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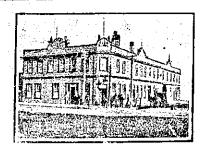
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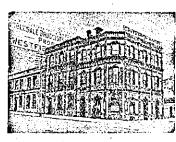
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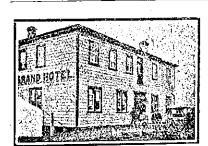
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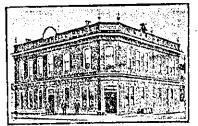
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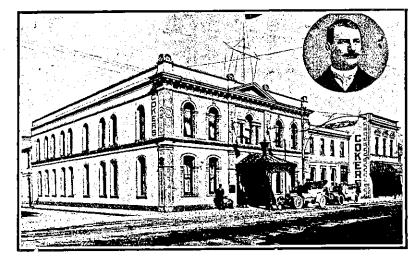


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FINAL PAYMENTS. Aug. 6—C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles, Steeplechase, and Winter Cup.

NAPIER PARK R.C. WINTER MEETING.

Early on Wednesday morning it appeared as if the usual proverbial Park weather would be conspicuous by its absence. Such, however, was not the case, for just before the start for the Moteo Hack Hurdles-the curtain-raiser of the day's sport-a good heavy shower put in an appearance, accompanied by a solid cold wind. Luckily the climate improved as the afternoon wore on, and after all the climatic conditions were not so bad. On Thursday there was a general reaching for overcoats, rubbers, and umbrellas, for Jupiter Pluvius was directing his attention to those parts in no half-hearted manner, and as a result of his energetic endeavours the patronage extended to the Club was not nearly as numerical as that of the preceding day. On the field of hostilities, however, the weather was not so severe, for very little rain fell, and though it was cold and bleak, those in attendance were well provided against the inclemency, and therefore did not feel as much inconvenienced as if they had not been warned in time what to expect.

Compared with the totalisator receipts of the Winter Meeting of 1908, there was a falling off of £1411, the respective figures reading: 1908, £12,609; 1909, £11,198. This deficit was no doubt due to the tightness of money throughout the country at the present time and the slackness of trade. The revenue obtained from the layers of odds amounted to £339 10s. or £47 10s. less than was obtained from this same source at a similar meeting last season.

Winners were easily located during the two days' racing, a fact which is borne out when I state that eight first favourites prevailed throughout the gathering, and then the prices returned by them were on no occasion of large dimensions. Marathon, who cap-tured the Petane Hack, was the only equine who paid a two figure dividend; while four of the favourites who annexed were odds on.

LINGERER WINS BOTH STEEPLE-CHASES.

Lingerer, like Fretwork last season, easily secured the two steeplechases, and at no part of the game was he ever being asked to do his very best. His fencing was of the best, and there is no doubt his knowledge of the business helped him well along the road to success, for there were some behind him—notably El Dorado—who will be greatly benefited by the public schooling they have had of late. Lingerer, who was bred by the late Mr. W. Rathbone, was sold about a couple of years ago for less than fifty pounds, and by his dual success this week has proved that he was not a dear purchase, even

allowing that it has cost a fair amount to get condition upon him and education imparted to him. Speciosa, who was the closest attendant to Lingerer on Wednesday (she was not started on the last day) ran a real good race, considering that she was presenting the winner with 23lbs. She had to be kept racing during the latter part of the run to stall off the attentoins of El Dorado, whom she beat for second honours by a bare length and a-half. In the Park Steeplechase the Lingerer people got a more than fair price; this was no doubt due to the coupling of El Dorado and Gold Shower on the machine, both of whom are the property of Mr. H. E. Troutbeck, the pair being installed favourites. Gold Shower, who is a great though erratic fencer, soon had a commanding lead, but the difficulty that D. Watt experienced in steering him, which led to his covering chains more ground than anything else in the race, gave rise to the idea that he would soon run himself out, a prophesy which proved correct, and, getting rid of his pilot half a mile from home, his prospect was gone, and the hopes of the followers of the grey and cerise were settled, for El Dorado, making a mistake earlier in the contest, had got his

coin of the realm in the Winter Oats (his only start at the meeting), got interfered with at the send off, which obliterated his chance, and he finished a bad last,

MUNDIC'S DOUBLE.

Another runaway double was that captured by Mundic, the Gold Reef gelding breaking up his field directly the lever went up, and never giving the opposing forces the slightest opportunity to get on arguing terms with him. The black gelding got a great rally when he returned to the scales on each occasion, not because he was favourite, but rather owing to the popularity of his owner-breeder-trainer (Mr. W. Cattanach), one of the "hornyhanded sons of toil." Mr. Cattanach has always been a good follower of the sport, and it is pleasing to note that at last he has got a real good one in Hopeful's black son.

HURDLE RACES.

The Open Hurdle events only attracted three runners each afternoon, the same competitors being in evidence on both days, and it is just a question open to argument that had Hall not laid so far out of it in the Ahuriri Hurdles that Corazon and

ly level terms to the entrance to the straight, where the chestnut son of Diplomat put in a good run, which had the effect of placing him in front, he finally scoring by three lengths from the favourite, who had to exert himself to settle Forest, who put in a strong challenge in the last furlong, and was only a neck behind the Doug-las gelding as the judge was passed.

A RANK OUTSIDER.

Waipunui was sorted out as the proper item for the correct solution of the Petane Hack, but his followers were a long way out in their reckoning, for the best the Conqueror gelding could do was to get third, honours going to the Phaeton horse Marathon, who returned the best dividend of the gathering. Guiding Step, who had the assistance of C. Tonkin in the hogskin, just beat the first choice on the line for second money and dividend. Rohepotae was close up fourth. Wairiki, whose people gave him excellent prospects of capturing, and who was elected second favourite, cut up very badly, and has apparently lost all form when compared with his displays earlier in the season. Waipunui's partisans again rallied around him in great force in the Newstead Hack, and so vigorously did they put in their money that when the total was made up in connection with the tote investments over the contest, it could be seen that nearly half of the coin had been speculated on the chance of Sheet Light-ning's son. After all, it was not such a hall-marked thing for the favourite, for half way up the straight he had to be strenuously ridden to settle a vigorous onslaught made by Oliver on Rohepotae, who only suffered defeat by a long head; Guiding Step close up third. Had the half-brother to Maniapoto prevailed, his backers would have received a good return. As it was, one of his pasteboards was nearly equal to three of the winner's, which is as close as I can get to it without infringing the Gaming Act of 1907.

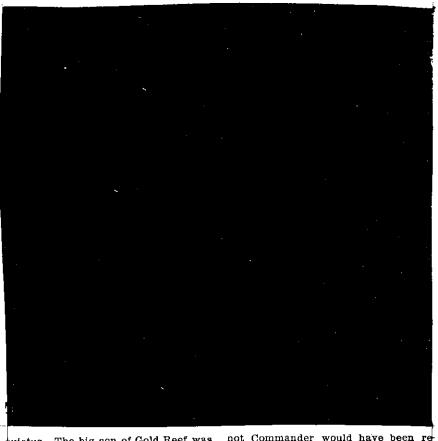
THE BRACELET.

By the assistance of Maku, Mrs. W. Douglas secured another bracelet, her nomination again being piloted by Mr. G. Hirst, who has carried out his bat during the late meetings of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club and Napier Park fixtures. The winner, who was third selection in the field of speculation, looked rough in the coat. but when it came to silencing the pretensions of the opposition just before reaching the straight run home, his coat did not seem to affect him, for he fairly bolted away from the field. Water-o'-Milk, one of the outside faction, beat the favourite, Sealer, by a length for the second bracelet. Next afternoon Sealer and Maku were not engaged in the second Bracelet, the Squall, whose first go it was at the meeting, ranking as first choice. Zoraida, who earlier in the day had got second berth behind Mundic, was the next best supported. The favourite was slow to get going, and after a few lengths had been compassed Water-o'-Milk and Colossus were the leaders, Zoraida being third. With a half-mile gone, the latter made her run, and soon got command, The Squatter laying last. When well in the straight it could be seen that Zoraida had the verdict in her keeping.

All of the Executive put in their best work to give patrons a pleasant couple of afternoon's sport, and the decided opinion was that they had well succeeded in their exertions. A. Wood's starting was of an equitably level description, and met with the universal commendation of all con-

Amongst the knights of the hogskin honours were easy amongst T. Price, W. Ryan, F. Flynn, and G. Jones, who each piloted a brace of winners., Mr. G. Hirst and Mr. T. Taylor each notching a victory, as did W. Young, J. Lyford, J. Hall, and F. D. Jones.

Amongst the training profession. W. Griffiths, W. Cattanach, J. W. Lowe, and J. Fryer each led in a couple of successful ones; V. Costelo, J. Hathaway, J. Gromstock, J. Sullivan, T. R. Taylor, and J. Munn each had a victorious pupil.



quietus. The big son of Gold Reef was not by any means disgraced, for he is yet a baby at the business, and with more education he is sure to do credit to all connected with him, for besides being a docile horse he has got power, pace, and pluck—a trio of hardy qualities for any horse to possess. Coy, allowing for the fact that he has not been long in work, put up a really creditable performance, for he never and it hirked the ordeal was only lack of condition that told its tale in the last half mile. Third place on Thursday was gained by the ancient Needlawak with the last half mile. ancient Needlework, who just beat another warrior in Post Haste for the 10 sovs. hung up for third place.

IRANUI WINS TWICE.

Like Lingerer, another double event winner, Iranui, had the softest of snaps. In her two victories Woodhey had next best on both occasions as the line was crossed. The Soult mare got going smartly, the persuading powers of a big whip, which her trainer handled with good effect at the post, no doubt assisting her to get moving. From the word go she never left the debate in suspense, and the further she went the farther were the opposition behind her. A coincidence in connection with the two events won by Iranui was that the judge's placing in the double was exactly the same

Waikaraka, who had the stable support accorded to him in good current

turned the victor in that race. On Thursday, in the Poraiti Hurdles, Corazon was always close up to Commander, and once over the last fence, which the pair took simultaneously, the chestnut son of Coeur-de-Lion forged ahead and got there by a two lengths' margin from Griffith's gelding —who was indeed a cheap deal for him when he bought Nixie's son from Mr. F. King. Somali was third upon each occasion, and at no part or portion of the journey even appeared to possess winning prospects. A stable pal of Commander's, Forest, had an easy task in his capture of the Moteo Hurdles, matters being made easy for him in the mistakes made by Donzel, Chicane and Somali, the two former getting into difficulties at the second obstacle. Donzel, who was going well at the time in front, screwed in the air and landed on the inside of the course. He got badly cut about on both stifles, and his reappearance on the track again will be a question of some considerable time. Lebeccio. the half brother by Sou'-Wester to Hipporofla, was the only other contestant engaged who stood up, and as Forrest crossed the mark in a canter he was quite four lengths ahead.

In the Waiohiki Hurdles not one of

the batch that had lined up against Forest on the preceding day were in evidence. Rawhiti was elected favourite, and he and Diplomatic soon singled themselves out from the balance of the opposition, the pair being on near-

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

Friday evening the recently formed Tattersalls' Club opened their rooms in Durham Street West, the function taking the form of a smoke concert. The rooms, which have been thoroughly renovated and splendidly furnished, have a bright appearance, the largest room being set aside for a billiard-room, and contains a first-class Alcock table. Mr. J. Beckett, who is so well known amongst the sporting fraternity, will have charge of the room, and everything has been done to ensure the comfort of members.

The attendance was a large one, and included several gentlemen prominent in the sporting world. The committee left nothing to be done to make the evening a success, and they are to be complimented upon their efforts. Mr. A. E. Glover, M.P., who was himself a member of the old Tattersalls' Club, occupied the chair, being supported by Mr. F. Lawry, M.P. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said he was glad to see the club re-established, and he hoped the members would keep up the traditions of the old Tattersalls' Club. The toast, "Tattersalls' Club," was proposed by Mr. E. Hackett, who contended that there was room for both bookmakers and totalisator, and spoke strongly concerning that section of the community who wanted to dictate to us the way we shall take our sport. The toast was responded to by Messrs. W. Tidyman and F. Leslie, the latter stating that he thought the club would be one of the finest in the Dominion. Mr. F. Lawry, M.P., proposed "The Racing Clubs," Messrs. R. Wynyard, F. Yonge, and H. Hayr responding. All three contended that the re-forming of the club was a step in the right direction.

The following contributed items to the musical programme:—Lyric Quartette, Messrs. F. Lawry, M.P., H. Beresford, A. McElwain, R. Noton, Wynn-Gray, J. W. Ryan, Blakely, W. Aspinall, D. Bannatyne, and Cato's Orchestra.

A telegram was received from the Hon, J. Carroll (Acting Premier) yesterday, congratulating the members on the establishment of the new club, contending that it was a step in the right direction, and deserved the support of all.

AUCKLAND BOXING CHAMPION-SHIPS.

RECORD ENTRIES FOR TOURNA-MENT.

As noted in our boxing columns, the Northern Boxing Association hold their tournament at the Opera House on Saturday afternoon next, when the Auckland Provincial Amateur Championships are to be contested. There appears to be a revival of interest in boxing in the North Island at present, and Saturday's contests should therefore receive wide patronage. The fact of there being record entries in the five championship classes gives promise of there being some exciting bouts, while the names of many prominent local boxers figure among the

list of entrants, which is as follows:—
Bantam-weight.—D. Wright, Tuakau; S. Dawson, C. Little and E.
O'Meara, D. O'Brien, T. Taylor.
Featherweight.—H. McNeil, A. Watson, J. Matthews, A. Trezise, Ashbur-

ton.

Lightweight.-A. Meek, R. Craig, L. O'Halloran (Waikino), J. G. Thompson (Otago), T. Hesse, L. G. Ross, B. F. England, J. Henderson, G. H. Singer, and A. J. Blewden.

Middleweight.—T. Mahoney (One-hunga), E. West, E. Manly (Otago), A. Pooley, W. Millen, R. W. Hill, P.

Heavyweight. — A. McLiver, F. Pearce, Gunner S. Moore.
A valuable gold medal is to be

awarded to the winner in each class, while the second prize will consist of

a trophy valued at £2.

In addition to the above contests,
Mr. Tom Lee, the ex-champion heavyweight of Australia, will give an exposition of teaching, without injury to the pupil.

Patrons should bear in mind that the tournament will commence at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

THE TAURIKI CASE.

LIFE DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The Auckland Metropolitan Committee on Monday last disposed of the Tauriki case, the'r finding being drawn up in the following terms:—

"The Metropolitan Committee, after reading the evidence taken before the

Takapuna Jockey Club in the Tauriki case, and after hearing the further evidence adduced, find that Joseph Grant, in whose name the mare Tauriki was raced, is guilty of a corrupt practice in wilfully and corruptly supplying false information in connection with the inquiries in this case before the Takapuna Jockey Club and this committee; that Samuel Darragh is guilty of corrupt practice in wilfully and corruptly supplying false information in connection with the inquiries in this case before the Takapuna Jockey Club and this committee; that the Metropolitan Committee disqualify the said Joseph Grant and Samuel Darragh for life. That the Metropol tan Committee find that the evidence appears conclusive that the mare Tauriki is a 'ring-in,' there being no satisfactory evidence in regard to the said Tauriki being the property of eitner Samuel Darragh or Joseph Grant prior to the month of April, 1908. That the evidence also shows that the nominations of the mare Tauriki for the Avondale Jockey Club's races and the Takapuna Jockey Club's races are irregular. That the Metropolitan Committee disqualify the said Samuel Darragh and Joseph GrGant and the mare Tauriki for life. These disqualifications to date from the 14th of May, 1909. That the Metropolitan Committee endorse the finding of the Takapuna Jockey Club in awarding the stakes won by the said mare Tauriki—viz., the Maiden Plate and the Pupuke Handicap—to the owner of the second horse in those races—viz., Cyreniac, and the stakes won by the said mare Tauriki, viz., the Welter Handicap, to the owner of the second horse in that race, viz., Tui Cakobau. The Metropolitan Committee have to express their dissatisfaction with the evidence given in this matter by Richard Hannon and Philip Brady."

It is understood that Messrs. Dar-

of the race was known. This, of course, is a very old dodge, but as bookmakers leave themselves open to be played upon, by accepting telegraphic commissions almost up to the moment of a race being started, they

King Edward's trainer, Richard Marsh, rode in eleven Liverpool Grand Nationals, and only once got a place, that being when he finished third on Thornfield in 1882. An English exchange says that at the commencement of his career as a trainer, Marsh, like many another good man, was hard put to it for money, and in order to get the wherewithal to back one of his horses for a Maiden Hurdle Race sent a friend up to London to pawn his horse won. Subsequently Marsh won the first Grand Hurdle Race at Auteuil on the same horse, Jackal, who was then sold for £2000.

In respect of naming racehorses. there is, perhaps (says a Sydney paper), no owner more original than Mr. Francis Foy, of which he has given so much proof. It is waste of time wading through books and taxing the memory to discover if Mr. Foy's latest choice for one of his representatives has already been appropriated. It is not likely to be there, though several languages have now and again been called upon, including English, Irish, and French, to furnish what was wanted. Mr. Foy's latest effort under the head of nomenclature is "Something Irish,"

can hardly blame anyons else. HIS MAJESTY'S TRAINER.

(Marsh's) watch. The amount advanced (£15) went on at 7 to 1, and the

NOMENCLATURE.

imported two-year-old colt by

by her lines, Snood is full sister of Winkfield and Morion, two of the most powerful horses England has produced. Wingfield has given the turf any number of good winners and Morion won, among his races, Ascot Gold Cup and Ascot Royal Hunt Cup, two particularly hard events to win. Winkfield is standing in Ireland at a fee of £48. Unfortunately Something Irish, being bred to English time, will not be available in weight-for-age events, but if he never races

a yard he is an acquisition to the

State's blood stock resources.

An unfortunate incident occurred in connection with the Selling Plate at Kempton Park last month (says an English exchange). Eight numbers having been hoisted, including that of Nimrod, odds were freely betted on him, while bar one 5 to 1 and 6 to 1 were laid. Meanwhile Nimrod was careering like a mad savage in the paddock, and had rid himself four times of Maher before—by permission of the stewards—the idea of racing him was abandoned. He had not been under the starter's orders, and consequently his backers do not lose r money, but the bookmakers were left in a most unhappy position, for all other bets stand, and they had practically laid the long odds against a 6 to 4 chance in Snatch, who eventually won, and was then bought in for 200 guineas. Nimrod, it may be added, is a half-brother to the Newmarket Handicap winner, Playaway. TURF TOPICS.

Australia papers have a good word to say about Grafnax, who figures in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase with 10.0.

The death of Melwood is reported from the South. During her racing career Melwood was a good performer and filled the role of runner-up to Tortulla in the N.Z. Cup. Melwood was by St. Leger—Ladybird, and was 11 years old at the time of her death.

The Gisborne Racing Club will inaugurate the winter meeting on Thursday.

The Cyrenian gelding Cymri acquitted himself well over the big fences the other morning.

Kiatere and Waipu are at very short prices in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles respective-The first mentioned race will be decided on Thursday next.

Among the sires nominated for the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes of 1912 are the ex-New Zealanders Canteen, Menschikoff, San Francisco, Royal Artillery, and Multiform.

The New Zealand jockey Steve Howie, met with a bad accident when riding Phaetontis in a steeplechase at Williamstown recently, and was kept out of the saddle for a couple of weeks.

It is probable that F. Davis will not send a team to Australia.

The sale of Prospector and Defeat has fallen through.

