently, when F. Lawrence, a clever young Birmingham cueist, met ten of the best players. The amateurs received a start of 500 in 1,000—one dropping out for each 100 compiled by Lawrence. As he topped the century three times, several had no chance of displaying their ability. Lawrence in the end, won by 159 points.

DAWSON'S SUDDEN LOSS OF FORM.

In beating Dawson in a recent match by no less than 3,617 points, or 1,117 more than the start received, Aiken undoubtedly accomplished one of the best performances of his career. When "set," there are few more attractive cueists to watch than the genial Scot—his touch and delicate manipulation of the balls at the top end are delightful (says a Home paper). One of the best judges and critics of the game has rightly called him the

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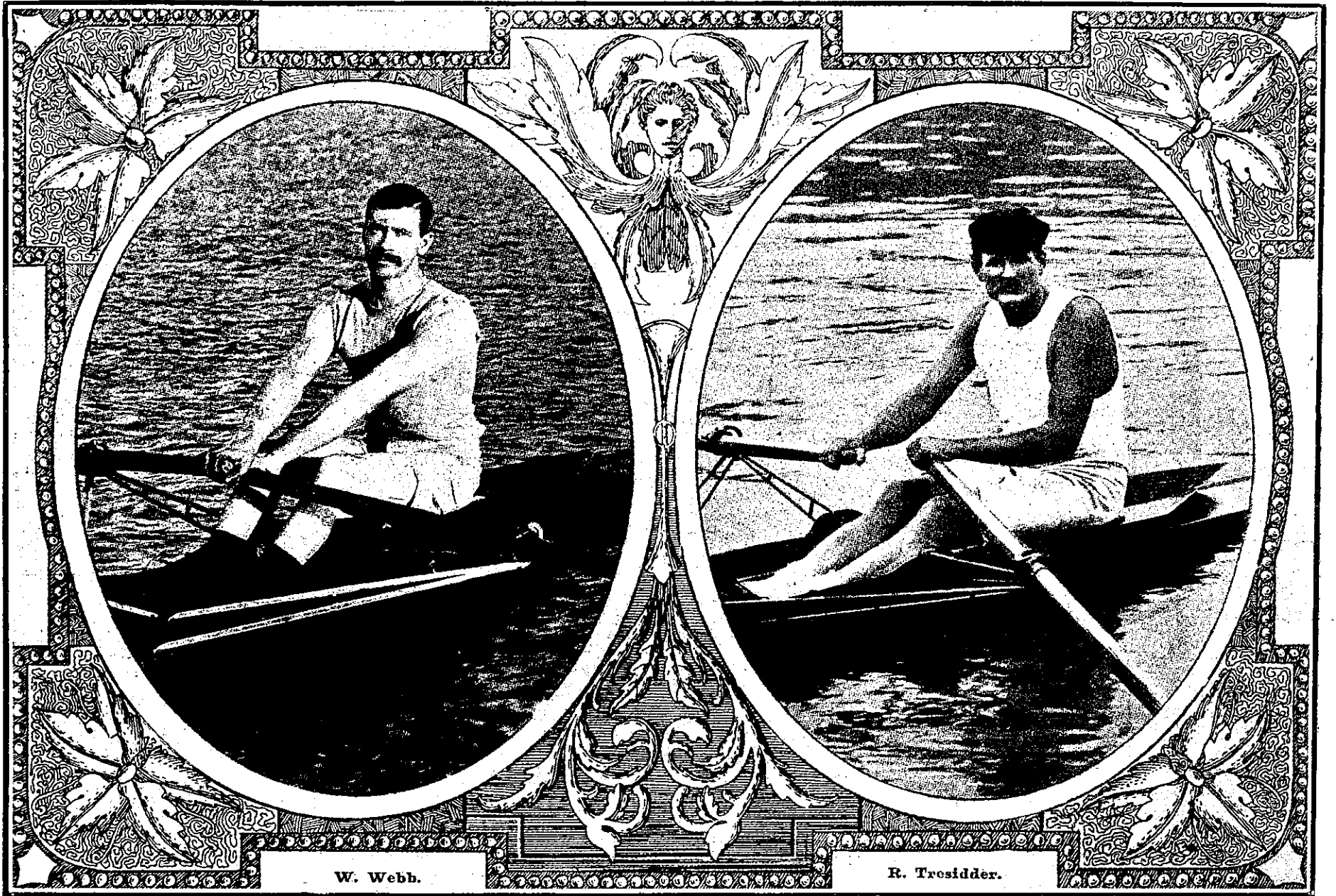
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THE WRONG TICKET.

An official of a railway one got leave to get married and was given a pass over the road. On his way back he gave to the ticket collector his marriage certificate instead of his pass. The latter studied it carefully for a few comen's, and then said: "My man, you have got a ticket for a long, wear-some journey, but not on this railway."

THE GREAT RACE FOR SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.



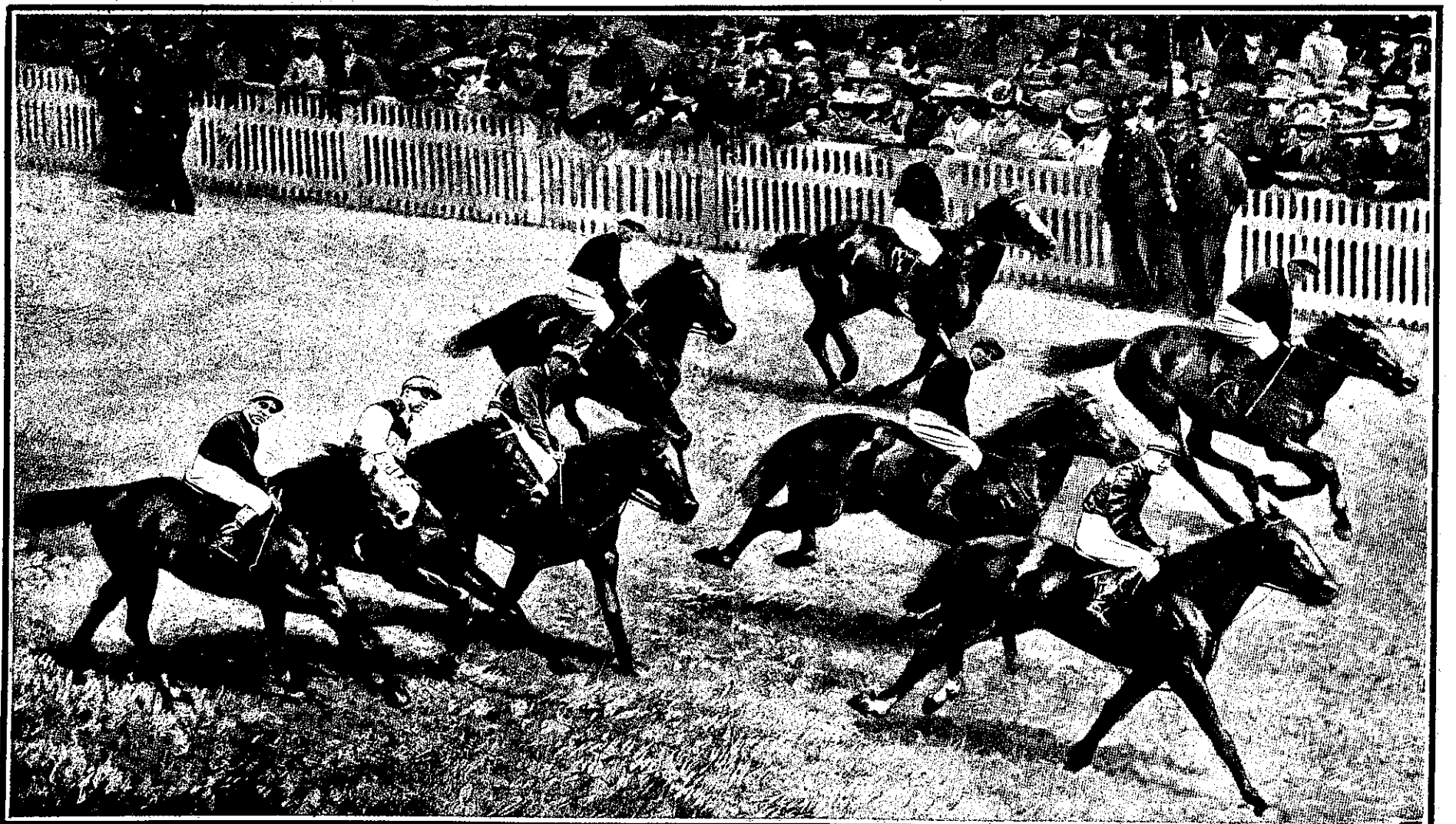
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WILLIAM WEBB, OF WANGANUI, THE WINNER.
From the "Town and Country Journal."

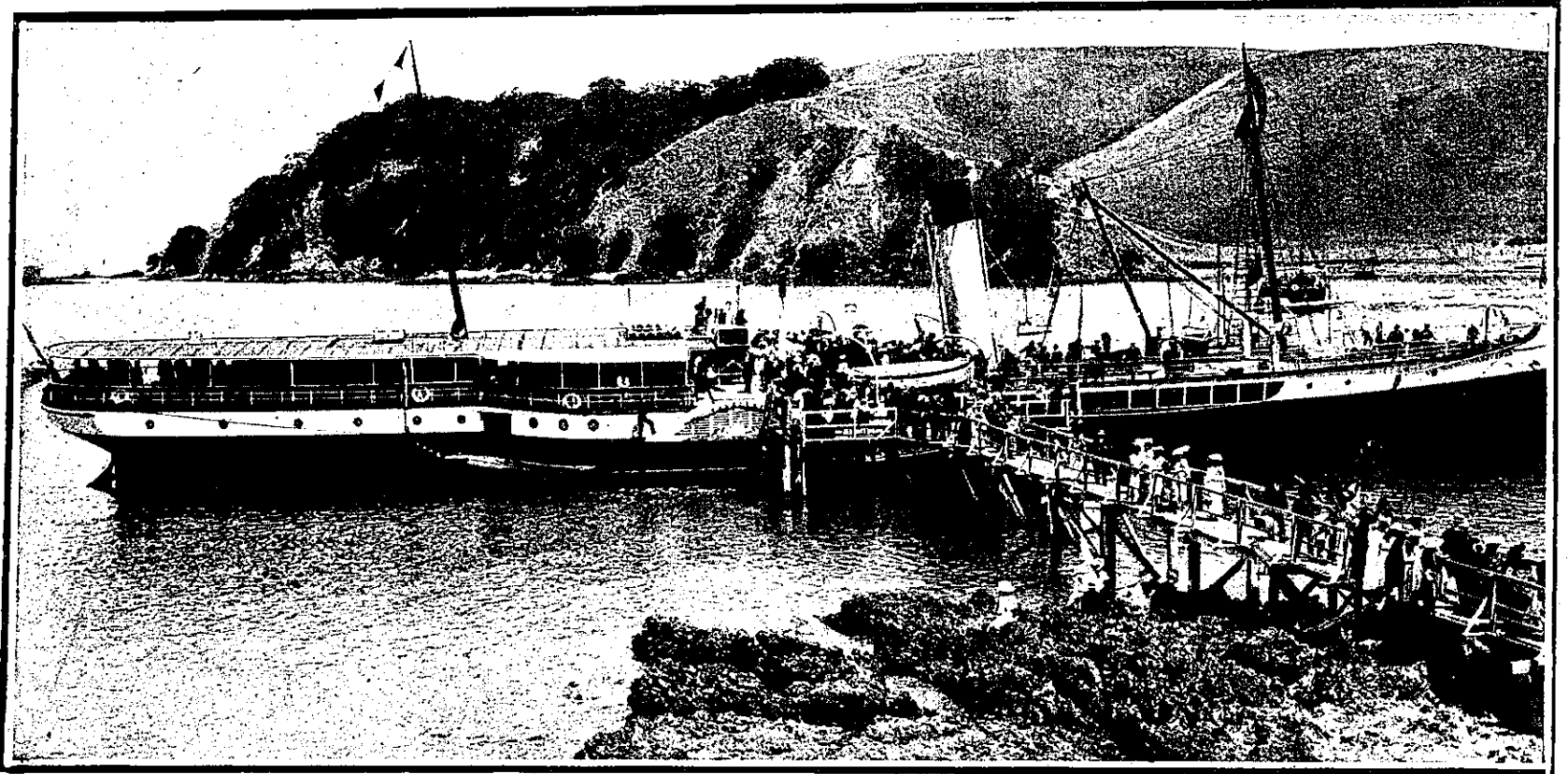
RICHARD TRESSIDER, OF NEWCASTLE, WHO MADE A FLUCKY FIGHT FOR THE TITLE.

