

AQUATICS.

The N.Z. Power Boat Association's races on Saturday should prove interesting. Every effort is to be made to secure large entries.

Grey Witch is to run speed trials on Saturday under her new 120 h.p. engine. Launch owners are very curious as to what she will do.

Motor launch races are not infrequently held up the Whau River and Lucas' Creek way, but residents never send any particulars along, so results cannot be given.

The cutter Arika sailed last Thursday for the Bay of Plenty for a week's cruise.

The cruising launch Karoro left on Thursday evening for the Bay of Islands, and is due back to-day.

The big yawl Heartsease was away for the Easter holidays cruising down to the Great Barrier.

There was quite a fleet of yachts at Kawau on Good Friday, having dropped in for the regatta.

Secretary H. T. Grubb courteously forwards me a card of invitation for the final "At Home" of the North Shore Rowing Club, which takes place on Saturday. Trial fours will be rowed for Vice-president A. Kohn's gold medals.

The weather spoilt the regatta at Awaroa Bay on Monday. There were a great many yachts in the bay, and the s.s. Aupouri took a large number of spectators down. A strong nor-easter and rain ruined what would have proved an enjoyable fixture.

It came on very thick on Monday afternoon, when most of the yachts had to return to port, while there was quite a nasty sea running outside. The north-easter meant a fair wind, however, and fast times were made back to port.

During Easter Aucklanders were treated to an idea of what a besieged port would be like in war. Heavy guns were constantly booming from Forts Cautley, Takapuna, Victoria, and the Bastion, while all night long searchlights were flashing up and down the harbour entrance. The gunboat and her consorts, stopping all vessels, helped out the picture.

CRICKET.

A CURIOUS MATCH.

The match between the Eden C.C. touring team and Gisborne last week at Gisborne had a somewhat remarkable end. The Auckland premiers batted first and made 139 (Murdoch 48, Hobson 44 not out). Gisborne could do nothing against O'Liff, who took seven wickets for 12 runs, and the innings realised 37. Poor as the stand made by the local players was, the second innings was a perfect rout. Murdoch and Hobson, who had done so well with the bat, were the bowlers, and the Gisborne players simply could not score. Three of them made singles, while "duck's eggs" were freely laid by the others. There were seven byes, or the score would have been a record. As it was, Gisborne only got 10 runs, so were beaten by an innings and 92 runs.

The finish of the match between the Eden Touring Team and Poverty Bay was very exciting. The Gisborne players wanted two to win, with three wickets to fall, but O'Liff got two wickets with successive balls. He might have pulled the match out of the fire, but "over" was called, and the runs were scored the next over, Poverty Bay winning by one wicket amidst much excitement.

A Parnell eleven went to Cambridge on Good Friday and defeated the locals by 119 and 34 to 30 and 10.

Y.M.C.A. defeated Tararu at Parawai by 104 to 48.

Jinks, M.H.R., grew desperate,
 Drugs by the quart was quaffin',
 And yet his cough would indicate
 He'd soon require a coffin!
 He took Woods' Peppermint Cure! And since
 He's been of all debaters
 The ne plus ultra, and the prince
 Of loud-lunged legislators!

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Late English files show that six progress is being made with the New York to Paris contest. On February 27, or sixteen days from the start, the Thomas (U.S.A.) car arrived at Chicago, twenty-six hours ahead, but waited for a day, until the arrival of the Zusta and the De Dion, which had a neck and neck race for second place. The German Protos and the Motoire were fourth and fifth. The cars were to have left Chicago on the second stage of the journey to San Francisco on February 29. The fastest run across the United States on record is that of L. L. Whitman, who in 1907, drove from San Francisco to New York, a distance of 4500 miles in 15 days 2hr 12min.

One of the chief ambitions of a professional pace follower for the coming season, says an English writer, is to crowd sixty miles into six minutes. Guignard, the present holder of the hour record, which stands at 59 miles 80 yards, Paul Gombard, Louis Darragon, Arthur Vandstuyft, Verbist, and "Tommy" Hare are all anxious to accomplish the performance.

J. W. Stocks, who recently averaged 63 miles per hour for 27 miles on the Brooklands track, in a 12-14 h.p. De Dion, has issued a challenge to race any car of similar horse-power over 10 laps on the Brooklands track, from a standing start, for £100 aside. The car, according to R.A.C. rating, is 110 horse-power.

BOWLING.

THE EASTER TOURNAMENT.

The Easter Tournament proved fairly successful, although the weather towards the close did its best to spoil matters. Twelve clubs were represented in the Pennant Four and some good games were shown. The matches were played on the Auckland and Devonport greens, the latter being in especially good order. The final, however, took place on the Onehunga green. The officials were Messrs. J. Carlaw (vice-president of the association), W. B. Eyre, G. Baldon, R. Eagleton, and A. M. Bryde (secretary). The umpires were: Poverty Bay green, Mr. J. Edmiston; Varroton, Messrs. W. B. Fletcher and V. Southwell; Devonport, Mr. T. Stewart; Auckland, Mr. W. Ledingham; Rocky Nook, Mr. Needham; Epsom, Mr. W. Wright; Onehunga, Mr. W. I. Quentery.



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