Hatch's claims to supremacy on the flat are undisputed, and B. Deeley is sure to finish in second position. Jenkins and J. Buchanan, who have now been riding for many years, have done remarkably well to have both ridden over lorty winners at the present stage. The Bulls horseman holds the record for the greatest number of winning rides, as he won 88 races some years ago. Though Hatch is very close up, it is not likely that be will beat this record. .

Mahuta is said to have finished his turf career, and the black horse is to be relegated to stud duties.

C. Cochrane and W. Young continue to keep together at the head of the list of winning horsemen over hurdles, while J. Hall is close up in the next position. The contest between these from now till the end of the season promises to be very interesting.

Paritutu has at last began to come down in the weights, and has been let off with 10.11 in the Winter Hurdles at Wellington. From what one saw at Ellerslie, there would not appear to be much chance of the aged son of Castor going to the post.

Vernicle (Soult-Pretoria), who was sold to an Australian sportsman for 900 guineas, and raced without success in Melbourne, is to be retired to the stud.

A new starting machine, a New Zealand invention, is to be tried in Melbourne. It works by electricity, and is highly spoken of.

Paritutu is reported to have seriously broken down, and is not likely to be seen on the tracks again for some considerable time.

. The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles will come up for decision at Flemington on Saturday, when chief interest in New Zealand will most probably be centred round Waipu, who figures in the race with 10.5. So far Waipu has not done anything to warrant one ticking him off as a winner.

Mundic fully demonstrated, by his dual win at the Park, that he is a great hack. It would be hard to say whether Mundic or North East is the best-

Ataahua came to grief while doing a schooling task the other day, and received serious injuries. Up till the time of his mishap, the New Zealand-Fred horse was first favourite for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, which takes place on Saturday next.

In his few schooling lessons Scotty has performed satisfactorily each



yard, amidst excitement.

VICTIMISING BOOKMAKERS.

Some very ingenious frauds, committed by bogus telegrams, to fleece bookmakers in England, have recently been brought to light by Scotland Yard, and one of them was exposed in one of the London police courts. The accused, who was charged with swindling bookmakers, would write out a long, meaningless telegram, addressed to himself at a newsagent's shop. Directly afterwards, he would, it was alleged, hand in five betting telegrams to different bookmakers, in which he offered to back a horse named Poker for £2 to win. Immediately the telegrams were handed in, the accused, it was alleged, telephoned to a bookmaker, who told him the result of the race. The sender of the five betting telegrams then hurried again to the post office, and asked for those telegrams back, saying that he had forgotten to put in two words. The obliging postal clerk handed them back to him, and on each one he added, before the name of the horse mentioned, "Athlete or," Thus, in their amended form the telegrams contained a bit on Athlete, or, if that horse was not running, on Poker. It was suggested that the long and meaningless telegram had been handed in for the purpose of delaying the transmission of the betting telegrams until after the result

Bully, the hero of the Great Northern Hurdles, will be shipped South on Tuesday to fulfil engagements at Wellington. F. Speakman will ride the son of Freedom in his engage ments.

Winning jockeys at the Napier Park meeting were: F. Flynn two, T. Pine two, W. Ryan two, T. Jones two, W. Young, J. Lyford, J. Hall, and F. D. Jones one each. Mr. G. Hirst and Mr. T. R. Taylor rode the winners of the amateur events.

A horse who is galloping attractively at Ellerslie just now is Kremlin, and as he is well treated in his Wellington engagements, he should be worth attention.

After the destruction of Doughty, who shattered his knee when he fell in the Alderman Cup on the second day of the A.R.C. meeting at Adelaide the Prince of Wales' Birthday, the gelding's carcase is reported to have been literally butchered by people desirous of possessing mementos of the Birthday Cup winner. In addition to the hoofs, mane and tail, the whole of the skin on one side of the carcase was removed.

Destinist, who is top weight in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, won the Adelaide Cup of 1908, Tattersall's Cup, and other races on the flat.

Lionheart is in work again at Awa-

Blue Ribbon is not in active work yet, and it is considered unlikely that she will be got ready in time for the New Zealand Cup.

The negotiations for the sale of the Malster mare, Maltine, constitute (says a Melbourne writer) a specific instance of the baneful influence of the existing embargo in force on stock imported into Australia from India. Price and everything else had been satisfactorily determined, on behalf of an Indian sportsman, on the understanding that the mare was to be re-turned to her present owner at the termination of her racing career in India, but when the quarantine regulations in vogue were explained, Maltine's owner cried "off."

The ex-New Zealander Notus is booked to go under the hammer in Melbourne on July 27, at Messrs. Campbell and Son's annual horse parade.

The Auckland pony Leo Grand, who created such a sensation in the 14.2 Galloway Handicap at Richmond (Vic.) on Monday week last, says the feree," took part in the Mentone Welter Plate on me following Wednesday, in which event he ran second to The Trawler. Leo Grand and The Trawler were together in front for the greater part of the journey, but The Trawler finished best and beat the New Zealander by a length. rules permit ponies (14.2) which comregistered by the V.R.C. to compete at registered meetings, a certificate of identification in regard to Leo Grand, who is a four-year-old chestnut colt by Leolantis from Decoration, has been accepted as satisfactory by the V.R.C.

Mr. G. Hirst appears to be in the first rank amongst amateur riders. He rode Pikopo to victory in each of the Bracelet events at Hawke's Bay, and also scored on Maku in the Ladies' Bracelet at Napier Park.

This is the third successive year that both steeplechases at Napier Park have been won by the same horse. In 1907 Romany Lad won the double, and last year Fretwork was successful, while last week Lingerer accomplished a like feat.

Linacre, who follows Mooltan in the weights for the Melbourne Cup with 9.6 opposite his name, is an Englishbred four-year-old horse by Wolf's

The weights for the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase are due on July 9. The Winter Cup handicaps will also appear at the same

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W. McKinnon, who received severe injuries when Irish fell with him in the Winter Steeplechase, is progressing well, and may be able to leave his bed shortly.

In a recent issue of an English sporting paper there appeared an advertisement for a jockey not over 7.10, the inducements offered being £250 a year, usual riding fees, and everything found.

When the Carbine horse Cargill won the Manchester Cup in England last month he carried 8.2.

An exchange says that an Indian offer of £2000 for the English race horse Thaddeus was refused recently.

A rumour current in the South is that R. J. Mason may permanently reside at Randwick, and that Mr. Greenwood's horses will also be sent across to New South Wales in order to remain under the supervision of their present trainer.

"If all one hears is true," says the "Post" sporting writer, Kohinoor, Formeden, and the Martian—Neva colt, in addition to Tribulation, may have a cut at the Australian cracks in the Breeders' Plate at the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club will in future reduce their nominations and acceptance fees to 21/2 per cent.

"Glencoe" in the "Dominion" There is a hurdle horse in the Dominion at the present time whose admirers clam that he can win the Grand National, no matter what weight may be allotted. Looking through the records of the Grand National Hurdle Race, however, it will be seen that not since Record Reign won has a horse succeeded in the race with anything approaching 12st. in the saddle, and Liberator was the only horse other than Record Reign that has won the event with over 12st, in the saddle. Horses of their calibre are few and far between, and the stable that sheltered Cavaliero and Record Reign in the one season was indeed fortunate. Cayallero carried some big weights successfully, yet his trainer always held his stablemate to be his superior. On the old Hutt course, in the winter of 1900, Cavaliero, carrying 12st., ran great race, and dead-heated Hauriri, carrying 9st. It was considered a rarity for any horse to succeed with over 10st. on the course, but with over 10st. on the course, but Cavaliero did it after hitting himself, and twisted a shoe during the race. A well-known Well'ngton sportsman, cognisant of the merit of the performance, went over to admire the big horse in his box, and then hastened to tell his trainer that he was the best horse in New Zealand. "He's a good horse," remarked the trainer, "but I've got a better one at home one that will win the Grand National Hurdles, and afterwards the New Zealand Cup. And it doesn't matter what weight he gets in either race." It was Record Re'gn which he referred to, and, sure enough, the Castor horse won the National with 12st. 12lb., but he did not start in the Cup. Cavallero kept winning, and, during the following winter, he won the Remuera Hurdles with 13st 13lb. on his back, and nearly distanced the

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(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, June 29.

Very satisfactory nominations have been received for the principal jumping events to be decided at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand ational The nominations for the aces number five less than Meeting. Taces. last year, the principal falling off being in the Winter Cup.

On Saturday morning several horses claiming engagements at the National meeting were given some jumping exercise| Leonardo and Slavey were sent a round over the steeplechase country, both giving creditable dis-plays. Leonardo is jumping better than formerly, and looks just the sort of animal to get over big country.

Wirral has been already sorted out as a rod in pickle for the Grand National Hurdle Race. So far the son of Birkenhead has not started in a hurdle race, but he is quoted at a very short price with recent winners in

steeplechase events.
Glenculloch, Red Rain and Goldbeater are in the private sale list for

stud purposes.

On Saturday morning Orsino and Grosvenor were given a spin over se-

veral flights of hurdles. only gave a moderate display, dwelling at all his hurdles.

Lapland gave a very good account of himself when tried over hurdles last week, being accompanied by Stepenfeldt and Orsino. The Stepniak gelding showed most pace, and also jumped well, but Lapland's diswas more pleasing.

Inchbonny and Southern Cross are being trained for Wellington engagements. R. Longby has the pair forward.

Eurus is doing plenty of good solid work, but so far has not done very much hard work over big country. He is engaged at the Wellington meeting, and the racing he should have at Trentham should harden him up for the Grand National Steeplechase.

Sweet Angelus, Pronoun, Chief Lochiel, Stratagem, Stronghold, Snip, Eurus, Leonardo, Southern Cross, Inchbonny, Virtus, Silkweb, and White Cockade comprise the Canterbury con-

ent entered for the various events at the Wellington meeting.

L. Dannahy, a North Island jockey, has accepted a position with J. Y. Mc-Cracken.

Pacific, who is now a member of H. Carr's team, is showing good form in his work, and he is a very fair hurdle jumper.

Blythe Boy, Pallada and Sea Dog were out with the hounds on Saturday last.

Cymbiform, in McDonald's stable, is shaping well, and has grown inot a fine-looking colt. All Guns, in a same stable, is being prepared for All Guns. in the Winter Cup.

WANGARUL

WANGANUI, June 27. George Powell has been spelling
Marshal and the Sou-wester gelding (a hunter), which he has in his stable. The former will be taken up again shortly, while the gelding will be got ready for the Egmont Hunt Club's meeting.

It transpires that Nova's condition was rather serious for some time as a result of breaking a blood-vessel while competing at Hastings, and he will have to be given a lengthy spell. Fred Tilly had the Stepniak gelding in capital form, and it is bad luck to lose his services at this time.

The luck of the Fordell stable appears to be right out, as, following the death of Apa, the breakdown of Bunyan and The Lark, the death of Courier, and the accident to Nova, comes the breakdown of Tan San. The San Fran-Tamora horse is not likely to race again, and has been returned to his owner (Mr. W. Young), who will put him to the stud. Tan San has proved a good horse, and should make a success at the stud.

Mahuta has probably run his last race, at all events he has been turned out for a spell, and may go to the stud. The son of Mahaki has proved himself to be a brilliant galloper and a fine stayer, so that his services should be in demand.

North-East has been nominated for the Winter Cup, and, providing he can he got to the post in his best form, he will be a hard horse to beat. meantime he is having a brief spell, but will shortly be taken in hand again for the big mile race at Riccarton.

Belario is still feeling some of the effects of his fall at Ellerslie, but is progressing satisfactorily, and it is hoped that he will be all right again ofere the forthcoming meeting at Trentham, in which case he will be a competitor there. Irish Rifle will also be taken down for the Wellington Wellington meeting.

Wirrall and Moscow had a go over the hurdles the other morning, in which the former showed to most advantage, jumping beautifully and showing great pace between the obstacles. If the Birkenhead gelding keeps sound he will take an immensity of heating in any hurdle event in which he starts. he is in the Hack Hurdles at Welling-

Aorangi and Lull were schooled together over the fences on Saturday, when the latter gave a fine exhibition of jumping. Aorangi also fenced well.

The Apremont gelding Lingerer gave a couple of good displays at the Napier Park meeting, winning the big Steeples each day. These were the best performances the veteran has ever put up, and those connected with the gelding certainly deserved the success, much satisfaction being expressed on this coast, and especially at Hawera, where the old fellow is owned and trained.

Signor continues to go along all right, and there is every reason to be-lieve that the son of Pilgrim's Progress has completely got over the effects of the injury sustained in Melbourne.

St. Bill, who has been entered for the flat events at Trentham, is again going well, and may be looked upon as a fairly sure starter.

W. Webb, the ex-champion ler of the world, took his dog Champion Proof down to Palmerston North to compete at the Manawatu Coursing Club's meeting on Friday and Saturday, and had the satisfaction of seeing him score the first prize in the Maiden Stakes of 55sovs, after seven courses, in which he met some good dogs. Champion Proof is by Waterproof-Planet, and Warranted was presented to Webb by Mr. D. Barry, a well-known New South Wales coursing man, while the Wanganui sculler was in Sydney, or, rather, he was promised to him then. The dog was whelped last December twelve months, and is one of the best-bred ones this side of the line. That he is a real good one he amply demonstrated last week, when he showed great pace in each run, and shaped well enough to suggest that he will make a name for himself, as he should do on breeding. The win was a very popular one, and should tend to popular-

ise the sport on this coast.

The Weights for the Wellington winter meeting have just come to hand. and a glance thereat shows that Wirrall has been let in the Peninsular Handicap very well with 10.2, Auratus being top weight at 11.4. Providing Wirrall goes to the post fit and well he will have a fine chance of proving whether he is the great hurdler some hink he is. In the big hurdles Belario is by no means badly treated in being asked to carry 9.9, and if as well as when he won the Century, must be

hard to beat.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, June 27. Mr. A. F. Douglass, the well-known Hawke's Bay racing man, accompanied by J. O'Connell, sailed for Sydney per s.s. Ulimaroa on Friday. Mr. Doug-lass will proceed to Melbourne, where his trainer, Cameron, is already located with Kiatere and Waipu. O'Connell will ride the New Zealand jumpers

in their Australian engagements.

Mr. Alex. Mtchell, an amateur horseman, well and favourably known in the Taranaki province, was also a passenger by the s.s. Ulimaroa. J. D. Mitchell and his son shipped several prize Clydesdale stallions and a number of ponies by the Sydney steamer. These, I understand, will be offered for sale in Victoria, and the Messrs. Mit-chell hope to find time to witness the V.R.C. Grand National events.

It transpires that the reported injury to the Wanganui Steeplechase winner Moccasin was much less serious than at first anticipated, and the old son of Hippocampus is again in useful work, and may be expected to compete at the Trentham meeting.

From the large number of maiden performers over steeplechase country engaged in the Wellington cross-country events, it would seem that a maiden steeplechase would have filled well had the club placed one on their winprogramme. Trentham The steeplechase course is fairly easy to negotiate, and a field made up of maidens would have produced a most interesting contest.

Exmoor, Stormont, Lull, Maidi. Xavier, Aorangi, Pawa and Assayer are fast and clever hurdlers, and should they take kindly to the more formidable obstacles they will prove a decided acquisition to the ranks of steeplechasers, and at the same time somewhat upset the calculations of those relying on the slower but more accomplished fencers. The whole of the horses mentioned above all reported to be shaping well in their schooling exercises.

The elevation of the Hon. Timi Kara to the office of Acting-Premier gave great satisfaction to his numerous sporting friends, both Maori and pa-keha. The versatility of the Hon-James is remarkable. He has worthily filled many positions in the political world, and no doubt would be quite as much at home were he requested to act in the role of handicapper, judge, or starter to racing Few men take a keener interest in the sport or are better judges

of racing.
Mr. J. F. Buchanan, the Canterbury racing man, spent a day in Wellington on his return from Wanganui, where, as one of the principal supporters of Arnst, he witnessed the sculling contest for the world's championship. Mr. Buchanan has not many horses in active commission at present. Bulletin (half-brother to Bobrikoff), who recently won a race for him at Dunedin, is growing into a nice horse, but, being of a rather delicate nature, will not be unduly taxed until more fully developed.

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GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs, three miles and a-half.—Capitol, Exmoor, Pawa, Waitarere, Eurus, Northern Star, Ben Jonson, Wanganui, Mooshen. Moccasin, Assayer, Aorangi, Nogi, Eldorado, Haurangi, Speciosa, Diplomatic, Stormont, Cymri, Jack Pot. Te Arai, Slaney, Nadador, Xavier, Le Beau, Lull, Irish, Maidi, Leonardo, Lingerer.
GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE

Le Beau. Lull, Irish, Maidi, Leonardo, Lingerer.
GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 1000sovs, two miles.—North Head, Te Uira, Exmoor, Ringman, Bully, Pukenui, Belario, Stronghold, Virtus, Ben Jonson, Stayboy, Claremont, Showman, Lyrist, Whatakura, Rendrock, Kairoma, Gold Dust. Polyanthus, Pikapo, Rangihaeta, Gold Shower, Auratus, Stormonf, Paritutu, Waihuku, Scotty, Contender, Southern Cross. Corazon, Kremlin, Xavier, Abllity, Wirral, Silkch Rein, Nero, Irish, Compass, Snip, Lapland, Lionheart.

HANDICAPS.

AUSTRALIAN SPRING HANDICAPS.

NEW ZEALAND HORSES AND THEIR WEIGHTS.

The New Zealand horses have been weighted as follows for the spring handicaps:—

EPSOM HANDICAP. one mile.—Pinkun 9.12. All Red 9.8, Bobrikoff 9.7, Aborigine 9.2, Master Soult 9.2, Gravitation 8.12, Maranui 8.12, Armlet 8.12. Artillerie 8.4. Golden Slipper 7.12, Achillean 7.9, Don Hannibal 7.7. Mooltan is top weight with 10st 21b

with 10st 2lb.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP, one mile and a-half,—All Red 9.7, Bobrikoff 9.5, Master Soult 8.13, Pink-'un 8.12, Downfall 8.11, Aborigine 8.11, Maranus 8.10, Gravitation 8.9, Artillerie 8.2, Golden Slipper 7.8, Achillean 7.6, Don Hannibal 7.4. Mooltan is top weight with 10st 11b. 10st 11b.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Martyrium 10.7, Waikararaka 10.4, Iranul 10.4, Simplex 9.13, Longner 9.12, Seaman 9.12, Diamond Star 9.11, Sweet Angelus 9.11, St. Bill 9.10, King Post 9.10, Wimmera 9.8, Toa Tuhi 9.8, San Fernando 9.7, Kaharoa 9.7, White Cockade 9.8, Sir Antrim 9.3, Hydraulic 9.0, Mataari 9.0.

MIRAMAR HANDICAP.—King Post 10.10, Passive 10.2, Whistecraft 10.2, King's Prize 10.2, Hilarian 10.0, Marathon 9.12, Miscast 9.11, Gold Bird 9.8, Buoyant 9.8, Llanwern 9.5, Thetis 9.5, Splash 9.5, Sealer 9.3, Overrate 9.0, Vinco 9.9, Rawera 9.0.



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WINTER HURDLE RACE.—Ben Jonson 11.6, Stormont 11.2, Exmoor 11.2, Compass 11.1, Gold Dust 11.1, Paritutu 10.11, Kairoma 10.11, Jack Pot 10.4, Irish 10.4, Scotty 10.2, Stronghold 10.2, Xavier 10.2, Bully 10.1, Kremlin 10.0, Commander 10.0, North Head 10.0, Le Beau 9.11, Swagsman 9.11, Snip 9.11, Stayboy 9.11, Corazon 9.16, Belario 9.9, Te Arai 9.7, Whatakura 9.3, Forest 9.3, Tauira 9.0, Nero 9.0, Pukenui 9.0, Southern Cross 9.0, Grand Stand 9.0 Prospector 9.0, Silken Rein 9.0, Gold Shower 9.0.