THE WINNING JOCKEYS' RACE.

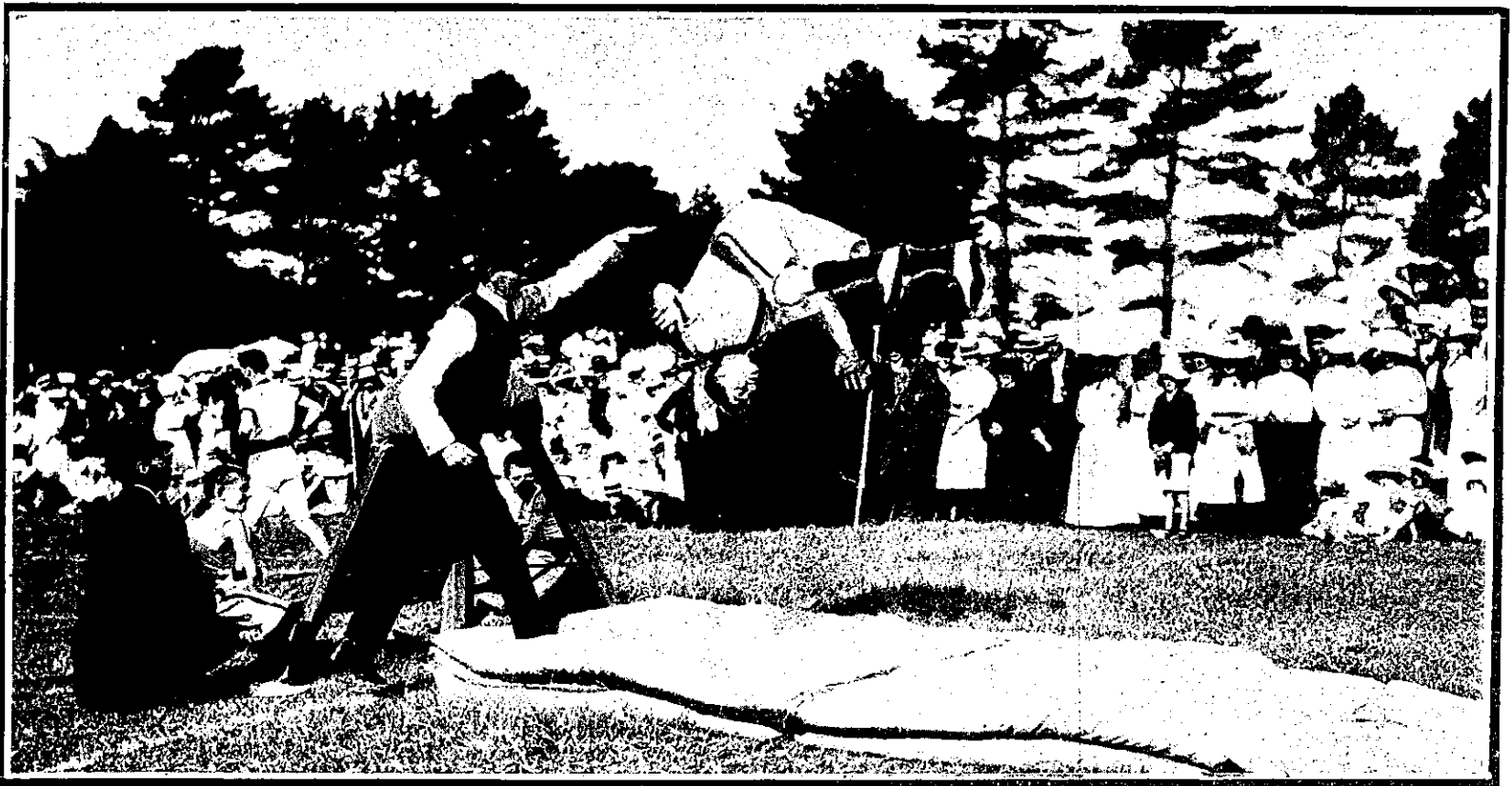


The above picture (a clever arrangement by the "Sketch") shows the order in which the English jockeys finished in the winning list. Reading in the order of finishing, they are:—W. Higgs (won 146, lost 586), D. Maher (won 114, lost 310), F. Halsey (won 103, lost 424), H. Randall (won 71, lost 333), W. Griggs (won 62, lost 497), G. McCall (won 61, lost 423), C. Trigg (won 53, lost 487), E. Wheatley (won 44, lost 246).

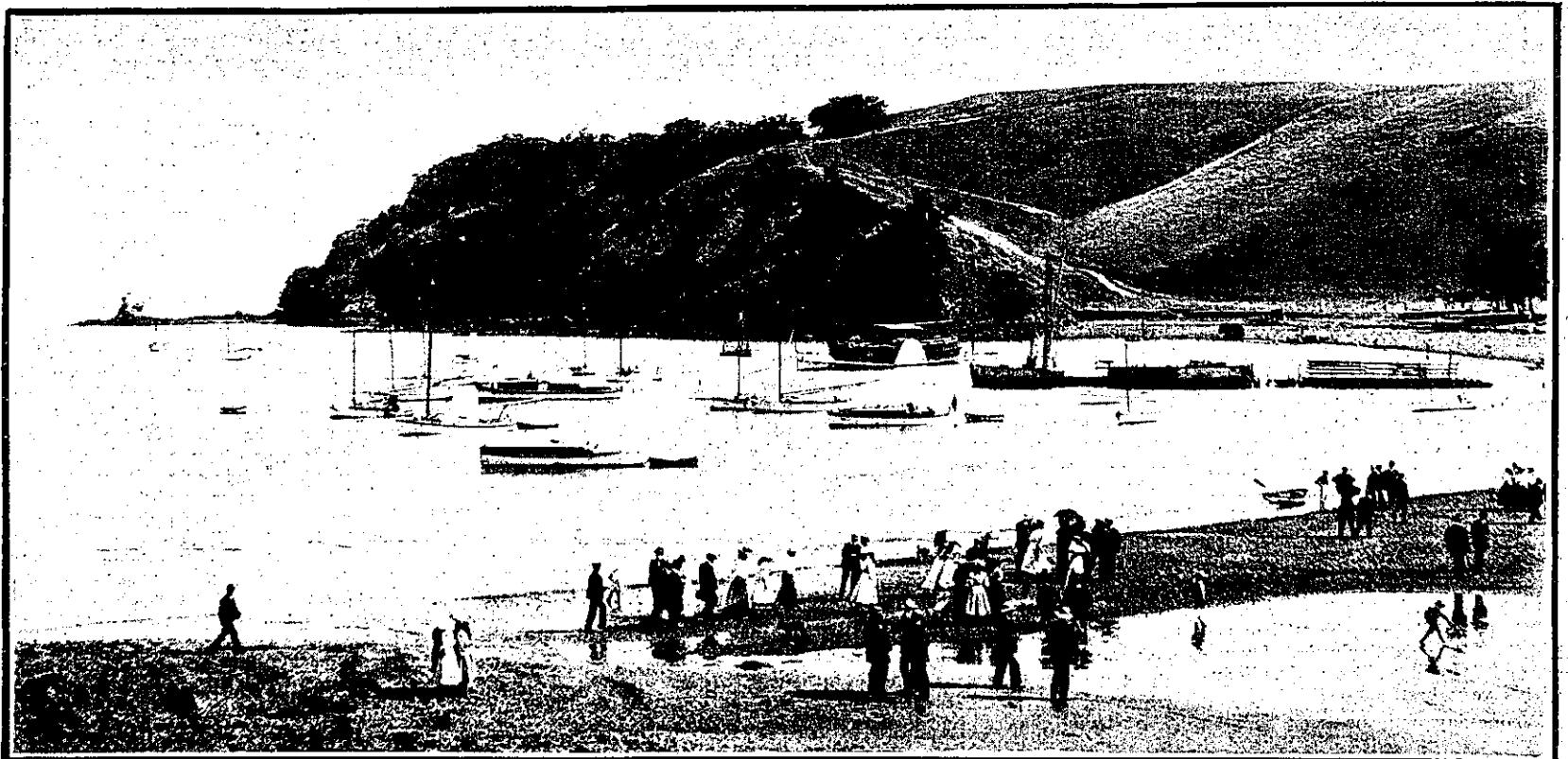
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MR FLEMMING'S NEW ENGLISH COMPANY.

"THE RED LAMP."

On Saturday, Mr Herbert Flemming's new English Company produced "The Red Lamp" at His Majesty's Theatre. This is a drama in four acts, by W. Outram Tristram, and deals with the efforts of the Russian police to repress the Nihilists. General Morakoff, his wife Princess Claudia, and Paul Demetrius, chief of the Russian police, are waging implacable war against the Nihilists. The Princess learns, however, that her idolised brother, Prince Alexis is the chief of the very band she is seeking to destroy. To save him she places a red lamp in a window of the Malakoff Palace when any police raids are contemplated and thus warns the conspirators. These latter are mining a street with a view to blowing up the Czar as his carriage passes over it. Demetrius detects the red lamp signal and causes its removal and comes very near to discovering the whole plot. Knowing at the last that her husband, who is to accompany the Czar, will also be killed, the Princess sends a friend to stop the Czar, which he accomplishes just in time. In the meantime Ivan Zazzuic, one of the chief conspirators, attempts to betray the plot, and when Alexis learns this, stabs the prince, only to be shot a moment later by Kertch, a Nihilist servant, the play concluding with a very strong dramatic situation, the death of Alexis.

Mr Flemming took the role of Demetrius and makes him a benevolent looking old gentleman, who with apparently no other hobby than flowers, is in reality the skilled police officer ever on the watch for a clue. Whether this was quite the conception of the role it is hard to say, but Mr Flemming made a fine study of it particularly emphasising the two-faced character of the police agent. Miss Beatrice Day gave a particularly clever rendering of the difficult role of the Princess Claudia rising to great height in her fierce denunciation of Zazzuic in the scene at the House of the Mine. Mr. A. S. Homewood had no much opportunity as Prince Alexis, but made the very utmost of his one great chance in the third act. Mr A. Mallalieu well suited the role of Allen Villiers, the American correspondent, his somewhat jerky style being in keeping with the part. Although no time is given for action of the play, yet as all the characters wear most up-to-date costumes one must assume it is of the present day. Surely, therefore, Villiers was in error when he said that he had seen the streets of Paris run blood at the time of the Commune. Miss Elsie Clarens looked pretty as Olga Marakoff, but evidently had not got used to the acoustic properties of the theatre, as she was again frequently inaudible while a little more emotion when the trouble was at its height would have been an improvement. Miss Guildford-Quin did well in the part of Elise, a maid in the pay of the police. Mr. Winter Hall looked soldierly as General Marakoff. Mr. H. W. Varna was excellent as the Nihilist Zazzuic, and the other characters were well taken.

The stage setting was admirable, while the dressing of the piece left nothing to be desired, some of the costumes, notably those of Miss Day being simply superb. Owing to the shortness of the season the piece only ran for four nights.

This (Thursday) evening will see the production of "Peter's Mother," a charming piece which has been played by command before the King and Queen Alexandra at Sandringham. This will only be staged for two nights.