PENINSULA HURDLE RACE.—Auratus 11.4, Rangihatea 10.13, Forest 10.12, Kremlin 10.5, Diplomatic 10.2, Wirral 10.2, Te Uira 10.2, Nero 10.1, Rendrock 10.0, Polyanthus 9.13, Aotea 9.13, Coy 9.13, Kuku 9.13, Somali 9.13, Cymri 9.10, Pukenui 9.10, Black Squall 9.7, Yosami 9.7, Silken Rein 9.6, Loiret 9.5, Kelso 9.6, Waione 9.5, Finnesseur 9.3, Waihuka 9.3, Waikarcao 9.0, Virtus 9.0, Flentoun 9.0, Le Becclo 9.0, Sylvia Maid 9.0, Grand Poplar 9.0, Explosive 9.0.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP.—Muskerry 10.10, Dawn 10.10, Sir Frisco 10.9, Waikaraka 10.2, Pikapo 10.2, Oxton 10.2, Iranui 10.2, Chief Lochiel 10.0, Coronetted 9.12, Stratagem 9.12, Seaman 9.11, Longner 9.11, Merrie Zealand 9.8, Diamond Star 9.8, Pohutu 9.8, Scotty 9.5, Loiret 9.3, First Mate 9.0, Gaelic 9.0, Kurawaka 9.0.

TE ARO HANDICAP.—Contendant 10.11, Te Ru 10.7, Te Kahurangi 10.4, Inchbonny 9.12, Skye 9.12, Axite 9.11, Hilarian 9.1, Purakau 9.11, Twinkle 9.10, The Squatter 9.10, Waiata 9.8, Pronoun 9.8, Royal Maid 9.6, Waioriki 9.5, Merry Christmas 9.3, Santa Clara 9.3, Timothy 9.3, Vinco 9.2, Prevail 9.0, Cohort 9.0, Pikiho 9.0, Lady Paul 9.0, Overrate 9.0, Glenfield 9.6.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE.—Jack Pot 11.11, Eurus 11.0, Capitol 10.13, Nadador 10.12, Le Beau 10.12, Speciosa 10.12, Moccasin 10.9, Tilson 10.6, Waitarere 10.6, Stormont 10.5, Exmoor 10.5, Maid 10.5, Irish 10.3, Lunig 10.3, Lingerer 10.1, Te Arai 9.11, Xavier 9.9, Pawa 9.9, Ei Eldorado 9.7, Leonardo 9.7, Cymri 9.7, Coy 9.7, Defeat 9.7, Assayer 9.7, Otus 9.7.

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING

THIRD DAY.—SATURDAY, OCT. 16. CAULFTELD CUP.

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CAULFIBLD CUP.

3000 sovs., 2500 sovs. of the said sum to go to the first horse. 350 sovs. to the second, and 150 sovs. to the third.—One mile and a-half.
Mooltan 9.11. All Red 9.3, Linacre 9.3, Iolaire 91, Alawa 9.1, Master Soult 8.13, Trafalgar 8.13. Post Town 8.13. Maranui 8.13, Hyman 8.11, True Scot 8.11, Parsee 8.9, Aborigine 8.9, Hoax 8.7, Irishman 8.7, Pink 'Un 8.7, Pendil 8.7, Nushka 8.7, Little Lad 8.5, Togo 8.3, Knox 8.1, Vavasor 8.1, Kyeadgerie 8.1, Boran 8.1, Son of the Marsh 8.1, Motoa 8.1. Blue Book 8.1, Baw Bee 8.1, Wcloome Trist 7.13, Ungarle 7.13, Monobel 7.13, Waipuna 7.13, Even Time 7.11, Flavinius 7.11, Mother Goose 7.11. Oilvaster 7.11, Artillerie 7.11, Blue Garments 7.11, Gaby 7.11, Kooringa 7.11, Golden Gate 79, Golden Silpper 7.9, Monody 7.9, The Shifter 7.9, Thorina 7.9, Prince Foote 7.9, Mala 7.9, Orcus 7.7, Bobby 7.7, Carlton 7.7, Petrillo 7.7, Malt King 7.7, Enchanteur 7.7, Thistlebrook 7.7, Silpper 7.7, Metograph 7.5, Don Hannibal 7.5, Eric 7.5, Le Jeune 7.5, Flavel 7.3, Distillery 7.5, Winteriga 7.5, Late Hours 7.5, Dhohl 7.5, Bendigo 7.5, Kildean 7.5, Botfield 7.5, Brookong 7.3, Rose Aille 7.3, Flint 7.3, Seddon 7.3, Demolition 7.3, Black Range 7.3, Kerlie 7.3, Tirrcel 7.3, Scotle 7.1, English 7.1, Carlst 7.1, Carlst 7.1, Danilo 7.1, Balmoral 7.1, Flix 7.1, Achillean 7.1, Monodist 7.1, Royal Blue 7.1, Achillean 7.1, My Sister 6.13, Mindful 6.13, Marlee 6.13, Diplomatist 6.13, Mindful 6.13, Marlee 6.13, Diplomatist 6.13, Mindful 6.13, Marlee 6.13, Black Prince 6.13, Monodist 7.1, Royal Blue 7.1, Achillean 7.1, Mol Sister 6.1, Monodist 7.1, Royal Blue 7.1, Achillean 7.1, My Sister 6.13, Mindful 6.13, Marlee 6.13, Black Prince 6.13, Monodist 7.1, Royal Blue 7.1, Achillean 7.1, My Sister 6.13, Mindful 6.13, Marlee 6.13, Monodist 7.1, Royal Blue 7.1, Achillean 7.1, My Sister 6.13, Mindful 6.13, Monodist 7.1, Royal Blue 7.1, Achillean 7.1, My Sister 6.13, Monodist 6.1, Lord Palmerston 6.13, Black Prince 6.13, Monodist 6.1, Corp. Presto 6.7, Kirkmaiden 6.7,

TURF RESULTS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Napier Park Racing Club opened their winter meeting on Wednesday in fine weather and before a large attendance. Most of the events proved easy things for the winners, and, with the exception of the last race, in which 12 horses started, the fields were small. The investments on the totalisator amounted to £5389, as compared with £6343 on the first day of the last winter meeting—a decrease of £954. Thirteen bookmakers were on the ground—seven in the outside enclosure at £10 each and six inside at £20 10s each, making a total revenue to the club from that source—of—£197. The events resulted as follows:—

Also started: Somali 10.4, Chicane 9.2, Donzel 9.0.

Donzel 9.0.

Donzel was in command when the straight was reached for the first time, but at the second hurdle jumped the fence separating the course from the inner track and came down heavily. Chicane came to grief at the same obstacle. Somali afterwards fell, leaving Forest in the lead, and he was not afterwards troubled by his only remaining companion, winning in a canter by about four lengths. Time, 3m. 27 4-5s.

PETANE HACK HANDICAP of 90sovs, Seven furlongs.

Also started: Waioriki 9.12, Rohepotae 9.4. Isel 9.0, Mokai 9.0 (carried 10.5).
Won by about three lengths. A capital struggle took place for second money, Guiding Step beating Waipunui by a neck. Time, 1m. 34 3-5s.

STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile.



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ing the second and third horses. Time, 1m. 48 3-5s.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE of 250sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs and third horse 20sovs from the stake. About three miles.

H. Fryer's ch g Lingerer, aged, by Apremont—Taihoa, 9.8 (F. Flynn) T. Lloyd's Speciosa, 11.4 (J. T. Mc-

T. Lloyd's Speciosa, 11.4 (J. T. Mu-Gregor)

H. E. Troutbeck's Eldorado, 9.12

(Rangi Thompson) ... 3

Also stated: Nadador 11.2, Coy 9.7,

Sylvia Maid 9.7.

Lingerer, Speciosa (the favourite) and
Coy were the first to get away. Passing the stand the first time Lingerer was
still showing the way, and he kept in
the van till the finish, winning easily by
a good six lengths. Speciosa beat Eldorado by a length and a-haif for second place. Sylvia Maid fell at the
brush in the straight. Time, 6m. 48 3-58.

LADIES' BRACELET, valued at 55sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mrs. W. J. Douglas' blk g Maku, 5yrs, by San Fran—The Brook, 11.9 (Mr. G. Hirst)

Miss M. Te Wiripu's Water-o'-Milk, 10.7 (Mr. W. Hollis)

Miss D. Palmer's Sealer, 11.3 (Mr. A. Release)

Miss D. Palmer's Sealer, 11.3 (Mr. A. G. Palmer)

Also started: Waloriki 11.5, Colossus 10.8, Maimoe 10.7, Pukehou 10.7.

Won easily by about 10 lengths. A length separated the second and third horses. No time was taken.

AHURIRI HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 120sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

W. Griffiths' b g Commander, 6yrs, by
The Officer—Nixie, 10.0 (T Pine)
Sir W. R. Russell's Corazon, 9.10 (J.
Hall)

George's Somali, 9.4 (C. Cochrane) These were the only starters. An interesting race saw Commander get home by a long neck. Time, 3m. 23 3-5s.

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Six furlongs.

W. Cattanach's blk g Mundic, 3yrs, by Gold Reef-Hopeful, 10.10 (G.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the Napier Park Racing Club's winter meeting was held on Thursday in cold and cloudy weather, but no rain fell, so the day's sport was not materially affected. The attendance was not so good as on the previous day, but speculation was a little brisker. Most of the events proved easy things for the winners, the only close contest being in the final event. The totalisator investments amounted to £5809, making £11.198 for the two days, as compared with £12,609 for the winter meeting last year. Nine bookmakers were licensed. The following are the details of the racing: of the racing:-

Mundic won easily by three lengths, Zoralda beating Rohepotae for second place by four lengths. Time, 1m. 19 3-5s.

WAIOHIKI HACK HURDLE RACE of 90sovs. One mile and a-half.

Hodge's ch g Diplomatic, 5yrs, by Diplomat, 10.4 (J. Lyford)
. Whenuaroa's Rawhiti, 10.2 (W. Young)
. C. Hamilton's Forest, 11.10 (T. Pine)

Pine)

Also started: Andrew Mack 9.4, Monsleur Beaucaire 9.0 (carried 9.2), Pukehou 9.0, No Shot 9.0 (carried 9.4).

In the straight Diplomatic drew away and won comfortably by about three lengths, Rawhiti beat Forest for second money by about a neck. Time, 2m. 56 1-58

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 125sovs. Seven furlongs.

F. Hall's br m Iranul, 4yrs, by Soult

—Tauhel, 10.2 (W. Ryan)

Hon, J. D. Ormond's Woodhey, 10.13

(F. D. Jones)

F. Armstrong's Illustrious, 9.4 (A. Olliver)

PARK STEEPLECHASE of 20sovs. About two miles and a-half.

(O'Connell) 8. Also started: Post-haste 10.2, Eldorado 9.13, Gold Shower 9.7. In the early stages Gold Shower had a commanding lead, but Lingerer had command at the town bend, and the Apremont gelding romped home 20 lengths in advance of Coy, who was four lengths in advance of Needlework. Time, 5m. 36 1-5s.

LADIES' BRACELET, winner to receive a bracelet valued at 55sovs. One mile.

The Squatter was left at the post. Zoraida shot to the front at the home bend and won by about a dozen lengths, half-a-length separating the second and third horses. Water-o'-Milk was fourth. Time, 1m. 52 3-5s.

PORAITE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 120sovs. One mile and three-quarof 12 ters

Pine) 2
O. George's Somali, 9.0 (C. Cochrane)) 3
Only three horses started. On the flat Corazon drew steadily ahead, and passed the post a winner by two lengths, about the same distance separating the second and third horses. Time, 3m. 35 l. On the ahead, and

NEWSTEAD HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Smith's br c Waipunui, 3yrs, by Conqueror—Sheet Lightning, 10.1 (F. D. Jones) F. D. Jones) McGuire's Rohepotae, 9.0 (A. Ol-

liver) F. Moore's Guiding Step, 10.7 (C.

GRAND PRIX DE PARIS.

The Paris summer meeting was held on Sunday at Longchamps. The fol-lowing was the result of the principal event:—

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A pleasant featured, gentlemanly-looking man, still the right side of fifty, is Chung Ling Soo. There is the look of a good-humoured Scotchman about h'm, his mouth and chin more particularly displaying his Celtic origin. He has a friendly smile for everyone, and even when he tells you he is vexed over something that has gone wrong, you feel he has perfect command over himself, and he remains the courteous gentleman. He has sharp, observant eyes that miss nothing, and restless fingers that appear to be always anxious to get at some new thing. You are not long in his company before you are impressed by his personality, and feel that he is a man of great resourcefulness, and of a resolute and indomitable will-one given to overcoming obstacles, as much for the pleasure of achieving the seemingly impossible, as of convinc-ing the sceptical that there are few things which cannot be done by a man who sets his mind to accomplish them.

Mr. Chung Ling Soo was born in Canton on April 2, 1861. His father was a Scotch engineer named Campbell, who married a Cantonese lady, a member of the great Chung family and died when young Campbell was only seven years old. As is the custom in China, his widowed mother returned to her father's home, taking her boy with her, and he was reared as a member of the Chung family. When the lad was but twelve years of age, his mother died, and Chung Ling Soo, as he was now called, was apprenticed to a Chinese jugg!er named Arr Hee. In taking up the calling of a conjurer, Chung Ling Soo seems, as he himself puts it, to have followed the natural bent of his mind. He inherits a good deal of his father's ability as a mechanician, and says that, after all, conjuring tricks of almost every description, and more particularly "the big things," are based upon mechanics.

During his apprenticeship young Soo accompanied Arr Hee from Canton to South America, and travelled with him through that continent until he was fifteen years of age. Then, his master considering that he had made enough in the business, retired, and handed over his "bag of tricks" to his erstwhile apprentice, who decided to continue on his own account, and went through Mexico to the United States, remaining in America for 12 years. While there he was married to a Chinese lady, who, in her way, is every bit as clever as her husband. From the States he went to British Columbia and Canada, touring those countries for four years, and then going on to Europe, travelling through England, France, Germany, and other countries, and spending between eight and nine years in England alone. In London he accepted Mr. Rickards' offer to visit the leading Australasian centres, and is delighted with the warmth of the welcome everywhere extended to him in these Colonies. On the present occasion he has only been able to show at Dunedin, Christ-church, Wellington, and Auckland, but puts in a night at Hamilton next week, prior to returning to Sydney and Melbourne, where his Australasian tour ends, as he has to be back in England on November 1st, to open up on the Stohl Circuit, his engagements there extending over into June, 1911.

Speaking of his special line of business, Mr. Soo told the interviewer that

he could do almost any tricks that merely required sleight of hand, but he had long ago found out that what the public liked best—and that was, therefore, what they wanted most—was something big and sensational. They preferred the spectacular effects to the lighter tricks of legerdemain, and he determined they should have them. One of his tricks—the great lamp illusion—cost him over £500 to prepare, and he carries with him a staff of highly trained assistants, including his own electrician, his own cabinetmaker, his own carpenter, and his own blacksmith, who are continually working with Mr. Soo on new tricks or in improving the old ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Soo are naturalised American citizens, and are not, therefore, subject to any of those restric-tions at the Colonial Customs Houses imposed upon subjects of the Celestial Empire. But everywhere he goes Mr. Soo makes, and is made much of by the Chinese. In Sydney he was entertained in characteristically hearty fashion. In Wellington also hospitali-ties were showered upon Mrs. Soo and himself, and he was further the guest of the Chinese Consul at a banquet given in his honour. He has a flag that was presented to him by the Chinese of Sydney, and enjoys in singular fashion the confidence of Chinamen wherever he goes.

We were not long in Mr. Soo's company before we had a taste of his quality, the tricks he played being of the bewildering and mystifying order. To recite them all would be too long a task. From numbers ranging from one to nine, the writer struck out first three numbers, then two, then one, leaving the "3," the "4," and the "7" alone visible on the paper. "Now then," said Mr. Soo, "strike out the one you want," and the pencil went through the "4." "Turn the paper over," said the conjurer. The pressman did so, and there the figure "4" was visible in quite another part of was visible in quite another part of the paper. The same thing happened in regard to three Christian names— "Charles," "William," and "Henry," written on a slip of paper by the pressman, in response to the conjurer's invitation to write down three Christian names. When asked to "Strike out the name you want," the writer drew his pencil through "William," and on turning the paper over found that name also written on the back. Of a different order was the trick played with a bedroom tumbler, which was enveloped in a newspaper rolled tightly around it, and placed on a toilet table within reach of the pressman, at which Mr. Soo was seated and under which he first passed a penny from the one hand and then removed it without lifting the glass, completely mystifying the writer by bringing one hand smartly down upon the paper, and apparently upon the glass also, smashing the paper as flat as a pancake, and drawing the glass, without a vestige of paper upon it, from under the table with the other hand, immediately afterwards bringing the penny out, also from under the table. But these are "little tricks," and Mr. Chung Ling Soo is seen at his best in the big things he accomplishes in the blaze of the footlights. There he shines as a magician of the first water. Three hundred, possibly even fifty years ago, he would have been regarded as an exponent of the "black art," and would have run the risk of being prosecuted as a sorcerer. We know better nowadays, and are aware that all of his tricks are capable of being simply explained. The difficulty is to supply the explanation and to say how they

THE WILLIAMSON COMPANIES

During the next fortnight two J. C. Williamson companies will (writes our Melbourne correspondent) undergo the process of disbandment and amalga-mation. In Adelaide "An English-man's Home" Company will also finish its career as at present organised. Out of the two disbanded companies it is intended to form an exceptionally strong organisation to play "The Flag Lieutenant," the recent dramatic success of London. Mr. Thomas Kingston will fill the title role and Mr. G. S. Titheradge will make his first appear ance after his long and severe as the Admiral. A new leading lady is now on her way from London in the person of Miss Ethel Warwick to play Lady Henrietta Wynne, and two other newcomers on the Omrah with her are Miss Dorothy Grimston and Mr. Lewis Waller, jun. Other members of the cast will include Mr. Cyril Mackay, Mr. Eardley Turner, Mr. Gregan Mc-Mahon, Mr. Fred Cambourne and Miss Emma Temple.

"DOING NICELY, THANK YOU!"

Our old friends Miss Nellie Power and Mr. Bob Lloyd, at latest advices were with Knowles' Vaudeville Enter-tainers, styling themselves "Queensland's Own Show," at Toowoomba whence they were paying regular weekly visits to neighbouring towns, thus catering in a somewhat novel fashion for the amusement of country Miss Power and Mr. Lloyd. who send us word of the company's doings with their kind regards, intimate that they are "doing nicely, thank you."

BOXING.

THE FATE OF BILLY PAPKE.

The brutally cold fashion in which Americans turn down a loser is well illustrated in the case of Billy Papke, the middle-west middle-weight, who was an idol in San Francisco a few short months back for a few short weeks after he out-slogged and laid to slumber the mighty Stanley Ketchel. Writing of him in a recent issue of the "Call,' Wm. J. Slattery said, anent the possibility of Hugo Kelly-Jack O'Brien or Papke-Kelly matches:—

'This boy Kelly is as pretty a fignter as ever stepped into a local ring. He is deserving of a chance, though he has not been given much of a show lately. The last time he started on the coast was against Billy Papke in Los Angeles last December. He won back again, but the best referee Jeffries saw was a draw. Too bad.

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"As for Papke, it is doubtful if he ever will do again. The last bloomer he tossed against Jim Flynn in Los Angeles should be enough to keep him quiet for a while. He has been coasting down that old toboggan for the last five months, and each man he meets gives him an additional shove on his way. If he ever did have anything, he surely lost it in California.

"Coffroth does not figure to do much with Papke if he signs him to meet Kelly here next month. Papke has ceased to be an attraction. Why should the fans fall for him again? Surely, they saw enough of him last Thanksgiving Day, when he stood unlike a boob, and allowed Ketchel to regain the championship by clouting him all around the ring in 11 rounds."

AN AFTERNOON WITH JEM MACE.

With Jem Mace, at his little house out Stepney way, I once enjoyed a long Sunday afternoon. It is a memory not quite of yesterday! Thus writes Tighe Hopkins in the "London Chronicle." My introducer was a bookmaker who had entertained me at his own residence to an afternoon tea of perriwinkles and brandy. On this repast, as a prelude at the bookmaker's. I based anticipations of supper at the bruiser's. "Presumptuous boy!" Mr. Mace's sideboard bristled with bottles and decanters, his whatnot was an embarrassment of cigarboxes; but the old pugllist neither smoked nor drank; and while the company did both he touched a pensive string on his violin. All one side of his dark, neat dining-room blazed with spoils and trophies of the roped arena; cups flagons, vases, and among the belts, studded with plates of silver, was one which had been given to its owner the title of worlds champion.

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A splendid man Mace was then, though it was years since he had stood within the ropes. His height was about 5ft 9½in (nothing great for a champion); he had handsome, regular, olive-tinted features, with the square and solid jaw of the fighter, a supple figure of extraordinary symmetry, and shoulders "hunky with strength." His battered hands, when he showed me the backs of them, were swollen up as if each had an egg beneath the skin; hands even then appallingly eloquent of blows given and received in battles of the giants. In his contest with Tom King, I think, he went through the second half of the fight with his right arm paralysed, smashing his opponent, notwithstanding, in the forty-third round.

Forty-third round! Here comes the point this reminiscence leads to. In the matches Mace was talking of, men striving for a championship might face each other for a longer time than Lucifer was occupied in falling out of Heaven into Hell—"from morn to

noon, from noon to dewy eve." He recounted one of his fights, which, starting at 6 a.m., was left unfinished when the light gave out. To it at six on the following morning they went again, and kept pounding away until, in the course of this second day, Mace has his man beaten to a standstill. "And," said he, "I couldn't get my hat on comfortably for six weeks." Duels such as this he contrasted, not uncontemptuously, with certain fashionable bouts of the period, which, albeit a huge prize was offered to the winner, were sometimes concluded in a quarter of an hour. It wasn't, in Jem Mace's opinion, the game.

But it was just the terribly protracted fight, with the fearful punishment inflicted round after round by Titans who would stand to it till they were mashed to pulp, that brought the P.R. at last under the general ban. Towards the fortieth round of Sayers v. Heenan (April 17, 1860), the police, who had been hovering uneasy on the outskirts of the crowd, suddenly swept in and broke up the fight. That day the prize ring was doomed.

O'Meara and Taylor for the 8st 7lb novice championship will be decided. As will be remembered, these are the two lads that were left in the final of the Northern Boxing Association's re-cent tournament, and as both of them showed up cleverly on that occasion, and have been training solidly since, Saturday's match should prove a will-ing go. The candidates for the New Zealand championships to be held at Dunedin on July 22 and which meeting New Zealand represenfatives will be selected for the Australasian championships—are to be chosen on the form displayed in Saturday's tournament, while the profits derived from the tournament are to be devoted to defraying the expenses of sending the Auckland representa-tives to Dunedin. Boxing enthusiasts should therefore roll up in large numhers, and thus assist the Northern Boxing Association in their endeavour to he strongly represented at the New Zealand championship meeting.

Peter Felix, the coloured fighter who received a good thrashing from



JOE GARDINER, Champion Featherweight Wrestler of England, who will appear at the Tivoli on Thursday and Friday next.

A San Francisco paper states that Jeffries and Johnson will meet in the ring some time in December. On the other hand, a New York paper informs its readers that Mrs. Jeffries has announced that the retired champion will not have her consent to reenter the ring. The paper goes on to remark that as Mrs. J. is "dictator, there will be no match between Jeffries and Johnson."

Considerable interest is being evinced in the Auckland provincial amateur boxing championships, which are to be fought under the auspices of the Northern Boxing Association at the Opera House on Saturday afternoon next, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp. Good entries have been received in the various classes, so that patrons should be treated to a first-rate afternoon's sport. In addition to the championship bout, the contest between

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Bill Lang on his last appearance in Melbourne, will again inflict himself upon the sports of Melbourne on July 5, when he will shy his castor into the ring at the Cyclorama with Mike Williams. If Williams wins, and there is every likelihood of him doing so, he will immediately sue for a return match with Bill Lang or Bill Squires.

Jack Johnson, writing to a friend in England, said he was getting £1000 and training expenses for his end of the recent affair with Jack O'Brien which made such a hole in the black's reputation.

Jeffries having made it public that he would fight Johnson, the sporting public are now worrying him with another question, which is summed up in one word of four letters, and that is, "When?" Until his vaudeville engagements expire in four months' time, Jeffries will not be able to sign any agreement for a match with Johnson. By that time Johnson will be

pretty well through with his match with Ketchell. Then will come a long spell for training operations, so if the men ever do come together it is not likely that the fight will take place contends that he is still champion, and he invites Johnson to challenge him for the title. The big ex-boilermaker is said to be showing great improvement in his footwork. He, in fact, shows more agility in his footwork and impoved speed in ring-craft, and those who saw him in his best days say that he is well up to his old form.

Sandow, the burly German, who is well known in New Zealand athletic circles, is going to Hobart to meet the Tasmanian heavy-weight champion. Turner. on July 21. Jack Athorne will look after the wrestler-boxer. The winner will probably be matched with Felix two weeks further on.

Joe Pluto, a coloured fighter of bygone days, attempted to stay 20 rounds against P. King, in Perth recently, but was badly beaten in the fifth round. King weighed 9st, Pluto 8st 4lb. The winner received £137 and the loser £122.

It is stated that the South African boxer, Arthur Douglas, will be Jimmy Britt's first opponent when the American lands in Sydney in October next.

Albert Parker, of Dunedin, has agreed to meet Gosling, of Wellington, under the auspices of the Christchurch Sports Club, in September.

A peculiar point has arisen in relation to the money confiscated by the police during the recent boxing exhibition (says the Gisborne "Times"), in so far as the police authorities have been at a loss to know how to dispose of it. The money, it is understood, legally belongs to those who contributed it in the first instance, but it is considered doubtful if the givers will come forward to claim their misdirected donations. Mr. A. Barton, S.M., stated to a "Times" representative that in the case of stolen money a judge or magistrate may make an order for its disposal, but in the present instance it is not within its province to make any such direction. In the absence of any provision by the Legislature for such a case as the present one, he has suggested that the money might be placed to the credit of the "Unclaimed Property Fund."

On the same day as his arrival in Sydney, Burns leased a furnished house in Frenchman's-road, Randwick, pending the purchase of a suitable residence (for Burns has definitely decided to settle down in Sydney), and the same night the place was burned to the ground.

The American scrapper seems to be suckled on self-advertisement-juice, and in most cases a professional advertising sharp would be beaten down the course by a Yankee scrapper, be he never so illiterate and ignorant in everything but scrapping and boosting himself. It was this instinct, this ingrained faculty, that induced Stanley Ketchel, one of the dandies of the Market and Kearney block in San Francisco, to strip off his glad rags in the train when nearing New York on his first visit, recently, and turn up at the newspaper offices clad in a rough Western-miner outfit, supposed to be redolent of the pine forest and illustrative of the life near to Nature. But it didn't impress anybody. The New Yorkers are wise guys, and were on to his game first off.

word of four letters, and that "hen?" Until his vaudeville enents expire in four months' Jim Jeffries looks smart and covers Jack Johnson's forfeit of 5000 dolars. Al. Kauffmann will be the logible that time Johnson will be cal man to meet the black for the

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heavy-weight championship of the world, he having already posted his 5000 dollars forfeit for that purpose. Johnson's forfeit has been up in the New York "Evening Journal's" office for some time, and Jeffries knows it, but quietly ignores all reference to it.

Billy Elliott, the clever little New Zealander, who is at present in Sydney, has accepted the offer of a £60 purse and £5 expenses to go to Brisbane to meet Charlie Frost in August.

Tonnmy Burns, wife, nephews and manager, arrived in Sydney, from Queensland, on Saturday (says an Austraffan writer). The ex-champion has grown enormously stout, so big, in fact, as to suggest that his task of keeping down to under 12 stone so long and his final ridiculous over-training for the Johnson fight—against which over-training I perpetuit ally warned him in these columns, by the way-must have been a terrible task and a wonderful instance of self denial. He's all of 14 stone now, and looks as if it suited him, too.

ATHLETICS.

Some remarkable performances are credited to a member of the Sacra-mento (Cal.) High School named Ver-Rodda. Timed by three watchholders over accurately measured distances, he is said by the "San Francisco Chronicle" to have run 50yds in 5sec. 100yds in 10 1-5sec, and 220yds in 22 2-5sec. These are all records for the State of California, and, if correct, phenomenal—especially the 50yds. time which equals the world's record.

Concerning amateur athletics in Southland, a writer at Invercargill of a Southern exchange says: "There is no such thing as a local centre, and that, as a matter of fact, it has been dead for nearly a year. The annual meeting should have been held last October, but it has not been held yet; nor has a balance-sheet of the previous year's working been circulated amongst members. In addition, no other meeting of any description for the furtherance of amateur atheletics has been held since then. As members of the executive are only elected for twelve months, the local executive ceased to exist last October, since when there has been no ruling body in Southland. Is it any wonder then that amateurism is dead? Under the above extraordinary circumstances it would be interesting to know upon what authority Southland has taken such a prominent part in recent years. I hold that Southland should have no legal standing in the deliberations quoted above, and that, moreover, it has no legal right to be represented on the New Zealand Executive Council, as the local centre is legally nonexistent. Even for the sake of argument, if we allow that last year's executive may still be said to hold office, I contend that the delegates at the conference and the nominees on the executive were not appointed by the local centre, as no meeting for the purpose of appointing them was ever held. The question naturally arises, upon what authority did an individual shoulder the responsibility of acting for the centre, and as the centre, in these matters?" * *

Walker, the great sprint runner, and Duncker, South African hurdle cham-pion, left on May 6 to compete in the English championship. A. R. Postle accompanies them to England. Before selling he was interviewed. fore sailing he was interviewed. He was at first reluctant to give an opinion of Walker's powers, but subsequently he expressed the belief that if Walker trained consistently he would win the 100 yards English championship, remarking, "He is a better man than Kerr, and even now I can-not say how good he really is." Con-tinuing, Postle said, "The first time I saw him in England, when he essayed the record at Manchester, I thought him merely an average sprinter, capable perhaps of 10 1-5th or a little better at his best. It was not till he ran in Johannesburg that I realised how good he was. He has improved out of all knowledge, and I have no hesitation in saying he is a faster sprinter than the English champion. In England they Duffy, ever was.

A mule can kick both hard and quick,
And when you least expect it;
A cold may kill, and often will
Defy you to reject it!
But Wood's you know some time ago,
And after years of thinking,
Invented his great Peppermint Cure,
Which stops all colds like winking!

probably have not realised the extent of his improvement, but they will not find that this estimate over-values his powers."

Advice has been received by the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association that in connection with the Australasian championship meeting in Bristhis year a Marathon race is to be held over a 26-mile 385-yard course. The winner is to receive a gold medal. while silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the second and third com-There will also be a bronze petitors. medal for every competitor who completes the distance within a time yet to be fixed. The event will not count in the Inter-State championship.

At a meeting of the executive of the N.Z. Athletic Union held in Dunedin last week, it was agreed to comply with the request of the West Australian Coastal Athletic League for a reciprocal agreement. Other Australian Leagues are to be written to, asking for an agreement similar to the one now existing between the union and the Victorian and New South Wales leagues. The opinion of centres is to obtained re the advisability of handing over the control of piping and dancing to an association just being The question of control of formed. cycling was discussed at considerable length and it was agreed to meet the League of Wheelmen in conference there to discuss the position. It is probable that the next championships will be offered to the West Coast centre, as Feilding is not prepared to take the meeting this year. Mr. W. G. Callender, Hawke's Bay, was appointed to the executive vice R. Smith, resigned. In the course of an interview Mr. Woods (president of the union) expressed his approval of the proposal to take over control of cycling and relinquishing that of piping and dancing, and said there seemed to be a feeling amongst the societies that such a course should be followed. If the proposals were carried into effect there would be no likelihood of further friction such as had existed since the trouble commenced at the time of the Exhibition.

Chas. Hefferon and J. A. Ramos met in a fifteen miles match at Lord's Ground, Durban, Natal, on May 1st, under the auspices of the D.A.A.C. After a fine race for about twelve miles, Hefferon got away and won by 320 yards, in hr. 28min. 44 1-5sec.

BILLIARDS.

FORMING A BILLIARD ASSO-CIATION IN AUCKLAND.

Mr. P. Thomas of the Ponsonby Billiard Academy, invites all billiardroom proprietors to attend a meeting to be held on Monday next at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Billiard Association, also to discuss all other matters pertaining to the game. It is to be hoped that proprietors will respond to the call and muster in strong force at the Ponsonby Academy on Monday.

DEVIL'S POOL TOURNAMENT.

The above tournament is now in full swing at the Central Billiard Saloon, High-street, and as all the best of the local talent are engaged some first-class pool is played especially where the "hot stuff" are drawn together. Only one or two games had been decided at the time of going to press, but details of the first round will be published next issue. There are altogether 52 players taking part and the proprietor "Sid" Hicks is desirous of deciding the tournament as quickly as possible so that he can make a start with the snooked tournament which is to follow.

MARIST BROS', CLUB.

At the Marist Bros', clubrooms in Pitt-street, last week, a billiard tournament which has created a good deal of interest amongst those participating and others, was brought to a close the final game, 250 up, between Bros. McCullough (40 behind) and Mullavey (10 on) resulting in a win for the backmarker by the small margin of 16. The winners best efforts were 29, 22, 21, and 20 while Bros. Mullavey's best cue realised 17. The caretaker J. McDevitt had the table in good order and Bro. Geo. Farrell carried out the arrangement for the tournament, leaving no room for comTHE GAME OF "COWBOY."

By W. J. Chaafe, in "New World of Billiards.'

The game of cowboy is played by two or more players, in the form of ol. The positions of the balls.

The green on the pyramid spot, a pool. on the centre spot, the the brown yellow on the centre spot of the baulk line. The first player starts by playing with the white, which is the cueball, at the green. The game is cannons and winning hazards. The green which counts three, to be potted บเ the top corner pockets; the brown which counts four, to be potted in the centre pockets; the yellow which counts two, to be potted in the baulk pockets. A cannon counts two In the event of cannoning off the three balls, which is named a cowboy, counts six. Each player has to get forty, then he must make five cannons, which take him to fifty, and finally winning the game by making a loser off either the balls in their respective pockets.

Penalties are as under:—In the the event of a cannon or "pot," and the cue-ball goes into a pocket, you forfeit what is scored at that stroke and the next player rollows.

If in playing you miss all the balls you are penalised in the ball played at, which also applies when either ball is forced from the table.

If a player gets to thirty-nine he forfeits all his score and starts again.

CRICKETERS AS BILLIARD PLAYERS.

It is no uncommon thing to find experts in other games and pastimes fairly expert on the billiard tables. Everyone can call to mind the success of Mr. Walter Brearley, the fast bow-ler, in the Manchester Charity Tournament. Then there was the old York-shire professional, J. T. Brown, who was quite up to championship form, and whose early death robbed us of a splendid player. "Rangi," the great cricketer, is an expert of the billiard room; Walter Lees, the Surrey bowler, is quite a good manipulator of the cue. Dr. W. G. Grace, E. Hayes, Albert Trott, Len Braund, and Alan Marshal are all individuals well known in cricket, and their powers at billiards are not to be sneered at.—S. H. Fry, in "Fry's Magazine."

TO POCKET ALL THE BALLS IN THREE SHOTS.

TRICK SHOT.

Place a ball on the pyramid spot, and another on the middle spot of the D, and the third on the middle spot of the table. The spoof is, to stand up against the middle pocket and say you will back yourself to put a ball into three different pockets (without moving from the position you are standing in, and take care to hold the cue in the usual manner when about to play)-one in each pocket of the table the same side as you are standing. When all is ready -play the ball opposite you into the pocket you are standing up againstbut use the butt-end of the cue for the backward stroke. Then lay the cue on the table, straight between the middle pockets, with the tip towards yourself, hold the tip steady with one hand and see that the tip is facing in an exact line towards the middle pocket you are standing over, and with the other catch hold of the cue half-way down, and sweep it along the cloth at a moderate pace on to first one and then the other of the balls on the spots, and they should go into an end pocket.

Almost every room and club in Sydney has a billiard tournament in progress.

John Roberts experienced little difficulty in defeating the Manchester player, T. Mack, in their match of 18,000 up, and after giving him a start of 6,000 points left him 2,342 behind in the finish. The veteran is now engaged in giving 3,000 in a similar long game to A. E. Williams. also of Manchester, and so far as the game has progressed looks like winning comfortably.

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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

The second round of the Auckland district Rugby championships was commenced on Saturday, rain falling heavily during the afternoon, while the ground was in a sloppy condition. The attendance suffered in conse-quence, about 1000 enthusiasts gatherand University offered the chief attraction on No. 1 ground. These two traction on No. 1 ground. teams were expected to furnish spectators with a close game, and this proved to be the case, the Parnellites securing a victory by a narrow margin. When Parnell and University met in the first round, the students defeated the maroons by 8 points to nil, but on that occasion the Parnellites did not display their true form, their lack of combination being plainly evident. As it was the marcons' first cup match of the season when they had University as their opponents in the first round, whereas the students had played to whereas the students had played to-gether on the previous Saturday, Par-nell's showing perhaps can to some extent be accounted for, and their supporters were therefore not surprised when they turned the tables on University on Saturday. The maroon forwards played with better combination on Saturday, and made the game willon Saturday, and made the game willing from the commencement, and outplayed the students both in the pack and in the open. The 'Varsity backs were unable to get going properly, the swooping rushes of the Parnellites spoiling many of their opportunities. The University forwards gave a very moderate exhibition, and were not of too great service to their rear division,



D. MILLER, the North Shore fullback, who is playing very soundly for the marine suburb.

while the Parnell backs handled the ball in pleasing fashion and participated in numerous passing runs.

The match between City and Newton on No. 2 ground evinced little interest, the game being a foregone conclusion, the red and blacks romping over the Newtonites. City piled up their score rapidly, while the red and whites were unable to register a single point. The latter period of the game was of a humorous nature, the City backs beating the Newtonites badly and scoring several tries.

A remarkable score for senior grade football was put up by the Ponsonby team in their match against North Shore at Devonport, the result being more like that of a cricket match. From the moment the ball was kicked off the Ponsonby fifteen set out to run up a big score, and they managed to succeed beyond all anticipations, the nice score of 61 points being placed to their credit. The game was of a to their credit. The game was of a very one-sided character throughout, and the green and whites were compelled to resort to defensive tactics during the whole period of play.

PARNELL (8) v. UNIVERSITY (3).

Parnell winning the toss played in the first spell with the wind in their favour, while there was no sun to trouble either teams. Play was of a fast nature from the commencement, and Parnell hard pressing the students. Harris got over from a scrum in the blues' territory, and drew first blood for the maroons. Hardwicke made a good, though unsuccessful, shot at goal: Parnell 3, University 0. From then onwards matters were fairly even, and University made an unsuccessful effort to equalise the score. Finally from a neat passing run by the Parnell backs, Twiname scored a meritorious try, badly beating the Varsity fullback. Hardwicke added the major points: Parnell 8, University 0. Repeated efforts by the Varsity backs to cross the maroons' line all ended in failure, and half-time was sounded wtih the Parnellites attacking hotly: Parnell 8, University 0.