On Saturday and two following nights "Olivia" will go up. This is an adaptation by W. G. Wills of the "Vicar of Wakefield." It was Irving's favourite play, and is said to show Mr. Flemming at his very best.

Next Wednesday will be seen for the first time out of England "The Mora's of Marcus," which caused such a sensation in the Old Country.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

There is no lack of patrons at the Opera House each night, and the programme presented by Messrs Fuller meets with much favour. The most attractive turn of the evening is the one-act burlesque entitled "A Lucky Catch," in which the clever artists, Mr Fred H. Graham and Miss Nellie Dent make their appearance. Roars of laughter follow the original sayings and queer antics of the popular pair, who carry out their respective parts in a most talented manner. Mr Graham is a host in himself, and leaves nothing undone in making the act as full of humour as possible. It may well be said of Master Rupert Christie that he is without doubt the best boy singer to have appeared before Opera House audiences. Possessed of a fine soprano voice he renders a couple of suitable items in first-rate style, his singing of "Honey Boy" fairly bringing down the house. As an exhibition of cleverness and skill it would be difficult to eclipse that given by the young jugglers, Lesso and Rexo. During the course of their comedy juggling act they perform several feats of a very high order, while the comic element is introduced into the

this week's programme at the Opera House is the excellent films which are being shown by the biograph. "The Pirates" is a film of a most rare kind, the hand to hand fight depicted being of a particularly stirring nature.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent thus:—Friends, Romans, Countrymen! Lend me your ears (which is merely my Shakespearean, or Baconian, way of bespeaking the attention of your readers). Our new temple of the drama will throw open its doors to an expectant public next Tuesday, 25th inst., and thus is the sneer of the ill-natured persons who declared the new playhouse would never be finished during the current century, refuted. As I told you in my last, J. C. Williamson's Company opens the "Shindy Rate" theatre with "The Blue Moon"; but as the season is only on 13 nights, and there are to be frequent changes of bill, the "Blue Moon" will only be played thrice. It will be followed by "Lady Madcap," "The Little Michus," "The Girl from Kay's," and "Three Little Maids." This seems an appetizing bill-of-fare enough. All the pieces undertaken for production are new to us down here; but if course you have just seen them in Auckland.

about the country districts. A return season will be played in Christchurch shortly.

Our city fathers are considering the question of compelling theatrical managers here to number all seats from D.C. to pit, or gallery. This system would be a great boon to patrons of the cheaper seats who have just as much right to reserve their places as have the people who can afford to pay 5s. 6s or 10s (or more) for seats.

Ambitious local amateurs talk of forming a Musical Comedy Company, and of staging "The French Maid" as their initial production. Ye gods!

THE POLLARDS.

The first Pollard Company was formed in Tasmania in 1879 by Mr J. Pollard, sen. It was a purely juvenile organisation, composed of the Pollard Family. There were from 35 to 40 in that company. Herbert Salinger was the boy comedian in those days, and they were playing "Cloches de Corneville" and "Pinafore." They performed in New Zealand during 1881 and part of 1882, after which they went to Australia. They returned to New Zealand at the end of 1883 and played to the end of 1884, when they disbanded. Another company was formed in 1891. It was then that the Beattys, Marion Mitchell W. S. Percy, Lily Stephens, Alf. Stevens, Harry Quealy, Charlie Carter, Cissie Samuels, Charlie Albert, Dave O'Connor, Ernie Fitz, W. Paul, Florence and Beatrice Perry, Connie Butler, Jennie Opie, Alice Edgar Lulu Evans, etc., etc., came along. There was a repertoire of some 40 musical comedies, including such a variety as "Maritara," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "La Poupee," and "The Belle of New York," the latter being regarded as the best performance in New Zealand wherever it went. At this stage marriage began to make its inroads, and one by one the several principals dropped out. The only member of the old company with the new juveniles is Charlie Albert, now stage manager, and well-known of old as The Insect in "Paul Jones" and Mr Harry Quealy, remembered as Major Forstlye in "Gay Parisienne." The new organisation was formed in Christchurch in June, 1907.

TRAVELLING A CIRCUS IS NOT A PICNIC.

"Steamer fares alone run into £1800 before we pitch the tents" (said Mr Wirth to a Southern writer), "then on top of that the New Zealand railways, which with our company and freight (and we do carry some with the menagerie including six elephants) swallows up the best portion of £1500. Then look at the risk we run—a gale such as we have experienced in New Zealand, particularly in Wellington, means a damaged tent and no performance; the loss of an animal—a trained elephant, an experience which befell us in West Australia, means a loss of something approaching £2000. Yes; running a circus is no joke, and we have to make the money quickly to keep things going. Talk about running a big opera company—why, it's a Sunday school picnic to running a circus."

DUNEDIN AUDIENCES.

Dunedin has recently been under the lash as the worst show town in New Zealand (says the Otago Witness), but had its detractors done a round of the shows in the city last week, they might have been inclined to give the subject another thought. At any rate it would have set them pondering. "Give the Dunedin public what it wants," remarked a well-known and experienced theatrical manager to the writer the other evening, "and it will prove one of the best show towns in the Dominion." This is very true. Dunedin evidently wants a great contrast, to a big circus a fine picture show, and attractive vaudeville. Such was the demand last week. The Clara Butt concert was packed to overflowing the tents of Wirth's Circus swayed with exciting crowds. West's Pictures have drawn the multitude to His Majesty's, while the Princess Theatre has been crowded to witness the splendid vaudeville show. Give Dunedin what it wants and it will fall



THE KLOS SISTERS, SAID BY MR. RICHARDS TO BE THE GREATEST ATTRACTION HE HAS EVER IMPORTED TO THE COLONIES.

turn with no little success. The dainty little artistes, the two Prices (Viola and Lilian), continue to hold popular sway over Opera House audiences, and this week they are seen in a bright sketch which they make the most of. Watts and Lucas present their original Irish specialty "Murphy's Arrival," and cause a great deal of merriment with their genuine fun and quaint humour. The introduction of their eccentric boxing bout makes the turn doubly funny, and is a decidedly creditable display. Mr Tod Calloway is always sure of a good reception so long as his songs are kept up to the high standard of those sung by him this week. Mr Calloway knows the proper way to make a comic song "take on" and this, no doubt, is the secret of his many recals. Miss Gertie McLeod, the charming young comedienne, quite captivates the audience with her singing of several taking numbers, while her dancing calls for no little praise. Mr Rud Peterson is heard to good effect in a couple of attractive vocal items, after which he gives a dramatic recitation entitled "What is a Gentleman?" in a way which brings forth much appreciation. The Twin Sisters Lucas make a good hit with their singing of "I want a Little Man," and their expertness in dancing is also highly appreciated. A feature of

Carter, the magician, having packed up his "vanishing lady," and other illusions in his portmanteau, has gone North, and by the time you receive this he ought to be bobbing up serenely in the Queen City.

Clear the track! Wirth's Circus is coming! It is a very long time since "the greatest show on earth" was in these parts, and as we just dote on circuses, Mr Wirth may confidently reckon on collecting a potful of money here. He says he needs to take a lot of money everywhere, to keep "the greatest" etc., going, the exes. being simply enormous. He seems particularly pleased to have secured the huge King Edward Barracks for the holding of the big circus, which can thus, so to speak snap its fingers at wind and weather. "Wirth's" is divided into seven sections: (1) The Society Circus; (2) the menagerie; (3) the museum of freaks; (4) the vaudeville circus; (5) the hippodrome; (6) the great elephant herd; (7), the Delhi Durbar Pageant.

Leading attractions at Fuller's Opera House just now, include: Hugh Lloyd, Pastor and Merle, Davy's Marionette, Lav. Tyson and Jas Opie. A tight-rope walking competition for amateurs is promised for Friday night, and ought to furnish lots of fun. MacMahon's Pictures are knocking

over itself to spend its money, but give the public what it doesn't want, and no town in New Zealand can rival it in staying away.

A STOLEN STRAD.

M. Eugene Ysaye, the famous violinist, has had a great loss. He was playing in the Imperial Marie Theatre, at St. Petersburg, when someone stole his reserve violin a "Stradivarius" out of his dressing-room. The instrument was worth £2000 or £3000. It is a well-known violin. It dates from 1732. In 1892 it was sold for £1000 to Hugo Hermann, of Frankfurt; and in 1895, M. Ysaye bought it for £800 and a "Guadagnini violin." Its tone is said to lend itself to the words of Mozart, Haydn, and some Italian composers; but when Ysaye is playing Beethoven, Bach, and some other works, he prefers his "Guarnerius," because of its fulness of tone. Two years ago Ysaye was offered £2000 for the instrument that has just been stolen.

AUSTRALIANS IN THE STATES.

Geo. Majeroni is playing in the new hit, "The Top of the World," at the Majestic, New York. His brother, Mario, is with John Drew in "My Wife."

Paul Scardon is with Sohern, touring in the States.

Irene Outtrim is with Henrietta Crossman. She married an American actor named Booth the other day.

Fred Rivenhall is playing a leading part in "The Belle of Mayfair" in New York.

Bert Levy is a huge hit and top-liner in vaudeville—booked for a year at £60 per week.

Hilda Spon, with her playlet, "Kit," is also a hit in vaudeville. Walter Howe is with her as leading man.

Orlando Daly and wife and David Glassford are with Hackett on tour.

Maggie Moore is with Jefferson in "Rip van Winkle."

SARDOU WRITES A PLAY FOR TREE.

M. Sardou, the eminent French dramatist, is engaged in writing an historical play for Mr Beerbohm Tree. It will deal with the period of the French Revolution, the central figure, who will, of course, be impersonated by Mr Tree, being one of the leaders of men prominently identified with those stirring times. Mr Tree has stated that he hoped to produce the play during his next autumn season. "I should consider it a great privilege," he added, "to create a part written especially for me by Mr M. Sardou. The play will, I believe, be a great one, and I intend to produce it on an heroic scale."

MARGARET ANGLIN COMES TO THE COLONIES.

According to the London "Tribune," Mr J. C. Williamson has arranged for Miss Margaret Anglin, on her coming visit to Australia, to appear in Pinero's "His House in Order," as well as in "The Thief." The chief male parts in these plays are to be sustained by Mr G. S. Titheradge, of whom the "Tribune" speaks as "one of the foremost actors of our own stage," and one of the greatest living authorities on daffodil and rose growing. "His charming and talented daughter, Madge," adds the London journal, "is with Mr Cyril Maude at the Playhouse, and his son is about to join his father's profession."

THE LONDON GAITY.

By an arrangement, which Mr George Edwards has just concluded, says the "Daily Mail," a very considerable change will take place at the Gaiety Theatre immediately after Easter. He has made a contract with Mr Leslie Stuart, the composer, for three musical plays, and the first of these will be the immediate successor of "The Girls of Gottenberg," in or about the third week of April. The present company at the Gaiety Theatre will take a rest after "The Girls of Gottenberg" has finished its London run, and then, in August, will go either to the provinces or New York, for a season that will probably extend to the following month of May. It is two years since Mr Edwardes announced that he would produce a musical play with Havana for its background, and the book for this piece is now being written for him by Mr Graham Hill and Mr George Grossmith, jun., while Mr Ardrian Ross will be responsible for the lyrics. An entirely new company of stars will by the new arrangement add further novelty to the attractions of the Gaiety Theatre, but the chief point of interest lies in the fact that the sparkling rhythm of Mr Leslie Stuart's music is to become the inspiration of this famous house.

AN AUTHOR AND HIS CRITICS.

Mr James Welch has been unburdening his mind about the London critics to a "New York Herald" interviewer. Said he:

"Do you know that those gentlemen to a man denounced 'When Knights were Bold' as being trashy, weak, and unworthy of my endeavours, and said it was doomed to certain failure. It has been going a year now. That shows how much they know about it. After it was fairly started and there was no doubt of its success, they changed their tune and began to praise it."