University supporters considered the blues' chances very bright with the wind in their favour in the second spell, but the 'Varsity players failed to fulfil the hopes of their barrackers and made a poor showing. The Parand made a poor showing. The Par-nell forwards made matters lively, and quickly dispelled any opinion that the blues would win. Play dragged for a considerable time and nothing of much interest happened until the concluding stage of the game, when, from a de-termined attack by the students, Wilson sent the ball across the line, and Dineen spurted up and scored University's only try. Wilson failed with sity's only try. Wilson failed with the shot at goal, and the bell rang with the score: Parnell 8, University 3.

For the winners Martin, Smith and Harris showed out most conspicuously of the forwards, and were a hard-graft-ing trio. Twiname, on the wing-three-quarter for Parnell, gave a very sound display, his work, both on attack and defence, being of a creditable order throughout. Clarke, at half, lost no time in getting the ball to his backs, and on the whole played a useful game. Saunders, at full, was very safe, and got through his work in a competent fashion.

Bamford and Dineen both played

solidly among the University forwards, and headed a number of the blues rushes. Wilkes shone out at times, but was not up to his usual form. Of the backs, Wilson stood out most pro-minently, his fast and tricky work being of great service to the 'Varsity team. Poananga made one or two mistakes, but fully justified his incla-Robinson took a hand in a good deal of the work, and acquitted himself with credit.

CITY (31) v. NEWTON (0).

City had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and it was not long after the kick-off before Estall secured a mark in a good position. gee had the shot at goal and succeeded in sending the ball over the crossbar: City 3, Newton 0. The city backs City 3, Newton 0. The city backs commenced throwing the ball about in good style, and a passing run by Hanley, Tobin and Estall resulted in the last-named player scoring City's first try. R. Magee made a successful shot at goal: City 8, Newton 0. Some fast work followed, and Skillen snapping up the ball smartly, passed to Tobin, who crossed the line and scored. R. Magee's attempt at goal proved fruitless: City 11, Newton 0. The city backs were displaying excellent form, and a passing run in which half-a-dozen players handled the ball enabled Lindsay to go within an ace of scoring. This effort, however, was rewarded shortly after, Lindsay marking in a good position, and Magee kicking a goal: City 14, Newton 0. Williams was the next try-getter for City, and R. Magee was successful in adding the major points, half-time being sounded with the score: City 19, Newton 0.

With the conditions in their favour Newton started off well, but it was not long before Williams registered his second try for the red and blacks. R. a fruitless goal: City 22, Newton 0. Soon after Estall scored two tries in quick succession, and taking both kicks himself he failed to add the major points in either case: City 28, Newton 0. The last try of the match was scored by Skillen, who raced over and obtained the red and blacks' final score, the whistle going with City victorious by 31 points to nil.

Williams played a sterling game for City, and on Saturday's form has a big claim for Auckland representative honours. Herring proved a veritable grafter among the forwards, and was associated with the bulk of the rushes. R. Magee was in excellent form at five-eighths, and gave a good all-round exhibition. Skillen showed much cleverness in the rear division, and made the most of the opportunities that came his way.

For Newton, Callaghan and Todd

played willing forward games, the lat-ter particularly being responsible for some serviceable graft. Of the backs, Farrant, at half, have a good account of himself, while Linkhorn, who took the fullback position, got in some useful defensive work.

PONSONBY (61) v. NORTH SHORE (0).

This match was played at Devonport and resulted in a runaway victory for the blue and blacks. North Shore had the advantage of the wind in the first spell, but this did not stop the onslaught of the Ponsonby men, who scored rapidly from the start. Murray registered the first try for the blue and blacks, getting over from a passing run. O'Leary was successful with the kick: Ponsonby 5, North Shore 0. From a scrum the ball travelled from Webb to Bater, and on to Murray, the last-named scoring his second try. O'Leary was again successful with the kick at goal: Ponsonby 10, North Shore 0. Clarke was the next to get over the green and whites' line, but O'Leary failed with the attempt at goal: Ponsonby 13, North Shore 0. Soon after Elliott got across and registered Ponsonby's fourth try. O'Leary's kick at goal again proved fruitless: Ponsonby 16, North Shore 0. A few minutes later Clark scored his second try for later Clark scored his second try for the blue and blacks, but Hall failed to add the major points: Ponsonby 19, North Shore 0. The next try was obtained by O'Leary, who followed up a long kick of Webb's, from which he scored. Elliott was entrusted with the kick and landed a good goal, the spell ending: Ponsonby 24, North Shore 0. Shore 0.

Play had hardly commenced before Bater was over for the blue and blacks, and Cunningham piloted the ball over the crossbar from a difficult angle. Following this tries were obtained in succession by O'Leary, Bater, Murray, Elliott, Sellars, Morse, Nicholson, and Francis, while four of them were converted by Webb, Blakey, Hall and Cunningham respectively. score was: Ponsonby 61, North Shore 0.

This match requires little comment. Every man Jack of the Ponsonby team showed up prominently at times, and the majority of them managed to notch points for their side. The Shore team were outplayed in all departments of the game, but nevertheless some of the green and whites put up a great defence. Warbrick and Neighbour grafted hard in the forwards, while Woodward and Miller were the pick of the backs.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

SECOND GRADE.

Newton III. defeated Marist Bros. by 11 points to nil.

Ponsonby beat North Shore II. by 13 points to 3

Parnell II. had a win over Grafton II. by 16 points to 8.

THIRD GRADE.

Ponsonby III. won from Newton III. B by default.

FOURTH GRADE.

Newton IV. defeated Chelsea by 5 points to 3. City IV. beat Grafton IV. by 12

points to nil.

St. Patrick's defeated Clarence by 9

points to 6. Parnell IV. won from Ponsonby IV.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MATCHES.

King's College beat St. John's College by 56 points to nil.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Hamilton, in the senior competition, City defeated Suburbs by 20 points to nil, while in the junior grade City proved victorious over Suburbs by 5 points to nil.

At Paeroa a junior match was played between Suburbs and Paeroa, and resulted in a drawn game, each side scoring a try.
At Waihi a representative match

match was played between Waihi and Paeroa, the latter team winning by 3

points to nil.

In the cup matches under the Rotorua Rugby Union, Waikite defeated Kahukura by 12 points to 3. The Wai-

kite team has won the championship this year again, this being the fourth season in succession that they have season in succession that they have proved winners of the Rotorua Rugby Union's senior competition. The junior match between City and Arawa was won by the former fifteen by 6

At Coromandel the cup match between Northern and Southern resulted in a win for the former by 12 points to 3.

At the Thames the senior match between Suburbs and County was won by the suburban fifteen by 15 points to nil. The first junior match between County A and City resulted in a drawn game.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The senior football results at Weilington were as follows:--Petone beat Poneke by 11 points to 3 (Poneke had won all their previous matches this season); Old Boys and St. James' played a drawn game, neither side scoring; Oriental beat Southern by 42 points to nil; Athletic beat Victoria College by

17 points to 5; Melrose beat Wellington by 3 points to nil.

Owing to the unfavourable weather conditions the Canterbury Rugby Union's maches were postponed until Saturday next.

The Otago senior football results were:—Alhambra beat Pirates by 18 points to nil; Southern beat Union by 6 points to 3; Zingari-Richmond beat Dunedin by 11 points to 3; Kaikorai beat University by 14 points to nil; Port Chalmers heat Tajori Bourne. Port Chalmers heat Taieri Rovers by



S, DEANS, the Grafton forward, who is showing good form this season.

AN AMUSING GAME.

BOOKMAKERS v. "TOTE."

A football match, which has been a great topic for discussion amongst the sporting fraternity during the last week, was decided at Victoria Park on Tuesday, when fifteen of the totalisator staff were pitted against a team chosen from the ranks of the pencillers. Up till the teams took the field the "books" were favourites, a slight shade of odds being laid on However, the betting underwent a complete change when the teams took the field, and the "totes" were made favourites, as they appeared to look more like winners than their opponents. The match was for a dinner. Soon after the game started the favourites took command, and, making the pace a "cracker," they kept the issue round the "bookies' goal, but the solid defence of Nolan prevented them from registering on more than one occasion. Not to be denied the "tote" continued the attack, and were at last rewarded when Mc-Namee got across and drew first blood. The shot at goal failed: "Tote" 3, "Books" 0. Continuing to have ail the best of the game, though losing several chances through not working together, the "tote" were indulging in a little passing, while the "bookies" never appeared to think of it, and seemed to be all "on their own." From a mark in the pencillers' 25, Blakey kicked a splendid goal, and the score read: "Tote" 6, "Books" 0. There was no alteration in the score at half-

During the interval the "books" wanted to replace one of their side

who had been injured, but this was not agreed to. Whether the refusal made any difference to the "books" or not it is hard to say, but as soon as the game resumed they entered into it with a vengeance, and gave an onlooker the impression that they would do or die. They did die, and very quickly, too, for their attack only They did die, and lasted about three minutes, when the favourites again took up the running. and from thence on it was a one-horse race. After a good deal of play Peach scored for the "tote," and the shot being unsuccessful the scores read: Tote 9, Books 0. The "tote" were having matters pretty well all their own way, but through faulty handling of the leather or failing to support their companions, threw away numerous chances. The last score was registered by Dryden, and once again the attempt at goal, although a good one, failed. The game ended good one, failed. The game end with the "tote" in front by 12 to 0.

The game was very funny to witness,and the large crowd-there must have been about 800 present-all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The antics of some of the players at times were most amusing, and created roars of laughter. On one occasion roars of laughter. On one occasion a "book" took a mark, but was humped by a "tote." The referee gave the mark, whereupon the "book" threw the ball at the head of the opponent who had rushed him. The line um-pires, Messrs. H. Hayr, jun., and Russell, had a very lively time in trying to keep the lines clear, and on occasions found it impossible to do so, and help was solicited. Of the players it would be hard to individualise amongst the winners, but McNamee played well, as did also Peach and Barrett. On the other side Nolan was out by himself. and with anyone to support him would bave kept the "tote" thinking. B. Champion, at fullback, was solid, and his efforts appeared to be well appreciated by the crowd, who gave a rous-ing cheer each time he handled the oval. From the time the barrier rose the "tote" went to the front, and, never giving their opponents a chance, won very easily by 12 lengths.

Snapshots of the match will appear in our next issue.

NOTES.

The time for the Ponsonby Club's departure for Sydney is drawing near, and on Monday, the 26th inst., the blue and black combination leave for their three weeks' Australian tour. As some of the players are reported to be unable to make the trip, a good num-ber of the first juniors should fall in for the tour, as the club should take at least half-a-dozen emergencies. If the Ponsonbyites reproduce their pro-per form on arrival over the other side, they are certain to come back with a very fine record.

Now that the professional football season has closed at Home, it is reported that Lance Todd, of the Wigan Club, intends returning to Auckland.

A. Carlaw, who is well known in Auckland football circles, is at pre-sent with the New Zealand professional team in Australia. Carlaw was cabled for after the team's arrival in Sydney, there being a vacancy in the pro-Black's rear division.

Football will be continued at Alexandra Park under "dry" conditions on Saturday, the Epsom Hotel having come under the ban on Wednesday. Followers of the Rugby game will suffer great inconvenience as a result of this foolhardy legislation, and in fua novelty of the matches played at the Park will be the absence of "shouting." "Where there's a will there's a way," however, and it is safe to say that thirsty individuals will still find a way of having their social glass.

A member of the professional team now playing matches in New South Wales, writes to a Wellington friend that the first two matches played across the water had the effect arousing wonderful interest in the northern game. The attendances exceeded the most sanguine expecta-tions, and the exposition of football given by the contestants thrilled the He says that the great crowds which attended the initial games give the lie direct to the statements that the Northern League game was dead so far as Sydney was concerned.

J. Coleman, the All Black and Taranaki representative, has made another application to the Taranaki Rugby Union to have his disqualification removed. The northern body is going to recommend the N.Z.R.U. to remove the suspension at the end of the present season.

Referring to the Ponsonby team's visit to Sydney, an Australian football critic says:-Beyond all doubt the match of the tour, if it can be arranged, is Ponsonby v. Newtown. It would, in a sense, decide the club championship of Australasia, since Ponsonoy is champion club in the champion province in New Zealand, and Newtown is the champion club of the champion State of Australia.

Despite the low standard of back play at the end of this season, Otago should be able to place a tolerably useful team in the field against a foreign invasion. While the backs for the main part are poor as compared with the rear divisions Otago has had in the past, the forwards are of a fine type-tall, powerful, and fast withal. As a protection for a weak rearguard, the Otago forwards of 1909 should hold their own against allcomers.

Wellington referees are blinking this season at the law regarding the failure of a player to part with the ball directly when on the ground (says a Southern writer). Flagrant violations of this law crop up Saturday after Saturday, but nothing is done to check the practice. If players were penalised for the offence we would have cleaner and more attractive foot-

The Ponsonby Club's five matches in Sydney will probably include three against club teams and two against combined teams, to be played during the absence of the New South Wales team at Brisbane.

Meetings are to be held by the various Dunedin clubs shortly to discuss the question of the district scheme of football. This question has been brought up at various times, but has always been thrown out with emphasis.

George Spencer, of Wellington, who was injured during the first N.Z. N.S. Wales match, will not be likely to play again for some time, as it found necessary to send for a doctor to attend him in the dressing room. It was feared that his jaw was broken.

Miss Nellie Stewart, as the patroness of the Newtown Club, Sydney, was presented by the members with a handsome cake at Her Majesty's Theatre the other night, when she appeared as "Kitty Bellairs." Its design was that of a stage in miniature, with Miss Nellie Stewart as "Sweet Nell" shaking hands with a Newtown player.

AQUATICS.

PAYING OVER THE STAKE.

The ceremony of paying over the stakes in connection with the sculling championship took place at Lustin, Ltd.'s, Rooms on Wednesday evening, when over two hundred sporting enthusiasts, including visitors from various parts of the Dominion and Australia, attended as guests of the cham-Mr. Coombes, of the Sydney Referee, was in the chair. The pro-ceedings were very enthusiastic. During the evening Webb was presented with a purse of sovereigns, the presentation being initiated by Arnst, in appreciation of Webb's fine performance. Arnst stated that nothing definite had been arranged with Durnan

PREVIOUS CONTESTS.

Races for the title of the World's Champion since 1876 have resulted

1876-E. Trickett beat J. H. Sad-

1877—E. Trickett beat M. Rush, Parramatta, 23.27½. 1879-E. Trickett beat E. Laycock,

Parramatta,, 23.39. 1880—E. Hanlan beat E. Trickett, Thames, 26.12. 1881-E. Hanlan beat E. Laycock,

Thames, 25.40. –E. Hanlan beat R. W. Boyd, 1882 -Tyne, 21.25.

1882—E. Hanlan beat E. Trickett, Thames, 28.0. 1884—E. Hanlan beat E. Laycock, Nepean, 22.45.

1884-W. Beach beat E. Hanlan, Parramatta, 20.28 1/2.

1885-W. Beach beat T. Clifford, Parramatta, 26.0.
1885—W. Beach beat E: Hanlan,

Parramatta, 22.51. 1885—W. Beach beat N. Mattersan, Parramatta, 24.111/2.

1886-W. Beach beat J. A. Gaudaur, Thames, 22.29. 1886—W. Beach beat W. Ross,

Thames, 23.5. –W. Beach beat E. Hanlan, Nepean, 19.55.

1888-P. Kemp beat T. Clifford, Parramatta, 23.47. beat E. Hanlan, 1888—P. Kemp

Parramatta, 21.36. 1888-P. Kemp beat E. Hanlan,

Parramatta, 21.25. 1888—H. E. Searle beat P. Kemp,

Parramatta, 22.44%. 1890—H. E. Searle beat W. J. O'Connor, Thames, 22.42. 1890—P. Kemp beat N. Matterson,

Parramatta, 21.13 1/2. Kemp beat J.M'Lean, 1890—P.

Parramatta, 21.45 1/2. 1891-J. M'Lean beat P. Kemp, Parramatta, 22.13.

1891-J. Stanbury beat J. M'Lean, Parramatta, 22.15 ½. *1891—J. Stanbury beat J. M'Lean,

Parramatta, 18.25. *1892-J. Stanbury beat T. Sullivan, Parramatta, 18.27.

1896-J. Stanbury beat C. R. Harding, Thames, 21.51.

1896—J. A. Gaudaur beat J. Stanbury, Thames, 23.1.
1901—G. A. Towns beat J. A. Gau-

daur, Rat Portage, 20.30. 1904—G. Towns beat R. Tressidder, Parramatta, 24.48 4-5. 1905-J. Stanbury beat G. Towns,

Parramatta, 19.50. 1906—G. Towns beat J. Stanbury, Parramatta, 19.53 1-5.

1907-G. Towns beat E. Durnan, Parramatta, 22.27. 1907—W. Webb beat C. Towns,

Parramatta, 20.45. 1908-W. Webb beat R. Tressidder,

Wanganui, 20.28. 1908-R. Arnst beat W. Webb, Wanganui, 19.52.

*These races were about half a mile short of the full course. The Thame scourse is 4 miles 400 yards; Parramatta 3 miles 330 yards; Tyne 3 miles 713 yards; Nepean about

In replying to the toast of "The Winner" Arnst said he was a proud man not only because he had retained the title but because he had beaten such a good man. There was no man in Australia to beat Webb who was a true sportsman and a white man. He spoke very strongly concerning those who thought the race was not going to be a straight one. Regarding Barry or Durnan, Arnst thought it was hopeless to try and get them to come to New Zealand either do so he hoped the race would be decided in Wanganui.

It is stated that Whelch's friends at Akaroa have issued a challenge on his behalf to the winner of the Mitchell-Pearce race, to take place on the Parramatta River on the 17th July, for a match for £200 aside to be rowed at Akaroa.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Major Taylor's aversion to racing on Sunday-the sports day of the Continent—is well known, but as he desires to win the world's championship and another important annual event, always decided on Sundays, he is going to break through his rule and leave it to his conscience to settle hereafter.

It seems that up till May 5th last, A. E. Wills' world's hour record of 61 miles 973 yards had not been officially passed by the International Cyclists' Union.' The delay originally arose through the time sheet being lost in transmission, and another one ${\sf a_s}$ to be prepared by the timekeeper. Matters were being straightened out when the mail left, but the English papers blame the slackness of the German officials. "Probably," one of them concludes, "if the record had been made by a German rider, it would have been accepted months ago, at least that is bound to be the impression here." Wills' attempt took place so long ago as August last.

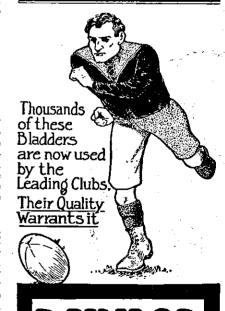
The War Office seems now to have accepted the inevitable—that motor vehicle will be an indispensible adjunct to the defence scheme of the Empire; and in an army order is-sued last month it is mentioned that the daily allowance to officers of the Army Motor Reserve for use by the military authorities of a motor car of 20-h.p., or over, seating at least 4 persons, is fixed at 35s; for cars under 20-h.p., seating four, at 32s 6d; and for cars of 10-h.p. seating two, at 25s. A mileage allowance of 8d in the first case, 6d in the second, and 4d in the third, will also be given when the miles run per day exceed 60.