Mr Welch further confided to the interviewer that: "The prompt-book of 'When Knights were Bold' is a literary curiosity. There is not a page of the original manuscript left intact. At every performance a shorthand writer is stationed in the wings and takes down every new word or bit of business that is introduced, and also records at just what the audience laughs each night. Then the next day, at rehearsal, the play is changed to suit the latest liking of the audience. In this way the comedy has been written and re-written time after time. The author does not pretend to recognise her work any more. She refers to it as a 'Welch play.'"

All this is very entertaining, but it is not very convincing (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). Many trashy plays have succeeded, but their success has not proved them to be masterpieces to the satisfaction of anybody but the re-

sult spells failure, yet, with indifferent foreign artists perpetually at loggerheads, the wonder is that results were so good.

"CLAUDIEN."

The Julius Knight Company has been playing Wilson Barrett's old favourite, "Claudian," in Sydney. The plot is as follows:—

"Be young for ever, through the centuries— See generations born and age and die, And all who flattered, served, and loved thee, dust—but thou live on." This is the curse pronounced in the prologue of "Claudian" by Holy Clement, the hermit, who is stabbed while trying to save the slave-wife of a sculptor from the powerful profligate of Byzantium in the fourth century. In the play, a hundred years later, Claudian still walks the earth—a man who longs for death, and who is doomed to live. The curse is upon him. Those who love him are afflicted, and those whom he loves perish. Claudian is a sort of Flying Dutchman, and, like the hero of the Wagnerian music-drama, he is saved in the end by the love of a good woman. Almida, the good woman of the play, is drawn from her lover, Agasil, only to be stricken with blindness. When the blind Almida declares her love in Claudian's palace the earth trembles and the building

A step-dancing match for £50 a side was recently arranged between Little Miss Madge McCalla, the girl "babe" in the Birmingham Alexandra pantomime, and Miss Edna Dobree, a youthful coloured exponent of the terpsichorean art from New Orleans.

Madame Clara Butt and Mr Kennerley Rumford will give concerts in Sydney between 14th and 21st March. As originally arranged, the great contralto was to give 25 concerts in this part of the world. Seventy-five will be the number when the tour closes.

When the late Lord Kelvin was completing his deep-sea sounding machine, a brother scientist enquired the use of a huge coil of piano wire. "For sounding," replied the scholar. "What note?" facetiously added the former. "The deep C," replied his lordship, with a merry twinkle in his mathematical and keen sharp eye.

Bianche Bates, the talented American actress, has been seen in "The Girl of the Golden West" somewhat more than 700 times. Before the Belasco drama of '49 is finally taken off, she will have played the part of Minnie Smith oftener than she did that of Yo-San in "The Darling of the Gods," and in that her appearances numbered more than 1000.

An actor who recently was "taken" while on the stage by a cinematograph was greatly pleased with the result. Talk-



MR. A. S. HOMEWOOD AS SIGNOR D'ORELLI. MR. W. H. VARNA AS GUISEPPE. FROM "THE MUMMY AND THE HUMMING BIRD."

sponsible manager. But even supposing that critics know nothing about their business, they have to thank Mr Welch for so completely justifying their denunciation of "When Knights were Bold." He admits that since the critics saw the production the play has been entirely re-written, and we conclude that its success is due to the process of revision to which it has been subjected by Mr Welch. It must have been a very bad play indeed to require such wholesale revision, and of course it was clever of Mr Welch to so transform the piece that the author does not even pretend to recognise her work. But it shows how correct the critics were in their valuation of the original production, and it is, perhaps, the finest example of how to give away your author that an actor has ever given us.

THE GERMAN OPERA COMPANY'S BALANCE-SHEET.

The Australasian Grand Opera Co., Ltd., which was formed to assist in financing Mr. Musgrove's German Opera Company's tour in Australia and New Zealand, has circulated its balance-sheet for the period from February 14, 1907, to January 31, 1908. The directors' report states that the tour of the company, which was carried out as arranged, did not result in a financial success. The profits of the performances in Melbourne and Adelaide were absorbed by losses sustained in New Zealand, Tasmania, and the second Melbourne season, the total profits on the whole tour amounting to £497. In accordance with the agreement entered into with Mr. Musgrove, the sum of £1908 (being the capital of the company), less £400 reserved for expenses, was paid to him on account of preliminary expenses, which amounted to £2703: the balance, 795, absorbing the profit of £497, and leaving a loss of £298 to Mr. Musgrove, after the whole of the available capital of the company had been absorbed. The subscribed capital of the company was 1154

falls to ruins. Saved from the earthquake with Almida, the cursed one, standing amid the ruins, announces that his end is approaching—death that he has longed for has come at last. With the curse lifted Claudian faces death with a happy heart. Almida, whose sight has been restored (presumably by the earthquake), turns affectionately to the honest Agasil, and Claudian joins the hands of the lovers as he falls dead. Julius Knight, in the Marcus Superbus-like role of Claudian, is said to have made a great hit.

Mr Horace Nightingale, who for the last five years has been associated with the Taylor-Carrington Company is shortly severing his connection with that organisation. He contemplates resting for a few weeks and has a lucrative engagement in view.

'Tis not improbable that the Auckland district, including the city, will shortly be visited by Mr Edmund Montgomery's New Pictures and Entertainers, now in their eleventh year of organisation. Successful seasons have just been concluded in Dunedin, Christchurch, and Wellington, and the company is now at the Wanganui Opera House. The entertainers advertised to appear are Harry Hall, Elsie Hargood, Hilda Hargood and Fred Restieaux (musical director). The staff includes Bert Gilbert (electrician), Lawrence Redwood (mechanist), J. Matheson (business representative), and J. E. Petterick (advance manager).

Madame Clara Butt, Mr Kennerley Rumford and concert party will visit Palmerston North, Wanganui, Napier, etc., till March 3rd, when two farewell concerts will be given in Wellington.

Miss Rosina Buckmann will play the leading female role in "Erminie," which is to be produced by the Dunedin Amateur Operatic Society at an early date.

ing about it to a prominent dramatic critic, he said: "It was the most extraordinary experience I ever went through—actually to see myself acting." "Now," replied the critic, "you will understand what we have to put up with."

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Hark Hamburg, who is to visit Australia this year under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tait, had many curious experiences during his recent American tour, one of them illustrating the American's keen sense of a business proposition. Paderewski was touring the States at the same time and very naturally a large proportion of the musical critics and music lovers spent much time and many words in discussing the respective merits of the two virtuosos—more especially as on several occasions their itineraries overlapped and they played within a night or two of each other in the same town—sometimes choosing the same pieces for their programme. The amount of interest and controversy these incidents occasioned inspired a New York music hall manager with a brilliant scheme. He offered Hamburg, and presumably Paderewski, a big fee if they would appear on the same stage and play the same pieces within half an hour of each other—a sort of instrumental duel—in order that the public might settle once for all the vexed question as to whose rendering was the better one. It is perhaps needless to add that the offer was not accepted. Nor was another of a different sort, from a financial magnate who wanted Hamburg to play at a big social function on New Year's eve. He tried to tempt him with a fee of £400, but the great pianist could not accept without sacrificing a very important engagement at the Queen's Hall, London. Four other offers of £200 each for similar appearances had to be reluctantly declined for the same reason.

Arrangements are at present being made for a tour of New Zealand about the end of the year of Mr L. De Groen's full Vice-Regal Band of fifty-five performers, accompanied by a first-class concert company.

Harry Lauder, at the close of his five weeks' New York engagement at £550 a week, signed an agreement to return in 1908 for a similar season at £1000 a week—nearly double the salary previously paid to any variety artist.

Eleven hundred people were on the salary list of Drury Lane theatre during the pantomime season.

Mr John F. Sheridan has secured the Australasian rights of "The Chorus Girl," an American musical comedy dealing with the fortunes of a facetious low comedian, who impersonates an English earl, and "The Girl from Venus," which is on similar lines to "A Message from Mars." Both pieces are likely to be staged in the Dominion shortly.

Miss Julia Marlowe, while travelling in England, was taken to task by a doctor for her death scene in "Romeo and Juliet." It was in a small town, and the doctor, who met her at a reception, began to tell her of the pleasure her performance had given him. "I admire your Juliet profoundly," said he, "but—pardon me, Miss Marlowe—don't you know that the body does not stiffen for at least six hours after death?" "Now doctor," replied Miss Marlowe, in the drawl she reserves for such speeches, "do you think that I'm going to keep my audience waiting for me to stiffen?"

Now that numbers of people look to the stage to teach them the etiquette of dress and customs, a stage manager's life is even more anxious than of yore. The study of the clothes of men-servants as they should and should not be, was attended to by Mr Flemming last time he was in England, when he was horrified to discover that his stage butlers erred by wearing low-cut waistcoats instead of the correct high-cut affairs worn by these dignitaries. After a deep study of the subject, Mr Flemming prides himself that his men-servants are dressed as they would be in the houses of the "upper ten." His butlers now can never be mistaken for waiters or footmen.

Herr Szapoffski, with the assistance of his talented wife, will establish an operatic school in Sydney. They consider there is plenty of promising material in Australia to furnish a permanent opera without the necessity of going abroad for principals.

At Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, "The Dairymaids" is in full swing, the first week of the Royal Comic Opera Company's rendering of the merry piece having been marked by consistently crowded houses. "The Lady Dandies" which is to be the next production, is meanwhile in active rehearsal.

Alfred Sutro's powerful study of modern temperaments, "John Clayde's Honour" will be done for the first time in Melbourne at the Princess Theatre, on March 7th.

An excellent indication of the way in which "The Merry Widow" has captured Great Britain is afforded by the fact that when the George Edwards Company began a season in Glasgow last December, the whole of the theatre was sold for the entire month to which its stay was limited before the curtain rose on the first performance there.

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mime, the J. C. Williamson management have this year accentuated the interest of the little ones in the "Humpty-Dumpty" production by publishing a book of the pantomime told in simple "fairy story" style by Miss Annie Rentoul and daintily illustrated by Miss Ida S. Rentoul. The story deals with "Humpty-Dumpty's" six wishes, and the way in which he disposes of those wishes is told with all the fascination and simplicity which characterises the old time fairy tales. The illustrations—some in black and white and some in four colours—add considerably to the attractiveness of the publication as can be well understood by those who are acquainted with the delightfully artistic work for which Miss Ida Rentoul has for some time past been responsible. Indeed the little book reflects the greatest credit on all concerned in its production.

The Julius Knight Company's revival repertoire is to be strengthened by the inclusion of "The Prisoner of Zenda" and Anthony Hope's popular romance should receive full justice with Mr Knight in the role of Rudolph Rassendyll and Miss Ola Humphrey as the Princess Flavia.

A few days ago a very pleasant afternoon was spent by the representatives of South Australia and Tasmania in the Australian States Ballet in "Humpty-Dumpty." The ladies were invited by the respective correspondents of the Adelaide "Critic" and the Tasmanian "Courier" to afternoon tea. Senator Dobson enlivened the proceedings with a humorous speech on the manifold attractions of Tasmania, and Mr Rogers spoke up for the charms of his particular State and altogether a very pleasant hour or so was spent. Now the ladies who have the honour to represent New South Wales, Queensland and West Australia are wondering whether a similar function is likely to take place on their behalf.

The great attraction in the Julius Knight repertoire—"Monsieur Beaucaire"—has just been revived again in London.

Sydney playgoers attended the first night of "Claudian" at the Theatre Royal in a number which showed unmistakably the in-

terest the revival of the great spectacular drama had aroused, and the eagerness to see Mr Julius Knight in a role to which everybody anticipated he would do the fullest justices (writes Mr George Tallis). Their expectations were amply realised, for Mr Knight's study of the Byzantine nobleman, suffering under a curse which imposed eternal youthfulness upon him, was a really fine sustained effort which deservedly won the entire approval of a crowded house. Miss Ola Humphrey too was excellent as Almida, a part that requires a charming presence and a sympathetic touch—both of which attributes she possesses in full measure and the rest of the company were all placed to the best advantage. The scenery with its alternation between the gorgeousness of the Imperial East and the quiet charm of the country side and its most realistic earthquake scene, was a special feature of the production.

At length it is possible to make a definite announcement regarding "Peter Pan" that dainty and most whimsical of fairy stories by J. M. Barrie, to the Australian premiere of which playgoers on this side of the world have been looking forward. That premiere will take place at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, on April 18th (Easter Saturday) and an additional attraction will mark the occasion in that it will signalise the return of Miss Titell Brune to the scene of so many former triumphs. In anticipation of "the double event" J. C. Williamson booked the theatre twelve months ago and when Miss Brune left on her holiday trip last year, she was asked to lose no chance of seeing the two most famous exponents of the character—Maud Adams, in the United States, and Pauline Chase, in London. Moreover, she had to present herself to Mr Barrie in London, for he makes it a rule that the actress chosen for "Peter Pan" should be subject to his approval. That weighty interview is over and Miss Brune has had numerous conversations with Mr Barrie who has given her every help in connection with the reading of the part. Miss Brune leaves for Australia in a week or two.

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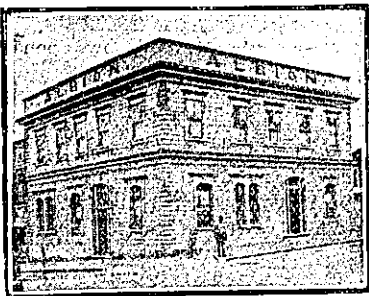
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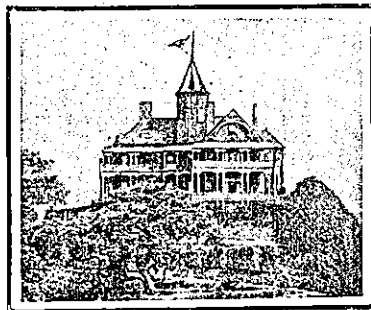
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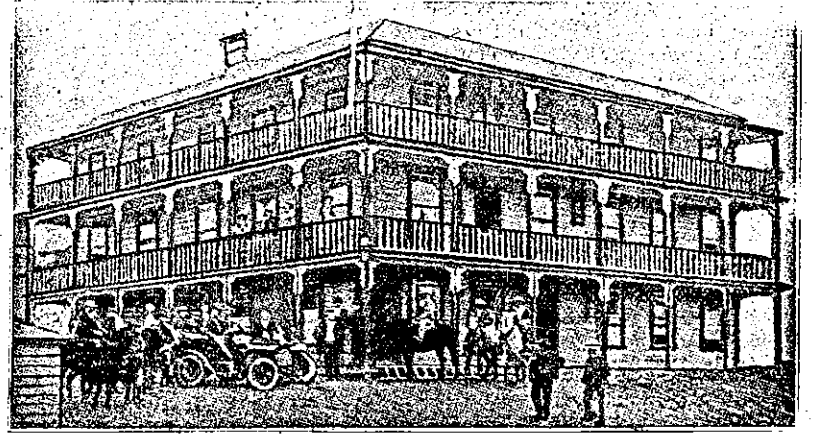
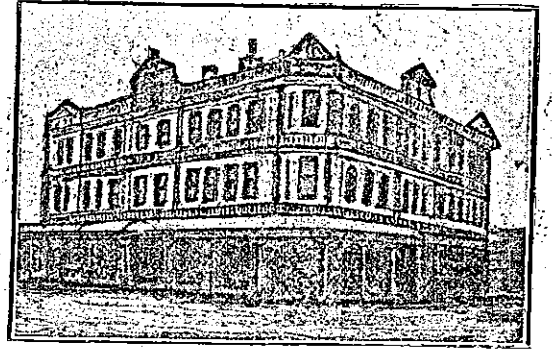
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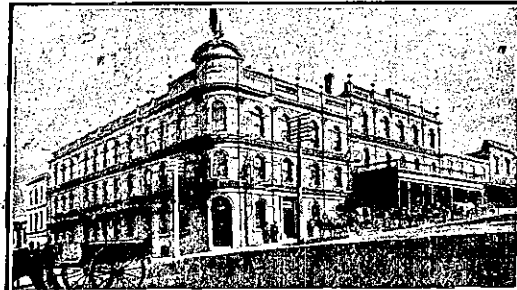
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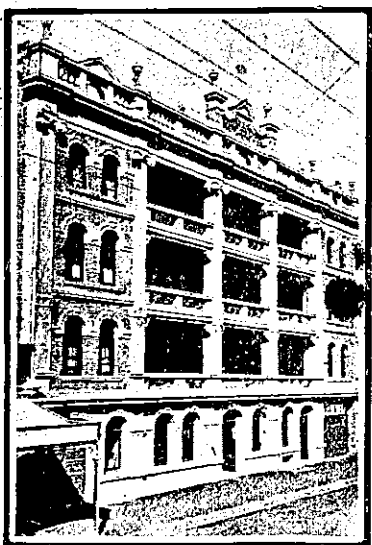
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In future every French soldier will receive half a pint of wine daily.

A bottle of whisky has been taken from the foundation-stone of a house built 203 years ago, near Washington, U.S.A.

At Gisborne last Saturday, Constable J. Thomas Irwin was fined £1 and costs, £9, in default seven days' imprisonment for using undue violence in removing from an hotel a drunken man. The magistrate characterised defendant's action in strong terms.

At Hastings last Friday, in the Magistrate's Court, on a charge brought under section 6 of the Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1904, Alfred Clayton, for supplying a native with two bottles of beer, was fined ten pounds and costs. The case is the first of its kind. The defendant contended that he gave the liquor to the native to carry home for him.

Between midnight and five o'clock last Friday morning a number of bed-rooms at the Commercial Hotel were entered and money removed from the clothes of the occupants. The clothes were taken out into the bathroom, sitting-room and verandah, and carefully gone through. Nothing likely to lead to a clue was taken, only notes and coin being required. As far as can be gathered about £30 was secured. The matter is in the hands of the police, but there is no clue as to the perpetrators, though they are supposed to have come in by the late train from the Te Aroha races.

At Lyttelton last week, J. E. Bunnell, licensee of the Lyttelton Hotel, was fined £5 and costs for permitting drunkenness on his premises. The license was ordered to be endorsed.

Counterfeit sixpences are in circulation in Carterton. The imitations are perfect, only being betrayed by the dull ring.

In the case of Mr Patrick Quinlan, hotel-keeper, of Auckland, against Messrs Swan and Co., brewers, of Wanganui, a non-suit was granted by Mr Justice Deniston.

At Whangarei last week, a man named Harry Morgan was fined 40s and costs for having supplied a Maori with liquor.

A man was arrested in the bar of the Cafe de Paris Hotel, Christchurch, the other day, on suspicion of having deliberately caused the fire which was discovered at the rear of the hotel last week.

In the middle of last month a couple of probationary constables took up their abode in a Wellington boardinghouse largely frequented by working men and seamen. Dressed like working men, they took care to act so as to avoid suspicion of their actual business. A few yards from their lodgings is another boardinghouse of a similar character. One Sunday morning the two probationers sauntered out of their lodging carelessly attired, and stood at a near-by corner. Presently a man from the second boardinghouse, recognising them as neighbours, offered for sale a bottle of beer. The offer was accepted. The vendor received a shock a few weeks later, when he learnt whom he had sold the beer to. His little mistake cost him £5 7s.

It was cabled from London last week that the Government has appointed Lord James, of Hereford, chairman of a Royal Commission to inquire as to whether it is desirable to place restrictions on the materials and processes used in the manufacture of Scotch and Irish whisky.

The no-license convention recently held at Feilding approved of a Bill to be presented to Parliament embodying adoption of the absolute majority in the issues voted on at the local option poll's. The main clauses of the Bill are as follows:—Anything in the Licensing Acts to the contrary notwithstanding, every issue respecting the granting of licenses submitted at any poll of the electors in any licensing district shall be determined by the majority of the voters who record va-

lid votes at such poll. If in any district there be such a majority for the proposal "That the existing number of licenses in the district continue," and also for the proposal "That the existing number of licenses in the district be reduced," the former proposal shall be declared to be carried and shall take effect; and similarly the proposal "That no licenses be granted in the district" shall be declared to be carried and shall take effect if there be such a majority for both that proposal and the proposal "That the existing number of licenses in the district be reduced"; and if there be such a majority for the other two of the three proposals herein mentioned that proposal shall be declared to be carried and shall take effect for which the largest number of valid votes is recorded.

The wine and spirit department, and the offices of the Campbell and Ehren-

a fixed value, which ought to be of great advantage to the native as well as to the general trade of the country." Mr Macarney explained that the low value of the coins and the immense number of them required, rendered it necessary to make them of some extremely light metal—hence the adoption of aluminium. Both the new coins are perforated in the centre to permit the natives to string them together as has been their habit with the cowries from time immemorial.

For some time past Marseilles has boasted a publican who combined the selling of liquor with the practice of the surgeon's art. Lucca Burraschi, who had been a hospital attendant, opened a wine shop in the St. Barthelemy quarter, and fitted up at the back of the shop a consulting and operating room. As a result of several complaints regarding his illegal practice, a police inspector paid a sur-

In Wellington last Friday, at the Magistrate's Court, Robert Wilson pleaded guilty to charges of unlawfully selling beer in a place of public convenience in Wellington. He was fined £10 and costs, or six weeks' imprisonment.

James Robinson, for illegally selling beer in a bottle yard in Wellington, was fined £5 and costs, or three weeks' imprisonment on each of two charges.

William Cody, for being illegally on the above-mentioned premises for the purpose of sly grog-selling, was fined £2 and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.

Robert McNab pleaded guilty to a similar charge, and was fined 20s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

In Wellington last week, at the Magistrate's Court, Charles Clarke, alias James Clarke, was charged with unlawfully selling beer to Leslie Roy Capp, a probationary constable, on January 20. Mr Riddell, S.M., fined defendant £5, or in default 14 days' imprisonment.

John Smith, a seaman, who had been boarding at Barrie's boardinghouse, Wellington, was fined £10 and costs for sly grog-selling at the boarding-house. Notice of appeal was given.

David Barrie and Mary Barrie were charged with being occupiers of premises on which sales of liquor had taken place. The case was adjourned till the appeal in the Smith case had been decided.

Some men have the ambition to do things. Then the world hears of an Alexander, a Caesar, a Napoleon, a Grant. Other men there are whose only ambition is to do nothing, not even "sit by the fire and spin." When such men dies the world says, "Good riddance; there goes nobody." Men who have ambition to do nothing are found everywhere. They are the curse of society, the drag of business, and the dregs in the cup of life.

A short time ago a young man was discharged from his position by his employer. In extenuation of himself, he said, "Why do you discharge me? I have done nothing." "Yes," said the employer, "that is just the reason I discharge you, because you have not done anything."

The suffragette orator waxed more and more eloquent. "And what," she demanded, as she came to the climax, "what is to be the result of our emancipation?" She paused and looked round the audience with the calm assurance of one who has asked a poser. This was too much for the little man who was waiting to take his wife home, and who was sitting in a far corner of the room. "I know," he shouted. "Ah!" returned the new woman scornfully, "the little man with the bald head thinks that he has solved the problem which we are here to discuss this afternoon. We will gladly give him our attention while he tells us what is to be the result." "Cold dinners and ragged children," roared out the little man.

In the Supreme Court last Monday, Mr Justice Edwards upheld an appeal made by Mr John Jacintho, of the Settlers' Hotel, Kaeo, against a conviction under the Licensing Act.

In the local Police Court last Monday, Mr Johnston, of the Empire Hotel, Victoria Street, was fined 5s for allowing the lamp outside his entrance door to go out on the night of February 15.



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prise visit and found Burraschi operating on a patient, who was groaning loudly. Burraschi, wearing a surgeon's white blouse, received the inspector with haughtiness. "Don't you see," he said, "I am busy with an operation? Take a seat in the shop and wait your turn like the others." The inspector, however, took the surgeon's knife from the publican's hand and seized the contents of the operating room, which were taken away in a handcart.