In April last the first Inter-University Motor Cycle match, between representatives of Oxford and Cambridge Universities was held on the Brooklands track, consisting of a time trial over half a mile, and two teams races of two miles and six miles respectively. The scoring was by points, and the team with the highest aggregate in a race won that race. The Oxford team won the half mile speed test by 6 points to 4 points, and the two miles by 7 points to 3 points; but lost the six mile race, scoring only 4 points against Cambridge's 6 points. Thus Oxford won the match by two events to one, and by 17 points to 13

The great annual cycle road race from Bordeaux to Paris, the 19th of the series, was decided on May 2nd, and was won by Van Houwaert, who also was successful in 1907. entry for this long distance event (370 miles) is never large, but it is at all times a very "classy" one, and this year was no exception. Van Houwaert led by 15 minutes, finishing in 18hrs 54min, with Trousselier, (last years' winner) second in 19hrs 19min, and Georget third, in 19hrs 38min. Single pacemakers were allowed, and the cracks of the various firms were followed by motor cars, with attendants, food etc. Sixteen racers started in this year's contest.

A member of the Victorian motor trade, Mr. Colin de Fris, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, is bringing out a flying machine, which he will operate under engagement with Mr. T. N. Tait. He will first publicly exhibit the machine in the Town Hall, and then give a flying exhibition in a suitable place, probably on the Flowington Place. ably on the Flemington Race Course. The machine is of the aeroplane type, which is opposed in principle to the airship in that with the latter the difficulty was to get down when up, while with the aeroplane the trouble was to get up when down. The Australasian rights of this fly-ing machine were acquired from Mr. Wilbur Wright.

Another pace following disaster is reported from Germany. At Treptow, on April 25th., the pace follower, Pongs, trailed by Junggburt, came down in a 50 klms. race against Przyrombel and Rosenloecher. Englishmen will scarcely wonder at any-thing happening with such an array of names; evidently it was too much for the track..



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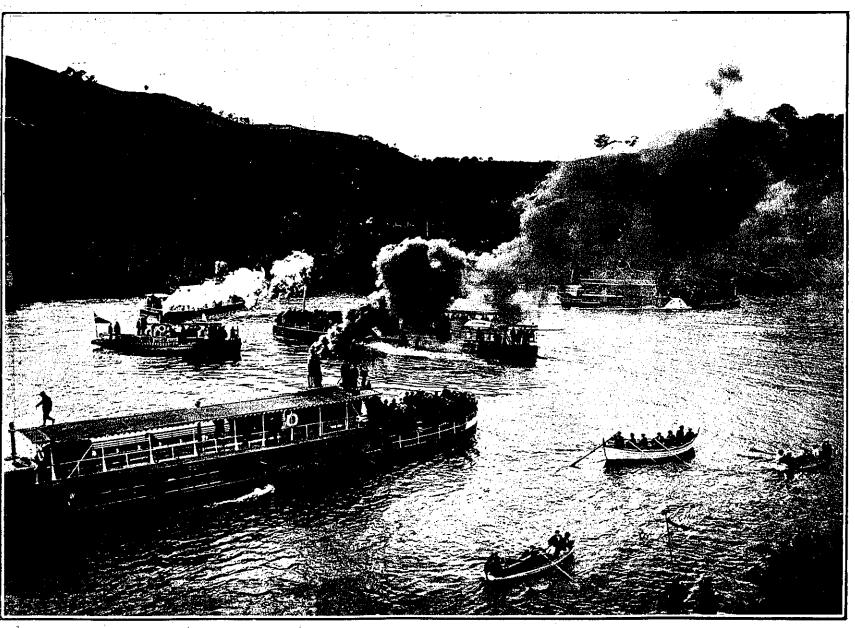
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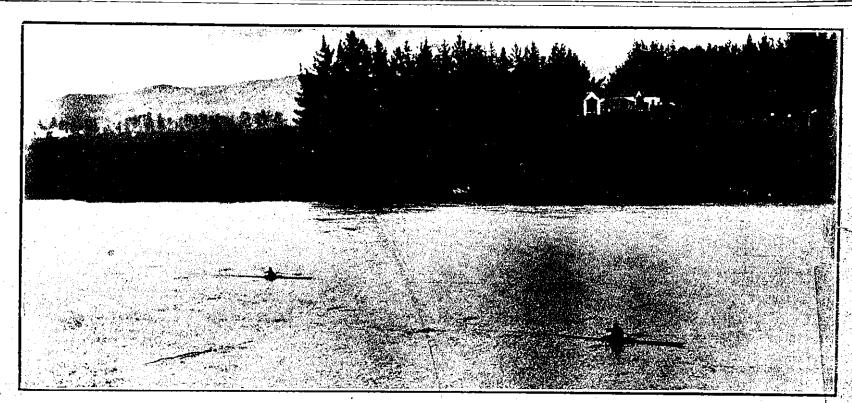
GÖING OFF TO VICTORY.—R. ARNST, THE WORLD'S CHAMPION SCULLER, STEPPING INTO HIS BOAT ON THE EVENTFUL DAY PRIOR TO WINNING HIS SECOND VICTORY. THE OTHER FIGURE IS H. FLOYD, ARNST'S TRAINER.



NEARING THE ANXIOUS MOMENT. — JOE GREEN, WEBB'S PACE-MAKER WISHING THE LATTER SUCCESS AS WEBB STEPS INTO HIS BOAT JUST BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT.



THE BOATS WHICH FOLLOWED THE RACE. THE PRICES PAID FOR THE TRIP ON THESE STEAMERS WAS £2, £1, AND 10s-



THE FINISH OF THE WORLD'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP. - R. ARNST WINS BY THREE LENGT HS.



THE UNITED HOCKEY TEAM, which defeated the Auckland eleven by 2 goals to one, and are now leading for the Auckland Hockey Association's championship.—Back row: W. Robinson (referee), K. F. Howarth, R. W. Barry, Von Sturmer, D. K. Porter, B. Becker, H. Munro, W. Blomfield. Front row: — Cathro, H. Shirriffs, — Exley, — Swinbourne.



THE AUCKLAND HOCKEY TEAM.—Back row: W. Robinson (referee), Rev. Fowler (vice-president), D. Hill, V. C. Kavanagh, E. G. Whitley, T. Horspool, S. Page, J. Lepine, W. S. Whitley. Front row: P. Lepine, F. R. Mason, A. Murdoch, W. Allen, H. L. Mather.



THE CHUNG LING SOO **SEASON-**

RICKARDS' TIVOLI VAUDE-VILLE COMPANY AT HIS MAJESTY'S.

CROWDED HOUSES AND ENTHU-

Rickards' Tivoli Company, now visiting Auckland, with Mr. Allan Hamilton in the capacity of manager, contains some of the best vaudeville artistes that have ever visited New Zealand. It is certainly a strong combination, every "turn" being genuinely good and exception-ally interesting. The bright and parally interesting. The bright and particular star is, of course, "the Great and Only Chung Ling Soo," whose fame has spread across the five continents. and of whom it may be well said that he stands head and shoulders above his fellows in his own particular line of business. A conjurer from his youth up, he does some old and many new things with a simple ease and grace that charms and delights every beholder. His show is perfectly mounted, with nothing lacking in the way of picturesque detail to lend effect to a singularly attractive spectacle. During his turn of 40 minutes we are safe in saying that the large audiences that are nightly assembling to witness his performances experience a greater variety of sensations than would be possible in any other show. That they are entertained, amused, and even de-lighted goes without saying. But beyond that they are mystified and be-wildered, by the startlingly sensational developments of the conjurer's skill. Even the old tricks are accomplished in such a masterly fashion that they take on the guise of new ones, and the bland simplicity of the master magician, his quiet but evident enjoyment of the whole business, and the manner in which he literally "shakes hands with himself," as the audience nation with nimed, as the addressed notifies its enthusiastic approval of each succeeding trick, affords an interesting study in itself. Chung Ling Soo is evidently a man in a million, and everything he does, from the making of an omelette in a pan into which he breaks four eggs, and from which he extracts, in some mysterious fashion, as many doves, after frying the eggs over a lamp fed by methylated spirits, up to the great lamp and cauldron tricks, bears tribute to the greatness of his powers as a Twentleth Century magician. Mr. Chung Ling Soo is assisted all through the chapter by his wife, a graceful little lady concerning whom a great deal might be said, for much of the unique entertainment provided would be impossible of accomplishment but for

Wearing the robe of a military man-darin, with its five-clawed dragon gold embroideries, Mr. Chung Ling Soo moves above the stage so quietly and handles everything so deftly that even did he merely present the old tricks to which we have grown accustomed they would be invested with a freshness and a charm that would prove irresistibly attractive. But his illusions are so suggestive of new creations that it would almost appear as if his business in life was simply to produce and reproduce beautiful things—camellias and narcissi from flower pots filled with sawdust, beautiful Chinese maidens from the invisible world—in reality there is but the one figuring all through the performance, Mrs. Chung Ling Soo-live rabbits, guinea pigs. fowls and ducks from cauldrons of boiling water and finally to produce Mrs. Soo herself from the same extraordinary receptacle. Borrowing rings from ladies in the audience, he fires them apparently through a pistol into some sealed boxes, and restores them to their owners with little souvenirs attached, that will probably be treacured for many days to come. and elches forth flame and smoke like /miniature volcano. The f the big tricks are associated

with Mrs. Chung Ling Soo's remark-

able appearances in the most unlikely places. Five cube-shaped boxes, each painted to represent dice, are placed upon an open pedestal; a cube-shaped cylinder is swung on to the stage and drawn over the boxes. A moment later it is lifted again; the boxes have disappeared and a beautifully-dressed Chinese lady steps down from the pedestal, although the cylinder was certainly as empty as the cubes when placed in position. Again, a glass lamp, the sides of which are clearly visible, is placed in position; a lighted torch is thrust through it in every di-rection; then it is whirled round at a great rate; Chung Ling Soo fires a pistol twice, and, before the lamp ceases to revolve, the Chinese lady is again seen to be inside. As it is brought to a standstill she opens one of the sides of the lamp and steps out on to the stage. And then there is the cauldron trick already referred to. It is all very mystifying and subtly entertaining, and everyone almost goes away voting Chung Ling Soo "a perfect marvel." And so he is.

adds greatly to the attractiveness of There will be a mathe programme. tinee performance on Saturday, and a complete change of programme on Monday, the final performance in Auckland being announced for to-mor-

A CONJURER'S WARDROBE.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH MRS. soo.

Chung Ling Soo believes in gratifying the eye as well as mystifying the senses, and his wardrobe is by no means a small item in his performances. Assisted by his skilful little wi'e, he plans out costumes and effects with every regard to detail, and spares neither trouble nor money in perfecting his ideas.
"Would you like to see some of our

costumes and accessories?" asked Mrs. Soo, when our Social reporter called upon her at the theatre on Tuesday.

lined with squirrel, was of saxe blue satin, hand embroidered in gold, and cost £150. Another richly-textured gown was of Imperial yellow-the real Mandarin yeliow—embroidered in tur-quoise blue with the five-clawed dragon, which is the Imperial badge. One was of mustard yellow with a bold design in gold. Another was pale turquoise wrought in silver and gold, a particuwrought in silver and gold, a particularly effective one, being richly fashioned in embroidery designating the Imperial dragon, edged with sable and lined throughout in red brocaded silk.

As for Mrs. Soo's dresses, they are almost beyond description. affier creation, and Parisian at that, was carefully unfolded, dazzling the beholder with its kaleidoscopic beholder with its kaleidoscopic splendour, for they were in all colours and designs. One represented a marand designs. One represented a marguerite, another a butterfly, one a swallow, the effect being brought out by the ombre shades on which the jewelled designs, to simulate the various representations, were posed. amount of work put into these frocks can be imagined when one handles them, for, fashioned out of plain white satin, the material is hand painted in graduations of shades to blend with the sequinned designs, and the effect is most wonderful. A striking gown represented a flame, and was of delicate pink brocade, with sinuous waves of flame-tinted sequins to express the idea. In her butterfly dress Mrs. Soo won the first prize on the Moldavia at a fancy dress ball. Then there was a cerise gown, a brick-coloured one, a sea green, a black, and an amethyst, all ablaze in their sequinned setting, the richness and harmony of the colourings making one fancy they were transported to the time of Aladdin. Handsome embroidered jackets of delicate fabric, Chinese shoes and boots, the latter made out of old books and papers, and the shoes of sapphire blue embroidered in silk and surmounted with heels savouring of the Inquisition, were objects of special interest and attention, and the writer went away thinking that here was a show in itself, and thoroughly convinced that both Mr. and Mrs. Soo are pastmasters in the art of dressing to effect



MISS ADA GUILFORD, OF MR. ALLAN HAMILTON'S DRAMATIC COMPANY, OPENING AT HIS MAJ ESTY'S ON JULY 10th.

We have said the company is a good It includes Madame Camille Crawford, a ballad singer of some rehas a pleasing soprano voice -sweet, but scarcely robust enough to be heard to the best advantage; Master Ray McLean ("Australia's Little Tich"), a youngster of some nine or ten years at most, who dances very quaintly and who is becoming a great favourite; Stewart and Lorraine, the "musical experts," whose selections "musical experts," whose selections on banjos, mandolins, sleigh bells and the tubular harp, etc., are a treat in themselves; Ted Kelman, a comic character vocalist, who is making a good impression here: the Two Wheelers in their comedy cycling tricks; the Australian Dartos, whose dancing is cer-

inly of the wierdest and most fascinating description, and must be seen to be appreciated, and the Two Bells. described as "two of England's leading Terpsichorean artistes direct from the Alhambra Theatre, London." The turns are all good, and the incidental music provided by the orchestra, under the direction of Herr Diedrichsen,

"Only too glad of the opportunity." was the reply. And what a wealth of colour and splendour was disclosed: It was fairly bewildering! Beautiful table covers of crimson satin, the foundation almost obliterated with the designs in beaten gold—hundreds and hundreds of pounds worth-were duly admired, one particular specimen being emblazoned with a peacock. "China's lucky bird," said Mrs. Soo, "and your unlucky one, that is if you are superstitious. But I only call it unlucky if you can't afford to get one," she added

Mr. Soo's robes were next brought out for inspection. They are simply out for inspection. They are simply magnificent. A peculiarity in the sleves, Mrs. Soo pointed out, as she let them hang limply, is the fact that they all closely resemble a horse's hoof in shape. "Only a military mandarin can wear such a robe," Mrs. Soo declared, "as it is a distinguishing badge. You'd get your head cut off badge. You'd get your head cut off in China," she cheerfully added, "if you wore one when you weren't entitled to it." One handsome robe

THE OPERA HOUSE.

"THE WOMAN PAYS."

Melodrama is still holding boards at the Opera House under the direction of the Geach-Marlow Company, "The Woman Pays" being presented for the first time on Monday night to an audience that watched every move with bated breath, culminevery move with pated breath, cuiminating in rounds of applause or disapprobation as the situation demanded. For thrilling intrigues, blood-curdling episodes, and sensational plots, with an occasional murder or would-be murder interpressed at interpresse would-be murder, interspersed at intervals, hanging on love and revenge, follow each other with amazing rapidity, and the whole gamut of crime is run to its very limit, to the intense enjoyment of the "gods." In the end, however, everything rights itself. Virtue is rewarded and villainy meets with its proper deserts. Squire Thread-gold's financial difficulties open the Langford Manor r the p being in danger of passing from his hands unless a certain sum is met. This amount is forthcoming from the squire's wealthy brother in California, but the squire's steward (Robert Marchant), who is bent on marrying the former's daughter Madge, waylays and murders the postman and intercepts the monetary communication for his own purposes. Madge has been seown purposes. Madge has been secretly married to a young fisherman named Sid Armstrong, and Robert Marchant succeeds by vile machinations in separating husband and wife. Then come more lurid schemes for the destruction of Sid Armstrong, in-terwoven with the story of the woman Marchant had wronged, her confinement in a mad-house, her escape and subsequent tortures. After an absence of three years, during which are believes her husband dead, and

he deems her faithless, Marchant prevails on her to go through the mar-

riage ceremony with him, as the only means of averting the financial mis-fortune which is imminent to her father, and of saving the old home from the hands of the moneylender. At the critical moment Armstrong, with untold wealth, returns from the dead, the wronged woman denounces the villain, her father puts a knife through Marchant, husband and wife are restored, old fortunes are retriev-ed, and everything sorts itself out

satisfactorily.
Mr. Robert Inman as Sid Armstrong was natural and convincing, and was ably seconded by Miss Maud Appleton in her role of Madge. Mr. Kenneth Hunter as Robert Marchant compounded bloodthirsty villainy, and he had the wrathful indignation of the audience with him all through-sufficient testimony to the success of the character he portrayed. Mr. Thomas Curran as the squire made the most of his part, Mr. Albert Lucas was forceful as Luke Moreland, while Miss Leal Douglas, Luke's daughter, had the sympathies of all in her troubles. Miss Ethel Buckley (Polly Stokes) and Mr. J. P. O'Neill (Mickey Maloney) contributed the comic element, their sallies evoking much merriment, Miss Pattie Gourlay (Tabitha) adding not a little to the amusement by reason of her grotesque appearance. The scen-ery and spectacular effects are a feature of the production, being particularly fine and reflecting much credit on the management.

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"IN THE RANKS."

This drama will be staged again at Majesty's Theatre on Saturday week, when Mr. Allan Hamilton's dra-matic company open their Auckland season with the interesting drama, "In the Ranks," with Mr. Geo. Cross and Miss Ada Guildford in the lead. They are supported by a strong combination, including Miss Rosemary Rees, Miss May Hesford, Miss Beatrice Usher, and Miss Maud Chetwynd, Messrs. Wilton Power, Wilton Welsh, John Hesford, and J. L. Lawrence. The John Hesford, and J. L. Lawrence. The company consists of thrity-live artists. In addition to "In the Ranks," the repertoire includes three plays entirely new to this country—viz., "Queen of the Night," "In the King's Name," and "The King of Crime," while Mr. Hamilton also holds the sole rights of "A Message from Mars" which is also to Message from Mars," which is also to be revived. The public here may an-ticipate a treat as far as the mounting is concerned, as both the Sydney and the Wellington press speak in glowing terms of this department, and admit that nothing finer has been seen. Mr. H. Whaite, who was responsible for most of the late Robert Brough's productions, was specially engaged to paint the scenery. The box-plan will be open at Wildman and Arey's on Tuesday morning. The season in Auckland is limited to thirteen nights, the first three being devoted to "In the Ranks," which will be followed by dous audience to our Royal. The play was nicely mounted and well acted, Horace Parker being Geo. Cross' best effort of the season, and when you see him in this fine part in Auckland shortly you will, I think, bear me out in this. Friend George had hold of the managerial reins, and discharged his duties in a courteous manner. He had able assistance in Mr. Wally Monk.

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THE MAN OF MYSTERY.

An interesting sketch of and interview with Chung Ling Soo appears on page 9 of this week's "Review."

CHUNG LING SOO'S POWERS.

By many of his Chinese compatriots Mr. Chung Ling Soo is regarded simply and solely as an exponent of what Europeans call "the black art," and is thought to be invested with occult powers, which enable him to magically create anything and everything he requires. On one occasion, when dining in a Chinese restaurant in Sydney, Mr. Soo was presented by the Chinese waiter with a bowl, with the remark, "You make em f'ower plenty come."

pronounced the food to be excellent, and subsequently visited the kitchen and inspected the house from the basement upwards, finding everything to be perfectly sweet and clean, and remarking of the kitchen arrangements that their cleanliness and order would be a valuable object-lesson to the European chefs of some of the better class hotels of the city.

THE IRISHWOMAN KNEW.