The Bank of England is to be asked to repay a sum lodged about 1722, which at compound interest would amount to £80,000,000. Though the receipt was, it is said, made payable at sight, the money was never claimed. It was deposited by a hetman, or little governor, in Little Russia, the district north of Kieff.

A policeman, Irish, therefore innocent, got into conversation with a man in Liverpool. The stranger was also a native of the Emerald Isle, wanting information about the neighbourhood. He had been in the watchmaking business in Dublin, and wondered if there was room for a jeweller's shop in that street. At parting the officer said, "I wish you every success in your new venture." A few days later he met his countryman in the Police Court. In reply to the Magistrate he said: "He told me, sor, that he was interested in the street, because he hoped to open a jeweller's shop later on." He kept his word, said the Magistrate, "and left with seventeen watches." "Begorra, then, sor," answered the policeman, "the man may have been a thafe, but he was no liar."

The Rev. Stanley Jarvis, of Guildford, in a sermon on drink, says that a large percentage of patent medicines contain 42 per cent. of spirit, and that thousands of gallons are bottled by American distilleries annually. This news ought to bring cheer to those who are under the Prohibition Act. There's nothing in the Act to prevent them from going on a "jag" on soothing medicines or some tonic like that.

MR WALTER D. WYATT.

The photo of the above appearing in this issue is the well-known host of the Bowling Green Hotel, Dunedin. Mr and Mrs Wyatt did a great deal towards catering for and entertaining the bowlers attending the tournament recently and made many new friends who speak in glowing terms of the hospitality received at their hands. Mr Wyatt is a well known bowler and bids fair to make a name in the trundling world. He is also vice-president of the Grange Cricket Club and enjoys rowing, billiards and takes a keen interest in all sport. The Bowling Green Hotel is a nice quiet homely place, and visitors would do well to make its acquaintance.

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

Last Monday his Honour, Mr Justice Edwards, sat in banco at the Supreme Court, to hear a case, John Jacintho v. Carmody. Mr J. R. Reid appeared for the appellant, and the Hon. J. A. Tole, K.C., appeared for the respondent.

This was a general appeal against the decision of Mr R. S. Florance, S.M., at Kaeo, whereby appellant, who is the licensee of the Settlers' Hotel, Kaeo, was convicted of a breach of the Licensing Act and fined £10.

The facts of the case briefly are that Carmody, the constable, saw a Maori with a flask of whisky sticking out of his pockets. The Maori said he got the whisky at the hotel, but the barman denied having supplied it. The licensee said he had given strict instructions that Maoris were not to be supplied with liquor.

The basis of the appeal is that the decision was against the weight of evidence, and that the whole question was so involved in doubt that the licensee should have received the benefit of it.

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was subjected to a searching cross-examination by Mr Reed, and admitted that his evidence in chief and in the lower Court was untrue, that he had not obtained the whisky from the barman, but that he had induced another man to get the whisky for him.

His Honour accordingly upheld the appeal.

TAYLOR REDIVIVUS.

After a period of temporary quiescence the eruptive Thomas E. Taylor has broken out in a new place. He utilised the columns of our junior morning contemporary yesterday to inform a non-chalant community that this year is to be a year of battle between Heaven as typified by the Prohibitionists, and Hell as exemplified by the Publicans, between Barbarism as personified by the Brewers, and Christianity as demonstrated by those who look upon manufacturers and dispensers of alcoholic liquors as (in the choice phraseology of Thomas E. Taylor) "callously selfish," "ying," "frauds," "intent upon brutalising humanity." It was said by his friends some time ago that the lesson taught him by the Christchurch electors after the notorious "voucher" exposure had had a chastening effect upon Mr T. E. Taylor. It was claimed by those who knew him best that he repented him of the evil which his unruly tongue had wrought; that he was gaining wisdom with the years, becoming more meek with experience, more responsible in the revelation that bigotry and suspicion are unworthy attributes which lead the self-righteous into devious and foolish ways. Unhappily for the predictions of his well-wishers, Mr Taylor has not yet reformed. He is bitter, malevolent, and misanthropic as of old, and runs amok with the same unreasoning hatred, the same desire to hurt, to maim, and to annihilate that he has always evinced. His latest manifesto is not only a tirade against the licensing system of the Dominion, but it is an inferential condemnation of all those who countenance that system by the consumption of alcohol or by the patronage of those who dispense it. The "national folly of perpetuating the liquor interests" is one of the choice phrases used by this captious demagogue, who also speaks of "a campaign of insolent misrepresentation and fraud." We should not be surprised to find that Mr Taylor had culled the latter phrase from an indignant editorial dealing with the "voucher" incident in the House of Representatives at a time when one young and chivalrous member of Parliament, who desired to withdraw the false allegations which he had been instigated to make against an honoured statesman, was prevented from doing so by the influence of another who was keener to inflict a wound than to remedy a wrong.—"N.Z. Times."

A NON-SUIT GRANTED.

In the case of Patrick Quinlan v. John George Swan and others, heard before Mr Justice Denniston at the Civil sitting of the Auckland Supreme Court in November last, the written judgment of his Honour was received last week and read to the parties interested. In the course of his judgment, his Honour said that plaintiff was an hotel-keeper in Auckland, and the defendants were brewers carrying on business in Wanganui. The transactions commenced by defendants in May, 1906, advancing the plaintiff £100, the consideration being the getting of a share of his trade. Plaintiff got into arrears with his payments, both in meeting bills and on current account. In September he had met one of the defendants in Auckland, and had a settlement, giving promissory notes for the balance. These notes were dishonoured, and on January 31st, 1907, a summons on the Magistrates' Court had been issued in respect of one such note for £37. On that date plaintiff wrote to the defendants on the subject of his financial position with them, and enclosed two cheques (one post dated) in settlement of the summons. The plaintiff alleged, and the defendant denied, that this was accepted by the defendants in settlement of the judgment. The defendants subsequently obtained judgment on the note, and later a warrant of distress was issued, under which a bailiff entered on the licensed premises of the plaintiff. The plaintiff sued the defendants for damages, but, being advised that the judgment was a bar to the action, he discontinued, and obtained an ex-parte order, setting aside the judgment, and all subsequent proceedings, and then brought this action. At the close of plaintiff's case, counsel for defendant asked for a non-suit on several grounds.

His Honour intimated that, in his opinion, there was no evidence to go to the jury on the question of malice, but that it was advisable that the jury should assess the damages provisionally. Counsel for defendants did not call evidence, and the jury assessed the damages at £250. The case was then adjourned for

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further consideration, defendants asking for a new trial.

The cause of the action alleged by the plaintiff was that the defendants wrongfully, maliciously, and without reasonable and probable cause, caused a distress-warrant to be issued and executed against the goods of the plaintiff.

His Honour, in a particularly lengthy review of the case, said that he was of the opinion, after the full consideration of the facts and arguments of counsel, that there was no case to go to the jury on the ground either of want of reasonable and probable cause, or of malice. His Honour did not think the plaintiff did, in fact, suffer any damage. There was no seizure. He himself, quite properly informed his banker, and his leading creditor of the fact. His claim for £1000 damages, and the lines on which his case was conducted, showed that he, as was usually the case, wanted to make money out of the transaction, outside any real damage. The question of damages, however, was always one for a jury. The effect of a distress, however indulgently conducted, was not capable of exact estimation. The only ground on which his Honour might have considered the application was that, notwithstanding his intimation that only such damages as might be reasonably assumed to have been caused by the entry were recoverable, counsel for plaintiff urged upon the jury the conduct of the defendants as grounds for practically punitive damages. In sum-

ming up, his Honour warned the jury not to act on these suggestions, but it was impossible to say how far they may have influenced their verdict.

His Honour therefore decided to grant a non-suit.

ENGLAND'S OLDEST INN.

Apropos of the discussion which has been taking place as to which inn is really the oldest in England, it is interesting to note that there are two inns that claim to have been built before the year 1500. These are the "New" Inn at Glastonbury, and the "George" in Glastonbury, Somerset, the former having as its date of erection 1465. Although these inns may have been built at those early dates, it is very doubtful whether any of the original structures are left. Certainly there can be nothing in this way existing—excepting, of course, the foundations, which were standing before 1300. The real thing to solve is—there any inn which is the same building as before 1400 or even 1450? There are doubtless many inns of 400 years ago—1500—and it seems likely that Manchester can claim the oldest—viz., the "Seven Stars" Inn. We wonder has this inn been rebuilt since 1356, or has the "Saracen's Head" at Newmarket been rebuilt since 1341. If not, these two have a prior claim to all others as the oldest inns in England. In London, it is said, there is no inn old enough to be able to say that Shakespeare supped there.

PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

Although the advocates for out-and-out prohibition in this country have never been a numerous body, their numbers are said to be increasing, and there are many extremists who would gladly welcome legislation on the lines that have proved such a failure in certain states in America. To all such we would recommend a perusal of the exhaustive report on "Liquor Traffic Legislation of the United States," prepared by Mr R. C. Lindsay, second secretary to the British Embassy at Washington, and recently issued by the Foreign Office. At one time or another, it appears, 17 states have had stringent prohibition. It is now only retained by three, and in those, according to Mr Lindsay, it cannot be looked upon as a success—"Parts of prohibitory states have always been in open rebellion against the law; drinking has never been impossible; the sale of liquor has always been profitable, and seldom disreputable in the eyes of the public. Violation of the law

has been open and avowed." The extremes to which legislation providing for local option has gone, may be gathered from the statement that in Vermont an election is provided for to decide what kinds of liquor may be sold in the township, and in Wisconsin the price of the liquor license is determined by the popular vote. Where in theory there is no drinking, in theory there can be no intoxication; but from the practical point of view such arguments, Mr Lindsay says, cannot be justified; indeed, according to this official, it is quite impossible to say whether prohibition has actually diminished drinking—that is, whether less has been drunk in a state when under prohibition than when under some other system of law, all of which goes to show that prohibition has proved a failure.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

Writing in the London "Times" a while ago, Dr Mortimer Granville drew attention to the crass stupidity of a policy of suppression as applied to the liquor traffic. "The fanatical crusade," he remarked, "has been carried too far. It has passed beyond the legitimate limits of a fad, and is beginning to assume the proportions of a public injury, inasmuch as severely restrictive measures are leading everywhere to an increase in illicit liquor sales and secret drinking." It is a remark which has been over and over again verified by official reports and statistics in Europe, America and New Zealand; and we are in course verifying it in Australia. The Parliamentary Sessional Reports of N.S.W. (10th July, 1907), laid on the table of the Assembly, show that since the parent State's Liquor Act came

into force the convictions for sly-grog selling were 27 in 1905 and 66 in 1906—a sudden jump, which bears distressing testimony to the harassing restrictions of the statute, as well as their utter futility.

Speaking on this subject, the President (Mr J. J. Power) of the U.L.V.A. of N.S.W. recently remarked:—"The police inspectors say that fines are absolutely of no use in putting down sly-grog selling. The severity of the liquor laws only tends to manufacture criminals, because hundreds of thousands of workers will have their Sunday liquor, and they get it under worse conditions than through the channel controlled by the police and the public Board of Health." And what is true of N.S.W. is only a little less true of Victoria, where the illicit traffic in a score of different directions is becoming notorious. This "manufacturing of criminals" from amongst decent, liberty-loving Australian citizens and licensed victuallers is even regarded as a matter for rejoicing by the teetotal fanatics, one of whom, speaking at Wesley Church, Melbourne, opined that the driving of the liquor traffic out of the streets was "what the temperance party wanted." He even welcomed secret drinking in the homes as an advance on a State-regulated, police-supervised trade in hotels. Of such is the alleged "temperance reformer;" the fanatic who lives by his wits—or the absence of wits in others—and whose be-all and end-all is self advertisement and self-aggrandisement.

In the relation there is a duty and a task cast upon the various associations representative of the liquor trade. That it will prove a difficult and an onerous one, no one who has watched the course of events will deny. It will need, first and foremost, to bring home to the public mind the dangers which must and do inevitably follow from harsh repressive legislation. If once public opinion is educated to the danger, the reaction against fanatical extremists and legislative follies will be short, sharp and convincing; whilst the trade will then receive the measure of justice and fair dealing to which it is entitled as a legitimate and honourable calling. And if the liquor trade will push on with its organisation in every portion of every State, fighting by constitutional means and with a united body of wholesalers and retailers at its back, there will be short shrift for the platform extremists, and no room in public life for trimmers on this vital question. Only by these can the evils of sly-grog selling be checked and finally overcome.

THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS.

At a recent "Liberal" meeting at Watford, England, the Earl of Crewe said: "One of the first measures with which the Government would deal was the licensing question, and they were determined, if possible to make the measure a far-reaching, and, so far as might be, a complete measure. But if that was to be done the total abstainers and the moderate men must unite to support the Government. One form of temperance reform must inevitably come—a form which was recognised by the late Government—and that was the diminution of opportunity for obtaining drink. That would not do everything, but it would do something, partly because if they did not have an indefinite multiplication of public-houses, it would be harder for those who wished to drink to excess to obtain drink, and partly, also by way of example. In the view of the Government, the reduction in the number of public-houses which, to

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some extent, was effected by the Licensing Act passed by the late Government in 1904, was too slow, and ought to be accelerated, and the Government believed it could be. The needs of different districts must be considered, and judicious legislation might do much to promote temperance. In the treatment of clubs, the Government would be unbiased, and they would not heedlessly harass well-conducted clubs. They would make no difference between the club of the rich man and that of the poor man."

ARE THEY QUITE BLAMELESS OVER HERE?

We have had occasion to comment several times on the manner in which the police give their evidence in licensing cases (says the Melbourne "Sporting News"), and also on the tendency of certain magistrates to give full weight to police evidence and little, if any, to that offered by defendant. In view of this, it is satisfactory to note the attitude taken by Judge Moule in a recent case affecting a transfer in South Melbourne. A constable, in giving his evidence, stated that he had been obliged to burst the bar door open, because the licensee and her husband refused to open it. In cross-examination, however, it transpired that the licensee stated she had lost the key, and advised the constable to break the door open. Judge Moule resented this palpable attempt to mislead the Court, and expressed the opinion to the constable as follows:—"I want to say this for your guidance—that when giving evidence, no matter how keen you are

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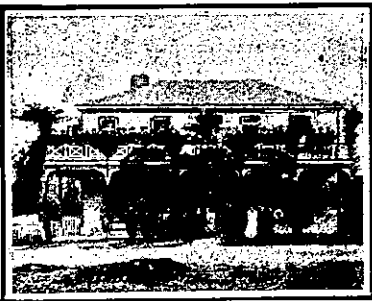
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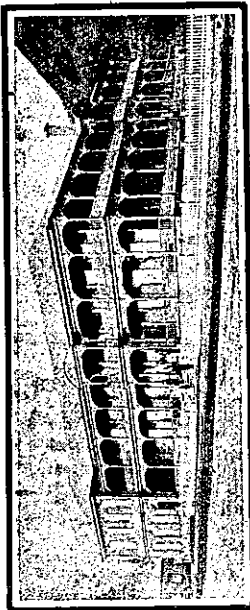
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STAGE PARS.

Omitted from proper Column.

That clever actress Miss Roland Watts Phillips has formed a dramatic class, also a class for readings of Elizabethan, Georgian and Victorian literature, in Sydney.

It is reported that Paderewski has accepted the post of director of the Conservatoire of Music at Warsaw.

The well-known Italian operatic singer, Florence Constantino, jealous of the fame of his distinguished countryman, Signor Caruso, has challenged the great tenor to a singing contest. Constantino proposes that each shall stake £2000, and the judges shall be selected by mutual consent. Caruso has not yet replied to the challenge.

The first appearance of the handsome and clever Kloss Sisters at the Sydney Tivoli on February 15 was warmly greeted by a large and delighted crowd of spectators at this popular place of amusement. The marvellous and graceful feats of these skilful aerial athletes took all the on-lookers by surprise, and the exhibition of their wonderful strength and agility called forth unbounded applause. One of the girls hung by her foot, head downwards, from the roof, meantime extending her two arms like horizontal bars straight out from the shoulder, while in either arm the other two performers went through a series of trapeze feats. The whole turn was one of the best ever seen at the Tivoli.

On account of the interest which the children take in the annual Christmas pantomime, the J. C. Williamson management have this year done well by the little ones in this year's production of "Humpty Dumpty" told in simple "fairy story" style by Miss Annie Rentoul, and daintily illustrated by Miss Ida S. Rentoul. A copy of the book reaches me from Mr. Tallis.

"You ask me how I became a singer," says Mme. Tetravzini in the London "Daily Mail." I am afraid that I cannot tell you. When I go on the stage to play Violetta or Lucia I simply forget all about the audience, and—how, do you say—lose myself in the part and the music. The other night there were real tears on my cheeks. But how to sing! That is a question I have never thought about. To be a singer you must first have a voice and then a heart. If you have these you will then know how to be one without asking anyone. If you have neither, I advise you to try something else."

Allan Hamilton has secured the Australian rights of Arthur Shirley's latest drama, "The Spider and the Fly," which will be sent through New Zealand about the end of April.

The creator of "Mrs. Wiggs," of the Cabbage Patch, is Alice Hegan Rice, another of whose books, "Lovey Mary" (the sequel to "Mrs. Wiggs") has had an immense sale. Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice has already drawn £50,000 in royalties from the two books and the play, which will be seen out here before long.

At a big luncheon Beerbohm Tree sat next to the Dean of Manchester. Said a guest: "Well, Mr Tree, what have you been doing to-day?" "Oh," replied the actor-manager, "I went for a long motor ride this morning, and lost a bet." "Indeed," remarked the Dean, "May I ask what the bet was?" "Certainly," said Mr Tree: "I made a bet that we should pass through 400 different odors, and we only encountered 399." "Ah!" was the quick reply, "you missed the odor of sanctity."

"What are you crying about, dear?" inquired a sympathetic husband. "Oh, George, the mice have got into the pantry and eaten up a beautiful custard pie I made myself!" "There, there, my dear! Don't cry over a few little mice! was the doubtfully complimentary rejoinder.

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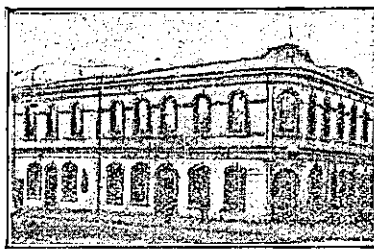
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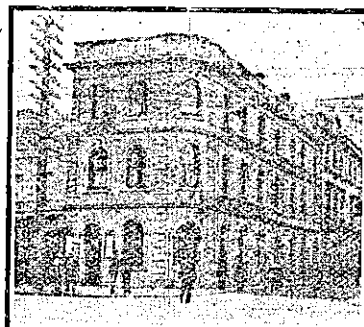
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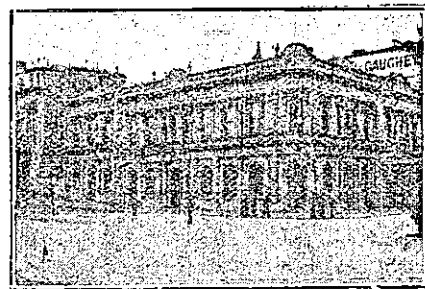
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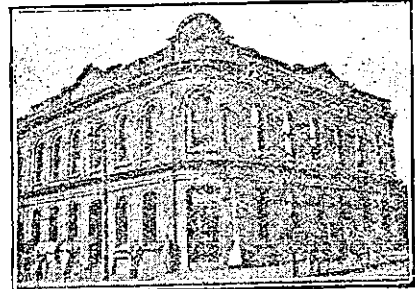


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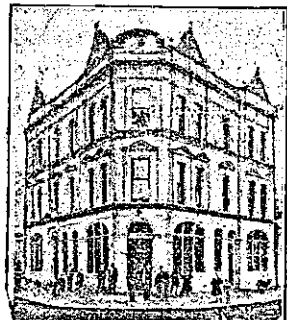
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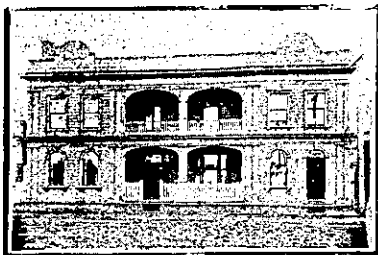
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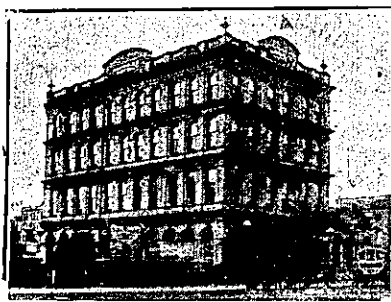


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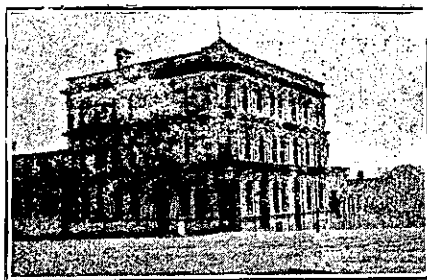
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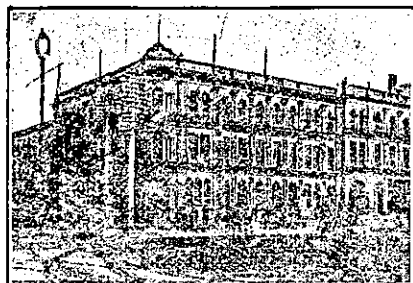
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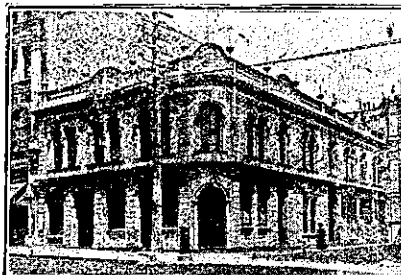