Mr. Chung Ling Soo spends a good deal of money every week over his flower tricks, flinging the blossoms, with little medallion portraits of himself attached to the stalks, amongst his audience. When in Dublin some time back, he made inquiries of a little old lady who kept a florist's shop, close to the theatre where he was performing, if she could supply him with 200 roses a day. "Two thousand if you want them." was the reply. Mr. Soo want them," was the reply. Mr. Soo consequently sent his manager along for the flowers, without disclosing his identity or the purpose for which he required them. The old lady, becoming curious, attended a matinee performance with her daughter, and was an interested spectator of "the flower-pot trick," with the seemingly magical growth of the heautiful roses. When growth of the beautiful roses. to her and said, "Sure an' isn't it won-derful, mother, how he makes the roses grow?" "Wonderful!" snorted the old dame, contemptuously. "Do



SCENE FROM "IN THE RANKS," TO BE PRODUCED AT HIS MAJESTY'S ON SATURDAY, JULY 10th.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

ALL BLACKS v. KANGAROOS. Despite counter-attractions, the Pathe Pictures at the Royal Albert Hall continue to attract large audiences. The new programme as presented last evening is a splendid one and beard house for the remainder of and good houses for the remainder of the week may be assured. The star film on the new programme is en-titled "The All Blacks v. Kangaroos," The star and depicts the professional footbail match played between the New Zealanders and Australians in Sydney re-cently, and which proved to be a very close contest, the issue being in doubt up to within a few minutes of the call The film shows all the chief of time. incidents during the game, and passing rushes, scrums, kicking, etc., are clearly depicted, the players being easily recognisable by those acquainted with them. The picture should be witnessed by all followers of Rugby in Auckland, as there are no less than five prominent local players taking part in the contest. A scenic film showing some beautiful scenery is entitled "The Land of Pharaohs," while "William Tell," "The Share of the Poor," "At Night," and "Little Dog Clipper" are all very fine dramatic films each being well received. There are comic pictures in plenty, and several of those presented are more than funny. Those calling for special mention are "Skinny's Finish," "A Day of Rest," and "The Bewitched Drum.'

a revival of that charming comedy-

ama, "A Message from Mars."
Concerning "In the Ranks," our drama, "A Message from Mars." Napier correspondent writes:-Allan Hamilton's dramatic company, headed by Mr. George Cross and Miss Ada Guilford, opened a three nights' season here in the Theatre Royal, with the sensational military drama, "In the Ranks," which was made famous twenty-five years ago by George Rig-It was received in Napier as a new drama. The house was crowded with an enthusiastic audience, that watched with keen interest the deve-lopment of the several scenes in this very fine play, and never missed a point. It would be unjust to Mr. H. Whaite, the scenic artist, were I not to notice the very sterling qualities of his stage pictures, which are entitled to rank amongst the best we have seen. As Ned Drayton, the hero, Mr. Geo. Cross gave a nice, firm and manly interpretation of the part, and was applauded to the echo. Miss Guilford calls for lots of praise, but it is unnecessary for me to go into detail, for N.Z. playgoers know that, when this lady appears in any cast, they are in for lots of good acting, etc. And this is no exception. All the members of the company did good work, especially Miss Rosemary Rees.

The second production was "The Queen of the Night," and filled a good Saturday night bill. The play provided plenty of sensational enjoyment. The last night of the season the popular "Message from Mars" drew a tremen-

Not having his conjuring accessories at hand, Mr. Soo politely intimated that the thing was beyond his power. But the more he declined the more persistent the Chinese waiter grew, and it took a good deal of explanation to make him understand that there are limits, even to the capabilities of a Chinese juggler.

EAST AND WEST.

Were Mr. Chung Ling to remain in the colonies he might do something towards promoting an entente cordiale between Australasians and the subjects of the Celestial Empire. Everywhere he goes, Mr. Soo seeks to bring about a better understanding between Europeans and Chinamen. Taking them man for man, and class for class, Mr. Soo stoutly maintains that the Chinaman is every bit as good, and just as reliable as the Hungarian, the German, the Pole, the Swede, the Russian, or the Britisher. He tells more than one interesting little story by way of rebutting the commonly accepted idea that Chinamen will live on anything, even to "the smell of an oiled rag." On a recent occasion, in company with a well-known Sydney journalist (the son of a late Privy Councillor-the first colonial statesman to be so honoured) and the Master of the Sydney Mint, Mr. Soo visited a Chinese restaurant, the trio dining off precisely the same fare as is served to the Chinese market gardeners and labourers who frequent such houses. They had six courses, and you call that wongerful? Why, sure and them's my roses, the very ones I sells him mysel'."

A NEW PLAY.

Mr. J. C. Williamson has secured the rights of "Henri of Navarre," which is being played with great success by Julia Neilson and Fred Terry, and has now passed its 150th performance in London.

* * * * A NEW ZEALANDER'S SUCCESS.

One of the most popular Australian actors of the present day is Mr. Harry Plimmer, who was born in Wellington, New Zealand, and began his stage career at the old Opera House, Melbourne, with Miss Ada Ward in a piece called "Bright Hopes." His next piece called "Bright Hopes." His next engagement was with H. C. Sydney and Alice Norton in "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab." This engagement was followed up by six months with Bland Holt at the Alexandra Theatre (now Her Majesty's Theatre), Melbourne, and then he joined Miss Myra Kemble, who was playing in "The Profligate" and other pieces of a similar He next joined George Rignold's forces at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, and stayed with him three Then he was engaged by the late Mr. Robert Brough to take the place of Mr. G. S. Titheradge during a tour of India and the East. On his

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return from the East Mr. Plimmer's services were secured by J. C. Williamson for an 18 months' tour at the head of the Julius Knight company, while Mr. Knight himself was away on a holiday trip to England. At the conclusion of this engagement Mr. Plimmer was transferred to the Nance O'Neil company, and thereafter went to America, where he was engaged the very day he landed for the part of Cavaradossi in "La Tosca." He was the first exponent of the part of Sherlock Holmes in Australia, and during his recent engagement with J. C. Williamson he has added to his already fine reputation a long list of successes. including Prince Yoland in "An Englishman's Home."

A VARIETY STAR'S PATE.

Alice Leamar, once the darling of the London and Australian vaudeville stage, the boldest, raciest and riskiest of her day, is said to be absolutely down and out; a pitiable wreck on life's shores, and a terrible instance of the fleeting nature of the triumphs of a variety star. Alice will be best remembered by Tivolians in her songs, "Whacky, Whacky, Whack," and "Johnny Jones." She was a gay and festive soul, rather pretty, very attractive, and a woman who believed fully in and obeyed Omar's exhortation

"Make the most of what we yet may

spend
Before we, too, into the Dust descend;
Dust into Dust, and under Dust to lie,
Sans Wins, sans Song, sans Singer, and
sans End."

"THE KING OF CADONIA,"

"The King of Cadonia," at present the reigning attraction at Her Ma-Theatre, Melbourne, is far above the ordinary type of musical comedy plays with which audiences have been entertained during the past few years. To begin with, it has a well-knit story which for romantic incident and sustained interest might very easily hold its own as a dramatic production without the addition of the delightful melodies which have been contributed by Mr. Sydney Jones. The humour also bubbles up naturally from the plot, and is not, so to speak, thrust in promiscuously. Then the mounting and costuming is acknowledged on every hand to be the most brilliant that has ever graced a production on the Australian stage—the great Coronation scene at the last being one gorgeous mass of colour, the costumes of the ladies of the Court in the most fashionable styles and hues mingling with the uniforms of the attaches and forming a scene of brilliance that has never been equalled out here. Moreover, it is interesting to reflect that this scene of brilliance is the handiwork of Australians-all the costumes having been made either by leading Melbourne firms or by Miss Emily Nathan, the head of the wardrobe staff under the J. C. Williamson manage-The various members of the newly-organised company also have achieved great success in their various roles, and the whole production decidedly merits the popularity which it seems likely to achieve.

THE LATEST PIANIST.

The latest pianist to shake the music-loving world-and that's all the world—is another Russian, and his name is Lhevinne. He was playing in San Francisco recently, and one paper, a clever, artistic, brilliantly and carefully-written weekly, began a perfect panegyric with the following paragraph:—"We have with us one of the world's greatest pianists. It did It did not take long for the assembly of music-lovers to make this discovery last Sunday afternoon, when an audience, consisting principally of trained musicians, gathered to hear Josef Lhevinne, the Russian pianist."

UNMUZZLING THE STAGE.

After 172 years of agitation, a Bill has been introduced in Parliament for the abolishment of the office of play censor in England. The office was censor in England. created to muzzle Henry Fielding, and it had the immediate and permanent effect of turning him from the medium of the play to that of the novel. Among plays prohibited in recent years were "Three Weeks," "Ghosts," "Monna Vanna," and "Mrs. Warren's Profes-

"THE MERRY WIDOW" VOGUE.

Some further interesting informa-tion regarding the phenomenal success of "The Merry Widow" has come to of "The Merry Widow" has come to hand from Mr. Henry W. Savage, the holder of the American copyright of the famous opera. According to the statistics supplied by him the piece has found favour with theatre-goers of all nationalities, and has been produced in thirty different countries, including China, Hindustan, and Siberia, having been translated into thirteen different languages. Mr. Savage states that the opera has been performed in 422 German towns, and in 154 and 135 American and English towns respec-tively. At the lowest computation its performances total quite 20,000— 1500 in America, 1400 in England, and equally striking figures mark its re-ception in the other cities in which it has been produced. To hear the opera in New York alone no less than

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1,000,000 dollars have been expended, while the waltz has been danced quite 4652 times, which allows for five-encores for each performance, and in the same city no fewer than 3,000,000 copies of the waltz have been sold. In Australasia, where the wonderful musical mascotte is still on tour and meeting with great success in New Zealand, it has already been performed close on 300 times, and quite halfa-million people have seen it.

MISS AMY CASTLES.

Two important engagements have been made by Messrs J. and N. Tait for the Australasian concert tour of Miss Amy Castles. Mr. Pete Daw-Miss Amy Castles. son, the famous basso, and Mr. Anderson Niccol, one of the most popular tenors associated with ballad concerts in Great Britain and Ireland, will accompany the young Bendigonian on her return to her own country. Mr. Dawson, who went to Europe from Adelaide some years ago, ranks as one of the two greatest bassos now singing on the concert platform in He will not come unknown to Australians, as the gramaphone re-cords have for some years past given us a pronounced impression of the depth and strength of his voice.

" IN A BAD WAY."

According to an actor just returned from England, the stage there is in a very bad way, especially in London. The legitimate has almost disappeared; in fact, there is only one theatre in London where the legitimate is being played, and then there it is not by any means consistent. Everything is musical comedy "with plenty of Musical entertainments in which leg." there is a great array of girls are in great demand. The music halls, too, are jumping ahead, but in these some fine entertainments are given.

When skinned your nose, and sore your

eyes,
And choked your head and chest likewise,
Don't stop to vainly theorise
On cause obscure;
When pain and angulsh wring the brow,
'Tis time to jump, you will allow;
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A NEW PROCESS.

The French cinematograph film manufacturers, who are now establishing branches in Australia, claim to have discovered a colour process, and recently they exhibited in Melbourne tropical scenes in the Sunda Islands, showing the rich green bamboo foliage.

POLLARD'S JUVENILES.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quealy shortly leave Australia with the other members of Pollard's Juuvenile Opera Company on a tour of China, Japan, India, and America. Mrs. Quealy takes charge of the children of the company, and her husband is to be stage manager.

OLD PRIENDS IN LONDON.

Madame Clara Butt and Miss Marie Hall, both of whom were introduced to Australian and New Zealand audiences by Messrs. J. and N. Tait, recently appeared at the Mansion House, London. The occasion was a charity concert organised by the Lord Mayor of London in aid of the British National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Chil-Madame Patti also appeared. but the dominant features of the concert were the singing of Madame Clara Butt and the young violinist's playing. Owing to illness Madame Butt aband-oned her English winter tour, and spent the time at Cannes and Biarritz. However, latest advices state that the famous contralto and Mr. Kennerley Rumford gave their usual Albert Hall concert towards the close of May. For these two singers a concert in London's famous auditorium means anything between £1500 and £2000.

NOW PAMOUS.

Olive Lenton, the dainty daughter of poor dead and gone Lance Lenton, actor and journalist, the girl who was so long one of Rickards' best drawing cards, she of the shapely limbs and tiny hands and feet (the latter in-herited from pa), has become one of the very first rank vaudeville artists in London, and for three years has never been out of an engagement. By the mail last week (says Sydney 'Fair Play") arrived a couple of gay bills, in orange, red and black, on which Olive's name alone appears, setting forth that she is showing at the Palace, Shaftesbury Avenue, in a musical ace, Shaftesbury Avenue, in a musical scena entitled "Harvest Time," and she is entitled on the bill "Australia's Own Artiste." Pretty Olive always was keenly ambitious to rise in her chosen line, and she appears to have got right to the top when she has posters all to herself.

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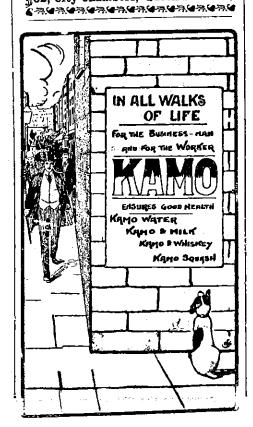
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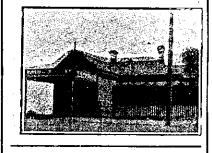
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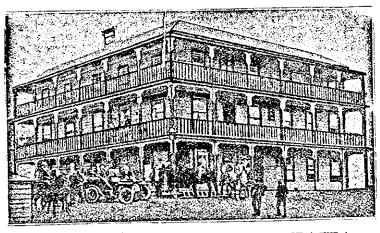
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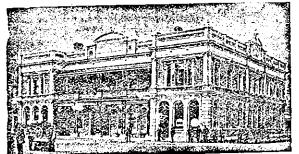
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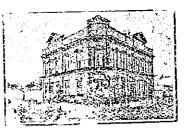
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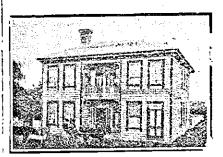
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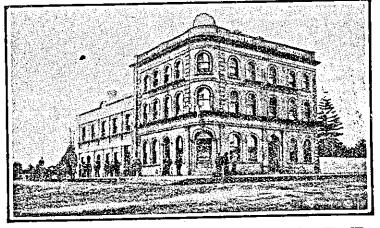
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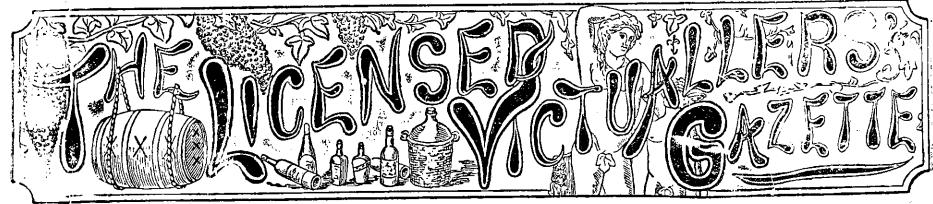
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THE FATAL 30TH.

REDUCTION VOTE IN OPERA-

OVER 100 HOTELS CLOSED.

At 10 o'clock last evening the bars of no fewer than 107 hotels in the Dominion of New Zealand were closed for the last time, as the outcome of the local option poll taken in November last. Of the number 66 licenses vanish under the direct operation of the "No-License" vote, 13 others disappear, most unfairly as we have all along contended owing to the readjustment of the Electoral boundaries; and 28 are wiped out under the Reduction vote by the several Licensing Committees.

The losses appear to be equally divided between the two islands, although on the prohibition basis the North Island most, as 54 houses are closed in the North Island against 53 in the South Island. The "No-License" vote proved more effectual in this respect in the North Island than in the South, as the ratio of closed houses under the three fifths vote is 100 per cent greater in the North than in the South. other hand reduction has claimed the heaviest toll in the South, 18 licenses disappearing there under the vote against 10 in the North Six hotels in the late Geraldine electorate have "gone dry" owing to being thrown "gone dry" owing to being thrown into the no-license district of Ashburton, a similar number have been disposed of by portions of the old Waikouaiti and Waitaki districts being added to Oamaru, and one license formerly in Awarua has also been lost through a hotel being included in Mataura by the readjustment of districts.

The largest loss of licenses in an electorate is in Bruce (Otago), where the carrying of no-license has caused 22 hotels to cease to exist as licensed houses. Masterton, which also carried no-license, contains 15 hotels, and Oh nemuri, the third on the list, has 14 licensed houses within its boundaries. "No-license" is also responsible for closing the four hotels in Eden, seven in Wellington Suburbs, and four in Wellington South.

The following are the complete reduction figures:—Auckland City, 5; Parnell, 2; Manukau, 3; Dunedin City, 10; Dunedin South, 2; Chalmers, 3; Ta'eri, 2. In the case of Auckland the number closed is two above the 5 per cent. minimum, in Parnell it was both maximum and minimum, viz., 25 per cent. of the houses, are being closed.

LIGHTENING THE BLOW.

AUCKLAND LICENSED VICTU-ALLERS ACT WITH CHARAC-TERISTIC GENEROSITY

A pleasing feature of the situation caused by the operation of the "No-License" and "Reduction" votes, is the action taken by the members of the Auckland Licensed Victuallsrs Association, who, with the view of Association, who, with the view of lightening the blow that has fallen upon the licensees of the five hotels closed in the city have subscribed amongst themselves the sum of £1000, which is to be equally divided amongst the hotelkeepers affected. Some of the horework interested have acted with brewers interested have acted with similar generosity, returning the licenses of the closed hotels the pro-portion of the money paid for the goodwill, which would be, in the ordinary nature of business allocated to the unexpired term of the house. the case of a licensee who had paid say £1000 for a five years lease of a house now closed, the lease of which has three or four years to run, the return made by the brewers to the lessee would be £600 to £800, according to the unexpired term of

the lease. In view of the fact that the losses involved by the closing of the 24 hotels in the Auckland Province are expected to total between £88,000 and £90,000 sterling, and that the brewers are called upon to bear by far the greater burden of the loss, such action on their part is all the more commendable.

NO-LICENSE AND UNEM-PLOYMENT.

£350,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED BY LOCAL OPTION.

The No-License and Reduction votes now given effect to, involve the

to conduct its operations are made remunerative. Population is fleeing from our shores, and capital is being removed from the country, which is unlikely to return to it until vaner counsels prevail in the making and administration of our laws. At present we appear to be fast returning to the spirit of the Middle Ages and the counsels that gave rise to the old Sumptuary and Curfew laws. It is a common remark now-a-days amongst visitors to this country that "New Zealand is a good place to live out of. Your country is all right," they say, but your laws are too much. You interfere far more than is necessary with the liberty of the subject."

ARRAGA AR

THE GOVERNMENT WINE EXHIBIT AT THE RECENT AUCKLAND WINTER SHOW.

"Trade" in the Dominion in losses aggregating considerably over a quarter of a million and said in some quarters to be close upon £350,000. In view of the prevailing distress and unemployment, there can be no questioning the fact that this wanton destruction of property by the so-called "popular vote," will have a seriously restrictive effect upon the Labour There can be no possible market. encouragement to those engaged in Licensed Victualling trade to erect better or more commodious houses, than those now in existence, when a capital expenditure of £12, 000 can be made unremunerative (as in the case of one of the closed hotels at Masterton) by the popular vote. And it seems to us that until the law is made more staple and the conditions under which the Trade is compelled

HOTELKEEPERS' OBLIGA-TIONS.

A NEW AND UNPLEASANT READ-ING OF THE LAW.

MR. BUMBLE'S DICTUM CONFIRMED.

When Mr. Bumble declared the law to be an "Hass," he apparently said (or the great English novelist made him say) the last possible word on the subject. We have many ridiculous laws in this country; and none more so, perhaps, than the law relating to prohibition orders, which may be obtained against any person either on his own application or that of his friends, whereupon it becomes a penal offence for anyone to knowingly serve or supply him with liquor. But, if the

judgment delivered by Mr. E. C. Cutten, S.M., in a case heard at Auckland on Tuesday, is correct, a new and very serious and unpleasant duty is thrust upon hotelkeepers and their assistants. The case was one in which J. T. Walters and Joseph D. Fischer, barman and licensee of the Britomart Hotel, were respectively charged with having served James Nolan, a prohibited person, with liquor, knowing him to be prohibited.

AN EXTRAORDINARY JUDGMENT.

The Magistrate, in delivering judgment, readily admitted his belief that the barman did not know at the time he supplied Nolan that he was a prohibited person, but for all that he considered he was bound to convict him, because the defendant Fischer was charged under Section 213 of the Licensing Act, 1908. "That section," Mr. Cutten said, "quite reasonably, in his opinion, threw a heavier responsibility with respect to the supply of liquor to prohibited persons upon licensees than was thrown upon other persons. To maintain a sufficient defence to a charge under Section 213, a licensed person must satisfy the Court that he, and the agent actually selling the liquor, had no reasonable opportunity of knowing, and did not know, that the person to whom the liquor was supplied was a prohibited person. In other words, to maintain an effective defence, a licensed person must satisfy the Court, not only that he did not know that the person was prohibited, but that he had taken reasonable steps to inform himself whether or not the person to whom the liquor was sold was the person described in the prohibition order served upon him. For prohibition orders to be effective, a care, which probably involves a good deal of work, must be exercised, and the responsibility of seeing that the necessary care was exercised was, it seemed to him, quite reasonably thrown upon licensed persons. It was one of the obligations attached to the holding of a license. To be in a position to set up a sufficient defence to a charge under Section 213 it was, in his opinion, necessary for a licensed person to be able to show that he had, after service up-on him of a prohibition order, taken some reasonable steps to enable himself and his servants to identify the subject of the order. The mere filing away of the prohibition order served upon him was not a sufficient dis-charge of the duty thrown upon a licensee of making some reasonable efforts to acquire such knowledge as would enable him and his servants to identify the prohibited person in the event of his entering the licensed pre-There was no evidence of any mises. steps having been taken, nor any inquiries made, by the defendant in this case to enable him to identify the prohibited person, and he therefore considered he was bound to convict. "Possibly licensed persons," concluded the magistrate, "have not had their attention fully directed to their responsibilities in this matter. In view of that, and of the facts in this particular case, no penalty will be inflicted."

Mr. Cutten's reading of the law may be sound enough, in his own judgment, but surely the decision is monstrously unjust. On his own showing, a man is convicted of an offence he did not commit, for the charge against him was that he supplied a prohibited person with liquor "knowing him to be prohibited," and Mr. Cutten expressly stated his belief that the barman, at the time he served the man did know he was prohibited. How does Mr. Cutten think the hotelkeepers of a city like Auckland, for instance, possibly acquaint themselves with the identity of every prohibited person? How can they expect their assistants to know them? Would he have the licensee insult his customers by asking them, "Are you a prohibited person?" before serving them with drinks, or would he advise the setting up of a portrait gallery of prohibited persons

in every hotel in the land, and a care ful comparison of the "rogues" in such a gallery with every caller at the bar who sought refreshment. Cutten and his brother magistrates would only exercise a little more common sense in their judgments, instead of endeavouring to make the reading of the law more impossible of honest observance, we should not have to comment upon the travesty of justice involved in the conviction of a man for an alleged offence of which the magistrate himself admits he was in-

TOPICS. TRADE

It is rumoured that the owners of the Panmure Hotel have sold their property to the owners of the Star and Garter Hotel at the same place. The license of the latter house ex-rired yesterday, and was wiped out under the reduction vote. Be this as it may, we understand that the late licensee of the Star and Garter hotel will take over the Panmure Hotel.

In the days of long ago, (says the Post), when Stratford was a very young centre, strange tales of whisky mills and big sprees and saurian monsters used occasionally to float out to places where settlement was older and less strenuous. Legend hath it that strange doings went on in those dark ages in what is now the highly respectable hostelry conducted by Mr. T. Lawless, and that the cellars under this hotel were connected by a secret passage with the Patea river. To-day while some important alterations were being made the workmen discovered a pipe leading from the cellar up through the bar into an upstairs chimney, and cunningly boarded over so as to evade detection. Mr. Lawless has no doubt but that that pipe played a very important part at some period in the early history of the hotel, and its uncover ng to day conjures up visions of illicit stills and casks of -wild, fierce, free whisky of whiskythe kind that scorns to pay duty, and kills at the longest known range.

A Timaru publican, is to be called to task for permitting gambling on his premises. It is understood that at the time of the offence the publican was away, and knew nothing of the gambling, but the Act makes publicans responsible for what goes on in their houses, whether they are at home or not.

We congratulate our old friend Mr. John Collins of the Gladstone Hotel, Dunedin, on receiving the renewal of his license, and trust that we will see his name over the door of this popular hotel for many years to come.

The hotelkeepers at Masterton are making preparations to remove from their premises, and in three instances the furniture is being offered for sale by public auction. A correspondent of the Wellington Post states that when these handsome and commodious hotel premises are closed, it will give a somewhat dead appearance to the main bus'ness street of Masterton, as they are situated in central posi-Present indications are tions. the Club Hotel is the only one that will continue open as a private hotel

Mr. Martin Kennedy, managing director for Staples and Co., who own several of the Masterton Hotels, told a Post reporter the other day that the loss to the Trade through the closing of the hotels there would be over £30,000. The Club Hotel, valued at about £15,000, would lose £10,000 by the advent of the new era; the Empire, a new building, costing £12,000, about the same amount; and the Queen's and the Central about £5000 each. The Occidental, Mrs. Sullivan's hotel, would probably be affected to the same extent. Mr. T. G. Macarthy put the loss on the Prince of Wales, an hotel just rebuilt by order of the Licensing Committee, at about £7000.

The total value of the ten hotels in the Dunedin C'ty licensing area the licenses of which will expire on the 30th inst. as the outcome of the reduction vote, is (says the "Otago Daily Times,") authoratively set down at £36,000. The value of the three preparties in the Dunedin South three properties in the Dunedin South district, the licenses of which lapse, is estimated at £6,800. These amounts do not, of course, represent the actual extent of the effect of the reduction vote on the value of the properties concerned, and it would be a difficult matter at the present

time to compute what the value of the properties will be when the licenses have expired.

Mr. E. Moriarty from Paeroa, is going to Frankton, having bought out Mr. J. Holland's interest in the Frankton Hotel. The great Railway centre secures an enterprising citizen in the person of Mr. Moriarty, and one who may be counted upon to assist in the development of that growing town. Mr. Moriarty, as the lessee of the Paeroa Hotel, made a host of friends, who will be glad to hear that he is remaining in the "Trade," He takes possession on the 1st of August next, and from what we know of him, we feel sure no effort will be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of the patronage accorded to the retiring landlord, Mr. Holland.

Visitors and others who require accommodation in Wanganui should not forget the popular McCarthy's Hotel, opposite the Railway station and wharves, where they can always rely upon receiving every attention and comfort at the hands of the licenses Mr. C. J. McCarthy. The house is well equipped in every way and only the best brand of liquors are supplied.

For manufacturing for sale overproof hop beer, Benjamin Brodie was, at the Masterton Mag.strate's Court fined £5, with costs 7s. Mr. G. S. Nixon, of the Customs Department, conducted the prosecution, and Mr. C. A. Pownall appeared for defen-The official analysis showed dant. that the beer from which sample bottles were taken contained 3.15 per cent. of alcohol by volume, equivalent to 5 1/2 per cent. of proof spirit. whereas the Licensing Act stipulates that beer manufactured by persons not holding a brewer's license must not contain more than 3 per cent. of proof spir.t.

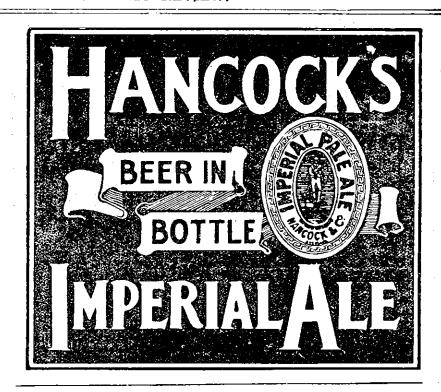
Mr. J. Keogh, of the Towai Hotel, opened his new house last week, and is now in a much better position than formerly to cater for the requirements of the travelling public. The hostelry is a distinct improvement on the old one and is very comfortably equipped throughout.

There are many first-class hotels in Wellington, but none have a better regulation than the Masonic Hotel, in Cuba-street, which, under the capable supervision of the licensee Mr. Fred. Dobson, is becoming very popular with travellers. The tariff is a moderate one within reach of all and visitors may depend upon receiving courteous conduction and attention with every home comfort while staying there.

Says Sydney "Fair Play": -One wet goods firm alone, of Dunedin, N.Z., estimates that the closing of eight hotels with which it had dealings means a loss to it of over £3,-000 per annum. Three thousand pounds less in circulation. A number of employees thrown out to swell the unemployed that already throng the Dominion. Eight, honest trades-men and their families robbed of their business and the fruits of their enterprise and industry and wowsertorced legislation,

We understand that Mr. J. W. Hogg, for some time of the Star Hotel, Tauranga, has bought out Mrs. Marshall of the Junction Hotel, Kawakawa.

The license of the Lake Hotel at Takapuna is to be transferred from the old site to the Mon Desir property, the Waitemata Licensing Committee having granted Mr. Thomas Frederick Lipscombe's application in that direction at their sitting on Monday last. The application was opposed by a number of the residents, on the grounds that the premises proposed to be licensed were on the tram route and close to the beach and the Ferry Company's recreation grounds, where sometimes many hundreds of excur-The remosionists were gathered! val, it was contended, would serve no public interest, and would be likely to seriously disturb the quiet of the neighbourhood, especially on the days when steamer excursions ran from town. Apparently the last consideration with the objectors was the public convenience and the requirements of the travelling public. Even excursionists have a right to be considered, but the "No-license" cranks seem to think otherwise. We are pleased to note that the Licensing Committee granted the application, as the removal of the license from the one site to the other will meet a growing public



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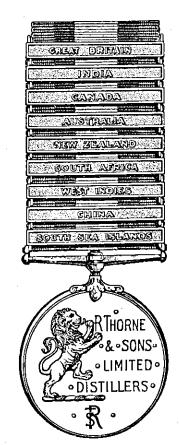
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Artist: "My next picture at the Academy will be entitled "Driven to Drink." His Friend: "Ah, some powerful portrayal of baffled passion, I suppose?" Artist: "Oh, no; it's a cab approaching a watering trough.

Mr. Frank Higgott, who lately en-tered the bonds of matrimony, has taken over the Railway Hotel at Lower Both Mr. Higgott and his wife are so well and popularly known in Wellington that his success in the Railway seems assured.

The question of the rights of licensing committees came before the Supreme Court at Dunedin on Monday upon a motion for a mandamus, calling upon the Dunedin Licensing Committee to renew the bottle license held by Robert William Wilson, grocer, or, in the alternative, that it be called upon to sit to hear and determine his appli-cation. At the last meeting of the Licensing Committee, the elected members decided that they had no jurisdiction to hear the application, and therefore refused to deal with it. Mr. Justice Denniston now indicated he was prepared to decide at once that the committee had been wrong in re-fusing to hear and determine the application, but that if Mr. Solomon wished him to go further he would have to take time to consider the matter. After consultation, Mr. Solomon said he was prepared to accept a mandamus in the form offered by His Honor. and that if the committee decided upon hearing the application, that it had the discretion to refuse it, and did so, he could make a further application to the Court, to which His Honor assented. A mandamus was therefore granted directing the Licensing Committee to hear and determine the application, costs being given against it to the extent of 15 guineas.

GROTESQUE LAW.

PENALISES A MAN WHO IS NOT GUILTY.

Another of those absurd judgments to which we are becoming habituated in New Zealand was delivered in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court at Auckland on Tuesday, when Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., convicted and fined Michael Foley, licensee of the Hobson Hotel, £2 10s on each charge, for selling liquor to two women who were in a state of drunkenness. The magia state of drunkenness. The magi-strate admitted in his judgment that he was satisfied the licensee was not in that part of the building, and that he did not know of the condition of the women till his attention was directed to it by the police. And as rected to it by the police. And as regards the licensee's daughter, who served them, the magistrate held that it could not fairly be inferred that she knew the women were drunk, as it was a busy night, and when people went to hotels in an intoxicated condition they often managed to pull them selves together, and conceal their condition. But because liquor was supplied to the women, and because they vere intoxicated (although neither the licensee nor the barmaid were in a position to notice the latter fact, the liquor being called for and supplied through a third party), the magistrate also held that he was bound to convict, because it had been decided that lack of knowledge on the part of the

publican did not affect the question of guilt, although it could be taken into account in mitigation of the penalty.

WORSE THAN OPEN SALOONS

W. H. Weeks, a well-known archi-et, according to the San Jose "Times," has recently been giving his views upon prohibition at Santa Cruz.
Mr. Weeks, who is himself a total abstainer, and has strong views on the
matter of temperance, is of opin on
that prohibition, while it does not
stop drinking, ruses a very heavy
expense, and gives his experience at
Michita Warn as avidance. He views upon prohibition at Santa Cruz. Wichita, Kans., as evidence. He says:—"The saloons were all closed down, but I—on saw a condition worse than that presented by the open saloons. Physicans' prescriptions could be bought for 10 cents each, and often ten or more would be purchased by one man in a day. These would be presented at drug stores, and several score new drug stores sprang up, whose chief business was to fill these whisky prescriptions.

"One man started up fifteen of these drug stores himself. One hun-dred and ten indictments were brought against him in an effort to break him up,a nd he lost 75,000 dollars; but the county lost several hundred thousand dollars in conducting the prosecutions, and was pract.cally left bankrupt, while the drinking still went on."

WHISKY FIRMS AMALGAMATING. A SCOTCH COMBINE.

The "Financial News" announced that the well known whisky firms of James Buchanan and Co., John Dewar and Sons, and John Walker and Co., were to amalgamate, but this has were to amargamate, but this has since been denied. It is stated, how-ever, that negotiations are proceed-ing for the formation of a Scottish whisky combine, which will embrace a number of important distilleries. The objects of the promotion include the elimination of competition, the curtailing of production, and the cutting down of working expenses. There are 150 distilleries in opera-tion in Scotland at present, with an output of 22,000,000 gallons a yearan output much in excess of the demand. It is estimated that 116,000 .-000 gallons of whicky have accumulated, equal to eight or ten years' consumption. The new combine, should it be effected, will be worked on the American trust system, unnecessary distilleries being closed down.

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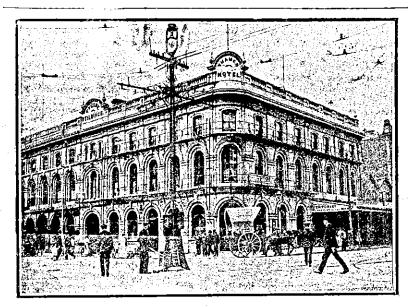
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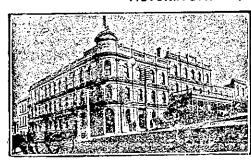


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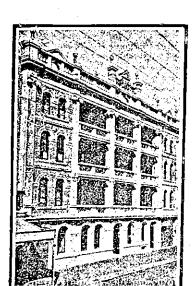
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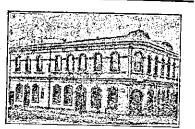
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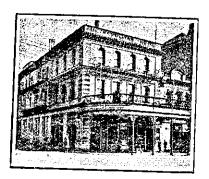
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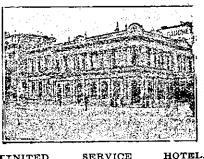
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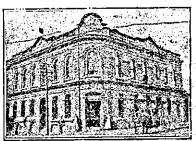
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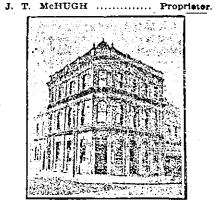
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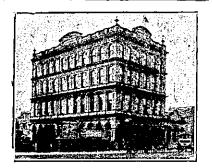
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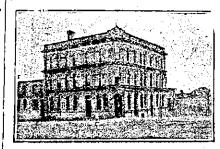
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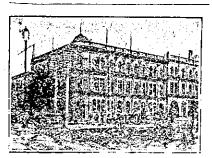
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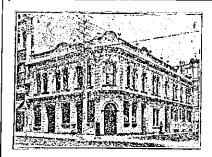
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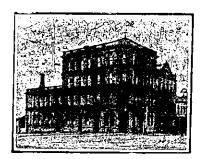


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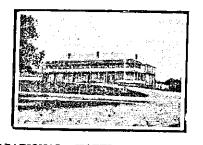
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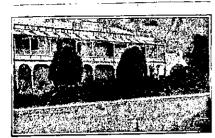
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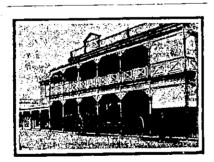
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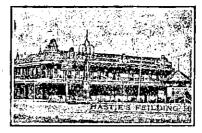
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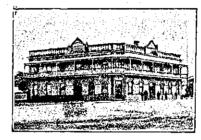
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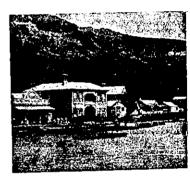
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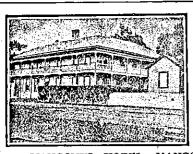
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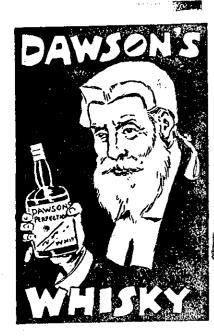
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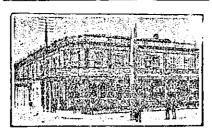
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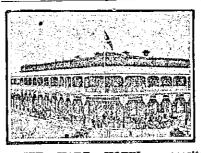
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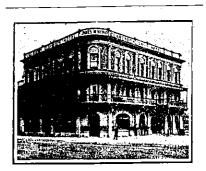
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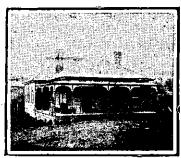
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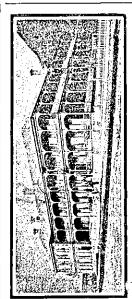
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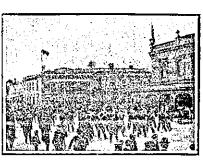
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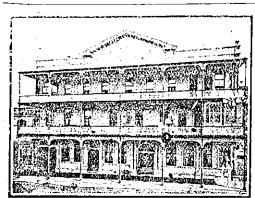
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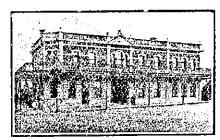
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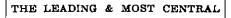
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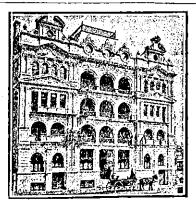
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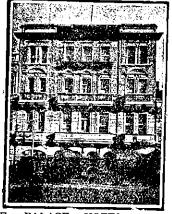
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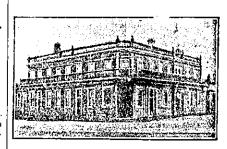
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