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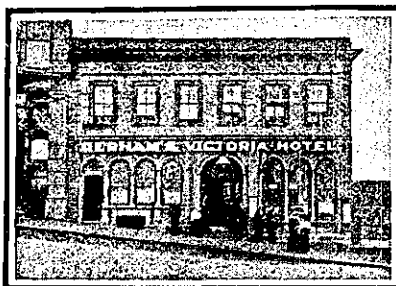
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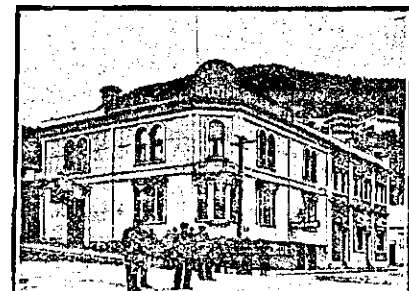
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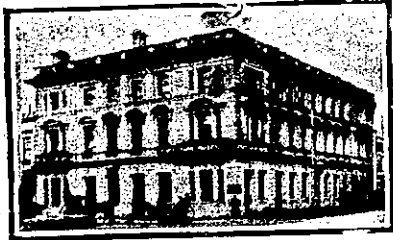
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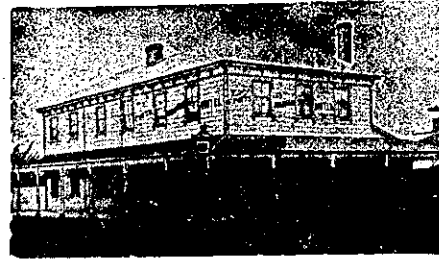
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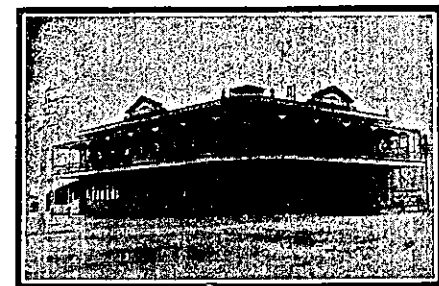
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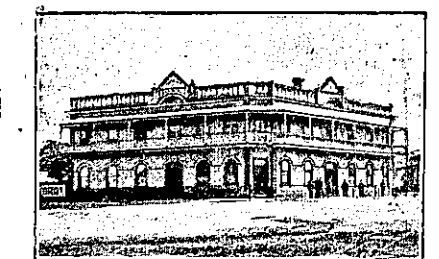
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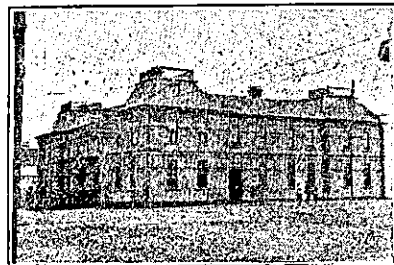
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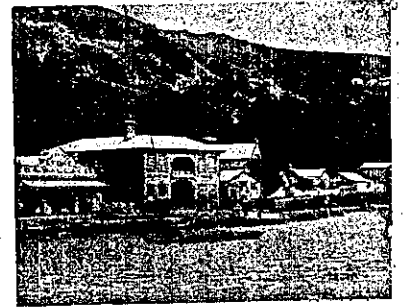
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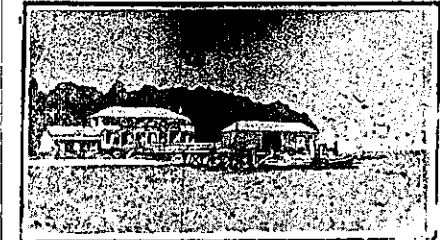
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THE PRINCIPAL TOWNSHIP IN THE NORTH. Every Accommodation in this New, Clean, and Tidy Hostelry. All Liquors of the very best. Billiards, Stables, Good Meals. Charges in all Departments—Moderate. JOHN NICHOLSON Proprietor.



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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, REVELL STREET, HOKITIKA.

THOS. PALMER Proprietor. (Late Cameron's Hotel).

This Hotel is situated next to Cameron's Stables, and has been renovated throughout, and has every convenience for Travellers, Tourists, and the General Public. Hot and Cold Water Baths. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. Only the Very Best of Wines, Spirits, and Ales kept. Board and Lodging. Moderate Charge; Permanent Boarders by arrangement.

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HUNTLY.

HUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY

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Centrally situated. Coaches stop at the door. Dining-room capable of accommodating 90. Speight's Dunedin Ales, also Campbell-Ehrenfried's. Central Hall for Concerts, etc. is the largest in the town. Hotel and Hall lighted by Acetylene Gas. Spacious and well-lighted rooms. A. MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

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This is a New and Up-to-date Hotel, having recently been re-erected. First-class Ales and Spirits. Hot and Cold Baths and Every Convenience.

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BRIDGE HOTEL, KAUKAPAKAPA.

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T.W. begs to inform the Settlers of the North generally, and all Visitors to Mangonui, that he has taken over the New and Commodious Hostelry, near the Wharf, and trusts by strict attention to Business and Civility, to meet all demands. A GOOD TABLE KEPT. None but the best of Liquors, Beers, etc., kept in stock, and on Draught.



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C. F. MOLLOY (Brother of Jos. Molloy, Albion Hotel, Hobson-street, Auckland), Proprietor of the above old and well-established Hostelry, begs to inform the Travelling Public that every Accommodation is now afforded. Stables, Paddock, and Plenty of Feed for Horse and Owner. The Best of Wines, Spirits and Beers.

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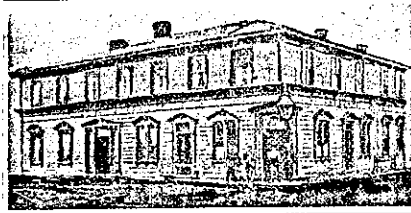
RAILWAY HOTEL, MERCER.

First-class Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers.

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ARTHUR PATERSON, Proprietor.

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J. A. PAWSON Proprietor. Mr. Pawson begs to intimate that he has taken over the above Hotel, and the travelling public can rely on First-class Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Only the Best of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Tariff: 4s 6d per Day.

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CENTRAL HOTEL, MASTERTON.

MR. F. S. COOPER, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the Travelling Public that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a First-class Family Residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished. Good Table, Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Telegrams and Letters will receive prompt attention. F. S. COOPER Proprietor.

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Patronised by His Excellency The Earl of Ranfurly.

Now under the Management of TOM PORTER. (Late Manager Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington).

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CARLYLE-STREET, NAPIER

(Right opposite Recreation Ground).

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NAPIER.—Continued.



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38 Bedrooms, Commercial Room, Sitting Rooms, Study, etc. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Tam-o-Shanter and Oban Whisky. Speight's and Manning's Ales. Tariff, 5s per day; 25s per week.

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Now prepared to receive the Travelling Public. First-class Accommodation. Beer, Wine, and Spirits guaranteed of the best.

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This Well-known Establishment, which adjoins Dannevirke Railway Station, offers unsurpassed Accommodation to Travellers and the General Public.

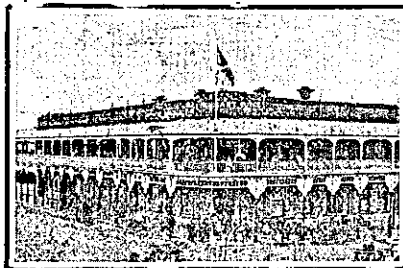
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NEW PLYMOUTH.

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

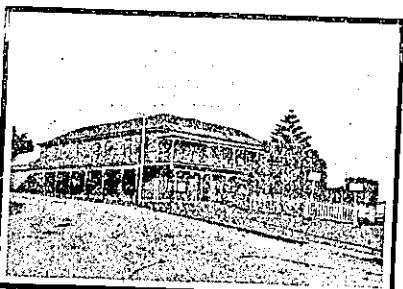
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TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.



WHITE HART HOTEL, opposite Post and Telegraph Government Offices, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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THE TELEGRAPH HOTEL, OTAKI.

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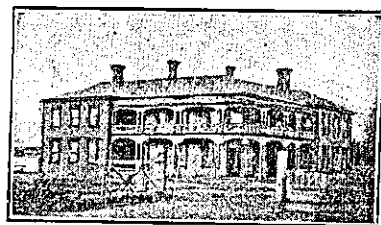
This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleased to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

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ALL LIQUORS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

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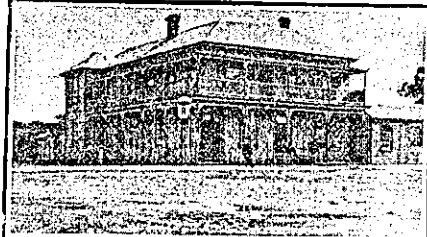
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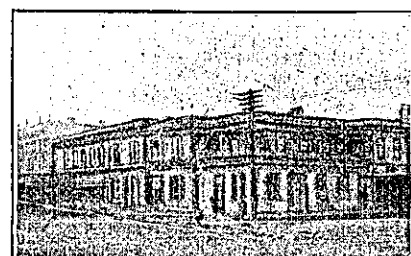


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PALMERSTON NORTH.—Continued.

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T. CHILDS Proprietor.
The proprietor of this conveniently-situated Hotel having had the premises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guarantees strict attention, the best of Wines and Spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

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W. DEVINE Proprietor.

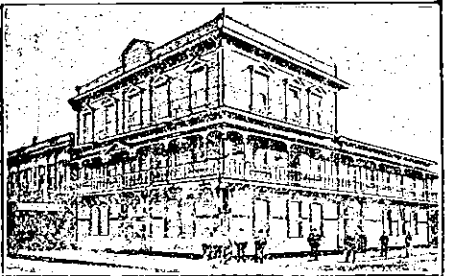
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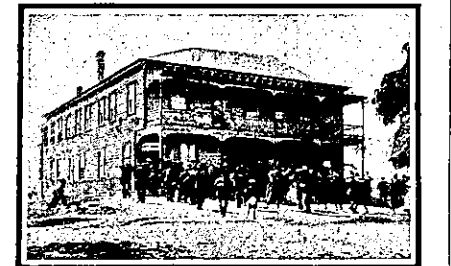


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The Central Hotel on Main-st. West in Palmerston is surely the best. The tables good, the bedrooms fine. With best of spirits, beer and wine; Fine sitting-rooms, baths hot and cold and a welcome sure for young and old. So call on me when next you pass, and we'll enjoy a friendly glass.

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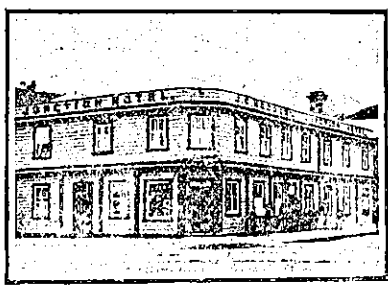
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The Proprietor will be pleased to see Old and New Friends at the Melville.
BEST WINES AND SPIRITS ONLY.

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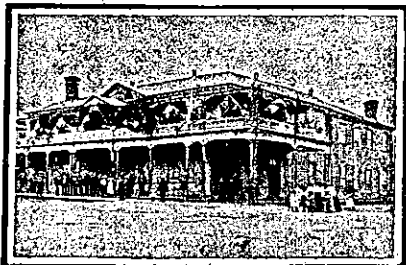
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hopes that with strict attention to the
comfort of his guests, a good table, and
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This Hotel is now thoroughly com-
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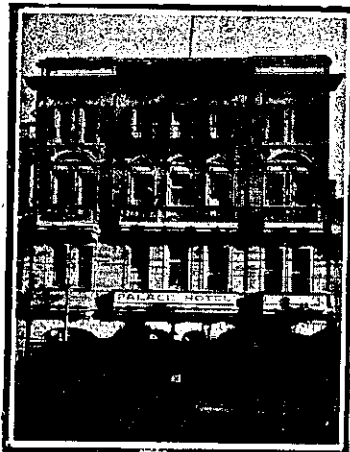
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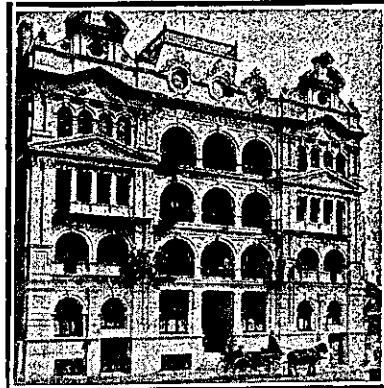


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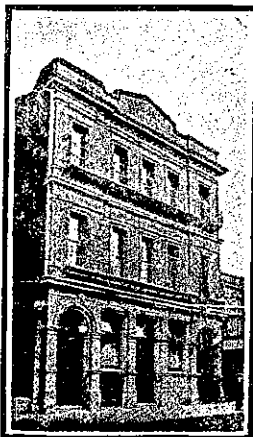
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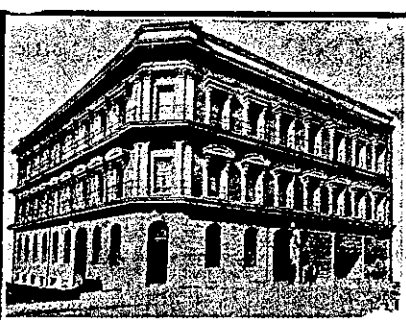
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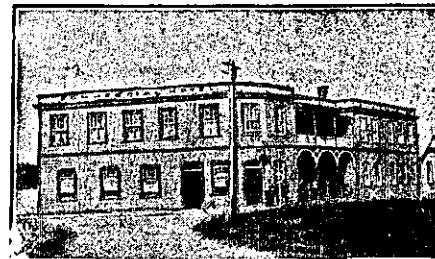


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